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## Stadium election promise

Mirboo North Junior Basketball Association president Kathryn Smith is surrounded by basketballers who look forward to the replacement of their outdated stadium, after The Nationals committed \$2.5 million to replace the stadium if the coalition wins November's State Election.

# RENEWABLE ENERGY DEBATE

Will offshore wind be the way of Gippsland's future?

DOZENS of locals attended an insightful but at times heated forum last week, which was hosted by Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale regarding offshore wind energy and what it could mean for the region.

Along with Ms Crugnale, the Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio MP and Michael Watson, Electrical Trades Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, were also in attendance as part of the panel.

The forum, held at The Shed at Wont-

### By Nick Sinis

haggi State Coal Mine, gave attendees the opportunity to voice their opinion, ask questions and discuss the many different aspects of offshore wind.

### Background

This follows the Federal Government's offshore energy proposal for Commonwealth waters across the Gippsland coast, with renewable energy projects,

such as wind turbines, that could stretch from Phillip Island to Wilsons Prom.

Gippsland was chosen due to its existing energy generation facilities and industrial hubs with strong connections to existing transmission networks near major export ports, and industrial hubs where the transmission grid is the strongest.

Consultation has been underway with the first submission period to end on October 7.

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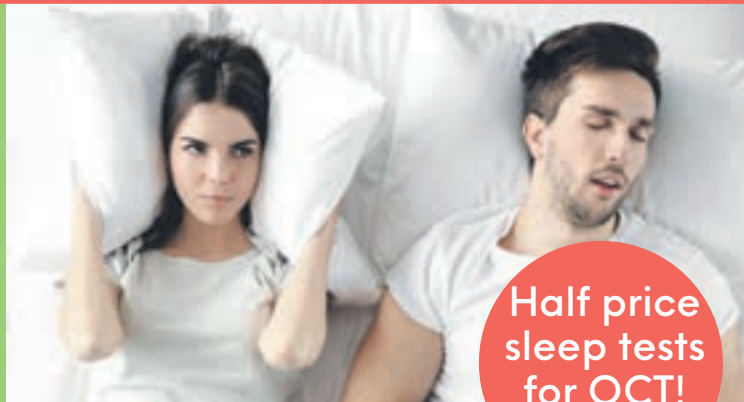
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# Renewable energy debate

## Will offshore wind be the way of Gippsland's future?

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Following feedback, Minister Chris Bowen will consider the submissions as to whether the proposed area is suitable for offshore energy developments.

If the Minister declares the area, feasibility licences will be developed, and developers will be allowed to investigate an area and begin planning their project.

The State Government had provided funding for three offshore wind projects from Star of the South, Macquarie Group and Flotation Energy.

The Star of the South received \$19.5 million to support pre-construction development activities for an offshore wind farm off the Gippsland coast.

Macquarie Group's funding of \$16.1 million will facilitate initial development stages of a 1GW offshore wind farm off Bass Coast.

While Flotation Energy received \$2.3 million for scoping studies and surveys for a 1.5GW offshore wind farm off the coast of Gippsland.

The funding will help each company conduct studies to determine the exact location of each project.

### Forum

Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio MP began the discussion, highlighting what the state government has been undertaking while boasting that thousands of jobs could be created if the projects go ahead.

"There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to have input," she said.

"We can all be concerned around a whole range of issues, but at the same time, understand this is an opportunity for us to shape and extract the benefits.

"From jobs, training, skills, apprenticeships and supply chains and what that means for local economies for this part of the state."

Michael Watson then discussed the transition from coal to renewable energy, also claiming that wind turbines presented a 'jobs bonanza' just in the construc-



Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio MP faced many questions from the audience who were very interested to hear her responses. Ns014022



Michael Watson of the Electrical Trades Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, spoke of the enormous benefits renewable and offshore wind energy will have for the region. Ns024022

tion phrase.

"There are a lot of people looking down the pipeline; it was their dad's job, their granddad's job, it supported their local football clubs and takeaway shops and now they're closing," he said.

"That is scary for people. "But we will capture every single job we can in Victoria, the union movement has been strong on this, and find long term stable jobs."

Mr Watson highlighted that while renewable energy will be used for consumers, it could be used to power manufacturing.

### Community debate

Attendees wasted no time in questioning the panel on a range of matters.

One audience member from Phillip Island queried the Minister on the potential impact to migratory birds, stating that the government had been advised that space

was needed between wind turbines for flight paths.

The attendee claimed she had been told by highly 'reputable and credible' sources that the government wouldn't implement this.

However, Minister D'Ambrosio was quick to refute the claim and vehemently denied there was any truth behind it.

"No, absolutely not, you can use my words," Ms D'Ambrosio said.

"There's no reason why this government would make such a statement or decision in that regard when there's a whole process.

"They (projects) still have to go through all the hoops and jumps to demonstrate they have taken into account a whole range of environmental matters."

Ms Crugnale added that Star of the South was investigating which birds are identified in the proposed sites, and their migration

patterns and flight heights.

"There have been a lot of international studies done into this," she said.

"Once we know the migration pattern of birds, we can then design a layout to minimise any potential impacts."

Another attendee, who was quite scathing in his comments, raised the issue that each state was having a different approach to renewable energy.

"Each government has its own approach but that's not what we should be doing here," they said.

The gentlemen said the claim that thousands of jobs will be created from offshore wind and renewable energy was a "dream" and nothing but "empty words".

From his perspective, he believed that much of the components and parts would be made overseas, and simply just transported in.

He also raised concern that the turbines could only run in the right conditions.

"If the wind is too strong or too low, they can't run," he said.

As the debate continued, many arguments from both sides of the fence were presented.

Some asked how visible the turbines would be from the coastline, which the Minister highlighted couldn't be exactly determined yet until the projects moved forward.

Others queried how long the turbines would last and what would happen to them after their expiry, as well as that the government should be trying to engage all age groups.

One gentleman, who stated he works in the wind turbine industry, added that many of the parts for turbines are recyclable and that they simply wouldn't be abandoned once they had reached their life span.

### Your say

There is still time to provide feedback, which closes this Friday, on the Federal Government's proposal at [consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland](http://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland)

## What's next for the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland?

OPERATOR of the Loy Yang A Power Station in the Latrobe Valley, AGL, which can generate up to 2210 megawatts (MW) of electricity, or about 30 per cent of the state's total requirement, told the sharemarket last week that it was closing the plant 10 to 13 years earlier than expected.

To be shut by the end of 2035, if not earlier, and not by 2045 or 2048 as previously indicated, the move will wipe out 600 Gippsland jobs.

If you don't believe this move is relevant to South Gippsland and Bass Coast – think again. Not only will locals lose jobs in the Valley but the proposed construction of hundreds of wind turbines along the coast of our region is a direct outcome.

Its announcement to the ASX on Thursday morning, September 29 was as follows:

"AGL targets to complete its exit from coal-fired generation by the end of FY35 and accelerates its transition to an integrated low carbon energy leader..."

But as AGL Chair, Patricia McKenzie, revealed, the company has been pressured into bringing forward the plant's closure:

"We have listened to our stakeholders – in particular, our shareholders, as well as government and energy regulatory authorities. Their views were an important consideration as we reviewed the company's strategic direction after withdrawing the demerger proposal."

Eastern Victoria MP the Nationals' Melina Bath was quick to raise her concerns.

"Latrobe Valley has a proud history of powering Victoria and Loy Yang A's early closure announcement by mid-2035 has an impact on two major fronts:

- The workers, their families and the broader community
- The ability of the region to establish replacement - renewable power generation and the transmission infrastructure needed to connect this power to the grid."

She said supporting and respecting workers and their families over the coming decade should be the priority for AGL and by all levels of government – it is essential new local industries are established with quality like for like jobs.

"My focus will remain on supporting people, our community and industry – so that our power station workers can have the opportunity to shape a bright and secure future," Ms Bath said.

Friends of the Earth Gippsland spokesperson Wendy Farmer has welcomed the decision as a "wake up call to ramp up Gippsland renewable energy transition".

"What communities need is certainty. That means a proper transition plan and support from all levels of government, and rapid development of renewable energy in Gippsland to bring on new power supply," said Ms Farmer.

Gippsland, she said, is on the cusp of a massive transformation of its energy system, with an estimated \$40 billion worth of new renewable energy and transmission projects now on the table. And with game changing offshore wind projects like the Star of the South on the horizon, Gippsland is set to become the centre of the country's offshore wind sector, she said.

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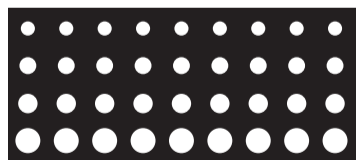


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**TUE | Oct 4**  
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Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: SE 15-20km/h  
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**WED | Oct 5**  
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Wind AM: E 25-40km/h  
Wind PM: E 25-40km/h  
11° **18°**



**THUR | Oct 6**  
Showers.  
Wind AM: E 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: Light  
11° **21°**



**FRI | Oct 7**  
Showers.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h  
13° **19°**



**SAT | Oct 8**  
Possible shower.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h  
9° **16°**



**SUN | Oct 9**  
Shower or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: S 15-20km/h  
8° **16°**

## IN BRIEF

### Fire danger of e-cigarettes

WONTHAGGI CFA were called to a fire involving a new e-cigarette just after midnight on Sunday, October 2.

The lithium battery within the device burst, which subsequently caused smoke and caught fire.

Individuals using e-cigarettes are urged to use caution.

### Red Rocks footpath to be completed

A NEW footpath will be built along Red Rocks Road in Cowes, between Cypress Court and the foreshore, with work to start in mid-October.

Construction on this Bass Coast Shire project is expected to take around 12 weeks to complete.

The \$160,000 project is funded by Council's 2022/23 Pathway Gaps Program.

The new footpath will improve access for pedestrians and provide a safe connection to the existing footpath network, linking Settlement Road to the foreshore.

The project will include construction of a 1.5-metre-wide concrete path, service adjustments for water, power and Telstra services, as well as alterations to stormwater where required.

Some minor vegetation trimming and removal will be carried out as part of the construction, with all necessary permits and approvals secured.

### Late-night fire call in Wonthaggi

THE Wonthaggi Fire Brigade was called to a blaze allegedly set by mischief-makers in Biggs Drive Wonthaggi on Thursday night, September 29.

A Sentinel-Times' reader contributed the following:

"A fire was put out at the Biggs Drive Bus stop near Woolworths carpark on Thursday night, September 29 at 10.55pm.

"The fire was spotted by locals and the fire brigade was called. The fire truck came through the Big W carpark from the Wonthaggi Fire Station and after seeing the bright orange flames in the dark of the night, the lights on the fire truck came on. Upon arrival, the fire was put out in seconds. The fire truck left the scene at 11.03pm. There is no known reason as to how the fire began.

"Upon further inspection, after the fire was put out, the remains seem to have been a cardboard box on wheels, possibly a trolley of some sort."

### Sarah McLaine Jazz 'n Champagne

ON October 9, the South Gippsland Jazz club are holding their monthly gig at the RSL Inverloch, from 2pm-4.30pm.

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### Operation Scoreboard stings motorists

WHILST most were kicking back enjoying the long weekend and AFL Grand Final, police were out on the roads as part of the five-day state-wide road policing operation, Scoreboard.

A total of 7466 traffic offences were detected with almost 40 per cent for speeding infringements.

State-wide the full-time scoreboard saw 238 motorcycle offences, 494 disqualified/suspended drivers, 840

unregistered vehicles and 155 vehicle impoundments.

At a local level one drink driver and three drug drivers were caught along with three disqualified drivers, three unlicensed drivers and eight unregistered vehicles.

Additionally, 53 people were caught for speeding offences along with one for seatbelt and two for mobile phone offences.

Stay safe on the roads, look out for each other and drive to the conditions.

### Vaccine helper program extended

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network's Vaccine Helpers program has been extended in South Gippsland Shire and Latrobe City.

The program has also been expanded from helping people access their electronic vaccination certificates to also providing assistance in accessing My Health Record.

In South Gippsland, there will be drop-in sessions at community houses and Centrelink, pop-up assistance at residential aged care facilities, other council facilities and Men's Sheds.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said the initial program had assisted 351 people between November 2021 and April 2022 with positive feedback across all locations.

If you want to find out more, you can call South Gippsland Shire on 5662 9200.

### \$4.5m Grantville development approved

COUNCILLORS voted in favour for a \$4.5m planning application to develop a service station and warehouse at 4 Grantville Drive, Grantville.

At their recent meeting, a shire report recommended councillors issue a planning permit, with a decision required by council as the development is more than \$3m.

No objections were lodged against the application.

Key features of the proposal include:

- Construction of a service station on the northern portion of the site. The service station will comprise of eight bowsters located under a canopy roof, the retail component will include seating area. A secured external outdoor area and amenities. The service station will be accessed from a new access to Bass Highway.
- Construction of a 698sqm warehouse on the southern portion of the site comprising of a total area of 1,851 sqm. The warehouse will be 25.4 metres by 29.5 metres and have an overall height of 6 metres. The warehouse will be accessed via Grantville Drive.
- Signage associated with the service station will comprise a total 11 signs.
- Alteration with Transport Zone 2 (Bass Highway) will comprise of an entrance and exit to the service station. The subject site is currently vacant.

### West Gippsland could finally see new hospital

THE State Government has pledged \$610 - \$675 million to build a brand new hospital for locals in West Gippsland, located in Drouin East, if re-elected.

There will be up to 223 beds and treatment spaces – an increase of up to 75 from the old hospital site.

The emergency department will have up to 33 treatment spaces, boosting capacity by 19 so more patients can be treated.

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# No news on housing isn't good news

THERE'S a lot going on in response to the housing crisis in Australia, and specifically in Bass Coast, but we're not seeing much of it on the ground.

What we are seeing is people camping out, living in their cars between nights with friends and family, and either struggling to find rental accommodation, or to keep it.

They sometimes call into Mitchell House for something from the free food pantry.

"It's distressing," according to Jessica Harrison a founding member of Bass Coast Housing Matters.

"We've heard an announcement about the Bass Coast Shire Council's Social and Affordable Housing Strategy is imminent, which is good, but we wouldn't want to see that further delayed. South Gippsland already has theirs out," Ms Harrison said.

"And I think Jordan Crugnale and the shire are going to provide some details on the two small social housing projects they're planning in Cowes and Wonthaggi.

"I understand they'll be going out for public consultation and while we have heard some opposition, there's a lot of support in these communities as well.

"This type of housing is desperately needed, and we need to be seeing a lot more of it.

"We're a bit disappointed in ourselves for not campaigning for a percentage of the North-East Wonthaggi Precinct to be set aside for social housing but we'll certainly be looking for that when the next lot is rezoned for housing.

"We understand that both the Federal Government and the State Government have made support for social housing, or as I prefer to call it 'homes for the community', a priority but really, we're yet to see their efforts make much of a difference," Ms Harrison said.

The Bass Coast Shire Council has a key role to play.

In August 2022, the shire's 'Residential Market, Demand and Supply Assessment' found that we will need upwards of 10,000 new dwellings by 2036



The map pictured highlights the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan's boundary as well as future urban structures such as a primary school, community facilities and residential areas.

to accommodate future community needs.

Presently, the report found that there is capacity for 5049 single dwellings in zoned residential land, 3773 on the mainland and 2468 on Phillip Island.

This will substantially increase when the Wonthaggi North-East Precinct Structure Plan is finalised (expected in 2023).

There are 1685 single vacant lots zoned General Residential Zone (936 mainland, 749 Island) but only a third may be available for sale or development in the short term.

However, while there is "capacity" for housing development, the reality is that there

are precious few vacant allotments for sale, adding to the housing crisis in Bass Coast, while also dramatically increasing the price of blocks.

Across the Bass Coast Shire, the report says block prices have increased 7.9% on average between 2012-2021 to \$316,000 but in sought-after locations like Inverloch (\$440,000) and Cowes (\$450,000) block prices are considerably higher.

Infill block values can be even higher.

The issue has received a lot of comment in the State and Federal Parliament in recent weeks, ahead of the start of the Regional First Home Guarantee, on October 1, brought forward by the

Albanese Government to help up to 10,000 eligible Australians into home ownership, and the release of the Productivity Commission's review of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA).

Under the RFHBG, part of an eligible regional first home buyer's home loan from a Participating Lender is guaranteed by NHFIC. This enables an eligible home buyer to purchase a home with as little as 5% deposit without paying Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

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Predictably the review of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement found that many Australians, particularly those on low incomes, are spending more on housing. Demand for social housing is rising and more people are experiencing homelessness.

In the Federal Parliament last week, the Member for Mayo (SA) Rebekha Sharkie, initiated a debate on a matter of public importance namely, the housing affordability crisis in Australia "...because I believe what has always been a great dream for generations of Australians has become a nightmare".

There after followed some harrowing tales of severe housing problems right across Australia.

The Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, also addressed the issue in State Parliament recently, calling for an update on the social housing projects in the Bass electorate from her colleague the Victorian Housing Minister, Danny Pearson.

We are yet to receive the update from Ms Crugnale.

"Everyone deserves the security and stability of a home," Ms Crugnale said in Parliament. Hear hear.

## Social housing projects underway in Wonthaggi

FURTHER details regarding the state government's Big Housing Build in Bass Coast have been revealed with six homes underway in Wonthaggi.

The government had allocated a minimum of \$25m for Bass Coast, with \$3m spent so far.

Two homes in Wonthaggi have been completed and four homes in Wonthaggi North are under construction.

According to the government, two homes in Wonthaggi were spot purchased as part of the From Homelessness to a Home program, which assists households experiencing homelessness to get out of emergency accommodation and into long-term housing with support.

Homes Victoria expects the Big Housing Build investment across Victoria will be fully committed by 2023-2024, including the \$25 million investment in Bass Coast.

Homes Victoria is also working with Bass Coast Shire to identify suitable land, to deliver new social and affordable homes that meet local community need.

"We know that having a place to call home gives a solid foundation to people so they can get on and live their best life," a Victorian government spokesperson said.

"That's why to date, we have invested \$3 million to build six comfortable, modern and energy efficient new homes in Bass Coast."

## New footpath for Toorak Road

A NEW footpath will be constructed in Inverloch, along Toorak Road between Ullathornes Road and Cashin Street.

Bass Coast Shire will start work on this project by mid-October, with completion expected by Christmas, subject to favourable weather, contractor and supplier availability.

These \$170,000 works are funded by Council's 2022/23 Pathway Gaps Program.

This new footpath is a continuation of recent footpath works along Cashin Street and Ullathornes Road, and provide a safe pedestrian connection to the existing footpath network.

The project will include construction of a 1.5-metre-wide concrete path, service adjustments for water, power and Telstra services, as well as alterations to stormwater where required.

A small retaining wall will be built at the Ullathornes Road intersection and minor vegetation trimming and removal will be required as part of the construction.

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# Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



AS world champion Marc Marquez flew down Gardner Straight at 330kmh on a chilly October 27 2019 to win a thrilling Phillip Island MotoGP. Our minds turned quickly to the 2020 race.

Would Aussie Jack Miller be able to go two places better than his third that day and finally win his home grand prix?

Thanks to the pandemic we've had wait a lot longer to find out.

But after two cancelled Phillip Island MotoGPs, our race is finally back on October 14-16 and I am sure we will appreciate it so much more after the past two traumatic years.

The cancellation of the world-class motorcycle race left a \$42 million hole in the local economy through lost accommodation and restaurant bookings. The MotoGP attracted around 100,000 visitors and provided an important financial boost to Phillip Island businesses outside of the busy school holidays and accounted for up to 10 per cent of some businesses' turnover every year.

Visitor expenditure in general, including the MotoGP, contributed \$549 million to the Bass Coast region with an equivalent of 4400 full-time jobs before the pandemic.

Bass Coast Shire has been working hard to entice more domestic visitors to our region to reduce our reliance on international travellers and find new ways to encourage people to stay longer and spend money in the community.

One of those important events is the World Surf

League Australian Qualifying Series which will return to Phillip Island on November 3-6.

The event will include a World Surf League Qualifying Series 1000 rated event for both men and women as well as the Victorian round of the Australian Boardriders Battle. The Victorian Indigenous Invitational will also continue the tradition at this event showcasing the best Indigenous Victorian surfers against each other in pumping waves.

Normal life is returning to Bass Coast.

Many Bass Coast residents have experienced the increased crowds and bustle created by the MotoGP, but have not experienced the thrills and action at the track for themselves. A community day will be held on Friday, 14 October, which provides free general admission tickets for Bass Coast residents. To receive a complimentary ticket, just present proof of residency at Gate 1 on the day. To avoid the queues, tickets can be picked up in advance from Gate 1 on Thursday, 13 October.

There are plenty of events happening across the weekend, including the Royal Australian Air Force conducting flying displays near the circuit over the weekend. For more information on these, as well as traffic management plans, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/motogp](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/motogp).

Let's hope on the Sunday of the big race we'll be watching Jack Miller cement his hero status and celebrate with a burnout in pitlane before a customary shoeie.



Greg Thompson (PICAL), Greg Tingate (Bass Coast Health), LGBTIQ+ Commissioner Dr Todd Fernando, trans elder Sally Conning and Daniel Witthaus (Rural Pride Australia). C07\_4022

## Are you Rainbow Ready?

PHILLIP Island Community and Learning Centre hosted the Rainbow Ready Roadmap Information and Engagement Workshop on Wednesday, September 28.

Presented by Daniel Witthaus of Rural Pride Australia in conjunction with LGBTIQ+ Commissioner and descendant of the Kalarie peoples of the Wiradjuri nation, Dr Todd Fernando, the event was a successful introduction to the Rainbow Ready roadmap, which is a set of resources for Victorian rural and regional communities to build LGBTIQ+ inclusion.

Supported by the Victorian Government's Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQ+ strategy 2022-32 enabling the creation of safe, strong and sustainable communities, the Rainbow Ready roadmap includes five tailored

setting guides to support users in their unique operating context – community groups, health and community services, local government, businesses and other services, and learning environments.

Connecting local communities, the Rainbow Ready roadmap works at a local level built by regional communities.

"We understand state-wide a high-level approach is required, but local pride and equality looks very different," LGBTIQ+ Commissioner Dr Todd Fernando said.

"We want people to see themselves reflected in South Gippsland, and for public service to understand the realities at a local level.

"Because pride and equality

look very different in Bass Coast to pride and equality in Sale.

"The roadmap is a series of resources that will improve the lives of LGBTIQ+ Victorians across our state by building on the work of the Rural Regional Roadshow to create even more inclusive and supportive communities and growing our allies across regional and rural Victoria."

The Rainbow Ready roadmap is also a tool to assist organisations in their pathway to the nationally recognised Rainbow Tick accreditation.

To grab your Rainbow Ready roadmap head to [vic.gov.au/rainbow-ready-roadmap](http://vic.gov.au/rainbow-ready-roadmap)

For information on the Victorian LGBTIQ+ Strategy visit [vic.gov.au/victorian-lgbtqi-strategy](http://vic.gov.au/victorian-lgbtqi-strategy)

# 2022 Congratulations to all the Bass Coast Business Awards finalists!



### Access, Equity and Inclusion Award

Brinne T Design  
Outback Chef  
Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre



Westernport Water  
Sponsor Access, Equity and Inclusion Award



### Leadership Award

Maru Koala and Animal Park  
Outback Chef  
Sunscape Solar



Silverwater Resort  
Sponsor Leadership Award



### Business Innovation Award

Bass Strait Direct  
Silverwater Vineyard  
Terralab  
Wattle Bank Farm



NBN Local — Gippsland  
Sponsor Business Innovation Award



### Marketing and Communications Award

Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage  
Connect2 Electrical Solutions  
Linen House Phillip Island



Destination Phillip Island  
Sponsor Marketing and Communications Award



### Environmental Sustainability Award

Bass Strait Direct  
French Island Cottage  
The Only Straw  
Wildlife Coast Cruises



Harman Wines  
Sponsor Environmental Sustainability Award



### Resilience Award

Balance Health Phillip Island  
My 24/7 Gym  
VORTEX Surf Skate Snow



Bass Coast Shire Council  
Sponsor Resilience Award

Bass Coast Business Awards Event. 21 October 2022.

# Shire's finances reflect underlying deficit

Shortfall of \$17 million, says Cr Larke

THE Shire's draft Financial and Performance Statements 2021/22 were presented at their recent meeting which received 'in principle' approval by councillors.

The statements will be submitted to an auditor with two councillors to then certify them following completion of the audit.

Features of the shire's performance include \$116.54m in revenue against a budgeted \$91.57m.

This was largely due to:

- the receipt of \$14 million in unbudgeted developer infrastructure contributions;
- additional operating grants of \$4.7 million including \$2.8 million in financial assistance grants from the Commonwealth, \$0.9 million for State Government funding for environmental restoration works and, \$0.5 million for the outdoor dining initiative;
- unbudgeted capital grants of \$3.06 million including funding for the Rhyll Boat Ramp and Jetty and;
- additional rates and charges of \$3.05 million due to the recognition of special charges related to the Pioneer Bay roads and drainage works.

Rates and charges comprised \$70.15 million (60.2 per cent) of the total operating revenue.

The underlying result reflected a \$0.7 million deficit, which is



Councillors voted in favour to the adopt the shire's draft Financial and Performance Statements 2021/22 at their recent meeting.

\$1 million unfavourable to the budgeted surplus of \$0.3 million

According to the shire, numerous factors impacted this result including:

- the gifting of the library assets to a new not-for-profit organization, MYLI;
- the transition from an external service delivery model to an in-sourced council operated service at the Grantville landfill;
- dissolution of the MAV Work-care scheme which has resulted

in additional Workers Compensation insurance payments and;

- additional costs associated with development planning. Net borrowings increased by \$1.6 million from \$15.7 million in 2020/21 to \$17.4 million in 2021/22.

While \$36 million has been expended against the capital works program, of which \$34.9 million has been recognised as capital expenditure.

The remaining \$1.1 million

has been expensed as operational expenditure.

The shire's total expenses which include employee costs (\$32,042m for year ending June 30, 2022), materials and services, depreciation, finance and borrowing costs was \$92,577m, compared to \$87,583m in 2021.

A copy of the Annual Report for 2021-2022 will be presented to Council for the October 2022 meeting, which must be presented to the community no later than October 31.

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is heading for financial trouble and escalating debt levels, according to Cr Les Larke, unless it changes its approach to project accountability and its attitude to financial reserves.

Speaking about the presentation of council's financial and performance statements for 2021-22, Cr Larke said he believed there was a lack of accountability about delivering projects on time and on budget, and he didn't believe the council had the cash reserves to cover the losses.

He estimated that the "shortfall in cash to cover reserves" was \$17 million, an amount which would either blowout borrowings or need to be recovered through surplus operating budgets in the future, something the present regime had shown no indication of being able to achieve.

Cr Larke said the result was a council living on its credit card, driving up a debt position that would impact future generations.

No other councillor challenged Cr Larke's remarks prior to approving 'in principle' the draft Annual Financial Statements and the draft Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022.



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## Dual paramedics to provide more care

MINISTER for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas recently announced four more rural ambulance branches have moved from single to dual paramedic crewing including in Yarram.

A further four branches including Foster will move from single to dual paramedic crewing in October.

With two paramedics rostered on 24 hours a day to respond to emergency calls, more residents will have better access to paramedics and their lifesaving skills than ever before.

ACOs will remain a critical part of the team, providing crucial back-up to paramedics, filling vacant shifts, transporting less-urgent patients to hospital and responding to cases when paramedics are with another patient.

The volunteer ACOs also play an important role in community engagement, teaching CPR and defibrillation skills and encouraging locals to become GoodSAM responders.

GoodSAM is a life-saving smartphone app that connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with responders who can provide hands-only CPR and defibrillation (if available) in the first critical minutes before paramedics arrive.

## Shire building stats going down

THE pace of Building Permit Activity in the Bass Coast Shire continued to ease in the first half of 2022.

Here are the figures for permits issued from January to July 2022 (2021): January 105 (101), February 132 (162), March 176 (186), April 136 (175), May 132 (141), June 117 (148), and July 106 (141).

The trend for 2022 is down whereas, the trend in 2021 was on the way up during the second half of 2021 indicating a significant drop off in building activity, supported by anecdotal information from the local building scene.

These figures were published in the shire meeting minutes for September.



## Open arms for Community Hospital designs

LONG awaited designs were revealed for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital (PICH) last week.

Operated by Bass Coast Health, PICH will offer a range of everyday health services including urgent care, dialysis, chemotherapy, day surgery, public dental, allied health, women's health, family violence support, and community mental health.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale released designs for the multi-million-dollar facility, which will expand the current Phillip Island Health Hub in Cowes. Located at 50-58 Church Street Cowes, the facility's exteriors, main reception and waiting area and public courtyard have been designed to create a safe and comfort-

able environment for staff, patients and families.

The Victorian Health Building Authority is delivering the project in partnership with Bass Coast Health and architect, HDR.

A builder to deliver the main construction works is expected to be appointed in early 2023.

While an early works contractor is preparing the site for construction.

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group Incorporated (PIMHAG), a group of dedicated Island volunteers working since 2009 to convince the different levels of government that Phillip Island needs better medical facilities, warmly welcomed the designs last week.

"PIMHAG and Island Voice are both very excited about

this project. The pictures provided look terrific; welcoming, spacious and light-filled," the organisation stated.

"The PICH will improve the lives of so many people providing dialysis, chemo, day surgeries, imaging (except for MRI), paediatric services etc. "Services will be publicly billed and save many hours of travel to get treatment. This removes two major barriers that prevent people getting the care they need.

"PIMHAG has begun advocacy for increased Mental Health services and more Aged Care beds to meet the growing needs in these areas."

The community hospital will be two storeys and will not replace the Urgent Care Centre currently operating at the hub.

The expanded Urgent Care

Centre will be operational 24/7 for minor bumps, bruises and non-emergency care.

The remainder of the facility will operate extended business hours and will not accommodate overnight stays.

There will be no emergency department for the community hospital, but it is hoped the facility will relieve pressure on Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Phillip Island Community Hospital is one of 10 community hospitals being built, under the \$675 million Community Hospitals Program.

Early works are expected to get underway later this year with the facility on-track to be completed in 2024.

