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## Leongatha chases premiership glory this weekend

Grand final preview in Sport



# BIG FREEZE

Campus Principal Ross Bramley took on the Ice Bucket Challenge by Bass Coast College Year 12 Student Leaders last Thursday to raise much needed monies for Fight MND. See page 13 for full story.

## No afterhours doctors for hospital ED

THE Leongatha community has been quick to express concern this week about moves to "downgrade" afterhours, urgent care services at the Leongatha Hospital.

Speaking about the announcement on Monday, September 12 that local doctors have had to withdraw their support for the Gippsland Southern Health Service's Urgent Care Centre, from "9pm to 8am and some weekends", Anthony Walls of the Leongatha Business Association said the community was entitled to a full explanation.

Instead of local doctors being available as the need requires, the health service is "expanding its telehealth model of care overnight and at the weekend using out-of-area doctors".

"We've got a beautiful, big, new hospital up there however while such services as maternity, chemotherapy and aged care are well supported, I think we're entitled to expect doctors on call for our Urgent Care Centre as well," Mr Walls said.

"To be honest, I didn't think they could 'downgrade' the urgent care service we already have because it's already pretty basic."

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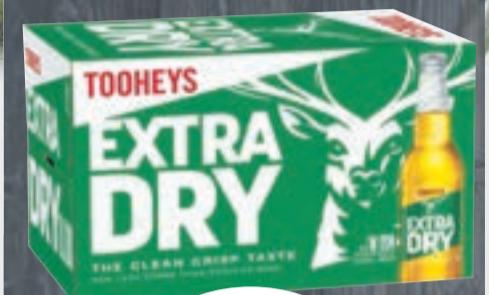


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# No afterhours doctors for Leongatha hospital ED

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"And that's no reflection on our staff. They do an amazing job, but they need to be better supported, with more doctors and more nurses, and that goes for the health system state-wide. No wonder it's an election issue," he said.

The health service is claiming the changes are an improvement but the Leongatha Hospital's own staff have raised the red flag.

"Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Urgent Care Centre will be expanding its successful telehealth model of care overnight and on some weekends," GSHS said in a joint media statement with the Leongatha Healthcare group.

"In this model, the patient is seen 'virtually' by a doctor who specialises in emergency medicine, assisted by the registered nurse at GSHS. The telehealth model has been tested across regional Victoria with excellent results.

"GSHS has been using telehealth services for several years but will now be using doctors from outside the region.

"Most people attending the Urgent Care Centre during these times won't notice any difference in how they are assessed and treated.

"The impact of COVID 19 across a range of health services required a review of the way emergency care is provided at the GSHS Leongatha Campus."

The health service acknowledged that the Urgent Care Centre has had long standing support from local general practitioners at Leongatha Healthcare. Director of Nursing Vivienne Low said GSHS was thankful for this support.

"Unfortunately, it has become increasingly difficult for local GPs to cover all hours at the Leongatha hospital and to preserve our excellent maternity and surgical services. Therefore, in collaboration with Leongatha Healthcare we will be moving to a telehealth model of care for GSHS's Urgent Care Centre from 9pm to 8am and some weekends," Ms Low said.

According to GSHS, upon presentation at the Urgent



**Leongatha and district has a big, beautiful hospital but is telehealth enough afterhours in our Urgent Care Centre?**

Care Centre, patients will be assessed as usual and if the injury or illness requires ongoing care in hospital, they may be admitted to Leongatha Hospital or arrangements will be made for transfer to the appropriate metropolitan or regional health service.

Ms Low said this model has been tested throughout Victoria with excellent results and ensures that patients receive access to emergency physicians when required.

The Urgent Care Centre at the GSHS Korumburra campus will continue to function under the current service model.

In what GSHS claimed as "an exciting new initiative", GSHS has also been approved to join a telehealth project, in partnership with the Alfred Hospital, "to improve outcomes for patients presenting to the Urgent Care Centre with chest pain".

They said the background work of this initiative was being done at the moment with

plans to be implemented in November 2022.

GSHS also reminds local residents that if a transfer from Urgent Care to another health service is required, you will be billed by Ambulance Victoria. It is important that you have ambulance membership to cover the costs.

Gippsland Southern Health Service will continue to enjoy the strong ties with our Leongatha Healthcare colleagues and work together to deliver our mission of building a healthier community in South Gippsland," Ms Low added.

But staff at the hospital have already expressed their concern, one of them writing anonymously to the Sentinel-Times on Friday to let the public know about the withdrawal of local doctors from supporting afterhours urgent care at Leongatha Hospital.

"This leaves the Urgent Care/Emergency Department with no doctor on call, other than talking to a computer doctor. The GPs are pulling out from

Monday, September 12!"

The staff member said hospital management was "not supporting the nursing staff in this radical and potentially very dangerous situation".

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is the major public healthcare provider in the South Gippsland Shire. The health service has a number of sites across the shire including the Korumburra Hospital, Leongatha Hospital, Alchera House and Hillside Lodge in Korumburra and Kooroaman House in Leongatha.

The facilities provide a range of acute, primary health and residential services.

Acute Services include but are not limited to: Chemotherapy, General Medicine, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Infection Prevention & Control, Paediatrics, Urology and Operating Theatres.

Leongatha Hospital's Maternity Services are comprehensive, well supported and well regarded.



**Newhaven College alumni Rebecca Naughtin has joined the College Board of Directors.**

## Rebecca Naughtin joins Newhaven College Board

NEWHAVEN College is delighted to announce a new member of the College Board of Directors, Rebecca Naughtin BArch (Hon).

Rebecca is a College Alumni from the 1990s and has returned to Phillip Island to live with her young family.

Her children attend the Junior School and have settled well into the school community.

Rebecca has worked as an architect, tertiary tutor, and coordinator, and has sat on various boards and panels across an array of educational sectors.

Rebecca is the Principal Director of Rebecca Naughtin Architect Pty Ltd, which she founded in 2012. With experience in business, education and project management, Rebecca's skills and knowledge are perfectly placed for the benefit of Newhaven College.

Rebecca is looking forward to contributing to the Board for years to come.

"I'm here for the long run. We're Phillip Island lifers now, so I'm hoping there's some longevity in this position." Rebecca said.

Rebecca has been designated as the Chair of Projects and is excited about putting her knowledge and skills into action.

Rebecca says, "I have a background in tertiary education in architecture, including accreditation and registration. Along with this, I have board experience for an early learning centre in Melbourne. So, I can understand the levels of governance within those two roles but also, understand how to benchmark against other institutions."

College Principal Tony Corr commented:

"We are thrilled to have Rebecca join our Board. She has an exceptional set of skills and experiences that can only help grow our College."

"She also has a unique connection with the school as a past student, the daughter of Life Governor and past Board Chair Bill Naughtin, and now with her own two children in the early years of their educational journey here at the College. Her perspectives and insights will be invaluable."

"We are looking forward to Rebecca's contribution."

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**TUE | Sep 13**

Partly cloudy.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**6° 13°**



**WED | Sep 14**

Sunny.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**4° 18°**



**THUR | Sep 15**

Showers.  
Wind AM: NE 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: N-NW 15-20km/h

**8° 17°**



**FRI | Sep 16**

Showers.  
Wind AM: N 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: NW 20-25km/h

**7° 15°**



**SAT | Sep 17**

Showers.  
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h  
Wind PM: W 25-30km/h

**8° 15°**



**SUN | Sep 18**

Showers.  
Wind AM: W-NW 20-30km/h  
Wind PM: W-NW 20-30km/h

**9° 15°**

## IN BRIEF

### An evening of wonder and delight for a good cause

WONTHAGGI Fire Brigade have returned after a few COVID dampening years to host their annual gala event.

This year, October 15, promises to be filled with mystery and delight with a special masquerade gala theme.

Dust off the ball gowns, evening attire, top hats and tails – whether new, repurposed, upcycled or op shopped, and help raise vital funds for new equipment to help save lives.

Held at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club, tickets include a drink on arrival, nibbles and entry to door prizes, with raffles, music and auctions also filling the night.

Please note the event is strictly 18 years and over with both tickets and raffle tickets available at [trybooking.com/catuj](http://trybooking.com/catuj)

### Whales at Kilcunda

WHALES are reportedly on the move with some having been sighted locally in the past week.

Walkers have reported spotting whales at Kilcunda as they migrate back through local waters.

### Four-day long weekend

Victorians will have a four-day weekend thanks to a national day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II falling the day before the Grand Final Eve public holiday.

The national public holiday on Thursday, September 22 was announced by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at the weekend.

But with Victoria's Grand Final Eve public holiday scheduled for Friday, September 23, it creates a four-day weekend.

The Queens' funeral is however expected to be on the 19th.

September 22 also coincides with what was scheduled as the last sitting day in the Victorian parliament before the state election.

### No jabs at San Remo

THE GRPHU vaccination bus 'Chitty Chitty Jab Jab' was not able to visit San Remo at the weekend due to "staff shortages".

The bus was to have visited on Saturday, September 10.

### No details after Jeetho fatality

POLICE would not say this week if charges have been laid, if they have someone in custody or if a court date has been set for an alleged offender following a fatal collision at Jeetho, near Korumburra, on Thursday, August 11.

The victim of the crash was 19-year-old Poowong man, Noah Peacock, a well-known young sportsman in the area.

At the time of the incident, police said a "25-year-old

Hampton Park man" who initially ran from the scene, on the South Gippsland Highway, was assisting police with their inquiries.

Police Media would only say: "The investigation remains ongoing."

### Mystery drums spark concern

EMERGENCY services were quick to respond to reports of a hazmat incident on Wentworth Road in Wonthaggi at around 4.12pm on September 7.

Five CFA units from Wonthaggi brigade and Bass Coast Group responded to the incident.

Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police and Bass Coast Shire personnel also attended.

According to CFA, crews in splash suit PPE set up an exposure zone and discovered a foaming red substance inside two large drums.

Firefighters washed the outside of the drums before handed them to council to take them from the property.

The incident was declared under control at around 5.38pm and a stop was issued at around 5.45pm.

The content of the large drums was still being determined.

### The Lion King coming to Foster

FOSTER Primary School is staging their annual musical from September 14-15.

This year they will be performing The Lion King at Foster War Memorial Performing Arts Centre.

The whole school will be performing this iconic story of a young lion cub who loses his father, and is forced into exile, only to return to fight for his kingdom.

The show has been directed by music teacher Nick Carver, with a performance at 6:30pm on September 14, and a 12:30pm Matinee and 6:30pm performance on September 15.

### Customer survey gets underway

SOUTH Gippsland Water is asking its customers to share their feedback as part of its annual customer satisfaction survey, to be conducted over the next six weeks.

A random sample of customers will receive a phone call and be asked to complete a 10-minute survey to share their thoughts on South Gippsland Water's services.

A further sample will be contacted via email with an opportunity to complete an online version. Australian-based contractors InSync and TKW Research will conduct this year's survey on behalf of South Gippsland Water and six other Victorian water corporations to save costs.

TKW Research will clearly

identify themselves and will not be selling any product or service.

South Gippsland Water uses the survey results to shape its plans and services, as well as measure and improve its performance.

### Community support leads to arrest

YARRAM Police arrested a 37-year-old Yarram man recently for offences including theft of a truck and breaching of bail.

The offender was presented before an after-hours Bail Justice and was remanded to appear at the Sale Magistrates Court.

Police noted that information received from the public was invaluable in piecing together a complex pattern of offending, that extended through multiple shires and police zones.

### Road maintenance blitz coming up

THE State Government will undertake its annual maintenance blitz on the state's roads across regional Victoria including the South Gippsland Highway.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll announced the \$780 million investment which will rebuild, repair and resurface more than 1500 kilometres of roads across the regions.

Workers will spend the next eight months delivering more than 1300 individual projects across the state including the South Gippsland Highway.

Locally this will see:

- 13 projects in total along the South Gippsland Highway, including two major road rebuilding projects near Meeniyan and Korumburra.

These projects will entirely rebuild more than 2.5 kilometres of the highway.

- A further \$1.4 million will be invested into road resurfacing works at 11 locations along the highway, including sections near Loch, Meeniyan and Foster.

In total, more than \$3.7 million will be invested into roadworks along the South Gippsland Highway as part of the 2022/23 regional road maintenance blitz.

The roads set to be targeted under the maintenance blitz have been selected based upon expert inspections and community feedback.

This major investment will also include rebuilding bridges, culverts and retaining walls, and inspecting and maintaining thousands of traffic lights, signs and other structures.

An additional \$3.2 million of funding will be invested in maintaining regional roadsides, with more mowing, weed spraying and graffiti removal

work set to be completed across the network.

South Gippsland Shire has also allocated \$11.6m to road maintenance on Council managed roads in this year's budget.

An additional \$12.8m has been allocated to road and bridge construction.

Road maintenance – including filling potholes and resurfacing works – is scheduled as part of an ongoing maintenance program.

Maintenance works are completed year-round, when weather permits.

### Local Men's Shed score funding

THE state government is providing grants of up to \$80,000 for 30 Men's Sheds state-wide with Nyora and Korumburra both receiving funding under the latest round.

Announced during Men's Shed Week, the grants will allow Korumburra to construct a new shed, while Nyora will use funds towards refurbishment, extension or upgrade of their existing shed.

To view the full list of grant recipients visit Men's Shed Program - DFFH Service Providers

### \$2k rebate program is back

BASS Coast Shire's Shopfront Improvement Rebate Program is back.

This program is fully funded by Council and is offering local businesses and service providers rebates of up to \$2000, to improve the appearance of their shopfronts and outdoor spaces.

Some examples of the works that can be completed as part of the program include:

- External signage and A-frames
- Improved accessibility
- Replacement of outdoor furniture and umbrellas
- Planter boxes, fencing and display of goods infrastructure
- Painting of the shopfront/ façade
- Minor repairs to structural façade elements, awnings, and verandas
- Installation of store lighting visible from the street
- Applications close on Sunday, October 23.

Council will hold two drop-in sessions during this period, to provide support for anyone needing help with their application.

The sessions will be held at the following times:

- Phillip Island Visitor Centre: Friday, September 16, from 9.00am to 11.00am
- Online: Tuesday, October 18, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

For further details, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/shopfrontrebate](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/shopfrontrebate)



Hundreds of Childcare workers participated in a strike over pay and conditions in Melbourne and across Australia last Wednesday. Photo: AAP Image/Joe Carrett

## Childcare workers fighting for improved conditions

By Nick Sinis

A LOCAL childcare provider has echoed calls for better pay and working conditions following a nation-wide strike last week.

Hundreds of childcare centres shutdown as thousands of workers protested last Wednesday, which coincided with Early Childhood Educators' Day.

According to the United Workers Union, educators are leaving the sector in record numbers every week due to burn-out, workload and low pay.

United Workers Union members are calling for the current Federal Government to urgently outline a plan and timeline to deliver on key priorities including:

- Giving workers a reason to stay and pay them what they are worth,
- Value early learning as part of the education system, just as important as schools, and
- Put children before profit.

While Korumburra's Karmai Community Children's Centre, which is the only childcare provider in town, didn't have any staff attend the protests, they strongly supported the issues raised.

"We did put it to our staff if they would like to go," a spokesperson from the centre said.

"We were aware of it, but our staff decided they would much prefer to be here for the families.

"And if they did strike, we wouldn't be open and be able to serve the community.

"But obviously we want our industry to be recognised, especially for the really hard work that we do.

"We were on the frontline all throughout COVID... we came to work every day and we've been here the whole time."

The spokesperson highlighted

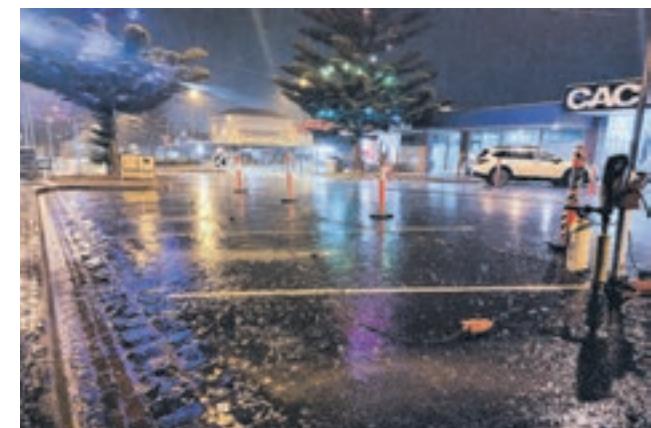
that while Karmai does pay its staff above the minimum award, many potential employees are still discouraged from considering a career in the industry due to the current workloads and pay conditions.

And while they have struggled to find staff throughout COVID, fortunately they have been successful in recruiting more recently.

However, the centre also continues to experience high demand as they are fully booked, with waitlists for new enrolments.

"We just want to be recognised that we are professionals who are trained, and do a really good job," they said.

According to Fair Work, the hourly pay rate on commencement for a level one support worker or personal aide is \$21.85 per hour or \$830.30 per week (Monday to Friday), and this is the same rate paid for a level one children's service employee.



## Smart parking almost there!

THE Shire's controversial roll out of smart parking meters in Cowes and Wonthaggi will continue throughout September.

Smart parking works are almost complete at The Esplanade, Chapel Street and the Transit Centre in Cowes.

While installation works have commenced in

McBride Avenue and Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Night works will commence from 08:00pm to 06:00am to install the 262 on-street bays in Wonthaggi.

The on-street parking bays in Graham Street and McBride Avenue will be closed during the night working hours.



## Cultural centre going up

THE new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre continues to look better and better as works progress.

Here's what has been completed recently:

- Stage five concrete poured
- Preparation and pour of stage six and seven

concrete

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- Installation of structural steel to theatre area
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## Mayor's message

A KEY focus of the recent Jobs and Skills Summit was the role of women, the opportunities that could come from enabling women to participate fully in the workforce and the need to provide respectful and safe workplaces for all.

Grattan Institute CEO Danielle Wood's opening speech at the Summit highlighted that there was a "huge opportunity for women's participation - and promotion - within the workforce".

She went on to say, "I can't help reflect that if untapped women's workforce participation was a massive iron ore deposit, we would have governments falling over themselves to give subsidies to get it out of the ground".

This line feels incredibly significant, considering that there is estimated to be around 125,000 Australian women who would work, but are unable to, due to childcare shortages and unpaid caring commitments.

We need to work harder at addressing the challenges that face women and the barriers that stop them from having equal opportunities in the workforce.

I was pleased to attend the Advancing Women's Leadership Summit last Thursday, held by the State Government's Gender Equality Advisory Committee. The Summit provided a fantastic opportunity to be a part of the conversation around driving gender equality and diversity in local government elected representatives by 2025.

At Bass Coast, we have been working hard to promote and encourage gender equality both within our organisation and within the community. I came away from the Summit



Cr Michael Whelan

with a renewed commitment to push for greater equity.

It was also really wonderful to hear a keynote address from the Hon Julia Gillard AC, former Prime Minister of Australia – an inspiring and trailblazing woman who gave an engaging speech and welcomed the role of men in pushing for this change.

To help continue the conversation around equal representation in local government, Council is hosting a free Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum to inspire women to become successful leaders in the community.

The Forum will be held on Thursday, October 6 from 10am to 11.30am at the old Wonthaggi Post Office. Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, Cr Clare Le Serve and former Mayor and Councillor Pam Rothfield will share their experiences as councillors, why they got involved and the benefits of having more women on Council. Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillor and member of the Local Government Gender Equality Advisory Committee Sarah Race will also be speaking at the event. Attendees will also learn about the Women Leading Locally Fellowship Program, which aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria.

For more information, or to register for the forum, visit [www.womenleadinglocallyforum.eventbrite.com.au/](https://www.womenleadinglocallyforum.eventbrite.com.au/)

## Expert speakers and insights for tourism conference

KEY leaders across the tourism sector will gather today for a vital conference to highlight the challenges facing various industries as well as opportunities.

The Phillip Island Tourism Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at Silverwater Resort.

The conference will feature local, state and federal government representatives, with tourism data and insights to be presented.

Hosted by Destination Phillip Island (DPI), general manager Kim Storey will kick off the day with a showcase of projects.

Other key speakers include:

- Greg Box- general manager People, Economy, Culture at Bass Coast Shire Council. Greg will provide an update on key projects from the shire and how they are working with government agencies.
- Carolyn Miller- keynote speaker. Carolyn will discuss brand building, engaging with tourism agencies, the importance of partnership and mobile optimisation.
- Andrew Westacott - CEO Australian Grand Prix Corporation. Andrew will present a new promotional video for the MotoGP.
- Kristy Malapa - Industry Relations Manager – Tourism Australia. Kristy will discuss what is important to international travellers and how



Destination Phillip Island is hosting their annual tourism conference today. Photo: Destination Phillip Island

can a key international travel destination, like Phillip Island, react to these changes.

Kim Storey will also introduce the Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Workforce Plan project, with Ford Davis from Ninety Mile Consulting.

DPI has commenced designing a five-year workforce strategy and action plan to attract a sustainable workforce, whose capabilities meet the needs of an evolving Phillip Island and San Remo visitor economy.

Ninety Mile Consulting (NMC) is supporting DPI with this initiative.

As part of this project, NMC will be conducting consultations, a workshop and a survey with Phillip Island and San Remo tourism industry stakeholders (accommodation, service providers and attraction facilities) as input critical for the five-year action plan.

For more information on the conference, visit [visitphillipisland.com.au/destination-philipisland/tourism-conference](http://visitphillipisland.com.au/destination-philipisland/tourism-conference)

## Council Update



### Council Meeting - 21 September

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 21 September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. Please RSVP to [c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au). The meeting will also be livestreamed at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings).

The Agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 16 September 2022 at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings). There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question, please submit it in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 19 September, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

### Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum

Bass Coast Shire Council is hosting the Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum to encourage and connect with women of all ages and backgrounds and inspire them to become successful leaders within the Bass Coast community.

Join Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing and Cr Clare Le Serve and former Mayor and Councillor Pam Rothfield, as they share their experiences as Councillors, why they got involved and the benefits of having more women on Council. Cr Rochelle Halstead will share her experience via video.

You will also hear from guest speakers Ruth McGowan OAM, former Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Council and Cr Sarah Race from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Morning Tea provided. Child minding available on request.

- When: Thursday, 6 October from 10.00am to 11.30am
- Where: Old Post Office Meeting Room, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi
- Register: <https://www.womenleadinglocallyforum.eventbrite.com.au/> or use the QR code.



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# When did you see the Queen?

THE Queen is dead, long live the King!

Flags have been flown at half mast across the region as we remember the long life of Queen Elizabeth II, with many taking the opportunity to recall when they saw the Queen.

For some, it was way back in 1954, when school groups travelled across to Warragul and Traralgon for Her Majesty's official visit to Gippsland.

Inverloch resident George Missen has provided a photo of commemorative flags issued by the Shire of Woorayl at the time.

"On Wednesday March 3, 1954 I travelled across with the Leongatha Primary School (6 1/2 years old) to Latrobe Valley, then Swanson Street, Melbourne with my parents. Both occasions still as clear as ever. These flags have survived 68 and 1/2 years of storage and moving houses! We will never see such an amazing monarch ever again!" he said.

Others remember the Queen's 1954 Gippsland visit:

- **Marie Fowkes:** We were school kids, we went by train to Traralgon waving flags as she went past in her Royal Car. I am now 79 and remember it well (Mirboo North).

- **Jean Axford:** I remember going from Leongatha in 1954 to Warragul I am also 79 now and the Queen's train was in Leongatha.

- **Gwen Wiggins:** San Remo State School went to Warragul by bus, the wait on the oval seemed to take forever.

- **Bazza Elaine:** Yes, I was 3 when I went with my parents to see the Queen in Traralgon. Unfortunately, too young to remember (Kooroaman East).

- **Marion Munro:** I remember Corinella School going by train from Lang Lang to Warragul I think.



Historic souvenir. Inverloch resident George Missen posted these two flags, issued by the Shire of Woorayl in 1954 for the Queen's visit to Gippsland, as a personal memory on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page.



Many locals went across to Warragul and Traralgon to see the Queen on her 1954 tour to the area.



SISTERS Jenny Milkins and Barbara Robertson paid tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week, laying a beautiful bouquet of flowers in Wonthaggi's cenotaph.

The sisters' have a deep affection for the Queen, as their mother had been extremely fond of the Royal Family, even attending garden parties at Buckingham Palace.

They light heartedly described their mother as 'such a royalist' and spoke of their admiration for the late Queen Elizabeth.



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# Water strategy questioned

MINISTER for Water Harriet Shing recently launched the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy - outlining the region's water future over the next 50 years.

Work to deliver the Strategy will include building on programs like the Schools Water Efficiency Program.

The strategy prioritises future investment into recycled water and stormwater infrastructure, that will be used for non-drinking purposes like industry, agriculture and keeping our sporting fields, parks and gardens green.

The strategy includes arrangements to allocate 16 gigalitres of the 3-4 bench water entitlement in the Latrobe Valley, to deliver outcomes for Traditional Owners, the environment and irrigated agriculture.

It will also introduce a new daily water use target for Melbourne, encouraging households to stick to 150 litres of water per person per day.

However, according to Shadow Minister for Water, Danny O'Brien, he said the Government had turned its back on storm water and recycling initiatives because they had been championed by the previous Liberals and Nationals Government.

"There is an election coming up in a few months and Labor's plan released (today) reveals nothing more than a plan for more plans," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Government should be honest with Victorians and outline whether it intends to in fact build a new desalination plant and how much it intends to slug Victorians for the additional cost.

"The plan makes clear on page 16 that 'increases in water bills will be required'. The Government should outline what that means for ordinary Victorians already battling cost of living pressures."

## More police powers to crack down on organised crime

POLICE will be given stronger powers to investigate organised crime, seize ill-gotten gains and target cyber criminals, under new laws introduced into Parliament recently.

The Major Crime and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 will enhance asset confiscation laws, giving authorities more power to investigate, seize proceeds of crime and disrupt organised crime on the black market.

Specialist Victoria Police staff will have more power to investigate online child grooming using assumed identities, under the supervision of a police officer.

The Bill will allow for intelligence officers to more easily acquire or use an assumed identity, by removing the requirement for the Chief Commissioner of Police to be satisfied that it would be impossible or impracticable for a sworn officer to do so.

Search powers will also be updated to reflect the realities of modern policing.



Tamara, Shiona, Matt Harms from Onfarm Consulting, Jasmine, Lachlan, Andrew and Matt all presented a discussion on employment for dairy farmers at the expo on Wednesday morning. Z27\_3722

# Agriculture workers discouraged due to the 'hard work'

THE ongoing challenges of the employment crisis for the agriculture industry was a key topic at the recent Dairy and Farming expo in Korumburra.

Farm hands and landowners shared their personal experiences of working on the land, while a panel discussed the issue with key speaker Matt Harms of Onfarm Consulting.

Matt hosted the panel discussion for dairy farmers to hear the opinions on what makes a great employee, what employees seek from the dairy industry and what makes a great employer on the land.

Panel participants included Shiona Berry, farm owner in Glen Alvie, Tamara Loughridge, farm employee from Poowong North, Jasmine Kneebone, farm employee from Denison, Lachlan Harms, farm manager from Leongatha, Andrew Perry, dairy farmer from Kongwak and Matt Taylor, farm employee from Kongwak.

The panel spoke of the industry being actively discouraged at a school level; with a very limited number of students going onto tertiary studies in agriculture.

Tamara grew up on a family farm and said that the job is her life.

She highlighted that she independently chose agriculture as her career path early on, and in secondary college, a farming career was never thought of as a first choice for students.

Matt raised the question to the panel on whether the



The Dairy and Farming expo in Korumburra opened the gates to farmers and suppliers on Wednesday morning, showcasing a vast range of agricultural machinery and products. Z26\_3722

wealth creation opportunities in agriculture were mentioned at a secondary education level, or whether it was just perceived as a career of putting cuts on cows and getting 'dirty'.

"It is with this negative public perception of a career in agriculture that is putting a strain on the industry, because the opportunities are not talked about enough and the dirty, hard work and not much pay, is all that is understood by secondary students,"

said Matt.

Jasmine is the only member of her family that works on a farm, and she explained to the audience that when it came time for her to choose somewhere for work experience, she was actively discouraged from pursuing agriculture as a career.

"To increase the interest in dairy farming or agriculture,

we need to give the kids a better idea of what is involved, it's not just milking cows or working in the dirt, of course that's what we do, but there are a number of pathways that agriculture studies can lead to,"

said Jasmine.

Matt Taylor left his career as a tradesman to pursue dairy farming and loves his career choice and the opportunities.

"It is important as dairy farmers to not talk about the roles in a negative way, because we as the farmers can diminish the passion inside the young ones, the ones that do individually choose a career in agriculture."

The panel discussed the red and green flags on employment in the industry, stating that showing enthusiasm and passion for your own farm will help motivate those who work for you.

"Not only should the public

change their negative perception on the industry but so should the landowners, if you love your farm then your workers will too," said Matt.

Other red flags raised included the hygiene of facilities, such as cleaning out sheds and maintaining a standard of cleanliness, which will help retain employees.

Farm owner Shiona said as a business owner, the industry must recognise if team members are leaving and why; and the importance of delving into the issue to help retain workers.

Following the conversation, the panel and Matt worked out a formula that can help see farmers overcome their employment challenges, with a focal point on opportunity, hygienic and safe conditions, recognition for employees, respect, flexibility in rosters and pay, and removing empty promises – only mention career progression within the business if it is possible.

"Empty promises in careers can be demoralising for employees, in which case it is important to be sincere from the start about career progression on the farm," said Matt.

"The panel were open and honest in sharing their thoughts on the industry and providing practical advice on how dairy farming can overcome the current employment crisis, whilst too encouraging people of all ages to follow their passions and get started in the agricultural industry because the possibilities can be endless."

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Esmeralda Langhorne and family recently celebrated her 100th birthday, who now has a whopping 32 great grandchildren!

## A century of very happy memories for Esmeralda

**ESMERALDA Langhorne recently celebrated a milestone 100th birthday surrounded by her loving family at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club.**

**The following is a brief but touching account of Esme's life that the family supplied to mark the special occasion.**

Esme was born in Collingwood and had a sister who was six years younger, and they shared the same memories of their father.

