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IT WAS Dustin Martinesque, and then some, the way Leongatha captain Tom Marriott led the 2022 Gippsland premiership Parrots through a glorious grand final at Moe on Saturday, and in the weeks leading up.

Not only was he named the league's best player last Wednesday, the 2022 Trood Award and Rodda Medal winner for the second time, but he was voted 'best on ground' by the umpires in the grand final and earned himself a premiership medal for his efforts on the day.

But, going one better than 'Dusty' if you like, he had the honour as captain of the Parrots of holding up the 'Mort Kennedy Premiership Cup', together with Leongatha coach Trent McMicking.

What a day, what a week, and what a haul of silverware for the Leongatha champ!

But, always humble in success, Marriott chose to heap praise after the game on the club's crop of local youngsters, as the Parrots' defining achievement in 2022; including premiership players Travis Nash, Will Littlejohn, Jack Hume, Ned Hanly and Aaron Turton, all of whom played in the club's 2019 Thirds premiership team.

Marriott didn't get through the day unscathed however, and was seen hobbling off the ground halfway through the last quarter after big Sale ruckman Jack Leslie fell across his leg, leaving it to one of those youngsters, Aaron Turton, to ice the game in thrilling style.

More details inside.

RIGHT: Parrots' premiership captain, flanked by Sale champ Shannen Lange, wins another clearance in Saturday's grand final.



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Leongatha C Grade netball premiership team members Brook Materia, Evie Dekker and Elise Dowling weren't letting go of their premiership cup.



Aaron Heppell, Will Littlejohn and Justin Pellicano with the cup lead the first chorus of the Parrots' victory song in the rooms after Saturday's grand final.



Leongatha premiership player Jack Hume congratulates Sale defender Kane Martin on a great game at Moe last Saturday.



Victorious Leongatha coach shares a moment after the final siren with one of the stars of the grand final, Josh Hopkins.



The Kelly family share the moment, after the Reserves grand final with Leongatha Reserves Coach Rhett Kelly.



Leongatha Reserves premiership player Tom Crocker was delighted with the team's success at Moe in Saturday's grand final.



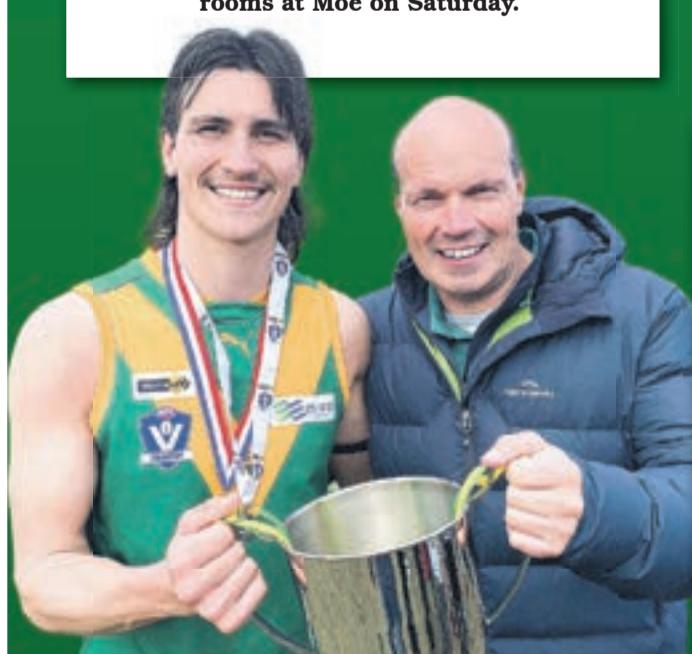
Leongatha assistant coach Matt Davies dons the beer goggles as the first chorus of "Wear a smile not a frown..." echoes through the rooms at Moe on Saturday.



The whole Leongatha Football Netball Club and their supporters joined together in the middle of Parrot Park with their cups for a team song on Saturday night.



A delighted assistant coach Stu Wigney celebrates with Aaron Heppell after the final siren signals an end to the Gippsland League grand final.



Best on ground in the Gippsland League reserves grand final Tim Sauvarin is congratulated afterwards by father Gary Sauvarin.



Leongatha runner Nick Eddy goes up with the coaching team on the bench as the siren sounds to signal Leongatha's victory.



Grant Fleming with daughter Marlee, comes up to receive his Gippsland League Reserves Premiership medal after the game.

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Premier Daniel Andrews with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (left) and Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas (right) after announcing the Labor Government would invest up to \$290m for the next stage of the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion. Ns083822

\$290M FOR HOSPITAL IF RE-ELECTED

THE PREMIER has upped the stakes after announcing the Labor Government would fund the next critical stages of the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion at a cost of up to \$290 million.

At a packed media conference last week, Premier Daniel Andrews made the huge announcement much to the delight of Bass Coast Health (BCH).

The government had funded \$115m for the first stage of the hospital expansion, which is expected to be completed and handed over to BCH on November 9, this year.

By Nick Sinis

Stage one has seen the construction of the new three storey building, which adjoins the current site.

The ground level features the main entrance to the health service, with the emergency department, short stay unit, front of house (reception) and radiology.

Level two contains theatres and recovery, day of surgery admissions, elective surgery admission unit, and central sterilising and supply department.

While Level three will be the surgical ward. Stage two and three funding, between \$250 to \$290m, would see two new wards with up to 64 beds for patients; one will be a medical ward and the second will be a sub-acute ward.

These will be built in a new building adjacent to the hospital expansion, and will be a three-four storey building with an outpatient and day therapy area (including a new dialysis centre) on the bottom and first floors.

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Premier Daniel Andrews with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale standing with local paramedics before making his jaw-dropping funding announcement. Ns053822

Government pledges up to \$290m for hospital if re-elected

From page 1

The stages also involve a new Women's Health Centre including a labour and delivery complex with three birthing suites, and a new outpatient clinic with around 25 treatment spaces.

The investment would also complete the medical imaging unit begun in the first stage of works, refurbish allied health treatment spaces, administration buildings and training areas, and deliver extra car parking for staff, patients and visitors.

"If we are re-elected in November, a re-elected Labor Government will fund up to \$290m to fully complete the second stage of this hospital," Mr Andrews announced last week.

"This is essentially replacing anything we haven't done in stage one, gets picked up in stage two.

"It's about jobs, this is one of the biggest employers in this district.

"When you build new hospitals, it's not only about staff and patients, but it also creates many hundreds of construction jobs."

Other stages of the hospital's redevelopment include an expanded outpatient and day treatment area including a new dialysis area, a contemporary medical ward that connects to the new surgical ward, and a

new sub-acute ward.

The redevelopment of residential aged care facilities would be in stage four.

BCH CEO Jan Child was ecstatic about the announcement and what it would mean for the organisation's future.

"It's huge, not just for BCH but the community," she said.

"It actually sets us up to be a proper, fully fledged regional health service.

"It means we will be able to attract staff faster as they will want to work in a place where there's great equipment and facilities."

However, if the current government is not re-elected, Ms Child hopes whichever party is elected will recognise the need for the funding.

She also noted the health service continues to recruit more staff in anticipation for the opening of the expansion and into the future.

In addition to the hospital funding, Mr Andrews announced the government would invest \$20 million to establish the Paramedic Practitioner role.

Paramedic Practitioners can provide urgent care to patients who need it and eliminate the need for a trip to the hospital for many patients.

They will be able to assess, diagnose patients and treat in the field and make clinical decisions.



Premier Andrews announced the state government would invest up to \$290m for the next stage of Wonthaggi's hospital expansion. Ns063822

E-scooter riders on notice

VICTORIA Police will set its sights on e-scooter riders and ramp up enforcement efforts during the spring and summer months in an effort to improve safety for all road users.

Police will focus on educating riders on the rules for privately-owned e-scooters, as well as the trial e-scooters currently being operated under the Department of Transport's e-scooter trial, with fines to be issued for non-compliance.

Police are urging all riders to ensure they understand and comply with the e-scooter trial rules, which include not riding on the footpath, always wearing a helmet, only one person riding on the e-scooter, and only riding if you are over 18 years old.

On the spot fines of \$185 or more can be issued for non-compliance with trial e-scooter rules.

Police will also be cracking down on privately-owned e-scooter usage, with current legislation deeming any non-trial e-scooter that can travel over 10km/h or over 200 watts to be illegal, meaning they cannot be ridden on any public roads, bike lanes or footpaths in Victoria.



Road accident in Korumburra

A YOUNG man was airlifted to Melbourne after being trapped in a single vehicle following an accident at 1.35pm on Sunday.

The serious but non-life-threatening injuries were the result of the vehicle crashing into a tree on Korumburra-Warragul Road in Korumburra.

Individuals with dash cam footage or witness are urged to contact Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Appeal for witnesses

POLICE are appealing for any witnesses that may have seen or heard an incident involving a motor vehicle that was located overturned and engulfed in flames on Toorak Road, Inverloch near Goroke Street.

This incident occurred sometime between 6:45pm and 9:15pm on Friday, September 16.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Cyclist hit in Wonthaggi

A YOUNG cyclist was hit by a car in Wonthaggi on Sunday morning at 7.15am.

The female rider has non-life-threatening injuries and is receiving treatment in hospital.

The driver stopped and rendered assistance at the scene.

Motorists are being urged to be aware of all road users and take care on the roads as the warmer weather starts.

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Due to the upcoming long weekend the deadlines for the next issue of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, to be printed Tuesday, September 27 will be as follows:

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Wind AM: Light
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6° 19°



WED | Sep 21

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

9° 18°



THUR | Sep 22

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

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FRI | Sep 23

Showers.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° 16°



SAT | Sep 24

Shower or two.
Wind AM: S 15-20km/h
Wind PM: S 15-20km/h

9° 15°



SUN | Sep 25

Possible shower.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

7° 18°

IN BRIEF

Car fire in Cowes

CFA was notified to reports of a car fire on Church Street in Cowes at 1pm last Friday.

Four CFA trucks and volunteer firefighter crews from Phillip Island and San Remo responded, along with Victoria Police with the incident declared under control at 1.18pm.

Crews remained on scene for some time afterwards.

The fire is not believed to be suspicious at this time.

Public assistance in Meeniyan

AN unknown male was observed in the vicinity of a private resident on Edward Street in Meeniyan in the early morning of September 15.

The Caucasian male has medium length hair and was wearing a black zip jacket, tan boots and shorts.

Anyone with information regarding the individual or CCTV footage in the area is urged to call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Forced entry at Leongatha Secondary

AN unknown offender forced entry into Leongatha Secondary College's Agricultural Shed between 10-11pm on September 15.

A quantity of tools and items appear to have been untouched, however, it is unknown if anything was stolen.

Anyone with information or CCTV footage is urged to call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Offenders apprehended in Wonthaggi

TWO male offenders were apprehended by police on September 15, at 1am at the old Wonthaggi Secondary McBride Avenue campus for burglary and theft.

The alleged offenders were caught with copper from the premise.

One of the alleged men was remanded in custody and the other alleged offender was bailed to appear in court at a later date.

Accident on Graham Street

AN ELDERLY male driver travelling west on Graham Street is understood to have had a medical episode resulting in the vehicle colliding with the letterbox and house hitting a gas main in the process.

Family members inside the vehicle were uninjured and the driver was assessed by Ambulance Victoria on scene.

Emergency services blocked the road for a short

time as the gas leak was controlled and the residence secured and made safe.

Graham Street reopened a short time later.

Police are investigating the cause and have urged anyone with CCTV or dash cam footage to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Cruelty to animals

YARRAM Police interviewed an 18-year-old Gippsland male on September 13, in relation to aggravated cruelty to animals as a result of information received from the public.