Designs are available on the project website at [vhba.vic.gov.au/Phillip-Island-community-hospital](http://vhba.vic.gov.au/Phillip-Island-community-hospital)



## Bass Coast Health invites everyone to our

### Community Forums

Join us for an opportunity to hear about:

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

- Tuesday, October 4 ..... Online via Zoom, 10.30am-12pm. Call to register
- Tuesday, October 4 ..... Corinella Hall, 2pm-3.30pm
- Wednesday, October 5 ..... Phillip Island RSL, 5.30pm-7pm
- Monday, October 10 ..... Grantville Hall, 1.30pm-3pm
- Wednesday, October 12 ..... Online via Zoom, 2pm-3.30pm. Call to register
- Wednesday, October 12 ..... Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 6pm-7.30pm
- 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. Call to register
- Thursday, October 27 ..... Inverloch Community Hub, 5.30pm-7pm
- Friday, October 28 ..... Newhaven Yacht Squadron, 10am-11.30am

Proudly supported by our Community Advisory Committee and Auxiliaries.

RSVP to register. Phone 5671 4272, book online at [basscoasthealth.org.au/roadshows](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/roadshows) or email: [publicrelations@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:publicrelations@basscoasthealth.org.au)





# Celebrating 150 years at Grantville

FROM the 1860s Grantville was one of the main entry points for pioneers arriving in the district, whether by road or by ship.

On Saturday residents and visitors alike celebrated 150 years since Grantville was formally gazetted as a township, with four history boards launched along the bay.

One of boards pictures the George family and a letter from a young girl.

On Saturday, ancestors of the George family held a reunion of type and helped celebrate the day at Grantville Memorial Park alongside organisers and the public.

An excerpt from the letter by the young E. M. Naomi George, 1904, 'Grantville has one hall, one store, one blacksmith, one baker, one hotel, one draper, one sadler, one bootmaker, one policeman, one fisherman...'

With a rich logging history Grantville's importance as a shipping destination is less known.

A history booklet by the Grantville History Group, largely composed by Geoff Guilfoyle, was also launched during Saturday's proceedings with live music and entertainment for all ages also on hand including face painting, animal petting, a jumping castle, sausage sizzle and scones.

Community groups including the CWA, Bass Valley Lions, the Grantville Ukulele Group and Myli came together to make the day a great success.



Mary Rodda (nee. George) and Allan George with their grandparents and aunts history board. C62\_4022



Face painting was a hit on Saturday at Grantville. C60\_4022

## Finalists announced for Bass Coast business awards

FINALISTS have been notified and winners of Bass Coast Business Awards will be announced at the upcoming presentation dinner on Friday, October 21, at Silverwater Resort in San Remo.

Winners of the People's Choice category will also be announced on the evening.

This year the community's participation in voting for their favourite local businesses is some of the highest levels in the awards history, with 1190 votes cast in the People's Choice category.

Tickets for the Bass Coast Business Awards Presentation Dinner can be purchased online at Eventbrite: 2022bcba.eventbrite.com.au

Finalists for this year's Bass Coast Business Awards are:

### Access, Equity and Inclusion – sponsored by Westernport Water

- Brinnie T Design
- Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling
- Outback Chef

### Environmental Sustainability – sponsored by Harman Wines

- Bass Strait Direct
- French Island Cottage
- The Only Straw
- Wildlife Coast Cruises

### Resilience - sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council

- Balance Health Phillip Island
- My 24/7 Gym
- VORTEX Surf Skate Snow

### Business Innovation – sponsored by NBN Local – Gippsland

- Bass Strait Direct
- Silverwater Vineyard

### Leadership – sponsored by Silverwater Resort

- Terralab
- Wattle Bank Farm
- Maru Koala and Animal Park
- Outback Chef
- Sunscape Solar

### Marketing and Communications – sponsored by Destination Phillip Island

- Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage
- Connect2 Electrical Solutions

### Accommodation and Tourism Attraction

- Linen House Phillip Island
- NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park
- Wattle Bank Farm
- Wildlife Coast Cruises

### Food and Beverage

- Harman Wines
- Hotel Phillip Island
- Mon Dieu

### Hair and Beauty

- Hair by Karra
- Hair by Sarah Azzato
- Shima Hair Salon

### Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

- Balance Health Phillip Island
- Lioness Fit
- Wonthaggi Allied Health

### Retail and Services

- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage
- Bass Strait Direct
- Linen House Outlet

### Trades and Services

- Connect2 Electrical Solutions
- Rotary Hydraulic Engineering

- Sunscape Solar

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## Giving Victorian children the best start in life

Free Kinder from 2023 will give Victorian children the best start in life.

Three- and Four-Year-Old Kinder will be FREE across the state at participating services. In 2022, funded Three-Year-Old Kinder continues to roll out across the state.

And over the decade, we'll transition Four-Year-Old Kinder to Pre-Prep and establish 50 Victorian Government-owned and affordable childcare centres.

Learn more at [vic.gov.au/kinder](http://vic.gov.au/kinder)





## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### South Gippsland Youth Council

The South Gippsland Youth Council is being relaunched.

Youth Council is a great way for young people to get involved in the community, and meet like-minded young people who want to change their world. To make sure this relaunch is a success, we need young people to join in!

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.

This event will help you get to know more about the Youth Council and whether or not it would be a good fit for you.

There will be food provided during the session and transport can be arranged if you need help getting there and home again.

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

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Lonnie Lee  
Lovin' Life



After a two-year hiatus, the Seniors Concert is back and will again feature Lonnie Lee.

Tickets are now available for the Lonnie Lee Lovin' Life concert which will be held on Friday 14 October 2022 at the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre.

This concert is free and a morning tea will be provided.

To order tickets or for more information, please email or phone Cavell Ferrier on:

[cavell.ferrier@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:cavell.ferrier@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) or 5662 9289.

#### 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/313 – Jones Street, Foster – Street Reconstruction**

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on **Tuesday 11 October 2022**

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

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

#### SOUND OF YOUR TOWN WITH MAMA KIN SPENDER

Tickets are still available for the ARIA-nominated Mama Kin and her newly formed local choir, the Six Week Singers

**Friday 28 October 2022 7.00-9.00pm**  
Memorial Hall Leongatha  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCXGF>

#### CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

The next Citizenship Ceremony will be held at Council Chambers, Leongatha

**Wednesday 5 October at 6.00pm**

#### WALTER TUCK RESERVE (MIRBOO NORTH) COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE AGM

**Monday 10 October** Mirboo North Pub

Dinner 7.00pm AGM 7.30pm

Contact Wayne Roberts 0409 681 554

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## Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



LAST week, I attended the Foster Pool Annual General Meeting. It was a great opportunity to talk about the upcoming review of the Aquatic Strategy and hear the thoughts and concerns of the Foster community. There was robust discussion about the current challenges and opportunities for the pool, which will need to be considered as part of the engagement we conduct on the Aquatic Strategy.

This week Gippsland Women's Health visited South Gippsland on their Healthy Women, Healthy Gippsland Regional Roadshow. The roadshow began on 12 September in Malla-coota and has been touring Gippsland ever since. The idea – to connect with women and understand first-hand what they need to support their safety, health and wellbeing. As they have toured around, they have hosted numerous events where they speak about topics that affect women such as family violence.

In South Gippsland, we rank twenty third out of all local government areas in Victoria for incidence of family violence. Three of the top 10 are from Gippsland. These statistics, and many others that we hear, are shocking and illustrate how unsafe some in our community are. Family violence and other forms of domestic abuse not only impact the victim, but their entire network of close friends and family including children.

If you or someone you know is suffering from family violence and need someone to talk to, please contact 1800 RESPECT or Safe Steps on 1800 015 188. For more information, you can also visit the Gippsland Women's Health website: [www.gwhealth.asn.au](http://www.gwhealth.asn.au)

Every month, Councillors hold a Community Day where we go out-and-about and chat with different sections of our community. This month, we visited some of our education providers including Apprenticeships Group Australia, TAFE Gippsland, South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network, Country University Centre Bass Coast and the South Gippsland Trade Skills Alliance. The common link with these organisations is that they work closely with schools, training organisations, education networks, local businesses, industry and the wider community to build connections and partnerships in providing educational opportunities without the students having to leave home, and in many cases getting paid while they study. They provide wholistic support to students encouraging them to be aspirational and try new things.

As a parent, I know how expensive it is to support your children to go to Melbourne to study and it is wonderful to see that there are options available to enable young adults to access education and build their skills within their community.

If you know a young person who would benefit from these programs, there are a range of options available, so I encourage you to make a few inquiries.

If you would like the opportunity to have some time with the Councillors, you can request to be part of the Community Days by visiting Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitydays](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitydays)

On Thursday, I attended a service in Korumburra as part of National Police Remembrance Day. Every year this is a day to reflect on the service of our police and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our community safe. In Victoria over the last year, 12 police officers have died in the line of duty. It was a moving ceremony and something I was humbled to attend.

I also attended a breakfast with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of Bass Coast Shire Council. It is extremely important for us to continue to harness and invest time in our relationships with our neighbouring councils and working together to achieve great things for our respective communities.

I look forward to chatting to you all next week.



Industrious Leongatha Primary School students with teacher Joel Cahir. A11\_3822

# Packaging Christmas joy

LEONGATHA Primary School was a hive of industry recently, with students teaming up to pack special shoeboxes with items to bring joy to other youngsters far away, with the effort part of Operation Christmas Child.

Passionate local volunteer Doreen Western enjoyed supervising the enthusiastic band of workers as they sorted items into categories, 'assembled' shoeboxes from flatform and selected items to fill them.

The boxes contained a mix of fun and practicality.

There were toys, including soft toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing, all donated from people across the school community over a five-week period.

Ruby was one of the eager student crew.

"I liked making the boxes and it's fun collecting stuff to put in them," she said.

Grade 2 student Jhett also enjoyed helping out and selecting the contents of each

box he packed.

"I love going around and choosing and it makes you feel good because you're helping people," he said.

Many of the gift-filled shoeboxes will go to young people in need in Cambodia, with some destined for Fiji and Thailand.

Student Representative Council teacher Joel Cahir spoke about the importance to the students of being involved in Operation Christmas Child.

"It's been good to see the kids get onboard and understand that they have a little bit more than other kids around the world, and they're lucky to have schooling and a roof over their heads," Joel said.

Operation Christmas Child is run by Samaritan's Purse, a non-profit Christian organisation providing relief and development assistance to people suffering around the world, regardless of their religious backgrounds.

## Mixed bag for South Gippsland council assets

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's sealed council-owned roads get a big tick in council's latest asset management report, with their condition rated as 'very good', on average, while the more than 400 buildings and structures owned and managed by council vary enormously in their states of repair.

The State of Council Assets

2021/22 end of year report rates almost half of council's buildings and structures as between 'good' and 'fair' condition, with those in the latter category requiring significant maintenance.

Nearly a third of buildings and structures are rated between 'very good' and 'good', with the former requiring only planned maintenance and the

latter, minor additional maintenance.

One in 20 of council's buildings and structures fall into the categories of 'very poor' or 'end of life', indicating such assets have become physically unsound and beyond rehabilitation.

While the report classifies South Gippsland Shire's footpaths as being in 'good' con-

dition, on average, it labels 1 percent as 'poor', and a smaller percentage as 'very poor'.

The State of Council Assets Report 2021/22 is intended to help guide council's asset management.

Asset management requires a systematic approach to the planning, acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal, and disposal of assets.

## In box seat to advocate on transport infrastructure

SOUTH Gippsland Shire has an even greater opportunity to advocate for improved local road infrastructure and transport, with Cr Scott Rae delighted to join the executive of the South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) recently.

"It's a pretty important gig advocating to the state and federal governments to get roads, road infrastructure and transport built," Cr Rae said.

He was invited to join SEATS while attending the organisation's AGM as South Gippsland Shire Council's delegate.

"It's like my whole political career, I turned up and got elected," he said with his usual touch of humour.

However, Cr Rae's membership of the SEATS executive was no automatic selection.

While all Gippsland councils are members of SEATS and have a representative to it, not all of those councils hold a seat on the organisation's executive.



Cr Scott Rae is excited to join the executive of the South East Australian Transport Strategy and looks forward to advocating for road and transport projects important to South Gippsland communities. A17\_4022

Cr Rae looks forward to representing South Gippsland at future SEATS gatherings, with the organisation holding quarterly meetings at rotating locations.

SEATS was created by a group of Victorian and New South Wales councils concerned with the poor transport infrastructure in south

eastern Australia.

"Although there has been significant planning and investment over the years, inadequate transport infrastructure and limited road, rail, sea and air transport are still impeding the economic development of the SEATS region which embraces south-eastern NSW, eastern

Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory," the organisation states.

While SEATS members take a region-wide outlook to transport infrastructure needs, projects in specific locations are highlighted as important.

Cr Rae told the Sentinel-Times that fixing Leongatha's infamous intersection, known to many locals as 'Kamikaze Corner', is a high priority.

"Our big one here is the second stage of the Leongatha bypass (Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route)," he said.

That is a project that has the support of the Coalition, with Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and leader of the Nationals Peter Walsh committing on Wednesday to fund the business case to identify how to fix the confusing intersection and then carry out required works.

However, that promise is contingent on the Coalition succeeding in November's Victorian election.



A Coalition Government would raise the total commitment to the development of a new National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island to \$25 million if elected. Present at the promise of an additional \$10 million this week were, from left, Nationals Bass candidate Brett Tessari, Shadow Minister for Veterans Tim Bull, NVVM General Manager Braxton Laine, NVVM Board Member Phil Dressing and Liberals candidate for Bass Aaron Brown.

## It's win-win for new Vietnam Vets Museum

ON LONG Tan Day, Thursday, August 18, the Premier Daniel Andrews made a special trip to Phillip Island's Vietnam Veterans Museum to announce a "funded" commitment from the government of \$10 million.

On Monday this week, the Shadow Minister for Veterans, Tim Bull, also made a pilgrimage to the museum to promise an additional \$10 million, if the Coalition wins the November 26 election.

The combined \$20 million, plus an earlier commitment of \$5 million from the Federal Government, will be enough to get stage one of the exciting \$50 million relocation and construction project off the ground.

Mr Bull said the funding would address a shortfall in funding from the State Government.

"Despite the project receiving \$5 million in funding from the Coalition Federal Government, for some strange reason, the Andrews Labor Government only recently committed \$10 million of the \$20 million required for stage one to commence, leaving a shortfall for work on the new site to start," Mr Bull said.

"The Liberals and Nationals will provide the additional funds so work can begin," he said.

The Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, said

maintenance costs at the current site, where few items can be displayed, are skyrocketing.

"The committee purchased the new site some time ago and has since been chasing the funds to start work on a state-of-the-art building that will become a major tourist attraction on the island," Mr Tessari said.

"It really is an exciting project for the region. I have met the group on a few occasions now and will not sit by and leave this volunteer committee and Vietnam veterans in limbo."

Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown, said he had met with museum board members and was pleased to help turn their vision into reality.

"When completed, it includes expansive gardens and pathways to allow for commemoration and reflection," Mr Brown said.

"The Liberals and Nationals have a long history of respecting and honouring our veteran community, and this will provide our Vietnam veterans with not only a suitable museum, but a place to honour and remember."

Depending on the outcome of the poll, however, the museum organisers and their supporters might still have a battle or two on their hands before the project is fully funded.



Cyclist Barry Phillips, Peter Walsh leader of The Nationals, concerned local Jeremy Curtis, and Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien look forward to Leongatha's notorious intersection being made safe. A09\_4022

## Commitment for Leongatha corner to lose 'Kamikaze' reputation

By Andrew Paloczi

THE Coalition has vowed to rectify Leongatha's notorious "Kamikaze Corner" intersection, where the Strzelecki and South Gippsland Highways meet, if voted into government in November's Victorian election.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien outlined the process required and the current state opposition's determination to implement a solution.

"We're committing \$1 million, if elected, to complete a business case to work out a solution for this intersection, and I'm committed to making sure we then fix this intersection and make Leongatha a much better place," he declared.

South Gippsland Shire mayor Mohya Davies welcomed the announcement, stressing that it is something for which council has been advocating strongly.

"Something needs to be done and we would support any investment in improving the corner, and a solution to fixing that corner is very high on council's priorities," she said.

Mr O'Brien explained that the proper process needs to be followed to ensure the best approach is taken.

That would include input from traffic engineers, the community and South Gippsland Shire Council to determine how it should look and operate.

Mr O'Brien said the \$1million figure is an estimate based on other business cases that have been undertaken for similar large projects.

"This will make sure we get the job done, allow us to have good consultation with the community, the trucking industry, the tourism industry and everyone involved," he said.

Mr O'Brien stressed the importance the local community places on finding a solution that will eradicate the intersection's problems. "This is probably the number one issue that is raised with me in Leongatha," he said.

He noted that traffic banks up in busy times at what he labelled "a difficult and confusing intersection".

While stage 1 of the Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route achieved the objective of taking trucks off Bair Street, the intersection it created leaves many motorists uncertain who is going where and which vehicle has right of way.

"Stage 2 is to fix this intersection, in my view," Mr O'Brien said.

"We'll look at all options on the table, whether its rerouting traffic down different streets, whether it's traffic lights or roundabouts."

Mr O'Brien was joined at the announcement by Peter Walsh, leader of The Nationals.

"Every time we're here there's a near miss and it's a corner that needs fixing," Mr Walsh said while standing at the intersection.

His point was underlined by a screeching of brakes while this scribe prepared to take photos there.

Jeremy Curtis of Berrys Creek

is one local calling for action to prevent a potential disaster at the intersection.

"Not only is it a very poorly designed intersection, it's a highly dangerous one," he said, adding many locals do their best to avoid it.

Mr Curtis highlighted an incident there in which a confused Melbourne motorist drove into the path of a milk tanker, with her car severely damaged.

His fear that it would take a disaster to prompt change motivated him to walk local streets collecting signatures on a petition calling for action at the intersection.

That much-signed document was tabled in the Victorian Parliament by Mr O'Brien, who said on Wednesday he will be delighted if the current state government also commits to fixing the intersection.

As well as the traffic issues at the infamous intersection, Mr Curtis expressed concern about the hazardous situation facing rail trail users needing to cross the road in the vicinity.

One of those users, cyclist Barry Phillips of Leongatha had an accident attempting to cross near the intersection when returning from Korumburra.

"I fell off the bike onto the road, and I can't understand why there isn't an underpass," Mr Phillips said.

"They come from everywhere," he said of the traffic around the intersection, explaining the hazardous nature of crossing in the area.



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Members of the Mirboo North Community are excited to hear a commitment that their long-awaited new basketball stadium will be built if the coalition is elected in November. A03\_4022

# Mirboo North promised modern stadium

MIRBOO North can look forward to a safe, modern basketball stadium and gymnasium to replace its current much used but outdated facility.

The Nationals committed \$2.5 million to replace the stadium if the coalition wins November's State Election.

Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien was accompanied by The Nationals leader Peter Walsh and Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath at Wednesday's announcement.

"This is a campaign we've been running for a long time, to replace the Mirboo North stadium," Mr O'Brien said, giving credit to the community for its determined campaigning.

He added that while the location of the new stadium is yet to be decided, it will definitely be built if the coalition assumes office.

Ms Bath taught at Mirboo North High School prior to her political career and told the Sentinel-Times the old stadium, shared by the town's two schools and broader community, is beyond the point

where a band-aid approach will suffice.

"It was antiquate eight years ago," she said, reflecting on filling in to run an occasional PE class in the building during her time as a maths and science teacher.

The trio of politicians and the Mirboo North Junior Basketball Association president Kathryn Smith highlighted the major problems with the 1979 stadium, including the court's vinyl-covered concrete surface, and the insufficient run off between the playing area and the walls.

There is also no space for spectators at court level and a lack of storage room for gym equipment.

"We think \$2.5 million will go a long way to doing this," Mr O'Brien said of the promised new stadium, noting that the major revamp of the Foster Basketball Stadium was accomplished with less funding.

Ms Smith is excited the town's young basketballers can look forward to a brighter future.

"It means the facility the kids will play in will be a lot

safer," she said.

The hard surface and close proximity of walls to the court in the current stadium present even greater risks to adults given the more physical and faster brand of basketball they play.

At best, adult players would be sore after playing on the unforgiving surface, with some having also suffered broken bones at the venue.

In addition to the lack of runoff space, the court itself is undersized.

Ms Smith said the current court needs frequent sweeping as the vinyl surface becomes slippery with any dust build-up.

The tired state of the building presents issues with leaks, and the stadium has previously been closed for repairs to an unstable wall, forcing players outdoors.

That isn't viable for much of the year in South Gippsland's inhospitable weather.

Ms Smith said it is sad that one of the driving forces for a new Mirboo North stadium, Bernice Snell, passed away recently and missed the commitment to making that ambi-

tion reality.

"It doesn't matter what sport, she was behind it if it meant getting kids involved," Ms Smith said of Bernice's determination to help create opportunities for young people locally.

Bernice was committed to many sporting organisations in town, including her numerous roles with the Mirboo North Junior Basketball Association, whether as a committee member, scorer, umpire, coach, or ensuring the stadium was ready for action.

Mr O'Brien recently tabled a petition in the Victorian Parliament, reiterating the Mirboo North community's call for a new basketball stadium.

Belinda Snell, one of Bernice's children and a former Opals basketballer, was among those to sign the petition earlier this year, recalling her experiences as a young basketballer at the already outdated stadium.

While Mr Walsh conceded he expects the new facility to be built eventually no matter who wins office, he is confident it will occur much sooner under a coalition government.

## Free COVID jabs get a shot in the arm

The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit has secured continued funding for its vaccination outreach program, including the 'Chitty Chitty Jab Jab' bus for October.

The regional COVID-19 authority has welcomed the funding.

"This is great news for the community that will have continued access to free COVID and flu vaccinations for the over 65 years.

More details about the vaccination outreach program and what it will look like for the remainder of 2022 will follow.

In the meantime, here is Chitty's schedule for October:

San Remo, Tuesday, October 4 10am-2pm Marine Parade

Warragul, Wednesday, October 5 & 19 10am - 3pm The Goods Shed

Mirboo North, Friday, October 7 9.30am-3pm Baromi Park

Wonthaggi, Tuesday, October 11, Thursday, October 20 & Friday, October 28, 10am-2pm Wonthaggi Town Hall

Leongatha, Thursday, October 13 9.30am-3pm McIndoe Park

Yarram, Friday, October 18 9.30am-3pm Memorial Park

## The future of energy

BASS Coast Adult Learning is presenting a new course in Term 4 on renewable energy. The course looks at the history of power generation, the current situation with our ageing power grid, and the potential future of our power generation systems.

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The course will also provide information on the many career options in renewable energy which is set to become a booming industry in coming years.

The presenter is Werner Theinert, who has extensive experience working in the industry and a passion for helping others to understand energy sources and use this knowledge at work or at home.

Werner worked for many years in Power Station Operations with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and 16 years with TRU Energy.

He has now embarked on a mission to help people understand the complexities of the current Power System and the transition into a zero carbon future.

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## What about your cat?

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is introducing a 24-hour cat containment order from July 1, 2023.

And as part of the roll out of this order, Council is running a community education campaign which will include information sessions in Wonthaggi and Inverloch in October, and in San Remo and Cowes next March.

Community Safety Officers will be in the Bass Coast Information Van at Apex Park in Wonthaggi on Tuesday, October 4 from 1pm to 3pm and at the Glade in Inverloch on Thursday, October 20 from 10am to 12 noon.

## \$594,000 cost of Cowes' carpark

THE Bass Coast Shire Council given notification of the contracts let during the period from July 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022.

They include an amount of \$594,811.58 to SR Excavations Pty Ltd for construction of the Anderson Road Boat Ramp Eastern Car Park.

The project attracted some controversy over the removal of three established 'Swamp Mahogany' trees.

## Pledge to plan Drouin bypass

AS PART of the Liberals and Nationals' 'Regional Infrastructure Guarantee' promise, which assures 25 per cent of all new government capital investment is spent on infrastructure projects in regional Victoria, the Opposition has promised to provide \$3 million for a feasibility study on "a modern, fit-for purpose arterial road network in Warragul and Drouin".

A feature of the study will be the proposed Drouin bypass which already has strong community support.

# Hear from your local candidates this weekend

SAVE Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) is hoping for a big turnout for Saturday's public meeting in the Corinella Hall at which Bass candidates will be asked to commit to a moratorium on new sand mining approvals and expansions.

There are currently 10 sand mines operating in the forest corridor between Lang Lang and Bass, including five in nature conservation reserves.

Nine more work authorities have been approved and another seven are under application.

SWPW member Catherine Watson said the expansion of sand mining in Bass Coast's last major forest was a major concern to the community.

"It is by far the most significant land use conflict in our shire."

"Almost 4000 people, mostly locals, have petitioned the Victorian Parliament asking for no further expansion of sand mines in this fragile forest corridor."

Ms Watson said the group estimated more than 1000 submissions on the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project sought permanent protection of the woodlands.

Bass Coast Shire Council has supported the campaign, along with the South Gippsland Conservation Society, Phillip Island



A 2-metre lace monitor, one of the inhabitants of the Western Port Woodlands. Photo: Dave Newman

Conservation Society, Western Port Biosphere, Victorian National Parks Association and Environment Victoria.

The woodlands are home to threatened species including southern brown bandicoots, powerful owls, swift parrots and lace monitors, and valued by the local community for their serenity.

A public meeting between lockdowns last year attracted around 150 people and the

group is hoping for an even bigger attendance this time round.

The five confirmed Bass candidates will attend.

Jordan Crugnale (sitting MP, ALP), Aaron Brown (Liberal), Brett Tessari (National), Callum Bugbird (Greens) and Jeni Jobe (Independent) will be asked to state their position on permanent protection of the woodlands, and to state any party commitments.

"With a very tight contest in a very marginal seat, this is our best chance to get significant action," Ms Watson said.

"Our long-term vision is for a national park for the benefit of all Victorians, but the immediate concern is to stop sand mining from destroying our woodlands."

"There is no shortage of suitable sand in Victoria but there is a shortage of remnant coastal forest."



Bluefloat Energy and Energy Estate are developing the Greater Gippsland Offshore Wind Project, a 2.085 GW wind farm off the coast of Gippsland, within the area proposed to be designated as the Bass Strait off Gippsland offshore wind zone.

### How to get involved & be heard

We will be hosting our first **drop-in information session** from 4-7pm on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at the Seaspray Public Hall, Futcher Road, Seaspray.

This will be an opportunity to come & meet our team, learn more about the Project and ask us questions. This is an opportunity for us to obtain feedback. There will be a short presentation at around 5.30 pm, but you are welcome to drop in at any time.

**Can't make it?** If you are unable to make it to our information session, we will be hosting a webinar by zoom on Thursday 6 October 5-6 pm. The link to the webinar is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517272138>. Or One tap mobile Australia: +61731853730,.82517272138# or +61861193900,.82517272138#

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## Corinella Hall, Sat, Oct 8, 2pm

Learn the latest on the community campaign to save the woodlands. Hear from the candidates for Bass:

- # Jordan Crugnale, ALP
- # Aaron Brown, Liberal
- # Brett Tessari, National
- # Callum Bugbird, Greens
- # Jeni Jobe, Independent





Recreating a moment for history – patrons and local residents helped bring sparkle to The Middle on Sunday for the next 100 years. C54\_4022

## Recreating history at The Middle

HISTORY was recreated at The Middle Korumburra on Sunday as Korumburra residents and staff participated in the historic photograph reminiscent of a photo taken in 1905.

"We hope people can look back on today's photo in 100 years," owner, Fish said.

Though original suggestions were to recreate the photo dress code and all, Fish opted for a different approach.

"Rather than dress how they did back in the day we wanted to create a timepiece for what we wear today, so individuals can look back in the future."

The large print 1905 time-piece sits in the back corner of the bistro near the Beer Garden.

Originally built in 1890, The Middle comes with a rather colourful history, including that of an explosion of Acetylene Gas at Kurrle's Hotel as reported in the Great Southern Advocate May 22, 1902.

'A frightful explosion of acetylene gas occurred at Mr Kurrle' hotel, Korumburra on Monday



Over 100 years later the image has been recreated in modern day Korumburra, electricity pole and all. C55\_4022

evening, whereby two if not three persons received injuries which may yet prove fatal, and four or five others were bruised and more or less knocked about.

'The billiard room, in which the explosion occurred, was very much damaged, the ceiling being blown clean out, while the rooms above and around will require repairs...'

'From what can be gathered, it

appears that the premises were fitted all over with acetylene gas, an escape of which had been noticed for a day or two. Becoming almost unbearable an attempt was made to locate the escape.

'A man named James Brierly, groom at the hotel, proceeded to tie a lighted candle to a stick. When this was secured, he hoisted it up to the ceiling of the billiard room, where the smell

was more pronounced.

'Instantly there was a blinding flash and a report which startled the whole town, and the residents knew at once that something out of the ordinary had taken place...'

'With the explosion some of the ceiling boards were driven downward with tremendous force and Brierly and Croxon received terrible injuries. A piece of ceiling board nearly six inches long penetrated Brierly's lungs, and he also received a nasty gash in the face...'

Daylight savings may have delayed proceedings by 30 minutes whilst last minute texts asked to hold the photo, the packed venue ensured beers and cold beverages were in hands and chatter was abound.

Fish could not have been more delighted in the fantastic turnout.

"Thank you to all our staff and community for coming together on Sunday."

With a big outdoor deck and Beer Garden secure your next event at The Middle – Christmas party books are now open.



Members of Victoria Police prepare to carry the Australian flag into the ceremony in Korumburra. C09\_4022

## Remembering the fallen

IT WAS an emotional day around the country and in particular in Korumburra, as officers, family members, scouts and the general public paid tribute last Thursday, September 29, to Victoria Police Officers, Protective Services Officers, Police Custody Officers, public service employees and police chaplains who have died over the last 12 months.

"Law enforcement is a unique profession that should promote pride in service and dedication to duty, fostering a sense of camaraderie among police officers throughout Australasia, the South West Pacific, and beyond," Superintendent Tracie McDonald said, reading Commissioner Bull of Western Australia Police.

"A National Remembrance Day for police officers killed in the line of duty encourages police officers and their families to honour the memory of colleagues who have given their lives in the service of the community."

"It focuses public attention on the officers of Police Forces throughout Australia, whose responsibilities are to engage public peace and good order. It reminds us all of the difficulties they face in bearing these responsibilities."