Her father was a wonderful man, very quiet, thoughtful and kind.

Later in her youth, Esme resided at homes from Williamstown to Kinglake.

For holidays, she travelled all over Victoria by train, as her father, who worked on the railways, received a family yearly pass.

Esme married her husband, Henry Winfield Langhorne, at Abbotsford in 1946.

She was 23 years old and her husband, a returned services veteran, was 25 years old.

They raised seven children together: Sandra, Daryl, Peter, Russell, Judith, Paulette and Mark.

Upon retirement, Esme and her husband moved to Kilcunda in 1981.

Mostly self-sufficient with vegetables, Esme and her husband had a beautiful life together at Kilcunda.

Unfortunately, during 1985, Esme's husband passed away at Wonthaggi and District Hospital.

Esme then moved to Wonthaggi in 1986.

During her time, Esme was president of the seniors' citizens club for eight years, and while in Wonthaggi, she travelled and toured England and Scotland.

As mentioned, she has seven children, 18 grand children and 32 great grandchildren.

Due to health, Esme now resides at Griffiths Point Lodge, San Remo.

Esme has enjoyed a great family life and cannot remember being unhappy or going without friends.

## Isolation period cut

THE State Government has made amendments to pandemic orders to align with recent decisions made by National Cabinet.

As of Thursday, September 8, the self-isolation period for positive COVID-19 cases who don't have symptoms on day five of their isolation will reduce from seven to five days – excluding people who work in high-risk settings.

The requirement to wear masks on domestic flights will also be lifted.

These changes also align with the decisions of National Cabinet on August 31, and are appropriate actions at this point in the pandemic, and ensure national consistency.

The new orders around the self-isolation period for positive cases include some additional requirements to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Anyone leaving isolation after five days cannot visit or work at a sensitive setting – such as hospitals, residential aged care, disability care settings or in-home care for the next two days, or if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

This additional precaution reflects the increased risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19 in people in those high-risk settings.

People who work in other settings must notify their workplace that they have completed isolation if they are attending work on site.

As an additional risk mitigation, people who leave isolation after five days are recommended to undertake rapid antigen testing in the days following their isolation and test negative before attending their workplace or other settings of higher risk, and to wear a mask in indoor settings outside the home – in line with existing recommendations.

There are no changes to the current isolation requirements for close contacts, who can continue to leave home each day, provided they continually test negative on a rapid antigen test.

Confirmed cases must also notify their workplace that they have completed self-isolation if attending work onsite.





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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### Australia Day Awards Now Open

The 2023 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards provide an opportunity for hardworking residents to be recognised for the significant contribution they make to their local community.

There are three award categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

This year, we are also pleased to welcome back the Community Event

of the Year category after a two-year hiatus.

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

Nominations can be submitted at: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

Nominations close 7 November 2022.

#### SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

#### Hard Waste Collection



##### Have you booked your hard waste collection yet?

Time is running out, but you'll be glad to hear that the booking deadline has been extended until Friday 16 September.

All South Gippsland residential properties are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$145 per property. A reduced rate of \$51 applies for pension card holders.

Bookings can be made online at:

<https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste>

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)  
Wednesday 21 September, 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/333 – Construction of Footpath Extensions – Various Locations** Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 27 September 2022

**RFT/334 – Korumburra Recreation Centre Amenities Upgrade** Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 20 September 2022.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders)

#### IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

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

27/7/22 Spencers Road, Leongatha North  
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Unless the vehicle(s) is collected and relevant fees paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of this notice, the vehicle(s) will be offered for sale to the public.

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Work continues on the Korumburra Railway station. A10\_3622

## Have a say on Korumburra Railway Station's future

KORUMBURRA Railway Station continues to be revitalised for a new community life, with locals encouraged to contribute their ideas for its future.

A recent meeting held by the station at Korumburra Working Group provided information and gave enthusiastic attendees a chance to talk about their ideas.

They heard about existing community suggestions, obtained during a 2016 consultation, which was held prior to an application for funding for the station's refurbishment.

Suggestions then included turning the grand building into a function centre for events and weddings, using it as a hospitality training venue for local students, or establishing a youth hostel there.

The potential of the station building as a creative arts space was another suggested use put forward in the 2016 session.

Following the recent meeting, a further session will be held on September 30, with people encouraged to provide their ideas on potential sustainable community uses for the station.

"What's the gap in Korumburra?" they are urged to consider in determining how the station could best serve the town.

Those keen to contribute their ideas are encouraged to work out how their suggestions could be implemented.

"People need to have a plan to activate their ideas," Cr Jenni Keerie, a member of the

Station Working Group said.

She explained the group is small and needs community input.

VicTrack is expected to complete refurbishment of the Korumburra Railway Station building by around mid to late December, with hopes the facility will begin serving its new purpose soon after that.

Jenni said that while the focus is on the station building, people need to consider how it can be used in a manner that complements other existing facilities in the town.

She is excited about the potential future uses of the station building, along with its heritage value, describing it as a "time capsule".

Jenni said that while council is the head lessee of the

station building, the aim is to ensure ratepayers are not burdened by its running costs.

"It needs to be self-sustaining and generate income of its own to maintain operations," she said.

Jenni added that the station must be used for a community and not-for-profit enterprise rather than as a commercial venture.

"It's not a commercial enterprise space and that's part of the criteria VicTrack determined in (relation to) the funding application," she said.

The next Station at Korumburra Working Group session will be held on September 30, at 5.30pm in the Korumburra Community Meeting Room.

## Korumburra Hub building progresses

THE KORUMBURRA Hub building to be shared by library services, Milpara Community House, Korumburra Senior Citizens Club, and Korumburra and District Historical Society continues to progress.

Recently, solar panels have been installed and masonry wall cladding is well underway.

Various other external wall cladding types, window installation, plasterboard, painting and floor finishes are the remaining tasks to be undertaken.

Services fit-off and commissioning will need to take place.

Metalwork, including handrails, is yet to be done, with hard and soft landscaping also set to take place in due course.

The building structure is complete, the roof is on, wall framing is finished and the services rough-in is done.



The impressive dimensions of the Korumburra Hub are on show as the building, set to house multiple community-focused tenants, continues to advance.

## Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



TO BEGIN this week's message, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and pay my respects. The Queen was a strong, dignified woman who was admired the world over. She was deeply committed to her role and performed her duties with respect and with kindness. As Britain's longest-reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II served her country and the Commonwealth well for 70 years. She leaves a lasting legacy of achievements and will be missed by so many. As a mark of mourning and respect, flags have been lowered to half-mast this week. If you would like to express your condolences, an online form is available at: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/condolence-form> In other news, I am pleased to let you know that the South Gippsland Youth Council is getting a relaunch. This is a great opportunity for the young people of South Gippsland to get involved with their community, meet other likeminded individuals and receive support to work on their great ideas. An information session will be held imminently, so keep your eyes peeled.

Nominations for the South Gippsland Australia Day Awards 2023 are now open. As with every year, it is a great opportunity to highlight the significant contribution of our community. Nominations can be made for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and, after a two-year hiatus, we are welcoming back the Community Event of the Year category. Nominations close 7 November 2022 and can be submitted online at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday)

In a huge win for our community, Councillor Rae has been appointed to the executive of the South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS). Collectively SEATS advocates for improved transport infrastructure across south east Australia. It is important for South Gippsland to have strong representation at tables like this to ensure our community is at the forefront of decision making at the highest levels. The condition of our roads is one of the main things Councillors hear feedback on from the community, and I think this shows not only how we are making a difference at our level, but how we are advocating for our community with other funding bodies.

As I briefly mentioned in my last message, myself, CEO Kerryn Ellis and Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey attended the Rural Councils Victoria forum. The forum was a terrific opportunity to both represent South Gippsland and to hear from prominent speakers. It included addresses from the Minister for Local Government the Honourable Melissa Horne, Deputy Leader of the National Party Victoria Emma Kealy MP and Secretary of the Department of Transport Pail Younis discussing a range of matters of interest to South Gippsland. There was also an extremely timely update from Agriculture Victoria on Foot and Mouth Disease and the biosecurity measures they are encouraging agriculture businesses and farmers to take. If I was to leave you with three take-aways from the forum it would be the importance of planning for the future financial sustainability of Councils, the need for increased investment in housing and the need for committed funding for rural roads. At events like this I am reminded that our challenges are not just ours, but shared amongst our counterparts in other local government organisations. It is great to feel heard and supported.

Thursday 8 September was R U OK? Day. This day is designed to encourage people to start a conversation that could save someone's life. This year, it highlighted that you don't need to be an expert to have an R U OK? conversation. Many of us underestimate just how helpful we can be by simply opening the door for someone to talk openly and honestly about how they are feeling. There is a wealth of helpful information on the R U OK? Day website if you would like to feel better equipped to help someone [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)

## Council to refuse proposal at VCAT

COUNCILLORS addressed the VCAT appeal on Toorak Park Estate at their August 17 meeting stating that developers should take the advice of the shire's planning team to avoid delays on their proposed plans.

The issue put forward to council was that the developers managing the proposed development for the land adjacent to Bass Highway and Ullathornes Road, Inverloch have lodged an appeal against council for taking too long to respond.

Council, however, stated that the development plan was lodged on June 21, 2021.

Council then on August 6, 2021, requested for further information relating to the development and subdivision, as there were concerns to the stormwater drainage and traffic requirements.

Subsequently council received 18 submissions to the proposal raising concerns and on April 14, 2022, council provided the applicant with the outstanding deficiencies, stating that these issues required rectification for the applicant to receive support.

In May, council stated that the deficiencies were still outstanding from the applicant, despite meetings addressing issues, but council was advised on June 6, that the applicant were instructed to lodge appeals against council.

Cr Leticia Laing spoke to the motion by stating that council is considering the community that live in Inverloch and how they will be affected.

The council report highlighted that council was merely concerned with offsite traffic impacts and the need to upgrade Ullathornes Road, for the plan to gain support.

There was also concern regarding technical stormwater management that needed to address downstream property owners - issues that could cause erosion due to increased flow, flooding and environmental impact within the waterway - legacy issues that would affect future residents.

Council addressed these issues with the relevant agencies who then responded with conditions for approval.

But now that the issue has been taken to VCAT, the council report states that council officers have engaged with experts witnesses in traffic and stormwater management to appear at VCAT on council's behalf.

# Learner drivers rejoice over licence fee changes

DOTTING the i's and crossing the t's is one of the biggest challenges new drivers face.

If the nerves don't delay some individuals, then often the costs affiliated with driving do.

The recent slashing of licence fees for learner and probationary drivers, alongside the abolishment of online testing fees, means L-platers and P-platers are \$184.70 better in pocket.

"It's wonderful to hear that I'll be able to get my probationary licence for free," Wonthaggi L2P learner driver, Ty explained.

"It relaxes my money spending. Helps get my car on the road because all that money will be put towards getting a roadworthy instead of the new licence."

Up to 1000 young drivers in regional Victoria will also be able save money and ditch their older model cars for safer, more modern vehicles through the expansion of the unsafe2safe program, which is providing a \$5000 subsidy.

With 14 hours in his logbook and parents support, Ty jumped on board the opportunity to expand his driving experience with the L2P program.

"Ty and I have been driving together since May 2019," L2P mentor Don explained.

"We have got to know each other fairly well in that time."

Dedicating time each week, Don's experience is what drew him into the program.

"I was initially involved with Bike Ed in primary schools," Don said.

"Because of contacts through VicRoads, and my previous pro-



Don Turner has been Ty's mentor for many years. C11\_3622

fessional career as a teacher, I was asked to come on board with regard to running training programs for new volunteers.

"That led me to wanting to be one of the volunteers myself!"

Don dedicates his time to two learner drivers with 30 local learners under L2P mentors across the district.

Getting to explore the countryside with Don is one of the best parts for Ty who has now clocked up over 120 hours.

"Sometimes going a bit further than I would usually go. Two weeks ago, we went up to Clayton," Ty explained.

"I miss the night driving - that was pretty fun!"

"If you don't have anyone to drive with, see if L2P is accepting learners, and if they are, go for it.

"It's a pretty good experience - you might get a funny guy like Don - it's totally worth learning with a mentor."

Working locally at present having his licence will open many more doors for Ty, not just professionally but personally.

"It offers me the ability to see my friends, go into the city more often, potentially have a road trip around Australia. It offers up many things that would be pretty

cool to do."

"The program is always looking for volunteers. There are more learners on the waiting list than there are supervising drivers to go out with them," Don added.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor driver can contact Melanie on 0467 590 679 or [basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](mailto:basscoastl2p@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com).

For more information about licence and registration services in Victoria or to access the online learner permit and hazard perception tests, head to [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au).

## New interim CEO announced for Leongatha hospital

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) has appointed Chris Trotman as its interim Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Trotman is a former CEO of South Gippsland Hospital and was interim CEO at Neerim Health.

Ms Trotman holds several board positions and assisted the pandemic response for public hospitals and residential aged care facilities in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires.

Acting GSHS board chair Gwen Scheffer said Ms Trot-

man was highly experienced and would support staff and the health service to make a smooth transition to the new CEO.

She has been working with retiring CEO Mark Johnson who left on September 9, to ensure a smooth handover.

Ms Trotman is expected to hold the interim position until early 2023, while the GSHS board recruits a permanent CEO.

Ms Trotman said she was looking forward to the new role.

"As a local resident, it is important to maintain and enhance the health services available to our community," she said.

"I welcome the opportunity to work with the staff at our hospitals and aged care facilities in Leongatha and Korumburra, to strengthen our services and employment conditions."

**RIGHT:** Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) has appointed Chris Trotman as its interim Chief Executive Officer.



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# Bass Coast College takes on the 'big freeze'

BASS Coast College Year 12 Student leaders hosted their last hurrah across the McKenzie and San Remo campuses last Thursday in the name of Fight MND.

Year 12 Student leader and sports captain, Leit Rivers was the driving force behind the initiative.

And after several months of planning and securing local business support, the team pulled it off with the assistance of Year 12 coordinator, Antonio Castello.

"MND was established with the purpose of finding effective treatments and ultimately a cure for motor neuron disease," Leit said.

"It's a cause that I knew of through the AFL community, and I brought it to the Student Leaders team as a last big hurrah for Year 12 leaders across the college."

First up was the San Remo campus, where students gathered for a whole school assembly and heard from student leaders, and personal stories of families affected by the debilitating and destructive disease.

It was then time for the staff to be seated and drenched by the year 12 leaders with ice-cold water.

At recess, students purchased Fight MND beanies, and vanilla slices and donuts generously donated by Connells Bakery and iced in blue and white.

By 1pm student leaders were back at McKenzie with delicious donuts, vanilla slices and beanies as they prepared for the Big Freeze 2.0.

"It's nice to do something for a good cause," Year 12 Student leader Hannah highlighted.

With beanies on heads and tummies filled, eight staff and eight student leaders lined up for the Ice Bucket Challenge, and whilst the sun wasn't shining like previous days the raucous laughter loomed.

"On behalf of the 2022 Student Leadership, we would like to thank the Year 11 student leaders, and all of the students and staff who have supported this cause by attending the event, and purchasing the beanies and cakes," Antonio said.

"Our warmest thanks also extend to Watersure for their generous gift of \$500, to Coles for donating \$50, to Bunnings for donating buckets, and to Connells Bakery for donating all of the blue and white iced donuts and vanilla slices."

The Year 12 Student Leaders raised in excess of \$2500 on the day, with beanies still available for purchase at all three Bass Coast College Campuses.



College Principal Darren Parker's face said it all on Thursday as ice cold water with ice cubes hit.



Bianca, Maddie and Joe enjoy delicious treats generously donated by Connell's Bakery for the MND events at Bass Coast College.



The best was saved for last as driving force, Leit, received two pails.



Mick made sure every drop was out of the bucket for Daniella, as Antonio slowly started pouring on Hannah.



Year 9 Leongatha Secondary College students Brandyn Clifford, Casper Rhoden and Teagan Elliott with the school's student voice and agency leader Denita McMillan.

## Wellbeing the focus in Leongatha on R U OK? Day

THE mental wellbeing of Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) students and staff was at the forefront of minds on Thursday with people encouraged to ask others, "Are you OK?"

R U OK? Day encourages people to let others know they have support, with the message being that you don't need to be an expert to ask the question.

Students watched a video delivering that message and encouraging them to check in on their friends.

Members of the school community wore their favourite colours and made donations toward the local Youth Access Clinic.

"I've asked heaps and they've been good," Teagan said of checking if others are OK.

She admitted to being a little bit anxious about the possibility of someone saying they are not OK, prompting reassurance from Denita.

"I think that's the message of the day, that it's OK if they are upset and it's about getting them to find help or going with them and supporting them to get help, because you can't fix everybody but sometimes just listening will help," she said.

The day was capped off with a drone shot of an R U OK? display painted in the school grounds.

Visit [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au) for free resources to help you have an R U OK? conversation.

For support at any time of day or night, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

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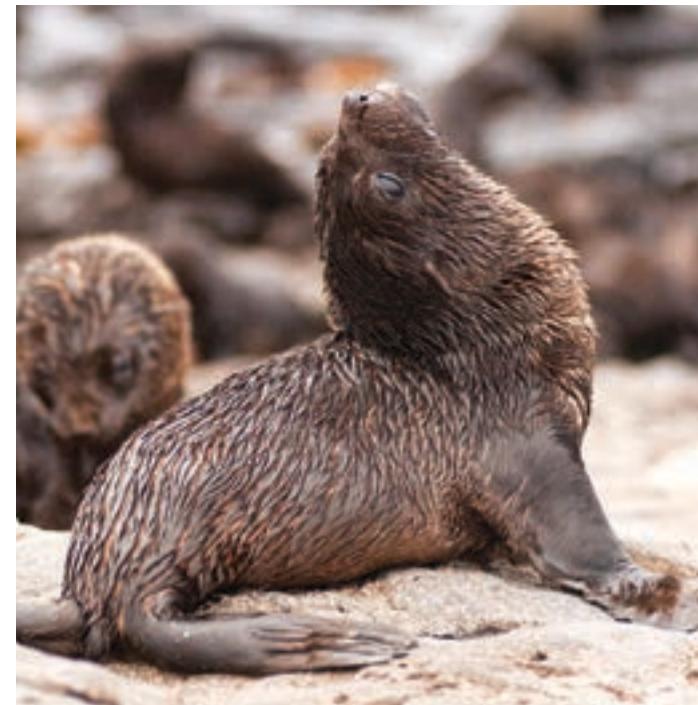
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Marine Scientist, Dr Rebecca McIntosh's idea came to fruition with the assistance of Data Analyst, Ross Holmberg and has become an annual event with the SealSpotter Challenge.



Vital data collected from the surveys is proving crucial in understanding the impacts on the Australian Fur Seal colony.

## SealSpotter challenge more important than ever

THE all-important fur seal count was back, bigger and better, as citizen scientists joined marine researchers from Phillip Island Nature Parks in the great SealSpotter Challenge.

In its fifth year, 15 countries around the world participated with Australia, the US, Spain and the UK taking out top honours.

"We have 124 hardcore seal counters," research scientist, Dr Rebecca McIntosh explained.

"There are the same individuals every year that are high performers and we value their contribution; a couple of them finished the whole set this year, which is wonderful statistically.

"Of 13,789 images, 165,514 seals were counted."

Up to 2000 images are in the portal and every image is counted 9-10 times, an average is taken of those counts, for each image, that is then totalled together.

Unlike sea lions or whales, Australian Fur Seals have fewer distinguishing markers, and as anyone who has had the privilege to watch seals in action, they don't sit still very long; and distinguishing between categories can be difficult even for the experts.

"We have four categories – juvenile and adult; pups alive; pups dead; and entangled seals.

"We didn't originally have the dead pup count separate, but a lot of the participants wrote to us and said they didn't like counting the dead pups with the live pups.

"Very much a collaboration with

our citizen scientists, a lot of how SealSpotter has developed is because people have written to us and suggested improvements."

Dead pups can be from natural causes including misadventure, it can also be because the juvenile has outcompeted the new pup and continued to suckle from mum.

As stated in a recent research paper published in *Frontiers* co-authored by Rebecca, 'the Australian fur seal has experienced a slower than expected population recovery since the end of the commercial sealing era, with a high third trimester abortion rate. There is currently no known proximate cause.'

"We have done a lot of research with the University of Sydney and detected high levels of PFAS legacy chemicals, which we are investigating whether it can cause higher pup mortality.

"A female doesn't have her first pup until she's three or four years, so the toxicants can build up and the first pup can get that dump through the milk.

"We've also recently detected, probably always been there, the *Coxiella burnetii* bacteria which is known to be an abortive agent in livestock; we think maybe that is causing higher mortality in some of the early premature births."

Some pups experience entanglement in marine plastics once they start swimming and others simply get squashed by fighting bull males during the breeding season.

"Last trip we had nine entangled seals and we released four, which is considered a success, they are hard to catch and release.

"There are good and bad places to be born and SealSpotter helps us work that out."

Rocky cave areas allow pups to hide away from the protective bulls and likely contribute to a higher survival rate than pups born in flatter areas where they cannot hide.

Recent advances in technology and legislation have allowed remote piloted aircraft to survey seal colonies in Victoria with our very own Seal Rocks and The Skerries, near Mallacoota.

"The drone is fantastic because we can fly more often and can fly multiple times over a breeding season without causing disturbance.

"We can get high quality data and it gives us a lot more ability to test ideas and understand what might be happening.

"The end of December we go out and count the dead pups on the ground and sample 100 live pups to look at the toxicants and health effects."

Published in *Frontiers* magazine in June 2018, 'Looking without landing' authored by Rebecca highlights the significant advantages to using RPA's including providing data at high spatial and temporal resolution; providing systematic, permanent data with statistical integrity due to simple replication; having low operational costs and

simple logistical requirements particularly in marine environments; and being low-risk for the operators.

All research is performed under wildlife ethics and research permits by the team, and Rebecca and Ross are also qualified licenced drone pilots.

Where to next – thermal imaging cameras will be tested to see if they assist in detecting neck wounds and entanglement, and action on climate change are at the top of Rebecca's list.

"The last couple of years I'm seeing areas getting scoured out by wave action. It's not like a beach where the sand comes back, this is rock and compacted earth.

"We're going to investigate how this looks over time, but the water is encroaching on breeding habitat, which might be removing more pups every year.

"We're seeing changes in their diet too; they've changed what they've eaten since 1997. A full shift; they can't preference something that's not there."

Central place foragers, the mothers are always feeding their pup and always pregnant.

"After 6 months pups start supplementing their milk diet with food found around the colony but are still reliant on their mum's milk up until they're around 11 months."

Bulls on the other hand arrive at the end of October and stay until the end of the breeding season, with experienced, hardcore bulls

fasting for at least two weeks.

"With seals we have this amazing opportunity to use them as a sentinel species. To understand the health of the whole ecosystem; if they've got high PFAS levels that they're giving to their pups, they're not drinking the seawater, they're getting it through their diet.

"In the future, I want to look at the food web more broadly and how toxins are bio accumulating through the food chain and where it's coming from."

A marine specialist research scientist with over 20 years' experience, nine with Phillip Island Nature Parks, Rebecca admires the mums and pups.

"I admire the effort the mums put into their pups – they work so hard and when people think that they're being lazy on the beach I'm like 'no, they've earned that rest!'

And the team effort from citizen scientists would not have been if not for Rebecca's idea and Data Analyst, Ross Holmberg's skills in building the platform.

"I said, 'Ross, I want to use drones, and I want to count them – there's this place called Zooniverse. I want to do it like that, but I'd rather do it ourselves to keep it simple and change whenever we need to', 'leave it with me, I'll have a think about it.'

"Over six months he built it!"

For more details on SealSpotter Citizen Science visit [pinnipeds.org.au/conservation/research/seal-research/sealspotter-citizen-science-portal/](http://pinnipeds.org.au/conservation/research/seal-research/sealspotter-citizen-science-portal/)



Marine scientist, Rebecca is credited with authoring and co-authoring a number of research papers in the industry.



Rebecca flies the drone with chief drone pilot Ross acting as her spotter (watching for aircraft and birds).

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## Red Cross Ukraine Appeal

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First Prize went to Belinda Brennan, Second Prize to Bertha Gilham, and Third Prize was won by Yvonne Williams.

The raffle raised a total of \$1800 including \$280 in donations. This amount has been sent to the Red Cross in Melbourne to support the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

In the past six months, Red Cross teams in Ukraine and surrounding countries have reached over eight million people.

For more information, visit Ukraine Crisis Appeal webpage at [redcross.org.au/ukraine/](http://redcross.org.au/ukraine/)

## Gofundme for Gippsland mum

A GIPPSLAND mother of three, Emma Trenerry, was recently diagnosed with Osteosarcoma.

Her family carries the gene for Li-Fraumeni syndrome.

Three years ago, Emma was tested for Li-Fraumeni syndrome, and was told she was a carrier.

In July Emma attended Peter Mac for her annual scan, and on August 3, she was diagnosed with an 8x7x5cm sarcoma in her pelvis

Emma is expected to lose a vertebrae in her spine, and require dramatic reconstruction of her hip and pelvis after 15 weeks of intensive chemotherapy and surgery.

Her family have set up a gofundme account to help raise money to assist with the costs associated with Emma's treatment.

Donate at [gofundme.com/f/emma-vs-the-big-c](http://gofundme.com/f/emma-vs-the-big-c)

By Andrew Paloczi

OPERATION Christmas Child is underway in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires, with local churches, community organisations and individuals pitching in to brighten the lives of children in need overseas.

Leongatha's Doreen Western is passionate about Operation Christmas Child, continuing to volunteer as its coordinator for the South Gippsland area, a role she started about 15 years ago.

The area she oversees includes Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Tarwin Lower, Meeniyan, Leongatha, Korumburra, Poowong and Foster.

Operation Christmas Child initiative involves filling a shoebox with gifts such as toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

Last year, despite the challenges presented by COVID restrictions, South Gippsland and Bass Coast locals donated over 700 boxes of goods, with distribution plans altered to ensure they reached overseas communities.

Children in Madagascar were among the beneficiaries of Gippslanders' generosity.

Cambodian youngsters are certain to receive boxes this year as is normally the case, with different villages chosen from year to year.

Doreen said some usually go to nearby Pacific locations such as Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

The number of shoeboxes of



**Doreen Western loves being a part of Operation Christmas Child as the coordinator for the South Gippsland area. She stands in front of Leongatha's New Beginnings bookshop displaying one of the gift-giving shoeboxes available there.**

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items donated each year is usually over 1000.

While Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organisation based in Australia and New Zealand and providing relief in many countries, Doreen explained recipients don't need to be Christians.

"They tell the Christmas story before giving the gifts but it's unconditional, and it's sharing our love and God's love with them," she said.

The Operation is also non-

denominational, with a range of churches assisting.

Leongatha Primary School and St Laurence O'Toole Primary School are among the organisations joining in this year's Operation.

While Christmas seems a long way off, the deadline for donating to the Operation is fast approaching, with shoeboxes of items needing to be received by the first week in October.

Donated shoe boxes of goods will be packed into cartons in Korumburra before transporta-

tion to Melbourne where their distribution overseas will be arranged.

Christmas-themed shoeboxes ideal for Operation Christmas Child can be purchased for just 50 cents each at Leongatha's New Beginnings bookshop, and filled boxes can be returned there.

Information brochures are also available, providing guidance on the types of items that can be donated.

Toy guns are not accepted as shoeboxes may be distributed to countries affected by recent wars.

Scary items and anything that may leak in transit is also unsuitable.

Details are also provided for making a monetary donation, with a donation of \$10 per box described as "essential to cover shipping and other project costs".

Shoeboxes must be clearly labelled, with your chosen age category and whether your gift is for a boy or girl.

Those donating can choose whether to tailor the contents of their shoebox to a boy or a girl.

It is also necessary to pick an age group, with those being 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Doreen is happy to answer any questions about Operation Christmas Child and can be contacted by emailing [westerndoreen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndoreen@gmail.com) or calling 5662 3859.

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# — BENDIGO BANK'S COMMUNITY GRANTS 2022 NIGHT —



## WATERLINE RECIPIENTS

Corinella Men's Shed and Woodies Group. Brian Whelan (committee member), Greg Roberts (president), Michael Saunders (safety officer) and San Remo Staff Leonie Brown presenting \$3569 towards the groups modern lathe project.



## WATERLINE RECIPIENTS

Corinella Bowls Club Inc Steve Bray and David Burzacott proudly accepted \$25,000 towards their Corinella's bowling green surface project thanks to director Janice Rowlingson.



## WATERLINE RECIPIENTS

Grantville staff Kelly Hocking presented Jan Erikson a \$7579 cheque towards chair replacement for Corinella Public Hall/Bass Valley Lions Club.



## WATERLINE RECIPIENTS

Coronet Bay Luminous Galleries / Coronet Bay Community Garden Inc: Ann Brown with Grantville staff Leah Atherton. \$487.18 Project: "Busy hands and Minds" (paint and varnish for Alice in Wonderland project).



## WATERLINE RECIPIENTS

Coronet Bay Community Garden Inc: Stuart Wood, Grantville staff Kim Grant and Josette Dorey. \$1823.17; project: Tools to build a better garden.



## MOWER AND TRACTORS

Glen Alvie and District Cricket Club: Peter Roberts (secretary) with director Kelvin Simpson and David Hynes (president). \$18,990; project: Glen Alvie Cricket Club Mower Replacement.



## HALLS

Archies Creek Public Hall Trust: Ric Oldham (president) with manager Michael Scott and Nicole Hynes (treasurer). \$20,597; project: Your Community Hall - Improving Safety and Amenity to Secure Its Future (Stage 2).



## HALLS

Woolleigh Hall Committee Inc: Rosemary Knox, director Patrick Russell and Marilyn Hayes. \$7000; project: Disabled access/concrete at rear of hall and west wall replacement.



## MOWER AND TRACTORS

Dalyston Recreation Reserve: Graham Pidgon with director Luke Hill and Peter Hall. \$30,000; Project: Tractor upgrade.