Police have suspended the male's Victorian firearms licence and he will be summonsed to appear at court over subsequent offences detected by police against the Firearms Act.

Investigations are ongoing in relation to offences relating to animal cruelty and anyone with further information is encouraged to contact Yarram Police on 5182 5033.

Pump track petition

A PETITION containing 74 written signatures and 735 electronic has been received. The petition reads: Please sign to let the Bass Coast Shire know that a pump track would be a great addition to our community! What is a pump track? A pump track is an asphalt circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed for bicycles, scooters, skateboards and even wheelchairs. Riders can generate momentum by up and down body movements or 'pumping'. Pump Tracks are fun and beneficial for people of all ages and abilities! Section 55.2 of the Bass Coast Shire Council Governance Rules states that: "Unless Council resolves to deal with it earlier, no motion (other than a motion to receive the same) may be made on any petition, joint letter or other like application until a future Ordinary Council meeting after that at which it has been presented." Recommendation 1. That the petition, Pump Track for Cape Woolamai be received and lie on the table with a report to be presented no later than the December 2022 Council Meeting. 2. That the head petitioner be advised of Council's decision.

Applications are now open for the Pre-Development Grants, that recognise local groups and organisations that are key to delivering important projects to communities.

Since 2020, the Delburn Wind Farm has awarded over \$30,000 in funding grants to community groups to boost local connections, health and the environment.

Applications from local community groups will be viewed favourably if they contribute to the following:

- Build sustainable communities

- Enhance community safety, health and wellbeing

- Support community education

- Enhance the natural environment

Applications for the Pre-Development fund will close on October 30, 2022. For information on eligibility criteria and to make an application, visit the OSMI website.

Anyone requiring assistance

care, employment, education, training and opportunities to volunteer in local communities.

During emergencies, Neighbourhood Houses provide critical support to communities through services like food relief.

"The Andrews Labor Government guarantee of ongoing funding for extra hours at local Neighbourhood Houses would provide a degree of certainty for the whole sector," PICAL Centre Manager Greg Thompson said.

"Many local Neighbourhood House Community Centres provided frontline essential services, such as emergency Food Banks, throughout the entire COVID pandemic."

"The demand for this type of assistance, as well as all the other community services delivered, has continued to grow throughout 2022, as higher cost-of-living expenses are causing extreme financial pressures for many families.

"The announcement of the ongoing extra-hours funding will keep Neighbourhood Houses open."

In 2022-23, the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program is investing record funding of more than \$42 million a year to almost 400 Neighbourhood Houses, 16 Neighbourhood House networks and the peak body Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.

Community pre-development grants now open

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with an application, can email contactus@osmi.com.au or call 1800 676 428. After October, OSMI Australia and Cubico Sustainable Investments will review the applications and announce the successful Pre-Development Fund recipients.

Snakes out and about as the weather warms up

AS THE days become warmer, snakes are starting to emerge from their winter brumation to bask in the sun and search for food and a mate.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Project Officer for Gippsland, Simon Ruff, said:

"It's not uncommon to find snakes warming themselves on a rock or in a clearing during winter, particularly on a sunnier day, so it's important we're mindful that they can be out and about earlier than normally expected.

"Snakes are generally shy and prefer to keep away from people and often when a snake is found in a backyard it's because it's moving through the area to another habitat.

"In Gippsland, Tiger Snakes and Lowland Copperheads are more common near the coast, while Eastern Browns prefer the drier areas. Red bellied Black Snakes are also common."

If you live in an area with snakes, please remember:

- When left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people.

• If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you (including pets) away from the area.

• Don't attempt to capture or harm snakes. Instead call DELWP on 136 186 for further advice.

• Maintain lawns and clean up around your house, as snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, chook sheds, sheets of metal, and building materials.

• Undertake first aid training and ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975, and it is illegal to capture, harm, or kill them.

If you have information about people wilfully destroying protected wildlife, please contact Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

Brumation is the term used to describe the hibernation of cold-blooded animals, namely reptiles and amphibians who rely on the surrounding environment to regulate their body temperature.

Community concern continues over police staffing levels

THE ongoing issue of police resources and availability across Phillip Island was the focus of an intense social media discussion recently.

The debate began after a Facebook user posted a question on a community group page, asking why the Cowes Police Station is not open at night, stating their call was re-directed to Wonthaggi.

The user added they been trying to report trespassers in their yard.

With the most recent crime statistics showing an increase of criminal incidents in Cowes, other users were quick to highlight the issue has been ongoing for Island residents.

Here's what some users had to say:

"Please contact our local member of parliament Jordan Crugnale and even the Police Chief commissioner himself. Local police would love to provide a better service to the local community but are critically short staffed. Their calls for more staff are not being listened to, so locals need to push for this to change not just for our community but for the poor overworked police members who are wanting to be able to do more but don't have the resources."

"Have you called the station to ask? I found out that just because the police station is closed to walk ins, it's still staffed by police in the cars/ patrolling. It's just the desk that's closed. So there is still police in Cowes even when the stations shut."

"I actually had a great experience with the Cowes police station. I had three people looking



The issue of police resources in Phillip Island came to a head again on social media recently as the community continues to raise concern about the matter.

around my house at 11.00pm and they triggered my cameras. I wasn't home at the time. I called the station and they arrived within five minutes of me calling. They searched my home for damage and called me back to let me know. I was so appreciative."

As part of this year's Victorian State Budget, another 502 police officers will be deployed across the state over the next two years.

The allocation for each Police Service Area is not yet confirmed, but an announcement is imminent.

Victoria Police is constantly reviewing police numbers, level of offending and peak times when police are required.

"Police are 100 per cent committed to keeping everyone who lives in or visits our beautiful region safe, with a 24-hour

police response across the entire Bass Coast region, including Cowes," said Scott Morrison, Acting Senior Sergeant.

"Cowes Police Station counter is sometimes temporarily unstaffed because it is often more effective for police officers to be out patrolling the community, so they can be where they are needed most, rather than behind a desk at a police station.

"Police officers are always within close proximity to respond to incidents as they occur, with back-up support from larger police stations such as Wonthaggi when required.

"Staff numbers at both Cowes and San Remo police stations are among the highest they have ever been, with a number of vacancies recently filled.

"The community can expect to see an increase in police resources during busy periods

such as the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in October, Schoolies Week in November, and over the peak summer holiday period.

"We work alongside our many partners, including Ambulance Victoria, Parks Victoria and the Bass Coast Shire Council, to help support our community in enjoying a safe and orderly holiday period.

"Schoolies Week in particular is expected to have its largest police presence than ever before, with the number of school leavers visiting the region expected to increase now that lockdowns are a thing of the past."

A Victorian Government spokesperson said that the location and deployment of police officers is a matter for the Chief Commissioner of Police.

"Of the 3637 new police officers funded by investment from the Government, 100 police officers and 12 family violence specialist police have been allocated to the Morwell division, which includes Bass Coast Shire," the spokesperson said.

"As well as by Cowes and San Remo police stations, Bass Coast Shire is also serviced by a 24-hour police station in Wonthaggi."

It is important that anyone in need of urgent police assistance calls Triple Zero (000).

Alternatively, if a non-urgent crime has occurred such as a property theft, the community are able to report this to police via the Police Assistance Line (131 444) or by reporting online via police.vic.gov.au.

Opposition to introduce police response times

THE State opposition is pledging to introduce response times for Victoria Police in line with other emergency services and ensure there are adequate resources.

According to the Liberal Nationals, despite response times being published for ambulance, fire and state emergency services, Victoria remains the only state in Australia that doesn't measure and publicly report police response times.

They highlighted that while the current State Government promised to introduce police response times, they had failed to deliver.

Liberals and Nationals Government will:

- Introduce response times for Victoria Police in line with other emergency services.
- Ensure that Victoria Police has the police numbers and other resources needed to deliver these effective response times.

Share your thoughts

BASS Coast Shire is seeking community feedback to help develop an Open Space Master Plan for the Fred Gration (Coronet Bay) Reserve.

Located in Coronet Bay, Fred Gration Reserve is the key recreational and community hub for the town.

The busy Reserve features a community hall, BMX track, community garden, playspace, circuit track, basketball court, storage sheds, a bocce area and an open space area with a social cricket pitch and sports goals.

The aim of the Master Plan is to recognise the important role the Reserve will play for the community over the next 10 years, as the town grows.

Submissions close midnight on Sunday, October 23.

Information gathered through this initial community consultation phase will be used to inform the draft Master Plan.

Drop-in sessions will be held on:

- Thursday, October 13, 2022, 03:00 pm – 04:00 pm
- Thursday, October 13, 2022, 05:00 pm – 06:00 pm

The draft master plan is expected to be released in February 2023.

You can provide feedback by:

- completing a short online survey
- chatting to the shire's team at a drop-in session listed or
- writing a submission to: recreation@basscoast.vic.gov.au or by PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3995.

Overdose deaths continue to decline in Victoria

***WARNING: The following article discusses overdose deaths.**

THE Coroners Court of Victoria released the Victorian overdose deaths, 2012-2021 report recently with 4699 overdose deaths in Victoria between 2012 and 2021.

These figures have reduced from their 2018 peak, with 2021 numbers closer to 2016 levels.

Of the 500 individuals in 2021, 70.6 per cent were male, with the largest age group 45 to 54 years.

Other than 2012 when 35 to 44-years was followed by 25 to 34 years, the statistics show a gradual climb in mid-life individuals in the 45 to 54 years category.

Fatal incidences were largely attributable to Metropolitan Melbourne with Regional Victoria accounting for only 20.1 per cent of overdose deaths last year.

On average, 73 per cent of deaths during the period involved multiple drugs with pharmaceutical drugs the leading cause, behind illegal drugs and

then alcohol.

The report also highlighted some alarming trends.

'One potential trend observed in the data was the decline over time in the frequency and proportion of Victorian overdose deaths involving only pharmaceutical drugs, and the concomitant rise in overdose deaths involving pharmaceutical and illegal drugs in combination.'

'Another potential trend was the rise over time... of alcohol-only overdose deaths.'

Benzodiazepine drug types

was the leading cause of death, with Diazepam, heroin and methamphetamine ranking in the top three contributing drugs.

Individuals are encouraged to seek assistance from their pharmacist if they have any concerns or potential issues with their medication.

Locally, Bass Coast and South Gippsland saw a decline in the past two years with Bass Coast registering zero deaths and South Gippsland one.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

IT may not seem like it as we shiver through a chilly start to spring, but soon the weather will warm up and our minds will once again turn to the beach.

Here on Bass Coast we are blessed with a beautiful rugged coastline, but danger lurks not far below the surface.

When I was growing up it seemed everyone knew how to swim well. It was just part of our DNA. These days however the statistics tell us there is a significant – and growing – percentage of the population who can't swim.

Swimming lessons are of course vital and we have talked in the past about our need for new pools at Wonthaggi and Cowes.

Our last line of defence are the army of volunteers at our surf lifesaving clubs. On Bass Coast we are fortunate to have four: Cape Paterson SLSC, Woolamai Beach SLSC, Inverloch SLSC and Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club.

I recently attended the Cape Paterson SLSC annual general meeting where I was reminded of the important social role that Clubs play.

The Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club was formed at a public meeting in the Wonthaggi RSL Clubrooms on 22 March 1960. The first clubhouse, a 3 metre by 10 metre fibro shed, was built near the site of the present boat ramp by the members in readiness for 1960/61 season.