The moving service, which started at 10.30am, also saw an introduction from Reverend Fran Grimes, candle lighting and wreath laying.

Twelve names were read during the Roll of Honour by Acting Senior Sergeant Darren Eldridge before Senior Constable Rob Burn read the Police Ode.

'As the sun surely sets: dawn will see it arise, for service, above self, demands its own prize.'

'You have fought the good fight: life's race has been run, and peace, your reward, for eternity begun.'

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We're asking the people of Korumburra to come to our free barbecue on October 15, to tell us what they think.

All are welcome to attend and join in the discussion with other community members.

Come grab a sausage (cooked by the Scouts) and the Men's Shed handing out free Donuts (from Kelly's Bakery). See and hear what great things are happening already in Korumburra now and in the future, and tell us what else we need to

By Korumburra Business Association

stay strong.

This free community event is on Saturday, October 15, at the shelter behind the Post Office at 11am.

In case of inclement weather, we will relocate to the Korumburra Meeting Room (next to the library).

If you can, let us know you are coming so we order the right amount of sausages and donuts: <https://events.humanitix.com/korumburra-staying-strong>

For questions or if you would like to get involved in Korumburra Staying Strong:

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# Cape Community Farm opens for a big summer of food growing

ON SATURDAY (October 1) residents and farm members from the Cape community joined Bass Coast Shire Mayor Michael Whelan, Deputy Mayor Leticia Laing and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale to undertake a harvest and planting at the Cape community farm, to celebrate the official opening.

Over the past 12 months, the farming and food growing elements of the farm have been completed, and a full-time skilled farmer and food grower has been employed to oversee the operations of the farm.

The Cape farmer will deliver education, training, workshops and skill sharing in all aspects of food growing with farm members, including the growing of seedlings, planting and harvesting of fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, composting, seed saving and much more.

The farm features over 360 advanced self-watering Australian made Foodcube wicking beds, raised water efficient market garden beds, perimeter planting beds, fruit trees and perennial herbs, seating areas, rainwater harvesting, gathering spaces and a composting area.

A nursery, beekeeping and outdoor classrooms are planned for the near future with The



The Cape farm is already attracting schools and community groups from near and far. C52\_4022

Cape farm's advanced and unique design already attracting schools and community groups from Bass Coast, Gippsland and Melbourne.

The Cape farm large scale urban farm complements the 8-star energy and water efficient, carbon neutral, bill busting homes being built across the estate.

The Cape estate has been identified by experts as a blueprint for the future of carbon neutral communities in Australia and shows the way forward for communities to tackle climate change while saving money on energy, water and food bills.

"I see the farm not only

as a place where members can grow their own food, but one where they can learn, teach and share skills and knowledge," president of the Cape community farm, Heather Allen, said.

"This means no matter where one is on their journey of food growing - whether a complete beginner or one with lots of experience - they can enhance their knowledge and reap the many benefits."

Cape Director Brendan Condon was on hand to for the official opening and welcome.

"The Cape farm recently had our first membership drive day with a great

response with over 40 signed up members from the Cape community, with many already planting out their beds and starting to grow food," Brendan said.

"We look forward to completing the farm buildings in 2023 and we hope the Cape farm inspires more well designed, water efficient farms in other new estates and communities from around Australia.

"We encourage anyone interested in a membership to contact the Cape Community Farm Committee on [farmer@liveatthecape.com.au](mailto:farmer@liveatthecape.com.au)."

To keep up to date with the Community Farm, visit [liveatthecape.com.au](http://liveatthecape.com.au) or Facebook at [thecapefarm](https://www.facebook.com/thecapefarm)

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In conversation with

# Claire Bartlett

AFTER being announced as a finalist in the Trainee of the Year category in this year's Victorian Training Awards, the Sentinel-Times chatted with Poowong's Claire Bartlett about what drives and motivates her.

Juggling a traineeship with her own successful car detailing venture, Claire is an excellent example of how hard work and determination always pays off.

### Where did you grow up and what do you enjoy about it?

I grew up in Drouin and then moved to Latrobe Valley with my family in 2011. When I was 17, I met my partner and we moved to South Gippsland.

I've been living in Poowong for the last few months and since this time I have developed a real passion for helping my community, learning new skills and making new friends.

I just love the locals and how

everyone gets along so well - everyone is your best friend here in Poowong.

### Why did you get into car detailing?

When I bought my car, it was bright red and I was obsessed with keeping it clean, so I started buying and researching products and soon I was cleaning and detailing my friend's cars.

It was a bit of a juggling act, I was halfway through my traineeship completing a Certificate III in business at Chisholm Institute, as well as starting my own car detailing business.

I just love how satisfying it is to transform dirty neglected cars and make them look brand new again.

After I started my own business, at the start of 2022, I found out that my late grandfather was also a car detailer. My

nana has certainly passed on some of his old tricks, and they work wonders! It must be in my blood.

### What are features of the job?

Sometimes people want both inside and outside detailed, however, it's often that people just ask for an interior detail. I quote per job and as I am a mobile service, I go out to their home and detail their car there.

I clean and dress interior vinyl and leather, extract dirt and bacteria from upholstery, and wax and polish exterior paint.

Some jobs have been very big and have taken hours; especially for four-wheel drives, farm vehicles like tractors and even trucks.

### How did it feel to be a finalist?

It felt like such an amazing

accomplishment to be recognised for all my hard work over the past 2 years. At times I really struggled, but the experience of starting my own business really helped me recognise my abilities and resilience.

My teacher, Michelle Smith from Chisholm Institute understood how hard I was working and nominated me for the Trainee of the Year category as this year's Victorian Training Awards.

To be named a finalist was such an honour and it was awesome experience to attend the 2022 Chisholm Institute Awards, and the 2022 Victorian Training Awards.

I'm really proud of what I have been able to achieve, and I want to help spread the word that TAFE can really help to transform your life and open the door to exciting new opportunities.

## Gippsland part of energy storage announcement

THE State Government is claiming they will introduce the biggest energy storage targets in Australia, with \$10m to go towards projects in Gippsland.

Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio announced the targets, alongside a \$157 million package supporting renewable energy generation and storage projects across the state.

According to the government, Victoria will reach 2.6 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy storage capacity by 2030, with an increased target of 6.3 GW of storage by 2035.

The targets are expected to create 12,700 jobs and \$1.7 billion in investment from 2023 to 2035.

The Government also announced \$38.2 million from the Energy Innovation Fund (EIF) will go to four projects using new technology to generate and store clean energy.

The latest EIF round will provide \$19.3 million for two bioenergy projects at farms in Gippsland and Barwon.

In Gippsland, \$10 million will go towards Innovating Energy to install a 2.2MW bioenergy facility, and a 10MW biomass boiler which will use waste to make heat, replacing natural gas at a dairy processing plant in Gippsland.

Victoria's new storage targets include both short and long-duration energy storage systems - which can hold more than eight hours of energy - including batteries, hydroelectricity and hydrogen technologies.

Community batteries are also popping up across the state, including on Phillip Island, backed by \$11 million for the Neighbourhood Battery Initiative.

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## Phillip Island Nature Parks update

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks' Board met on August 25. Highlights from the meeting include:

### Visitation

The Board noted that visitation to the Nature Parks sites increased from 2020/21 to 2021/22, although less than was anticipated due to ongoing disruptions to travel. Visitation was also strong this July and early August.

### Fox update

The Board welcomed the updated news from July, when the conservation team successfully removed a fox from the island. The DNA samples collected have been matched to the genotype of the fox captured. There is no further evidence of a live fox on Phillip Island. Whilst this is reassuring, our conservation team remains vigilant and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

### Strategic risk reviews

This month the Board reviewed and endorsed the controls and treatments of two strategic risks associated with revenue earned from Nature Parks paid attractions and continued financial sustainability and stability.

### Annual report

The Board considered the Annual Report for year ending June 30, 2022, for submission to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Once finalised it will be tabled in State Parliament.

### Policies

The Board were pleased to approve the Financial Management and Accounting as endorsed by the Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee on August 18, 2021. The Board also noted the status update on the governing document structure initiative, and correlation with the Board / Board Subcommittee Schedule of work.

### Penguin Parade boardwalks and stands

The Board received an update on the Penguin Parade Boardwalks and Viewing Stands detailed design following consultation with key stakeholders and the Project Governance Group which has been established to oversee the project. It was happy to endorse the detailed design to progress to the next steps of the tender and construction phase.

### Food and beverage

The Board noted the focus in July and August was the transition of catering services to Create Catering, who will deliver all food and beverage services across Nature Parks' sites, effective from August 1, 2022. We are excited to see the new ideas for food and event delivery come to life over the coming months.

### Business plan and strategy acquittal

The Board considered the acquittal against the 2021/22 business plan and noted a number of significant achievements, which are a testament to the dedication and resilience of the Nature Parks team.

It also noted the progress report against initiatives in the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022-23.

# Help Skylah reach her target

SKYLAH Taylor is not your average Wonthaggi nine-year-old.

Her video, edited by her aunty and Tiff, and made for classmates to understand cystic fibrosis (CF) has gone viral within the community, and her openness to share her journey and experience is heart-warming.

"There is not a lot of patient related information, there is a lot of doctor-based information" mum, Bec Dell, explained.

"The fact that Skylah has managed to make a video explaining in such simple terms what her daily life involves, I think would be great to get out to families of kids with CF, so they have a simple understanding, and to share her experience with a lot more of the world."

In her efforts to raise awareness for CF, Skylah jumped onboard the Great Strides Challenge 2022, undertaking four cartwheels a day.

"I love doing cartwheels and it's been my thing since I quit gymnastics," Skylah explained.

Unable to participate in the run in Melbourne, Skylah's nan first suggested the idea to Skylah to participate in the virtual challenge.

"My nan and pop they decided to do a five kilometre walk or run every single day of September. I thought, why don't I do four cartwheels a day."

Supported by her loving family, everyone got on board.

"Each one of us picked a specific thing that we were going to do; my challenge was to walk five kilometres a week," Bec added.

"Mum (Nan) also completed the half marathon in Melbourne on Sunday."

Great Strides is an annual fun run/walk, and now virtual event, to raise awareness for people living with cystic fibrosis.

The funds raised ensure that people living with CF get the support they need to live a happier and healthier life.

Living with CF is not an easy journey for Skylah, but one she takes it in her stride.

"It's very hard to deal with," Skylah said.

"When I was born my mum thought she was doing something wrong because I was losing all this weight.

"Five weeks in they got the information that I had CF and they started treating me with physio and tablets. When I was



Cystic fibrosis patient, Skylah has joined the Great Strides 2022 Challenge virtually and needs your help. C64\_4022



Skylah spent each day in September undertaking four cartwheels to raise awareness and monies for cystic fibrosis.

officially able to swallow tablets, I got my creons."

Swallowing tablets when she was around two and a half, Skylah now takes on average 26 to 30 tablets a day.

"When I was six, I had a lobectomy; I've also had a collapsed lung.

"It was hard because I had my (sixth) birthday in the hospital, and I couldn't see my friends.

"I got this really nice chance to see my (prep) school friends because they teamed up the laptop so I could call my class."

Skylah is no stranger to hospital visits either with a stay scheduled this week.

"All of a sudden, she came down with a cough and generally when she goes to hospital it's for two weeks at a time," Bec said.

"She's got an amazing support system - myself, her dad, her stepdad, and her older sister.

"My mum and dad, are the absolute angels on earth they do so much to help her."

"The hospital is also a really great supporter," Skylah added.

"They have the school, so I don't miss out and my physio team take me out and do physical activity with me and I just have the best time."

With the Starlight Room also on hand there is no end to entertainment and activities, the only catch is staying away from those with the green band (fellow CF kids).

"CF affects my lungs and sometimes our brain and it has blocked up my pancreas; it pretty much affects most of my body," Skylah explained.

"I have to have special medications (creons) to crush down the fat in my foods."

Skylah's body does not break down fat, yet her diet has to be high in fat so she can retain weight. She is even fed through a peg at night to help maintain her weight.

Skylah has also long been a poster child for wearing masks in public.

"If we go anywhere Skylah generally wears a mask. Anybody out in the community, who may be unwell, even the slightest cold, will end up with her being in hospital for two weeks," Bec said.

"COVID was a massive scare for us because it pretty much would have been fatal.

"Even the slightest little cough, cold, niggles, if she's in a classroom with a child who potentially has a cold, she's going to end up with it and end up in hospital."

For Skylah, the worst part of CF is not being able to just go out and play.

"I have to do my physio and my night feed restricts me from sleeping on my belly.

"I also have to be careful of my peg and port."

At the end of the day Skylah is just like any other nine-year-old.

"She's a very normal, active kid. She has to be up first thing - we have an hour to do meds, treatments before she even has breakfast.

"The amount of resilience she shows towards everything she does, there is no stopping her, CF may be part of her life, but it doesn't hold her back.

"She will try her hardest to do everything that everybody else does, she doesn't hesitate, she doesn't think twice about it; she's pretty strong."

Skylah has raised \$940 to date - let's help Skylah break \$1000.

Visit [greatstrides.org.au/my-fundraising/606/skylah-taylor](https://greatstrides.org.au/my-fundraising/606/skylah-taylor) to donate today.



## Shut Up! for MND success

Trish and Evie raised awareness and vital funds for MND Victoria outside Amcal Chemist Leon-gatha on Thursday as they "Shut Up! For MND". In total the pair raised \$3020. C04\_4022

# Join your local Red Cross and make a difference

RED Cross Emergency Service teams are seeking more volunteers with locals encouraged to roll up their sleeves and get involved.

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The Emergency Services team supports people and communities before, during and after emergencies.

This includes supporting communities, groups and individuals to prepare for emergencies as well as assisting with response and disaster recovery.

JJ Edmondson, divisional operations officer South Gippsland, which also covers Bass Coast, said like most volunteer organisations, they are struggling to



Red Cross emergency services volunteers can be deployed across the country.

find new recruits.

"We have been extremely busy our particular division, we were out and about for the Black Summer bushfires and we still had members out helping when COVID hit," she said.

"They had been doing outreach and checking in on people after the fires, but they had to be called back when the pandemic hit.

"We then helped people during isolation and began delivering food for those in isolation.

"So we haven't stopped." Ms Edmondson highlighted that they are seeking passionate volunteers who are keen to give back to their community.

"We ask volunteers only to do what they can, we have members trained up so they

can go out and talk to any community group, and we're happy to do that online," she said.

"Emergencies aren't just bushfires, everyone at some point in their life will be involved in some sort of emergency.

"But if you are supported, you are able to cope much better.

"But we need people who are comfortable speaking with others."

Members also attend primary schools under the Pillowcase Program, which helps prepare children for emergency situations.

"Some people think their work will get in the way, but there are opportunities on the weekend and evenings," she said.

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More than just a headache

Bena Ong Pharmacist

Terry White Chemmart Leongatha



A RECENT study has shown that migraines affect over 5 million Australians.

That is an alarming statistic, considering that the population of Victoria, as of this year in 2022, is 6.74 million, which is almost 74% of Victoria's population.

If you, unfortunately, belong to one of the five million, you would be well aware of the debilitating symptoms of migraines which include: nausea, dizziness, vomiting, and sensitivity to light, sound, and odours.

However, by identifying and avoiding specific triggers - you can minimise your chances of developing a migraine.

The following tips are some ways to manage and get on top of your migraine.

1. Avoiding loud noises, strong smells and bright lights Loud noises, flashing lights, and sensory stimulation are common triggers for migraines. They may be hard to avoid, but knowing that they occur in certain situations and environments could help.

2. Keeping a migraine diary Keep notes of what you consume, your exercise routine, the weather, your mood and emotions, and any medications you take. All these factors, matched alongside the times and severity of your migraine episodes - can help you see a pattern in your migraine occurrences, which can help prevent them from happening.

3. Eat and sleep on a regular schedule Fasting or skipping meals can trigger migraines, as hunger and dehydration can cause migraines. Ensure you are well hydrated by drinking enough water and try not to skip meals. Lack of sleep can also aggravate symptoms, so make sure you clock in at least seven to eight hours. Even getting too much sleep can cause headaches, so don't try to make up for lost sleep by snoozing too long.

Over-the-counter treatments for migraines are also available in the form of simple analgesics such as Paracetamol, Ibuprofen or Aspirin.

These agents give quick, pain relief and are easily accessible.

However, if no relief comes from the use of these over-the-counter options- Speak to your doctor about other options to possibly prevent and treat recurrent migraines.

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## Celebrations and new members for women's network

THE Southern Business Women Network (SBWN) held its AGM at Pearl, Inverloch on September 15.

The event was well attended and 55 people enjoyed a delicious Asian-inspired meal.

Guests were entertained and inspired by keynote speaker, Emma Germano.

Emma is the managing director of her family mixed operation, I Love Farms, and many people may have passed the lovely farm-gate shop on the Strzelecki Highway at Delburn.

Emma is also a Nuffield Scholar and the current Victorian Farmers Federation president, board member of Energy Safe Victoria and director of The Queen Victoria Market.

Emma spoke passionately about the importance of sustainability, making positive changes within the industry and ensuring a vibrant future for Australian growers.

Outgoing SBWN president Christie Nelson thanked the vacating committee for their incredible contributions to the network and welcomed the new committee (full committee

to be announced soon).

Christie said she is very humbled by the well wishes and gratitude received for her last couple of years as president from the committee and the members.

"In a time when lots of networking groups, social activities and sporting organisations were folding due to COVID, I am very proud of what the committee have achieved and the events held over the last two years in some of the most difficult of times," she said.

"Our members enjoy being part of something supportive, inspirational and social and it's been really important to keep providing these opportunities."

There are still some committee roles to be filled and further information can be sought via [president@sbwn.com.au](mailto:president@sbwn.com.au).

The next networking event will feature keynote speaker, Danni Holloway, ex-local and founder of Merry People boots on October 20, at Brent Sinclair's new premises, Space 47 in Leongatha.

For tickets; [www.sbwn.com.au/events](http://www.sbwn.com.au/events)



Outgoing Southern Business Women Network president, Christie Nelson and keynote speaker, Emma Germano pictured at the network's recent AGM.

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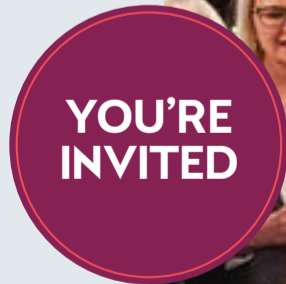
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Rob and Bill seeing the light.

## A meeting of like minds at Fixit Café

DESPITE being minus a couple of our usual Fixers, it was a very lively session this month of Fixit Café with new people coming to check it out, and finding much in common with each other.

Rob was kept very busy with a variety of electrical fixes and it was good to see that Bill had come prepared with suitable replacement wire, taken off a lamp bought by his wife at the Rose Lodge Op Shop, making the job quick and easy.

There were a few chairs brought to the Men's Shed and Trevor did a roaring trade in sharpening tools and knives.

Thursday is the day for picking up mended chairs. Our next Fixit Café is on Sunday, October 16, between 11 and 1pm and the last one for the year will be November 20. There will not be one in December or January.

Bookings of repairs are essential on 5672 3731 when you will be given a time to come.

One item per person can be fixed, as time is limited, and you must be able to carry it.

Repairs are free but a donation is always welcome to help running costs.

This is a joint activity between the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be found at the Harvest Centre, off the Big W car park, at the back of the Goods Shed.

Let's keep our stuff out of landfill and give it a second chance.

# Poowong Garden Club celebrates 50 years

POOWONG Garden Club recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary in style, holding a flower and photography show at the Poowong Public Hall.

Attendees at the event's official opening saw the club's longest serving member and Life Member, Margaret Monk, given the honour of cutting the celebratory cake.

Poowong Garden Club president Linda Harvey highlighted the club's achievements and contributions over its last 15 years.

The club has provided financial assistance to a number of organisations for various projects.

These include Poowong Pioneer Chapel, Poowong Kindergarten's bush tucker garden, and Poowong Consolidated School's (PCS) memorial garden in memory of Rachael Harms, a young parent who lost her battle to cancer.

PCS also runs an 'adopt a garden bed' program, with parents and children pitching in to maintain its gardens, and the Garden Club provides funding to meet associated expenses.

The club has recently assisted the local Anglican Church to purchase fruit trees for its community garden.

Sunday saw more than 100 people come through the doors to view the floral and photography show.

Horticultural judge Sue Thompson praised the high standard of exhibits, with many entries from novice exhibitors putting their works on show for the first time.

Sue was particularly delighted



Linda Harvey (president of Poowong Garden Club and founding club member Flo Cooper (both seated), and Christina Robinson (Poowong Garden Club secretary) with Flo's daughter Myra Martin (both standing).

with the excellent standard displayed in the trees and shrubs section.

Poowong Consolidated School children provided eye catching artwork that adorned the hall walls adding brightness and interest to the show.

The show was made possible by the dedication of the club's members and received crucial funding, president Linda noted.

"The Poowong Garden Club are grateful to the Strzelecki Lions Club, Drouin and District Community Bank Bendigo Bank Branch, and the South Gippsland Shire Council small grants program for

their generous financial support for this event to take place," she said.

Flo Cooper, a foundation member of the Garden Club, now aged 103, was unable to attend but sent a message of congratulations, with other club members visiting her after to share birthday cake and memories.

### Overall Competition winners

**Floral Section:**  
Cut Flowers - Margaret Monk, Trees and Shrubs - Linda Harvey, Pot Grown Plants - Julie Cantwell, Floral Art - Sue Thompson, Poowong Garden

Club Section Only - Heather Miller, Children's Section Under 9 years overall winner - Jarrah Gurney, Children's Open section overall winner - Jarrah Gurney

**Photography Section:**  
Animal/Pets - first Andrew Keir, second Nigel Beresford  
Sunset/Sunrise - first Michelle Johnson, second Michelle Johnson  
Trees - first Nigel Beresford, second Maree Delia  
Make me smile - first Linda Harvey, second Michelle Johnson  
Water - first Nigel Beresford, second Andrew Keir  
Showcase Poowong - first Nic Harvey, second Marge Barton.

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Craft Markets Australia will be showcasing Craft exhibitors in the North End of the General Interest Pavilion and out on the lawn.



# Proud name for no name lake

THE Norsemens Road lake in Coronet Bay has now been named Wang toolome parnung.

A naming day celebration will be held in early 2023 to commemorate the official naming.

With the assistance of a Bass Coast Shire grant, the Bunurong Land Council was approached by Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Committee (CBRRC) to commence the naming process.

Committee member Linda Nicholls said Melbourne Water, who manage the waterway, and have been a huge support in the process, alongside the Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Landcare and the Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management.

Waterways and Land Officer – Westernport, Gavin Brock of Melbourne Water said Geographic Names Victoria supports the naming proposal and updated the name in the Victorian Government Gazette.

Wang toolome parnung and the vegetation around the lake has been the focus of the recent Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Fauna Survey, that identified it as a vital habitat for the Swamp Antechinus.

"This Australian marsupial is now listed as vulnerable and this has elevated the status of this waterway and surrounding vegetation along the foreshore," said Linda.

"This is also an important roosting site for egrets and cormorants. It attracts an array of waterbirds including the pacific black duck, Australian white ibis, white faced heron, black



Residents from Coronet Bay and Corinella celebrate the naming of the local waterway.

swan, grey teal, purple swamp hen, Eurasian coot and the spoonbill."

The Fauna Survey, undertaken by expert Brad Blake, was funded by the Bass Valley Lions Club with a portion contributed by the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents' Association.

The survey collected data on what species were found along the coastal pathway.

"The Survey discovered species living here such as the swamp antechinus, swamp rat, short beaked echidna, common wombat, eastern long neck turtle, spotted marsh frog, the eastern banjo frog, the eastern blue tongue lizard and the eastern grey kangaroo, as well as a pest species – the fox," said Linda.

"We will continue to work closely with Melbourne Water to also assess the water quality of Wang toolome parnung.

"We have commenced a "Waterbug monitoring programme" and that will be something we will aim to encourage the local schools to continue with in partnership with Melbourne Water.

"This will give us an indication of the health of the waterway and our local Community will be involved in the conservation of the waterway."

In addition to this, the Bio-links Landcare Grant from the Bass Valley Landcare Group has provided the opportunity to revegetate along the Coastline in the Waterline area. (Pioneer Bay, Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella and Coronet Bay).

"Landcare plantings are going ahead in some neighbouring coastal properties to Wang toolome parnung.

"These will provide a buffer

zone for the foreshore environment. It will replace some of the habitat that has been lost due to land clearing for residential development and it will increase the biodiversity. This will also support the creation of a wildlife corridor," said Linda.

The Coronet Bay Residents' and Ratepayers' Association and the local community are looking forward to the installation of the signage, and an official naming ceremony of the Wang toolome parnung in the New Year.

This will include a Smoking Ceremony and a native planting by those who wish to participate on the day.

Please contact the CBRRA at [secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au](mailto:secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au) if you have ideas to contribute to this Naming Ceremony Day or any skills.

## Dress up and help raise monies

WITH a fantastic selection of raffle, door and auction prizes up for grabs secure your tickets to Wonthaggi Fire Brigades Masquerade Gala on October 15.

Live music by Two Inch Monkeys and Russ Mathews MC, canapes and a drink on arrival dress in your finest gala attire, place your mask and dance into the night.

Whether a gown and top hat and tail you've dusted off, a special purchase after years locked away or the perfect find in your local op shop the evening is not just about raising vital funds but having a good night out with friends, family and your community after many years of isolation.

All funds raised go directly to new equipment to help save lives whether on the fire ground, a rescue situation or hazmat scenario – it might just save your life.

Wonthaggi Fire Brigade would also like to acknowledge their incredible sponsors and donors for the evening: Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage, Brave Rods Australia, Bunnings, Capeview Mitre 10 Wonthaggi, Chapz Lurest, B J Clancy & Co. Printing, Coles, Dirty Three Wines, Enter Hair, Gurneys Cidars, Headlines, Honda Racing, Ingenia Holidays Inverloch, Island Cookie Box, Jess & Bj Wellness Coach, Kaiser Craft Wonthaggi, Lesa's Nails, Mad as a Platter, Mates Gin, Melbourne United Basketball, Miners Dispensary, Officeworks Fountain Gate, Oh Shoot Me Photography, Phillip Island Circuit, Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre, Ramalama Book Exchange, Revive Beauty & Spa, South Gippsland Sentinel Times, Summersalt Gymnastics, Tanzi Crochet Designs, The Caledonian Hotel, Voyage Fitness Wonthaggi, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Wonthaggi Electronics, Wonthaggi Fabrics & Yarn, Wonthaggi Health & Ecology, Wonthaggi Toyota, Wonthaggi Workmens Club and Woolworths.

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## Sentinel-Times COMMENT

### Why you must speak out now!

LAST week we had AGL announcing that it would be closing the Loy Yang A power station in the Latrobe Valley, 10 to 13 years ahead of schedule, before the end of 2035.

Set aside the loss of 600 jobs in Gippsland, for a moment, and how they will be replaced, it means the state will lose a whopping 2200MW of generating capacity, 30 per cent of the state's total, while the Loy Yang Mine provides approximately 50% of the coal needed to generate electricity in Victoria.

No one would mind that if we had assurances about what happens next.

But all we've had by way of reassurances, that the state will have sufficient power generating capacity, at a reasonable price, is the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen and the State Minister for Energy, Environment, Climate Action and Solar Homes Lily D'Ambrosio self-congratulating themselves over the plan to put hundreds if not thousands of wind turbines off the coast of Gippsland.

At this stage, they're set to ring Wilsons Promontory National Park and dominate the beaches from the 90 Mile Beach in the east to Waratah Bay, and from Inverloch, to Kilcunda, Cape Woolamai and the penguin beach on the Summerland Peninsula.

Star of the South, the most advanced of these turbine projects, with an estimated 200 turbines, each of 350 metres high, is slated to produce 2200MW per annum, the same as Loy Yang A. But wind turbines average only 42% of their potential, meaning that there are times when they produce no power, or next to nothing.

So, when there's a cold snap in Melbourne, the rooftop solar isn't doing much, the wind isn't blowing, and you've got heaters blaring and industry all over Victoria trying to kick into gear - what happens?

We either buy power at extortionate rates from interstate or we have increasingly regular brownouts across the state! What's that going to do to jobs, industry and growth in Victoria? We'll be exporting even more of our manufacturing and importing more of the things we need than we do now.

So, apart from the warm and fuzzy notion of putting up some window dressing around our magnificent Gippsland coast, to appease the insatiable climate change lobby, what's the plan? If there is one, the general public doesn't know what it is.

AGL didn't even want to close Loy Yang A early, if you read their statement to the ASX last week, they felt pressured to do so.

AGL Chair, Patricia McKenzie, said: "We have listened to our stakeholders - in particular, our shareholders, as well as government and energy regulatory authorities. Their views were an important consideration as we reviewed the company's strategic direction after withdrawing the demerger proposal."

Two things:

If you have any reservations whatsoever about the Federal Government's plan to locate hundreds of massive wind turbines along the Gippsland coastline, you must make your feelings known by next Friday, October 7 on the government website. Type in 'Gippsland offshore wind submissions', go to the Department of Industry's 'Consultation Hub' at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland> and hit the 'feedback' tab.

And setting aside the freak out over Fukushima, we also need to have a proper debate about nuclear energy (pumped hydro being unlikely here).

Notwithstanding the fact that there hasn't been a new nuclear plant ordered in the United States since 1978, the next generation of nuclear power plants is much safer, more efficient, produces much less waste and guarantees a closed environmental loop.

So much so that even the Green German Government is realising the only reason it can consider closing down its nuclear reactors is because the baseload power is still being provided by dirty coal and gas.

The whole thing is a crock, embroiled in fashionable politics and misinformation, and if we continue the way we're going, Victoria will be more of an economic cot-case than it already is, and Gippsland will bear more than its fair share of the impact.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

#### Inclusivity not achieved

Our council have introduced an "inclusive prayer" to replace the Lord's Prayer for their meeting prayer.

Most Australians in our diverse multi-cultural society believe in a supreme being or gods.

All these very different belief traditions must surely get a mention in any prayer worthy of the name "inclusive". This has as yet, not been successfully achieved.

Our council now have a prayer to no one.