## SURF GROUPS

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club: Jason Close, San Remo staff Sally Croker and Alan Hailes. \$2500; project: Fuelling IRB rescue operations and racing at Cape Woolamai.



## SURF GROUPS

Phillip Island Boardriders Club: Geoff Russell, chair Peter Paul and Hannah Eisen. \$30,800; project: Facility upgrade - replacement of windows/glass doors.



Phillip Island Bowling Club Inc: Wayne Barr, assistant manager Tanya Donnan and Ian Diss. \$29,500; project: PIBC/Bendigo Bank barbecue and social space.



Lions Club of Phillip Island Inc: Director Bruce Procter, Deb Amor and Steve Munro. \$20,000; project: A Wheely Good Cause (replacement truck for deliveries).



Anglican Parish of Bass Phillip Island: Director John Matthews, Reverend Jo White and Richard Black. \$16,000; project: Commercial kitchen.



Arts Society Phillip Island Region Inc (ASPIR): Cowes Staff Dawn Balfe, Shirley Collins and Sheryl Stuart. \$2,666; project: Please, Be Seated (24 Stackable Chairs).

## — BENDIGO BANK'S COMMUNITY GRANTS 2022 NIGHT —



The Phillip Island Community Hospital received a whopping \$200k thanks to Bendigo Community Banks. Accepting the cheque were directors Bruce Procter, John Matthews, Pat Russell, Kelvin Simpson, chair Peter Paul and director Luke Hill with Bass Coast CEO Jan Child, directors Caroline Talbot and Janice Rowlingson.



### DEFIBRILLATOR PRESENTATIONS

Phillip Island Masonic Lodge were overjoyed to receive \$2450 for a defibrillator. Pictured are Colin Cordery, Community Bank Cowes staff Tania Marshall and Ian Samue.



### DEFIBRILLATOR PRESENTATIONS

Phillip Island Croquet Club also received \$2450 which John Swarbrick, Director Caroline Talbot and Claire Earl happily accepted.



### FIRE BRIGADE PRESENTATIONS

Director Pat Russell with Captain Andrew Blackney, who accepted \$2366 on behalf of Kernot-Grantville fire brigade towards a chainsaw, search light and battery pack.



### FIRE BRIGADE PRESENTATIONS

Corinella Fire Brigade's Captain David Jarratt, Cowes staff Chloe Grant-Collins and Lieutenant David Cox, who received \$10,000 for off-street parking.

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#### And another public holiday is no help

THE 'land of the long weekend' strikes again!

Sure, everyone welcomes a day off but if it wasn't enough to have a public holiday on the day before the AFL Grand Final (for goodness sake), the problem for business and the health system has been further compounded by the calling of a day of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

We should mourn our monarch of 70 years. She has contributed exemplary service, from taking on an army role in the war, to her support of people and events in Australia, a country she loves, over many years.

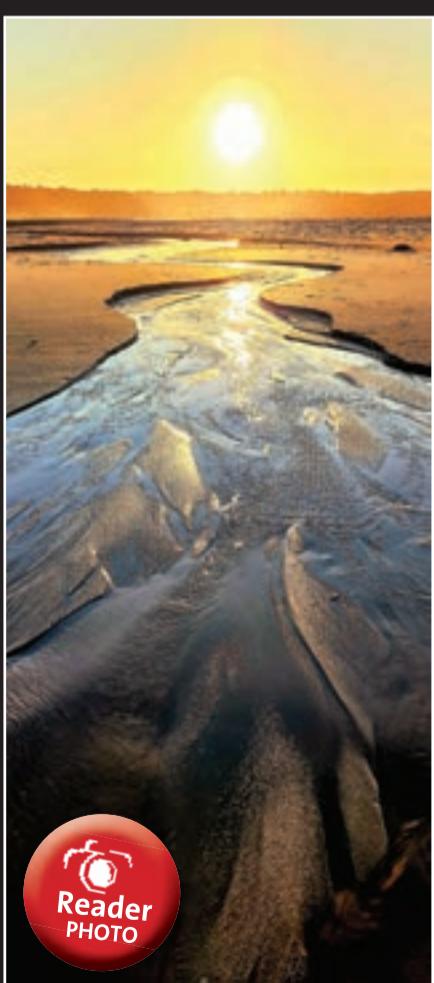
Whether we needed a public holiday to honour her service? It's doubtful.

What the State Government should have done first was consult the health service before agreeing to an extra public holiday and then called them both off for a couple of years as a gesture towards reducing the massive elective surgery list.

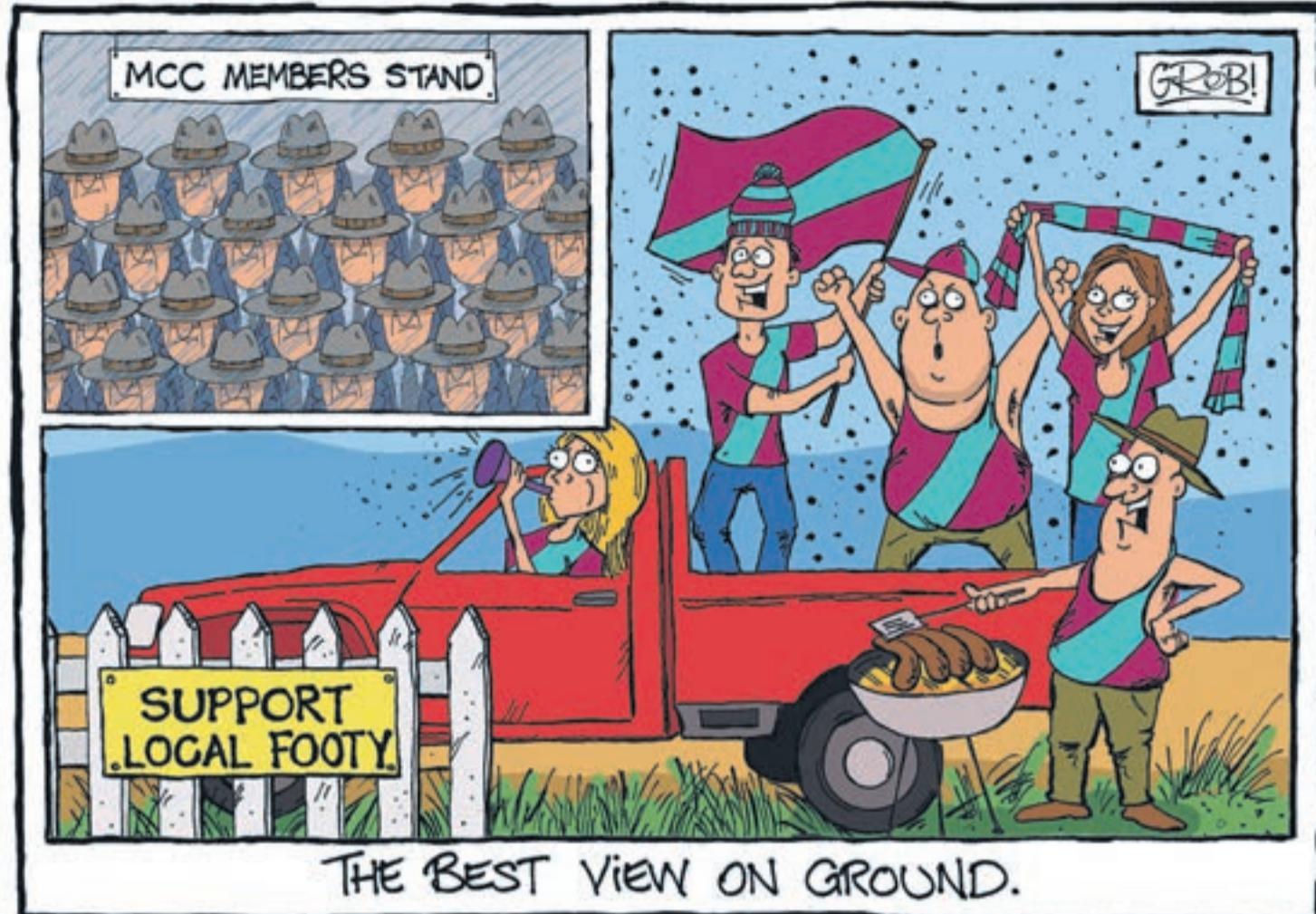
As if the health system wasn't in enough trouble with deaths directly attributable to a failure to properly resource the Triple 0 emergency call service and now we hear that on-call, local doctors will not be available to support the Urgent Care Centre at the Leongatha Hospital afterhours.

This situation needs to be better explained to the local community.

There may be good reasons why the local doctors have been forced to take this action and why Gippsland Southern Health Service isn't bringing in contract doctors. Maybe it's a good use of time, money and technology but we'd like to hear these questions addressed.



Craig Greer snapped this incredible shot of a sunrise at Cape Paterson. Send your photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au) or use #sentineltimes on Instagram.



#### There used to be lots of them here

How often do we hear people saying things like this when they are talking about the natural world?

There used to be, koalas, wombats, platypus, giant earthworms, gliders, ferns, lyrebirds, wildflowers, mountain ash, fish, butterflies, insects, quolls and so the list goes on, but they are not here now.

Older people, and some not so old, have witnessed the dramatic decline of wildlife species all around us.

These changes seem gradual because we live with them, but if we think back one, two, three or more decades, we can see that the decline has been dramatic.

In the last 200 years, Australia has had more mammal species become extinct than any other country.

The most recent was Melomys rubicola, which went extinct this century in 2009 and was declared so in 2012.

In February this year, the Victorian government declared the platypus an endangered species in Victoria.

Also this year, Queensland, N.S.W. and the A.C.T. declared the koala endangered.

Informed opinion is that, unless things change, it is likely that the koala will be extinct by 2050.

Land holders in South Gippsland are very aware of this decline of wildlife and many are trying to do something about it.

So too, are many community groups.

I am a member of Prom Area Climate Action (PACA), which is a regional group of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) and I write this on their behalf.

Recently, we were dumbfounded by the results of an ACF survey of more than 2000 people which revealed that only 16% of those surveyed were aware that there is a crisis right now for our wildlife!

Across South Gippsland, wildlife populations and locations are declining, but so far we still have them.

The ACF through PACA is undertaking wildlife monitoring so that decisions can be made about where to restore, create and protect habitats.

You can be involved in this, if you wish.

You can join us on a constant

basis, and/or you can join our special events.

The ACF (like many other groups) uses the wildlife app iNaturalist, that is free and readily available.

Please download it onto one of your devices and become a citizen scientist.

Link to the Citizen Science initiative of the ACF using the iNaturalist app. ([www.acf.org.au/citizen-science](http://www.acf.org.au/citizen-science))

Upload your findings with location, particularly if you think that what you have found is uncommon in that area.

Families could share some special times together doing this as a regular pass-time.

PACA occasionally organises events to locate a single species which we will advertise and invite your attendance.

Our next such event is to locate platypus at a site in Toora North on Saturday, September 17, at 9:30 a.m.

This is limited to 20 places, so if you are interested, please apply to platy-project on email: ([promareclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:promareclimateaction@gmail.com)).

Search our website ([www.promareclimateaction.org](http://www.promareclimateaction.org)) for further information about us.

**Fred Weight (PACA), Foster**

#### RIP Queen Elizabeth II

I have (just) heard on 3AW that not all the flags at the Bass Coast Shire Council building are being flown at half-mast as a sign of respect to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

This is a political stunt and completely ignores the fact that this woman spent much of her 70 years on the throne dedicated to bringing people of all nationalities together.

Many countries are choosing to join the Commonwealth of Nations, which did not have the Queen as their monarch, which is an indication of the respect and admiration that the Queen inspired.

Our anthem says "for we are one" but sadly this stunt shows that there are some who choose to pull us apart.

It is a sad act in an already sad time.

**Pamela Jacka, Wonthaggi**

Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

## Vox Pop

#### What is the best and worst thing about dairy farming?



**Tamara Loughridge**

1. My job is my life, I love the outdoors and have a passion for cows.
2. The long hours, but this can be managed with a flexible roster.



**Lachlan Harms**

1. The opportunity for growth and to be your own boss.
2. It's hard to start out and be given a chance with no experience.



**Matt Taylor**

1. The wealth creation as an employee and the lifestyle.
2. The uneducated persons perception of dairy farming.



**Jasmine Kneebone**

1. My passion for cows drives me and has kept me in the industry.
2. The perception of farming when coming from a different background.

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.

# ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

## WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

TIME has rushed along and brought us around, smartly, to our third Sunday of the month (18th) which of course means Our Fixit Café is on again.

There can be a great attachment to items we have, be they useful, pleasing to the eye or of great sentimental value. It would be a travesty were they to go to landfill without the possibility of giving them more life.

For some there is the satisfaction of having the skills to enable this to come about.

If you have the ability to do a bit of fixing be it sewing, carpentry, welding, or using your ingenuity we'd welcome your help.

Perhaps you'd just like a cup of coffee and a chat and watch what's going on. You may find you have a skill that will fit a niche that we need.

In any case, if you have an item which you want to retain, have the parts to fix it and can carry it to the Harvest Centre, then book it in with Mitchell House before the day.

This is very important so we can marry up a fixer with your item and a time slot on the day, there is so much to do in just two hours and those 2 hours are 11am to 1pm on Sunday, September 18.

The Chess Group is on every Monday afternoon from 2-4 pm, plenty of time to show your maverick streak to out strategize your opponent. Exercise your brain and put it towards your good health.

Music and dancing are a good way to lift your mood. Have you ever done progressive circle dancing? An activity which guarantees that you meet people and perhaps have a quick chat (if you're not puffed) before you move on? They meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm.

It is not always easy to make positive moves in our lives. Sometimes we need help.

The AA Support groups meet on Thursdays, 4.30 to 6pm and Saturdays, 11am to 1pm.

A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Teri on 0416 866 699 for the Thursday group and for Saturdays call Steve on 0431 700 085

Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem. Now they meet on Fridays 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038

### Just a little note here.

If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities (LSAs) are a gold coin donation, and we have lots of Learn Share Activities.

And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term. Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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## BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

FOLLOWING on from the Pathways Expo, BCAL is now finalising the program for Term 4.

The new Course Guide will include a special job-readiness course in the hospitality field. Venues are crying out for staff at the moment but it's still important to have the skills and knowledge to get going in the industry.

The course will include professional customer service skills, plate carrying and table clearing. Plus, participants will gain the accredited units of Food Safety Level 1 and Responsible Service of Alcohol.

Developed in consultation with local businesses and employment agencies, the course will be timed to get participants skilled up just in time for the Superbikes weekend.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit [www.bcal.vic.edu.au](http://www.bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

### ■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

The signs of early spring are emerging throughout the garden: blossom on the stone fruit trees, green buds on the apples and fig, peas forming and fragrant blooms on the broad beans.

In the children's community plot a range of 'mystery' spring bulbs are peeping through the poppies and self-sown sweet peas.

One of the loveliest seasonal displays is the tulips. Planted in pots, they greet visitors and members at the garden entry, reminding us that the warm season is imminent and there are busy gardening days ahead.

There are many ways to get involved in new season activities at the garden. Volunteers and visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon to tour the garden and chat to regular volunteers.

### ■ U3A WONTAGGI

U3A Wonthaggi has for nearly 25 years offered a variety of activities for seniors including the always thought provoking history and current affairs courses. As part of the Victorian Seniors Festival U3A Wonthaggi is sponsoring a very special event: a panel discussion led by Kevin Walsh that explores concepts of the changing nature of warfare, historical attempts to end war and the concept of power.

"When imagining a world without war we need to come up with an approach that even soldiers can sign up to." Major Walsh (retired) said.

The talk will be on Monday, 10th October from 2pm at the Inverloch Community Hub.

Admission is free, although a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

### ■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last Monday, the Woodies were visited by a group of residents from Hillside Lodge aged care centre in Korumburra.

The group were treated to a tour of the facilities and given a demonstration of the equipment.

Some were keen to join in and help the woodcrafters but alas, only members can use the machinery for safety reasons. All the more reason to join!

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au) or pop into the workshop.



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## INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

WHAT was meant to be our last Soup Café of the year is now our second last.

We are delighted to announce that Yooralla will be hosting our last Soup Café on Tuesday, October 13.

In the meantime, join us today Tuesday, September 13, for the infamous hosts, Inverloch Men's Shed.

The Men's Shed have a secret weapon and his name is John... with an extensive background in catering and culinary skills, John and the men from the shed chop, blend, toast and roast a delectable selection of ingredients into a frenzy creating the most scrumptious of soups.

You do not want to miss out on this café. 12pm to 1:30pm at the Hub.

Hearing Australia will also be at the café offering free hearing test. You can book in at the House or just drop in and meet team after the café.

They will be situated in the small office to the side of the café.

Our term may be coming to an end but not all activities finish up.

Our Thursday Bass Coast Writers and Tuesday's Chatty crafters continue to meet up through the holidays.

Our volunteer staff will also be in the House available to assist.

Talking volunteers. Can you spare an hour or so a week to join our Committee of Management?

We are looking for enthusiastic community minded volunteers to join our team at the Inverloch Community House.

We are re-invigorating our committee and are looking for people to contribute their experience in any or all of the following:

- Business management
- Policies, procedures and governance
- Financial management
- Community development through Community Houses Executive positions on the Committee are available for passionate people who want to make an impact in sustaining the House in the Hub to function to the best of its ability.

For more information email President Emily Physick [emily.physick@gmail.com](mailto:emily.physick@gmail.com) or call the House and leave a message for Emily on (03) 5674 2444



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## MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT WAS a crazy jam-packed week last week.

The Get Techy, Get Ready workshop went really well, if you missed it there is one at Toora Community Hall on Thursday, September 15.

Our Sunshine Spreaders Wellbeing Morning tea that marked RU Ok Day went really well.

It was great to have Michelle from Wellways as our guest speaker who gave us some tips and tricks for checking in on friends and family.

We also created a board with everyone's Wellbeing Tips and there were some great ones.

We'll have the board up this week if you want to come and check it out or add some more tips.

Last Thursday night we had the Milpara Community House Annual General Meeting, congratulations to everyone who accepted positions on our Committee of Governance.

We are so fortunate to have wonderful people giving up their time for this important role - we love you.

If you would like to access our Annual Report, you will find it on our website [milparacommunityhouse.org.au](http://milparacommunityhouse.org.au).

It's crazy that it is the last week of Term 3! As you would expect our office is a hive of activity printing the program, Term 4 program will be available for download from our website by the end of this week as well as online bookings. Milpara will be closed during the term break.

Term 4 starts on Monday, October 3. Centrelink will still operate their normal hours and Emergency Foodbank can be accessed during those times.



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## Study shows alcohol advertising increases likelihood of drinking

CANCER Council Victoria is calling for much tighter regulations on alcohol marketing with a new study revealing Victorian teens are exposed, on average, to an advertisement for alcohol every other day.

Those with higher exposure to alcohol advertising are more likely to drink alcohol.

The study surveyed over 3000 Victorian secondary school students, of whom nearly two-thirds were aged between 12 and 15 years, and looked at their exposure to alcohol advertising across eight different media channels and their reported alcohol consumption.

The study found that television (38%), internet (37%) and sporting games (30%) were the most common channels for students to report seeing alcohol advertising each week.

The data also revealed that students who were exposed to alcohol advertising on the internet and social media each week were more than 2.5 times more likely to be a 'drinker' compared to those seeing these ads less frequently.

Two-thirds of secondary school students reported having ever tried alcohol and around one in six reported having consumed alcohol in the past month.

More than three-quarters (77%) of all students reported seeing advertisements for alcohol in the past month.

Professor Vicki White from Deakin University, who is study co-author and Senior Honorary Research Associate at Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer, said that the amount of advertising for alcohol that children are seeing is concerning.

"Children should be able to go about their lives without being bombarded by advertising for alcohol products that we know are harmful to their health."

"The majority of young Victorians have consumed alcohol, and this is no surprise when we know they are regularly seeing advertising for these harmful products."

"This study makes it clear that the more young people are exposed to advertising for alcohol, the more likely they are to drink."

This suggests that we should be doing everything in our power to protect children from being exposed to the influence of alcohol advertising."

Jane Martin Executive Manager of Alcohol Programs at Cancer Council Victoria said that the consumption of alcohol by young people can have serious impacts on their health.

"Drinking alcohol from a young age can have serious impacts on a young person's health. It affects their brain development, sleep, mood, energy levels and increases the risk of serious diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, liver disease and cancer into adulthood," she said.

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Celebrating positive feedback from the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria are Bass Coast Health's Medical Workforce Team Manager Shannon Burke, Geriatric Advanced Trainee Dr Arrhchanah Balachandran, Hospital Medical Officer Dr Dean Nelson and Chief Medical Officer Dr Renee Kelsall.

## Bass Coast Health's commitment to training young doctors



Dr Brett Larner was a surgical Hospital Medical Officer at Bass Coast Health and has now joined the staff on a casual basis.

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BASS COAST HEALTH (BCH) is proud to be contributing to the training of young doctors while shoring up the organisation's future workforce ahead of the opening of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.

BCH recently received glowing feedback and accreditation from the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria. The council's final feedback reflected the health service's program of education, practical work and supportive environment.

The success of the Junior Medical Staff program reflects the commitment of the Medical Workforce team and broader medical workforce at BCH, to making the new staff feel so welcome.

The Medical Workforce team is responsible for sourcing medical staff to service the organisation's operations, namely the provision of medical staff for the Acute and Sub-Acute wards and the Emergency

Department at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The team also arranges accommodation for the visiting staff in properties rented by BCH.

This Medical Workforce team supports Junior Medical Staff by focusing on educational opportunities, a rewarding work experience and their wellbeing.

The young staff are also supported by Dr Kelsall, the Director of Clinical Training, Clinical Director of Emergency Medicine Dr Dan Crompton, Supervisor of Intern Training Chris Garwood and several other clinical supervisors.

Dr Brett Larner was a surgical Hospital Medical Officer (HMO) on rotation with BCH for 13 weeks from the Austin Hospital earlier this year.

He enjoyed his rotation at BCH so much that he is returning as a casual Junior Medical Officer, supporting vacancies across BCH.



Denise Lawlor of GenV consults new parents Candin Willet and Rhys Horstman, and their son Jack Horstman, at Wonthaggi Hospital as part of the GenV research project.

## Hospital part of ambitious project

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is proud to be part of a state-wide project that is tracking the health and development of Victorian children and their parents from the time their new baby is born.

BCH is taking part in the Generation Victoria (GenV) initiative led by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, which aims to accelerate prediction, prevention and treatment of complex health and development problems faced by children and their parents.

These problems include mental illness, obesity, learning difficulties and allergies among children, and among

parents, diabetes, obesity, and heart and mental health problems.

Denise Lawlor is the GenV representative at Wonthaggi Hospital, where the parents of newborns are invited to take part in the project.

Ms Lawlor invites new parents and their new babies to participate after they have been born at Wonthaggi Hospital.

She interviews parents and feeds this information into the state-wide pool of data to drive future medical treatments and improvements to health services based on the evidence gathered.



Gemma Turra and Jackson Pellett enjoy the Dairy and Farming Expo, with Jackson impressed by a robotic calf feeder and robotic milking machines. A04\_3722



Robert Gray is a picture of fitness after the Gumboot Gift, joking that daughter and coach Debbie McIndoe sets a rigid training program. A05\_3722



Chun Goh promotes the energy efficiency of water-heating Enermax systems and their value to the dairy industry. A07\_3722



Koonwarra's Stacey Sargent (third), winner Sarah Lewis of Leongatha and second-placed Ashleigh Ives of Gembrook enjoy the moment after the Gumboot Gift. A08\_3722



Katherine Byrne and Kristen Davis, both regional extension officers for GippsDairy at the end of a busy Expo. A09\_3722



Rob Bonanno and Alex Boilean of Pro Dairy provide veterinary services to dairy farmers through animal health programs. Z09\_3722



Hudson and Warwick Short of Farm Mapping, showcased the satellite imagery that gives landowners and their staff accurate understanding of the property. Z11\_3722



General manager of AG Farm Machinery, Colin Fiske held a stand at the dairy and farming expo on Wednesday, showcasing the SAM 6 Tonne Combo Spreader. Z13\_3722



Marlene and Barry loved looking at all the beautiful orchids, and even got one for themselves, at South Gippsland Orchid Society's annual show.

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo and the South Gippsland Orchid Society's annual show.



Konrad Bourn, dog Matty, Phoebe Bourn and Belinda Higgins explore the Farming Expo. A03\_3722

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South Gippsland Orchid Society's Peter Fell and show marshal Julie Kilgour were busy awarding the best orchids on show.



Robert and Stephanie had a great time at South Gippsland Orchid Society's annual show.



Teresa Scott, Jamie Hutchinson and Fergus Warren of Elders Insurance held a stall at the Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra. Z08\_3722



Jaymee Ely, Sharon Evison and Kelly Laffan volunteer for Lions Club of Victoria Need for Feed, disaster relief. Z10\_3722



Kristy Stephens and Aiden Ramsay enjoyed their afternoon at the Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra on Wednesday, taking part in 'The Udder Truth' competition. Z12\_3722



Tony and Patricia Ludgate of TNT Pressure Cleaning showcased their work at the dairy and farming expo on Wednesday. Z14\_3722



South Gippsland Orchid Society's Milvia Allen and Pat Sanderink were busy greeting patrons at the annual show last week.



Little Chipping Station. Photo: AMRM

## Models large and smaller to suit all

By Phillip Island District Railway Modellers

THE Phillip Island District Railway Modellers will be holding their first post COVID show on September 17-18, at the Cowes Senior Citizens Centre.

Our thanks go to Westernport Water for their sponsorship in helping to bring life back into the community after years of lockdown.

On Saturday the exhibition will be open to the public from 10am until 5pm, and on Sunday the hours are 10am to 4pm.

There will be models large and small, old and new, simple and sophisticated.

Some exhibits will delight the meticulous, while others should offer encouragement to those with two left thumbs.

The important thing is to enjoy yourself.

This time around all of the exhibits have been built by our own club members.

Our ever-popular U-drive layout for the kids will feature Thomas and Percy.

New and second-hand models and accessories will be for sale to suit rank beginners and experts, the rich and the poor, and those of us who get along somewhere in the middle.

Whatever the weather, kids of all ages can look forward to enjoying a few hours with us.

And please talk to the exhibitors, they never tire of talking to anyone who takes an interest.

The crew from the Seniors Club will be with us on Saturday, to see if you can resist the smells and sounds of a sausage sizzle - so come hungry.

Please note the change in venue.

The old Civic Centre has been demolished, and we are now at the Cowes Senior Citizens Hall. There is a car park is at the rear of the hall, enter via Watchorn Street, or park in a nearby street.

# Five days to Fishy Stories

WITH just five days to go before the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories, there are five crucial things you need to know before arriving.

Fishy Stories has captured the South Gippsland and wider communities' attention and support, bringing together storytellers of all ages.

But it also means the regional South Gippsland town is expecting an influx of visitors on Sunday, September 18.

So, sit down with the kids in front of a computer and head to fishystories.org to plan your day out. There's free activities in the Bendigo Bank Village Green, as well as food and drinks, workshops with renowned authors and illustrators, and more!

Next, while you're online, make sure you've secured your tickets to one of the live children's shows at fishystories.org/performances. There are five to choose from, and tickets are just \$20 each:

Dr Hubble - with bubbles inside bubbles, square bubbles and more!

Foxy Moron - the greatest magician you'll never see.

Dandyman - world-class circus and comedy star.

Balloonic Bruce - with balloons, magical games and storytelling.

Luigi Zucchini - an international man of magic comedy

with goofy Italian antics.

Thirdly, before you load the kids into the car, ensure you and the kids have the appropriate clothes. It's South Gippsland - bring a jacket, just in case!

Next, once you arrive in Fish Creek, find a car park around the football ground or other street parking.

And finally, tell your friends and family about the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories by taking photos on the day and sharing with the hashtag #fishystories and tagging the 'Fishy Stories' social media page. We want to see your experiences!

### Writing Challenge

Twelve entries from the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories' inaugural Writing Challenge will be performed live on festival day by Suzanne Barton and Lou Endicott.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Claire Hooper cannot attend the festival, but organisers are really pleased to announce Suzanne and Lou will be taking over to read out the entries.

Suzanne is an author and editor whose children's books include Meeka, My Dad's Weird Beard and My Unicorn Farts Glitter.

### Roadtrip

If you're coming for the weekend, there are plenty of accommodation options where you'll be welcomed with good old-fashioned country hospitality.

On Saturday, explore the sights and sounds of South Gippsland, such as Warragul South Beach - inspiration for Alison Lester's book 'Magic Beach'.

Or, if you're looking for somewhere to ride the bikes, jump on any section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

### Reading

Research shows reading books can be a great way to improve your cognitive abilities, relax your body and lower your heart rate, and even enhance how happy you are with life.

The Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories is addressing the problem that children today read less frequently than any previous generation and enjoy reading less than young people did in the past by creating an engaging, fun and enjoyable reading, writing and drawing experience.

Why not pop into the Alison Lester Gallery and Bookshop on the day, too! Alison will officially open the festival at noon.

See you there - Sunday, September 18, at Fish Creek.



**Suzanne Barton and Lou Endicott** will be reading out the 12 chosen entries from the inaugural Writing Challenge.

## Another massive line-up for Ocean Sounds



OCEAN Sounds Festival is an annual family-friendly, music-lovers' all-day sunset concert that will take place once again on the beautiful Churchill Island on Saturday, January 7.

This very special summer edition of Ocean Sounds Festival is packed with a massive line-up headlined by John Butler, The Waifs, Mama Kin Spender, Steph Strings, Carissa Nyalu and The Laing Brothers.

It's time for picnic rugs, smiling friends, stunning local wines, gourmet food, the summer-sun softly setting over the ocean and some of Australia's most amazing live music!

As well as some of Aus-

tralia's best live acts, Ocean Sounds will also showcase local wines, cheeses and gourmet food vans.

Attendees are invited to bring their family, friends, good vibes and to enjoy a memorable experience of quality music in a relaxed, atmospheric and picturesque environment.

Exclusive pre-sale Wednesday, September 14.

Register at [oceansoundsfestival.com.au](http://oceansoundsfestival.com.au) for access.