The season began with five active members and conducted its first carnival on 7 January 1962. More than 60 years later, Cape Paterson SLSC boasts more than 1,200 passionate members. The Nippers program caters for children aged 5 to 13 and is a source of many life-long friendships for locals and holiday-makers.

When you're lying on the sand over summer, playing beach cricket or simply watching the kids or grandkids splash around, do the right thing and stay between the flags, but please take the time to go and wander over and say thank you to the members in the yellow and red caps keeping our community safe.

You might be the next person they save.



Graham Street's new pedestrian crossing outside the Plaza Arcade is expected to be open by the end of this month. Ns013822

Works to continue until November

PEDESTRIAN upgrades along Graham and Murray Streets in Wonthaggi are expected to be completed by the end of November this year.

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) has been constructing new pedestrian crossings since May.

According to RRV, the Graham Street crossing outside the Plaza Arcade is expected to be open by the end of September.

All underground service works, and the installation of coloured concrete footpaths are now complete.

Asphalting and line-markings will be installed over the coming weeks.

While works have commenced for another crossing near the arts centre.

At Murray Street, street lighting poles have been installed and will be activated closer to the completion of works.

Electrical cables to the power street lighting have also been installed, as well as streetscaping consisting of new plants and seating.

Flashing pedestrian lights will soon be connected to

power, and installation of artwork by indigenous artist Koorin Edwards will be added to the footpath.

RRV will also be introduce speed limits of 40km/h within the coming weeks along Graham Street, Murray Street, Billson Street and McBride Avenue in the CBD.

However, the project has seen 14 car spaces removed and two regular car parks converted to disabled use only.

While an additional drop-off area will be created in front of the arts centre.

Shire reports on \$1 million loss

DELIVERING a record \$36.5 million worth of capital works hasn't come without its issues for the Bass Coast Shire Council with only 62 per cent of the program completed by the end of June 30, 2022.

In its quarterly report to council this week, the shire's administration has revealed that while 62% of the projects were completed, the remaining 34% were still in progress at the time of writing the report, or are staged to be delivered as multiyear projects.

Some 4% of the program

has been deferred and one project has been removed from the program.

In other details, the report reveals that Council has recorded an operating surplus of \$23.96 million which is \$8.46 million more than expected mainly due to "un-budgeted developer infrastructure contributions" of \$14 million and government grants for such projects as the Rhyll Boat Ramp.

Once the impact of capital grants and contributions are removed, however, Council's adjusted underlying result reflects a \$0.7

million deficit which is \$1 million more than expected.

It reflects a higher than budgeted workers compensation insurance payment after the dissolution of the MAV WorkCare scheme, increased waste costs and development planning expenditure, and the gifting of library assets to a new not-for-profit organization MYLI.

On a positive note the shire has completed 22 of the 25 initiatives in its Annual Action Plan for 2021/22 with the others substantially completed.



Thompson Avenue in Cowes is set to get a new four-storey hotel and apartment building.

Council set to back new Cowes hotel

COWES is set to get a new four-storey hotel, with five residential apartments and a mix of retail spaces, at 85 Thompson Avenue, roughly opposite the Aldi Supermarket, with Bass Coast Shire Council set to support the amended application at VCAT.

Council previously opposed the application but after significant changes were made, is set to support the project.

In summary the changes proposed include:

- Removal of the fifth storey and now the recession of the fourth storey with a proposed height of approximately 13.7 metres to the top of the fourth storey.
- It is noted that the overall height including roof-top services is 17.1m to allow for the lift overrun and other services.
- Reduction to 43 hotel rooms (previously 46 Hotel rooms).
- 5 residential apartments (previously 11 apartments).
- Hotel lobby, gym and pool at ground floor to the rear of the site.
- Second floor of 14 hotel rooms and two residential apartments (3 bedrooms).
- Third floor of 15 hotel rooms and two residential apartments (3 bedrooms).
- Fourth floor of 13 hotel rooms and one residential apartment (3 bedrooms).
- Basement car park with 44 car spaces (previously 46).
- A car parking reduction of approximately 29 car spaces (previously 40 car space reduction).

Approval by council would be subject to a comprehensive list of 37 conditions controlling all aspects of construction.

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Crime takes a holiday in Bass Coast

THE rate of family violence incidents has fallen by 9.1% across Bass Coast and the overall crime rate in South Gippsland is down 6.7%, part of a statewide trend which police have described as "incredibly positive".

While there has been a slight increase in the total number of family violence incidents in South Gippsland, up by 1.5% from 532-540, the number of crime incidents overall has fallen from 1284 to 1198 in the local government area (LGA), down 6.7%.

Also, on a pleasing note for South Gippsland, police are laying charges in 45.7% of the criminal incidents they investigate, with only 54.3% of detected crimes either unresolved or not having charges laid.

The figure of crimes resolved isn't quite so good in Bass Coast.

Of the criminal incidents detected in Bass Coast, just 38% result in charges while a concerning number of incidents are either unresolved or don't result in charges being laid.

In both South Gippsland and Bass Coast, the top criminal incident is "breach of family violence intervention orders"; 181 incidents in South Gippsland and 246 in Bass Coast.

Criminal damage is the next most significant crime category in both LGAs with 149 incidents in South Gippsland and 231 in Bass Coast for the year ending June 2022.

One area of criminal activity that is higher in Bass Coast than South Gippsland is the number of non-aggravated residential burglaries, that is criminals entering homes when the owners aren't there.

There were 148 such incidents detected in Bass Coast, indicative of the number of unattended holiday homes in the LGA.

State crime down 10%

In the 12 months to end of June 2022, across Victoria, there were 469,506 criminal offences recorded representing a decrease of 52,139 offences or 10% from the same 12-month period in 2021.

This represents the lowest number of criminal offences committed in the year since 2014.

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

police spokesperson.

"Each victim of crime is one too many and that is why we are pleased to see the lowest number of victims since the introduction of the Law Enforcement Assistance Program in 1993.

"In this 12-month reporting period, there were 164,104 victims of crime – 38,280 less people than the same period in 2017."

- Robberies were at their lowest rates since 2005.
- Family violence offending saw a 3.1% reduction.
- Overall assaults were down 859 offences from the year prior.

On this score police have praised venue owners and operators for making and abiding by responsible service of alcohol rules.

- The total number of firearm offences in Victoria decreased by 232 offences in the 12 months to end of June 2022 and knife offences decreased by 9.5%.
- Residential burglaries were at their lowest levels since 1993.
- Overall drug related offending was also down.

Some of these reductions are attributable to reduced activity general as a result of COVID restrictions and they'll be working hard to keep crime figures at these new levels.



Highway Patrol have been ensuring driver safety along South Gippsland Highway during September as Operation Focus hits the mid-point. C105_3822

Low tolerance for unsafe driving

IT'S BEEN 19 days since Operation Focus hit the South Gippsland Highway.

In that time 172 tickets have been issued, 650 PBT (Preliminary Breath Tests) and 70 drug tests have been conducted with five positive alcohol results, and 12 positive drug results for methamphetamines and cannabis.

Of the 172 tickets, 14 were issued for mobile phone related offences and 110 for speed related offences.

"We have a low tolerance for unsafe behaviour – it is frustrating," Bass Coast Highway Patrol Acting Sergeant Goff said.

The statistics come as another serious collision happened over the weekend in Korumburra.

With Operation Scoreboard also kicking off between Thursday and Sunday, individuals are reminded to be safe on our roads and drive to the conditions.

"If you are drinking ensure you have a ride home or alternative means of transport organised this weekend," Acting Sergeant Goff said.

"We will be out in force with multiple shifts operating every day – offences will not be tolerated.

"We want people to enjoy the weekend and stay safe."



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Our \$116.5 million shire

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is officially a \$116.54 million business, according to its annual Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/22 which must be signed off and presented to the community no later than October 31, 2022.

According to the report, to be presented to council this week for its approval, the salient features of Council's financial performance include:

* \$116.54 million revenue against a budgeted \$91.57 million

* This is largely due to the receipt of \$14 million in unbudgeted developer infrastructure contributions; additional operating grants of \$4.7 million including \$2.8 million in financial assistance grants from the Commonwealth, \$0.9 million from the State Government for environmental restoration works and, \$0.5 million for the outdoor dining initiative; and unbudgeted capital grants of \$3.06 million including funding for the Rhyll Boat Ramp and Jetty

* There's also an \$3.05 million in recognition of special charges related to the Pioneer Bay roads and drainage works.

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

* The shire has recorded an operating surplus of \$23.96 million (against a budgeted surplus of \$8.46 million). This is largely due to the receipt of \$14 million in unbudgeted developer infrastructure contributions and additional government grants.

WONTHAGGI Police Station has a few new recruits who have recently joined the ranks, amongst them is Constable Hannah Carew and work experience student Lucas.

The Sentinel-Times sat down with Hannah and Lucas to chat about the force, their experiences and why they'd recommend it.

Newhaven College Year 11 student Lucas had the opportunity to step up and experience a day in each unit, as part of the local work experience initiative by Bass Coast Police.

"It's been really fun," Lucas explained.

"I've wanted to be a part of VicPol since I was really young. The opportunity came up and I instantly wanted to go for it.

"At school there was an interview system because a few people went for it, and I was lucky enough to get through.

"Every day I've been with a different unit – such as crime scene, highway, I've done a little bit of admin work and watchhouse as well. I really enjoyed Highway Patrol."

Back to high school, Lucas is now looking forwards to finishing VCE, studying Criminology and then applying to the academy.

"Mum was excited for me and has looked into it all. It goes a bit deeper with extra knowledge (before I apply)," Lucas concluded.

A few years ahead of Lucas, 22-year-old Hannah jumped into a traineeship with Bass Coast



Year 11 Newhaven College work experience student, Lucas, and Constable Carew are some of the young faces recently spotted at Wonthaggi Police Station. C69_3822

Shire after finishing high school before stepping into a Police Victorian Public Service position.

"I got a job as a VPS for about three years down in the city," Hannah said.

"Eventually, I felt like I was ready and applied for the academy."

Finishing the academy on March 31, Hannah is finding her feet as she experiences the different divisions within Wonthaggi.

"I've only really worked on the van. The diversity of the different jobs you go to – there is obviously a lot of family violence and mental health – but each job is different.

"There's different aspects to it, different circumstances and just dealing with different people and learning to communicate with them in different ways is really good."

Similarly to Lucas, Hannah wanted to join from a young age – 10-years-old to be precise.

"One of the officers took us on an excursion to the academy in grade six and ever since that day that's all I've wanted to do," Hannah said.

Whilst differing experiences, both Lucas and Hannah agree the camaraderie behind the scenes is what makes it all

worthwhile.

"It's really refreshing, obviously the police have to be quite professional as part of their job in public, but once we're all back here, it's a really nice, relaxed feel – a community feeling, everyone gets along well," Lucas said.

"At times, you go to some pretty hard jobs, but it's good to be able to come back here," Hannah added.

"The last couple of days we've gone to jobs and passer-by's have stopped and said, 'you're doing a really good job'.

"It's refreshing to hear from the community, because most of the time, we're the bad people rocking up to a job, arresting someone or whatnot – so it's nice when you get to a job and people are actually nice to you. It's good to think that the community are appreciative of what we do."

"Go for it" is Lucas' advice for those wanting to apply for work experience, whilst Hannah's advice is that "all you can do is just give it a crack" for those looking to join Victoria Police.

"For me, I applied when I was ready," Hannah said.

"Heaps of people were telling me to just apply, but I think you've got to be ready."

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How Leongatha's Urgent Care Centre is fully supported

THE 'My Emergency Doctor' virtual doctor service, supporting afterhours Urgent Care at the Leongatha Hospital, is up and running.