**Jane Teather, Korumburra.**

#### South Gippsland must grow the rate base

From the public gallery at the South Gippsland Shire Council one hour meeting, Wednesday, September 21, it was fascinating to hear, during the 'show and tell' segment, of the pleasant interactions the councillors enjoyed with constituents across the shire.

However, for the entire segment, and for that matter, the entire meeting, the serious matter of rates, concerning too many ratepayers right now, was not mentioned. Not once.

Councillors, you don't live in a parallel universe - you must have heard complaints. It's a matter of such community concern that you cannot ignore it - as you have just done.

You, our elected representatives, must come out from under the doona, and present some idea how you plan to mitigate future rate increases. Most of us understand you don't control individual property valuations, but you can influence the applied rate.

Councillor utterances, so far, confirm that you have no plan. If that perception is correct, how about you start by dragging the 'Growth for Reduced Rates Plan/Strategy' (and the Addendum thereto) out of the administration's hidey hole and poring over that, as suggested to you by South Gippsland Action Group many months ago?

That concept has gathered dust since it was launched January

2019. The last elected council liked it, the local press and estate agents praised it. Then it foundered during the 'do nothing' wasted years of Administration. The challenge has always been there for someone to present a better plan - so, are you up for it? Size matters! If SGSC remains small, we get eaten - that's the nature of all things the world over!

Mind you, implementation success depends on controlling administration staff levels, so that they do not eat up the increased gross revenue. Managed properly, servicing an increased population does not mean reducing services provided (although plenty of opportunities exist there). Commercial enterprises do this exercise routinely (and SGSC is, in fact, a corporation).

Direct, not ask, the CEO to enable the direction in which you want to take the shire. Employment contracts include 'Key Performance Indicator' clauses for a good reason! You are the 'board' - a year in 'control', it's time for you to make your mark. You have only two levers available - pull both. Or get out of the way!

**John McCombe, Leongatha.**

#### Gumboot fun

I had the pleasure to attend the Gippsland Gumboot Scoot on September 30, at the Stony Creek Racecourse.

It was great fun.

We tried our best to follow our leaders with varying results... the possum watching us must have laughed.

Congratulations must go to the organisers, who put so much effort in to stage this event, that was also a fundraiser for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

It brought the community together in a fun way.

But I could not help thinking if the SGSC had not dismissed the Events and Equestrian Centre, what a magnificent asset it would have been for the community and how much business it would have created.

**Ilse Arndt, Meenyan.**

## Vox Pop

### Do you think more needs to be done on cyber security?



**Michael Dunne**  
Grantville  
"Of course."



**Mary Rodda**  
Seaford  
"No, it doesn't affect me."



**Rob Blanco**  
Korumburra  
"More should be done on privacy and that will flow on to better controls on cyber security."



**Michelle Dohnt**  
Bena  
"I think it's a continuous effort - we've got to remain vigilant."

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.

### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE days are warming up and if your windows catch the sunlight then perhaps there is less need to turn the heating on. However power prices keep climbing up no matter what so it's good to know that the \$250 Power Savings Bonus from the State Government is set to continue to December 31, of this year and is open to all Victorian households, not just concession card holders. They are keen that you seek out a better energy deal and save money on energy bills that way. So, if you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills, direct them to the online site: [www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome](http://www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome). And call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying.

The seasons move on and our gardens flourish and bring forth many delicious edible delights (if your garden is that way inclined.). Sometimes the production load may be a bit too much so thank goodness our Seed & Veggie/Produce swap is on again this Saturday, October 8, at the Harvest Centre beyond the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed. If you are a member it is a gold coin donation, others are \$6. It's on for an hour, 10 to 11am.

Following that is the Wonthaggi Food Collective. It is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark-up to its members. Interested? To get a stock list or to find out more, contact [WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com](mailto:WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com) or call Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933

If you are missing out on our scrumptious Free Community Lunch tomorrow, then set your sights on coming along to the next one. They happen every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon. Our next one is a bit over a week away. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or reacquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly. Our next one is Wednesday, October 12. Book in now!

A number of activities and groups have been having a holiday too while the kids are home. Please contact Mitchell House to see if your interests are up and at it for term 4, starting on Monday the third of October.

Our AGM is coming upon Monday, October 10, at 2pm. We are pleased to have Andrea Evans-McCall, Centre Manager of Country Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast as our guest speaker. CUC provide a dedicated learning and study space in Wonthaggi. The WNC's mission is to build community spirit through providing a safe, welcoming environment to learn and share ideas, skills and information as well as improve social health and wellbeing through our programs and activities. Please consider sharing your skills and experience and support our Centre to achieve this mission. For more information contact Mitchell House.

Our Grapevine newsletter is out and if you become a member of the WNC, this will be delivered online or posted out to you. Plus you will receive discounts to many activities. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

The Course Guide for Term 4 is out now and features a range of new industry introductory courses. These are designed to give learners a taste of a field before committing to a Certificate course.

They include an introduction to Hair-dressing and Beauty therapy which features hands-on experience in styling and makeup design. The Horticulture intro gives learners experience in plant nutrition, landscaping and pest management.

A new Information Technology course is being offered which gives an introduction to coding, app development and tech support skills. Finally, the Hospitality course will get participants job-ready for food and drink service, coffee making and kitchen skills.

Each of these short courses creates a direct pathway to nationally recognised Certificate level courses offered by BCAL in 2023. Get a head start now.

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

Garden volunteers got some great feedback on their lettuce planting program, last Thursday, when Bass Coast Child Care (BCCC), visited their plot.

BCCC manager Dina, told volunteers they had picked enough lettuces through the week to use in lunches and give away to staff and families.

Volunteers planted masses of self-sown seedlings throughout the garden about six weeks ago, when some vegies, particularly, lettuce, were too expensive to buy.

The plan was to grow lots and give away lots, to garden helpers, members, friends and visitors. And it worked!

Growing quick crops from self-sown seed is a win-win for the garden and the community. The children also planted beetroots, dug up potatoes and picked lemons. A very productive visit all round!

To get involved or find out more about the community garden at BCAL, contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop in on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon to see what's happening.

#### U3A WONTHAGGI

Wonthaggi U3A is presenting a thought-provoking panel discussion called *Imagining a World Without War*.

The discussion will be led by retired Royal Australian Infantry Corps Major Kevin Walsh who said, "If you don't think something is possible then most people won't even try to do it and so it remains impossible."

The event will be held at the Inverloch Community Hub on Monday, October 10, at 2pm. Admission is free but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

For more information on all of U3A's Term 4 activities, visit [u3awonthaggi.org.au](http://u3awonthaggi.org.au).

#### WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The toy making group is an excellent starting point for people with entry level woodworking skills. However, there is room for advanced levels too.

Woodies member Frank recently completed a scale model of a digger with fully working 33-piece tracks, an articulated arm and wooden versions of the hydraulic rams.

It's not just a beautiful piece of woodworking, it's a magnificent piece of engineering.

Whether your pursuit is artistic, practical, or a mix of both like this, there are always great ideas at the Woodies.



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### INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S THE start of the term and hopefully the start of some fine sunny days. We have a jam-packed term with many activities filling out fast so make sure to book in as soon as you can.

This Tuesday, October 4, the Gippsland Women's Health Roadshow will be at the Hub. The GWH team are taking time out of the office to travel around Gippsland to personally hear from women across the region. The team are keen to connect with women and understand firsthand what it is they need to support their safety, health, and wellbeing. Come down to Inverloch Community Hub and have a chat anytime between 10 - 4pm.

Also, this week Astronomy will kick off once again. Proving to be an extremely popular session. Brad Gilmore is running a 5-week course which will begin with an overview of the previous session moving into a more advanced understanding of the cosmos. Exoplanets, how to detect them, how big are they, surrounding atmospheres and exploring gravity waves as well as Astro Photography are topics that will be covered in the session. Sessions Commence. Thursday, October 6, 11:45 - 12:45pm. Bookings required 5674 2444.

There is an additional Seated Yoga class running this term on a Thursday 3:30 - 4:30pm. We also have our regular class on Wednesdays 12 to 1pm. Seated yoga is suitable for all abilities and postures can be varied for individuals. This form of yoga can be done seated and standing using a chair for support. Bookings preferred 5674 2444.

We have one more Soup Café left for the year which Yooralla will be hosting on Tuesday, October 11. We are very excited to have them on board once again. The café is a pay as you feel event. It is held in the Hub from 12-1:30pm no bookings required just come along, enjoy a lovely bowl of soup and hopefully meet some new people.

Clare is also back on board with iPhone and iPad support. You can book in one on one session for assistance with any troubles you may be having with your devices. Clare is available on Thursdays 10 - 12pm. Bookings required. 5674 2444

Hard copies of our program are available at the House, or it can be downloaded via our website at [www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au).



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## LIFE Moments



Noah Cove Atkins was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 22, 2022, weighing 2950 grams. He is a son for Darcy Atkins and Baylee Matheson.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)

### FAITH FACTOR

## What is your purpose?

By Pastor Peter Muir

I WAS at a men's night recently. After the barbecue, the film "90 Minutes in Heaven" was shown. It's a true story of a man who was run over by a semi-trailer, instantly died and 90 mins later miraculously regained consciousness.

Great film, very thought provoking. During his time in hospital, all through rehab the one thought that came again and again was "What is my Purpose?"

As I write this article, I want to consider the same question and if you know your purpose before God then "Are you on track?"

I was only a new Christian in 1979 teaching Sunday school and I knew God wanted me as a pastor / tent-maker.

I wasn't happy as I had other ideas for my life, but I knew if this was God's ideal then why settle for second best.

In 1983 I married Janice and we moved to Foster where the idea of pastoring the church in Yarram came up.

I did not want to live in Yarram but here we are, very happy after some 35 years primarily because I know this is where God had chosen for me to live.

When Pastor Chris asked me to be his replacement at Grace Chapel, I again wanted to say "No", but I knew that once again, God knows me far better than I know me.

Knowing your God directed purpose in life will bring contentment, direction and peace.

God has agendas for all our lives but are we willing to trust him to know best?

So I have come to this way of thinking.

Jesus is God, he knew what was required of himself and he was willing to spend himself on me, to please his father and do his will. I need to do the same, because I have always had a choice, either:

- 1: Gods purpose for me, or
- 2: Something else I wanted.

Go and watch the film and let God speak to you about his purpose for your life.



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## Discover the benefits of ecotherapy

HAVING worked in the field of mental health over the past decade, Jess is all too aware of the barriers that exist for some people to access appropriate care.

Understanding that being in "therapy" is confronting for many, Jess has taken the opportunity to remove this barrier by utilising the natural world as the conduit for therapy.

Nature Based Therapy (NBT) or Ecotherapy as it is often referred to is an emerging field of practice, however the concept of conducting healing and transformative work in nature is not new.

Nature based therapy acknowledges the unique connection that people have to the land and the impacts this plays on well-being.

The basic concept of Nature based therapy is about creating a deeper connection to nature and feeling better for it.

At the core of ecotherapy is the combination of



increased awareness of the present and an immersion in nature.

Jess believes that spending time in nature is transformative and acknowledges personally that it is an integral part of her own self-care routine, finding time in nature is restorative as well as calming.

Nature based therapy is an active form of health-care prevention and intervention which attempts to draw on the benefits of nature-based activity to support mental health and wellbeing.

Nature based therapy can include nature meditation, horticulture therapy, animal assisted therapy, forest bathing, bushcraft skills, creative arts, physical movement in the natural environment such as yoga or walking.

Flourish: Health and Wellbeing in Nature is run by qualified Social Worker Jess Edwards, who has recently completed an advanced accreditation in Nature Based Therapy.

For more information visit: [www.flourish-healthandwellbeingina-nature.com.au](http://www.flourish-healthandwellbeingina-nature.com.au)

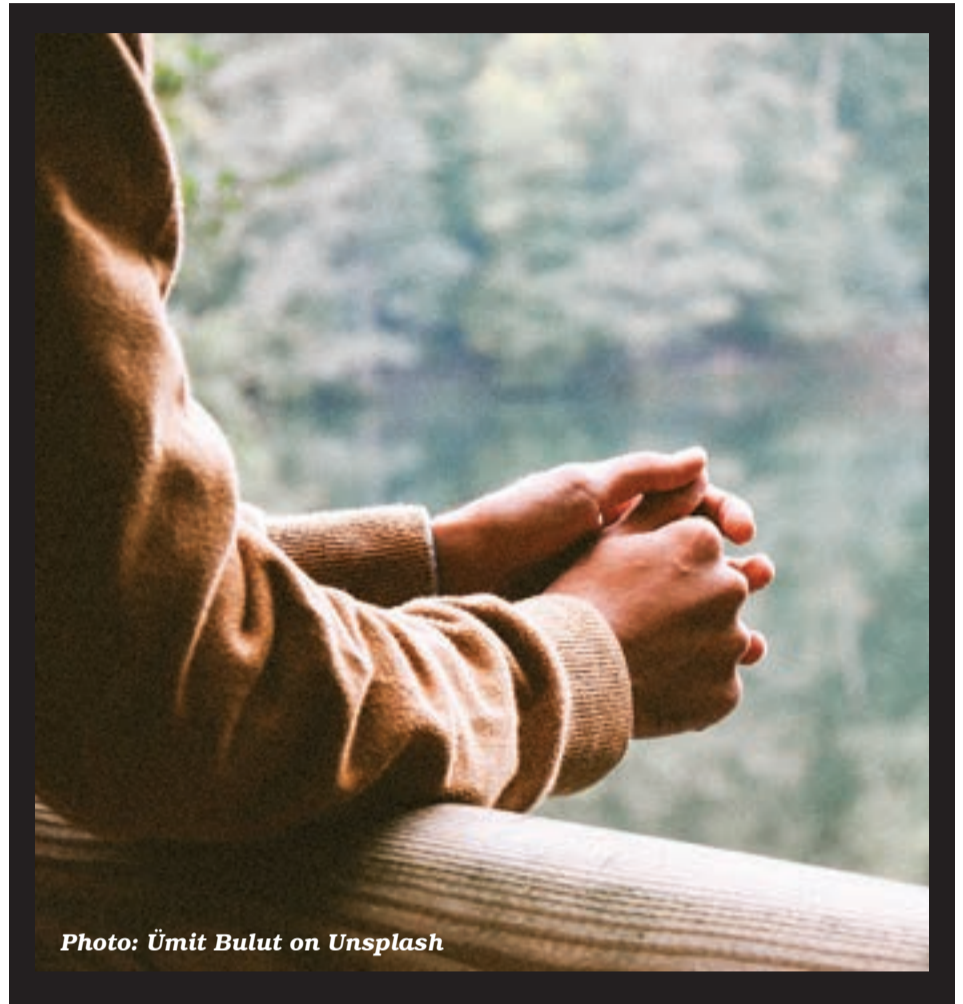


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## Nominations open for the 2022 Tandem Awards

SOUTH Gippsland and Bass Coast residents who are supporting a family member or friend with mental health challenges are invited to make a nomination for the 2022 Tandem Awards for Exceptional Service to family, carers, and supporters in Mental Health.

The Tandem Awards are for individuals, services, or programs in mental health that practices compassion and family-inclusive practice as part of their day-to-day work.

Nominations must be submitted by 5pm on Monday, October 31, using the nomination form on the Tandem website at: [tandemcarers.org.au/awards](http://tandemcarers.org.au/awards)

Tandem holds the Awards each year to celebrate

excellence in compassionate and family-inclusive practice in mental health.

"The inclusion of family, friends or supporters is shown to improve the experience and recovery outcomes for most people accessing mental health and wellbeing services," said Tandem CEO Marie Piu.

Nina Cook (the first Carer Consultant for Aged Persons Services and Senior Carer Peer Worker, Adult Mental Health) won last year's Carer Lived Experience Workforce Award.

"Receiving this award has tuned me deeper into the work that each of my peers are engaged with and of the importance to encourage celebration with them of their engagements no matter

how big or small... "All carers are the unsung heroes who continue to put one foot in front of another, tirelessly, methodically, cautiously fuelled with hope to explore possibilities for those they support, and with voice and vision to challenge the systems barriers."

Tandem encourages nominations of those who have made an exceptional contribution as we have battled COVID-19, in NDIS support, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, LGBTQIA+, over 65, 25 and under, from multicultural and refugee communities, or rural and regional areas.

Joining Tandem is free. Visit: [tandemcarers.org.au/join](http://tandemcarers.org.au/join)

## New priority issues papers focus on mental health and wellbeing

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network invested \$16.4 million in mental health services across the region in the 2021-2022 financial year with more people than ever before accessing these services.

This was revealed in the two new priority issues papers from Gippsland PHN on mental health and wellbeing (Issues-Impacts and Services-Programs).

The Issues and Impacts paper showed that in 2019-20, there were 2,516 clients accessing Gippsland PHN funded Primary Mental Health (PMC) care services increasing to 4,659 clients in 2020-21.

The significant increase was in part due to the Australian Government investment in the Head to Health service from September 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with two hubs located in Gippsland.

There were 14,975 referrals for psychology from general practices across Gippsland in 2020; 22% were for patients in East Gippsland;

- 21% for Latrobe;
- 18% Baw Baw;
- 17% Wellington;
- 14% Bass Coast; and
- 8% South Gippsland.

Over half (59%) of student presentations to a Doctors in Secondary Schools clinic across nine secondary schools in Gippsland were related to mental health issues.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive officer, Amanda Proposch, said the two priority issues papers provided valuable data on mental health and wellbeing across the region, and informed service commissioning.

"Our aim is for the commissioning process to be informed by best practice and through consultation with people who have lived experience," Ms Proposch said.

"Programs are delivered in a way that meets needs and aim to improve the overall health and wellbeing of people living in Gippsland."

According to national mental health

prevalence estimates, 40 per cent of the Australian population are either experiencing mental illness or are at risk of mental illness.

Applying these estimates to the 2021 Gippsland population shows that:

- Over 9,000 people have severe mental illness
- 13,500 people have moderate mental illness
- 26,500 people have mild mental illness
- 68,000 are at risk of mental illness

Other key findings included:

- Significant impacts on communities when services are not available and issues are prolonged or exacerbated.
- Young people experience a pressure to succeed that can impact their wellbeing.
- Older people can feel shame and guilt when they can no longer look after themselves and avoid seeking help.
- LGBTQIA+ people may avoid accessing services due to poor past experiences.
- Financial stress can lead to poor mental health.
- Need to understand a person's experiences, their circumstances and the underlying reasons for mental health issues.
- Caring, trusted professionals and follow up leads to good outcomes.
- A need for inclusive and psychologically safe services that are more available in community-based settings.

The second priority issues paper on Services and Programs, lists the range of support available to people in Gippsland including Head to Health, Primary Mental Health and Suicide Prevention programs, secondary schools' program and Indigenous Dual Diagnosis services.

"We recognise the importance of mental health and wellbeing in our community and we are committed to ensuring people can access the most appropriate services for their mental health needs at any given time," Ms Proposch said.

See the new priority issues papers here [gphn.org.au/resources/](http://gphn.org.au/resources/)



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Join us for a Free Calm & Connected Nature Therapy Group for Mental Health Month. Feeling overwhelmed and disconnected, then 'tune in' and come along to our Calm and Connected Nature Therapy Group. For bookings and more information please visit:

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## Words that build trust

With Jason Crestani, Psychologist

AT MENTAL Health Week this year local Bass Coast Psychologist Jason Crestani has taken the opportunity to explore how the words we use have power for change in our relationships.

Disagreements start with a difference in perspective. Your partner and children have their own way of seeing things. The words we use can be a key factor in building trust. Recognise their power for change, and they become powerful tools in your relationships.

Have you ever been talking to your partner about something important, but they seem a million miles away? They might say all the right words, ("I'm listening, whatever you decide is fine."), yet it feels like an "on hold" recording that says, "all of our staff are currently busy."

We can't automate our communication. Trust is built in a relationship through words and time. The words we use early in a relationship help us determine the level of trust we have with the other person. Over time, that trust increases as we learn to feel safe with them, knowing that we'll still be loved and accepted just the way we are — even when we disagree.

### *"I was wrong."*

Your key relationships will be more important than your relationship with your mechanic, or your political party. Instead of formulating arguments, see if you can take a deep breath and say, "You were so right, and I was so wrong." It's that simple — and you will be OK.

Strong people admit when they're wrong, which builds trust. Weak people ignore their mistakes or defend them, which weakens trust.



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### *"What can I do differently?"*

When someone we trust genuinely asks us our opinion, it feels good. When you say, "What can I do differently?" it gives your loved one permission to speak into your life. You're not asking for a list of things you need to fix, but for ways you can fine-tune the good things in your relationship. You want to grow, and your loved ones will appreciate the invitation to be part of the journey.

### *"Help me understand."*

Most people argue by repeating their position louder and louder; but when their loved one is talking, they're not listening — they're just planning what they'll say when it's their turn.

When you feel your emotions rising during a discussion, slow down and say, "Help me understand." Set aside your agenda and listen without interrupting or planning your reply.

Ask clarifying questions without adding anything to what they're saying. If you just let them talk, they'll see your focused attention as a gift — and will be more inclined to do the same with you. "Help me understand," is a phrase that de-escalates tough conversations and opens the door to genuine, trusting connection.

### *"What do you think? This one is your call."*

You're going out to dinner, and you both have different places you'd like to go to. If it really doesn't matter, let your partner make the decision. Then agree that you'll decide next time.

In life, picking your battles is important. Hold the little decisions loosely and save your best communication and negotiating skills for those issues that really matter most.

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## New electoral boundaries apply for State election

NEW electoral boundaries will affect approximately 21 per cent of voters at the 2022 State election, including the Bass electorate.

The new boundaries were the result of the State redivision conducted in 2021 by the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC).

The 2020-21 redivision of State electoral boundaries made the following changes to Bass District.

Bass District lost:

- 10,399 voters to Berwick District (Clyde North)
- 30 voters to Narracan District (parts of Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham South)
- 20,460 voters to Pakenham District (Officer South; most of Pakenham and Pakenham South; parts of Cardinia, Officer and Rythdale).

Bass District gained:

- 7,590 voters from Hastings District (Cannons Creek, Pearcedale, Tooradin and Warneet; most of Devon Meadows; parts of Clyde and Cranbourne South).

Voters are now able to check whether their electorates are changing using 'Check my enrolment' on the VEC website, [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment)

The changes formally come into effect on Tuesday, November 1, when the writs for the 2022 State election are issued.

Voters can sign up on [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) to the free VoterAlert service to receive email and SMS notifications about the boundaries and other key election events.

A comparison of new and old boundaries can be viewed on the EBC interactive map at [maps.ebc.vic.gov.au](http://maps.ebc.vic.gov.au)



**Denise Ryan will be Labor's Gippsland South candidate for the 2022 Victorian State Election.**

## Labor Candidate announced for Gippsland South

GIPPSLAND South Labor are excited to announce that Denise Ryan will be the candidate for the 2022 Victorian State Election.

Since the State Election in 2018, Denise has continued her commitment to the community and is looking to build on that momentum.

Denise has an incredible set of diverse life experiences.

Denise lives on a dairy farm with her family in Denison.

She has previously worked in healthcare and small business - all in regional and rural areas and while raising a large family.

In addition to raising and providing for her family Denise has been a community leader, significantly contributing to associations that advocate and progress important social and economic causes.

This includes the Marley Street Community Hub, the Host Farms Association, the Twelve Apostles Tourism Association, and the United Dairy Farmers Association.

Issues relating to vulnerable people, particularly people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, women, and people with a disability are areas of great concern for Denise.

Gippsland South Labor are looking forward to highlighting the good work of the Andrews' government in the area, as well as the leadership shown on renewable energy and the environment, cost of living, health, education - especially early childhood education.



**Aaron Brown, candidate for Bass, Renee Heath, candidate for Eastern Victoria Region, Hon. Robert McLellan, Matt Guy MP, David Burgess, candidate for Eastern Victoria Region.**

## Liberals launch campaign for Bass

MATT Guy, Leader of the Victorian Liberal Party has officially launched the party's campaign to win back the seat of Bass at the November 26, State Election.

Mr Guy addressed an audience at Rhyll on Phillip Island on Saturday evening, where he described Liberal Party candidate Aaron Brown as an exceptional local candidate for Bass.

Mr Guy spoke highly of Aaron Brown's campaign, saying: "Aaron's commitment to winning Bass is inspirational and all feedback I have received is that he is an extremely well liked young man who is seen as highly competent and committed to the

task ahead.

"Being a fourth generation Bass resident gives him clear vision and knowledge of the problems in Bass and what is needed to address them."

Mr Brown's address focused on insights gained through meeting with more than 50 community groups and by door knocking thousands of homes.

"Many people in our community don't simply vote along party lines; they want a member who listens to them, understands their unique needs and stands up for the community. They understand that government is not about rolling out a shopping list of projects; it's about

engaging with people, and making policy decisions for now and the future," Mr Brown said.

Mr Guy's address highlighted the health crisis in Victoria, including in Bass.

He heard from a San Remo resident who informed him that three weeks ago he was required to take a friend to the emergency department for urgent assessment and they waited for more than 10 hours before being seen by a doctor, only for his seriously ill friend to be sent home at 2:15am.

Mr Guy outlined policy commitments already given by the Liberal Party to address the health crisis in Vic-

toria.

"Victorians want triple-0 calls answered, they want ambulances available and not ramped up at hospitals, and they want hospitals properly staffed. They deserve nothing less," he said.

"It's no good building new hospitals if you can't staff them which is a current state-wide problem."

Mr Guy also announced the Liberal Party's policy to introduce a debt cap, limiting the state's level of debt, which has reached over \$160 billion.

A plan to audit major projects which have seen cost overruns of more than \$30 billion was also announced.

## Animal Justice Party announces candidate

The Animal Justice Party has endorsed Dr Helen Jeges as their candidate for Gippsland South in the November Election.

A doctor of paediatric neuropsychology employed at Latrobe Regional Hospital, Dr Jeges and her husband own and operate a companion animal friendly holiday park just north of Yarram amongst the rainforest of the Tarra Valley, which she shares with a greyhound, staghound, cat and sheep.

Helen is the granddaughter of Gippsland dairy farmers from Garfield, and her Gippsland-born father is a veterinarian.

Helen has had a life-long passion for the health and welfare of animals.

Over the years this has translated into fostering 18 greyhounds discarded by the racing industry and campaigning against the industry.

Helen also deeply cares about native animals and volunteers her time locally in the Tarra Valley rescuing wildlife and treating mangle on local wombats.

Helen is also an active member of the Yarram community,



**Dr Helen Jeges is the Animal Justice Party's Gippsland South candidate.**

acting as a member of both the Yarram Primary School Council and Annual Yarram Dance Eisteddfod Committee.

"As a health practitioner, I treat my patients and their families with respect, dignity, empathy and kindness. I strongly believe that animals deserve the same consideration," Dr Jeges said.

"The most effective way to achieve positive change for animals, people and the planet is to be elected to parliament where legislation can be changed."

"We are at a tipping point for our native ecosystems, South Gippsland is ready to vote with their heart."

The Animal Justice Party was

founded in 2009 in response to the growing number of voters seeking better protections for animals in law.

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

For the first time ever, the party is seeking to run a candidate in all 88 lower house seats in Victoria.



## Association looking forward to promising season

WITH the fear of lockdowns now well in the past, the Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA) is ready to go for the 2022/23 season.

After a somewhat shaky start last year, the LDCA will be going back to seven one day and seven two-day rounds.

"We're going back to two-day cricket which we're all looking forward to," president John Schelling said.

"It's good to be back and the teams all seem to be going okay.

"There's been a few issues getting some of the Sri Lankan players back, it's been a little bit hard for them to get over here."

Schelling said the association would have a strong focus on the juniors this season, as well as the female competition.

"We've struggled to get it going the last couple of years (female juniors), but we've got more coaches who are keen for it," he said.

"We're working very hard on the Woolworths Cricket Blast program, so clubs in Leongatha are taking it in turns to host it. That involves under 12s and 14s."

Schelling noted the association is also keenly looking for more umpires after losing some key ones recently.



The LDCA has been enjoying a number of junior development training sessions and will have a strong focus on younger players this season. Photo: Leongatha and District Cricket Association

### OMK



OMK's Xavier, Brock, Koby (captain), Clayton and Noah at training recently.

## Vibes are high at Digger Park

THE Diggers are hoping to make the climb back up the ladder in season 2022/23 after avoiding relegation and have recruited adequately to assist themselves in doing so.

Star wicketkeeper batsman Koby Brann will take the reigns as captain of OMK for the upcoming season after making the move from Wonthaggi.

OMK president Russell White was confident Brann can be a big part of their resurgence to the top.

"He's come from Wonthaggi he's a good top order bat and can keep too," he said.

The Diggers also picked up Daniel Lloyd, a strong right-hand batsman from Korumburra, Alex Rowe and will welcome the return of Thomas Wyatt, a handy all-rounder likely to get a look in the top order.

Despite finishing on the bottom of the table in A1 last season, OMK survived a dive back to A2 due to Wonthaggi winning the A2 premiership.

Club legend Peter Dell will lead the Diggers in 2022/23, hoping to coach the 2020/21 premiers back into finals contention.

"We didn't get relegated so we're pretty happy and we've done a bit of recruiting. We're aiming to make finals," White said.

In a tough campaign last season, Ethan Lamers stood out with the bat, compiling 339 runs at an average of 37.67 from his nine matches, doing enough to be the

- **Senior Coach:** Peter Dell
- **A Grade Captain:** Koby Brann
- **Key recruits:** Koby Brann (Wonthaggi) Daniel Lloyd (Korumburra/returning) Thomas Wyatt (returning)
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Eighth
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Ethan Lamers (37.67 avg).
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Ryan Williams (18 wickets at 23)

Diggers best.

Ryan Williams also stood out, claiming 18 wickets at 23 with the ball from his 13 matches, to be OMK's best with the ball.

According to White, training numbers have been strong, and the squad is optimistic on the upcoming season.

"The vibe around the club is we've been training for six weeks at the hall in Korumburra, we've had 40 different guys train, Koby's been doing some one on one with the juniors," he said.

OMK will be focused on having an improved campaign this summer or risk relegation.

"We're running under 12s and Woolworths Blast if any kids are keen to get involved," White said.