General tickets on-sale Thursday, September 15 via Moshtix.

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

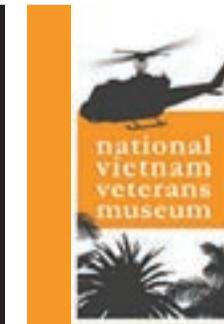
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# You might get 'Caught In The Act'

CAUGHT In The Act! is an instrumental band playing a wide range of music from exciting Latin tunes and jazz-funk (fusion) adaptations of standards to gentle songs from the '30s.

Since their initial appearance at the Phillip Island Jazz Club in February 2021, the group have added even more jazz favourites to their repertoire.

Caught In The Act have played at many regional jazz festivals (recently at Inverloch Jazz Festival), at the Brunswick Green, private gigs, at the Australian Jazz Convention and each month at Jazz on Sundays at the Ringwood RSL.

The band's first CD, 'Pretty Eyes', was launched at the Castlemaine Jazz Festival in June 2022.

**Ann Craig on flutes and percussion and Kevin Blazé on guitars.**

Ann and Kevin first met at the Inverloch Jazz Festival in 2012. A chance meeting a few weeks later led to a band that would feature flute and guitar: Jazz Notes. Over the years, Jazz Notes has diverged into ensembles from duo to larger vocal and instrumental bands including Caught In The Act! Ann and Kevin are a great musical team and love what they do!



Caught In The Act! will be playing at Phillip Island Bowling Club on Sunday, September 18.

#### Ashley Thomas on sax and clarinet.

Ashley has been playing music since she was

four. She pursued classical piano and then ventured into the world of woodwind instruments, taking the lead from her strong family history of playing wind instruments. Studying at secondary college under Bob & Mal Sedergreen, Greg Clarkson and others drove her passion of everything jazz.

#### Malcolm Hornby on keyboard.

Malcolm started learning the piano when he started school, and has been playing ever since. His first job when he finished school was working in a music store, where he bought his first keyboard.

Malcolm's first band played covers but has performed in a wide range of settings since then. These have included a piano bar duo.

#### Frank Morgan on bass.

Frank cut his teeth playing rock and roll and pop with local bands, even making it into the Top 40 on a couple of occasions. He then moved into reception bands, playing with many luminaries

In the 1990s, Frank took to jazz, meeting Ann many years later and, thus, to Caught In The Act! where he anchors the band.

#### Simon Atkinson drums and percussion.

During his career with the police force, Simon had a sideline playing with Grade A Championship Brass Bands, then adding

musical theatre and small, function bands.

After leaving the police, Simon played on P&O cruise ships, cruising the Mediterranean before emigrating to Australia and settling in Melbourne where he bumped into Kevin at a gig where he was the fill-in drummer. Soon after, he joined Jazz Notes and then Caught In The Act!

The event will be held on Sunday, September 18.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes commencing at 2pm.

Cost of entry is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for visitors.

For more information, please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

What's happening along the Waterline

#### Market Of Treasures

**Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9.30am to 2pm**

Donations of goods have been flooding in since the announcement by Anne Caulfield to hold a Market of Treasures at the Coronet Bay Hall.

Items have been received ranging from original artwork to books, collectables, furniture and even a new drone, still in its box.

All proceeds raised from the Market of Treasures will be directed towards assisting a Nurse Practitioner to continue to practice in Grantville.

#### Music Arvo

**Saturday, November 19, 2022, 5pm to late**

An exciting music afternoon is being organised at Corinella Hall with special guests The Flaming Mushrooms being in attendance as well as other performers.

The Cheeky Goose Café food truck will also be in attendance supplying its mouth-watering range of food to be enjoyed during the evening.

Tickets are limited and selling fast with all proceeds raised from the Music Arvo being directed to the Nurse Practitioner.

The link for the Deb Garvey Go Fund Me page is: [www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-nurse-practitioner-clinic](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-nurse-practitioner-clinic).

#### Living Library

**Sunday, September 18, 2022, 2pm to 4pm**

Catherine Watson will be a very interesting speaker at the Coronet Bay Hall.

It will be fascinating to hear also about the start of Bass Coast Post which has recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

Catherine will also give an update on the Save Western Port campaign, which will be very interesting considering the State election is looming rapidly and will have details of the candidates' stance on this very important issue in the Waterline townships.

The afternoon will conclude with tea, coffee and cake.

## Bass Coast encouraging local women to lead

BASS Coast Shire is hosting a free Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum to inspire women to become successful leaders in the community.

The Forum will be held on Thursday, October 6, from 10.00am to 11.30am at the old Wonthaggi Post Office, located at the corner of Watt Street and McBride Avenue.

Morning tea and a child-minding service are provided.

The Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum aims to bring current and former women councillors together to share their insights with the community on the benefits and challenges of being a woman on council.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, Cr Clare Le Serve and former Mayor and Councillor Pam Rothfield will share their experiences as councillors, why they got involved and the benefits of having more women on Council.

Ruth McGowan OAM will also be attending the forum.

Ruth McGowan is a gender equality expert in local government and is the author of Get Elected.

As a previous Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Council and long-time supporter of women in local government, Ruth trains women to campaign for political office and is a sought-after Councillor Coach.

Other guest speakers will

include Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillor Sarah Race, who is also a member of the Local Government Gender Equality Advisory Committee.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie will be the MC and facilitate the Q&A session.

Attendees will also learn about the Women Leading Locally Fellowship Program.

This program aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria, with a focus on campaigning as a candidate for the 2024 Local Government elections.

To register your attendance to the Women Leading Locally Forum, visit [www.womenleading-locallyforum.eventbrite.com.au/](http://www.womenleading-locallyforum.eventbrite.com.au/)



Ruth McGowan OAM will be attending the Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum.

## Send us your photos

If you're having a 21st, club function, wedding, or other social event, take some photos, name the people in the snaps and email to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)

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'Woodlands' comprises two homes.

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The second home is a three-bedroom cottage, ideal for dual living or B and B opportunities.

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The farm is fenced to 12 main paddocks with a carrying capacity of 80-90 beef breeding cows plus calves.

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For further information, contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083.



7 | 2 | 2 | 90.4ha

90 Grand Ridge Road, **Seaview**

**For Sale** \$2.2 - \$2.4 Million

**Agent** Elders

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083

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## “Tarwin Lea” Homestead Block

IN THE picturesque rolling hills of South Gippsland, on a quiet country road just minutes from the township of Mirboo North you will be greeted by a charming presence as you turn in the drive.

“Tarwin Lea” is the original homestead block of a greater landholding that once upon a time was the whole surrounding valley.

The established London Plane trees stand graciously up the sweeping drive and you cannot help but know that there is a special place to call home here.

Sixty magnificent productive acres. A perfect mix of flats, undulating to rolling grazing country.

Well sheltered, this property has water security with several natural springs, dams, and soak on the property.

Excellent fencing, with 7 paddocks (approx.), including hay paddocks and central stock yards for ease of stock management along with assorted shedding including 2 hay sheds and a double garage at the house.

“Tarwin Lea”, is ideal for all cattle endeavours, fattening, breeding or as is at present running dairy young stock with the ability to cut both silage and hay.

The weatherboard home with its sweeping verandas holds much charm nestled in its very own garden of Eden with views across the valley. Originally built in 1945 the home has had some updates over time, yet still retains the charm that only these much-loved country homes of yesteryear do.

Features include:

- Country style kitchen with electric oven, gas cook top, pantry and lovely hardwood timber floors

- The living room has a corniced ceiling, timber panelled walls with double doors that open out onto the front veranda. A Masport wood fire and reverse cycle air conditioner keeps the home comfortable all year round.

- The master bedroom with corniced ceiling's also has double doors that open out to the front garden.

- A second bedroom enjoys garden views whilst the third bedroom has been converted to an office/library at present.

- The family bathroom is complete with bath & separate shower and a small, renovated laundry space sits to the rear of the home.

Externally a garden of ornamental shade trees and flowering plants of all seasons extend around the home and if you wander the path, you will find what is best described as a fairy-tale custom made studio, complete with all the comforts, electricity, and a wood heater for those cold winters days when one is tucked away creating.

This long held family property is an ideal opportunity for the next custodian to put their touch on the home with the farm providing options for cattle, horses, sheep, horticulture and more.

Located an easy 10-minute bitumen road drive from the growing township of Mirboo North with schools, shops, and sporting facilities. It is only 22 minutes to Leongatha, 40 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch and 1hr 50minutes to Melbourne.

Opportunities to secure such distinctive properties are rare.

For more information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.



3 | 1 | 2 60 acres

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\$880,000





## Dramatic ocean views – your ultimate coastal vantage

LOCATED on The Esplanade in Surf Beach, this home is perfect for those who have been searching for the best location, that offers benchmark quality and superb ocean views.

This home's striking architectural design takes advantage of its elevated corner location to provide unparalleled views from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock.

The property features - ground floor, a landscaped covered side entry, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette, laundry and living area.

This level is completely self-contained and offers its own separate entrance. Ideal for visiting family or grown-up kids.

Upstairs is all about you and that wonderful view.

A huge open plan living space with a real cook's kitchen, a generous living area for big comfy couches and sliding doors that lead you out to a veranda that takes in the homes amazing position

The master bedroom is large and is unapologetic in the fact that it has the best outlook in the house. Its generous size allows for a king size bed with plenty of extra room.

Add to this a dressing room and a beautiful ensuite, now you're starting to get the picture.

This level also has an indoor/outdoor entertaining area with a heated personal hygiene bath/spa.

Extra features include:

- A massive three bay garage with secure entry into the home, this garage is

big enough to house all the toys plus a mezzanine storage area and room for a workshop

- Three cars wide concrete driveway to the garage for added off street parking for you and your guests.
- Garden shed with front and back yard access
- Plantation shutters.
- Large deck-area wraps around the front of the home with glass balustrades.
- Built in study with swivel desktop, so you can work facing the view and swivel out of the way when not in use.
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- Great internet speed (the node is directly across the road).
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Call Alex Scott and Staff Cowes on 5952 2633 and we would be pleased to arrange a private viewing.

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655m<sup>2</sup>

43 Batman Street, **Surf Beach**

**For Sale** \$2,250,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Brian Silver 0407 347 509

Greg Price 0419 337 441



## Best of new and old

NICELY presented period home on a manageable front block in North Wonthaggi.

This home offers sunny, northerly aspect to open plan living area, adjacent hostess style kitchen, two spacious bedrooms with built in robes, modern family bathroom to rear with full bath, separate shower and WC.

There is a roomy separate laundry with sliding door access to private, treed rear garden setting.

The home has just been re-painted (inside and out), brand new timber flooring in living area and new carpets in bedrooms and new window furnishings.

As well as a fairly new hot water service and split system and freshly landscaped surrounds.

This property creates a fabulous investment or first home.

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12 Wallace Street, **Wonthaggi**

**For Sale** \$410,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

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**LEONGATHA**



**7 Callaway Crescent**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Carport + shed
- Super neat home, great views

**\$595,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**14 Isabella Boulevard**

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, approx. 1 yr old.
- Open plan kitchen, meals & living
- Handy to schools & shops

**\$639,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**COWES**



**3 Parkridge Close**

- Walk to Golf Club & Silverleaves beach
- Quiet court location
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom & 2 car garage

**\$780,000-\$809,000**

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**WONTHAGGI**



**78 Korumburra Road**

- 2086 sqm corner site
- 3 titles, brilliant development chance
- Once in a lifetime opportunity

**Auction: Saturday, Oct. 8 at 2pm**

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**ARAWATA**



**KORUMBURRA**



**95 One Chain Road**

- Beautiful home on 9.8 acres
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 2 car
- Stunning rural aspect

**\$1,350,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**COWES**



**9 Blue Gum Court**

- Centrally located in private court
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living
- Undercover alfresco area

**\$820,000-\$840,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**12 Wallace Street**

- Cosy cottage at low cost
- New paint, flooring and fittings
- 2 bedroom, open plan living

**\$410,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**KORUMBURRA**



**10 Roughead Street**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Super cute cottage
- Low maintenance, close to CBD

**\$485,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**VENTNOR**



**601 Ventnor Beach Road**

- Great location
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living, 2 car
- North facing block 817 sqm

**\$880,000-\$900,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**26 Wallace Street**

- 3 bedroom, sunny living zone
- Full block with rear lane
- Possible 2 lot subdivision

**\$550,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**KORUMBURRA**



**42 Jeffrey Street**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 3 car
- Well maintained rendered brick home
- Fully fenced yard with sheds

**\$500,000-\$520,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**RHYLL**



**14 Reid Street**

- Corner allotment with great views
- Open plan living, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Brick home, double garage

**\$720,000**

Contact: Cowes Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**58 Merrin Crescent**

- Cute 2 bedroom period home
- Separate bungalow, rear lane access
- Excellent unit site (STCA)

**\$550,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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## Demand to remain strong for agricultural exports through 2022/23

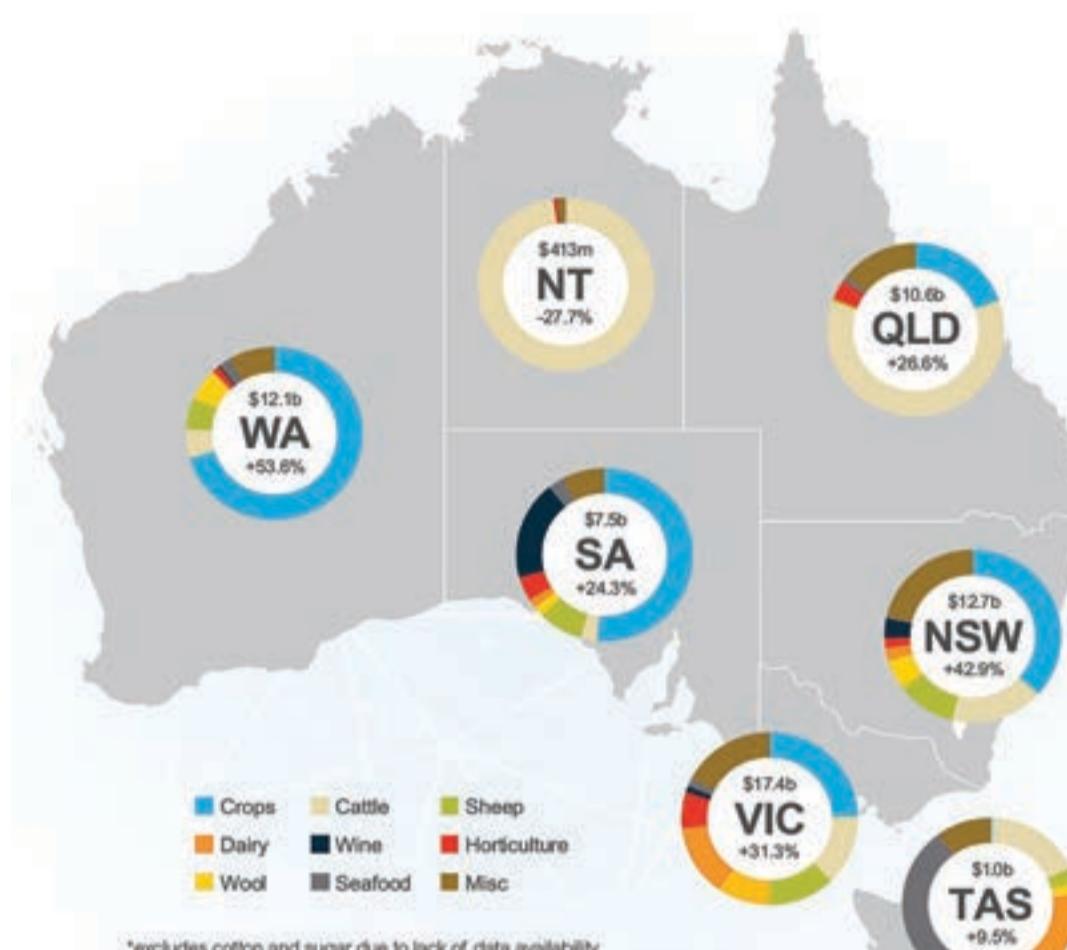
RURAL Bank's Australian Agricultural Trade 2021/22 report has found that resurgent demand and continued favourable seasonal conditions have propelled the value of Australian agricultural exports to a record high of \$67.5 billion.

A lower Australian dollar, a rare combination of increased production and higher commodity prices helped lift export value by \$18.2 billion, well beyond previous levels and a 37 per cent increase in exports from the sector in 2020/21, reaching an all-time high.

Rural Bank's Simon Dudson, General Manager Sales, Partnerships and Marketing said "Cropping led the export charge with both volumes and average prices rising to drive an 82 per cent increase in the overall value of Australia's cropping exports with record winter crop production, restricted global supply and increasing demand for biofuels and cooking oil further supporting Australian canola exports.

"We have seen every commodity sector except for wine and fruit record an increase in export value in 2021/22 with grains, oilseeds and cotton recording the largest growth as increased plantings and high yields led to record production levels.

Cropping export volumes are set to remain high but forecast to be lower than FY22 in the new financial year thanks to ongoing favourable conditions, with the increased diversification of Australia's export markets very encouraging to see. Cotton export value rose



by an incredible 250 per cent year-on-year in 2021/22 off the back of a 202 per cent increase in volume and 15.8 per cent increase in price.

"We have seen a strong recovery in exports to China following a large decline in 2020/21 and despite ongoing trade restrictions for some commodities, a greater indicator of Australia's export strength was the

breadth of markets which rose in value over 2021/22, building upon the diversification seen the previous year".

China was the largest growth market in 2021/22 and retained its place as Australia's most valuable market for the 12th year in a row, followed by Japan recording growth of 38.1 per cent and the United States recording strong growth

and a rise of more than 30 per cent in terms of exports by value.

Victoria retained the crown as Australia's export hero and largest agricultural exporter in 2021/22.

The state recorded a lift in value of \$4.1 billion (+31.3 per cent) to a record high of \$17.4 billion, or 26.5 per cent of national export value.



### Fee-free green waste disposal coming up

BASS Coast Shire Council's annual fee-free green waste disposal period will run from Saturday, October 29, until Sunday, November 20.

This service is provided each year, to encourage landowners to prepare for the fire season.

During this time, Bass Coast residents and ratepayers can dispose of green waste free of charge at Council's Transfer Stations at Grantville, Wonthaggi, and Inverloch, and at the Cowes Recycling Bank. Locations and operating hours of Waste Facilities are available at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities).

To ensure safe and manageable disposal of green waste for staff and the public, Cowes Recycling Bank will only accept loads up to a maximum size of 2m<sup>2</sup> or a standard 6x4 caged trailer.

Loads larger than this are unable to be accepted and will be redirected to Grantville or Wonthaggi during this period.

Entry to the Cowes Recycling Bank will be via The Concourse end of Dunsmore Road rather than the Settlement Road end, to assist with management of traffic.

High demand for this service can result in queues and delays, particularly on the first weekend. Disposing of your green waste in the middle of the fee-free period may help you avoid delays.

Weed species including blackberry, English ivy, agapanthus, mirror bush and plants that cannot be mulched such as palm fronds are not included in the fee-free period.

However, these can go in your kerbside Organics (green lid) bin at any time.



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# HAY and SILAGE

## Apply now for funding

APPLICATIONS are now open for Victorian Agricultural and Pastoral Societies to access funding to support free entry for children to shows and field days and boost their COVID recovery.

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

Agriculture Victoria executive director, policy and programs, Sarah-Jane McCormack, said the program ensures regional and rural shows come back stronger than ever.

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

"Free entry for kids makes it easier for families to come along and see firsthand best on-farm practices and to immerse themselves in learning experiences to better understand agriculture," said Ms McCormack.

The grants are open to all eligible Victorian Agricultural and Pastoral

Societies that are hosting up and coming agricultural, horticultural or pastoral events including the Royal Geelong Show, the Whittlesea Show, the Mildura Show and many more.

Grant amounts will be capped and based on previous ticket revenue from recent shows, events or field days held by the Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

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

Executive Officer of Victorian Agriculture Shows, Rod Bowles said he is delighted to see the program open for applications.

"The past two years have been challenging for the Societies and we're looking forward to welcoming more families to the upcoming spring show season," Mr Bowles said.

Applications now open until September 26, 2022.

For more information on the program and to apply, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.



## Staying safe this grass pollen season

Photo: Jonas Weckschmied | Unsplash

VICTORIANS with asthma and spring hay fever are being urged to check in with their local GP or pharmacist to prepare for the upcoming grass pollen season.

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from the start of October until the end of December, brings with it a seasonal increase in asthma and hay fever – and the chance of thunderstorm asthma.

"It's important for anyone who has or has ever had asthma, or spring hay fever, or who might sneeze or wheeze during pollen season, to talk to their GP or pharmacist now about what they can do to protect themselves," Victoria's Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Angie Bone said.

"This can include updating your asthma action plan – which should be reviewed each year for adults or

every six months for children."

If you have asthma, take your asthma preventer regularly, always carry your reliever puffer with you, and know what to do if you develop an asthma attack – follow your asthma action plan or the four steps of asthma first aid. If you're not sure if you have asthma, see your GP for an assessment.

People with spring hay fever should know what asthma symptoms are and learn the four steps of asthma first aid. Asthma reliever medication can be purchased from a pharmacy if required without a prescription.

Having good control of your asthma or hay fever during grass pollen season will help avoid any confusion with COVID-19 infection, as symptoms of asthma, hay fever and COVID-19 can be similar. People should

test for COVID-19 if their symptoms are new, different than usual, have restarted after a period of absence or if they are unsure.

Melbourne experienced the world's largest epidemic thunderstorm asthma event on November 21, 2016, with thousands of people developing breathing difficulties in a very short period. It was the largest incident of its type ever recorded in the world.

Those at risk should check the epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast daily at the VicEmergency website or download the app and set up a watch zone. This forecast will be switched on at the start of October.

For more information on thunderstorm asthma, visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstorm-asthma



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## Surveillance of animal disease in Victoria

By Dr Jeff Cave, Agriculture Victoria Senior Veterinary Officer

VICTORIA'S livestock industries are fortunate to be free of most of the serious diseases that affect animals in other parts of the world.

Despite this fact, on-going surveillance for new or exotic disease is important to protect our livestock, to reassure our trading partners of Victoria's favourable disease status, and to ensure the early detection of diseases that might impact on trade, public health, and farm or regional productivity.

Early detection of emerging or exotic disease is the key to their effective management and this relies on farmers, vets and government working together.

In the course of doing farm visits and treating livestock, veterinary practitioners must remain vigilant and consider the possibility of new, unusual or exotic diseases.

Agriculture Victoria has an initiative that allows veterinarians who investigate and report on outbreaks of unusual or significant animal disease to be paid a subsidy to help cover the cost of the investigation and associated laboratory fees.

The subsidy program increases the likelihood of early reporting of



**Agriculture Victoria's subsidy program is available to help cover the costs of investigation and associated laboratory fees.**

a serious animal disease and assists with costs associated with any subsequent investigation.

Payment of subsidies is conditional upon approval being given by Agriculture Victoria before the investigation begins.

This subsidy can be paid when:

- a large number of animals are affected or there is an unusual presentation of a disease
- an initial investigation fails to establish a diagnosis, or veterinary treatment does not produce the expected response
- clinical signs are consistent with an emergency disease without a clear alternative diagnosis
- there is a possible effect on

trade, public health or the viability of a farm, industry or region.

When an exotic or emergency disease is suspected, Agriculture Victoria will undertake the disease investigation and cover the full cost of the investigation.

Producers and animal owners should immediately report suspected or identified exotic disease to their vet or the 24-hour emergency animal disease watch hotline on 1800 675 888.

For more information about Victoria's significant animal disease program, including how to access subsidies, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.



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Siobhan Morgan and Cameron Fullager of Irwin Stockfeeds held a stall at the entrance of the Dairy and Farming expo. The family-owned business produces an extensive range of quality dairy mixes and pallets, tailor-made to meet the nutritional requirements of a herd and their products can be delivered in bulk to the dairy farms. Z20\_3722



Agronomists Vicki Nink, Jessica Ashburner and Alexander Mapleson of Brown's Fertilisers managed a stall at the Dairy and Farming expo, advising dairy farmers of their wide range of fertilisers and liming products. Covering Gippsland and the North East, Brown's fertilisers can offer pasture assessments and soil assessments for dairy farmers, so they have a thorough understanding of the condition of their fields. Z17\_3722



Andrew Walsh is passionate about providing high quality concrete water tanks and stock troughs in his role as sales manager for Statewide Concrete Products. A11\_3722

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# 'Burkey' warmly welcomed at expo

By Andrew Paloczi

NATHAN Burke, famous for his exploits in the red, white and black of St Kilda Football Club has no farming background, but kept his South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo audience engaged.

'Burkey' spoke for an hour about how farm operators can achieve their goals and rely on others to help them do so, and ways people can improve their leadership to accomplish that.

Nathan explained that whether you are striving to achieve success on the footy field or running a farm, it's all about getting people to work together to accomplish the desired outcome.

The 323-game player said it is crucial to start by deciding what constitutes success for your organisation.

"Once you're clear on what success looks like, then you can start working backwards," Nathan said.

That involves understanding the culture of your business and reshaping it if necessary, and having a clear view of your leadership approach and what you need to do to help others in your organisation achieve the intended success.

In his current role as the Western Bulldogs AFLW coach, success is precisely and ambitiously defined.

There is a stated aim of winning two AFLW premierships by 2025.

"Every decision I make I put through that 2 by 25 lens," Nathan said, explain-



**Nathan Burke has a strong belief that achieving success in farming businesses involves the same 'non-negotiables' that apply to every business and to footy teams.** A10\_3722

ing that is a matter of determining what will bring about the best chance of success.

Nathan said many are sceptical about the concept of 'culture' in business, but stresses it is unavoidable.

"You have a culture whether you like it or not, and maybe the loudest person on the farm says, 'We're going to do it my way,'" he said.

Nathan believes that allowing culture to evolve by default is undesirable.

"Great organisations design the culture they need to be successful," he said.

Nathan spoke of the culture he found at St Kilda Football Club after being recruited there, aged 17.

Much of it centred on the after-game action in the social club, with the 'Saints Disco' pumping regardless of the onfield result and

players never having to buy their own drinks.

He reflected the club's culture dictated that there was little difference between winning and losing.

That changed after bulllocking full forward Tony Lockett moved to Sydney, and stoic club captain Danny Frawley retired.

With talented but inexperienced young players arriving at the club, those in their mid-twenties realised they needed to remodel the culture to see success during their time with the Saints, rather than face the prospect of a protracted rebuild phase.

Open and honest feedback on players' training efforts became part of the new approach, with a leadership group established, spreading the load and showing young Saints a pathway to the captaincy.

While the new culture fell short of achieving the ultimate success, it took the Saints to a grand final within two years.

Talking to his Expo audience, Nathan focused on the importance of effective communication and fostering a culture of knowledge sharing in which people are encouraged to help others be better, rather than seeing such behaviour as a threat to their tenure in the organisation.

That is an approach he has adopted at the Bulldogs, recognising the player in each game who does the most to help her teammates play better and achieve team success.



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**LEFT:** Amy Stark of RFCS Gippsland offers free financial support to farmers, with a focus on their well-being. Amy and the team provide landowners with hands on friendly advice and real skills to assist them with their finances and help them keep on track of their budgets. RFCS connects with those in the local Gippsland agricultural industry and advises anyone seeking help to reach out and utilise the support. Z23\_3722



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Penny Johnson, Jol Dutton, Colin Lester and Louise Bruce of Saputo Dairy Australia and AG Warehouse held a combined stall at the Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra, meeting and greeting dairy farmers and sharing their expertise. AG warehouse based in Leongatha displayed their fertilisers and farm supplies, while Saputo discussed their products that are sold under well-known brands including Devondale and Cracker Barrel. Z16\_3722



**LEFT:** Matt Redmond of Nutrien Harcourts in Leongatha held a combine stall at the Dairy and Farming expo with Sally Pate of Nutrien Ag Solutions, and client Andrew Bacon was taking expert advice on farming supplies. Matt is a licensed estate agent working in the South Gippsland and surrounds, assisting vendors and purchasers with residential and land sales. Z19\_3722

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Winner of the men's Gumboot Gift Craig Rollinson is flanked by second-placed Marty Lamers and Tristan Francis who came third.



John Van De Burgt (managing director of Westfalia Warragul), Mark Haymes (area manager of Gippsland GEA), Mark Andrew (sales and project manager of Westfalia Warragul), and Jurgen Steen (Automatic Milking Systems sales manager at GEA Farm Technologies Australia) display the GEA DairyRobot R9500. A14\_3722

# Dairy Expo returns in style

By Andrew Paloczi

Burke speaking the next day.

Both the GEA DairyRobot R9500 and Lely Astronaut A5 milking robot featured, with expert staff on hand to chat to farmers about how they operate and the benefits on offer.

Dairy farmers heard about the advantages of efficient water heating from Chun Goh, general manager of Energy Smart Water, who described Dromana-made Enermax units as "thermal batteries".

GippsDairy regional extension officers Katherine Byrne and Kristen Davis were on hand at the Expo, offering farmers information on available courses.

While the Expo is geared toward the business of farming, there was time for fun, with the second running of the Gumboot Gift attracting 14 male competitors and three females.

Craig Rollinson of Gainsborough took out the men's competition, with Outtrim's Marty Lamers and Korumburra local Tristan Francis making up the places.

With \$1,500 up for grabs for the winners of both the men's and women's races, \$300 for second and \$200 for third, it was surprising more women didn't run.

Women's winner Sarah Lewis of Leongatha is a keen park runner and adapted well to gumboots, albeit they may not be come her preferred footwear.

Sarah also won the inaugural running of the Gumboot Gift, prior to Covid disruptions, but is likely to face more opposition next year as the event's fame grows.

Ashleigh Ives of Gembrook and Koonwarra's Stacey Sargent ran second and third respectively.

With Strzelecki Lions Club running the Dairy and Farming Expo, a few of its members took part in their own fun race, with one lining up with crutches and another taking a tumble at the start.