Several patients, presenting with a range of issues, were supported at the hospital by the service the over the weekend.

Acting CEO at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) Chris Trotman was pleased to see a smooth transition to a new era in health care at Leongatha's Urgent Care Centre.

"My Emergency Doctor is a well-established service, operating here and overseas, linking patients with Australian-qualified emergency physicians, one-on-one," said Ms Trotman.

"A senior nurse will also be with them at all times," said GSHS Director of Nursing Vivienne Low.

My Emergency Doctor was founded in 2016 by Sydney-based emergency physician, Dr Justin Bowra (MBBS FACEM CCPU) and as of January 2022, has taken more than 100,000 calls, treating 80 per cent of patients in situ.

All the consulting doctors within My Emergency Doctor are Fellows of the Australian College for Emergency Medicine (FACEMs). They are Australian-qualified emergency doctors and are all registered with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Some of them, however, may be based overseas, signing on to support the service from remote locations.

Leongatha Healthcare doctors,

although pressed for numbers, will continue to support 'Category One' presentations afterhours at Leongatha, that is, from 9pm to 8am weekdays and some weekends.

The local doctors will continue to support all other services at the Leongatha Hospital as usual.

And nothing will change for the Urgent Care service at the Korumburra Hospital which will continue to be supported by the Korumburra Medical Centre.

With one bed and as few as 1-2 patients daily, Korumburra is fortunate to be able to retain the service.

These assurances follow an announcement last week that local doctors would not be supporting afterhours presentations at Leongatha's Urgent Care Centre.

"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," said Ms Low last week.

"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."

Upon presentation at the Urgent 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.

But Acting CEO Chris Trotman was keen to stress all other services at the hospital would continue to be supported by local doctors and visiting specialists.

Ms Trotman made particular mention of the maternity service at Leongatha.

"We have a very good relationship with our obstetricians and work closely with our local GPs. We have upwards of 200 births-a-year and I can assure you, there are no plans to change the service we presently provide in our maternity unit."

Ms Trotman did acknowledge, however, that the availability and recruitment of GPs in rural areas was an issue right across Australia, not just in Leongatha.

A recent article in the Herald-Sun spoke about a crisis in rural health, resulting in a blowout in appointment times, a reduction in hospital services due to low and falling GP numbers.

The problem, they said quoting the Rural Doctors Association of Australia, is that doctors increasingly don't want to work in rural areas, preferring better paid specialist roles in the city. Also, of recent graduates, only 13 per cent are signing on to be GPs.

Medical authorities have called for higher Medicare payments for GPs working in rural areas.



New Acting CEO at Gippsland Southern Health Service, Chris Trotman, has reassured the community of Leongatha and district that the Leongatha Hospital's Urgent Care Centre will be fully supported by local doctors and a virtual consulting service afterhours.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund EOI

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund are currently being accepted.

The Acquisition Fund aims to strengthen and sustain events across Gippsland by providing funding support for events that will attract visitors and provide economic benefits for the Gippsland region.

This round is open to event organisers in the South Gippsland Shire that will be holding an event before 30 June 2023.

No financial contribution is required, however application guidelines need to be met.

All successful Expressions of Interest will be invited to submit an application, which will then be assessed by Events Gippsland.

To find out more, please contact **Danielle Todaro on 5662 9200**.

To submit an Expression of Interest, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GEAF
EOIs close 5.00pm Monday 10 October, 2022.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

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

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

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Council Chambers, Leongatha)
Wednesday 21 September, 2.00pm

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:
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If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:
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Council conduct its Meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

RFT/333 – Construction of Footpath

Extensions – Various Locations

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RFT/313 – RFT/313 – Jones Street, Foster – Street Reconstruction

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 11 October 2022

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

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Vehicle: 1996 Blue Ford Utility
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OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water pictured at a community engagement session recently included Mary Barry, Sheryn Ringland and Aero Leplastrier.

Crucial submission on offshore energy to be debated

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is set to provide 'in principle' support for offshore renewable energy generation in Gippsland, with councillors advised to endorse a submission to that effect, but will express concerns about potential negative impacts.

Council's current position is to be confirmed at its Wednesday meeting.

Councillors will consider a draft submission in response to the Federal Government's announcement that Gippsland will be the first site in Australia to be formally examined as a new offshore wind zone.

Council's submission is set to take a conservative outlook due to the current lack of specific detail about possible offshore energy projects in the region, and worries about potential negative impacts.

"Council does not currently support the proposed two zones closely adjacent to south western coastline and bays of the municipality, preferring zones to be

By Andrew Paloczi

further off the coast, until further information is confirmed to reduce the potential impacts on coastal visual amenity," it states.

While there is recognition that, "The energy landscape is changing and there is a sense of urgency to prepare and react to developments proposed in or around South Gippsland," council has identified its concerns with the current lack of detail regarding potential offshore energy developments.

Visual impacts of energy generation projects within the proposed zone and possible detrimental effects on tourism are considerations raised.

"There is a lack of information on the direct and indirect impacts that proposed projects located near the South Gippsland coast may have on the South Gippsland community and the position of the community is not yet fully understood," council states.

Wind turbines, and possibly

other offshore energy generation projects, could be situated as little as three nautical miles off the South Gippsland Coast, with that representing the start of Commonwealth waters.

Walkerville resident Peter Robertson is concerned about the visual impact of wind turbines in the region, not only for locals but also for tourists who come for its magnificent coastal views, and also fears for wildlife such as migratory birds and bats.

"Visitors approaching the Prom from the west, starting at Phillip Island, will view the present natural beauty of the coast through a matrix of manmade mechanical structures," Peter said.

He worries that businesses such as restaurants that have been established to take advantage of spectacular views of the Prom and surrounding ocean will suffer financially if those views are spoiled.

Council says it requires further details before being

able to confidently support local offshore energy proposals.

Potential impacts on tourism and visual amenity are of particular concern given the close proximity of parts of the 'Gippsland Proposed Area for investigation' to shore.

The closeness of potential energy generation sites to South Gippsland's iconic natural attractions, environment, seascapes and main tourism and coastal holiday townships is noted in council's September meeting agenda.

Venus Bay, Walkerville, Waratah Bay, Sandy Point and Tidal River (Wilsons Promontory National Park) are mentioned as coastal destinations of concern.

While recognising the valuable employment and investment opportunities that offshore energy generation projects can bring to South Gippsland Shire, council notes the current significant shortfall of housing to accommodate rapid increases in new workforces.

Vote for shire's outstanding citizens

THE 2023 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open.

The awards provide an opportunity for hard-working 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

The Citizen of the Year award aims to celebrate the people in our community who dedicate their time and effort into making South Gippsland a great place to live.

To nominate someone for Citizen of the Year, you just need to answer two short questions: 'Why should your nominee be Citizen of the Year?' and 'Is there an outstanding contribution they have made this year?'. The category was temporarily suspended due to

COVID, which caused the cancellation of many events across South Gippsland.

The process for Young Citizen is similar and is open to any residents of South Gippsland Shire aged between 12 and 25 years.

The shire is also pleased to welcome back the Community Event of the Year category after a two-year hiatus.

The category was temporarily suspended due to

COVID, which caused the cancellation of many events across South Gippsland.

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

Nominations can be submitted at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay

Nominations close November 7, 2022.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies

THIS weekend, I was privileged to attend the Fishy Stories Festival. It was a fantastic event that Council proudly supported through the Community Grants program. Even though I had the tough job of addressing the public after Allison Lester, it was great to see the kids getting involved in the arts from storytelling to acting.

Last Thursday 8 September, I attended the Advancing Women in Leadership Summit alongside Councillor Williams. It was a fascinating and inspirational summit that brought together female leaders across Victoria. One of the highlights was a keynote speech from the former Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

Opportunities like this, to hear from people with such experience and capability, not only inspire but encourage women to seek the positions they deserve and understand the barriers they may face. No one should ever underestimate the power of getting in a room with likeminded people who are passionate for change. I left with a new-found strength and drive knowing that as a leader I am not alone.

On Thursday evening, I attended the Southern Business Women's Network Annual General Meeting. The network is a fantastic group providing support, networking and access to terrific learning opportunities for professional women and women in business in South Gippsland and Bass Coast. We were privileged to hear from guest speaker, President of the Victorian Farmers' Federation, Emma Germano. Emma is a highly inspiring leader and local, working for the betterment of our farming industry. It was a very enjoyable and thought-provoking evening and I encourage you to explore other events the network has on offer.

Saturday 17 September was Australian Citizenship Day - a day to celebrate the shared values that bring us all together as Australians. Being Australian isn't determined by where you were born, it's a way of being. Everyone has a different story of how they came to be in Australia and it is that diversity that makes our country so special. One of my favourite events since becoming Mayor has been the Citizenship Ceremonies. Seeing people choose to take an oath to become Australian, hearing what it means to them and the life they have built here is very emotional.

This week, from 19 to 25 September is Dementia Action Week. Dementia is likely something you have heard about, but what do you know about it? This year, Dementia Australia are encouraging people to educate themselves on what dementia is to help eliminate the discrimination sufferers face.

Dementia affects the brain and can present differently from sufferer to sufferer. Dementia is classified if at least two brain functions are impaired, such as memory loss and judgement. This impairment not only has an affect on the person who has been diagnosed with dementia, but their support system including family and friends who are often the primary caregivers. It is important for all of us to provide whatever support we can to those who are caring for someone with dementia. It is a difficult battle and can take a great emotional toll. I've heard some say that it is like watching their loved one disappear before their eyes.

If you want to learn more about dementia, there is some great information on the Dementia Australia website: www.dementia.org.au You can also talk with your health care professional.

I want to end this week's message with some important information about the public holidays on 22 and 23 September. With the Federal Government announcing a National Day of Mourning public holiday for the late Queen Elizabeth II, Council's offices will be closed on 22 September, as well as 23 September for the Grand Final celebration public holiday. If you have an enquiry that is urgent, you can still contact Council on 5662 9200 and it will be taken by the after-hours service.



Bass Coast Health Nurse, Grace Thomas, treats GEM at Home patient Kathleen Cowlishaw in the comfort of her own home.

Gem of a program gets patients home quicker

BASS Coast Health is helping elderly patients return home from hospital sooner as part of an innovative program.

The health service's Geriatric Evaluation and Management at home program (GEM@Home) provides specialist geriatrician, nursing and allied health services to senior patients in the comfort of their own home.

The aim of the program is support recovery, help clients achieve optimal health and reduce their time spent in hospital.

BCH Operations Director Paula Bradley said patients remain a patient of BCH and receive the same treatment as they would in the hospital, only at home.

"It's a multi-disciplinary approach to ensuring that our patients can manage at home," she said.

"If patients were not participating in the GEM program, they would be needing to spend more time in hospital, but by getting patients home quicker, it's better for their mental health and overall recovery.

"The program also allows more hospital beds to be available for sicker patients requiring around-the-clock medical care."

Patients are supported by such clinicians as a Geriatrician, Nurse Practitioner, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Nurse, Social Worker, Pharmacy staff and other Allied Health staff such as Speech Pathologists and Dietitians.

"The patient's observations are recorded by the visiting medical and nursing team and assessed just as they would be in hospital. Any significant changes in the patient's condition are communicated to their Geriatrician," Ms Bradley said.

Patients remain in the program for approximately one to two weeks, depending on their individual needs. They are seen daily Monday-Saturday and may also be contacted via phone or telehealth.

Participation in the program is free, including all medication and necessary medical or physical equipment provided to the patient for the duration of the program.