Their first match will come in the form of a home matchup against Wonthaggi Club.

### • NYORA



Nyora Cricket Club Coach/Captain Henry Dolphin and Jake Hackett prepare for the season ahead. C42\_4022

## Second time round for Nyora

By Andrew Palocz

AFTER settling into the Leongatha and District Cricket Association last season, Nyora is confident it can break into the A2 finals this time.

With little change in personnel, improvement is expected to come from the continued development of young players such as opening bowlers Mitch Rowe and Lincoln Brock.

Rowe played 13 A Grade games last season, managing 11 wickets at 42.9 apiece, and can be expected to deliver significantly improved figures this season.

Brock featured in the same number of A Grade games in 2021/22, also capturing 11 wickets, at the slightly better average of 39.2 and should also take big strides this season.

Last season's leading run scorer and wicket taker for the Maroons, Henry Dolphin, continues as senior coach, adding the responsibility of captaining the A2 side.

He assumes the latter role from opening batsman Daniel Esler who is staying on as a player.

Dolphin made 487 runs at 40.6 in 2021/22, including a couple of centuries.

"Both of them were on days when we had a function, so he does like the occasion," club secretary Adam White said of Dolphin's ability to produce tons when there is a crowd present.

While Dolphin's prowess is more on the

- **Senior coach:** Henry Dolphin
- **A Grade captain:** Henry Dolphin
- **Key recruits:** Jarrod Shields (injured)
- **Key departures:** N/A
- **2021/22 finish:** Sixth in A2
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Henry Dolphin
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Henry Dolphin

batting side, he captured 23 wickets last campaign at the excellent average of 18.7.

Esler had a solid campaign, making a number of good starts in the challenging opening role, but will aim to deliver bigger scores this season.

He passed 50 just once in 2021/22, making 65 on that occasion.

Jarrod Shields was recruited as an A Grade wicketkeeper for this season, but has been sidelined for the entire campaign by a knee injury.

He will still play an important role at the club as its junior coach.

Nyora's second 11 had its depth sternly tested at B2 level last season, with the last-placed Maroons granted their wish to move into C1 competition in 2022/23.

Daniel Blackney arrives from Kilcunda Bass and is expected to help boost Nyora's depth, with White believing the medium fast bowler is a good chance to break into the Maroons A grade ranks.



## • GLEN ALVIE



Glen Alvie cricketers Zack, Joe and Ned are preparing for another cricket season.

## Future looking bright at the Alvie

GLEN ALVIE are quietly building a formidable side up in the hills, hoping the mix of young talent, experience and handy recruiting will be the perfect recipe to break into the finals.

Lachlan Harris will continue in his role as captain/coach of the Alvie's first XI.

Harris is a skilled all-rounder who bats in the top order and bowls off-spin, he was bullish on how his side is shaping up going into his second year as captain/coach.

"We've picked up Matt Allen from Buln Buln, we've also picked up a young fella Ryan Sinclair who'll be looking to develop into an A grade player during the year, we'll be putting a bit of time into him," he said.

Allen is a handy all-rounder who can score quickly with the bat and be prolific with the ball.

Sinclair is a young LDCA representative who is a genuine all-round talent.

Harris is optimistic that his club's focus on junior development will pay dividends and the return of a recruit from last season will bolster their leadership stocks.

"Stephen Kennedy is also going to play an integral part in our squad developing the younger fellas," he said.

"There are also another two blokes that played A grade last year in Zack Scholz and Matthew Dakin, they're really finding their feet at A grade level and are both looking to have a really good year."

"Matty Dakin opens the bowling for us and he's only 16 so he's a little superstar, I'm really keen for him to do well so hopefully he can break out this season."

Despite boasting such great young talent, Glen Alvie narrowly missed out on

- **Senior Coach:** Lachlan Harris
- **A Grade Captain:** Lachlan Harris
- **Key recruits:** Matt Allen (Buln Buln) Ryan Sinclair
- **Key departures:** Nil.
- **2021/22 A2 finish:** Fifth
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Steven Smith (25.8 avg).
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Nathan Findlay (14 wickets at 22.64).

the finals last season finishing barely a game outside the top four.

"We dropped too many games we could've won, it was our own fault, this year we're really aiming to be top three," said Harris.

"Hopefully this year we can really get everybody firing and doing the right thing to complement their talents."

A shining light on a heartbreaking season was opening batsman Steven Smith, who took out the Alvie's batting average with 258 runs at an average of 25.8 from 11 matches, including a high score of 84 in Round 4.

Opening bowler Nathan Findlay was also a standout, claiming the best bowling average with 14 wickets at 22.64, with season best figures of 3/21 in Round 13.

Harris will be hoping his young guns and last season's standouts can shine again as the Alvie look for more consistency in the hopes of tasting finals action in season 2022/23.

"Numbers across all grades are looking really strong and everyone's really committed on developing the club and becoming three successful teams," said Harris.

## • MDU



MDU players are ready for action. Back row: Paul, Kurt, Sam and Joel. Front row: Cale, Ben and Mitch.

## Finals glory drives MDU

MDU is coming off a solid season in which its A2 side made the semi final stage and its B1 outfit came sixth after stepping up a level.

Stability has been maintained this season with minimal change in personnel and Joel Sinclair continuing as senior coach and A Grade captain.

Vastly experienced and passionate Demon Craig Hooper assumes the B Grade captaincy.

The A Grade side needs to adjust to the absence of Mitch McGrath who is not expected to play much cricket prior to Christmas after injuring his knee playing baseball.

His leg spin transfixed opponents last season, reaping 17 A Grade wickets at an average of 16.7 apiece.

On the positive side for the side's bowling stocks, MDU president Russ Widows expects Darien Mathews to have a bigger impact in A Grade competition this season.

The opening bowler spent more of the last campaign in the Demons B1 side.

While Mathews played just a couple of A Grade games last season, sending down only 15 overs at that level, he captured four wickets at the impressive average of 15.3.

He also had a light bowling workload

- **Senior coach:** Joel Sinclair
- **A Grade captain:** Joel Sinclair
- **Key Recruits:** N/A
- **Key Departures:** N/A
- **2021/22 finish:** A2 semi final
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Nick Eddy
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Mitch McGrath

in his four B Grade fixtures but showed promise by averaging just 17 per wicket.

Nick Eddy was a steady presence with the willow last campaign, racking up 459 runs at the healthy average of 45.9.

The number three batsman's solid effort can be improved on this season by capitalising more fully on his good starts.

Eddy scored 50 or better on four occasions last season and built strong foundations in other innings, but had a top score of 87.

MDU's long-term prospects and ability to foster its own talent are on the rise, with the club able to field two junior sides for the first time in quite a while.

While the Demons were represented at under 12 level last season, they will also have a presence in the under 15s this time.



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## • INVERLOCH



**John Richardson charges in for Inverloch in their practice match at Bass.** B04\_4022

## Invy embracing their young stars

INVERLOCH may just be the most exciting team in the competition this season, and if not, they will certainly be fun to watch one way or another, as they look to hand the reigns to their plethora of junior talent as captain/coach David Newman explained.

"We're going to be pretty young, so the aim really is to develop the young players, in particular Jake Dennerley, Jack Butcher and Jack Donohue," he said.

"If we play well enough, I can see us qualifying for finals, but we just want to have a good year and get more cricket into these kids really."

Newman is looking forward to getting some well-earned A grade experience into his gun youngsters and hopes they can help himself and the other senior players out and play some exciting cricket.

Butcher is no stranger to the A grade division, having kept wicket for the side last year, the 18-year-old opened the batting with Newman in the Stingrays practice match at the weekend.

The crafty wicketkeeper-batsman comes off an astonishing century in the 2021/22 under 17s Grand Final, which saw him receive the man of the match medal in Inverloch's premiership win, he is certainly one to watch this season.

Dennerley also shone in last season with the ball, he took the new ball on the weekend with the absence of left arm spearhead Lewis Rankin, who will miss the first month of the season with a knee injury.

Donohue is a talented all-rounder, who also played several A grade games last season, and will look to impress Newman and cement his spot alongside his father Andrew.

Newman, as he has for many years

- **Senior Coach:** David Newman
- **A Grade Captain:** David Newman
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Sixth
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** David Newman (41 avg)
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Lewis Rankin (23 wickets at 13.52)

now at the top of the Stingrays order, was dominant with the bat last season, managing to make 492 runs from his 13 matches at an average of 41, with a masterful 164 not out in Round 9 against OMK.

The loss of Rankin leaves a decent void, as the left arm quick was dominant himself in season 2021/22, taking 23 wickets at 13.52 from his 12 matches including a remarkable 6/6.

The Stingrays finished in sixth place last season, although Newman believes they're building and are ready to go for another summer at Thompson's Reserve.

"We missed out last year, just weren't good enough, it's been wet but kids have been turning up to trainings and it's really good to get a hit out too, get a practice match in before round one because it's always better than training, we're good to go," he said.

There are certainly exciting times ahead at Inverloch, with both the under 15 and 17s teams competing in the Grand Final last season and plenty of talented juniors representing the club throughout senior grades.

The Stingrays will kick off their 2022/23 season with a home match against Koonwarra L/RSL.

## • FOSTER



**Foster is ready to come back hard with Brandon, Jack, Josh and Billy pumped for the season ahead.** C12\_4022

## A run for the cup at Foster

AFTER a fantastic 2021/22 season that saw Foster enter the Grand Final for the second consecutive year in 20 years, the A2 Grade team are looking to follow up their success this year.

"We're looking forwards to seeing A grade play well," President, Billy Davy said.

"Josh had a terrific season, and no-one has ever done what he did in Fosters history."

Coach and captain Josh Toner will be looking to break the records again with his 824 runs last season whilst Foster introduces an all-new girls' team.

"It's very exciting, we have 12 definite players so far."

"The league has brought in the girls' division and will be great to get people started and grow from there."

"We also have our U12s team, which is made up of mostly 9/10-year-olds, who we will watch move through the ranks."

A wet pre-season has delayed training sessions with drainage works number one on Billy's agenda.

"The ground holds a lot of water, and we are looking to complete the drainage works at the end of the season. It makes training difficult for the first months."

"We are also looking to extend our

- **Coach/Captain:** Josh Toner
- **New recruits:** Wayne McDonald and Wells Jenkins
- **Key departure:** Khy Davy (moved north)
- **2021/22 A2 finish:** Runners Up
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Josh Toner (824 runs, high score 126, 58.9 avg)
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Jack Gay (21 wickets, 171 avg)

clubrooms after Christmas, and veranda in the future through grants," Billy explained.

The perfect view for spectators across the field.

Back to the scoreboards, B2 will be pushing hard to increase their rank from second last on the ladder last year.

"Wonthaggi Club are going to be in the competition this year. Phillip Island's B1 have come into A2 also and they are picking up a lot of players so I think they will be very strong."

With places still available to play, anyone interested in having a crack are urged to call or text Billy Davy on 0418 316 824.



**Foster is proud to have two new formed women's cricket teams this season, thanks to coach Mitch Allott and captain Deb Davy.**

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## Bat, bowl catch, and care

FOUR local cricket clubs are doing their bit for men's mental health and suicide prevention. Imperials, Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, Poowong Loch and Mirboo North cricket clubs are being rewarded for promoting discussion on issues of mental health that previously were taboo and too delicate to handle.

Cricket clubs, all sporting clubs, play a significant role in bringing likeminded people together.

Team spirit, camaraderie, connectivity, and a strong sense of purpose and wellbeing can all materialise, in cricket's case, via the cricket pitch, the nets, or at the bar after a good game.

This goal of inclusion plays a lead role in keeping players safe.

Clubs are very much aware of the role they can play in player welfare.

This sponsorship from Local men, Local Communities rewards four local cricket clubs for openly encouraging players to engage in caring for their teammates.

Local men, Local communities is administered from the South Gippsland Shire.

The shire's Vicki Bradley and Barbara Look have been instrumental in encouraging inclusion via participation across the community.

The four clubs will each "spread the word" in their own way.

One club has had two members do an "accidental councillor" course, (a similar course, Youth Mental Health First Aid is available in Wonthaggi in October, contact Wonthaggi Rotary).

Two clubs have dedicated their round three clash to promoting the cause of player welfare and the awareness of men's mental health.

One club has the message boldly emblazoned across the front of a set of club shirts.

The sponsorship provides each of the four clubs with a bespoke Lyrebird cricket bat, signage to make the broader community aware of the club's objective, a set of team shirts, and a cash incentive for each club to engage and publicise the appointment of a player protector.

Goodluck to all for clubs in their endeavours to address this increasingly common crisis in mental health.

## • PHILLIP ISLAND



Daniel Mock (middle) will be a strong force for Phillip Island this season. He is joined by George, Tim and Heath.

# Island not messing with perfection

THE old adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' best describes the mantra down at Phillip Island this cricket season, as they look to defend their A grade premiership.

According to secretary Daniel Stevenson, the reigning premier Sharks are in no rush to make any changes to the XI.

"You don't mess with perfection," he said.

Phillip Island will be led this year from last season's boom recruit Daniel Mock, who is well equipped to take over the captaincy from Max Royal.

Mock is a genuine star of the competition, and he showed it last season, the strong top-order batsman finished with 510 runs from 12 innings at an average of 56.6 and a high score of 80, to finish as the best of the star-studded Sharks batting line-up.

Mock continued his great form and leadership into the finals where he notched another 87 runs including a careful and crucial 55 in the Grand Final, helping the Sharks go on to defeat Town by 8-wickets and claim the premiership.

Stevenson lauded the patience of the new captain and looks forward to his play in



Island cricketers are back in action with plenty of players at training last week.

2022/23.

"He's really patient at the crease but he's rigid too, he's great at picking the right time to go, I think he'll excel in the two-day format this season," he said.

However, Mock isn't the only one who had a memorable season in 2021/22, quick Simon Kirton had quite the dominant year as well finishing with 25 wickets at an average of 9.72.

Kirton's best outing came in Round 13 against Inverloch where he claimed 4/17, this helped him finish as the best of the talented Sharks attack in 2021/22.

Just like Mock, Kirton sus-

tained his dominance into the finals, taking seven wickets for the series, he'll combine with fellow opener and former recruit Thomas Keily and all-rounder Shiran Rathnayake with the ball.

While Mock joins Lachlan Cleeland and Rathnayake at the top of the order with the bat, as the Sharks look to go back-to-back under returning player-coach Charith Keerthisinghe.

Stevenson was bullish on their chances but also preached his club is still building.

"We're more of complete team now (A grade) and we're still looking to bolster our juniors, we had two junior teams

- **Senior Coach:** Charith Keerthisinghe.
- **A Grade Captain:** Daniel Mock.
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Nil.
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Premiership.
- **2021/2 leading batsman:** Daniel Mock (56.6 avg).
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Simon Kirton (25 wickets at 9.72).

(under 15s and 17s) in the (Grand) Final last season and one came away with a flag and the other one didn't quite get it," he said.

"So, this year we're going to hopefully be there again, we'll be strong against most clubs in all grades, we'll have five senior teams, numbers wise at training there's usually at least 20 or 30 blokes down there."

"The only issue we'll have is our ground because it's still a bit boggy on Phillip Island."

Phillip Island is after more junior players as they are hoping to play two teams in both the under 12 and under 15 divisions.

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## • VETERANS



The first round of the new season at Veterans Cricket Victoria kicked off on Sunday, with only the Over-70 Division playing.

## Goannas stump out new season

ESSENDON/Barkly Street Over-70s hosted the Gippsland Goannas team at the Robert Barrett Reserve in Maribyrnong – it was a beautiful outfield on a magnificent spring day.

Gippsland won the toss and batted. Peter Dell opened with Garry Rose and played aggressively in his comeback game for the Goannas.

Dell was not out with an entertaining 35 not out off 39 balls, including five fours. Rose was unlucky to be out hit wicket when his foot disturbed the stumps.

The remainder of the batting was effective, with five of the batsmen retiring - Ian Gibson (31), Eane Whitton (9), Kevin Lanyon (26), Andrew Smith (18) and Ian Southall (12). Dick Noble contributed 15 before being caught.

Gippsland finished its 40 overs on 3 for 168, a good score on a slow ground.

Ian Southall bowled Essendon's Bill Wigmore for a duck in his first over, setting the scene for a dominant performance by the Goannas.

Essendon/Barkly Street innings ended with six for 96.

Their next game will be on Tuesday October 11, with both the Over-50 and Over-60 teams playing on the coming Sunday.

Practice will continue on Wednesdays at the outdoor nets at Glengarry.

More players are still needed for each of the teams.

Interested persons should contact Ian Gibson on 0427 376 776.

### Goannas ready to roll again

The Gippsland Goannas Veterans

Cricket Club recently held their AGM, with Neil Meredith being elected as their new president.

Other office bearers for the new season will be:

Vice-president, Ian Southall.

Secretary, Ian Gibson.

Treasurer, Ray Smith and committee members, Col Carmody and Rino Metlikovec.

The over-70 team was back on the park over the recent weekend, with an away game against Essendon/Maribyrnong.

Numbers are tight, so if there are any 68 plus year olds out there who can help out, please call Ian Gibson.

The over-60 team will start the following Sunday with an away game at Koo Wee Rup.

Rino Metlikovec has been appointed the captain.

The over-50 team will also start the new season on October 9, and will this year be led by Trafalgar's Graeme Rankin.

They will play in the over-50 Premier Division and their season has been extended from five games to nine by Veterans Cricket Victoria.

All teams are keen to get back on the park, but new players are always welcome.

Any interested persons should call Ian Gibson on 0427 376 776.

After several indoor training sessions at Bundalaguah, outdoor training will re-commence at the nets at Glengarry next Wednesday from 4.30pm.

This will be followed by the monthly dinner at the Glengarry Hotel.

## • WONTHAGGI CLUB



(L-R) Wonthaggi captain/coach Ryan Thomas with young guns Jy Hull, Alex Geyer and Harry West.

## Club keen to contend again

WONTHAGGI is preparing to contend once again in the 2022/23 edition of the LDCA A1 season, after reaching the Semi Finals in 2021/22.

They will be led by gun all-rounder Ryan Thomas, who will captain and coach the side, while taking wickets with the ball and making runs with the bat towards the top of the 'Wonny' order.

"We've had two major departures this season, with our strong opening batsman Sam Huitema deciding to play in Melbourne and Koby Brann moving on to OMK," Thomas said.

The departure of Huitema and Brann leaves a solid dint in the Club top order, as both players were more than handy with the willow and made regular appearances in the top five.

But Thomas remains hopeful for success this season, after his side fell short in the finals back in March.

"We played the Semi (Final) against Phillip Island and got beaten

easily, but hopefully this year we can be a contender again," he said.

Thomas is confident Wonthaggi can be in amongst the top four yet again, while also giving some young up and comers a real look at A grade level.

"We've got some really good young guys who've been real keen, I think Joel Brann, Harry and Fraser West, Jy Hull, Alex Geyer and Stew Beaumont are some to watch," he said.

Brann and Geyer already have great experience under their belts and combined nicely last season with the ball with Brann leading the team in wickets with 20 and Geyer boasting the best average at 14.33.

Club will be focused on ensuring these youngsters step up again and contribute with the experience of their captain/coach, who amassed the most runs a season ago with 504 runs at 38.77 from his 15 matches.

Wonthaggi will kick off their season a trip to Digger Park this Saturday.

- **Senior Coach:** Ryan Thomas
- **A Grade Captain:** Ryan Thomas
- **Key recruits:** Nil.
- **Key departures:** Koby Brann (OMK) Sam Huitema (Melbourne)
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Lost Semi Final
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Ryan Thomas (38.7 avg)
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Joel Brann (20 wickets at 20.55)



Harry West was seeing them nicely in the nets last week.

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## • POOWONG-LOCH



Poowong-Loch president Peter Miller will be steering the ship again this season. Ns033922

## Poowong-Loch ready to challenge

AFTER gaining one of the most impressive premierships victories during last year's season, Poowong Loch are looking to revive the glory again.

The club took out the cup in the B2 division after defeating OMK, in a finish that will go down in their history as one of their greatest.

After their successful season, unfortunately, the club's woes have continued to follow them as they are only able to field one side again this year after moving up to B1.

With key figure Garry Knox taking a step back, president Peter Miller is looking to guide the team again this season.

"We're looking forward to the change of going into B1, we've been put up a division which is right, we did win the grand final," he said.

"We've been training on Wednesday nights indoors with Killy-Bass.

"And we will be training on Sunday mornings at the Loch Recreation Reserve.

"Garry Knox did a huge amount of work last year, but he's taken a step back after doing a heroic amount to keep this club going."

The club has also lost key player Michael Buzasi, who was their best bowler for the 2021/22 season.

But Miller, who is Poowong born and bred, is keeping his chin high and staying optimistic.

"We'll play our home games at Poowong, the ground is in great condition," he said.

- **Senior Coach:** Peter Miller
- **B1 Captain:** Shannon Rozario
- **Key recruits:** (nil)
- **Key departures:** Michael Buzasi
- **2020/21 B2 finish:** Premiers
- **2020/21 leading batsman:** Shannon Rozario
- **2020/21 leading bowler:** Michael Buzasi



Poowong Loch are gearing up for another big season.

## • KOONWARRA L/RSL



Senior coach Isuru Wickramasinghe, president Ken Scrimshaw and captain Ben Walsh are ready for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL to make an impact this season. A15\_4022

## Renewed focus for Cougars

KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL Cricket Club made a strong start to its time in A1 competition, missing the finals by just one spot in its first year at the top level.

Now club president Ken Scrimshaw was pleased with that effort and is hopeful the side can break into the post season action this time around.

Unfortunately, former star junior Ben Perry who returned to the Cougars as A Grade captain last season after time with Premier club Casey South Melbourne is headed to Cranbourne this season to play alongside his dad.

He was the side's top scorer last season with 357 runs, picking up the club honour of cricketer of the year and snavelling its Best & Fairest.

Although still only 21 years old, Perry also provided tactical nous and impressive leadership.

His vice captain, Ben Walsh now assumes the top job.

Walsh was the A1

side's third most productive batsman in its 2021/22 campaign with 258 runs.

Living in Leongatha, senior coach Isuru Wickramasinghe has settled in for the long term and looks forward to his second season in charge of Koonwarra Leongatha RSL.

He has brought in talented fellow Sri Lankan Kasun Weeranga who bowls at around the 130 kilometre per hour mark and is sure to have opposition batsmen on their toes.

His presence alongside Jason Kennedy, who captured 20 wickets at just under 20 runs apiece, ensures the Cougars will have plenty of menace with the ball in hand.

Wickramasinghe oversees the club's four sides, with Koonwarra Leongatha RSL to be represented in B1, C1 and C2 competition in addition to its A1 presence.

In exciting news, the Cougars are looking to enter a side in the new female competition starting in November.

- **Senior coach:** Isuru Wickramasinghe
- **A Grade captain:** Ben Walsh
- **Key recruit:** Kasun Weeranga
- **Key departure:** Ben Perry
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Fifth
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Ben Perry
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Jason Kennedy



Cougars skipper Ben Walsh gets in some batting practice. A16\_4022

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## • IMPERIALS



Imperial players Campbell, Aydan, Leevi, Archie, Connor, Isaac, and Klayton prepare for the junior season, with some in line for senior action as well. A12\_4022

## No shortage of talent for Imperials

By Andrew Paloczi

TALENTED sportsman and last season's Leongatha Imperials leading run scorer and cricketer of the year, Jack Ginnane continues as skipper, looking to build on the side's third place finish in its A1 campaign.

Ginnane made just over 500 runs last season, at an average of slightly above 46, also having a major impact with the ball, claiming 18 wickets at the excellent average of 24.5.

He's sure to have his side in contention again this season.

While Ginnane was damaging with ball in hand, Sumudu Sameera led the way in the Imperials bowling department with his off spin putting opponents in a twist.

He captured 26 wickets at the measly average of 14 runs each.

His all-round attributes were highlighted as Sameera made 383 runs at an average of more than 42, meaning he should again feature prominently as Imperials contend for the A1 title.

Mark Lafferty has retired, and Joel Rendell and Sam Vagg have headed to Nerrena.

Imperials president Kristian Gray anticipates continued improvement from young

- **A Grade Captain:** Jack Ginnane
- **Key Recruits:** N/A
- **Key Departures:** N/A
- **2021/22 finish:** A1 semi final
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Jack Ginnane
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Sumudu Sameera

players who tasted senior cricket last season.

Bowling allrounder Aydan Williams, opening bowlers Klayton McGrath and Isaac Bolge and wicketkeeper Campbell Reid are among the young crop expected to have an impact in senior ranks.

In addition to their A1 aspirations, Imperials are again fielding a B1 side, with hopes of breaking into the finals after missing out by one spot last season.

The club is certain to be represented in under 17 and under 12 ranks, and will be part of the under 15 action if it can cobble together a few more players to enable it to field a side.

Young players keen to join are encouraged to contact the Troy Williams on 0407 854 953.



Lachie Wright, Kyle Materia, Lucas Anderson, Francois Botha, Sumudu Sameera and Gary Sauvarin look forward to Imperials season. A14\_4022

## • KILCUNDA-BASS



Daniel Ferguson plays a shot for Kilcunda-Bass in their practice match with Inverloch last Saturday. B01\_4022

## Killy-Bass keen to crack into it

THE atmosphere around Kilcunda-Bass cricket club has been sensational as they prepare to tackle another season.

After narrowly missing the finals in season 2021/22 in what was an unforgivingly tight A2 division, the Sharks are back, and coach and president Cam Chasemore is ready for his squad to step up.

"We were only half a game out of the top four, there were four teams with the same amount of points, everyone was real close," he said.

"We've had small numbers at training, but the effort from those guys turning up has been really good, I'm disappointed in C grade, after playing in a Grand Final last year we haven't had any of them show up and back up their success."

Chasemore also praised the competitiveness of the A2 division and is excited for the challenges season 2022/23 will bring.

"If we play and have our full team every week, we should be in the top four, it's so tight, it's a perfect grade for the ability level that were in," he said.

Chasemore's Sharks had their first chance to get back into the middle on Saturday when they hosted Inverloch in a practice match in perfect conditions at Bass.

The hosts used all ten bowlers and made sure everyone got the chance to sharpen their skills in what was a high quality friendly, played in great spirits.

Ash Larcombe will captain Killy-Bass in A2 this season, the handy top order batsman will be hoping he can make

- **Senior Coach:** Cameron Chasemore
- **A Grade Captain:** Ash Larcombe
- **Key recruits:** Nil
- **Key departures:** Steven Oates (Melbourne)
- **2021/22 A1 finish:** Seventh
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Steven Oates (68 avg)
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Daniel Bettles (21 wickets at 15.48)

strong contributions with the stick throughout the year and lead from the front with the gloves as wicketkeeper.

The Sharks will be without last season's leading run scorer Steven Oates who departs the club for family commitments in the city following a stellar 2021/22 season where he made 408 runs at an average of 68 from 10 matches.

Larcombe will be hoping himself and his teammates can fill the void left by Oates and that Daniel Bettles can have another superb season with the ball.

Bettles finished last summer with 21 wickets at 15.48 from his 13 matches.

The Sharks are also running two under 12s teams and despite them being young bottom agers, they're loving their cricket too.

The Sharks have also welcomed a number of new locals to the area and are hoping they become a great part of the club.

The Kilcunda-Bass A2 kick off their season against Glen Alvie in Wonthaggi.

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## • NERRENA



Nerrena Cricket Club coach Caine Salmon and returning key bowler Josh Trease are looking forward to this year's season. ns013922

## Nerrena to be as competitive as ever

AFTER a spectacular 2021 season, Nerrena Cricket Club is looking to dominate the field once again.

With a strong team and plenty of younger talent, the club is looking forward to developing their junior players.

Coach Caine Salmon said the club would definitely be looking to make the finals again this season.

"Our numbers are pretty good, we shouldn't have any trouble filling the three teams," he said.

"Obviously we've got some kids coming through and we're hoping to push them up into the higher grades.

"We've got a reasonably old A Grade team, but our best bowler is returning after a year off due to a knee injury."

Caine highlighted that their C Grade had won the premiers cup last season, while B Grade also made the finals.

"We'll be competitive in all grades no doubt about that," he said.

"We're a strong family club, and have been around since 1935, which is not really heard of these days."

In the 2019/20 semi-finals, Nerrena was able to upset flag favourites OMK and secure a spot in the grand final where they would've faced Leongatha Town.

However, the first COVID outbreak meant that match would be forfeited, resulting in the higher team, Leongatha Town, taking home the premiership.

- **Coach:** Caine Salmon
- **A Grade:** Caine Salmon
- **Key recruits:** nil
- **Key departures:** nil
- **2021/22 C1 finish:** Premiers
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Tim Wightman (26.91 avg)
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Mitchell Clark (15.3 avg)



Nerrena will be looking to dominate the field again.

## • LEONGATHA TOWN



Leongatha Town president Cam Dowling is pleased to have new A Grade skipper Jesse Giardina onboard. A06\_4022

## Scorpions' sting to be felt

By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA Town delivered another strong A1 season, again finishing runner-up.

Last season it overcame the departure of experienced bowlers, with the young brigade stepping up impressively.

The Scorpions were always expected to fare well in the batting department and did so, with Sahan Perera leading the way with a league-high tally of over 1,000 runs, at an average of just above 101.

He is the club's major departure this season, heading to Casey.

However, Mirboo North premierships player and Tigers skipper for the last couple of seasons Jesse Giardina joins the Scorpions and will assume the captaincy, batting in the top order.

Last season's skipper Amila Ratnaike is staying on as a player.

As well as being a star performer with the willow, Ratnaike was the Scorpions leading wicket taker in the last campaign, snavelling 26 wickets at just 11.6 runs apiece with his right arm fast bowling.

He made 487 runs for the season at an average of over 60 and his allround skills are sure to prove important again this campaign, perhaps needing to produce even more with the bat after Perera's departure.

Leongatha Town president Cam Dowling

- **Senior Coach:** N/A
- **A Grade captain:** Jesse Giardina
- **Key recruit:** Jesse Giardina
- **Key Departure:** Sahan Perera
- **2021/22 finish:** A1 Runner up.
- **2021/22 leading batsman:** Sahan Perera
- **2021/22 leading bowler:** Amila Ratnaike

looks forward to seeing up-and-coming pace bowlers Darcy Hume and Lachie Gill continue to develop.