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Business partners David Phelan and Simon Henderson are delighted to have Jake Anthony join Phelan & Henderson & Co. A12\_3722

## Phelan & Henderson welcomes young talent

ESTABLISHED in 2015, the ongoing success of Leongatha's Phelan & Henderson & Co livestock and property agency and the buoyant livestock market prompted the recent recruitment of young talent Jake Anthony.

The stock and station agent and auctioneer is delighted to join the business, with the 20-year-old bringing experience as a livestock agent and keen to continue building his knowledge.

Korumburra raised, Jake is excited to be working in South Gippsland and looks forward to developing as an auctioneer.

"I love it, coming from a farming background," Jake says, having grown up on a beef farm.

His on-farm duties now include marking calves, drafting cattle and valuing livestock.

Jake enjoys assessing the cattle and each farm in order to provide the best advice to farmers.

He's been made to feel welcome at Phelan & Henderson & Co.

One of the business partners, Simon Henderson spoke about the importance of bringing young talent onboard.

"Our business has now established itself in the local area and with the way it's going we need some young staff, so we've been looking for an A grade young person to join our firm that David and I can train," Simon said.

He sees that as crucial to ensuring the firm continues to offer the high level of personal service it is built on.

Simon highlighted the faith he and business partner David Phelan have in Jake, and the diversity of his role.

"I need someone that can be an auctioneer, book the sale, judge livestock accurately for buying and selling purposes, be computer literate, able to communicate with clients effectively and buy and sell on online portals," he said.

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## Stores dearer trend

### Report by the SGSA

AGENTS yarded just under 3000 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

There were less extra heavy steers penned than previous sale.

But there was a good run of mid weighted steers on offer, which sold to good field of local buyers and the return of Charlton feedlot and a major commission buyer in a very strong market.

The balance of the yarding was mixed with plenty of Xbreds and Friesian steers on offer with the better quality animals selling to a dearer trend.

## MARKET REPORT

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### Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Sept. 7, 2022

#### Bullocks

20 Harkness RJ & LM Stratford	597.7	521.6	3,117
17 Buckland ND & J Fish Creek	591.2	480.0	2,837
6 Lancaster JW Woodleigh	660.0	470.0	3,102
4 Delbridge C Doomburrim	613.8	450.0	2,761
1 Lee TJ & HJ 1 Boolarra	580.0	450.0	2,610
2 Jones S & P Leongatha	692.5	431.6	2,988

#### Steers

2 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	447.5	580.0	2,595
1 Peluso P Mirboo North	340.0	499.6	1,698
8 Gibson J	449.4	480.0	2,157
12 Pearson BJ Alberton	545.0	410.6	2,237
2 Murray KL & J Stradbroke	535.0	385.0	2,059
1 Schellekens & Sons Berrys Ck	435.0	365.6	1,590

#### Heifers

10 Bracecamp M & N Berrys Ck	455.0	525.6	2,391
2 Bordonaro PS SP & WA			
Koorooman	510.0	510.0	2,601
2 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	492.5	500.0	2,462
1 Rayner B & L Hiamdale	575.0	470.0	2,702
1 Lee TJ & HJ Bundalaguah	550.0	455.0	2,502
2 Carruthers S Kardella South	350.0	455.0	1,592

#### Cows

1 K & L Coombe Longford	600.0	420.0	2,520
1 Stark Frank Boisdale	560.0	420.0	2,352
12 Myer J Carrajung	589.6	416.6	2,456
1 Nicoll A & J Fish Creek	590.0	416.6	2,457
1 Jarvis G & R Hazelwood	800.0	415.0	3,320
6 Myer J Carrajung	660.0	415.0	2,739

#### Bulls

1 Nicoll A & J Fish Creek	1,015.0	400.0	4,060
1 Spehar Z & M Yinnar	870.0	385.0	3,349
1 Wight R & Sons Woodside	1,155.0	384.6	4,442
1 Boulton Jayden Sale	965.0	383.6	3,701
1 Pruyin H Toora	1,010.0	375.6	3,793
1 Ponderosa Herefords			
Meeniyani	1,040.0	372.0	3,868

#### Vealer Bulls

2 Kardella Palms Korumburra	425.0	400.0	1,700
1 Schellekens & Sons Berrys Ck	390.0	320.0	1,248

### Lardner Park Calf Market Report

#### Monday, September 5, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x .....	\$15 to \$120
Friesian Bulls .....	\$38 to \$140
Friesian Heifers .....	\$300 to \$750
Beef Bulls .....	\$65 to \$430
Beef Heifers .....	\$50 to \$300

Number of Calves: 771

Number purchased to rear: 449

### Leongatha Store Sale On Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

#### Grown Steers

D&M Blake 12 Hereford	725kg	\$4.93	\$3580
R&P Davis 12 Brangus	538kg	\$5.30	\$2850
Hartay 10 Angus	524kg	\$5.49	\$2880
Condoluci Pastoral 16 Angus	514kg	\$5.73	\$2950
Hartay 14 Hereford	513kg	\$5.46	\$2800
Folicks P/L 12 Angus	505kg	\$5.54	\$2800
TG Watt 11 Angus	505kg	\$5.42	\$2740
Condoluci Pastoral 14 Angus	495kg	\$5.73	\$2840
Lester Farms 13 Angus	495kg	\$5.69	\$2820
B Stewart 14 Angus	488kg	\$5.67	\$2770
Folicks P/L 11 Angus	481kg	\$5.71	\$2750
Lester Farms 16 Angus	466kg	\$5.79	\$2700
Hislop & Hillberg 14 Angus	450kg	\$5.86	\$2640
P & G Johnston 13 AA/BB	440kg	\$5.82	\$2560
JWG Dean 18 Angus	437kg	\$5.92	\$2590
JWG Dean 21 Angus	424kg	\$5.89	\$2500
P & G Johnston 13 Angus	397kg	\$6.17	\$2450
JWG Dean 13 Angus	391kg	\$5.98	\$2340
G & B Morrison 17 Angus	371kg	\$6.84	\$2540

#### Steer Weaners

Nethercote Trading P/L 24 Ang	419kg	\$6.06	\$2540
AW & CM O'Mara 12 Angus	404kg	\$6.33	\$2560
Rosslawson 15 Angus	383kg	\$6.42	\$2460
Nethercote Trading P/L 28 Ang	373kg	\$6.30	\$2350
Nethercote Trading P/L 26 Ang	371kg	\$6.30	\$2340
A & H Gray 16 BB	361kg	\$6.37	\$2300
AW & CM O'mara 14 Angus	355kg	\$6.93	\$2460
JB Dean 17 Angus	354kg	\$6.75	\$2390
D Hall 22 Angus	351kg	\$6.78	\$2380
Richards & Rae 11 Ang	344kg	\$6.56	\$2260
M & M Cattle Co 18 AA/BB	338kg	\$6.71	\$2270
Allen Agri 21 Angus	335kg	\$6.86	\$2300
Nethercote Trading P/L 25 Ang	333kg	\$6.84	\$2280
J&K Coulson 10 Angus	329kg	\$6.80	\$2200
D Hall 20 Angus	328kg	\$7.01	\$2300
D Hall 20 Angus	325kg	\$7.07	\$2300
S & V Greaves 11 Angus	325kg	\$6.58	\$2140
D & L White 22 Angus	321kg	\$7.19	\$2310
B & T McCormack 20 Angus	312kg	\$6.92	\$2160
D Harris 25 AA/Bb	308kg	\$7.40	\$2280
M Dean 16 Angus	308kg	\$7.14	\$2200
D & L White 22 Angus	306kg	\$7.38	\$2260
D & H Campbell 17 Angus	303kg	\$7.19	\$2200
Richards & Rae 11 Angus	290kg	\$6.60	\$2000
D & H Campbell 21 Angus	290kg	\$7.17	\$2260
Sp Dunlop 20 Angus	290kg	\$7.34	\$2130
D Hall 20 Angus	290kg	\$7.27	\$2110
J & M Carew 20 Angus	284kg	\$7.42	\$2110
Allen Agri 13 Angus	282kg	\$6.95	\$1960
D Harris 28 AA/BB	265kg	\$7.28	\$1930
B & T McCormack 29 Angus	262kg	\$7.13	\$1870

#### Xbreds & Dairy

Gibson Farm 12 Ang/FF X	573kg	\$4.67	\$2680
R & K Williamson 13 Friesian	501kg	\$3.67	\$1840
Slm 18 FF	496kg	\$3.85	\$1890
M Gheller 11 FF	481kg	\$3.78	\$1820
Cassano & Forster 14 Friesian	475kg	\$3.60	\$1710
Slm 18 FF	438kg	\$3.56	\$1560
P & L Sherar 13 FF	421kg	\$1500	
S & L Monson 17 Friesian	352kg	\$3.86	\$1360
M & M Cattle Co 22 FF	352kg		\$1240

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Jb Dean 15 Angus	335kg	\$5.91	\$1980
Aw & Cm O'mara 13 Angus	333kg	\$6.30	\$2100
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The people who have told me that they love me already are Nannie Mc, Pa Mc (with Beth), Uncle Anthony, Aunty Amy, Aunty Belinda, Uncle Denis, Aunty Lauren, and Uncle Ben.

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**DEATHS**

**ALCOCK, John:**  
I will never forget you, John.

We worked in Rose Lodge together for many years.

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-- Mary Sullivan.

**DURHAM, Nancye Rae:**

10.04.1929 - 08.09.2022.  
Passed away peacefully.

Loved daughter of Amelia (dec.).

Loved aunt and great-aunt of Lorraine, Tracey (dec.), Leanne, and families.

**R.I.P.**

**GOAD, James Alfred (Peter):**

James Alfred 'Peter' passed away peacefully with family by his side on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, aged 89 years.

Loving husband of Margaret for 62 years.

Loved Dad of Dean and Sharon, Clint and Jing, Cindi, and Rodney.

Adored Pa to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**'Singing to all the Angels in Heaven'**

**DEATHS****GOAD, James Alfred (Peter):**

The President and Members of the Korumburra Bowling Club are deeply saddened by the passing of Peter, a life member and well-respected bowler throughout the region.

**HENSLEY, Cynthia Helen:**  
19.10.1945 - 10.09.2022.

Loving wife of Bryan.

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**A full and happy life well lived.**

**DEATHS****LAMERS, John:**

Close family friend for over 35 years.

Thanks for everything you did for our family.

We will always cherish the memories made at our family occasions.

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**LAMERS, John:**

Thank you for sharing your life with us, the bond you and Hilco shared will never be forgotten.

Your caring heart leaves a hole but we take comfort you are in peace.

-- Hilco, Kate, Ryan, Toby and Mitchell.

**DEATHS****MITCHELL, Gwenda May:**

Passed away peacefully on September 7, 2022.

Aged 82 years.

Loved wife to William (Bill) (dec.).

Loving sister to Joan (dec.).

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**OPRAY, Hugh James:**

Late of Warragul, formerly of Heath Hill.

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Cherished father of Darryl and Annette, Janet and Michael Love, Andrew, and Vicki.

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**McKEAN (Annon), June:**

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We will miss you John.

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**DEATHS****SWIFT, Hazel:**

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-- Your loving son Greg.

**R.I.P.**

**SWIFT, Hazel:**

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**SWIFT, Hazel:**

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-- Lois.

**SWIFT, Hazel:**

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**SWIFT, Hazel:**

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**VAN ROOY, Joop:**

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Adored Opa to Erin, Alicia, Ricky, Meg, Luke, Rose, Jack, Blake, Ashlee, Billie, Oakley, Hudson, Mackenzie, and partners.

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**FUNERALS****ALCOCK:**

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**DURHAM:**

The Funeral Service for Mrs Nancye Rae DURHAM will be held at the Inverloch Uniting Church, 5 Williams Street, Inverloch on Friday, September 16, 2022, commencing at 2pm.

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**GOAD:**

The Funeral of Mr. James Alfred Goad (Peter) will arrive at the Korumburra Cemetery, Kardella Road on Monday, September 19, 2022, for a Graveside Service to commence at 11am.

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**HENSLEY:**

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**WELLS, Eileen Mary:**

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**BEREAVEMENT THANKS****CHURCHILL, Noosa:**

Marg, Travis, Paul, Tahlia, Kira, and Zara would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent flowers, cards, and messages of support after our devastating loss of our beautiful Noosa.

To Sharon, Scott, and staff at Handley & Anderson, thank you.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

**KIRCHNER:**

The Kirchner family would like to sincerely thank everyone who showed love and kindness at the recent sudden loss of their son and brother, Matthew Claus. To all those who attended the funeral and sent flowers, cards, and messages, we say thank you. Your thoughts meant so much, and were a great comfort to us. Matthew really did take our hearts with him. And a special thank you to Scott Rossetti and staff at Gippsland Funeral Services for their help, patience, and sensitivity. They did so much to smooth the way through this extremely difficult experience.

**PEACOCK, Noah Jay:**

25.02.2003 - 11.08.2022. Jason, Michelle, Jake, Bailey and family would like to thank all those who have reached out to us sending condolences, cards, flowers, food and support since the passing of our beautiful son, brother and best mate, Noah. A big thank you to Poowong Football Netball Club and Poowong Basketball Association for their tributes to Noah, a loved member of both organisations. We have no words that can ever explain how much this means to our family.

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Applications Close Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5pm

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- Full Time/5 Year Fixed Term Contract
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Position enquiries: 5683 9800.

Applications close:  
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## Bass Coast Health

### Current vacancies

#### Volunteer & Fundraising Manager

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#### Nurse Unit Manager - Perioperative Services

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/09/2022

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Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual –  
Closing dates (please refer to website)

#### Clinical Trials Database Manager

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 17/09/2022

#### Clinical Development Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 16/09/2022

#### Registered Nurse Haemodialysis

Permanent Part Time – Closes 13/09/2022

#### Ward Clerk – Maternity Unit

Permanent Part Time – Closes 30/09/2022

#### Allied Health Assistant

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 20/09/2022

#### Team Coordinator Referrals

Permanent Part Time – Closes 30/09/2022

#### Food Services Supervisor

Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/09/2022

#### RUSON - Registered Undergraduate Student of Nursing

Permanent Part Time – 24/09/2022

#### Surgical Liaison Nurse – Perioperative Services

Permanent Part Time – Closes 30/09/2022

#### Perioperative Services Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/09/2022

#### Physiotherapist

Permanent Part Time/ Full Time – Closes  
30/09/2022

#### Diabetes Educator

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#### Dental Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes  
30/09/2022

#### Dentist

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- Providing timely follow up to customers
- Liaising with the Workshop and Spares departments for parts requirements

### The ideal candidate will demonstrate the following:

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- A high level of professionalism and focus on customer service
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- Excellent computer skills
- Attention to detail

Knowledge and Experience in the Automotive or Marine industry would be an advantage but not essential.

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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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Experience in leadership within a community-based organisation and a command of community development principles and skills are central to the role.

**Applications close Friday, October 7 at 3pm.**

For a position description and application details please call Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre

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Applications must include a resume and a separate document addressing the key selection criteria.

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Team Leader Sealed Roads enquiries to Brad Hender, Coordinator Infrastructure & Maintenance on 5662 9122.

Team Leader Construction enquiries to Nathan Kamalanandan, Coordinator Infrastructure & Maintenance on 0436 850 717.

To find out more and to apply, please refer to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions)

Applications close midnight Sunday 25 September 2022.



## EXCAVATOR OPERATOR

### Full Time Position

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**Stella Quinn Top** was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on August 1, 2022.

**Stella** is a daughter for Laura Burt and Thomas Top of Inverloch. Midwife Lucy Rocksmith is pictured holding little **Stella**.



**Ellie-Rae Gray** was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on 9 August 2022. **Ellie-Rae** is a daughter for Rikki Armstrong and Ryan Gray of Kilcunda.

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

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## SITUATIONS VACANT



## 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 (bccf.org.au)**

The closing date for applications is Friday, October 7, 2022.



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# Gigantic yacca in full bloom

CORONET Bay local Denis John has lived in the coastal town for over 20 years, and this winter was the first time the seven metre yacca baccata has been in full bloom.

He said the native plants are particularly low maintenance and only require the rainwater and sunlight to keep their consistent growth, but the yacca can take a decade to reach maturity and therefore bloom late on.

"Their unique shape and flower spire of panicles, which are individual flowers will only then flower once a year after they begin to die-off."

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### Diamonds under pressure: RUOK?

**Rev Wendy Elson — Uniting Church, Inverloch and Wonthaggi**

RUOK? September 8 is the day we check in on each other, a day where the conversations around the wellbeing of our friends and neighbours is encouraged.

We take the time to check in and chat about how we are doing in the toughness of daily living. Perhaps we can even show great initiative about how we spark conversations around topics such as mental health, like the brand of tradie workwear which was designed to get people talking.

It aims to focus on starting the conversations and on removing the stigmas.

As we move from the colder and darker days of winter (which have their own beauty if you have good shelter and warmth) we start to emerge from the seasonal struggles into the sunlight.

The current season for the church is The Season of Creation.

It is a joyous time to celebrate nature and the beauty of new shoots. It epitomises hope and growth and resurrection. It speaks to me of daffodils and abundance.

While it may be a time when many of us can appreciate the explosion of colour and growth, not everyone experiences it this way.

Many of us have been longing for a re-emergence which is more rapid and more fullsome.

There are still the pandemic worries and issues around unemployment and reduced ability to manage the ever-rising cost of living. Creation is groaning in the struggles of climate change and so many natural disasters. We suffer the pain of letting go but recognise its place in the image of death and resurrection which is clearly part of the Christian tradition. In the words of Aunty Dr Doseena Ferrie's prayer:

May all Creation, the birds, animals, fish, trees, plants, rocks, mountains, waters, and peoples be healed to flourishing.

Strengthen us, lead us, inspire us into action, ignited by our faith in you Lord Jesus.

Help us not to lose Hope.

For it is only through justice, forgiveness and Love can there be Healing and Peace.

This is indeed our hope as we come into spring, and as we test each other's OK-ness which is so connected to the OK-ness of our world.

Like the diamonds formed under pressure (one of the designs used in the tradie gear) may we flourish and grow in our connection with one another and with all of creation.

# Communities benefit from library volunteers

MY Community Library (Myli) continues to broaden the benefits it offers the communities in which it operates, with one new facet being the introduction of the Home Library Service.

That will ensure community members enjoy access to books and other library materials even if illness, injury, mobility challenges or anything else prevents them attending a Myli branch.

There is no judgement as to why people require the service and material will be delivered to the home door.

The Home Library Service is already operating in Inverloch, San Remo and Drouin and is ready to go in Foster, Wonthaggi and Mirboo North.

Volunteers will play an important role in the smooth running of the Home Library Service, selecting materials and delivering them to people.

One of those volunteers, Anne Marie Barrow, recently joined the Mirboo North branch and is excited to be part of the new service.

"I've been an avid reader all my life and I know what it's like when you're stuck at home and are unable to get to the library," Anne Marie said, adding that she loves the chance to deliver books to those in that situation.

She looks forward to chatting



**Volunteer Anne Marie Barrow can't wait to start delivering books to other avid readers.**

to people about books and learning what those using the service enjoy reading, and delivering what they need.

While Myli has a couple of long-term branch support volunteers, the organisation has recently introduced a formal volunteer recruitment process that generated a great response.

Kathie Olden, manager of volunteers and community participation, oversees that process and is delighted with the enthusiasm of community members who have been

quick to enquire about volunteering.

That is particularly encouraging given the struggle of many organisations to find volunteers in the aftermath of the pandemic.

"We seem to be breaking the mould," Kathie said.

New volunteers will help out in a variety of ways.

"We have some additional branch support volunteers, and they complement the work of our paid team members," Kathie said.

"They might be setting up an

area for a program."

Myli's volunteer numbers are now up to approximately 30, with 10 of those on the organisation's Community Advisory Committee.

Committee members communicate with their communities providing feedback and advice on the operation of Myli libraries services.

"We've got a recruitment and induction process," Kathie said of the formalised volunteer arrangements.

While the new volunteer structure was put in place mid-2020, COVID unsurprisingly ensured the new recruitment program was on hold for some time.

Kathie said that given the strong response from people wanting to volunteer, generating community awareness of their contribution and how it will assist the locals is the main focus, rather than further adding to the volunteer team.

"We're mindful there need to be engaging and meaningful roles for people; we encourage volunteering but we need the capacity to support them," she said.

Kathie is happy to take enquiries and add people to a waiting list if they are keen to take up further volunteer opportunities that arise with Myli.

## Successful recipients announced



**Alex Olsen.**



**Camryn Olsen.**



**Ethan Hart.**



**Keeley Johnson.**



**Kiera Tilling.**



THE Greenhills Benevolent Society is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the 2022 tertiary and apprenticeship Scholarships.

Due to the number of local COVID-19 infections, we are again unable to hold our

usual morning tea. Organisers would like to thank all those who participated.

Recipients also included Zac Gray, Angus McMillan, Hamish McMillan and Simone Hussey but no photos were supplied.



**Alex Henshall.**



**Deb Watson.**



**Jake Peacock.**



**Kate Staben.**



**Brad Monson.**



**Tyson Fievez.**



# Archies Creek rocking from now til Christmas

There's a massive line-up of talent coming Archies Creek's way including Frankie J Holden and Wilbur Wilde on Sunday, October 30.

ALL their Christmases have come at once at the Archies Creek Hotel after the Caravan Music promoters booked an incredible line up of talent for the local venue between now and the end of the year.

Really! Russell Morris, Canadian blues legend Harry Manx, Frankie J Holden and Wilbur Wilde, Models, Eric Bogle, Ross Wilson and The Peaceniks, and Mark Seymour and The Undertow... come on that can't right, it is!

It starts this Saturday, September 17 with Xani Kolac

(Duo) and continues on Sunday, September 25 with The Pleasures.

Also coming up:

- Friday, September 30 Frazey Ford (Can)
- Saturday, October 1 The Luke Sinclair Set
- Saturday, October 8 Things of Stone and Wood
- Sunday, October 9 Russell Morris (Sold Out)
- Saturday, October 29 Harry Manx (Sold Out)
- Sunday, October 30 Frankie J Holden and Wilbur Wilde

Looking ahead

- Sunday, November 13 Eric Bogle (two shows) Archies Creek Hall at 3pm and 7.30pm (tix selling fast)
- Friday December 2 Liam Gerner and Los Perros Perdidos album launch
- Sunday, December 4 Ross Wilson & The Peaceniks
- Saturday, December 10 Mark Seymour & The Undertow.

And there's plenty more besides, check out artists, dates and ticket availability on their website at [www.caravanmusic.com.au](http://www.caravanmusic.com.au)

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"It's been a while in between drinks since we last had Australian music icon Mark Seymour grace the stage, so we are absolutely thrilled to announce that Mark and The Undertow are all set to hit the Creek on Saturday, December 10," said the Archies Creek Hotel management.

"If his last sold out show is anything to go by, you can bet your bottom dollar that tickets will fly out the door once again, so round up your mates and book your seats."

## Local community foundations join forces



Mirboo North and District Community Foundation (MNDCF), Leongatha Community Foundation (LCF), and Bass Coast Community Foundation (BCCF) formed a network.

Pictured are Rob Kiddell (Chair MNDCF), Christian Stefani (BCCF), Wendy Major (MNDCF), Sophie Dixon (LCF), Ruth Rogan (executive officer MNDCF), Matt Bacon (LCF), Gerlinde Scholz (executive officer Community Foundations Australia), Phil Friedlos (Chair BCCF), Nina McCauley Smith (BCCF), Paul Pratt (MNDCF), Kathy Hawke (BCCF), Ned Dennis (MNDCF) and Amy Dynes (BCCF).

giving out funds every year, but continuing as a community asset forever," Ruth explained.

The Executive Officer from Community Foundations Australia, Gerlinde Scholz, joined the meeting.

She outlined the peak body's role in supporting the development of community foundations and advocating for improved legislation to channel tax deductible donations into rural and regional areas.

Gerlinde congratulated members of the three locally-based community foundations.

The executive officer of Bass Coast Community Foundation, Sarah Bourke, highlighted some of the key projects local community foundations have brought to life.

They include the Bass Coast Kids as Catalyst Program, back to school vouchers for families in need, and a medical centre facility for Mirboo North.

Sarah added that annual grant giving and forming partnerships to support key community initiatives are other ways in which community foundations benefit those in

the areas they serve.

To find out more about local community foundations and what they are up to at the moment, see <https://bccf.org.au/> or <https://mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au/>.

Or if you have an idea for a project that will benefit your community, The Mirboo North and District Community Foundation's annual Community Grants Program is open for the month of September, with those who have ideas for a community project in the area encouraged to apply.



Cindy Stubbs of Stubbs Consulting, and South Gippsland Shire Council's manager of Community Health and Safety, Lyndal Peterson, brave the chilly breeze in Leongatha to hear people's views on domestic animal management.

## Cat curfews, dog off leash areas in DAMP

SOUTH Gippsland Shire residents were keen to have their say on the future of domestic animal management in their area, with over 500 survey responses received, which will help determine council's approach to the issue.

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, people were encouraged to contribute their ideas towards the development of a new four-year draft Domestic Animal Management Plan.

Once finalised, the plan will provide council with a strategic approach to the promotion of responsible pet ownership, balancing the needs of both pet owners and those without pets in the community.

Council listening posts were held in Foster, Mirboo North, Leongatha and Korumburra, enabling locals to learn more about council's broad ideas on domestic animal management and how they can have their say.

Cindy Stubbs, of Stubbs Consulting, is working with South Gippsland Shire Council on the Domestic Animal Management Plan and braved Leongatha's chilly Tuesday morning wind at a listening post established outside the Memorial Hall.

She said one of the key animal management topics is the possibility of some form of cat confinement order, which could apply only at night or be on a 24-hour basis.

As well as the physical meeting posts, an online workshop was held, with the session operating as a 'virtual' meeting post.

Along with the potential implementation of some form of cat confinement, council is also considering dog 'on leash' orders and 'off leash' areas, and community members were urged to provide their thoughts on that and other animal management issues.

There will be a further opportunity for public feedback when the draft version of the Domestic Animal Management Plan is released.

## Poor management biggest risk factor for workplace bullying

ORGANISATIONAL structures, not individuals, are to blame for workplace bullying, which affects 10 per cent of employees, according to a new Australian study citing "poor management practices" as the root cause of bullying.

For the first time, University of South Australia researchers have developed an evidence-based screening tool that identifies nine major risk areas for workplace bullying embedded in day-to-day practices, putting the onus on organisations to address the problem.

Analysing 342 real-life bullying complaints lodged with SafeWork SA, the highest number of complaints were from health and community services, property and business, and the retail sector.

"Workplace bullying predominantly shows up in how people are managed," Prof Tuckey said.



**Jetty steel works were recently completed for Rhyll's boat facility upgrade.**

## Rhyll boat users to wait a little longer

COMPLETION of Rhyll's new \$4.5m boating facility has been delayed with the project expected to be completed later this month.

According to the shire, delays occurred due to un-favourable tides and weather conditions during August to complete the final components of the marine based works and carpark area.

Recent works have included:

- Boat ramp precast planks installed.
- Pontoon installed.
- Jetty steel works and walers installed and completed.
- South island kerb and channel completed.

While overall, the project will see:

- Replacement of the existing three-lane boat ramp with three new lanes extended further into Western Port, to permit all-tide launch and retrieval operation
- Two new fixed jetties to replace the existing jetty, new fish cleaning tables and two new larger floating pontoons to replace the existing pontoon
- Reconstruction of the existing car park to provide 40 larger car/trailer unit spaces, with improved traffic management and improved public lighting
- Partial replacement of the masonry seawall with a new seawall and pedestrian pathway along the eastern edge of the car park
- New dedicated kayak/yacht/canoe facility for non-powered craft

Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale even paid a visit to the facility last week to view the upgrades, which were part of the state government's \$47.2 million investment to improve recreational boating.

Line marking and asphalting of the main carpark will be undertaken over the next week to complete the project, with the ramp opening to boaters in time for the school holidays.

To celebrate the opening of the Rhyll boat ramp, the local community is holding a free fishing and boating festival along the foreshore on Saturday, September 17, from 10am.

The day will be an opportunity for everyone to enjoy all that Rhyll has to offer, with live music and storefront markets.

Several kids fishing clinics will also be run on the day, with 10 places available in each session bookings are essential.

More information on the celebration day can be found online: [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/rhyllopening](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/rhyllopening)

# An ark of experts gather on Phillip Island

THE official opening of the seventh Island Ark symposium was held on Monday, September 5 at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade Visitors Centre.

The event gave attendees the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers about the challenges and opportunities for island conservation.

The Bunurong Land Council formally opened the weeklong event with Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, followed by speeches from Chair of Phillip Island Nature Parks Board of Management, Kevin Love and Conservation Manager of Phillip Island Nature Parks, Jessica McKelson.

"This year's theme is about partnering for land, sea and coast and it has been selected to recognise the significance of partnerships that effectively manage the natural and cultural values of our islands, surrounding seas and coastlines," said Jessica.

"We are all here (today) because we have a deep affection with conserving these values, and I see this symposium as an excellent opportunity for us to share our collective knowledge."

Throughout the afternoon, Jessica shared her knowledge and experiences of working in conservation and the time in which she realised that similar island practices are globally shared.

"The natural and cultural values - with up most respect are connecting and harnessing our community and were using this depth of knowledge and wisdom

of our custodians that have for thousands of years understood the true connection to country," said Jessica.

"It was based with these fundamental values that the nature parks developed its first 30-year conservation vision - beyond the horizon and it's aimed to build resilience, adapt and evolve our approach and methodology to meet the challenges ahead of us."

Over the course of the week experts presented their research and offered their knowledge and suggestions to better protect the islands into the future.

The first keynote speaker, Dr Mark Norman, spoke on the challenges and opportunities for island conservation, speaking on the urgency of climate change and identifying critical issues on surrounding coastlines in Victoria - raising the RAD (Resist - Accept - Direct) framework to take urgent action.

"This concept is about thinking in a different mindset about uncertain and different futures for our animals and the environment; it's not about waiting for a ten-year study, or a 95 per cent confidence vote because doing nothing is a decision, we need to bring the community along with us, bring in the politicians and leverage the resources for action," said Dr Mark Norman.