Patients are assessed for their eligibility for the program by the Sub-Acute team.

Success at Destination Phillip Island's Conference

DESTINATION Phillip Island proudly hosted their successful 2022 Tourism Conference at Silverwaters Resort on Tuesday, September 13.

Kicking off with an industry update from General Manager Kim Storey, attendees also heard from Bass Coast Shire Council, Visit Victoria, Andrew Westacott from the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, Shane Delia of Maha Restaurant, Tourism Australia and Jobs Victoria across the day.

With Australia's major visitors in China and Japan still unable to travel, Australia has seen a dramatic increase in tourists from India, Singapore, Ireland and Argentina.

Australia continues to over-deliver in international visitor expectations; however, domestic travel is still the major market, with financial concerns having overtaken COVID-19 concerns for travellers.

Covering key initiatives, customer profiles, brand building and a panel discussion across the day, the final discussions came from Penny Guadagnolo of Tourism and Events and Sarah Broadbent of Job Victoria, who discussed an overview of the Workforce Programs being delivered and programs on offer that can support businesses with workforce shortages.

Ninety Mile Consulting's Ford Davis was the last to present and introduced the Phillip Island and San Remo



Destination Phillip Island's General Manager Kim Storey and Ninety Mile Consulting's Ford Davis introduced the Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Workforce Plan recently. C103_3822

Visitor Economy Workforce Plan (Workforce Plan) project.

"As a result of both organic and inorganic changes impacting the Bass Coast region, the Tourism Industry is requiring a targeted Workforce Plan to meet the needs of the fast growing and changing visitor economy," Ninety Mile Consulting said.

"With deep expertise and experience in workforce strategy, Ninety Mile Consulting are supporting Destination Phillip Island to identify challenges and maximise the opportunities of their changing environment by means of a workforce

strategy design and 5-year action plan.

"The plan will address six workforce priority areas: Attraction, Recruitment, Retention, Skills/Migration and Accommodation."

Addressing the workforce priority areas, the plan will integrate all provider levels from small and medium business to large organisations with short-, medium- and long-term achievable plans.

"Ninety Mile Consulting are implementing a three-phased strategic plan program comprising of a current performance and environment

review, future state design and implementation plan.

"To re-focus Destination Phillip Island's workforce strategic direction, internal and external consultation with stakeholders will be undertaken, including an open survey and a design thinking workshop.

"The analysis and findings will form the basis for the 5-year workforce plan."

Ninety Mile Consulting will also use the consultations to develop Case Studies for the plan, based on regional organisations and overlay with findings from other regions within Australia.

Opportunities for emergency nurses at Bass Coast Health



Emergency Department Associate Nurse Unit Manager Alyssa Hughes (right) discusses a case with Registered Nurse Carli Johnstone.

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is seeking nurses who are keen to advance their careers by working at their new Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE).

The new Emergency Department is scheduled to open in December this year.

"Emergency nurses will also have the chance to work in our high acuity, fast-paced environment and treat a variety of injuries and illnesses," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"Our current emergency nurses are embracing the opportunities available to diversify their skills, such as the diversity of practising nursing in a regional area," Ms Child said.

Alyssa Hughes is an Associate Nurse Unit Manager at BCH's Emergency Department.

"I love the diversity of the patients, the department and the team. We have lots of fun, we're very well supported and there are lots of chances to further your education," she said.

"Bass Coast Health offers lots of great opportunities and we all band together to welcome our junior staff."

To learn more about working at Bass Coast Health visit the recruitment website (basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au/) or contact the Human Resources team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au

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No rest for the carer

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TEN years ago, carers would be taken away for a couple of nights – an opportunity to break away from their home situation, a chance to take a deep breath.

Often two days away would feel like a lifetime – a lifeline much needed.

Over the years that whittled away and instead carers respite meant trips that their cared person also went on – far from respite.

Today carers like Susan, who wished for her real name not to be used, are battling for emergency and non-emergency respite for the aged care individual and more so themselves.

"He usually goes to Moe, and (our support worker) booked it in thinking I wouldn't have any trouble getting the funding," Susan explained of a recent request for respite.

"They phoned me back, and said, look, I can't take Joseph (not real name) in because we haven't got the staff."

The biggest dilemma the industry currently faces is staff shortages with hospices and facilities unable to provide the much-needed respite.

"The Government is committed to addressing staff shortages through providing a submission to the Fair Work Commission in support of real pay rises for aged care workers," a spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care (DHAC) stated noting that in addition to Fee Free TAFE and skilled migration there are also several initiatives to grow and upskill the workforce.

After carer respite trips ceased, combined respite trips

were introduced.

"Any events I was invited to, I could only attend if I took my care person," Susan said.

"They would take you to Melbourne and you would stay in a high-rise hotel, you would still have the person you're caring for. You might go out to tea and a show and then you go home the next day – it was a great rest for the workers, but it wasn't giving the carers a break – plus at that stage the funding was meant to be for carers respite."

Susan wasn't alone in her thoughts on the well-intentioned but far from reality trips, which didn't include staff contact details.

"A carer and friend went along to Phillip Island, and her husband had incontinence – she had all his things for bedwetting and nappies, but he still wet the bed and she had all the hassle of changing it by herself."

Away from the support equipment at home.

"Something needs to change! Two years ago, I asked for help – I needed an urgent break."

"I received a night in a caravan park, which I had to access after 2pm and be out of by 10am.

"We need to help carers get the break they need."

Latrobe Community Health Service state online that they acknowledge the role of carers and their need to provide opportunities to rest, socialise and recharge their batteries with activities including respite at home, short term respite, help at home, leisure activities for the carer and the person cared for, young carer support, events celebrating the carer role

and activities with other carers.

"I feel carer funding could be put to better use with a bit more thought and planning," Susan added.

"Focusing on age, needs and appropriate respite."

"It's not about 'expensive', it's about feeling refreshed."

"For example, a lady in her 80s recently had hip surgery and uses a walker. She was invited to an event at Melbourne Aquarium – she enjoyed the company and outing, but really struggled. Maybe lunch and a movie would have been more suitable for her?"

Susan is exasperated and it is easy to understand why.

In researching the figures continue to point back to providing relief for the aged care individual not the carer.

"Eligible clients are entitled to 63 days of subsidised residential respite care in a financial year and may apply for extensions of up to 21 days if approved by an Aged Care Assessment Team. This includes both planned and emergency respite," the DHAC spokesperson said.

"The Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services are delivered directly to the client, not the carer."

Susan also strongly believes carer funding is being misappropriated, with many excuses being that funding is simply exhausted and unavailable.

"CHSP clients do not receive funding directly. CHSP service providers are grant funded and provide subsidised services to eligible clients," the DHAC spokesperson stated.

"NDIS funding is a mix of self-

managed, plan managed and NDIA managed funding, which determines how the funding is allocated and acquitted."

In further questioning the Department on the misappropriation of funding and suggestion of a forensic audit, they added: "Under all circumstances, funding is based on the relevant clients, so NDIS funding is used for NDIS assessed clients, and Aged Care funding is used for aged care assessed clients," the DHAC spokesperson said.

Residential aged care providers obligations and responsibilities are set out in legislation that also includes the provision of regular financial information.

"Providers are required to lodge an annual Aged Care Financial Report, which includes an audited General Purpose Financial Statement.

"The Government is implementing the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission's recommendations to introduce more stringent reporting requirements and... that this information is made publicly available..."

In requesting the financial reports for funding, the Sentinel-Times received this response.

"Around 1400 CHSP providers have been funded up to \$2.95 billion for one year from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, to provide services to around 825,000 clients nationally."

For individuals like Susan – fighting for justice is her only option.

"Our journeys are different, but we are united in our need for friendship, support, and respite – to allow us to continue in our role."



Ms Maria Kirkwood- Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale and Most Reverend Greg Bennet - Catholic Bishop of Sale view the many art entries received from young people to the Diocese's Child Safety Week Art Competition.

Leongatha students awarded for Child Safety Week art work

CATHOLIC Bishop of the Diocese of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet and Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale, Ms Maria Kirkwood applauded the hundreds of children and young people who created posters and video messages to promote Child Safety Week in their communities (September 4 – 11).

Bishop Bennet said he was delighted to see the artwork created by young people who responded to the Diocese's Child Safety Competition asking them, 'What makes them feel safe and supported in their community?

Ava Carew of St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Primary School, Leongatha and Julia Lindsay, Sam Carmichael and Maya Garlick from Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha were awarded a Best Entry prize for their Child Safety poster entries.

There were five Best Entry poster awards selected from hundreds of entries from schools and parishes across the Diocese of Sale and two Best Entry Video awards.

The winning entries to the Child Safety Week Art competition and the Bishop's and Director's video message can be viewed at:

<https://www.ceosaline.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/safety-in-the-spotlight-during-child-safety-week>

Best entry posters were awarded locally to:

Julia Lindsay, Sam Carmichael and Maya Garlick - Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha

Ava Carew - St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, Leongatha



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Lending Options

- using Real Estate Property

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

IN this editorial the world of real estate property lenders will be explored. Whilst there are a vast array of options the more common types will be dissected which basically fit into two categories; banks and non-banks. In the lending market banks are referred to as tier one lenders and non-banks are known as both tier two and tier three lenders.

A tier one lender has a banking licence and an authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI) licence, whilst tier two and tier three lenders do not. In addition tier one lenders are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) whereas tier two are regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and tier three are entirely unregulated. The difference between APRA and ASIC is APRA's role is to ensure Australian's financial interests are protected and that the financial system is stable, competitive and efficient whilst ASIC's role is to ensure market integrity and consumer protection.

The regulation by APRA may be one of the reasons banks are the default choice for lending. However, it is more likely their size, scale and presence in the market place that they are chosen and more often than not the key driver is the interest rate offered. Due to their size banks are generally able to offer the lowest interest rates, but to qualify for funding strict lending criteria requirements must be met.

A bank's lending criteria assesses things like: employment status, income serviceability, credit history, location and nature of property, loan to value ratio and risk profile to name but a few. If a borrower is unable to 'tick all the boxes' the banks will decline funding. Due to their rigid credit assessment, banks can be time consuming in their decision making as well as less flexible with their terms. When relying on bank finance to settle on a property purchase, these drawbacks can lead to forfeiting a deposit if approval is not forthcoming in a timely manner. Luckily non-bank lenders exist to assist in these scenarios as well as fill the funding gap that

traditional banks don't cater to.

The second tier non-bank lenders fund their loans from sources other than customer deposits, including wholesale and institutional funds, money markets and retail investors to name but a few.

Gippsreal is an example of a second tier lender that raises funds directly from retail and wholesale investors.

A second tier lender's interest rate is generally higher than a bank, however there are a number of reasons one would choose a tier two lender over a bank, including: employment situation and proof of income i.e. for self-employed, faster turnaround times on approving and advancing loans, greater flexibility in loan terms, location and nature of the security property, as well as credit history. Due to these reasons a second tier lender can provide comfort to a purchaser who may be at risk of forfeiting one's deposit.

Overall tier two lenders make up a significant portion in Australia's lending market and given their regulation by ASIC they are generally a safer and more reputable option for borrowers, especially when compared to a third tier lender.

Tier three lenders are unregulated and are usually considered a lender of last resort. The source of their funds are mainly private monies and their interest rates and fees are much higher as a result. Whilst they have their place in the lending market, borrowers must be cautious when dealing with them due to their lack of oversight and regulation by a government body.