Now aged just 19, Hume captured 17 A Grade wickets last season at an average of 28.4 runs each, an impressive effort for a young player competing at the competition's top level.

Gill has just stepped out of junior ranks in terms of age and spent some of last season at under 17s level, but held his own when playing in A1 competition and will look to build on that.

He picked up 8 wickets at the top level at an average of 33.1, and is likely to bring that average below 30 this season.

While its top level side looks to go one better than it has the last couple of seasons and claim the A1 premiership, Leongatha Town will also be represented in B2 and C2 competition, with future talent coming through the ranks of its under 12, under 15 and under 17 sides.



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## • KORUMBURRA



Korumburra's young brigade gets set for the season. Back row: Jason Cue, Angus Halliwell, Aaron Damon, Zach Barrett and Iain Riddell (C Grade). Front Row: Roy Checkley and Bryce Riddell A11\_4022

## Korumburra ready for anything this season

ACCOMPLISHED keeper and aggressive batsman Rumesh Rangana proved a valuable recruit for Korumburra Cricket Club last season, helping it reach an A2 semi-final, and this season assumes extra responsibility as senior coach and A Grade captain.

Last year's senior coach and A Grade skipper Daniel Salmon isn't able to continue in those roles but remains as a player.

The Cobras are confident they can earn a return to A1 competition, with rising young talent set to reap the benefits of last season's experience and the support of Rangana.

Club secretary Glen Barrett is upbeat about Rangana's leadership.

"He's a very experienced leader, has played high-level cricket in Sri Lanka and has a passion for helping involve the young guys," Barrett said.

That enthusiasm to develop young talent led Rangana to encourage talented bowler Harry McNeill to take on the position of assistant coach.

McNeill topped last season's league bowling averages in A2 competition, capturing 25 wickets at the stunning average of 12.6.

Tom Crocker is one of the young crew expected to improve this cam-

By Andrew Paloczi

paign, which would be alarming for opposition teams given he was already productive with the willow in 2021/22.

The talented top order player averaged 35.8 last season, registering a couple of centuries and compiling a total of 429 runs.

Jacob Whiteside is also expected to progress, having snavelled 12 wickets last season at an average of just under 30 and backing that up by averaging 28 with the bat despite having a top score of 50.

Daniel Lloyd is the key departure, with the opening batsman returning to England, having contributed 439 runs last season at the excellent average of a tick over 73, with a couple of tons.

Coach and skipper Rangana will be finely tuned for the upcoming campaign after competing in a veterans tournament in India featuring a number of former Test cricketers.

In addition to its A2 presence, Korumburra is fielding sides in B1 and C1 competition, looking to improve on its seventh and fifth placings respectively in the lower grades.

- Senior coach: Rumesh Rangana
- A Grade captain: Rumesh Rangana
- Key recruit: nil
- Key Departure: Daniel Lloyd
- 2021/22 finish: A2 semi final
- 2021/22 leading batsman: Daniel Lloyd
- 2021/22 leading bowler: Harry McNeill



Tom Crocker in action for Korumburra last season. A07\_0722

## NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

### ROUND 1 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

#### A GRADE, Division 1

**Inverloch v Koonwarra L/RSL**  
INVERLOCH TURF - Ian Thorn  
**Nerrena v Town**  
LEONGATHA TURF - Les White  
**OMK v Club**  
OUTTRIM - Greg Goss  
**Imperials v Phillip Island**  
EAST CAMPUS - Ashley Stride

#### A Grade, Division 2

**Foster v Nyora**  
FOSTER - Neil Grabham  
**MDU v Korumburra**  
MEENIYAN - Terry Rogers  
**Glen Alvie v Kilcunda-Bass**  
WONTHAGGI TURF - Steve McNamara  
**Phillip Island v Club**  
COWES - Michael Heenan

#### B GRADE, Division 1

**Koonwarra L/RSL v Inverloch**  
KOONWARRA - Neil Barnes  
**Korumburra v MDU**  
KORUMBURRA - Geoff Wyatt  
**Nerrena v OMK**  
NERRENA - Geoff Parkinson  
**Poowong Loch v Imperials**  
POOWONG - Ian Thomas

#### B GRADE, Division 2

**Nerrena v Foster**  
LG Velodrome - TBA  
**Town v Club**  
Scorpion 1 - TBA  
**Kilcunda-Bass v OMK**  
BASS - TBA  
**Glen Alvie v Phillip Island**  
WONTHAGGI FG - TBA

#### C GRADE, Division 1

**Nyora v Koonwarra L/RSL**  
Nyora - TBA  
**Club v Inverloch**  
McMAHON - TBA  
**Phillip Island v MDU**  
NEWHAVEN - TBA  
**Korumburra - BYE**

#### C GRADE, Division 2

**Kilcunda-Bass v Glen Alvie**  
DALYSTON - TBA  
**Town v Koonwarra L/RSL**  
Scorpion 2 - TBA  
**OMK v Phillip Island**  
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Alisha Gilliland of Gippsland CASA and Michelle Debenham of Wellways were all ears at the "Rainbow Ready Roadmap" Information and Engagement Night at PICAL. C05\_4022



Robert Gresham and Bill Young caught up over a cuppa and chat at the Information and Engagement session on Wednesday night. C06\_4022



Steve Evans, Sharyn Noble and Richard Keech enjoyed a day in the sunshine at the Community Gardens announcement at The Cape. C23\_4022



Father and son, Damien and Lenny Lewer alongside sister Kate looked over the community garden plans in Cape Paterson's The Cape. C24\_4022



Coffee, cake and chatter kicked off The Cape Community Gardens event as Marie Pearson and Jillian Adams caught up. C25\_4022

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Rainbow Ready Roadmap Information and Engagement Night, The Cape Community Gardens event, Grantville 150 Years celebrations and The Middle Korumburra Photograph event.



Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown enjoyed a day with wife, Sari, daughter Tessa and family at Grantville. C31\_4022



Robert Moore and Adrian James discussed The Cape before the tour kicked off. C26\_4022



Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari caught up with Reverend Colin Oakley at Grantville's celebrations on Saturday. C33\_4022



Grantville CWA Ladies Jacky Dow, Faye Tuchtan and Julie Sanders were on hand for Grantville's 150 Year Celebrations. C27\_4022



Kathy Power (part of Grantville's George founding family), Helen Zervopoulos (president of Grantville Business and Community Association), Rowanne Grinsted and Jessica Perry of Myli dressed to impress for the 150 Years celebrations in Grantville. C32\_4022



Erica Masters, Ken and Bernadette Myors and Jocelyn Kurrle shared stories at The Middle Korumburra on Sunday. C35\_4022



Carol McPherson and Kaye Illingworth from Grantville CWA were serving up delicious scones on Saturday in the beautiful sunshine. C28\_4022



Kaz Hopwood, Paddy Beadel and Rooster of Korumburra grabbed a drink for Sunday's celebrations and photo. C36\_4022



Tabatha Heffer and dingo, Ali enjoyed a day with visitors at Grantville on Saturday. C29\_4022



Lu and Aria Mirdi enjoyed the activities including face painting at Grantville Memorial Park for the 150 Years Celebrations. C30\_4022



Robyn Mitchell of Korumburra and Marge Barton of Poowong enjoyed a cold drink in Sunday's warm weather before the group photograph outside The Middle. C37\_4022



Dennis Ryan, Ian Mackay and Trevor Humphrey of Korumburra grabbed a beer and enjoyed the atmosphere in preparation for the recreate history photo at The Middle Pub. C34\_4022

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# Sydney's hottest men are coming to Wonthaggi

LOOK out ladies, the hunks from Sydney Hotshots are back to sizzle and seduce for one night only with a brand-new killer show at the Caledonian Hotel on Thursday, October 27.

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## Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "blaze"

AT 10.45am, Sunday, October 9, the BCFFG is screening the feature film debut of Archibald winning Australian artist, Del Kathryn Barton, "Blaze".

This beautiful film combines live action, puppetry and animation to stunning effect to depict traumatic events and the impact on the mind of the young girl who witnesses a rape and murder.

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Screening at 10.45am on Sunday, October 9, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Details and trailer for the film are available through the BCFFG website: <https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/blaze.html>

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Using stunning visuals and archival research, Jane tells the story of her mother, Lili Fraser, a pioneer of Australian cinema, and their relationship. Using unseen parts of Australia's cinematic history and her own highly personal cinematography, with searing honesty Jane interweaves their struggles and triumphs.

This film is not part of the Bass Coast Fine Film Group, but a special presentation, so tickets will be required for entry. Find out more here: <https://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/when-the-camera-stopped-rolling.html>

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An inspiring new movie about the eight-year long campaign to protect the Franklin River.

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## Supporting children's education a key priority for View Club

MEMBERS of the Wonthaggi Ladies Evening VIEW Club are calling on the community to give generously this Anti-Poverty Week (October 16-22) and sponsor a child through the nation's leading children's education charity The Smith Family.

Wonthaggi VIEW Club helps seven children through The Smith Family's Learning for Life education support program, which provides families with long term educational, financial, and personal assistance so that children have all the essentials needed to fully participate in their learning.

This year has been particularly difficult, with the ongoing effects of COVID and now the rising cost of living having a major impact on families already experiencing disadvantage and causing worrying disruptions to children's education.

President of the Wonthaggi VIEW Club said supporting a child's learning has never been more important.

"With the rising cost of petrol, groceries, and housing, we are hearing from the charity that families are being forced to make impossible decisions about where they spend their dollars each week, leaving children at risk of missing out on basic school items such as uniforms, books and devices needed for learning," president Bronwyn said.

"This is why VIEW is so passionate about supporting the work of The Smith Family because its evidence-based approach helps children experiencing disadvantage to overcome the educational inequality they face."

VIEW Clubs raised more than \$1.1 million last year to support The Smith Family's vital work, and they currently sponsor 1550 students on the Learning for Life program.

While fundraising plays a vital role in helping children in need, President Bronwyn is also encouraging women of all ages to donate their time and skills by joining a VIEW club.

Last year, VIEW members collectively volunteered over 70,000 hours of their time to help young people through homework, reading and mentoring programs run by the charity- but there's still a need for more helping hands.

"Our VIEW members have a unique opportunity to provide hands-on support to children experiencing disadvantage, while also forming meaningful and lasting community relationships," Bronwyn said.

"Recently, members in our local area have been participating in Bunnings barbecue and cake stall, mixed night, book award and other activities.

"Step by step, we are regaining our presence in the community after all the disruption caused by the pandemic, but we need your help to reach even more children in need through our fund raising and volunteering."

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) or call 1800 805 366.

To sponsor a child through The Smith Family, visit [thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au) or call 1800 633 622.



South Gippsland Concert Band is looking forward to holding a trivia night on October 15.

## Boost local music while testing your knowledge

SOUTH Gippsland Concert Band continues to entertain locals and visitors to the region and is holding a trivia night on October 15 at the Inverloch Community Hub to boost its funds.

Money raised will go to the purchase of new sheet music and instruments, with an oboe and trombones planned additions.

The trivia evening will be run by a specialist trivia company, ensuring an entertaining night for everyone competing, with a mixture of picture, audio and video questions

It is likely to be the first of a number of fun events offering the opportunity to mingle with the musicians and support the band.

The varied sounds of the South Gippsland Concert Band are sometimes heard at Inverloch farmers' markets.

A Christmas Carol performance is an annual tradition for the band, and there is a concert in the making for early next year.

Audience members enjoying the band's performances can expect a wide

selection of well known tunes, including classical pieces, military music, and traditional jazz.

Graeme Cruickshank took on the role of conductor early this year and was keen to broaden the band's appeal by providing a greater mix of music and capturing the attention of a wider audience including younger people.

"We are playing more modern pieces that people easily recognise, and it can be soundtrack music, rock tunes, even pop tunes of today's artists," Graeme said.

He is enjoying the challenge of conducting a concert band, particularly having a woodwind section, with his recent experience being with brass bands.

"It's a lot easier to communicate to just brass (players)," Graeme said.

He described the band's recent gig at the Inverloch Jazz Festival as "hugely successful".

Graeme is keen to build on that success, with new band members always welcome, and believes the group's wider selection of music will encourage

more musicians to come on board.

He is hopeful that in addition to new arrivals, some past members of the band will return after the disruptions of the last couple of years.

Practice takes place between 7pm and 9pm Monday nights at Coal Creek auditorium, and those keen to join the South Gippsland Concert Band or learn more are encouraged to call 0457 099 314 or just turn up to a practice session.

Practice runs during school terms.

### Trivia Details:

When - Saturday October 15, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

Where - Inverloch Community Hub, 14 A'Beckett Street

Booking: Visit [trybooking.com/cbthn](http://trybooking.com/cbthn)

Cost: \$30, with all proceeds assisting the South Gippsland Concert Band to continue entertaining the local community

Further trivia details:

All questions will be on a screen, with no pen or paper required, so please bring your glasses.

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When the Camera Stopped Rolling [M] 1h15m

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## Young movers driving regional growth

REGIONAL migration is at a five-year high and young people are driving growth, according to new data from the Commonwealth Bank and the Regional Australia Institute's Regional Movers Index.

Young people are driving growth in regional areas with more Millennials and Gen-Xers moving out of capital cities, according to new insights from the March quarter Regional Movers Index report.

A partnership between Commonwealth Bank and the Regional Australia Institute (RAI), the report analyses the quarterly and annual trends in people moving to Australia's regions. For the first time, this quarter's report not only tracks population movement, but also the demographics of who is moving.

Young people accounted for the largest proportion of movers to the highest growth regional areas, boosting an overall migration trend from capital cities to regional areas, in the 12 months to March 2022.

The number of people moving to regional areas rose by 16.6 per cent to reach a new five-year high in the March quarter, almost doubling pre-pandemic levels.

Regional Australia Institute (RAI) CEO Liz Ritchie said Millennials and Gen-Xers were welcome additions to any regional community as they often bring with them business skills to grow the local community, as well as families who integrate into the local school system and community sporting activities.

"Regional living is attracting more young people and particularly younger families who are looking for bigger living spaces at a cheaper cost," Ms Ritchie said.



Commonwealth Bank Regional and Agribusiness Banking Executive General Manager Paul Fowler said regional areas are providing attractive local employment opportunities.

"Regional Australia is thriving, fuelled by strong investment across a broad range of industries including agriculture, manufacturing, retail and hospitality," Mr Fowler said.

"There are labour shortages in many parts of regional Australia and local businesses are attracting skilled and unskilled workers to increase capacity and serve growing demand for products and services."

Demand for housing is soaring, particularly in South Australia where regions such as Ceduna, Mount Gambier and Port Augusta feature as the top three local government areas with the biggest growth rates in the 12 months to March 2022.

"Mount Gambier is perfectly positioned between Adelaide and Melbourne with wonderful amenities and work opportunities in a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, agriculture, civil construction and wholesale retail," Mr Fowler said.

There was a significant jump in regional movers to Ceduna of 114 per cent, in the 12 months to March 2022.

Growth in Mount Gambier and Port

Augusta was also high, at 85 per cent and 74 per cent respectively.

In other states, Moorabool in Victoria and Western Downs in Queensland experienced substantial growth rates of 56 per cent each.

Millennials accounted for the highest proportion of regional movers, making up 76 per cent of movers to Port Augusta, 70 per cent of movers to Mount Gambier and 66 per cent of movers to Ceduna.

While Millennials made up the biggest proportion of people moving to Moorabool, it also attracted a relatively high proportion of Gen-Xers at 24 per cent. Western Downs attracted a relatively large share of Gen Alpha and Z, comprising 19 per cent, as well as Baby Boomers, who made up 12 per cent of total movers.

The biggest outflows were from the major cities of Sydney and Melbourne with most people heading to regional NSW, Queensland, and Victoria.

The Gold Coast in Queensland remains the most popular destination overall, attracting 11 per cent of people from major capitals, in the 12 months to March 2022. The next most popular destinations were the Sunshine Coast, Greater Geelong in Victoria, and Wollongong and Newcastle in NSW.



Dan Lawrie, sales manager for Alex Scott and Staff, Venus Bay, stands in front of 3 Crichton Crescent in the increasingly popular seaside town, with that property currently for sale for \$899,000.

## Pandemic hastened Venus Bay property boom

By Andrew Paloczi

THE recent release of council rate notices which reflected a substantial increase in Venus Bay property valuations draws attention to the shifting nature of the property market in the increasingly popular seaside hamlet.

While COVID played a significant role in driving up Venus Bay property values, and lifted the percentage of buyers moving into the town rather than purchasing holiday properties, those trends began emerging pre-pandemic.

Sales manager at Venus Bay's Alex Scott and Staff office, Dan Lawrie, believes the arrival of NBN in the area was the initial spark for increased sales there and prompted people to make the move, with some using the improved internet access to work from home.

"In that couple of years prior to COVID, more people started moving down here permanently," Dan said.

At one point, the agency experienced a near even split between holiday buyers and those shifting to Venus Bay, whereas previously it was heavily in favour of holiday buyers.

However, the urge to flee Melbourne during lockdowns prompted people to buy Venus Bay properties 'sight unseen'.

"We were sending them photos and doing a video walk through for them," Dan said.

At that time, the median price of Venus Bay property was around \$450,000 he estimates.

It now sits at between \$630,000 and \$650,000, with Dan suggesting that is on the conservative side.

"If we didn't have COVID in the mix, it

probably would have been five to seven years before we hit those kinds of figures, but they were achieved within about a two-year period," Dan speculated.

With the reduced sense of urgency about the virus, and a return to greater normality, holiday buyers and holiday renters have re-entered the Venus Bay property market.

Some locals have taken the opportunity to travel extensively and a number of them have made their properties available for holiday rentals, with the local Alex Scott agency continuing to oversee many such properties as it did pre-pandemic.

Whereas holiday rentals in the town were once largely restricted to summer, that has changed over the years with healthy demand even in winter, particularly for places with wood fires.

"Venus Bay has become an all year round market in sales, and particularly holiday rentals," Dan said, contrasting that with the situation a little over a decade ago.

He observed that while the initial rush to permanently escape Melbourne led to a shortage of available Venus Bay properties to buy, that situation has altered, with "good stock" coming onto the market.

Although many new arrivals in town were prompted to make the shift to break free of Melbourne, Dan said they have come to love the lifestyle of Venus Bay and become keen members of the community.

He is delighted with the blend of new arrivals and familiar older faces.

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**2** **1** **5** 1012m<sup>2</sup>

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## Research says climate change is doubling Australia's annual losses

DROUGHTS, floods and storms could result in a total loss of \$452 billion to Australia's GDP between 2022 and 2050, according to new research launched recently.

Aquanomics: The economics of water risk and future resilience report published by global professional services company GHD, reveals Australia will suffer an average annual GDP loss of 0.6 per cent due to water risks such as droughts, floods, and storms.

The research places Australia in the third most vulnerable position when projecting the future economic impact of these events in seven countries, behind the US and China.

It also highlights that Australia's agricultural and retail sectors could be particularly hard hit and these rising threats need to be tackled now with greater focus on solutions like water recycling, desalination, and smarter irrigation.

Lindsey Brown, Australian Water Market Leader at GHD, explains: "To create resilience to the



**A new report highlights Australia's vulnerable future economic impact which could see a total loss of \$452 billion to Australia's GDP.**

increasing risks from extreme weather events we need to adapt how we build water infrastructure, optimise the performance of existing infrastructure and prioritise nature-based solutions to water management across industries."

Storms are expected to have the greatest direct impact on the Australian economy (AUD\$102 billion), followed by floods (AUD\$64 billion) and droughts (AUD\$41 billion).

This is the first time the economic impact of these

three types of events have been calculated at a GDP and sector level.

The Aquanomics report builds on concerns highlighted recently by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that revealed over half of all natural disasters worldwide since the 1970s have involved water.

In addition, in 2021, the Emergency Event Database (EM-DAT) stated that drought, flood and storm disasters affected close to 100 million people globally through displacement, economic damage, food

insecurity and injury.

Aquanomics highlights the potential impact of extreme weather events on five critical economic sectors in Australia: agriculture; banking and insurance; energy and utilities; fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) and retail; and manufacturing and distribution.

It reveals that Australia's agricultural sector is particularly vulnerable, with projected annual output losses of over 5 per cent by 2030 and 8 per cent by 2050.

Re-emphasising the importance of tackling the future potential threats posed by droughts, floods and storms across the country, Lindsey said that Australia needs to 'reorient' its relationship with water.

"By focusing on economic impacts of extreme weather events in our Aquanomics report, we aim to help identify and unlock the social and environmental benefits of tackling water risk head-on."

Read more about the research here [ghd.com/aquanomics](http://ghd.com/aquanomics)

## Don't risk our wildlife this firewood season

VICTORIANS are being urged to responsibly source firewood this spring collection season to protect the state's threatened native wildlife numbers from falling further.

Endangered bird species such as the south-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoos, found in Victoria's west and Regent Parrots of Northern Victoria rely on large tree hollows for nesting, and people illegally cutting or removing trees for firewood is impacting their survival.

By sticking to designated firewood collection areas, Victorians can play an important part in protecting species including the small Brush-tailed Phascogale, Gippsland's Greater Glider, and the tiny, critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum, found only in Victoria and with crucial nesting sites around outer Melbourne.

Conservation Regulator Authorised Officers, Forest Fire Management Victoria crews and Parks Victoria rangers are patrolling state forests, parks and reserves and will target anyone at-

tempting to take firewood illegally.

Officers can issue infringement notices of up to \$740 to those caught breaking the rules, and serious offences can result in maximum penalties of \$9,246 or up to a year in prison. If it's suspected of being linked to an illegal commercial operation, officers may also seize chainsaws, trailers and vehicles.

The Conservation Regulator encourages the community to assist by reporting any suspected illegal firewood collection on 136 186.

The spring firewood season, which runs until the end of November, is one of two firewood collection seasons across the state.

For details of where, when and what firewood can be collected, visit: [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region)

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 Loving mother and mother-in-law of Robert and Sandra, Peter, Dianne, and Stephen.  
 Nanna and Old Nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.  
*Peacefully sleeping.*

For funeral details please go to [www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au](http://www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au)

**DUVIOSON, David L:**  
 23.07.1965 - 25.09.2022.  
 With our broken hearts we say goodbye to our brother, our uncle and our friend.  
 Love you mate.  
 -- Baz, Gaynor, Jess, Ethan, Sam, Lucas, and Steve.

**LAMERS, Colin:**  
 Passed away Tuesday September 22, 2022.  
 Deepest sympathy to Auntie Bess, Michael, Kerri, and families.  
 Loved Uncle Col to Martin, Shirley, Michelle and Jim and families.  
*In God's Care.*

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 12.30PM MONDAYS Call 5672 1888 to place a notice**

**DEATHS**

**MALES, Peter:**  
 24.05.1936 - 30.09.2022.  
 Passed away after a long illness.  
 Loving husband of Judith.  
 Loved dad of Peter, Sharron, Athol and Craig.  
 Adored Pop of Melissa, Mathew and Zak, Joshua, and Ricky.  
 Much loved Poppy Pop of Mia and Ava.  
*"Finally at Peace and Always Remembered"*

**MARKLEY, Victor John (John):**  
 Passed away peacefully surrounded by family.  
 Dearly loved husband and best friend of Jill for 53 years.  
 Loving father of Geoff and Tracey, Dave and Sharon, Chris and Ward, Glenn and Jess.  
 Loved Grumps to Ryan, Taine, Darcy, Harry, Tea, Nina, Jorja, and Chelsea.  
 Grumpsie to Mackellar, Tanami, and Ikara.  
 Sun is Shining, Birds are Singing.  
*Gone Fishing.*

**MAYO (nee Chipchase), Maureen Frances:**  
 Passed away peacefully on September 30, 2022, in Mareeba Hospital Nth Qld.  
 Loving sister of Thelma and Rolly, Auntie to Garry and Mark.  
 Will be sadly missed.  
 Love always.  
**R.I.P.**  
 Mother of Richelle, John, and Brandon (dec.).  
 Grandmother to Kristy and Daniel.  
 Great Grandmother to Shaylee, Jack, Amelia, and Lexi.

**DEATHS**

**McMILLAN, George A:**  
 The President and Members of Leongatha RSL regret the passing of their long-time employee and extend deepest sympathy to the family.

**SCHRAM, Stanley Allan:**  
 23.03.1947 - 28.09.2022.  
 Passed away peacefully after a short illness.  
 Loved son of Leslie (dec.) and Edna (dec.).  
 Loved brother of Ian.  
 Loving husband of Doreen.  
 Cherished "Bonus" father of Darren, Linda, Jamie (dec.), Shane and Nerolee.  
 Adored Pa and Great Grandpa of many.  
*"Rest In Peace"*

**TAYLOR, Alan (Brad):**  
 30.05.1939 - 28.09.2022.  
 Passed away peacefully.  
 Loving partner of Bev.  
 Loved father of Steve and Linda.  
 Pop "T" to Melissa, Jess, Brad and Hayden and 5 Great Grandchildren.  
*"Loved and Remembered Always".*  
**A Private Family Funeral will be held.**

**THOMAS, (nee Lane) Constance Lilian (Connie):**  
 Passed away suddenly at home.  
 Wife of Jack (dec.).  
 Mother of Andrew and Diana, Kerrie and Christopher.  
 Loving Nanna of Ben, Josh, and Gemma.  
 Daughter of Jim and Betty (both dec.).  
 Sister to Michael (dec.).  
*Sadly Missed.*

**DEATHS**

**YOUNG, Robert Angus (Bob):**  
 03.07.1935 - 26.09.2022.  
 87 years.  
 Devoted husband of Beverley (dec.) and Macy (dec.).  
 Eldest son of Robert and Jean Young (both dec.).  
 Loving father of Stuart and Julie, Gary and Vicki, Leonie and Greg.  
 Loved Pa of Erin and Rich, Alec and Hilary, Jack and Jamieson, Jean, Michael and Tayla and Kellie.  
 Great Pa of eight. Big brother of Graham and Lois, Jessie and Kevin (dec.) and Barry (dec.), Marion and Lindsay (dec.) and their families.  
 Stepfather and friend of Jamie and Katie and Kate and their families.  
*Forever loved and forever missed.*

**YOUNG, Robert:**  
 Loving memories of our wonderful brother, brother-in-law, and uncle - Robert Young.  
 Passed away peacefully and now at rest.  
 Forever in our thoughts and never forgotten by Graham and Lois, Craig and Fiona, Faye and Kevin, Maree and David and their families.

**YOUNG, Robert A:**  
 V35183  
 3/7720832  
 The President, Committee and Members of Leongatha RSL Sub Branch regret the passing of a comrade.  
**LEST WE FORGET.**

**To place a notice on this page please call our Wonthaggi office**

**FUNERALS**

**MARKLEY:**  
 A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Victor John (John) Markley will be held at Mossvale Park, Mossvale Park Road, Berrys Creek, on Thursday October 6, 2022, commencing 2pm.  
 Private Cremation.  
 In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Lyrebird Walk, envelopes will be available at the Service.

**As per John's request, please wear Bright Happy Colours.**

**Handley FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
 Phone: (03) 5662 2717

**SCHRAM:**  
 The Funeral Service for Mr. Stanley Allan Schram will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi **TOMORROW** Wednesday October 5, 2022, commencing at 2pm.  
 A Private Cremation will follow.  
 For Livestream details see [www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au](http://www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au)

**THOMAS:**  
 A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Constance Lilian (Connie) Thomas will be held at St. Pauls Anglican Church, Queen Street, Korumburra on Friday October 7, 2022, commencing 1.30pm.  
 A Private Burial will precede the above Service.

**Handley FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
 Phone: (03) 5662 2717

**FUNERALS**

**YOUNG:**  
 A Memorial Service for Mr. Robert Angus (Bob) Young will be held at The Leongatha RSL, cnr Smith St and Michael Place, Leongatha on Friday October 7, 2022, commencing at 2pm. A private family burial will precede the service.  
 Bob's service will be livestreamed, go to [www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au](http://www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au) for the link.

**Handley & Anderson Wonthaggi 5672 1074**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BURGESS, Beth May Anne:**  
 07.10.2019.  
**McRAE, Barry Anthony Joseph:**  
 08.10.2015.  
*My Journey's Just Begun*  
*Don't think of me as gone away, My journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets, This Earth is but one.*  
*Just think of me as resting, From the sorrows and the tears. In a place of warmth and comfort, Where there are no days and years.*  
*Think of how I must be wishing, That you could know today. How nothing but your sadness, Can really go away.*  
*And think of me as living, In the hearts of those I touched. For nothing loved is ever lost, And I know I was loved so much.*

**HAY:**  
 Small squares, this season, good quality, \$10 per bale, free delivery. Phone 5657 3291.

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 2 metre loads. \$250 per load, delivered. Ph 5657 3291.

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**BEREAVEMENT THANKS**

**BRYCE, Robert:**  
 Helen and family sincerely thank relatives and friends for their words of comfort and support; and cards and flowers following Robert's passing. Also, to Di, Tina and Claire from Harwood Funerals for their caring service.  
 Many thanks also to the District Nurses, Korumburra Hospital Nursing Staff and Nyora Medical and Pharmacy Staff.

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**SILVER PENDANT EARRING:**  
Found outside Cactus Black Carpark, Wonthaggi, Wednesday September 14.  
Phone: 0476 180 120.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



**HELP IS AS CLOSE AS THE TELEPHONE**

**13 11 14**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CORINELLA COMMUNITY MARKET**  
Community Market, Smythe St, Harold Hughes Reserve  
**Saturday, October 8, 9am-1pm**  
All enquiries to 0490 852 753

## MEETINGS

Friends Of The State Coal Mine  
**AGM**  
is to be held on **Sunday, October 23, at 2pm** in the Community Hall, Garden Street, Wonthaggi.

**ISLAND CRAFT MARKET**  
Thompson Ave. Cowes  
**Saturday, Oct. 8 9am - 2pm**  
Stall holders wanted - craft only  
**Inquiries: Monica 0412 710 276**

## ADULT SERVICES

**ESCORT LINDA**  
Mature lady. Like some intimacy/company?  
Please phone to enquire/book from 12pm  
**0439 263 764**  
swa 10270xe

**ROCK N ROLL 50's & 60's**  
**Dance Classes:**  
7.30pm, Daker Centre, Smith Street, Leongatha.  
Starting Thursday, October 6, 2022.  
Beginners to Advanced.  
No partner required.  
New beginners free for 2 weeks  
\$10 P.P.  
Contact John 0418 586 324.