"The RAD framework allows us to have hope, turning our energy to something that has a long-term benefit - this is urgent, so 20-year strategies seem really, really long and are totally inappropriate."



**Chair of Phillip Island Nature Parks Board of Management, Kevin Love and Conservation Manager of Phillip Island Nature Parks, Jessica McKelson hosted the seventh Island Ark Symposium.** Z01\_3722



**The Bunurong Land Council formally opened the weeklong event with Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony at the visitors' centre.** Z02\_3722

## Sand mining key election issue for Greens



**Greens Upper House candidate for Eastern Victoria Mat Morgan and candidate for Bass Callum Bugbird.**

GREENS Upper House candidate for Eastern Victoria Mat Morgan, and candidate for Bass Callum Bugbird, have unveiled The Greens plan to protect the Western Port Woodlands.

In a statement made on location at one of the contentious sand mine sites, The Greens candidates called for an immediate moratorium 'as a matter of urgency.'

The Greens moratorium would be placed over the Western Port woodlands corridor to halt new mines and mine site expansions, while further research is taken to investigate alternative locations.

Mr Morgan said, "With 4000 constituents and Bass Coast Shire Council all supporting the call to save the woodlands, we are calling for cross-party support for this moratorium as an opportunity for everyone to step back and re-evaluate the situation."

On top of the moratorium, The Greens will also push for an 'environmental significance overlay' to be placed over the whole vegetated corridor.

Greens candidate for Bass Callum Bugbird stated, "Since colonisation, we have cleared at least 66 per cent of Victoria's native vegetation.

How the Victorian Labor party can approve the continued expansion of mining in the remnant coastal woodlands of Western Port is nothing short of disgraceful."

Mr Morgan and Mr Bugbird are vowing to do everything in their power to protect the remnant coastal woodlands, noting "The Greens have been saving our natural environment since before (we were) even born."

"We're proud to stand here and say that The Greens will protect Western Port woodlands."

The Greens are proposing that the Victorian government rethink their plan to expand mining in the woodlands, and purchase already cleared land with access to a train line.

With less than three months until the state election, The Greens will be looking to make this a major election issue for Bass.

## TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Cowes +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours. The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

**TUESDAY**  
September 13

▲ 1.38am	1.59m
▼ 7.28am	0.40m
▲ 2.04pm	1.61m
▼ 7.54pm	0.36m

**WEDNESDAY**  
September 14

▲ 2.31am	1.65m
▼ 8.13am	0.43m
▲ 2.44pm	1.62m
▼ 8.37pm	0.29m

**THURSDAY**  
September 15

▲ 3.20am	1.68m
▼ 8.54am	0.48m
▲ 3.19pm	1.60m
▼ 9.16pm	0.26m

**FRIDAY**  
September 16

▲ 4.03am	1.66m
▼ 9.32am	0.53m
▲ 3.52pm	1.56m
▼ 9.55pm	0.26m

**SATURDAY**  
September 17

▲ 4.44am	1.62m
▼ 10.09am	0.58m
▲ 4.24pm	1.51m
▼ 10.30pm	0.29m

**SUNDAY**  
September 18

▲ 5.23am	1.55m
▼ 10.45am	0.64m
▲ 4.58pm	1.46m
▼ 11.07pm	0.33m

**MONDAY**  
September 19

▲ 6.01am	1.48m
▼ 11.22am	0.70m
▲ 5.31pm	1.39m
▼ 11.44pm	0.39m

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**Korumburra's Roland Rees (Men's Captain), Greg Bull (M) and Steve Rose (L). Winners 4BBB Stableford.**

## KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's Competition

Tuesday, September 6  
Stableford (22 Players)  
A Grade: Shayne Harland (7) 37 Points

B Grade: Bob Newton (21) 35 Points. NTPs: 1st Bob Newton and 13th Brian Clasby

Thursday, September 8. Stableford (13 Players. Winner: Ben Mathews (21) 39 Points

NTPs: 1st Peter Van Agtmaal, 10th Ben Mathews and 13th Roy Fleming

Saturday, September 10. 4BBB Stableford (36 Players) sponsor: Doug and Lyn McIvor. Winners: Steve Rose and Greg Bull 42 C/B. NTPs: 1st Peter Draper, 7th Ross Besley, 10th Jacob Wrigley and 13th Roland Rees.

## Ladies

THE golfers welcomed back some of our winter travellers and enjoyed the warm Spring weather last Wednesday.

Congratulations to Shelley Snooks (22) who won her first Monthly Medal, with a lovely 77 nett and was the recipient of the Kelly's Bakery voucher.

R/u was Jenny Blackmore (31) who had a nice 78 nett.

Merrissa Cosson (13) was the Scratch Score winner with 93 and won a BDTL with 80 nett.

Shelley was NTP on the 10th and Merrissa was closest on the 13th green.

There was also a good field playing in the nine-hole comp with Viv Enbom (31) winning with 13 pts. Moira Rogers (28) was r/u, 12 pts and Lyn Perks (32) won a BDTL with 10 pts.

Saturday eight women braved the weather to play a Stableford game.

Winning with 31pts was Julie Hillberg (25). R/U was Kerri Besley (23) with 28pts on a countback from Jenny Blackmore (31). NTP on the 1st went to Jenny and on the 13th green Shelley Snooks.

This Wednesday, September 14, we visit Devil Dams with a number playing the Par 3 course from 9.30 am tee off, prior to meeting up with all those joining us for lunch at 12.

## LEONGATHA

### Ladies

THIRTY women competed in the September Monthly Medal in perfect spring weather.

Fay Quilford continued her current good form to win the medal and A Grade with 97/nett 72.

The winner of B Grade was Karen de Groot with 75 nett. Meryle Findlay and Mi-

chele Damschke were r/u up in each grade.

Down the line balls were won by: Maxine Eabry and Wendy Parker 78 nett, Dot Stubbs 79 nett, Alison Strong 81 nett, Deb Miller and Colleen Touzel 82 nett and Mel Willder and Robin Smith on 83 nett.

The nearest the pin on the 16th was Neryl Hopcraft.

Nine women competed in the 9 hole event.

Pam Christensen won with 11 points on a count back from Libby Christison and Kerry Hogan.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, September 8, Stableford.

A Grade: G Renwick, (12) 39pts.

B Grade: R Thompson, (25) 36pts c/b.

DTL: R Pentland, J Kus 36 and R Matthews 34. NTP: 6th S Mc Kenzie. 16th, N Rutledge. Birdies: 6th N Rutledge, 16th, W Reynolds, T Bradshaw.

Saturday, September 10, Stableford.

A Grade: B Bradshaw, (11) 37pts.

B Grade: N Whichello (19) 38pts c/b.

DTL: S Beitz, 38, G Shandley 36, S Hill-Smith, M Heiberg 35 c/b. NTP: 4th, J Hughes, 6th, M Payne, 16th, N Rutledge. Birdies: 4th M Heiberg, 16th, N Rutledge.

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results September 10, S.R 71. Competition type: Stableford.

A Grade: Michael Scott 35

B Grade: Ben Clark 36

C Grade: Alan Anstey 30

NTPs: Frank Huber 2nd,

Stephen Judd propin, 8th

and Peter Sullivan money

hole 17th.

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

THE weather and the course 'aligned' on Wednesday, September 7, enabling the September monthly medal to be played in great conditions.

Jo Fennell had a fabulous round with the score of the day and was the monthly medal winner with (34) 70 nett.

Heather Sullivan also had a great round and was the runner up with (21) 72 nett. Ball down the line went to Kath Davis (39) 75 nett.

Ann Poole had the best 9 out. Putting was won by Jo Fennell on a countback from Kath Davis with 29 putts.

Nearest the pins went to - 8th Elly Berryman, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Jo Fennell.

It will be a drawn partner mixed medley this week 9am for 9.30am.



**Leongatha bowlers Allan Rayson, Ellie McIntyre and Hoopy Deenen.**

## INVERLOCH

ENTRIES are now open for our club championships.

Entries close on October 7 and the draw will be posted on October 10.

As per usual, the Men's Pairs and Singles as well as the Ladies Singles Final will be played on December 11.

All other finals will be played in either December or January.

The exact dates will be posted on October 10 and will depend on the number of entries received.

Pennant Season is fast approaching so there are a number of practice matches that have been arranged for both Midweek and Saturday Pennant.

Midweek Pennant, September 13, 20 and 27.

Saturday Pennant, October 1 and 8.

Please see the information at the club for more details. Please remember that the Pennant Season starts in October.

Two weekends ago Inverloch teams travelled to Hastings to battle it out for the Hastings-Inverloch Trophy.

Unfortunately, Inverloch were unable to come home with the trophy this year.

Hastings were triumphant winning 194 to 174.

In Thursday's Social Bowls, 35 players battled it out for the day's honours.

Teams of Fours and Triples played 2 games of ten ends each.

Two teams ended up with 2 wins and 33 points and had to be separated by shots up.

The r/u on 2 wins, 33 points and 8 shots up were Allan Johnson, Daryl McStravick, Craig Selby and Bruce Corrigan.

The winning team for the day were on 2 wins, 3 points and 9 shots up were, Jeff Curwood, Joyce Arnold and Pam Sutcliffe.

Please remember Friday Night meals and Members Night.

## KORUMBURRA

THE week has been full of interest it started with our monthly triples sponsored by Retire and Wealth Planners with 20 teams in attendance on a day where the weather was ideal for bowling.

Winners on the day were



**Wonthaggi Bowls winners Wednesday Turkey Triples Gavan Butler, Rob Aitken and Trevor Teer.**

Finals to be played on Sunday, December 4.

Club Pairs - First and second rounds to be played on October 23.

Final dates to be announced

Entry forms are in match committee room

Monthly Triples - Will resume on September 28.

Fliers will be sent out to neighbouring clubs and if you are chatting to other club members, please let them know.

## MIDWEEK

SOME very light drizzle greeted 21 of our family of bowlers who turned up for last week's competition at Lang Lang, but not enough to even get us wet..

Our RCH tin is filling up with the "donations" from our family. I'm certain that many of these players do it on purpose.

Some reasonably good scores were once again had and the best two teams came back to the clubhouse on 34 points, but as always there can be only one winner.

Winners on a countback on 34 points were: Peter McWilliams (S), Laurie Bell (3), Frank D'Unienville (2), Bill Williams (L).

R/u also on 34 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), David Talbot (3), Michael Saunders (L).

Best One Game on 24 points were: Michael Dady (S), Steve Edge (3), Margot Dillon (2), Bob Arnold (L).

I would like to thank Peter and Pauline McWilliams for all the hard work that they do to keep this competition on the go, I still have no idea what we would do without them.

Also many thanks to John Nicholson our President and master of ceremonies each week.

Next Thursday we will be at Corinella by 10:00am for a 10:30 start.

It is very important to call ahead if you are a few minutes behind schedule as the draw is not easy to prepare.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ANOTHER amazing week of bowling with a total of 53 players competing.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 11 were Max Sweetnam, Jean Wylde, Allan Ireland and Mary Spooner. R/u were Jan Milkins, Linda Newman, Sylvia Mattock and Jeanie Slocombe.

Both teams won two games each.

Fridays winners with a plus 9 were Dot Harland, Thelma Kavanagh, Jan Milkins and Laurie Culph. Runners up on plus 6 winning one game only were Linda Newman, Helen Rook, Sylvia Mattock and Jos.

Wednesday nights United Club held their pairs competition.

The winners were Pat Smith and Lia Smith, second place went to Jeannie Slocombe and John Postlewaite.

## Local volleyballers reach grand final

THE Gippsland Regional Volleyball League Finals were played in Morwell last week with South Gippsland Women's Volleyball team returning home with the Runners Up Trophy.

To reach the Grand Final, South Gippsland had to beat Latrobe Valley.

It took all 5 sets and came down to a 2-point advantage in the fifth set to win.

The final game was played against Bairnsdale who were top of the League's ladder. Bairnsdale was in fine form, winning the Grand Final 3 sets to 1.

The men's team were outpaced by Bairnsdale in the first game of the day, putting them out of contention for the prize.

The Gippsland Regional League encourages highly competitive, but friendly, rivalries amongst the region's volleyball clubs.

Established in 1983, it is a great opportunity for regional athletes to play at a higher level than the weekly social competitions.

South Gippsland's open volleyball competition is played in two divisions (A Grade and B Grade) on Thursdays from 7:30pm at Splash.

## Training with the best

YOUNG volleyball players from across South Gippsland had the opportunity to train with Victoria's elite women's squad at a Junior Volleyball Camp in Leongatha recently.

The Junior Camp was the brainchild of committee members from the South Gippsland Volleyball Club, and was a first for the Club.

Financial support from the Victorian Government's Change our Game program allowed the Club to partner with the Australian Volleyball League's Melbourne Vipers, to offer local girls a program of specialist mentoring and skill building.

Girls aged 12-18 from six different local schools participated in the camp and were joined by the entire Melbourne Vipers squad under the guidance of Vipers Head Coach, Tanya McInerney.

Originally from Mildura, Tanya understands the challenges of offering high-level training at a local level.

Her program focused on junior players having fun and learning more about the opportunities available to them through team sports.

The local girls responded with energy, enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude to the court.

One of the highlights was hearing from Volleyroos Captain, Kelly Lean who provided an inspirational story about her passion for the sport and the camaraderie it gave her.

Kelly explained her journey from being a shy year 7 student, who was completely new to the game, all the way to an extensive career playing for Australia on the world stage.

South Gippsland Volleyball are grateful to the Melbourne Vipers, Volleyball Victoria, many local volunteers, players, families and the Victorian Government's Change our Game program for contributing to this event.

Junior Volleyball for 13-18 year olds is played at Splash, Leongatha from 6pm on Thursdays.

New players, of all levels of experience, are welcome.

Follow the club on Facebook and Instagram (South Gippsland Volleyball).

Contact secretary Jessica Sanders 0447 262 522 or emailsouthgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com for information.



**Seth Marsden takes first place with 67 points in round 4 of the 85cc big wheel 12 - under 16 B grade at the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles. Z30\_3622**



**Tyler Barclay takes second place in the 85cc big wheel 12 - under 16 B grade at the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles with 63 points. Z33\_3622**



**Local Nelly Fox takes out third overall in the 85cc big wheel 12 - under 16 B grade at the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles and earns a place in representing Victoria. Z32\_3622**

## Motorbike action revs up in Korumburra

THE Motorcycling Victoria MX committee together with Korumburra Motorcycle Club presented the Victorian Motor-X 2022 Junior Titles round four over the weekend of September 4-5, with over 150 riders competing.

The junior titles include boys and girls from ages seven to under 16 racing in class A, B and C grade both big wheel and small wheel, junior and junior girls: ranging from 50cc to 250cc.

Club president Graham Bird was commended by Karen Adams from the MVMX committee for the condition of the track,

and applauded the club for their work in preparation for the event.

"The safety of the riders is our priority and the Korumburra club have worked tirelessly to maintain the track to be at the highest standard for the competition," said Karen.

Eleven juniors have now been selected to represent Victoria in the 2022 AJMX titles held in Rockhampton in Queensland, including some sibling riders and locals: including Nelly and Oscar Fox, Laila and Kallam Dyce, Lewis-Jay Carafa, Deegan and Billy Cameron,

Austin Boyd, Jesse Kolb, Cooper Danaher and Mason Ezergalis.

Number 109, rider Seth Marsden, who has been riding since he was toddler, travelled to South Gippsland with his father Ken over the weekend.

And on Sunday (Father's Day) he made his dad proud by taking out first place with 67 points in round 4 of the 85cc big wheel 12 - under 16 B grade at the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles.

For more information on the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles or future events visit [www.motorcyclingvic.gov.au](http://www.motorcyclingvic.gov.au).



**11-year-old Kaide Tenace wins third overall in the 65cc 7- under 12 B grade at the Victorian Moto-X 2022 junior titles with 60 points. Z31\_3622**

## Newhaven College mountain bikers hit the You Yangs

IT WAS smiles all around from 25 Newhaven College students who competed in Round 4 of the Alpinestars School MTB series at the You Yangs MTB Park in Little River on Sunday, September 11.

With 200-plus students from various Victorian schools represented, the newly formed Newhaven College MTB team showed improvement across all participants on their second outing with Isabella Lynch coming third in the U13 female event, her first competition race.

Jack Wightman collected

a 2nd in the U19 males and Kade Rigby backed up his third in Round 3 at the Haunted Hills event with a convincing first place win in the U19 males - a great effort all round.

Newhaven College student Kade Rigby said "the course was definitely faster than the last event".

Newhaven College MTB coordinator Michael Wright was delighted with the team's progress across the board.

"We are very proud of all our participants and love seeing the kids challenging themselves, encouraging

each other and having a fun day out with their families," said Mr Wright.

"We have had beautiful weather for both events and the You Yangs is such an awesome venue."

Bass Coast College also enjoyed success with Evie Camenzull claiming a terrific second in the Under 17 girls.

The local mountain bike riders would love to see something similar in Bass Coast.

The final Round of the Alpinestars School MTB series will be held in Bendigo on Sunday 23 October.



**Newhaven College's Isabella Lynch claimed a podium finish in the U13s female event at Round 4 of the Alpinestars School MTB series at the weekend. mtb4\_3722**

## South Gippsland swimmers shine in Queensland

THE WARMTH of Queensland was a delight for the six South Gippsland Bass swimmers who represented Victoria at the School Sport Australia national meet held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre last month.

Over a two-week period, Archie Smyth, Rex Brocklesby, Zac Sherar, Olivia Holmes, Rahni Matheson and Sophie McKenzie represented Victoria as part of the 120 strong team.

Sophie was selected as

Vice-Captain of the team, a great honour.

Archie Smyth represented Victoria in the relay, earning 2nd place in the medley relay.

Other finalists were Rahni Matheson, 7th in 100m Breaststroke and 8th 50m Breaststroke; Sophie McKenzie, 4th in 100m Breaststroke and 6th 50m Breaststroke; Zac Sherar, 8th in 100m Freestyle; Olivia Holmes 5th 100m Freestyle; and Archie Smyth, 6th 50m Backstroke.



**Archie Smyth displays his silver medal from the medley relay.**



**Olivia Holmes prepares to dive in and race.**



Interchange Wonthaggi hold up the inaugural 'Bowlopolis' League trophy.



The Gala Day allowed all teams to come together for some fun and awards with over 94 athletes participating this year alone.

# Interchange Wonthaggi strikes the big time

THE 2022 season of Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment Centre's Bowlopolis League was run and won in great style on Friday, September 9, with the culmination a celebration Gala Day that brought all the teams together to play for the trophy.

After two years affected by COVID, season 12 was enjoyed immensely by all.

This season saw over a record 94 athletes bowling in the competition with teams from Bass Coast and South Gippsland Specialist Schools, Connecting 2 Skills Australia, Yooralla, SCOPE and Interchange Gippsland.

In a very tight tussle at the Gala, and with a very high standard of play all six teams were only separated by under 4 points with the eventual winner, and 2022 champions for the first time going to Interchange Wonthaggi.

Many individual awards were presented on the day for the top two bowlers from each organisation, and some encouragement awards for those showing great leadership.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre has run the league since 2011, with the support from GippSport, who are funded by the Victorian Government Together More Active Program which

provides support to assist people living with disabilities to participate in sport and active recreation.

Since 2018 the program has also been supported by local Rotary clubs with the Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Phillip Island branches contributing to Gala Day expenses and trophies.

Final Team Scores: 1st Interchange Wonthaggi 191.55, 2nd Scope 190, 3rd C2A 189.90, 4th Yooralla 189.84, 5th South Gippsland Specialist 188.33 and 6th Bass Coast Specialist School 187.63.

The league will look to get going again in July 2023, with some keen athletes sneaking in practice in between no doubt.



Beth Milkins (coach of the senior men), Jasmine Garry (coach of the Under 17s Girls) and Peter Milkins (women's coach) all received League Champion awards for finishing top of the ladder in the 2022 season.



The Leongatha Knights celebrate scooping the pool of the women's comp with golden boot winner Kathy Zacharopoulos, Best and Fairest Naomi Eaton and league champions for the team.

## Leongatha Knights semi final results

### Under 12s versus Drouin Dragons

Due to injury, the Under 12s Knights were missing one of their players.

Despite this setback then went on to score an early goal.

Unfortunately, Drouin scored late in the game sending the match into overtime.

It was in the dying moments of the second overtime period that Drouin scored to win the match.

Well done to the junior Knights and coach Mike on a wonderful season.

### Under 14s versus Drouin Maroon

It was a strong start from the Under 14s Knights that saw them up 2-0 at half time.

In an impressive feat, Drouin clawed back two goals in the second half sending the game to extra time.

Despite some excellent play, the Knights were unable to score which meant the game went to penalties.

Leongatha Knights goalkeeper Jarrah Lowe performed brilliantly but it was a Drouin victory on penalties.

Congratulations to the Under 14s and coach Stu for a wonderful season.



Senior Men's player Jethro Alison and Women's player Naomi Eaton took home the Best and Fairest awards for their respective competitions

### Under 17 Mixed versus Phillip Island

The Knights started strong with an excellent goal from Mitch Bath, who unfortunately was injured in the play seeing him subbed off for the remainder of the game.

Phillip Island fought hard seeing them ahead at half time.

The Knights dug deep and matched the Island goal for goal leading to a tight 3-3 towards the end of the game.

It was a wonderful late goal that saw Leongatha take the lead and secure their spot in the grand final to be played next week.

Well done Under 17s and Coach Loran.

Gippsland Soccer League presentations

On September 9, at Korumburra, the Gippsland Soccer League 2022 Presentations were held.

Leongatha Knights Football Club were happy to celebrate a successful season as they were awarded League Champions for Under 17s Girls (under coach Jasmine Garry), Women's (under Coach Peter Milkins) and Senior Men's (under coach Bethany Milkins).

Leongatha women's player Kathy Zacharopoulos also received the golden boot for the women's competition.

Leongatha also took out both Best and Fairest awards in the senior competitions, with Jethro Alison receiving it for his excellent performance in the senior men's comp and Naomi Eaton taking out the Best and Fairest for the Women's comp after a stellar season.

Well done to all coaches and players on a magnificent season!

## GSL presentation night

ON FRIDAY night (September 9) the Gippsland Soccer League held their Senior Presentation Night at the Korumburra City Soccer Club Rooms.

Players and Committee Members from the 9 clubs that form the league gathered to celebrate the first full season of soccer since 2019.

Awards recognised during the night included:

League Champions:  
U12B - Phillip Island  
U12A - Korumburra City

U14 - Drouin Dragons White  
U17 Girls - Leongatha Knights

U17 Mixed - Drouin Dragons

Men's Reserves - Drouin Dragons

Senior Women's - Leongatha Knights

Senior Men's - Leongatha Knights

Golden Boot (Leading Goal Scorer)

U12B - Angus Farman (Phillip Island) - 21 goals

U12A - Addison Greig (Korumburra City) - 66 goals

U14 - Darcy Spencer (Drouin Dragons White) - 34 goals

U17 Girls - Melisse Bath (Leongatha Knights) - 19 goals

U17 Mixed - Mitchell Bath (Leongatha Knights) - 20 goals

Men's Reserves - Brian Farmer (Trafalgar) and Stephen Martin (Drouin Dragons) - 15 goals each

Senior Women's - Kathy Zacharopoulos (Leongatha Knights) - 15 goals

Senior Men's - Drouin Dragons White V Drouin Dragons Maroon

U12B - 9:15am - Phillip Island V Drouin Dragons Yellow

U17 Mixed - 10:15am - Drouin Dragons V Leongatha Knights

U12A - 10:45am - Korumburra City V Drouin Dragons

Men's Reserves - 12:15pm - Drouin Dragons V Trafalgar Victory

Senior Women's - 12:15pm - Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island

U17 Girls - 3:00pm - Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United

Senior Men's 3:15pm - Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island

Riders practised instruction in show jumping and cross country amongst other skills.

## Wonthaggi Pony Club September Rally

ON SUNDAY, September 11, Wonthaggi Pony Club held their monthly rally.

The day was a great success with riders split into four groups and enjoying instruction in the disciplines of show jumping, cross country, dressage and groundwork/handling skills.

The members all enjoyed the lessons provided by Cindy Morrison, Paul Seuren, Claire McDonald and Melissa

gatha Knights) - 46 goals

Senior Men's - Logan Winter (Trafalgar) - 43 goals

Best and Fairest - Men's Reserves Cup - Stephen Martin (Drouin Dragons)

Men's Reserves - Brian Farmer (Trafalgar)

Senior Women's - Naomi Eaton (Leongatha)

Senior Men's - Jethro Alison (Leongatha)

GSL Club of the Year - Wonthaggi United

GSL Grand Final This Sunday (18 September) is the Grand Final round for the Gippsland Soccer League. It is being hosted by the Phillip Island Soccer Club at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve. \$5 gate entry fee for adults, u18 free entry. Canteen will be open.

Matches are scheduled as below:

U14 - 8:30am - Drouin Dragons White V Drouin Dragons Maroon

U12B - 9:15am - Phillip Island V Drouin Dragons Yellow

U17 Mixed - 10:15am - Drouin Dragons V Leongatha Knights

U12A - 10:45am - Korumburra City V Drouin Dragons

Men's Reserves - 12:15pm - Drouin Dragons V Trafalgar Victory

Senior Women's - 12:15pm - Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island

U17 Girls - 3:00pm - Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United

Senior Men's 3:15pm - Trafalgar Victory V Phillip Island

Riders practised instruction in show jumping and cross country amongst other skills.

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This is open to Pony Club and Open Grades.

New members are always welcome.

Please contact Tammy Larkin (Club DC) on 0438 076 430 for more information.

## Tigers snatch Hopper

GWS midfielder Jacob Hopper has officially nominated Richmond as the club he wants to be traded to this off-season.

Hopper, 25, is contracted for next year, meaning a trade will need to be negotiated between the two clubs for him to get to Punt Road.

While he looks destined to wear yellow and black next season, Sportsday's Sam McClure says Geelong, who was the other club that was keen on trading for Hopper, thought they had their man as early as Monday last week.

"Tim Taranto we know is going to sign a seven-year deal with Richmond when they organise a trade," McClure said on Sportsday.

"Jacob Hopper today (Thursday) informed Richmond and Geelong today that he wanted to be traded to Richmond, he's under contract so he's going to remain quiet which makes sense in case the deal doesn't go through.

"But Geelong as early as Monday thought they had their man, so something's changed there."

"Damien Hardwick admitted on AFL 360 that they'd met Jacob Hopper on that day."

The news of Hopper picking the Tigers came on the same day as it was confirmed that Dustin Martin would remain at the club, further bolstering the playing list for 2023.

"We can confirm that Dustin Martin will be remaining at Punt Road for at least next year," McClure said.

"He has told management and told Richmond officials that he wishes to be part of the club going forward and will be there day one of pre-season when he's required."

With Taranto and Hopper joining Richmond in the primes of their careers, McClure believes the Tigers are set up for sustained success with a midfield group including the two recruits, Martin, Dion Prestia, Trent Cotchin and Tyler Sonsie among others.

"They've got two guys, one is 25 and one is 26," McClure said.

"Admittedly, both of them have had difficult 12-month periods, coming off injuries, struggling with a little bit of form but we know how good they are at their best and how good Richmond are at getting their players to play at their best."

"Suddenly you've got a midfield where hopefully Dusty can get back to his best and you've got a midfield of Prestia, Taranto, Hopper, Cotchin is going through there, Dustin Martin is going through there, you've got a couple of young blokes, we know what Tyler Sonsie looks like he's going to be."

"All of the sudden, Richmond have tricked us all again, not tricked us, but flipped this on its head and said, 'Hey, we're going to do a Geelong here'."

"That is sustained success, and this is how I reckon you do it."

While some conjecture has surrounded how exactly Richmond satisfies GWS at the trade table, McClure was confident that both deals will get down.

"They'll both get there," he said.

Both Taranto and Hopper have reportedly been offered seven-year deals while Richmond are armed with picks 12, 19 and 30 in the upcoming draft and have the ability to give up a future first-round selection as well.

# Dustin Martin makes call to stay at Richmond

DUSTIN Martin has informed Richmond he will stay at the club for the 2023 season, reports Sportsday's Sam McClure.

The Brownlow Medallist's future has been under a cloud this season and has been consistently linked with an interstate move.

Martin lost his father earlier this year and has battled form and injury issues in 2022.

But McClure, who broke the news,

says Martin wants to be a part of Richmond going forward, despite considering a move earlier this year.

"In the last few minutes we can confirm Dustin Martin will be remaining at Punt Road next year, at least for next year," he said on Sportsday.

"He has told management and Richmond officials that he wishes to be part of the club going forward and will be there Day 1 of pre-season

when he is required.

"Dustin has been telling people close to him that he's been considering a move away from Melbourne for some time and it had some interstate teams monitoring the situation."

"He had to make a call this week or next week, really before the trade period started gearing up."

Martin is contracted until the end of 2024 at Richmond.

## Dons look to find senior coach before trade period

ESSENDON wants to have their senior coaching role filled before the AFL trade period, according to journalist Mitch Cleary.

The Bombers sacked Ben Rutten following the 2022 season, but were forced to scramble when Alastair Clarkson chose North Melbourne over them.

Former GWS coach Leon Cameron has been linked with the role, but Cleary feels he is more likely to remain in New South Wales.

"I think he's more likely to stay in Sydney, I think his daughter is doing year 11 or 12 next year, I think he's

more likely to stay in Sydney, but a senior coaching job doesn't come up often," Cleary told SEN Breakfast.

"It wouldn't shock me if he was to be part of the process and then you go to the next guys. Does Ken Hinkley get a Hail Mary call later in the process?"

"I think Josh Mahoney clarifying that experienced senior coaches will be in the mix will open the door for guys like Adem Yze, Ash Hansen coached a VFL premiership six or seven years ago, you could argue he's experienced in that realm like Craig McRae was."

"Still a bit to play out, but they want

to get a coach before the trade period, so they are leaving their run late and they're going to have to get a move on."