In summary, the lending options available in Australia give borrowers plenty of choice, however most people are unaware of all the options available to them. It is prudent to do your homework when considering a lender and if in doubt, an experienced mortgage broker who has access to a large number of banks and non-banks is a great source to turn to when in need of property finance. Banks do not always provide the best solution - or a solution at all - for your individual situation, so make sure you are fully informed before making a decision.

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Auctioneer Dane Perczyk sells a footy signed by the Richmond Football Club men's team. A04_3822

Lymphoma takes a hit

By Andrew Paloczi

LYMPHOMA treatment and research received a boost in Leongatha on Thursday morning, with people tucking into a scrumptious morning tea for a cause at the Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha office.

The fundraiser for Lymphoma Australia was held on World Lymphoma Awareness Day.

Staff from other offices of the real estate and stock agency boosted numbers, adding to the vibrant social atmosphere along with members of the public, local business operators, and representatives of companies with which the agency deals.

As well as gold coin donations to attend, a raffle and an auction boosted fundraising efforts.

Alex Scott and Staff's Leongatha livestock manager Dane Perczyk was delighted to contribute his auctioneering skills to the cause, but was less convinced about the colour of his 'join the fight against Lymphoma' top.

"I didn't agree to dressing

up like Freddo the Frog," he joked.

Dane kept attendees entertained, and ensured good prices were paid.

Leongatha high jumping world champion Eleanor Patterson's signed competition singlet fetched \$250, a Sherrin footy signed by members of the Richmond men's team went for \$200, and a buyer with a caffeine craving snapped up a Sunbeam coffee machine for \$310.

They were just a few of the wide range of items on offer.

All up, an impressive total of over \$6,500 was raised for the day.

The event was organised by Leongatha-based property manager Jayson Filomeno, who recently shared his personal experience of Lymphoma with readers of the Sentinel-Times.

Lymphoma is a form of cancer that begins in the lymphatic system.

There are two types of the disease, Hodgkin's Lymphoma and

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

The now 26-year-old Jayson was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 19 after an extended period of unexplained illness and pain and eventual extreme weight loss caused by difficulty eating.

After diagnosis, he underwent vigorous chemotherapy at the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre, eventually receiving the awaited news he was in remission.

Jayson was delighted by the success of the morning tea and appreciative of all those who contributed.

"A big thank you to all the local businesses that supported the cause and everyone who showed up," he said.

Jayson also expressed appreciation to Alex Scott for supporting the event and allowing it to be held in its office.

Last, but far from least, he praised his mum's efforts to cook most of the food, although Jayson's famous English teacake was also a hit.



Alex Scott and Staff's Brooke Crivari, Mikayla Delves, Jayson Filomeno, Kathy Clark, Emily Clifford, Dane Perczyk, Kaleb Jans, Andrew Newton, and Kerry Zuidema get set for the Lymphoma fundraising event at the Leongatha office. A03_3822

New PICAL home taking shape

A MILESTONE has been reached for Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) rebuild, with the first rooms of their new building arriving last week.

PICAL is relocating from its current site to Warley Avenue in Cowes to make way for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

The new 'modular' buildings, which have been pre-fabricated in Melbourne, were hoisted into place last week.

It is expected that the new site will be handed over to PICAL by the end of November.

PICAL centre manager Greg Thompson said the organisation was the excited to see their new premises taking shape.

"To the best of our knowledge we are still on schedule to move in their at the end of November this year," he said.

"The modular buildings are all being bolted together and progressing very well."

After much anxiety over the past year due to their relocation and timeline uncertainty, Greg added they were extremely relieved everything was finally falling into place.

However, he added PICAL has temporarily ceased their



Greg Thompson, centre manager of Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre visits the new site in Cowes as the building is installed. Z01_3822

community garden due to preliminary works beginning on the new community hospital.

"We're still negotiating with the shire on our second campus, which will accommodate the community garden," he said.

"What we've had to do in the interim is demolish our current community garden and it's important we re-establish that as soon as possible."

Greg added the garden is a vital part of their food relief program.

"We're very anxious to get the new garden up and running," he said.

At the shire's May meeting, council had voted in favour to amend the Blue Gum Reserve Master Plan, to incorporate a PICAL's community garden which couldn't be relocated at their new site.

The garden will be leased from council by PICAL, how-

ever, timelines are yet to be provided on when this occurs.

Council is also looking to develop a community hub for Cowes within Blue Gum Reserve, with a range of groups being co-located within the former CFA site.

The total cost for the construction of the Community Garden was estimated to be around \$278,000, with PICAL contributing \$38,764 towards the project.

Next step for Island to become carbon neutral



Co-ordinator of Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Zoe Geyer visited the energy storage system site on Gap Road in Wimbledon Heights with Bass Coast Shire's Simon Woodland. Z02_3822

PLANS have been approved for a community energy storage system which could see Phillip Island become the first 'fully' sustainable tourist hot spot.

According to Bass Coast Shire, the Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS) will offer greater reliability in electricity supply for the Island, especially during peak holiday periods and could potentially slash power bills, with residents able to use the grid to store their power.

The Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) has given planning approval for the installation of the 5MW/10MWh battery, which has been dubbed the Big Battery, near the village of Wimbledon Heights, Phillip Island.

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and the Energy Innovation Cooperative (EI Coop) are working closely

with Mondo and Bass Coast Shire Council on the project, with a vision for Phillip Island to be carbon neutral and 100 per cent renewable by 2030.

The first grant will help determine the feasibility of a network of street level batteries on the Island to boost the ability of the electricity network, to host larger volumes of renewable power on the grid.

The second grant will fund a

12-month trial of 100 participants of the PICESS battery once installation is complete.

It will explore tariff arrangements to support 'virtual storage' for people on the Island.

Household generated renewable energy, for example power generated from household solar systems, would be shared through innovative tariff trial structures with other Island residents who cannot currently access renewable energy, creating a local renewable energy production and shared resource.

As part of the tariff trial, the initiative will assess whether the new system will result in cheaper electricity bills by storing renewable energy in a community battery, rather than property owners having to purchase their own household batteries.

Bass Coast Council has agreed to host the community battery on Council land.



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O'Brien questions Minister on VicGrid role

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien was seeking clarification on the responsibilities of a new state government authority, VicGrid, due to the local impacts of proposed new electricity transmission projects in Gippsland.

VicGrid was established in July 2021, following the 2020 announcement that six Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) were to be established across Victoria. Speaking in Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien called on the Minister for Energy, Lily D'Ambrosio to define how VicGrid will be involved in the rollout of additional transmission and other electricity infrastructure across the state – particularly in respect of the REZs.

"In Gippsland South, we currently have AusNet proposing a new 500-kilovolt overhead powerline to connect up with the proposed offshore wind farms and other renewable energy being developed," Mr O'Brien said.

"This is a private, commercial development that will require the support of landholders to proceed. Clearly we would all prefer to see such transmission lines go underground.

"It is very unclear to me and the Gippsland South community what role VicGrid will play in this.

"I am seeking advice on whether VicGrid will actually be able to assist any of those residents who are directly affected by the proposals for overhead transmission lines across their properties and what role, ultimately, VicGrid and the government will play if those residents refuse permission.

"It is also unclear what role the Victorian Government will play in the proposed Marinus Link project connecting Tasmania to Victoria via South Gippsland."

Mr O'Brien said it was important for local residents to have clarity on VicGrid and whether it has a role in providing information and support, or whether it will simply facilitate new

development.

The Sentinel-Times further inquired with the Minister to the points raised by Mr O'Brien.

Here's what the Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio had to say:

"The Renewable Energy Zones are unlocking the next wave of renewable energy across Victoria – including harnessing the world-class winds off the coast of Gippsland – creating thousands of jobs for the region drive down energy bills and emissions," she said.

"We have created VicGrid to co-ordinate the development of energy infrastructure that minimises the impacts on local communities while delivering the solutions we need to connect new renewable generation across the state."

In November 2020, the Victorian Government announced a \$1.6 billion clean energy package through the 2020–21 State Budget, to invest in renewables, grid infrastructure, energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects, including the \$540 million Renewable Energy Zone Fund.

The Government continues to develop the framework for determining future transmission investment in REZs, VicGrid's proposed role in that framework, and the Government's broader approach to developing Victorian REZs.

VicGrid is aware that AusNet Services is developing a private project to investigate shared transmission infrastructure needs, to support the development of multiple renewable projects in Gippsland.

It should be noted that Marinus Link requires resolution of project cost allocation between jurisdictions in order to proceed, and that it is the Government's priority is to see KerangLink developed first.

Where required, projects will be subject to normal planning rules and provisions, including a full Environment Effects Statement process.



Jay to campaign for The Greens

Jay Tiziani-Simpson is running for The Greens in the Gippsland South electorate.

THE Victorian Greens have pre-selected lifelong local, Jay Tiziani-Simpson as their candidate for Gippsland South at the upcoming state election.

Jay works in Education Support within the public school system and runs a local playgroup as a volunteer.

Sympathising with the different socioeconomic challenges among the Gippsland community, one of the issues The Greens candidate is looking to focus on is affordable housing.

"Home ownership is out of reach for many people due to the rising cost of living and skyrocketing property prices, this is also causing massive rental shortages. The Greens are committed to fighting for better conditions and protections for renters, more affordable

housing, and greater health and transport infrastructure in the area."

The Greens wish to increase renter's rights as well as control rent price increases. To ensure this doesn't further discourage investors from leaving their homes vacant, The Greens also plan to ramp up Victoria's vacancy levy.

"We'll give renters a fair go and stop the exodus of young people from our region. People need immediate relief from housing stress, but we also have a long-term strategy. This includes building more affordable homes and more social housing, as there are more than 100,000 Victorians on the public housing waiting list."

Jay, also a member of Farmers for Climate Action, is keen to bring an agricultural lens to the framing

of Australia's climate debate.

"Preserving our soil, climate and waterways is incredibly important to the ongoing viability of our agricultural communities and economy. We can support farmers and take real action on the climate emergency at the same time."

As a first-time candidate who cut her political teeth alongside Mat Morgan in the recent federal campaign for Monash, Jay is keen to keep growing the substantial Greens swing achieved across Gippsland in May.

"First-time voters will play a critical role in this upcoming election. They should be able to see themselves represented by someone in their age group, in their community, and on their side."

Victorian's will go to the polls on November 26.

More TAFE courses to become free in 2023

THE State Government will introduce more free TAFE courses available in emergency healthcare, mental health, family violence and agriculture in 2023.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney visited Victoria University's simulated ambulance lab to announce the Diploma of Emergency Health Care will be one of four new priority free TAFE courses, and six new short courses.

The Diploma course is currently delivered at Victoria University and Swinburne University, and qualifies students to work in non-emergency patient transport as Ambulance Transport Attendants, Patient Transport Officers and Ambulance Community Officers – as well as providing a pathway into university paramedicine courses.

Other new courses to be added to the Free TAFE list for 2023 include Certificate III in Production Horticulture, Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management – which upskills health and community services workers in the family violence field, and the Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan).

Six short courses will also be made available next year under Free TAFE, including courses in mental health, agricultural chemical handling and electric and hybrid automotive maintenance – delivering the skills Victorians need for growing and in-demand industries across the state.

For the full list of more than 70 Free TAFE courses, visit freetafe.vic.gov.au.

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Newhaven College spring concert

IT WAS time to shine for Newhaven College students from Years two and 12 who took part in the college's spring concert at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

The night commenced with the guitar ensemble, followed by junior, middle choirs and senior vocal ensembles.

The junior school strings performed beautifully concluding with Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

The evening then took the energy up a notch with the concert bands, with the big band taking on some blues classics including Sweet Home Alabama.