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**QUALIFIED HAIRDRESSER:**  
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## SITUATIONS VACANT

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**Director Vacancies**  
**Are you passionate about the Bass Coast community and want to make a difference?**

The Bass Coast Community Foundation is seeking to recruit and appoint suitably qualified people to board vacancies created by retiring directors. Director positions are voluntary.

If you have a range of skills, experience and strengths including an understanding of philanthropy, governance, accounting or law, and a strong connection and commitment to the Bass Coast community, and you can contribute 6 hours per month to the Foundation's activities please apply.

For more about the position and application please visit **Director Vacancies - Bass Coast Community Fund**  
[www.bccf.org.au/director-vacancies-2/](http://www.bccf.org.au/director-vacancies-2/)  
The closing date for applications is **Friday, October 7, 2022.**

## SITUATIONS VACANT

  
Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc invites applications for the following position:  
**Bookkeeper/ Payroll Officer**  
Permanent Part Time (1 day per week)

This role constitutes working with management and the Treasurer with day-to-day accounting responsibilities. You will have at least 12 months' experience in an accounting role and applicable certification/qualification with proficiency in MYOB.

On-the-job training will be provided to the successful applicant.

**Duties include (but are not limited to):**

- Data Entry (QikKids).
- Payroll/Superannuation/PLSL.
- Invoicing and accounts payable/receivable (MYOB).
- Banking/Bank Reconciliation.
- Month End Accounting Tasks.
- BAS & IAS.

**Applications close: Monday, October 10, 2022.**

All enquiries (between 10 am & 4 pm) to:  
Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc  
244 White Road, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3995  
Ph: (03) 5672 5151  
[bass.coast.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:bass.coast.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

**Join our team**

**We are looking for a dynamic team member to join us at our Phillip Island HQ.**

**Customer Service Officer**  
(Full time to 30 June 2023)

Join a team who is passionate about providing quality customer service to our customers and community.

**Applications close 16 Oct.**

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## SITUATIONS VACANT

**BETTSYS GLASS COWES ARE HIRING**

Looking for building experience/ carpentry skills to assist with window and door fitting, making fly screens and doors and general laboring.

**Send your resume' to: [sales@bettsysglass.com.au](mailto:sales@bettsysglass.com.au)**

  
**WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT ELDERLY CITIZENS' HOMES INC.**

**Kitchen and Housekeeping Staff**  
(Casual and PPT positions available)

Rose Lodge is currently seeking applications for casual and PPT staff to work in the kitchen or housekeeping areas at Rose Lodge.

Interested applicants must be willing and able to work, be reliable, have excellent customer service, relate well with the elderly and other team members.

**Applications should be emailed to [admin@roselodge.com.au](mailto:admin@roselodge.com.au)**

  
**Casual Practice Assistant**

Leongatha Optometrists is an independent optometry practice that has been caring for families of the Southeast Gippsland region for 44 years.

Our team has decades of combined experience providing eye care management services, ensuring our patients continue to see well into the future.

We are looking for someone with a positive and motivated attitude. The team you will be working with are dedicated and hardworking, and you will have the exciting opportunity to become part of this work culture.

The ideal candidate does not need to have any optical experience and you will be provided on the job training.

Casual - one day per week with flexibility for extra days/hours as required.

- Opportunity to work closely with our customers
- Assist with frame selections
- General administration
- Receptionist tasks

The successful person will have the following skills and attributes:

- Strong retail background and sales skills
- A passion for delivering exceptional patient service over the phone and in person
- Great customer service and communication skills
- Good computer skills
- Have values in line with our practice ethics
- It is mandatory for all employees to have three doses (or an exemption) of the Covid-19 vaccination in a health setting. Per current Victorian Government regulations


If this sounds like the opportunity you are looking for please check the full job description at [leongathaoptometrists.com.au](http://leongathaoptometrists.com.au) or email your CV to [info@leongathaoptometrists.com.au](mailto:info@leongathaoptometrists.com.au)


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Placing misleading job ads is an offence against the ACL and all advertisements are subject to the publisher's approval. For further advice contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 1300 302 502 or Consumer Affairs Victoria.



## MC Truck Driver

Leongatha

We currently have opportunities for experienced MC Drivers based at Leongatha delivering to a number of areas across metro Melbourne and regional Victoria

### Successful Applicants must:

- Hold a current MC licence, ideally you will have a minimum of 12 months experience.
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- Provide your current VicRoads licence history
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- Have a valid forklift licence or willing to obtain.

If you enjoy operating modern equipment, are well presented, customer focused and willing to develop with a growing professional and safety focused company please apply through Seek - <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58630462>.

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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

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## Chef / Cook Wait Staff

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New establishment.

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## Assistant Retail Manager

Prom Community Op Shop

Prom Community Op Shop (PCOS) 78 Main Street Foster is looking to recruit an Assistant Retail Manager to support the Manager, lead a passionate team of volunteers and grow online sales. You will work in a team environment to develop and expand the business through social media and by selling stock via online platforms. This position is part-time, including some weekends.

### Attributes and skills:

- Proficiency in information technology (social media, online sales platforms, marketing)
- A 'Can Do' proactive attitude and a positive team spirit
- Retail management experience with a real focus on people
- Experience in cash handling and reconciliation
- A passion for delivering excellent customer service
- Excellent communication skills

### Key Accountabilities

- Management of the social media, marketing, technology and online sales
- Training and supporting our dedicated team of volunteers
- Opening and closing the shop daily
- Lead by example by following shop policies and systems to ensure compliance.
- Oversee the processing of all donated stock
- Ensure the security of all monies on site
- Manage all facets of the business to grow our organisation

### What you need:

- Retail Management experience with a strong focus on stock control, store presentation and strategic organisation
- Proven online retail sales experience with a drive to achieve successful results
- Excellent leadership and communication skills
- An ability to foster a positive team spirit and lead by example

### How to Apply?

Please email [promcommunityopshop@gmail.com](mailto:promcommunityopshop@gmail.com) for the selection criteria

Applications close:  
Friday, October 14, 2022

LB0503



## Administration Support Coordinator

- Join our South East Residence Grossard Court, in a fast-paced Administration Support Coordinator role.
- Permanent opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our clients!
- Part time position, would suit school hours!
- Cowes, Phillip Island location!

### Full Job Description

A leading aged care provider, BlueCross offers a wide range of flexible and responsive aged and community care services across metropolitan and regional Victoria. At BlueCross, we promote dignity, respect, choice, integrity, independence and engagement for all consumers and staff.

The position is a part time Administration Support Coordinator and supports our residence in Cowes, Phillip Island

If you pride yourself on your outstanding administration and communication abilities, enjoy a fast-paced environment and have a great attitude then we want to hear from you!

### Are you ready to join our team?

This role is required to support the residence across a range of customer service and administration areas.

Support areas include the provision of a welcoming and responsive manner to residents, their families, residence staff, corporate staff and external providers.

The tasks performed in this role will be recognised as best practice, accurate, and support the meeting of the aged care accreditation standards but also deliver a statement from residents, that "this is the place to live" and from staff that, "this is the place to work".

### This service will be delivered in a manner that:

- is in accordance with the values, policies and procedures of BlueCross
- is consistent with The BlueCross STAR Principles of choosing your attitude, making people's day, being there and engaging and having fun at work.
- Focuses on ageing well and delivers a service that strives to maintain and enhance the resident's health and well-being, capabilities, independence, choice, privacy, dignity and safety
- Delivers and if possible, exceeds customer expectations
- Ensures a safe working and living environment
- is cost effective in operation
- is always striving to improve the quality of service provided

### Skills and Expertise You bring to the role:

- Experience in aged care, preferably in a residential setting
- Customer Service experience
- Exceptional computer skills including all MS office programs but advance user skills in Word, Excel, Outlook and Publisher
- Office management
- Is organised and can effectively manage responsibilities and own priorities and assist others in this
- Ability to work independently whilst understanding accountabilities, and the importance of consultation
- Ability to work effectively as a team member
- Ability to manage a range of competing priorities at the same time
- Presents professionally, as appropriate for the occasion.
- Ability to identify, resolve and manage problems and resolve conflict situations effectively

### We offer:

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To apply send resume and interest to [JessicaL@bluecross.com.au](mailto:JessicaL@bluecross.com.au) or contact my mobile for further details 0447 899 358.

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## POSITION VACANT BUTCHER

San Remo IGA is seeking a passionate and motivated individual to join our team. This role will require some weekend work over summer and other peak periods. The successful applicant must be able to work autonomously as well as in a team environment.

If this sounds like you or you would like to know more please get in touch!

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:  
[shayne@sanremoiga.com.au](mailto:shayne@sanremoiga.com.au)

135 Marine Pde, San Remo, VIC 3925 T: [03] 5678 5337



KORUMBURRA  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Cleaning Tender

125 Jumbunna Road  
Korumburra, VIC, 3950

Expressions of interest are invited from the Department of Education – Panel Status - Cleaning contractors for the above College. Period commencing January 27, 2023.

Cleaners are required to attend a site inspection to be conducted at 3.30pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Please register attendance by phoning the Business Manager, Kim Cross on 5655 1566

To request documentation, contact: [korumburra.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:korumburra.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Applications will close 14 days from the site inspection.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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## Kiosk Operator

Have you thought of running your own business, or expanding an existing business?

Do you have a catering or food truck business and would like to take advantage of a seasonal opportunity?

Are you looking for a side hustle to supplement your day job?

**THIS MAY BE THE OPPORTUNITY YOU ARE LOOKING FOR!**

The Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club is seeking an organisation/individual to run the club kiosk throughout the lifesaving season.

For more information email the Club President: [president@islsc.org.au](mailto:president@islsc.org.au)



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# Employment

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## Milking Position

Afternoon milking position available, up to 7 milkings per week. Some occasional AM milkings. Flexible roster milking independently 220 cows. Located 5 min from Leongatha 6 weeks duration.

For more information phone 0419 093 783.

LB0404

## Chef Manager

Leongatha Hospitality and Tourism Permanent Chef Manager role available at Wooray! Lodge Aged Care Residence. Rostering, stock and kitchen management.

Contact Ben at [ben.soutter@catercare.com.au](mailto:ben.soutter@catercare.com.au) with your CV and Cover Letter.

LB0517

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All applications to Ashley Beaumont at [ashley@ecoliv.com.au](mailto:ashley@ecoliv.com.au) by Friday, October 14, 2022.

LB0607

Visit our website:  
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## Youth Access Worker

headspace Wonthaggi is a mental health and wellbeing service for 12-25 year olds. The lead agency for headspace Wonthaggi is Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV), a valued provider of specialist family and relationship services.

Are you passionate about working with young people and able to apply your skills and experience to effectively engage, screen, assess, refer, provide brief interventions and to coordinate care for young people that are referred to the headspace centre? Then we want to hear from you.

This position is part-time, (4 days per week) for a fixed-term contract until June 30, 2023 with a possibility of extension.

Applications close:  
**Monday, October 17, 2022.**

For more information about the role and to apply, please visit [www.rav.org.au/careers](http://www.rav.org.au/careers)

Enquiries: Cate Chaiyot, Centre Manager headspace Wonthaggi, by phoning 5671 5900.

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## Phillip Island NATURE PARKS

### VACANCIES

The Nature Parks is preparing for the upcoming Peak period and is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team.

- Farm Assistant
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- Cleaner/Maintenance
- Visitor Experience Ranger
- Sales and Service - Retail & Ticketing
- Financial Accountant
- 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/>  
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FOSTER GOLF CLUB

## Full Time Golf Club Manager

Foster Golf Club is seeking an enthusiastic General Manager for a great golf club. The position carries a significant front-of-house component. Foster Golf Club has an 18hole golf course, a great bistro (separately managed), the Spike Bar and a Gaming Room with 25 EGMs.

### Essential skills and experience:

- Bar and gaming management
- Back of house management, including stock management and roosting
- A working knowledge of System 1 and BOS portal
- A working knowledge of Xero accounting package (or similar) and the Bluize till system – or similar
  - RSA and RSG
- Current Victorian Gaming Licence

Please contact the club for full details. 5682 2272

To apply for this position please email to [manager@fostergolfclub.com.au](mailto:manager@fostergolfclub.com.au) with your resume & cover letter addressed to the President, Foster Golf Club, no later than **Friday, October 7, 2022**

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## BIKETOBERFEST LEONGATHA

Are holding a Vintage Motorbike display on **Saturday, October 29** IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

We would like anybody to showcase their Classic bikes at this event.

\$10 to enter bike  
Bikes to be in Hall before 8.30am  
All bikes to register prior to the event.

Enquiries to John 0427 744 473 or Geoff 0438 624 807

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### SITUATIONS VACANT



## Bass Coast Health

### Current vacancies

#### Receptionist

Fixed Term Part Time– Closes 14/10/2022

#### Dental Therapist

Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/10/2022

#### Registered Nurse/ Midwife – Acute/ Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery/UCC

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closing dates (please refer to website)

#### Occupational Therapist

Fixed Term Part Time – 14/10/2022

#### Outpatients Administration Officer

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – 14/10/2022

#### Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Sub-Acute

Permanent Part Time – Closes 07/10/2022

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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### PUBLIC NOTICES

## Road Construction Tarwin Lower

On October 17, 2022, MACA Infrastructure, on behalf of the Department of Transport, will commence work on site for the construction of a roundabout at Tarwin Lower Road and Buffalo-Tarwin Lower Road, Middle Tarwin intersection, weather permitting.

The work will take place between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday. To ensure the safety of our workers, the construction site will have reduced speed limits in place and delays can be expected.

We will do our best to minimise disruptions to your journey. Please follow travel and speed advice through these road works.

Department of Transport and MACA Infrastructure appreciate your patience while we complete these important safety improvements.

For enquiries, please contact the DOT office on 03 5943 3234 or Contractor's Project Manager, James on 0477 236 213.

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## Rose Lodge

WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT ELDERLY CITIZENS' HOMES INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 60th Annual General Meeting of Life Governors and Contributors of the Wonthaggi and District Elderly Citizens' Homes Incorporated A0031611G will be held in the Upper Floor - Activity Room Crellin Wing– Rose Lodge on

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 9am**

Covid restrictions are in place for those wishing to attend.

1. Attendance:
2. Previous Minutes: To confirm the Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting held on October 19, 2021.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Reports on the activities of the Association during the previous financial year:
4. Annual Subscription and Fee on Joining
5. Election of the Members of the Board whose term has expired:
6. General Business: Any items of general business received by the Secretary Mr Kilgour addressed to Rose Lodge of which seven (7) days written notice has been given.

Mr. G Richards  
President

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This is the entrance to Leongatha, on the Coast Road, across the railway line and into the main street, circa 1910.



An early photo of Korumburra's Commercial Street, looking across the new railway line.

## It's time to celebrate our local history

OCTOBER is History Month, a time to reflect on and acknowledge the past. A time to look at how history has made our community, and us, what we are today and how it helps shape our future.

We often think about history in broad terms. But what about local history?

Why are you living in South Gippsland? Has your family been in the region for generations, or have they only recently arrived?

What do you know about the area, and its history? We have, for example, a magnificent rail trail. But how did it come about?

The Victorian Government made the decision in the 1880s to build a railway from Dandenong to Port Albert. The construction of this railway was a great engineering achievement which changed our area from a pioneering backwater to the valuable agricultural region it became.

By the early 1990s, the train no longer travelled beyond Leongatha, and by the late 1990s, the V/line service to Leongatha ceased.

When the tracks were removed, the section between Leongatha and Koonwarra was made into a rail trail, creating a wonderful recreation resource. The success of this first section has, over time led to the expansion of the trail beyond Koonwarra all the way to Welshpool.

In addition, several years after the closure of the tourist train, the rail trail from Leongatha to Korumburra has recently opened and will eventually continue to Nyora. As people walk, jog or ride along the trail and enjoy the facility, they may think about the railway, remembering or wondering what it was like to travel by train.

'From Train Tracks to Rail Trail' by Bob Newton contains many interesting stories on the history of the railway and the rail trail that followed.

### Towns built on history

You may also wonder why our towns are located where they are? Yes, there are reasons. In the case of places like Wonthaggi and Korumburra, black coal was found, mines established, and the towns evolved. Foster came about because gold was

By Lyn Skillern

discovered in Stockyard Creek leading to a small gold rush. Coastal towns such as Inverloch, San Remo and Port Albert were established as seaports for the movement of goods and people along the coast. For Leongatha it was the place where the main coast road from Morwell to Inverloch was to cross the proposed South Gippsland railway line.

### Our old rec reserves

Just the other week, the Leongatha Parrots won the Gippsland Football League premiership. A Leongatha football team has been playing at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve since 1894. Why do we have recreation reserves in our towns?

As far back as the 1870s, the Victorian Government set aside land in every surveyed settlement for a recreation reserve. These have been places where sports of all types have been played, agricultural shows held and other facilities for community recreation constructed.

### Celebrate our history

So, how can we celebrate 'History Month'? Why not visit an historic site during October. Admire some historic buildings in your area. Read the names on a war memorial or wander around a cemetery, perhaps visiting the graves of your ancestors.

Maybe even visit one of our many great historic pubs. Our history is all around us.

Here are just some other suggestions:

- Coal Creek Park Korumburra
- The State Coal Mine Wonthaggi
- The National Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island
- Historical Society museums such as Foster, Leongatha and Wonthaggi
- The Lime Kilns at Walkerville
- The historic walk in the main street of Mirboo North
- Or, of course, the Great Southern Rail Trail.

Throughout October look out for a series of articles by Leongatha historian Lyn Skillern on a variety of topics regarding the history of South Gippsland.



Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study Project Team members Moragh Mackay, Alyson Skinner, Henry O'Clery, Heather Smith and Rakib Shah stand in front of Venus Bay Community Centre's energy resilience equipment. A21\_4022

## Securing Venus Bay's energy

By Andrew Palocz

ESTABLISHING a reliable energy supply for Venus Bay and building resilience are key goals for the town, with enthusiastic community members contributing their ideas and sharing experiences at the local Community House workshop on Saturday.

The workshop forms part of the Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study that will run through until mid 2023, establishing how Venus Bay can best address its energy challenges.

The impact of frequent power outages in the town is exacerbated by the fact its water supply and sewerage disposal are reliant on electricity to operate.

Venus Bay Community Centre has a strong commitment to promoting community energy resilience, and has reduced its reliance on the electricity grid through the use of solar panels, a battery system, and a backup generator.

The centre's energy storage system features eight 3.3kw lithium batteries, with hybrid inverter modules.

It means during times of power outages community members can take advantage of basic services at the centre, including availability of water, toilets, kitchen, washing machine, light, device charging and emergency information.

The ambition is to find ways of building increased energy efficiency and resilience into the township of Venus Bay, with the recognition that the project needs to extend beyond the Community Centre.

The current feasibility study received funding from the previous Federal Government, with that assistance grant applied for by a project team established to investigate reliable energy options in Venus Bay.

Saturday's workshop facilitator and project team member Moragh Mackay represents Mycelia Renewables, a small social enterprise business that supports community energy projects, and she explained the need for the current feasibility study.

"It's working with community to understand what their energy needs are for ordinary times as

well as in emergency scenarios, and even short-term outages," Moragh said.

The aim is then to develop localised energy systems that the community helps design.

Moragh explained that determining business models under which the energy systems would operate is also important, with potential for community ownership of energy installations.

"So it's looking at the technical needs as well as the financial needs of an energy system that can work for the Venus Bay community," she said.

Venus Bay Community Centre manager Alyson Skinner, also part of the feasibility study project team, outlined the importance of "high-level" documented planning to advance the town's energy aspirations.

"Without that documentation, we can never go to the next stage," Alyson said.

Saturday's gathering had a strong focus on establishing what community resilience looks like in Venus Bay from the viewpoint of locals.

Heather Smith, an electrical engineer from the University of Adelaide, a member of the Coalition for Community Energy, and part of the feasibility study project team for the Venus Bay energy initiative, outlined the kinds of details community members need to consider.

"We're thinking about energy supply and infrastructure because so much of our infrastructure relies on electricity; it's your mobile communications, it's your NBN, and your water systems," Heather said.

She stressed the importance of community, the relationships between people and how 'resilience' is understood across the community.

"What disturbances are we going to have to be resilient to?" Heather asked.

She noted the challenges posed by climate change and the ongoing energy transition.

Attendees were divided into groups, each enthusiastically discussing their ideas on an assigned topic.

One team spoke about

social networks in the town and its surrounds, what connects people, what infrastructure is critical and what gaps or vulnerabilities exist.

Another topic focused on locals' ability to deal with anticipated, generally short-term power outages in the town and strategies they employ.

Dealing with emergencies and associated extra energy needs was a further subject of discussion.

The other workshop group spoke about the local buildings that may be connected through a community energy system in order to provide services for the community, with thought given to what is required in an emergency situation.

Local Mae Adams told the Sentinel-Times what motivated her to attend Saturday's energy workshop.

"I've lived here for many years, so I know how inconvenient it is when we have all the power outages," she said, noting the need for preparedness for the future.

She said the importance of that is made greater by the fact the town is accessed by a single road.

"We've had recent experiences with power outages and floods when we've had no communications, or poor communications, so if we can work together to try to alleviate some of those problems it would be a good thing," Mae said.

After sharing their ideas on resilience, attendees heard more about energy needs and how they broadly fit into the three categories of "essential", "enough", or "everything", guiding the extent of the project by determining how broad its outcomes are intended to be.

Saturday's workshop was the first of four, with the next scheduled for February 11, 2023.

That will entail a more detailed look into energy options for Venus Bay.

An April session will focus on the type of business models that would suit the town's energy options.

A draft plan for energy reliability is expected to be presented at the last session in June, with the final plan to go on display in July.

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# Students not afraid to take environmental action

BASS COAST students united recently at Phillip Island Nature Parks new Penguin Parade Centre for environmental action at the Kids Teaching Kids Bass Coast Conference.

Students from Wonthaggi North Primary, Cowes Primary, Our Lady Star of the Sea - Cowes, Bass Coast Specialist, Newhaven College, San Remo Primary, Phillip Island Village School, Inverloch Primary and Wonthaggi Primary spent the day teaching peers, embracing environmental leadership and sharing learnings from mentors, hosted by environmental charity, Earthwatch Australia.

The morning kicked off with delegates assembling for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Auntie Sonia Weston-Hume and Daniel Hume of Bunurong Land Council, and official conference opening.

From there, students were broken into four colour groups with Grade 6 students from San Remo Primary hosting Blue Group and empowering their peers to reuse plastic bottles - whether as a money box, bird feeder or plant box.

"The students brainstormed after the webinar," San Remo Primary School teacher, Ruby explained.

"They wanted to be

as creative as possible re-using plastic water bottles."

Down the hall, Newhaven College kicked off a Flora and Fauna species puzzle whilst Ranger Ewan took Green Group through Little Penguin Research; understanding the importance of our little penguin colony and how to tell the genders apart through their beak length.

Yellow Group headed outside and enjoyed a boardwalk experience with Ranger Scott before the rain started.

"It's about empowering kids to have a voice," Earthwatch Australia's Education Coordinator, Loretta Leary said.

"To feel they can make a difference and show they can make a difference."

"I think it's important we have an opportunity for community and students to work together including Traditional Owners.

"We can create cohesive solutions to our environmental issues."

The next generation of leaders also tackled local Bass Coast issues such as beach pollution, waste management and renewable energy alongside environmental mentors Bass Coast Council, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, The Living Circle 21 and Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coast Care.



**Green Group embarked on a boardwalk with Ranger Scott to learn about the penguin colony and habitat.** C25\_3622



**Newhaven College students complete the Sea Savers workshop by Phillip Island Village School.** C26\_3622



**Blue Group delegates gather to learn how to make a money box from upcycled plastic water bottles.** C27\_3622



## Around The Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

DAYLIGHT savings, calmer weather, sunshine and the water slowly warming up all adds up to the start of the season.

With the start of daylight savings, we start to see more people heading out after work for a quick fish.

The barrel tuna reports continued over the long weekend, and despite them seeming to head to the west and wide, there were three caught out to the east again.

We were also told about a handful of school fish caught off pyramid rock.

We didn't actually see them and if the reports are correct, it's much earlier than last couple of seasons where they have turned up around mid-December.

Don't forget the kingfish this season, they have been left alone over the last few years with the tuna showing up but they haven't gone anywhere.

Many are now geared up for chasing kings having up graded their rods and reels for the tuna, so why not give them a go.

You will find the kingfish to be a bit more of a challenge than the tuna in all ways.

Finding them and getting them is probably the easiest part, getting them to bite and then landing them you will find the hardest thing to do, but the reward when you do get them home and into the frying pan makes it all worth it.

A subject of conversation that comes up all the time in the shop is the way some peoples catch is treated and the wastage.

There is a simple way to get around this.

That is to purchase yourself a set of scales or a brag mat, then you can take your photos in the boat and do what you need to do to the catch to ensure it's in the best condition possible for putting on the dinner table or in the freezer.

Most fish will taste better when bled and cleaned not long after you catch it, but at the very least if you are going to leave it whole get your catch on ice as soon as possible after it's on board.

Filetting is another that causes a lot of wastage

and isn't as easily fixed as the ice as some just struggle.

Many times, it's the knife used or they just don't know how, you tube can be your friend here with dozens of short demonstrations to help.

Failing all of that, fish like whiting, salmon, snapper can be easily cooked whole, head, clean and fin and they can be baked, grilled, or done on the barbecue and I guarantee once you get to the flesh on the bones, you will pick them clean as it is the sweetest of all the meat.

There are fish around and reports coming in, but it is still a bit tough, and you need to just luck out and drop on them.

Typical of this time of the year it's the customers that are just picking an area and spending time, especially snapper and whiting that are sending in the reports, not that they are getting a lot.

The water is still cold, the conditions haven't been perfect and as is the case every year people forget it's still very early season.

The reports we have seen of snapper have come through in patches during the day.

The early season spots of Elizabeth Island to Lang Lang is where the bigger snapper are coming from.

But at the same time, we are getting reports from Elizabeth Island to Rhyll of some smaller snapper even pinkies. Gummies, very similar to the snapper reports.

Whiting were a bit hot and cold this week and where good reports came from only a couple of weeks ago nothing at all this week.

Calamari have probably been the most consistent of all with the land and the boats fishing reasonably well.

There has been patches where they were hard to find or a little slow but compared to everything else a bit more consistent.

The sizes generally mixed and if you find a patch of bigger ones you get some excellent quality and only bigger ones.

## \$4m splash for Mahers Landing project

MINISTER for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale visited Mahers Landing last week where \$4 million will be invested to construct safety and accessibility improvements.

The project will replace the existing boat ramp with a longer, two-lane ramp providing access to Anderson Inlet at a greater range of tides and expand trailer parking.

The project will also include sealing of the carpark.

Detailed designs are expected to be released later this year, with the project expected to begin in April next year. Once construction be-

gins, the ramp will be likely be closed for periods of time.

A second year of the Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Program and Structural Maintenance Grants Program will help improve access and facilities for boaters across the state.

It builds on the \$33.2 million invested in 2021-22, which included a new all-abilities pontoon at Port Welshpool and supported the development of detailed designs for ramp upgrades at Inverloch and Mahers Landing.

To learn more about the Action Plan and the full list of projects, visit [www.betterboating.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterboating.vic.gov.au)



**Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced \$4m in funding for Mahers Landing.** Ns050422

### TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours.

**TUESDAY**  
October 4

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**WEDNESDAY**  
October 5

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**THURSDAY**  
October 6

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**FRIDAY**  
October 7

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**SATURDAY**  
October 8

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**MONDAY**  
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Taking count between rounds at the State Championships.



Tim with his award from Sunday's Moorabbin Grand Prix shoot.

# Tim's taking aim at his Olympic dreams

NINE-YEAR-OLD Tim Webb will become a household name, there is no doubt.

The young barebow recurve archer is a professional in the making with determination and an eye for the target securing Gold State Champion (U14) status in his first ever competition – Victorian State Archery Short Range Competition at Angel Archers in Balnarring recently and winning his age division at the Moorabbin Grand Prix, with an overall score of 842, 200 points in front of his nearest opponent this weekend.

"I didn't really want to do competitions," Tim said.

"My mum said I can do three and if I don't like it, then I don't have to do it – so that is the reason I am doing them."

Enjoying his first competition, Tim admits he was very nervous.

"When he first started primary school, we said it would be good to do a sport. Didn't want anything to do with football and he tried cricket for a little while but didn't like that and then one day, he said, 'I want to do archery'," Anna

(Tim's mum) explained.

"We looked around for a club and we found the club in Meeniyan. Unfortunately, they got locked down for a few years with COVID and he has only really been back into it this year."

And how did archery come about? Simple, the Olympics.

"I saw it when we were watching the Olympics and I thought I really want to do that. I don't know why but my body wanted me to," Tim smiled.

"Barebow recurve – when I first started out, the very first lesson I was given a recurve bow and I liked the feel of the bow."

Recently increasing the bow draw weight, Tim is finding the sport a lot of fun.

"We shoot every Sunday, meeting once a week, and every Wednesday or Friday nights we put the targets in the backyard."

There is even some family rivalry and competitiveness as Tim's dad also joins in the sport, and a family history.

"When Tim first started archery I rang my grandmother, who is now 97 and said, Tim's

started archery, and she said, 'Oh really, his great grandfather (her husband) used to do archery'. She has given us all these medals he won."

Representing South Eastern Target Archers in Meeniyan, Anna couldn't be prouder of her son and his accomplishments.

"(The weekend prior) was his first competition, and he was sick with nerves, so we said we're going to just turn up and watch everyone else (at Balnarring).

"He got there and was fine – it was good overcoming his nerves."

As for Tim's advice for other kids his age.

"It's fun. Every time you fail, you get to learn from your mistakes, and you improve more and then eventually you will be good and feel good."

"I really want to get to the Olympic Games; that's what I really want to do."

Shooting from three distances in his first competition, Tim secured 100 from 30 metres, 172 from 20 metres and 222 from 10 metres.

Professional archer Robert

Welsh has come on board as Tim's coach.