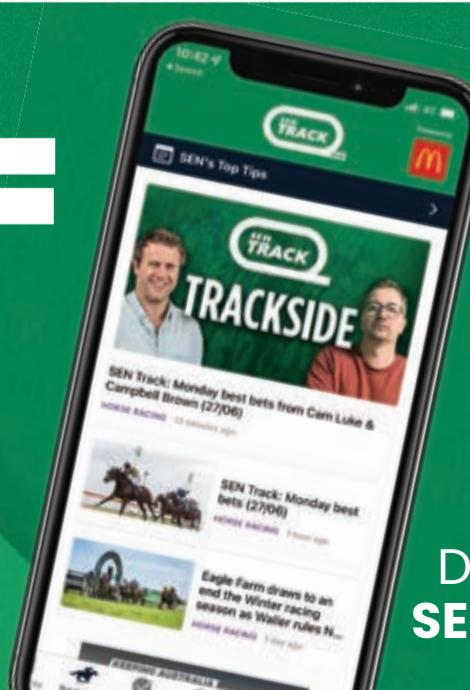
Cleary ran through the leading contenders for the role as he sees things right now.

"How it sits at the minute, I'd say Yze at one because of the links to Jordan Lewis and how close he's been, two Ken Hinkley and three Ash Hansen because of his experience," he added.

"I think Hansen would have run pretty deep in the Giants process, but wanted to stay in Victoria, that's just my gut feel at the moment."

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It's crash and bash for Leongatha's Nicola Marriott as she contests this 50-50 ball in the preliminary final against Moe last Saturday.

## Morwell is Leongatha's mountain to climb

THE main events at the Gippsland League Grand Final at Moe this Saturday, September 17 are the Senior football grand final between Leongatha and Sale, and the A Grade netball grand final between Morwell and Leongatha.

The Parrots' footballers went through to the grand final after a thrilling win over Wonthaggi the week before, while the Parrots' A Grade netballers came out on top after an incredible struggle against Moe in last Saturday's preliminary final.

The Leongatha girls showed great resolve to overcome a talented Moe side, strengthened by the inclusion of Collingwood squad member, Ramayer Gourley, in goals but now face the challenge of the season, to overcome the undefeated Morwell, if they want to taste the ultimate success.

The Parrots have got to within six goals of Morwell during the season but were soundly beaten by 14 recently in the second semi.

Morwell have, however, played out a 37-all draw against Traralgon in July so they're potentially not invincible.

Leongatha's key defenders Lauren Redpath and Laura Higgins will have their

hands full with Morwell's Daisy Hill who had two quarters of 11 goals last time the teams met.

Her partner in crime, goal attack Claire Allison, was far less productive on the scoreboard but her strength is feeding it into their gun shooter and she's hard to stop in that area.

The Tigers tend to switch their mid-court around but clearly a lot of their drive comes from Chloe Radford, Rachell Tatterson and Tanya Budge while Shannon Freeman and Courtney Garth are highly regarded defenders.

The Parrots' shooters Jess Edgar and Hannah Flanders are working well as a team, while they're also well served by Jade Cashin, Nicola Marriott and Taylah Brown through the mid-court; so, while the Parrots have the job in front of them it's not inconceivable they could cause an upset in the last match of the season.

Leongatha has also won through to the grand final in B Grade, playing off against Traralgon, and C Grade where the Parrots will be rematched against Maffra.

Sale plays off against Traralgon in all of the underage grades.

## Jess named best on court

LEONGATHA'S Jess Edgar was named the TRFM 'Player of the Day' after a thrilling preliminary final at Morwell on Saturday.

But they could just as easily given it to anyone of the 14 players on court such was the level of commitment and skills in the difficultly windy conditions.

Jess, the Leongatha goal shooter, was under as much pressure as any to make those scoring chances count and the Parrots just managed to keep their noses in front at the end despite the efforts of a talented shooter at the other end, Ramayer Gourlay.

At the finish, it was Leongatha 46 to Moe 45, with the Parrots into the A Grade grand final, making it three Leongatha teams in the play-off; As, Bs and Cs.

**LEFT:** Leongatha's goal shooter Jess Edgar was named 'TRFM Player of the Day' after the A Grade netball preliminary final.



## LEONGATHA PARROTS A GRADE NETBALLERS

Leongatha v Morwell in the Gippsland League Grand Final on Saturday, September 17 at Moe.



**Lauren Redpath**  
(v.capt.) GD/WD  
Super versatile defender with great skills and footwork. Works tirelessly to improve her game.



**Laura Higgins**  
GK/GD  
Is a veteran now having played 200 club games. Shows fantastic leadership on and off the court and has had super consistent season.



**Jade Cashin**  
WA/C  
Speedy and courageous mid-court player, prides herself on fitness and never gives up.



**Nicola Marriott**  
(capt.) C  
Elite mid-court player, constantly providing options for her teammates. Team captain who leads by example.



**Taylah Brown**  
WD/WA  
Dynamic performer, plays anywhere in mid-court. Her 50th A grade game versus Moe was one of her best. Has had an outstanding season.



**Hannah Flanders**  
GA  
Class goaller with enormous work rate and determination. Provides strong defence as well as attacking options.



**Jess Edgar**  
GS  
Prolific shooter who has come into top form at the right end of season. A calming influence who works overtime with mid-courtters.



**Kayla Redpath**  
(sub)  
Agile defender who knows how to apply pressure. The youngest of the team. Kayla is able to create intercepts and quickly transition the ball out of defence.



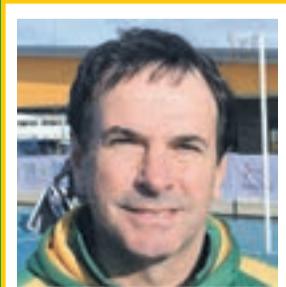
**Jayde Hall**  
(sub)  
Up and coming U17s star. Can play in defence and mid-court. Fast for her height, can link up play down the court.



**Molly Heber**  
(sub)  
U17s player who has had fine season. Can play at both ends of court and is always working to improve her game.



**Kate Sperling**  
(sub)  
Experienced goaller. Clever player who never stops working to improve her game and is able to bring her teammates into the contest.



**Dean Cashin**  
Coach  
Second year coach, works overtime to provide environment where players can find their path to success.





Phillip Island Under 13s stormed to victory over Nar Nar Goon to capture their club's first flag on court for the day. Photos: West Gippsland Football Netball facebook page.



Winning a very competitive game, Phillip Island Under 15s kept the momentum going for their club defeating Korumburra-Bena 29-22 to be crowned 2022 premiers.



Then Phillip Island Under 17s joined in the party bringing home an underage hat-trick by toppling the undefeated Dalyston team with a surprise 33-31 result, in the tightest contest of the day.

## Sea Eagles top the West Gippy courts

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The minor premiers crawled all the way back in an absolute belter of a game, as the 'Dogs lead evaporated the Sea Eagles did not let up, hitting the front for the first time late in the term.

They took a four-point buffer into half time and the game, and the premiership was truly impossible to pick.

As the sun finally shone down for the first time all day, the third quarter began and it was a hot one, players flying around the court at amazing speed showing great bravery and calculated aggression.

The decision to sub in Asha Boyd into wing defence was proving to be a brilliant one by coach Walker, the young gun splitting up plenty of Bunyip passes before flying for a courageous tap away and unfortunately landing awkwardly and injuring her leg.

The Sea Eagles came together and looked determined to get it done for the

young star and their large supporter base that surrounded the court.

Inspired by the injured star's play, and the crowd, IK carried on, playing an exciting and skilful brand of netball as they clung to their six-point lead into the third quarter, extending to eight at the final change.

The IK lead remained for what felt like ages into the fourth, until the Bulldogs mounted a charge of their own, desperate to come from behind and take the title.

The 'Dogs cut the lead from eight to four as the crowd found full voice, in the end despite a gallant late Bunyip effort, it was the minor premiers holding on thanks to some clutch shooting by Ella Sadler.

The Sea Eagles recovering from the early deficit to run out winners by four points.

Congratulations to Inverloch-Kongwak, 2022 WGFNC A grade premiers!

Sea Eagles centre Kelsey Buxton received best on court honours.

### B grade

In the B grade division, it was Tooradin-Dalmore taking on Nar Nar Goon in a tightly contested decider.

The Seagulls were looking to claim their consecutive second B grade title, after defeating Dalyston in the 2019 Grand Final.

That is exactly what they did, fighting off a brave Goon outfit to win by just two-points.

Seagull Holly Gillespie was awarded the best on court medal.

### C grade

In the C grade division, it was another well-awaited semi-final rematch between Inverloch-Kongwak and Bunyip.

After winning the premiership in 2018, IK looked to make it two from four but unfortunately it just wasn't to be, as the Bulldogs looked a touch too good all match long.

Coming out laser focused, the 'Dogs capitalised on the plentiful amounts of IK turnovers and generated

many scoring plays as the shooters at both ends produced a masterclass early.

In the end though, Bunyip were just too well drilled and determined, staying focused as the conditions worsened with heavy rain, they came out victors by 15-points.

### D grade

In yet another game that shaped to be a blockbuster, minor premiers Inverloch-Kongwak took on Bunyip after the Yippers got the better of the Sea Eagles two weeks prior.

The in-form Sea Eagles came off an impressive Preliminary Final comeback win, while the Bulldogs had the confidence after being the first to defeat IK this season in the Semi.

The 'Dogs were just simply a class above from the outset, showcasing their awesome slick play throughout the match, the Sea Eagles did well to fight back, but it was all in vain.

The strong Bulldogs side running out winners by 6-points.

### Under 17s

After winning their way in the Preliminary Final, Phillip Island came into the Grand Final full of gusto as they faced off with the formidable outfit that is Dalyston.

The defences of both sides were dominant, generating plenty of plays for the respective sides, Olivia Bramley was excellent for the Magpies, but the Bulldogs edged ahead with better ball movement and hustle.

The Islanders eventually pulling of a famous victory by just two-points.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, the 2022 WGFNC under 17s premiers!

Bulldog shooter Lily Mewett was awarded the best on court medal.

### Under 15s

In the under 15s division, it was yet another mouth-watering clash between two talented junior netball clubs in Phillip Island and Korumburra-Bena.

As the only team representing the club in orange, the Goon girls played won-

derfully with great support from the club's faithful.

The Giants defence stood tall but in the end it was Phillip Island pulling away to win it by seven-points.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, the 2022 WGFNC under 15s premiers!

Bulldog Maya Huther was the best player on the court.

### Under 13s

The under 13s saw Phillip Island take on Nar Nar Goon in a great showing of netball skills.

In the end it was the Bulldogs running away with a great win, by 14-points.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, the 2022 WGFNC under 13 premiers.

Bulldog Olivia Holmes received best on court honours.

### Under 11s

In the under 11s division, kicking off the day's action was Inverloch-Kongwak and Nar Nar Goon.

In trying, wet conditions the teams still managed to put on a good show, with the Goon eventually taking the win by 18-points.



Leongatha's Jess Edgar has eyes only for the ball as she reaches for this incoming pass.



Leongatha's centre Nicola Marriott accepts a pass from Hannah Flanders as the Leongatha girls work the ball closer to goal.

## Parrots onto finals glory

ON MOE'S first centre, our defensive pressure cracked their attack giving the first goal to the Parrots.

Confidence and cooperation in the attack built a four-goal lead.

Moe soon stepped up and used their height, leaving the Parrots behind at quarter time to lead by three.

The second quarter showed the power of the Parrots hands causing held balls and poor passes. Passing between shooters secured more goals, as the Parrots crawled back to a goal for goal game. Parrots ended the quarter down by two.

Parrots entered the third quarter hungry for ball and stole every opportunity to intercept and rebound, managing to overtake by two.

Accurate shooting and mid court defence extended the lead, gaining momentum to finish the quarter with a lead of three.

Moe set the fourth quarter with a zone but patience if the Parrots prevailed.

The girls had to work the ball through the mid court, resetting to create space and working overtime to protect the ball.

Both teams went even quicker in the last minutes to give it their absolute all.

The last four minutes was goal for goal, almost expecting a draw but the girls managed to score the final goal of the game to win by one!

A huge congratulations, and they will join B grade and C grade next week in the grand finals.

# A match for the ages

IN the final showdown of the Mid Gippsland Netball League between Mirboo North and Toora, tensions were running high as the crowds swarmed and the players went to do battle.

At the packed Morwell East Reserve, fans gathered to see who would take out the A Grade cup.

In an absolute nail biting match, rivalling the intensity of the football, the Tigers and the Magpies went all out to come out on top.

Each quarter was tightly contested with the scoring evenly matched, however, it all came down to the final quarter.

With Mirboo North seeming like they were going to secure the win, both sides ramped up the intensity in an incredible display of skill and determination.

As the final minutes counted down, with the scores now even, the noise from the crowd was deafening.

But a sudden burst from Toora saw a hair-raising goal in the final seconds seal the deal, and it was all over.

Emotions ran high as the defeat set in for the Tigers, but for Toora, the feeling didn't get much better.

The Sentinel-Times spoke with coach Kelsey Angwin who couldn't contain her excitement.

"This win means so much, we've worked so hard to get here," she said.

"We've always worked as a team."

When asked how the final decider-goal felt, Kelsey described it as being the most "magical feeling".

"We were expecting it to be a tough match, we've lost twice previously (to the Tigers) and we just knew we would have to fight hard to get over the line."



Toora's A Grade premier winning team put a performance that will be remembered for years to come in their incredible match against Mirboo North. The premiership team pictured are Alana Manders, Brylee Angwin, Grace McLean, Natalie Griffin, Kristie Moore, Kelsey Angwin, Hannah Weston, Tayah Jenkins and Lily McDonald. Ns123722



Mirboo North's B Grade netball team gave it their all to take out the premiership cup against Toora. The winning team were Rachael Vansittart, Aleisha Loh, Miki Hilliar, Flynn Burgess-Pincini, Jakobi Eden, Emma Evans, Alexia Andrews, Ella Snell, Ash Hilliar and Tarni Bartlett. Ns113722



The goal that sealed the deal – Toora celebrate as the reality of their victory sets in, with the disappointment visible for the Tigers. Ns133722



MDU's C Grade netball team gained a convincing win against Newborough at Morwell on Saturday to secure the Mid Gippsland League premiership cup. The team consisted of Wendy McEachern, Jane Harrison, Melissa Harris, Taryn Boden, Amanda Calder, Rachel Cameron, Jodie Arnup, Shari Harris and Melanie Hughes. Ns103722



The Tigers D Grade netballers had a well-deserved victory against Yinnar. Photo: Mid Gippsland Netball



MDU's under 17s defeated Fish Creek in a close match to take out the premiership. Photo: Mid Gippsland Netball



Mirboo North's Under 13s were proud to take the premiership cup after facing off against Hill End. Photo: Mid Gippsland Netball

## MID GIPPSLAND

### » GRAND FINAL

A Grade: Mirboo North 44 It Toora 45  
 B Grade: Mirboo North 58 d Toora 32  
 C Grade: MDU 35 d Newborough 26  
 D Grade: Yinnar 19 It Mirboo North 25  
 17 & Under: MDU 27 d Fish Creek 23  
 15 & Under: Yinnar 22 d Boolarra 19  
 13 & Under: Mirboo North 39 d Hill End 19

## WEST GIPPSLAND

### » GRAND FINAL

A Grade: Bunyip 41 It Inverloch-K 45  
 B Grade: Tooradin-Dal 38 d NNG 36  
 C Grade: Inverloch-K 24 It Bunyip 39  
 D Grade: Bunyip 29 d Inverloch-K 24  
 17 & Under: Dalyston 31 It Phillip Island 33  
 15 & Under: P-Island 29 d Kor-Bena 22  
 13 & Under: NNG 13 It Phillip Island 27  
 11 & Under: NNG 26 d Inverloch-K 8

## ELLINBANK

### » PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Nilma Darnum 49 d Ellinbank 29  
 B Grade: Buln Buln 45 It Nilma Darnum 47  
 C Grade: Ellinbank 31 d Nilma Darnum 28  
 17 & Under: Poowong 43 d Catani 37  
 15 & Under: Trafalgar 17 It Ellinbank 30  
 13 & Under: Nyora 31 d Longwarry 15

## GIPPSLAND

### » PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Leongatha 46 d Moe 45  
 B Grade: Moe 35 It Traralgon 45  
 C Grade: Maffra 28 d Morwell 20  
 17 & Under: Traralgon 40 d Drouin 27  
 15 & Under: Traralgon 38 d Maffra 32  
 13 & Under: Sale 27 d Wonthaggi 18

## THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

### » ELLINBANK

#### Grand Final at Yarragon

Saturday, September 17

A Grade: Neerim South v Nilma Darnum  
 B Grade: Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum  
 C Grade: Longwarry v Ellinbank  
 17 & Under: Trafalgar v Poowong  
 15 & Under: Longwarry v Ellinbank  
 13 & Under: Trafalgar v Nyora

### » GIPPSLAND

#### Grand Final at Moe

Saturday, September 17

A Grade - Morwell v Leongatha  
 B Grade - Leongatha v Traralgon  
 C Grade - Leongatha v Maffra  
 17 & Under - Sale v Traralgon  
 15 & Under - Sale v Traralgon  
 13 & Under - Traralgon v Sale



Mirboo North's thirds team celebrated their exciting premiership victory in an extremely tight contest against MDU. Ns023722

## Roaring victory for the mighty Tigers



The Tiger's Jesse Chila and MDU's Timothy Hibberson go for the mark in the final minutes of the game. Ns033722



There were celebrations and cheers all round as Mirboo North's Thirds and supporters relished in their victory. Ns043722

MIRBOO NORTH secured its 12th Mid Gippsland thirds premiership since 1978, with a tigerish nine-point victory over MDU at Morwell East's Ronald Reserve on Saturday.

It was the mighty Tigers' 20th straight victory for the season, but not until the final siren blew, was the 2022 flag in the bag.

As well, the grand old club won the MGFNL B Grade, D Grade and 13s netball titles, before going down to Toora by a goal in an absorbing A Grade grand final cliffhanger.

Mirboo North and MDU wore black armbands in honor of long-serving respective and respected club stalwarts, Bernice Snell and Mary Matthews, following their recent deaths.

Mirboo North did all the attacking in the first quarter, where two perfectly-struck, long-range set shots from co-captain, Ethan Woodall, flew directly over the goal umpire's head.

The drizzly conditions were challenging with the greasy Sherrin difficult to gather on a firm, fast and slippery deck — where tackling was fierce and the ball skidded low as much as it bounced high.

With continually heavy traffic numbers prominent around the contests, openings were as narrow as a gastric sleeve, and where possible, the umpires wisely called 'play-on' — rather

than incessantly blowing their whistles for free kicks and stoppages.

Beau Melbourne, who later collected the Rod Lucas and AFL Vic Country Awards for his best on ground performance, was a constant in-and-under contributor for Mirboo North.

Others to frequently feature for the Tigers were Jack Couper, Daniel Masters, William Jacka, Jesse Chila and the Woodall goal-kicking cousins, Ethan and Max, who finished with two majors apiece.

A freakish MDU goal from the boundary line on the three-quarter time siren reduced the Demons' deficit to 21 points, before a soccer goal by Couper restored Mirboo North's lead to 27 points, early in the last term.

It was then that the Demons threw caution to the wind with all-out attacking footy through the midfield that almost brought them victory.

Leading the way in MDU's fightback were Angus McInnes, Angus Kemper, Jesse Helms, Jarvis Lacy and Eddie Colwill, as the reinvigorated Demons bombarded the goals for 15 minutes.

Although two majors were scored, another seven shots went either side of the big white sticks and much to coach, Mark Wilkins' relief, Mirboo North's bacon was saved.



Toora's Reserves soaked it all in after winning the premiership cup in a dominating performance against Tarwin. The Magpies never let up on the pressure in what was a great match. Ns053722

## Magpies swoop on reserves premiership against Sharks

By Andrew Paloczi

UNDERDOG Tarwin took it up to Toora in a spirited start to the MGFNL reserves grand final, leading by a point at the first break after a tough term characterised by stoppages and strong tackling.

That created hopes of an enthralling contest for the remainder of proceedings, but the Magpies tore that script to shreds, assuming control thereafter and claiming a 6-goal win.

While Tarwin's backline soldiered on stoically and kept Toora's halftime advantage to a manageable three goals, the Magpies were right on top around the ground throughout the second term.

They opened the floodgates early in the third stanza, goaling in the opening seconds and backing up with another major shortly after.

Big Lukas Jenkins created abundant opportunities for his Toora midfielders throughout the game, despite the determined efforts of rival ruckman Harrison Cumming.

Josh Griffin was one of the Magpies onballers to benefit from Jenkins' work, winning heaps of the Sherin throughout the day to pick up the best-on-ground medal.

Teammate and co-coach Linden Dyson can't have been far behind him, contributing a perfect blend of skill and physicality to create numerous opportunities for other Toora players.

Jake Mabilia was a dangerous presence for the winning team, doing an excellent job of driving the Magpies deep into attack.

James Maurilli-Pullin's class shone through up forward, booting five goals for Toora, with the co-coach leading by example.

Bryce Litchfield worked tirelessly for the beaten Sharks, often repelling the Magpies and prepared to win the hard ball.

His efforts were highlighted by a strong contested mark from which he played on and goaled in the final term.

However, that was Tarwin's first major since the opening quarter, with the winner long-since certain.

Travis Cameron was another solid contributor for the outclassed Sharks, providing much needed muscle around the ball and winning a healthy share of it.

Flynn Brosnan was another who helped hamper the Magpies' momentum at times.

For the victorious Toora, hoisting the premiership cup capped off a spectacular season in which the only blemish was a round 1 loss to eventual minor premier Newborough.

The grand final was played in slippery, breezy conditions, with Tarwin enjoying the initial wind advantage.

While blue skies were sighted, greyness and rain returned.

Toora's grey jumpers matched the bleakness of conditions, but there was nothing dull about the Magpies' performance, with the side the deserving 2022 premier.



Lukas Jenkins goes up in the ruck just getting the better of his Tarwin opponent. Ns063722



Nick McRae and Lukas Jenkins both looked to secure the ball. Ns073722

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

### GRAND FINAL

**YINNAR** 57

**NEWBOROUGH** 37

**YINNAR** 1.1 5.4 5.5 8.9 (57)  
**NEWBOROUGH** 2.1 2.4 5.6 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Harrison McColl 2, Brendan Chapman, Daniel Johnson, Ned Marsh, Stuart Patten, Calum Sheils, Blake Van Der Meer 1 each

**BEST:** Ned Marsh, Harrison McColl, Jack Deen, Nathan Rowley, James Dowling, Jamie Winters

**GOALS, Newborough:** Peter Ainsworth, Joshua Bland, Patrick Charles, Joel Mitchell, Josh Pearce 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Webber, Liam Cordner, Zachary Skinner, Wade Smith, Joshua Bland, Alex Skinner

### RESERVES

**Toora** 2.1 5.2 8.4 9.5 (59)  
**Tarwin** 2.2 2.2 2.3 3.5 (23)

**GOALS, Toora:** James Maurilli-Pullin 5, Linden Dyson, Josh Griffin, Jarryd Guganovic, Bennett Osborne 1 each

**BEST:** Jake Mabilia, Josh Griffin, James Maurilli-Pullin, Jackson Moore, Mitchell Hilder, Linden Dyson

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Bryce Litchfield 2, Todd Lomax 1

**BEST:** Flynn Brosnan, Harrison Cumming, Alexander Chadwick, James O'Sullivan, Bryce Litchfield, Shaun Silver

### THIRDS

**Mirboo North** 2.4 2.6 4.10 5.11 (41)  
**MDU** 0.0 1.1 2.1 4.8 (32)

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Ethan Woodall, Max Woodall 2, Jack Couper 1

**BEST:** Beau Melbourne, Jack Couper, Daniel Masters, Ethan Woodall, Max Woodall, William Jacka

**GOALS, MDU:** Rylan Bell, Thomas Burt, Angus McInnes, Kayden Scrimshaw 1 each

**BEST:** Jesse Helms, Jarvis Lacy, Eddie Colwill, Jacob Whiteside, Angus McInnes, Tyson Harris

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

### PRELIMINARY FINAL

**ELLINBANK** 80

**NEERIM SOUTH** 72

**Neerim South** 3.0 9.5 10.12 11.14 (80)  
**Ellinbank** 4.1 4.4 6.8 10.12 (72)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Lachlan Bambridge 4, Luke Kinder 3, Lachlan Guy, Ashley Lockett, Tyssen Morrow, Matthew Roberts 1 each

**BEST:** Lachlan Guy, Lachlan Bambridge, Nathan Bayne, Nicholas Caddy, Matthew Kelliher, Kody Wilson

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Nathaniel Paredes, Ben Wragg 2, Ryan Atherton, Anthony Battista, Adamson Cook, Zachery Holton, Michael Urie 1 each

**BEST:** Nathaniel Paredes, Ben Wragg, Bryce Joyce, Michael Urie, Adamson Cook

### RESERVES

**Bulin Bulin** 2.2 3.4 4.5 6.9 (45)  
**Neerim South** 2.0 5.0 6.3 6.4 (40)

**GOALS, Bulin Bulin:** Adam Rakip 3, Bryce Monahan, Mitchell Park, Chris Sharpe 1 each

**BEST:** Brendan Wall, Bryce Monahan, Jacob Pickthall, Fynn Hammond, Jared Doyle, Simon Dawson

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Eddie McGillivray, Mitchell Sayburn 2, Rhys George, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar 1 each

**BEST:** Christian Robertson-Edgar, Matthew Pecoraro, Adam White, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Harry Notman, Steven Heath

### THIRDS

**Longwarry** 2.2 5.5 5.9 8.15 (63)  
**Ellinbank** 2.0 3.0 3.2 4.3 (27)

**GOALS, Longwarry:** Dominic Keane 4, Cooper Brown 2, Ned Ashton, Lachie Spinks 1 each

**BEST:** Lachie Spinks, Cooper Brown, Ned Ashton, Kieren Willis, Harrison Colvin

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Billy Auldist 2, Jack Champion, Liam Lisle 1 each

**BEST:** Jonty Kennedy, Xavier Vanlangenberg, Kynan Rintoule, Phillip Conley, Thomas Bingham, Jack Champion

### FOURTHS

**Yarragon** 0.3 3.5 3.6 6.10 (46)  
**Ellinbank** 1.0 1.0 2.2 2.3 (15)

**GOALS, Yarragon:** Darcy Paul 4, Xavier Allsopp, Liam Smith-Butterworth 1 each

**BEST:** Darcy Paul, Liam Smith-Butterworth, Andrew Daly, Josh Garratt, Beau Halliday, Jordan Edwards

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Will O'Brien, Vincent Onslow 1 each

**BEST:** Ripley Pyle, Ayden Clarke, Caleb Kriesl, Logan Joyce, Luke Carbon, Vincent Onslow



Yinnar's senior team ultimately took out the Mid Gippsland Football League's grand final cup in a defining match against Newborough.

## Yinnar soars to premiership gold

By Rob Popplestone

SO MUCH had been said over such a long period of time as to who, how and why one team or another might have the edge.

But finally, the contest between two deserving clubs was going to be decided not by talk, but action.

With both teams extremely well coached, and with enormous talent at their disposal, the clash didn't disappoint.

Yinnar eventually claiming victory and securing a premiership, on the back of a most disciplined and methodical four quarter performance.

The win the stuff of legends, the Magpies only securing their finals position in the last round of the home and away season, before starting a stunning winning streak that saw them beat the very best teams in the competition culminating in their 2022 MGFNL premiership.

"I don't even know what to say to be honest, obviously we're stoked," said Daniel Taylor, Yinnar coach.

"The effort they put in to get here, I knew we were a chance if we got there, and I really couldn't be prouder."

"The game was hard and physical and that's when we play our best football."

Just a kick separated the two at the first break, with Newborough leading and Yinnar doing well to keep the Bulldogs within reach against a strong wind.

The Magpies lifted the bar in the second term, winning more of the contests and using the ball well with the wind at their back.

"The blokes gave everything they could, and I couldn't ask for more than that," said Craig Skinner Newborough coach.

"But we were beaten on the inside and the outside by a side that has been touching the footy a lot more than us."

The Magpies wrestled back the lead in the final term.

And the performance of best on ground Ned Marsh was pivotal, in that with his last quarter goal from a boundary throw in, a highlight that had to be seen to be believed.

As good as 2022 was, you get the feeling that 2023 may even be better.



Yinnar's Brendan Chapman takes a magnificent mark. Ns083722



Now two-time Gippsland League best and fairest, Leongatha captain Tom Marriott leads his team out at Moe recently.

## Top award for Tom Marriott

LEONGATHA mid-fielder Tom Marriott has claimed his second Trood Award and Rodda Medal in an exciting conclusion to the online count on Sunday night.

With three rounds to go, Marriott was trailing Morwell's Tristan Waack by 19 votes to 21.

Waack polled two votes in the team's Round 16 match against Wonthaggi despite getting pummelled by 69 points and not being named in the "best players" list that week.

Marriott got three votes as the best-on-ground in Leongatha's 86-point win over Maffra in Round 16.

In Round 17, Waack polled one vote against Drouin and Marriott evened the score on 24 each with two votes against Moe.

In the final round of the season, Morwell recorded a thrilling win over Sale to make the finals at the 11th hour and Waack picked up one vote, behind his teammate Tyler Brown and Sale's Jack Leslie with three but Leongatha's Tom Marriott was in the boxseat after the Parrots 22-goal win over Drouin.

He polled three votes in the game, as best-on-ground to take out the league's top award with 27 votes to Tristan Waack's 25.

The league official reading out the votes said Marriott had now joined elite company as one of a small number of players with two league best awards, including Andrew Soumilas (Garfield/Drouin) 2005, 2011, Hayden Burgiel (Maffra) 2001, 2004 and Greg Morley (Traralgon)



**Tom Marriott has claimed his second Trood Award and Rodda Medal with the last votes of the night in the Gippsland League online count last Sunday night.**

1992, 1998 in recent years with Traralgon's Jim Silvestro and Maffra's Jeff Gieschen other two-time winners.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times, Tom Marriott said he was surprised by the result.