The stage was overflowing with over 70 students, music staff and parent musicians and the audience rightly demanded an encore.

The evening celebrated the result of many years of work to develop the College's music program to such a high standard.

Newhaven College's Director of Music, Matthew Goss is incredibly proud of the College's Music Students and teachers.

Newhaven College's profoundly unique tradition of nurturing the musical soul of each student is now enhanced by the new performing arts wing now being in use.

Newhaven College's music students have a place to learn, collaborate and rehearse together and build on what is already a stunning collective of budding musicians.

Each student is encouraged to discover their unique expression of music while developing confidence, ease, excellence and enjoyment each step of the way.



Evie Hollings, Ambrose de Gooyer and Ariana Ward perform as part of the Year five and six concert band.



Several of the string ensemble performers were Charlie Swan, William Murphy, Mitchell White and Finn McLean.



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The club has also recently renovated their lady's gym area, with more floor space and equipment just in time for spring and summer.

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Meenihan Primary School students recently visited a shule (synagogue) and experienced a visit to the Jewish Museum of Australia.

Insightful excursion for Meenihan students

AS PART of Zionism Victoria's Connecting Cultures Program the students in Grades 5/6 from Meenihan Primary School had an excursion to Melbourne.

The excursion was part of the program that the students have been participating in and complements the Victorian Curriculum Unit on Intercultural Capability.

During the excursion, the students visited a shule (Synagogue) and experienced a visit to the Jewish Museum of Australia.

The program at the museum "Promotes the cultures of peace and the acceptance of others".

The students also visited a Jewish school called Leibler Yavneh College and met their Pen pals, (which all the students were very excited about).

The students have been corresponding with their pen pals throughout the school year.

This was followed by a tour of the school led by their pen pals and then a falafel lunch.

At the completion of the lunch an official presentation took place by school captains and a thank you.

The excursion was fully funded and supported by Zionism Victoria.



The Weird Flu Team is part of the Kids Thrive, Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts program.

The Weird Flu Team

AS PART of the Kids Thrive, Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts program, five students formed a team called The Weird Flu team to support the rights of children to be heard.

Together they co-designed a Community Action for the students to capture a contemporary record of children's experience of the most recent pandemic, so children's voices can be heard and taken seriously in history.

The children successfully raised \$50 from the community at an event last week with councillors and residents

in attendance to help fund a short documentary, which will be shown at the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society on their touch screen kiosk as well as at the Railway Station Museum and online via their YouTube channel.

Local Thelma Atkinson nee Dowson shared her account with the children, who was diagnosed with Polio when she was two years old.

She shared her experience of being shifted around hospitals from Wonthaggi to Frankston to the Royal Children's Hospital, where she stayed for

around a year.

Her mother didn't drive, so she could barely visit little Thelma.

Thelma explained how she was put into a special frame and spent most of her life on a cot or bed.

She would be taken outside sometimes in her cot to be taken into the fresh air and sunshine.

"I was three and a half by the time I got home. I spent a lot of time in hospital," said Thelma.

"From being in a frame and not able to move at all, I was then put into a special bath

to help exercise my limbs to help them move again."

When watching a documentary on the Spanish Flu, which arrived in Australia via a troop ship which went into quarantine, the students saw the incredible comparison between the Spanish Flu and COVID.

Irene Williams, secretary for the society, noted that Thelma is one of the last living survivors of Polio in the region.

"If not for the Weird Flu team we would not have had the chance to record her story," she said.



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Protecting Mirboo North's precious forests

Community feedback has shown the high value they have for Mirboo North's forests. Photo: Marg Thomas

USER groups, business and environmental groups from all over the region, put forward their views on the future of the Mirboo North Immediate Protection Area (IPA) forests.

Preserve our Forests (PoF) thank the residents of Mirboo North, and surrounds, for their highly valued participation in the engagement process.

There were conversations with 28 groups, with groups from the Latrobe Valley, South Gippsland, Gippsland and Melbourne.

Peak body organisations were also included.

Drop-in sessions in Mirboo North were attended by 115 people, a great effort by all and demonstrates the regional importance of the Mirboo North forests.

Thanks must also go to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) for their Report on the scientific assessment of the IPA and surrounding forest, the Eminent Panel for Community Engagement (EPCE), for providing community consultation and compiling the Report, and Mosaic Lab the facilitators who captured the key findings from the engagement process.

The EPCE Report includes recommendations and proposed uses for the IPA.

The Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Action has received the Report and has 6 months to respond.

We are now in a transition phase as we wait for the Minister to accept the recommendations in order for a Management Plan to be developed.

A key recommendation of the EPCE Report is that a Conservation Park be established.

The engagement process identified that conservation and protection of the forest was a major theme with recreation and local use next, followed consecutively by land and forest management, industry.

By Preserve our Forests

information and awareness, and traditional owner interests.

Another key recommendation is ... "prioritising of investigation into enhanced landscape connectivity throughout the Strzelecki Ranges. This includes assessment of the adjoining Regional Park [Lyrebird Forest Walk] for inclusion as part of a larger Conservation Park."

Traditional Owner partnerships and community collaboration is also a recommendation and outlines the proposal for the appointed Land Manager and Traditional Owners (GLaWAK) to be in joint management, and to set up an interim community joint working group which will draw on community input in a collaborative model that will form the basis for a future Committee of Management.

It is also recommended that an assessment of the Strzelecki Koala is undertaken to... "inform recognition of the Strzelecki Koala as a distinct genetic unit within the Victorian framework, including future management actions and conservation."

This species is of significance due to its high genetic diversity, essential for the future survival of the Victorian Koala population.

Preserve our Forests' narrative is focussed on raising awareness of the rich biodiversity the Mirboo North forests contain.

It is to this end that an evening will be held at the Mirboo North Recreation Reserve (club rooms) Strzelecki Highway, Mirboo North, on October 12, at 7pm, "Gems of Mirboo North's native forest" which will include exciting findings of both the flora and fauna in this forest.

Floating wetlands explored for pilot project

MINISTER for Water Harriet Shing inspected progress on the Restorative Wetland Carbon Storage pilot project at Cowes last week, which is studying how floating wetlands can be used to manage treated effluent and emissions produced from wastewater treatment.

The Government has invested \$250,000 towards this project as part of the Integrated Water Management grant program, which co-invests in wastewater and stormwater projects that can contribute to water security, public and environmental health, and urban amenity.

The study is being run by Westernport Water, findings will be shared with the broader water industry and community.

This project is one of 11 metropolitan and 17 regional projects receiving a

funding boost under the first round of the \$14.1 million Integrated Water Management grants program.

A new liner and cover have also been installed at the San Remo Basin ensuring that Westernport Water can continue to provide consistent and reliable drinking water services for another 30 years.

The \$2.6 million project will help prevent evaporation of the water supply from the San Remo water storage basin. The works were finished three months ahead of time and under budget without any impact to customers.

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This includes a wide range of take-home meals, such as homemade pies, lasagnes, quiches, apple pies and frittatas all made from their own produce.

They'll even be offering takeaway salads and dips as the weather continues to warm up.

"We're just firing everything up again and we've

got a whole new team here," owner Peter McDonnell said excitedly.

The farm is situated across 158 beautiful acres, with everything grown or produced on site with three enormous hydroponic sheds dedicated to fresh produce.

Mr McDonnell explained that even their meat is top quality and processed on the farm.

"People want to know where their meat comes from," he said.

"We buy the best Angus grassfed beef.

"We do our own hams, bacon and small goods and it's all smoked in house.

"And we make sausages. It's the ultimate paddock to plate restaurant."

As diners enjoy the farm ambience, it's also a great destination for families as the kids can get a glimpse of all the animals.

"We've got chickens and ducks that run around as well as a few piglets," Peter said.

"We're also going to be doing a lot of pickles, dips and grazing platters."

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Here's cheers to our volunteers

TWO stories which intersected this week were the premiership triumph by the Leongatha Parrots and the release of the annual crime rate figures for Victoria by the Crime Statistics Agency.

News on both fronts is good, with local crime down nearly 7% and state-wide, it's down 10%.

And unlike some other locations where footy finals were held, there was absolutely no trouble whatsoever at Moe on grand final day, and everyone got home safely.

The point is, however, that our sporting clubs play an absolutely crucial role in not only providing a healthy activity but also in developing good citizens and contributors to the community, by demonstrating the benefits of putting in consistent effort for a common goal, teamwork, leadership, friendship and all the other great things that involvement in sport provides.

And sure, we need the facilities. As someone said last week amidst all the announcements about hospital funding, neither party has promised anything yet for a new aquatic centre at Wonthaggi and/or Cowes.

A burgeoning community must have these outlets to achieve good outcomes on health, wellbeing and the incidence of crime.

But what we also need is volunteers, especially those who've reaped the benefits of their own involvement in sporting clubs.

COVID has hit clubs for six when it comes to the involvement of volunteers, the people who make sport happen, and we really need to do everything we can to encourage and praise those who decide to give so freely of their time for others.

And on that score, if you'll allow us an indulgence for a moment, we'd like to congratulate our own operations manager, Jim Akers, on being awarded life membership of the Dalyston Football Netball Club for many years of involvement, including but not limited to the timekeeper's box.

Well done Jim we need more like him.



FLAGS across the shire and worldwide are being flown at half-mast to mark the late Sovereign, Elizabeth the Second. The funeral was held at 11am (British Summer Time) on Monday September 19, 2022, at Westminster Abbey in London, United Kingdom.



How much for a fence

I just (recently) visited the old railway bridge at Kilcunda (where the old road went).

The council have installed two small fences at each end to stop people walking across it, as it is unsafe, at a cost of \$55,000.

I am just so glad they are not building any fences for me.

Lyall Broughton, Wonthaggi

Know your rights with cold callers

I think almost all of us have received at least one call from a telemarketer offering a product under the Victorian Energy Upgrade (VEU) program.

Sometimes these calls are pleasant enough and I am aware of many local residents and businesses who have successfully taken advantage of the various programs on offer under this scheme.

However more and more frequently I am hearing of locals dealing with unreasonable quantities of calls at all hours of the day and night as well as telemarketers refusing to provide details of where they are calling from or how they obtained the phone number they have called.

I therefore write today to ensure all Gippslanders are aware of their rights and the obligations of providers under the VEU.

I hope that being aware of these rights will help locals recognise scam calls and prevent them from being taken advantage of by those who would otherwise rot the system.

From July 1, 2022, every person and business involved in delivering products and services under the VEU program must abide by an enforceable code of conduct.

The code of conduct sets out expectations such as the time of day a telemarketer may call as well as a specific set of information that anyone who contacts you about a VEU program must provide.

This includes the name of the business they represent and how they obtained your phone number. They

must also not claim to be representing the Victorian Government and clearly explain that participation in the program is voluntary.

For more information about your rights under the VEU program and what initiatives are on offer visit <https://www.esc.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades/energy-saving-information-consumers>.

Breaches of the code of conduct can be reported to Consumer Affairs Victoria via www.consumer.vic.gov.au or on 1300 55 81 81.

Danny O'Brien MP, State Member for Gippsland South

Who takes ownership

I do wonder about the best way to pursue the most recent time and money wasting proposal by Bass Coast Shire, which reached the stage of having invitations issued to an event, which I have now been told has been abandoned.

This involved selected residents and potential politicians being invited to a ratepayer funded breakfast.

Because the Sentinel-Times newspaper reported some unconsulted councillors as describing the proposal as a 'captain's call', I called in at the shire offices to enquire if the proposal was initiated by the CEO or the Mayor.