"We've known Robert for a while, and we just got talking one day about archery. It was around the Sydney Olympics, and he was going to that; he has been involved in archery for 30 or 40 odd years.

"Robert's been Tim's coach since his first lesson."

After a rough start to the day before the competition at Balnarring, Tim finished on a high.

"He got really dizzy, so the judges put him to the back and said just to sit and rest."

"They let him go back at the very end and shoot the last three arrows, over 100 people were standing their watching him shoot and he got two 10's and an eight," Anna smiled recalling the day.

"The whole grounds cheered when he finished."

Shooting each Sunday at Meeniyan, the club are also open to new members with come and try days – visit their Facebook page South Eastern Target Archers for further details.



The field lined up to shoot at the State Championships in Balnarring.



Tim Webb is taking the archery world by storm winning his first two U14 competitions.

## Jai makes smooth transition from Magpies nest to the Hawks

POOWONG'S Jai Newcombe's hard work is paying off, with the young midfielder Runner Up Hawthorn's Best & Fairest in just his second year at the Hawks.

Overlooked by Gippsland Power, Newcombe ventured to Box Hill Hawks, initially invited to play in a practice match, which earned him an opportunity to continue there.

His efforts for Box Hill won him a spot on Hawthorn's list through last year's mid-season draft.

The club showed faith in him, signing Newcombe up for a period of 30 months and that show of confidence is already being rewarded.

He finished on 115 votes in the Peter Crimmins Medal count, eight behind winner James Sicily.

Like Sicily, Newcombe was a fixture in the senior side throughout the season.

He averaged 22.5 disposals and 4.6 tackles a game, showing he is equally committed whether winning the footy or applying defensive pressure.

As well as his impressive finish in the Best & Fairest count, Newcombe also received the player-voted Lethal Award, named in honour of club legend Leigh Matthews.

The young Hawk caught the umpires' eyes for the right reasons in 2022, being awarded the most Brownlow votes of the season for a Hawthorn player.

At just 21-years-old and now with 29 AFL games to his name, Newcombe polled 11 votes, two ahead of Tom Mitchell.

"It's been a terrific ride for everyone to watch how Jai's progressed," Poowong Football Club president Ted Attenborough said.

He credits the faith Hawthorn senior coach Sam Mitchell and his coaching staff have shown in Newcombe for bringing the best out of the young player, noting Mitchell backed Newcombe to perform a midfield role and allowed him to grow into it.

Newcombe's ability to apply himself is also crucial to his early success at AFL level.

"He's got a level head on him and works really hard and it's great for the area," Attenborough said.

Even in his early teens, Newcombe was always down at the Poowong ground improving his fitness and skills and like many country kids has always loved having a footy in hand.

He is also an accomplished basketballer.

The young Hawk has sport in his DNA, with parents Clint and Heather both famous for their exploits for Poowong.

Heather played over 400 games of netball for the Magpies, with Clint topping the 300 game mark in his senior footy career for Poowong.

## Phillip Island hosts SUP titles

SURFING Australia and Surfing Victoria has brought the Australian Stand-up Paddle Board Titles back to Phillip Island.

The Island will play host to a range of SUP events this week including SUP surfing, SUP and Prone marathon racing and prone technical racing as well as an open SUP marathon race.

Competition dates are as follows: Wednesday, October 5 to Sunday, October 9 (all day), venues TBA.

## Leongatha Table Tennis

A Grade (September 27): Scores show rubbers and games

Polly Waffles 8 rubbers, 24 games def Frogs 3 rubbers, 12 games. Chupa Chups 6-23 def Fire Balls 5-20, Fantales 7-26 def Snakes 4-17

Bye: Jaffas

Leading Players: Braden A: 22, Case Deb: 21, Michael C: 20, Phil M: 19, Dirk H: 18, Glenn B: 17, Michael W: 17

A Reserve (played September 28)

Lamborghini 6 rubbers, 18 games def Nissan GTR 5 rubbers, 23 games. Thunderbirds 6-22 def Pacers 5-19. Mitsy 10-31 def EH Special 1-5

Leading players: Sven G: 23, Aiden H: 20, Ian R: 20, Trent B: 19, Rob C: 17



**Under 14s Southern Gippssland players Harrison Carlon and Jeremy Kelly wrap up a Western Gippssland player.**

### Southern Gippssland fights it out in junior representative deciders

SOUTHERN Gippssland was represented in two grand finals at Morwell late September in AFL Gippssland All Stars competition, with both its under 14 and under 15 sides highly competitive in narrow losses to Western Gippssland.

#### Under 14s

Western Gippssland 5.12(42) def Southern Gippssland 6.3(39)

The under 14s were pipped by just three points by a less accurate Western Gippssland outfit.

Clayton Quaife, who played for both the Leongatha fourths and Korumburra Bena under 14s during the season and Phillip Island Junior Football Club representative Connor Macmillan accounted for the bulk of the Southern side's goals, notching a couple of majors apiece, with Froy Anderson and Angus Livingstone rounding out its goalkicking tally, with one major each.

Macmillan featured prominently among the team's best performers, only listed behind Foster under 18s player Leevi Lidstone and Phillip Island Junior Football Club's Ayden Pawaz.

Others to stand out for the narrowly beaten side were Thomas Macmillan, Livingstone and Hamish Withall.

Southern Gippssland's under 14s had an excellent season, winning all six of their matches leading into the grand final, including their round 2 meeting with Western Gippssland.

#### Under 15s

Western Gippssland 8.9(57) def Southern Gippssland 7.10(52)

Southern Gippssland was left just a goal short of glory after a meritorious performance, with Western Gippssland sneaking home by 5 points.

Jobe Scapin (Inverloch Kongwak), Mitchell Croatto (Korumburra Bena), and Aydan Williams (Leongatha) booted two goals each for the Southern side, with Willem Duursma (Inverloch Kongwak) managing a single major.

Inverloch Kongwak's Archie Terlich starred for the Southern Gippssland representative unit, with Scapin also outstanding and William Peppard, Finn Donohue, Duursma and Yianni Caffieri other notable contributors.

Southern Gippssland's under 15 side lost just one game prior to the grand final, also to Western Gippssland, but got much closer to beating that opponent in the season's final match.

Southern Gippssland reached the semi final stage in under 13s competition after battling back from a slow start to the season in which the side lost its opening two games.



**Southern Gippssland's Jayden Burns approaches the ball, under pressure from an opponent.**

# Dalyston PRESENTATION NIGHT 2022



DALYSTON Football Netball Club recently held their junior and senior presentation nights.



**Seniors Player's Choice: Lachlan Wright, Coaches Award: Hayden Wallis, Most Consistent: Michael Harris, B&F: Curtis Murfett, runner up B&F: Michael Marotta (Absent), Most Improved: Louis Armstrong (Absent)**



**Reserves Most Improved: Jesse Orchard-Moore, B&F: Dean Wylie, RU B&F: Kyle Wright, Coaches Award: Rob Davey, Most Consistent: Jack Sheerin (absent). Coach: John Armstrong.**



**Under 18s B&F: Stewart Beaumont, runner up B&F: Beau Hull, Most Consistent: Ryda Kay-Darts, Most Improved: Tommy Hitchings, Coaches Award: Leit Bellart. Coaches: Rob Davey, Jake Gheller.**



**A Grade B&F: Alana McRae, runner up B&F: Gemma Thomas.**



**B Grade Best in Finals: Katherine Scott, Equal RU B&F: Hannah Grenville, Chloe Cengia, B&F: Sarah Blundell.**



**C Grade Runner up B&F: Alyce Wylie, Coaches Award: Tess Britt, Best in Finals: Chelsea Scott, B&F Oona Shepherd.**



**11 and Under Dalyston netballers.**



**17 and Under Best in Finals: Olivia Bramley, B&F: Bella Schmidt, runner up B&F: Mataya Maloney, Coaches Award: Kalani Shepherd.**



**13 and Under: Best and fairest: Michaela Shepherd, runner up B&F Lilly Loughran, Coaches Award Bridie Allan.**



**Youth Girls Most Courageous: Milla Laub, B&F: Gianna Belulia-Boich, runner up B&F: Marli Box, Coaches Award: Georgia Breckon, Coaches Award: Julia Hitchings, Most Consistent: Billie Orpin, Most Improved: Lulu Jones-Terrilla, Best Team Player: Mia Weston (Absent), Most Versatile: Grace Humphris (absent).**

# Marriott flies high in 2022

LEONGATHA'S star onballer and skipper Tom Marriott deservedly claimed a swag of honours in season 2022, capped off by being named the Herald Sun's best country footballer in Victoria and featuring in the Weekly Times Team of the Year.

He won his second League Best and Fairest, earning him the Trood Award and Rodda Medal, was best on ground in Leongatha's premierships side and led the Parrots to an undefeated season.

Unsurprisingly, Marriott is also a crucial component of the Gippsland League's Team of the Year.

"He's an absolute star and it starts with how hard he works off the field," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said.

Beyond his massive contribution as a player, Marriott inspires his teammates with his leadership and his unwavering commitment to training and preparation.

"The standards he brings everyone else along," McMicking said.

As a player, Marriott has stood out in 2022 despite the large number of high-quality footballers in the competition.

By Andrew Paloczi

"The league is littered with very good VFL players and good AFL players and he's better than all of those for this year," McMicking said.

He said Marriott is a terrific player to coach and just requires guidelines and goes from there.

Marriott's input assists McMicking in his coaching.

"He likes honest feedback and gives honest feedback to anyone who needs it, which is part of being a leader," the coach said.

Aptly, given Leongatha's memorable season, McMicking was named as coach of the Gippsland League and Weekly Times team of the year.

McMicking praised Marriott's loyalty to the Parrots, saying he has resisted the opportunity to play elsewhere despite the fact he would command impressive pay.

Marriott remains down to earth despite all the fuss being made about him and the success he has achieved.

"He's honest, reliable, everything you'd want in a person," McMicking said of the inspirational Parrots skipper.



## Funds for local footy clubs

DALYSTON and MDU Football Netball Clubs were among 151 clubs statewide to share in funding for promoting road safety in the community.

The funding will go towards:

- Dalyston Football Netball Club - Bass Coast Breakers - Junior development and new equipment, \$10,000
- Meeniyah Dumbalk United Football Netball Club - New junior team, \$5000

The TAC Club Rewards Program encourages AFL Victoria-affiliated clubs to educate their players and members on the dangers associated with risky driving behaviours such as speed, drink/drug driving, fatigue, and distractions.

Successful clubs will put the money towards a range of initiatives including new equipment and uniforms, updated facilities, and education programs covering topics such as mental health and road safety.

Clubs from across the state were able to apply for the program by showing how they supported road safety throughout the year, including taking part in the TAC Road Safety Round.

Hundreds of clubs took part in the July campaign, donning blue armbands to promote road safety and honour those tragically killed on our roads.

So far this year, 187 people have lost their lives on Victorian roads, with 106 of those in regional areas - a concerning increase on the 78 regional deaths at the same time last year.

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# Wonthaggi's dedicated runners

IT'S A long way from Broken Hill to Sydney by foot, but that's how far 41 Wonthaggi Road Runners (WRR), divided into three teams, have walked or ran over the past 19 days in the annual 'Run Against Violence' challenge.

The event encourages people to help raise awareness of the issues many face due to violence and raises funds to help run prevention programs.

The event is based on a run Korrily Dear did in 2014 along the same route, to raise awareness of intimate partner violence.

The teams logged each run or walk they did, with the team progress monitored on-

line and the teams able to see their progress.

There was much rivalry between the teams, with the WRR pacemakers finishing first, followed by the WRR Waterline team 18-hours ahead of the WRR Inverloch team.

Participants don't have to be super fit, just committed to doing some kilometres each day for the team.

Ages ranged from 10 year old Emma Barclay, who walked to and from school each day to older members adding 42km, including Etsuko who ran an amazing 314km in that time.

They participants also raised \$500 towards the events Love Bites program.



Donna Lancaster, Nicki Robson, Clare Smith and Brad Smith help promote the message at Inverloch parkrun.

# Cost blowout for soccer pavilion project



While supportive of the Wonthaggi Soccer Club Change Pavilion project, Cr Ron Bauer was concerned about the cost increase of 34 per cent.

AN additional cost of \$206,225 for the construction of the Wonthaggi Soccer Club Change Pavilion was adopted by councillors at their recent meeting.

The project will see a new pavilion consisting of female friendly change room facilities, referee rooms and other amenities at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

TS Constructions was awarded the \$711,600 contract, with the project expected to be completed by late March 2023.

However, including contingency and internal project management costs, the project total is \$804,108. Contingency refers to unforeseeable costs, likely to be incurred during the contract, if required.

The budget available for the contract was \$597,883, (not including contingency and project management fees).

The additional funding of \$206,225 was allocated the through capital works program advancement funds in the 2022/23 budget.

The shire had received funding of \$500,000 and a further \$50,000 towards the project.

Cr Ron Bauer said while the project was 'worthy' with considerable community necessity, the costs had blown out by 34 per cent.

"An additional \$206,225 has to be advanced to this project to get it done from the Capital Works Program advancement Fund," he said.

"This is in effect is \$206,225 which has been taken from a future budget and used now with the hope this money will be replaced in the future from other sources.

"The Shire has over 100 capital works projects started it will only take a few of these types of blowouts to make a massive black hole into our finances.

"We are already running with an underlying loss and these variations only add to our woes.

"We have to re-evaluate all our capital works projects and see what needs to be slimmed down or even moth balled in the short to medium term."

## Hazendonk takes out Best and Fairest again



ROGER Gwynne (Chairman) congratulates Jack Hazendonk (Poowong) winner of the 2022 EDFNL Seniors B&F for the third time. Photo: Jeff Tull

## Ever thought of cricket umpiring?

LEONGATHA Umpires Panel formed in 1989-90 and will have around 20 umpires again this year.

This panel has around 2300 games between them of LDCA games.

They welcome Ian Thorn Sub Districts, Glenn Plymin Box Hill reporter, Gary Quilty 40 years of cricket and Steve McNamara LDCA legend and life member and OMK life member.

Though we are missing a few for round one, LDCA Umpires will go close to covering the 22 games each week, we also Umpire Gippsland League matches (Premier, U/18s and Under 15s, the Gippsland girls and step up for the Junior finals and the Midweek 20/20 Games).

If anyone is interested in joining the Panel, you will find the atmosphere of umpiring in the LDCA is very enjoyable and you will have the respect of the clubs.

Contact Geoff Wyatt 0413 081136 or wyatt@waterfront.net.au if you're interested.

The Umpires Rules are holding a rules night at Outtrim Cricket Rooms on Tuesday, October 4, 7.30pm if you would like to come a long and learn the rules and meet the umpires of the panel.

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# Searching for golden basketball talent in Ballarat

GIPPSLAND'S up and coming basketball talent was on show at last week's Gold Nugget Camp in Ballarat, with a strong contingent of players representing the Korumburra-based South Gippsland academy in boys and girls sections.

Players were chosen for the camp based on their efforts at South Gippsland academy sessions, having been accepted into the South Gippsland academy in March, and generally taking part in weekly sessions in Korumburra, with some held in other locations.

Academy training involves lots of skill-based sessions, with an emphasis on achieving the style of play consistent across country Victoria.

Representatives at the camp were divided into under 14s and under 15s.

Gold Nugget participants are put through a range of challenges, with their performance at the camp determining whether they are selected for upcoming events, the Australian Junior Basketball Cup in Albury and the Southern Cross Challenge in Knox.

Thirty-two young basketballers were chosen to represent the South Gippsland academy in Ballarat, with an



**Korumburra basketballers Billie Peterson, Ruby Mewett, Chloe Ogilvy and Juliet Stacey were among the South Gippsland contingent at the recent Gold Nugget camp in Ballarat, with the club's Rory Butters and Chloe Hogg part of the coaching panel at the camp.**

even split between boys and girls.

The South Gippsland contingent is a blend of players from local basketball associations, including Korumburra, Foster, Phillip Island, and Wonthaggi and those from further afield areas such as Pakenham, Warragul and Kilsyth.

That reflects the willingness of many talented youngsters to travel considerable distances to be part of the Korumburra-based academy program.

Korumburra Basketball

Association president and high performance coach for Basketball Victoria, Mat Holmes, kept a close eye on proceedings at the Gold Nugget Camp.

As well as watching the progress of South Gippsland talent, he was checking out the efforts of kids from other areas, being the coach of the under 16 Victoria Country team.

While unable to give too much away after the Gold Nugget Camp, with selections yet to be made for upcoming competitions, Holmes was

delighted with the talent on show, including those representing the South Gippsland academy.

Over 230 basketballers from around Victoria took part across the two days of the camp, with boys in action last Wednesday and girls the following day.

"We were worried about the impact of Covid on this group, but it was good to see they'd picked up their skill set and both of the camps (boys and girls) were really encouraging and made selections hard," Holmes said.

He added that those who miss out on selection to represent Victoria Country shouldn't be discouraged and will "keep building on their own pathway".

Victoria Country will have under 14s teams in both the Southern Cross Challenge and the Australian Country Cup, while under 15s sides will only participate in the Southern Cross Challenge.

Holmes said that with a number of Gippsland basketballers among those trying out for under 16 and under 18 representative sides, it is the "culmination of the high performance programs for Victoria Country".

## Wonthaggi clay shooters take their shot

THE Wonthaggi Clay Target's AFL Grand Final Eve Twilight/Night Competition was a huge success with nine Squads attending both the day and night events with shooters from Melbourne, MCC, Metro, Nepean, Frankston, Morwell, Werribee, Mornington, and Korumburra.

After a beautiful couple of days prior too, typical Wonthaggi weather set in with light showers holding off for most of the day and a chill setting in after dark.

Fires kept shooters warm inside and outside between shoots.

The day event was rounded out with the prestigious Cake Shoot which was won by Alex Sibillin and Will Martin, who shot past the 25-metre mark and nearly in the carpark.

Shooters then stopped to have a fantastic meal supplied by the club, before the second event

commenced, the Night Shoot.

The Lights sponsored by PRORENT were brilliant, lighting up the traps and the targets, and the Flash Targets from Spartan Global lit up the night amazingly.

Event 1 results- 60TGT DB  
Open - Phill Defrancesco 74/74. AA 1st - Kevin Gillespie 73/74. A 1st - Daniel Mifsud 59/60. B 1st - Dakota Suckling 64/68. C 1st - Bryan O'Halloran 53/60. Junior 1st - Lucas Furlan 59/60. Ladies 1st - Bianca Calvi 55/60. Veteran 1st - Charlie Galea 57/60.

Event 2 - 40TGT DB - FLASH.  
Open 1st - Phill Defrancesco 52/53. AA - 1st - Alex Sibillin 51/53. A - 1st Daniel Mifsud 38/40. B - 1st Robert Demaria 35/40. C - 1st John Butters 33/40. Junior 1st - Lucas Furlan 37/40. Ladies 1st - Mel Chapman 26/40. Veteran 1st - Max Oakley 34/40.



**Shooters from 10 clubs attended Wonthaggi's AFL Grand Final Eve Twilight/Night competition on September 23.**  
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## Our beer at our World Superbike circuit

THE Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit has just announced the signing of a new sponsor, for the 2022 and 2023 Superbike World Championship rounds at the Island, and they're keeping it in-house!

The circuit's new major sponsor is none other than the Mirboo North-based Grand Ridge Brewery which has owned craft beer supply rights for WorldSBK events since 2019.

Owner and Managing Director of Grand Ridge Brewery,

Eric Walters, is proud to be partnering with WorldSBK at Phillip Island after enjoying a great relationship over the years.

"It's such a great event! After many years supporting the track with beer and cider, we are really excited to be a major sponsor and we can't wait to see you there! We look forward to a hard revving, ripper race week and enhancing the customer experience on-track and in the campgrounds. Stay tuned and be sure to get Grand Ridge in the fridge," Mr

Walters said.

"This sponsorship will be in memory of our head brewer and avid bike enthusiast Dave Breheny, and we look forward to doing him proud," he said.

The 2022 event will be held from November 18th - 20th.

General Manager of Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, David Bennett, says Grand Ridge Brewery has already built a loyal following from World Superbike fans in the past.

"Grand Ridge Brewery has been our craft beer partner in both 2019 and 2020, and by

stepping up to major sponsor, it's fantastic opportunity to expand our range of craft beer and cider on offer, especially in our new Holeshot Bar overlooking Doohan Corner - giving our spectators the best views and the best beers to heighten their experience at the 2022 event" Mr Bennett said.

The 2022 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship, Grand Ridge Brewery Australian Round is the season finale where they'll crown the 2022 Superbike World Champion.

## Wilson "can't see" Clarkson coaching Kangaroos in 2023

THE Age's Caroline Wilson doesn't expect Alastair Clarkson to coach North Melbourne next season.

Clarkson stood down from his role with the Kangaroos after allegations were made against him and other figures over the mistreatment of Indigenous and First Nations players during his time at Hawthorn.

The allegations were made against the four-time premiership coach in an external review commissioned by Hawthorn and revealed in ABC Sport's Russell Jackson's subsequent report.

While the 54-year-old denied any wrongdoing in a statement released on Wednesday afternoon, Wilson believes it's going to be "difficult" for him to take charge at Arden Street in 2023 as the AFL brings together a four-person panel to investigate.

**By Lachlan Geleit**

"I really think it's going to be difficult for Alastair," Wilson said on Sportsday.

"North are backing him and say they want him back.

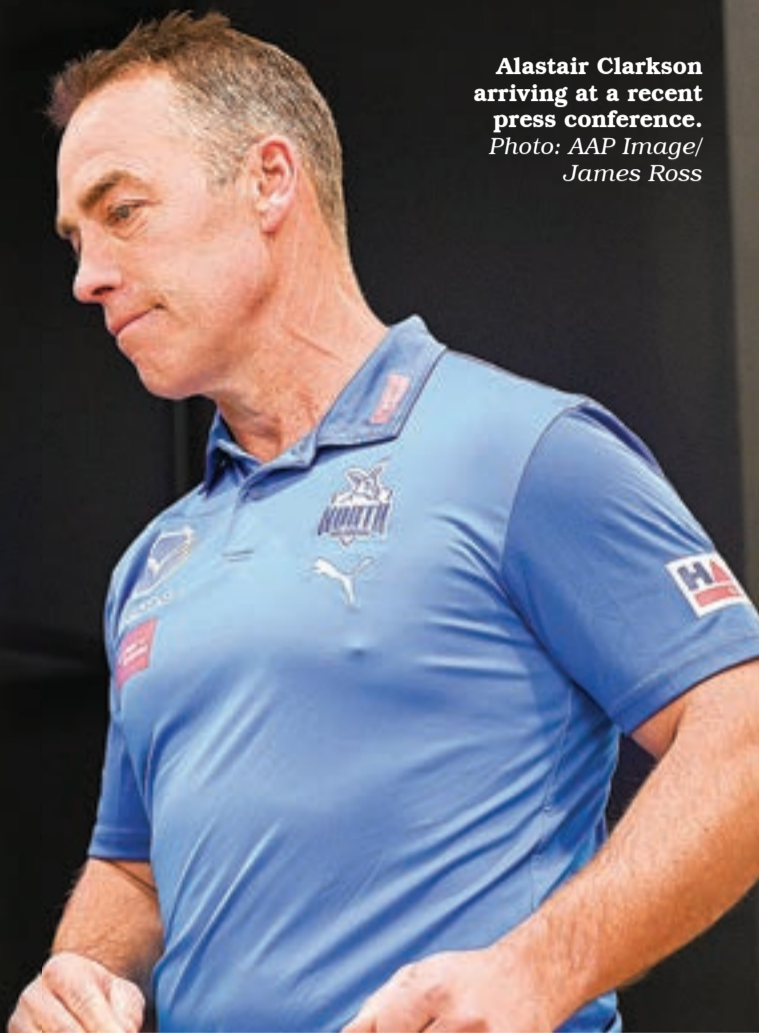
"Brisbane feels the same way about Chris Fagan.

"But I can't see Alastair Clarkson coaching North Melbourne, certainly this year."

Brisbane coach Chris Fagan has also stood down after he was implicated having worked at the Hawks from 2008 to 2016.

The AFL is yet to announce the four-person panel led by a King's Counsel, but Wilson believes that could come before the end of this week.

Clarkson was due to start with the Kangaroos ahead of pre-season after inking a five-year deal to become the club's head coach in August.



Alastair Clarkson arriving at a recent press conference.  
Photo: AAP Image/James Ross

## Geelong's budget: Continue down Bowes and pick 7 path

**By SEN**

EVERY club has a wishlist but every club also has a budget.

But not many out there know exactly what is on said list or exactly what each club has up their sleeve to spend.

Josh Jenkins has given each of the 18 clubs a round \$1 million figure to spend this trade period on a player or players they require.

This is a hypothetical look at what a club needs, but ensuring the players in question are somewhat gettable and the deals are not fanciful.

It is what Jenkins thinks is needed and how the clubs in question should spend their \$1m.

Due to Jenkins' role at Geelong, Cam Luke has stepped in to run the rule over the 2022 premiers.

Geelong's budget – Pay the money to secure Bowes and pick 7

"I would continue down the Jack Bowes path, even though his contract is reportedly \$850,000 next year," he said on AFL Trade Radio's Trade Mornings.

"I'm chasing both (the player and pick 7) because I think Jack Bowes is a solid footballer who at Geelong - and don't get me wrong, he may not be in their best 22 come Round 1 - but he's also a player on the periphery and a player you need to have the excellence week in, week out.

"He's a little bit younger with the older list demographic at Geelong. You then get pick 7 which you're able to work with. That's the juicy part of this.

"They're obviously extremely smart with their finances and the culture that has been built down there.

"I'm having a real crack at Jack Bowes. That's what really good football clubs, list management and culture does, it gives a really good opportunity to a really solid footballer.

"We forget he's played some good footy at the Suns. You have to bite off a little bit with the cash but you're paying that to get pick 7 into your club."

## Affected families "unwilling" to retell evidence in investigation: Wilson

THE Age's Caroline Wilson has labelled the AFL's pending investigation into the treatment of First Nations and Indigenous players at Hawthorn in recent years a "mess".

With the Hawks handing the findings of their external review to the AFL, the competition has since announced that they would appoint a four-person panel led by a King's Counsel to investigate themselves.

As that group has yet to be finalised, Wilson says there's "genuine despair" that it's yet to happen as the families of ex-Hawks players that have made allegations chase an independent enquiry separate from the competition.

"I think there is genuine hope within head office that a process, a procedure by which these claims will be investigated could be completed in

**By Lachlan Geleit**

the coming days," Wilson told Sportsday last week.

"There's genuine despair though that it's taken over a week already, and as we sit here tonight the aggrieved families who gave evidence in the Phillip Egan review into the cultural problems at the Hawthorn football club were still not over the line as agreeing to the process.

"They all week have been saying they want an independent judicial enquiry, I think Leon Zwier their lawyer is trying to get something together with Peter Gordon, not that they're on the same side, they're not.

"But that's why it's such a mess, because these people gave their evidence, are unwilling to do so again in an environment they don't trust."

Wilson believes one of the

reasons the families involved are hesitant to give evidence again and work with the AFL is due to Andrew Newbold, with the previous Hawthorn president now a commissioner of the AFL.

"One of the reasons they don't trust the AFL is because of Andrew Newbold," Wilson said.

"Rightly or wrongly, they say that Andrew Newbold, who read his denials today, was an AFL commissioner and the AFL have to be conflicted investigating one of their own."

With families potentially unwilling to offer new evidence, Wilson finds it hard to see where the investigation goes next as their stories are crucial in forming any sort of thorough investigation.

"It is a mess, I've never seen a situation where the AFL itself has lost control of the process," Wilson said.

"That's where it sits at the moment, there's a lot of angst directed towards the Hawthorn Football Club, rightly or wrongly.

"At the moment, a lot of clubs are furious at Hawthorn as is the AFL for not putting strong parameters around the review and sort of giving it to the AFL, leaving it with them.

"Now the parties involved don't want to cooperate with the AFL, do they go to the Police?"

"It's just hard really to know where they go now if they don't know where to go with the investigation."

The AFL originally were hoping to appoint their investigation panel last week but are yet to do so more than a week on from the allegations coming to light through Russell Jackson's story with ABC Sport.

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Kilcunda-Bass' inaugural open women's squad pose for a photo before cracking into their first training session. B05\_4022

# LDCA debuts Women's Competition

FOR the first time ever, the Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA) is introducing a women's cricket competition.

With two age divisions, under 12s and under 14/open the competition will run for six rounds, with games to be played every second Sunday over the summer, obviously pending numbers.

The matches will be played in 20/20 format and there will be six games total, with three before and three after Christmas, not including finals.

Speaking with the Sentinel Times last week, Kilcunda-Bass

LDCA's Female Cricket Co-ordinator Cameron Chasemore explained the thinking behind the competition and what it will bring to the area.

"Essentially it's been set up to try and encourage social involvement from women around the area as an advertisement for women's cricket in Bass Coast," he said.

"We are hoping that by having mums, wives, girlfriends involved, that younger girls will see how fun and great it is, and at the same time its giving talented teenage girls the opportunity to play against their own gender."

The open age competition has already been confirmed with four clubs putting forward teams in Kilcunda-Bass, Inverloch, Koonwarra and Foster, Chasemore encouraged more involvement.

"The teams are shaping up really well, I think the cut off date for putting teams in will be late October so we can fixture it," he said.

"I think it's just a good way socially to play sport with friends, the risk of injury is lower than say netball or anything else and it's a short fast game every second Sunday, so the massive amount

of commitment isn't there."

"To be fair we all want women's sport to grow so it's just an opportunity to be an original founder of it to encourage girls to take up sport in general."

Chasemore couldn't have said it better, the competition has a strong emphasis on participation and fun, players are not required to have any prior cricketing experience and are free to compete however they feel comfortable, owning whites or cricket gear isn't essential either.

"I think what this will do is be a great advertisement for women

and sport in general to just give anyone who wants to give it a go, a go," he said.

"And the offset to that is all the clubs will benefit from having more women and girls around, for sure, the girls at Bass are purely doing it to show that cricket or sport in general for girls is here and it's available."

The first round of the inaugural LDCA Women's competition season is set to kick off on November 6, with two games following before the Christmas break begins following the conclusion of Round 3 on December 4.

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