"To be honest, we've all been focused on our preparation for Saturday's game and a chance to play in a grand final after not having finals for three years, with the opportunity to go after that elusive flag," he said.

"It's a team game so that's the goal you're focused on but I'm sure, after next weekend I'll get a chance to look back and appreciate it a lot more."

"But for sure, it's an honour. I think it's also a tribute to how well everyone has played. There were votes going everywhere (to Leongatha players) during the count and it certainly helps when you win each week."

"You can't do it on your own."

In other awards, Kasie Rump won the Dawn Pearce B Grade best and fairest with 31 votes from Morwell's Anna Solomon 27 and teammate Kate Sperling on 25.

Makenzie Gourlay (Leongatha) won the Karen Proctor Medal C Grade with 29 votes from teammates Emma Ton 20 second and Jude Reynolds equal 5th while Lara Gill won the Under 15s best and fairest with 25 votes.

The leaders' board at the end of the count was as follows: Tom Marriott (Leongatha) 27, Tristen Waack (Morwell) 25, Jack Leslie (Sale) 22, Aiden Lindsay (Wonthaggi) 19, Shannen Lange (Sale) 17, Hudson Holmes (Maffra) 14, Aaron Heppell (Leongatha) 13, Tom Schneider (Traralgon) 13, Nick Graham (Warragul) 12 and Mark Collison (Traralgon) 11.

Results: Football - Trood Award & Rodda Medal (seniors): Tom Marriott 27 votes, Rex Hartley Medal (reserves): Mason Polykali (Morwell) 22 votes, Wilkinson Medal (thirds) Lachlan Allman (Maffra) 31 votes, Shaw Carter Medal (fourths) Max Stobie (Maffra) and Oliver Wilson (Warragul) 18 votes. Netball - Hutchison Medal A Grade Shannon Freeman (Morwell) - 33 votes, Dawn Pearce Medal B Grade Kasie Rump (Leongatha) 31, Karen Proctor Medal C Grade Makenzie Gourlay (Leongatha), U17s Montanna Styles (Traralgon) 29, U15s Lara Gill (Leongatha) 25, and U13s Ella Bigham (Traralgon) 37 votes.



# 2022 GIPPSLAND LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

This Saturday, September 17

# Parrots face final test

By Andrew Paloczi

A CONFIDENT Sale side is the final obstacle in Leongatha's path, as the Parrots strive to complete a perfect season.

The Magpies' sure ball handling, run, and physicality impressed as they swept aside preliminary final opponent Wonthaggi, with the polished performance a statement of intent that undoubtedly grabbed Leongatha's attention.

Although unbeaten in 2022, the Parrots have had narrow escapes, most recently in edging out Wonthaggi in a semi final clash to claim a grand final spot, and are unlikely to fall into the trap of overconfidence against Sale.

The Parrots should benefit from fresher legs than their avian foes, having had two weekends off during the finals campaign while the Magpies have played three finals to reach the decider.

However, Sale's players looked to have plenty of zip left last weekend despite scraping through a tight semi final battle with Traralgon the previous week to win by three points.

While Leongatha comfortably accounted for Sale in round 2, the Magpies presented a stern test in round 11 at the Parrots' nest.

The game was in the balance at the last change, with Leongatha clinging to a 2-point lead, but the Parrots soared to a higher level in the remainder of the match to claim a 3-goal victory.

At that day's three quarter time huddle, Leongatha coach Trent McMicking urged his players to "work harder, run harder, hit up to the ball harder and get the job done".

They responded emphatically, with young Ned Hanly setting the tone, running with the flight of the footy to make a crucial spoil and following up immediately by chasing hard and laying a fierce tackle that set up a Leongatha goal.



**Captain of the Leongatha Parrots Tom Marriott was delighted with his second Gippsland League best award at the weekend but says he remains focused on his preparations for Saturday's grand final after three years of COVID disruption.**

After the match, McMicking praised his side's run, burst and ferocious forward footy.

Despite the pleasing finish to the round 11 encounter from a Leongatha point of view, Sale demonstrated its threat in an impressive second term in which it piled on four goals to one.

The Parrots coach noted after the game that term would be reviewed, with the outcome of that review no doubt still fresh in Leongatha minds.

In the grand final, Leongatha's Ben Willis and Justin Pellicano will take it in turns as they strive for ruck ascendancy against a formidable Sale bigman Jack Leslie.

Should Leongatha get on top in the midfield it is likely to have too much firepower for the Magpies to contain, with the powerfully built Aaron Hillberg having twice kicked three goals against Sale this year.

Hillberg has 41 majors to his name for the season from his 16 matches.

Jack Hume is always threatening around the big sticks and has notched 30 goals from his 18 games, with six of those majors registered against Sale.

Ball winner Aaron Heppell is capable of having a significant scoreboard impact as well as creating opportunities for teammates, having booted a couple of majors in both of the Parrots' 2022 battles with Sale and accumulating 26 goals thus far for the campaign.

Newly crowned league Best and Fairest and Parrots skipper Tom Marriott generates chances for teammates with his tough ball-winning ability and polished use of the Sherin, and has averaged a goal a game during this year's unbeaten campaign.

Hanly's tenacious approach makes him a threat

when Leongatha's big forwards bring the footy to ground and he has 10 goals for the season, but more importantly possesses a knack for pressuring opponents and making it tough for them to clear defence.

The Parrots' goalscoring flexibility and the likes of Cameron Stone and Luke Bowman, complementing Heppell and Marriott around the ball gives Leongatha every chance of success, particularly if it can get on top in the ruck.

With Gippsland Power's season ended, impressive young Leongatha talent Wil Dawson comes into the reckoning for the decider.

Should the Magpies get on top around the stoppages and deliver the footy effectively into attack, Brad Dessent shapes as a serious threat.

He has slotted 50 goals from his 18 season games.

Jarrod Freeman has been a fixture in the senior side this season, booting 26 goals, with coach Johnstone also playing every match and averaging a goal a game.

Midfielder Shannen Lange has slotted 21 majors in his 20 games, with Kane Martin notching 20 goals from his 15 senior matches.

Jack McLaren is another dangerous Magpie midfielder capable of pushing forward and kicking goals.

Still, Leongatha's miserly and disciplined backline has conceded a maximum of just 74 points this season, that coming in a narrow round 10 win over Traralgon.

"They've got a really good system in the way they defend and work for each other," McMicking said of his backmen.

The Parrots opponents have averaged only 45 points a match against them throughout 2022, suggesting the Magpies will need significant forward support for Dessent to muster a winning score.

While Leongatha deservedly starts favourite, a tight and exciting conclusion to the season awaits.



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# LEONGATHA PARROTS

## Reserves have talent to burn

SENIOR Leongatha coach Trent McMicking regularly refers to the present Leongatha Reserves side as "the development squad".

And after playing upwards of 40 different players in an illness and injury ravaged season in the seniors, it's easy to understand why he has such a high opinion of the team, especially after the role many of these blokes have played in the seniors' unbeaten run.

Initially, Maffra brought

the heat in the Second Semi-Final the previous week, and you'd expect that in any final, but once the game settled, and Leongatha got on the scoreboard, they looked a class above.

They switched the ball out of defence as well as any senior side in the competition and created the overlap on a number of occasions as they went coast-to-coast to score.

Certainly, any team can struggle to find form on any given day, but this

Leongatha side is stocked with talent and senior experience, both among the older leaders, including playing coach Rhett Kelly, Josh Schelling, Jake Mackie, Ricky O'Loughlin and Grant Fleming but also in the emerging younger brigade which are the future of the club.

Hopefully, next Saturday's grand final will bring out the very best from this well-credentialed group and they'll play up to their impressive reputation.



Steve Forrester



Dylan Garnham



Flynn Materia



Jacob Lamers



Noah Fixter



Josh Schelling



Jake Mackie



Tim Sauvarin



Jarryd Stewart



Ben Perry



Harrison McGannon



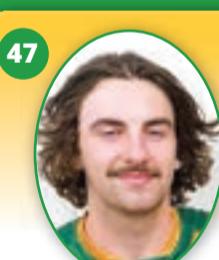
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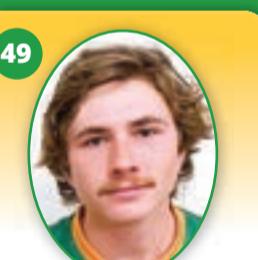
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# LEONGATHA PARROTS



## ••DEFENDERS••

**Travis Nash**

Young, reliable back pocket player who has played 16 of the 19 games this season. Key part of the back six.

**Matt Willcocks**

Dual premiership defender at Vermont, has added plenty since returning in 2021. More than capable of going forward or rucking as the need requires.

**Jackson Harry**

Highly versatile defender and relieving ruckman who can take a key role on opposition lead-up forwards. Offers coach a Plan B.

**Sam Forrester**

Highly reliable defender who has played every game this year. Safe clearance player who gets the best small forward.

**Sean Westaway**

Leads by example in defence. The consummate team player and a great reader of the play. The glue that holds the defence together.

**Jake Van Der Pligt**

Young, skilled player still on the up. Consistently in the best, capable on-ball, solid defensive game and can score.

## ••MIDFIELDERS••

**Cameron Stone**

Tenacious, goal-kicking wing man who has played all 19 games for the Parrots this season. A key to Leongatha's transition to attack.

**Aaron Heppell**

Creative, goal-kicking forward and talented onballer as the need requires. A key to Leongatha's success.

**Luke Bowman**

Tall, mobile, marking onballer who is a hard match-up for the opposition. A key at the stoppages, in the middle and around the ground.

**Ben Willis**

Experienced ruckman, key to Leongatha's contested possession and clearance count. Competes in the air and on the ground.

**Jack Hume**

Established a key role in attack as a fast-leading forward, but can now take a role on the ball, and as a go-to player around the ground.

**Tom Marriott**

One of the most respected onballers in country football, by teammates and opponents alike. A key to Parrots' ambitions on the day.

## ••FORWARDS••

**Kim Drew**

Tough and skilful onballer and forward who has run into some excellent form since making a welcome return to the seniors in Round 11.

**Justin Pellicano**

Another of Leongatha's versatile big men. Can hold down a key forward post or be used as an impact player on the ball.

**Aaron Hillberg**

Lead-up forward who has also developed his goal-assist and forward pressure roles. Can be a match winner.

**Cam Olden**

Talented half forward flanker and goal kicker. Hard match-up and one of Leongatha's possible match-winners.

**Cade Maskell**

Fantastic defensive and clearance player with the full range of skills. Strong mark and capable of immediate impact if he goes forward.

**Josh Hopkins**

Parrots' X-factor and experienced finals' campaigner with great defensive skills, endurance and determination. A potential match winner.

## ••INTERCHANGE••

**Nick Nagel**

A versatile lead-up forward with great marking and forward pressure skills, able to take a run on the ball as required.

**Aaron Turton**

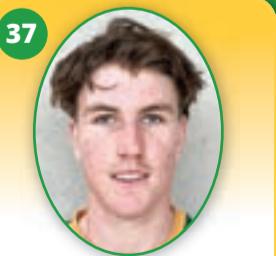
Played one of the best of his 18 senior games this season in the semi-final. Consistent performer, front and back, around the flanks.

**Luther Juric**

Speedy wingman and key link-up player who has played well across 13 senior games this season. Capable goal kicker.

**Will Littlejohn**

Pacy, skilful, young defender who plays an important role in the switch out of danger with excellent foot skills and decision-making.

**Ned Hanily**

Half forward flanker and emerging onballer who compiled an excellent body of work for the Parrots across 13 senior games this season.

**Will Dawson**

Tall, young Gippsland Power player who is an outside chance of a call-up as a deep forward after three goals against Drouin.



Sale's Brad Dessent takes this mark close to goal under pressure from Wonthaggi's Shannon Bray (1) on his way to kicking one of his two goals for the day.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

### » PRELIMINARY FINAL

 **61**  **37**

SALE

WONTHAGGI

**Sale** 2.4 5.7 8.8 8.13 (61)

**Wonthaggi** 0.1 3.1 5.4 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Sale:** Brad Dessent 2, Jack Johnstone,

Shannen Lange, Jack Leslie, Jack McLaren,

Patrick Tainsh, Lachlan Todd 1 each

**BEST:** Jack McLaren, Shannen Lange,

Ryan Pendlebury, Will Leslie, Jake Hutchins,

Jack McLindin

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Joshua Bates, Jack Blair,

Jack Hutchinson, Andrew Murray 1 each

**BEST:** Joshua Bates, Toma Huther, Jarryd Blair,

Aiden Lindsay, Shannen Bray, Ryan Sparkes

**RESERVES**

**Sale** 1.1 2.2 3.5 5.7 (37)

**Maffra** 1.2 2.3 3.8 3.8 (26)

**GOALS, Sale:** Jack Rietschel 2, Thomas

Campbell, Zak Russell, Ostin Waugh 1 each

**BEST:** Nathan Whitford, Thomas Campbell,

Jonty McGuiness, Jack Rietschel, Ethan Dyer,

Josh Butcher

**GOALS, Maffra:** Will Brunt, Curley Nettleton,

Daniel Stubbe 1 each

**BEST:** Charlie Driffield, Joshua Stubbe, Chris

Smart, Max Gravener, Daniel Stubbe, Will Brunt

**THIRDS**

**Maffra** 3.1 6.2 8.4 9.4 (58)

**Bairnsdale** 1.3 4.4 5.7 8.9 (57)

**GOALS, Maffra:** Bailey Carubia 4,

Jett Killoran 2, Harry Gravener,

Noah Szabatura, Bailey Wright 1 each

**BEST:** Ethan Aurisch, Jett Killoran,

Lachlan Allman, Sebastian Pendergast,

Owen Gallagher, Zach Felsbourg

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Jake Anderson 3,

Tom Selleck 2, Tate Clay, Jamieson Humphreys,

Harry Wilmot 1 each

**BEST:** Oscar Pike, William Bromage,

Jamieson Humphreys, Randall Stewart,

Jake Anderson, Aiden Williams

**FOURTHS**

**Warragul** 2.2 5.2 7.4 7.4 (46)

**Traralgon** 1.3 2.3 2.5 2.7 (19)

**GOALS, Warragul:** Jasper Alger 4, Lachlan

Giliam, Heath Jinks, Caleb McIntosh 1 each

**BEST:** Jasper Alger, Riley Senini, Harry Brown,

Heath Jinks, Harrison Cant, Lachlan Giliam

**GOALS, Traralgon:** Riley Denovan,

Goanar Ruach 1 each

**BEST:** William Brent, Oliver Haberl, Oakley Howe,

Tyson Tangi, Noah Leslie, Jai Moloney

# No second chances

## - Power fails in preliminary final

FOR one thrilling moment at the start of the third quarter, when Wonthaggi's Jack Hutchinson capped off the team's best attacking sequence of the day, with a couple of bounces and running goal around the boundary, hopes lifted for a Power resurgence.

They were trailing by only 18 points at the time, despite being unable to hit a target in the first half or get a clear possession away from a stoppage and with only three goals to show for 60 minutes of effort.

But they were on the attack at the start of the third quarter and already looked to be playing better when Ryan Sparkes put his head over the ball and should have been awarded a free kick.

It set the tone, however, and was followed by the team's best passage of play all day, starting with Josh Bates on to Fergus O'Connor, Troy Harley and over to Hutchinson on the run.

It was good footy, but a rare moment as it turned out.

His goal cut the margin to 12 points and for a fleeting few minutes it was "game on", but just as quickly Sale shut it down with goals to Lachy Todd and big Brad Dessent, who took a power-forward's mark in the goal square, something the Wonthaggi forwards had trouble doing all day.

Where Sale took 10 inside-50 marks, Wonthaggi managed only four. There was to be no repeat of the seven-goal haul by Troy Harley the last time the teams met.

That was partly due to the midfielders and flankers failing to lower their eyes and look for a free or leading teammate but more so down to the close-checking and commitment of the Sale players when their opponents had the ball.

As Power coach Jarryd Blair said after the game, Sale came to Morwell with a carefully prepared plan and they executed it to perfection, shutting down the Power's dangerous forwards and never allowing their opponents time or space.

By comparison, Wonthaggi was off their best and it made all the difference.

In a see-sawing affair for the next 20 minutes, Wonthaggi was right in it, well served on the ball by Jordan Staley in the ruck and Sparkes, Aiden Lindsay and Jarryd Blair.

Jack Blair received from brother Jarryd 45 metres out but in the wind, his shot fell short. Andrew Murray kicked long for a point soon after but finally Jack Blair got reward for effort, after a mark, and a 50-metre penalty, to cut the margin back

to 16 points close to the last change.

Again, it was Sale who got the reply through onballer Jack McLaren and they led by 22 points at the last change, significant in a low-scoring game.

Blair's message at the last change was not to blaze away, urging his players to run and create space. He was confident if they could get the first goal of the last quarter, they'd be right back in it.

And the Power players finally started to find some space and complete some passes, but the strong cross-wind made it hard for both sides to get their game going.

Finally, it appeared as if Andrew Murray had kicked that much-needed goal, but his high shot was touched on the line.

Hutchinson again took them on, going for a run but he lost the handle taking a bounce deep in attack and the moment was lost. You couldn't blame him though for having a go.

Sale's coach John Johnstone was alive to the danger and positioned himself back there, marking one good chance near goal, clearing others and capping off a fine game by him at both ends.

Sale gave as good as they got in the last quarter, probably getting the better of the Power, peppering the scoring zone for a further five points.

But neither team actually managed to get a last-quarter goal in what had become a defensive arm-wrestle and Wonthaggi's highly promising season was over.

Maybe they'd played their grand final the previous week, maybe they were looking forward to having another crack at Leongatha instead of having 100 per cent focus on the job at hand but whatever the case, they didn't play, or rather weren't allowed to play, with the sort of flare, skill and commitment their fans had seen from them throughout the season.

It was a bitterly disappointing end, especially after getting within a kick of a grand final berth the previous week, and Jarryd Blair said as much in the rooms afterwards.

As the jubilant Sale side went into a raucous team song, through the thin walls next door, Blair said the loss should hurt and would hopefully drive the best possible preparation in the lead up to the 2023 season.

But he said the club had made great strides through the year, especially by developing more of its young talent into consistent senior team members and the future looks bright.

Final scores: Sale 8.13.61 defeated Wonthaggi 5.7.37.



Wonthaggi's Jack Hutchinson provided one of the stirring moments of the day when he tucked the ball under his arm and galloped around the boundary for a goal.



Wonthaggi's Kyle Reid combines with Tim Knowles to clear the danger zone with Sale pressing to wrap up the game.



Wonthaggi's Darcy Brosnan forces his way into some rare clear air against Sale in the Power's losing preliminary final at Morwell last Saturday. 2



## 2022 WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION GRAND FINAL



Phillip Island are the 2022 WGFNC fourths premiers. B01\_3722

# Young Bulldogs reign supreme

By Aiden Box

HAVING split their two meetings with one win apiece Inverloch-Kongwak and Phillip Island clashed for the right to hoist the under 16s premiership cup to open the day's football.

The Sea Eagles had completed a remarkable perfect home and away season but fell to the Bulldogs at home in week two of the finals, before fighting back with a gritty Preliminary Final victory.

The play was shared quite evenly through the opening minutes, before a lucky free gave Island a great chance at goal and they made no mistake.

The Sea Eagles were able to answer though, and eventually went into the first break eight points adrift.

Throughout the second term though, the Bulldogs were able to capitalise on their forward entries at a much greater rate than IK, driving it into their dangerous forwards on many occasions to extend their lead to 20 points at the main break.

The Sea Eagles were never going to go down without a fight though, showing true guts to hold the 'Dogs goalless in the third, but they just could not capitalise themselves, going scoreless for the term in horrid conditions.

In the end Phillip Island simply outworked the undermanned Sea Eagles line up, the midfield from 'the kennel' getting too much of the ball.

Yianni Caffieri and Noah Muller creating great play for the Bulldogs on route to their 31-point win.

Archie Terlich, Patrick Dwyer and Harry Butcher were brave all game long, putting in great performances despite the loss for IK.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, 2022 WGFNC fourths premiers!

Bulldogs' ruckman Zac Walker was judged best on ground.



The Bulldogs under 16s best on ground Zac Walker. Photos: Carol Ratcliff



Under 16s Phillip Island's Benji Chihotski gets the tackle.

## Seagulls ice perfect season with flag

By Aiden Box

THE reserves contest was a replay of 2019's famous decider, which saw Tooradin-Dalmore upset the reigning premiers Koo Wee Rup with a long goal after the final siren.

This time it was the Seagulls who came in as favourites following an undefeated home and away season, while the Demons came in as the challenger after battling from fifth to reach their third consecutive decider.

Despite the wet and blustery conditions, both teams looked to be moving the ball with great skill and speed as a strong crowd poured in around the ground.

Both teams came out firing as the minor premier Seagulls booted three goals to Koo Wee Rup's two within the first 20 minutes, before a late goal to the latter had them within one point at the first break and the 'Gulls had a game on their hands.

Although despite their unwavering effort throughout the rest of the match, the 'Ruppers fairy-tale run to another premiership just wasn't to be, as they were held goalless in the second term while the Seagulls slotted three of their own.

The minor premiers dominated after quarter time, pouring on 11 goals to three to eventually claim the premiership with a 48-point win.

Congratulations to Tooradin-Dalmore, the 2022 WGFNC reserves premiers, going back-to-back!

Seagull Jake O'Donnell claimed the best on ground medal.

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Tooradin-Dal 3.2 6.6 10.7 13.10 (88)

Phillip Island 1.1 2.1 5.4 6.6 (42)

**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Julian Suarez 5, Blake Grewar, Stewart Scanlon 2, Lewis Hill, Steven Robb, James Trezise, Piva Wright 1 each**BEST:** Piva Wright, Brent Macaffer, Julian Suarez**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Cameron Brown, Orlando Kane Gillard, Jesse Patullo, Jordy Patullo, Cameron Pedersen, Billy Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon, Eli Richards, Mark Griffin, Orlando Kane Gillard, Matt Jackson**RESERVES**  
Tooradin-Dal 3.1 6.2 10.3 14.4 (88)

Koo Wee Rup 3.0 3.0 4.4 6.4 (40)

**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Thomas Bethune 3, Johnny Duff, Jordan Jones 2, Jake Genon, Lauchlan Gregson, Michael Hobbs, Timothy Lenders, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Joshua Trezise, James Wheeler 1 each**BEST:** Thomas Bethune, Jake O'Donnell, Adam Splatt, Michael Hobbs, Johnny Duff, Timothy Lenders**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Mitch Molloy 2, Mitchell Davey, Matthew Drommel, Kalin Parker, Ryan Wilby 1 each**BEST:** Jason Stokkel, Jason Kelly, Ryan Wilby, Mitch Molloy, Matt Bolleman, Brannon Harrison**THIRDS**  
Inverloch-K 1.2 2.4 2.6 4.7 (31)

Garfield 1.0 2.0 2.1 3.2 (20)

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Sasha Allen, Tyson Bolam, Taite Cumming, Callan O'Flynn 1 each**BEST:** Taite Cumming, Jack Butcher, Joe Soumilas, Lucas Harmer, Jaxon Hayes, Tyson Bolam**GOALS, Garfield:** Isaac Braaksma 3**BEST:** Darby Craven, Isaac Braaksma, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Jed Pinkerton, John Zaccari, Levi Reid**FOURTHS**  
Phillip Island 2.2 5.2 5.6 7.8 (50)

Inverloch-K 1.0 2.0 2.0 3.1 (19)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Finn O'Brien 4, Benjamin Chihotski 2, Daniel Caffieri 1**BEST:** Finn O'Brien, Zac Walker, Leo Savona, Darcy Thompson, William Peppard, Yianni Caffieri**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Jobe Scapin 2, Willem Duursma 1**BEST:** Archie Terlich, Patrick Dwyer, Jett Garnham, Lucas Allen, Harry Butcher, Willem Duursma

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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# Seagulls down dogs for premiership glory



Tooradin-Dalmore completed a near perfect season to claim the 2022 WGFNC senior premiership. B09\_3722



Phillip Island's Billy Taylor tackles Seagull Brent Macaffer in the seniors Grand Final. B11\_3722

By Aiden Box

WITH storylines aplenty leading in, the minor premier Seagulls met the back-to-back reigning premier Bulldogs who came into the day's showcase on the back of their incredible Preliminary Final win, full of belief.

If any team was going to knock off the almighty Seagulls in 2022, it would be the boys from 'the kennel' the only team to do so this season.

As the rain cleared and the crowd gathered around the beautifully maintained Garfield ground, the teams battled it out for a scoreless first eight minutes, as they both settled into the contest.

Tooradin-Dalmore looked committed to controlling possession and cutting angles by foot, playing an uncontested and methodical game early, while the 'Dogs looked to go faster and more direct.

The 'Gulls finally broke through with the game's first major, ending the stalemate after almost 10 minutes.

However, Island were good enough to reply with a spectacular running finish from outside 50 off the boot of Cameron Brown.

Despite Tooradin-Dalmore controlling the majority of the play, Cameron Pedersen was putting together a brilliant performance for 'the Island' intercepting and creating plenty of plays.

The Seagulls continued to press though, and Blake Grewar's pressure ensured they generated plenty of scoring opportunities as big Piva Wright proved to be an absolute force at centre half forward.

The Bulldogs had momentum, belief and history on their side coming in, but even that wasn't quite enough to stop the force that was the 2022 Seagulls who used their trademark slick play, pressure and run to kick away in the second and third terms.

Their excellent skills, especially by foot allowed their forwards to dine out, including Julian Suarez who had an absolute feast, booting a bag of five goals on the back of some superb forward craft.

The men in red and green poured on 10 goals five after quarter time, as the strong and experienced 'Island' back six battled to stop the onslaught.

They maintained their five-goal buffer after establishing it at half time and went on to claim the premiership by a resounding 46-points.

The Seagulls complete the minor premiership and premiership double, dropping just the one game for the entire season, and incredible run to raise their first flag in 25 years, simply a class above in 2022.

Tooradin-Dalmore become just the third club to hoist the senior trophy after Inverloch Kongwak claimed the first in 2017 and Phillip Island went back-to-back in 2018 and 2019.

The Bulldogs unfortunate loss shows just how tough it is to go three from three, regardless, it caps off a remarkable season of perseverance in what could be legendary head coach Beau Vernon's last.

Congratulations to Tooradin-Dalmore, the 2022 WGFNC senior premiers!

Seagulls big man and fan favourite Piva Wright received the best on ground medal.



The Sea Eagles celebrate their WGFNC thirds premiership. B03\_3722

# Sea Eagles snatch the premiership win

FOLLOWING two tight and fiery matchups during the season Inverloch-Kongwak battled it out with Garfield for the under 18 title.

The Stars having the luxury of running out onto their home ground, where they became the first team to defeat IK in the home and away season.

The opening quarter was tight and tough as each team only managed one goal, the Sea Eagles taking a slim two-point lead into the first change.

Garfield hit the lead in the second with a major but IK's Callan O'Flynn pushed his side back in front with one of his own, he was giving his side plenty of grunt and play in the ruck.

Throughout the middle quarters the Sea Eagle pressure lifted, and they were able to own much of the play but just couldn't burst the floodgates open in slippery conditions.

Most of the play ended up being scrappy with both teams trying to just knock it forward by any way they could, stoppages became frequent.

With IK just five-points ahead to begin the final term, the hometown Stars broke through with a major, igniting the healthy home crowd who urged them on.

However, another IK stoppage win gave Tyson Bolam room to snap through a reply and IK's crowd were just as loud, willing their boys to close out the game.

The pressure gauge reached an

**By Aiden Box**

all-season high in the final moments as IK clung to a five-point lead and Garfield desperately tried to will the ball up their end.

A behind to IK gave the Stars a late chance and they were able to work it to centre wing with less than two minutes remaining.

But it was a clutch defensive play from IK that won them back possession and they found the chest of Hayden Lindsay, who was mown down from behind...

But the umpire had not called play on and as a result a costly 50 metre penalty was awarded to IK, much to the despair of the Stars faithful.

As Lindsay lined up for goal with just seconds on the clock, chaos ensued, with an ill-disciplined punch igniting an all-in scuffle, Lindsay was awarded another 50.

He trotted to the vacant goal square and booted the ball over the heads of the strong IK supporter base who erupted in celebration, IK had done it, Lindsay's goal sealing the premiership by 11-points.

The siren sounded as the mayhem continued, jerseys ripped and upended, players getting close and personal, scrapping on the ground and the Sea Eagles faithful charged onto the field in celebration.

Congratulations Inverloch-Kongwak, the 2022 WGFNC thirds premiers!

Sea Eagles captain and much-loved midfielder Joe Soumilas received the best on ground nod.



Inverloch-Kongwak captain and best on ground awardee Joe Soumilas hoists the WGFNC thirds premiership cup with coach Chris Terlich. B02\_3722

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Inverloch-Kongwak are the 2022 WGFNC A grade premiers. B05\_3722

## Sea Eagles top the West Gippy courts

By Aiden Box

THROUGHOUT all 18 rounds of the home and away season the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition courts saw more than its fair share of high-level netball, and it reached new heights in the finals.

Last Saturday marked the end of an incredible season, but also produced some scintillating Grand Finals on the courts of Garfield.

### A grade

Highlighting the day was of course, the rematch of the second semi final in the A grade

division, between minor premiers Inverloch-Kongwak and semi final victors Bunyip.

Experts tipped it to be a high-speed shootout with top tier skills, and it sure did not disappoint, as IK's stringent defence came up against Bunyip's high-powered attack.

It was the Bulldogs explosive attack that got upper hand early in a rapid start, it was an onslaught in the first term as the 'Dogs shooters seemingly could not miss and their passes all pinpoint.

However, down six early the Sea Eagles mounted a charge thanks to some inspired play from wing attack Lanni Pryor and league best and fairest winner Renee Pilkington who was playing centre.

Although Bunyip's shooters continued to raise problems for IK coach Jaz Walker and his team, the team of the year coach swapped Kelsey Buxton from defence into centre for Pilkington and brought on Asha Boyd in the second and his girls made a real surge.

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IK's Kelsey Buxton was judged best on court in the Grand Final. B06\_3722

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