The message clearly conveyed to me from the shire was that neither the CEO or Mayor take ownership of the proposal as it was initiated by 'internal exploration'.

Since no-one has taken ownership of the inappropriate decision, it reminds me of the strategy employed by the State Government, which resulted in the judgement that the hotel quarantine fiasco was due to, 'collective decision making' and 'creeping assumptions'.

Bass Coast Shire is presiding over several problematic projects at the moment, so I think they should be concentrating on supervising the outcomes of contracts they have entered into rather than wasting ratepayers' money and administrator's incomes on issues traditionally left to others.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What are you doing with your four-day long weekend?



Helen Baquie
Melbourne

"Going to Cape Paterson."



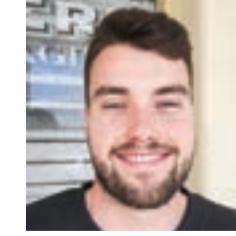
Chris Bush
Koonwarra

"Working – at Saputo."



Maureen Scott
Wonthaggi

"Watching the Queen's funeral and footy."



Aaron Stephens
Wonthaggi

"Maybe go to Melbourne, not sure yet. I've got a birthday party on Friday."

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.

Bass Coast Health nurses take care to the community

A DEDICATED team of nurses from Bass Coast Health (BCH) is caring for people in their homes, helping them to lead better lives and remain at home for as long as they can.

During Nursing in the Community Week from September 12, BCH is celebrating District Nurses who provide a range of services from wound care and medication management through to palliative care, and monitoring and support of clinical needs.

The nurses are based at BCH's San Remo site and service the entire Bass Coast Shire, from Cowes to Inverloch, and from Wonthaggi to Grantville and into the hinterland.

BCH District Nurse Mandeep Kaur said, "It's a privilege to be able to meet our clients in their homes and to provide the care they need without them having the inconvenience of travelling to receive treatment."

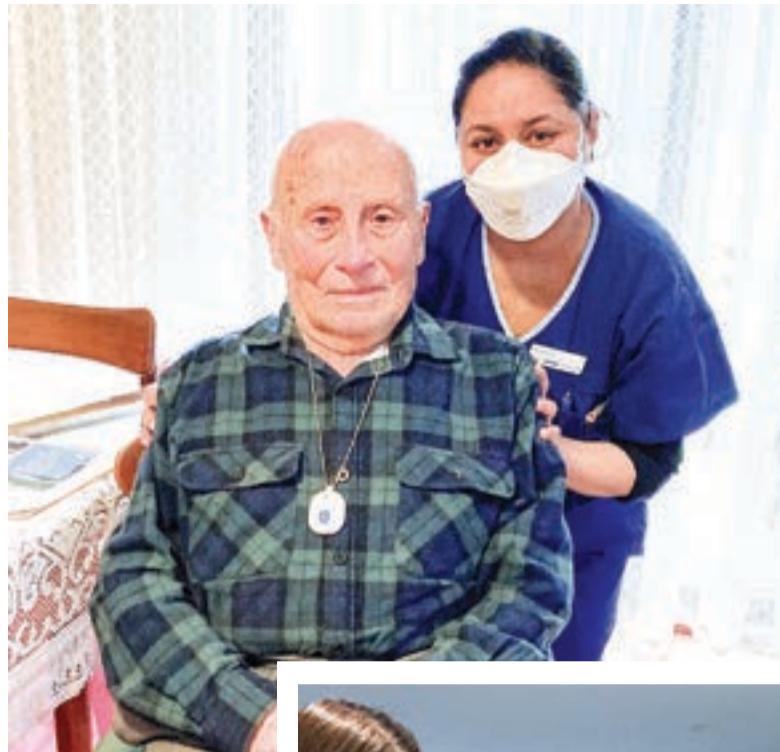
Her client, Mario Bonis of Cowes, thanked the BCH District Nursing team, which has helped him to continue living at home despite being 101-years-old.

"The key to living to 100 is to work hard and no funny business," he quipped.

Another client, Marie Famularo, said the care of District Nurses such as Steph Wylie was "marvellous".

"I see the community nurses as my guardian angels. The loss of my husband was very difficult but the District Nurses made it bearable with their support and kindness," Marie said.

BCH often seeks new team members. Opportunities to join the BCH District Nursing and Palliative Care team are advertised on BCH's recruitment website basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au



ABOVE: Bass Coast Health District Nurse Mandeep Kaur cares for client Mario Bonis of Cowes.

RIGHT: Bass Coast Health District Nursing client Marie Famularo receives care from District Nurse Steph Wylie.



A rainbow frames the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion project.

Discover your health service

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is taking to the road to present a series of Community Forums across the municipality in October.

The forums will be the community's chance to learn more about the exciting Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE) that will open in December this year, as well as the Phillip Island Community Hospital that is scheduled to open in late 2024, and plans to grow our services.

Forums will be held at Corinella, Grantville, Cowes, Newhaven, Wonthaggi and Inverloch, as well as online via Zoom for those people unable to reach our in-person events.

The forums will be hosted by BCH's Community Advisory Committee and our fabulous Auxiliaries: the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary, Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary and the Inverloch

Fundraising Auxiliary.

BCH CEO Jan Child said these are exciting times for the local health service and the community.

"We are so proud of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion and the first-class facilities that it will bring to our community, as well as the additional services that we will eventually be able to offer from this bigger and better building," she said.

"The Phillip Island Community Hospital will be built next to the existing Health Hub at Cowes and will also offer a greater range of healthcare services to the Island community, saving residents from having to travel to Wonthaggi Hospital or Melbourne."

"We're thrilled to be presenting these information forums to our community so that they can find out more about our services."

To find a Community Forum near you, refer to the advertisement on this page.



Bass Coast Health invites everyone to our

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- The Phillip Island Community Hospital
- Our growing services

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Tuesday, October 4Corinella Hall, 2pm-3.30pm

Wednesday, October 5Phillip Island RSL, 5.30pm-7pm

Monday, October 10Grantville Hall, 1.30pm-3pm

Wednesday, October 12Online via Zoom, 2pm-3.30pm. Call to register

Wednesday, October 12Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 6pm-7.30pm

Thursday, October 20Newhaven Yacht Squadron, 10am-11.30am

Monday, October 24Wonthaggi Golf Club, 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday, October 25Phillip Island Golf Club, 12.30pm-2pm

Tuesday, October 25Online via Zoom, 5.30pm-7pm. Call to register

Thursday, October 27Inverloch Community Hub, 5.30pm-7pm

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Natasha Kenter is thankful for Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) feeding clinic at the Leongatha hospital which has benefited her son Hayden.

SOS introduces Hayden to new foods

NOT many mothers celebrate when their children eat McDonalds, but Natasha Kenter does.

Natasha enrolled her son Hayden, 7, in Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) feeding clinic at the Leongatha hospital.

The program helps children experiencing feeding problems and it has helped to introduce Hayden to foods other than sandwiches and mash.

"I never thought I'd jump for joy at my son eating McDonalds, but here we are," Natasha said.

Hayden, 7, has autism and ADHD and experiences a lot of sensory issues that lead to feeding difficulties.

"Babies have a gag reflex that is very pronounced when they are little, but Hayden never explored anything with his mouth and so he never pushed that gag reflex back," Natasha said.

"A lot of sensory aspects in food set off the gag reflex so eating is a scary process for him."

Natasha sought assistance out of frustration.

"All of Hayden's meals, except for sandwiches that he would eat at school, would be mashed up," she said.

"It became frustrating because we couldn't go out to a café or a restaurant and travelling was a task. He wouldn't even eat hot chips."

The SOS program, run by GSHS dietitians alongside speech pathologists, got Hayden to start exploring different foods.

"He came to understand it's okay to not like everything but you can at least try it," his mother said.

Apart from trying McDonalds, Hayden, who goes to school at St Marys Newborough, has discovered another new favourite – party pies.

The family lives near Moe and they travel an hour to Leongatha for the service which they can access under NDIS.

"As a parent you always want the best for your children. I'm a believer in starting them as soon as possible. We started speech pathology and occupational therapy when he was quite young and now this program is being very helpful."

People wanting to consult a dietitian through the NDIS can contact Michelle O'Loughlin on 5667 5662. For all other referrals call the intake team Gateway on 5654 2737.

Lucky to be alive, Karina thanks ambos and rehab

KARINA Sikora had longed to be a nana and a near-death experience has made her treasure the experience even more.

Karina, from Venus Bay, suffered a massive heart attack three months ago, ending up in full cardiac arrest.

Only 12 per cent of people survive this form of heart attack, known as NSTEMI, and caused by a full blood clot blockage in the main artery.

But Karina wasn't about to let go.

"I waited so long to be a Nana, there was no way I was leaving him," she says.

Karina thanks two ambulance officers for saving her life and Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) cardiac rehabilitation program for getting her back on track.

The 45-year-old aged care nurse describes herself as a fit, active and healthy person, with smoking her only risk factor.

Having completed GSHS's cardiac rehabilitation program, now she is bouncing back and enjoying every moment with grandson Tait, now six months old.

On August 16, Karina got to meet the two ambulance officers from Wonthaggi who saved her life.

"I was very lucky to meet them. When I went into cardiac arrest, I was lights out," she said. "Clinically I was gone for eight minutes. They did CPR on me for the entire eight minutes and they used a defibrillator, which is what saved my life."

"It was an emotional meeting. I told them I get to watch my grandson grow up because of you guys."

Karina was visiting her daughter Tiarni when she had the heart attack. "If I was at home, I probably wouldn't be around to tell the tale," she said.

She felt unwell but initially dismissed it as heartburn. When it changed to a crushing pain, her nursing training kicked in and she recognised the signs and called 000.



Karina Sikora, from Venus Bay, thanked the ambulance officers who saved her life and Gippsland Southern Health Service's cardiac rehabilitation program after suffering a heart attack earlier this year.

After being revived by the ambulance officers, she was airlifted to the Alfred Hospital.

The heart attack shocked the close-knit community.

"It was a wake-up call for a lot of people," Karina said. "Everyone is getting a heart check and defibrillators are getting installed."

"The theory is that if it happened to Karina, it could happen to anyone. I'm one of the lucky ones. I exercise, I don't have a history of heart problems in my family and the only thing for me was that I was a smoker."

She hasn't had a cigarette since the day of the heart attack, many family members and friends have followed her example.

Karina was referred to the cardiac rehabilitation program by the Alfred Hospital.

"I asked to be referred to a local program because I didn't want to have to drive to Mel-

bourne," she said. "I can't drive until cleared by a cardiologist, which is another hurdle living in a remote community."

Tiarni and Karina's husband Kyle took turns driving her 45-minutes to Korumburra for the weekly sessions which offer both education and exercise support.

There is a different topic each week covering everything from medications and diet to occupational therapy ideas and exercise.

Karina says both the education and exercise fields have been helpful.

She nearly doubled her walking distance when tested at the end of the program and she's learnt a lot about coping with the confidence and mental challenges of surviving a life-threatening event.

"It helps you to rebuild your muscle strength and confidence," she said. "Anyone who has undergone a cardiac event,

your confidence is really taken aback. You certainly see your life flash before you."

"The physical side of the program was fantastic. It encouraged me to be active, which is a super important part of your recovery."

"I'm not 100 per cent but I'm confident now to walk on my own and I don't mind working up to being a little bit short of breath because I know that will be good for my heart."

"It's not just the physical side, the education side is always relevant, right down to the mental health of someone who has gone through a cardiac event."

"It's extremely common for people who've had a cardiac issue to have depression and the program helps your emotional and mental wellbeing."

"You go through an event like that, you question life."

Karina recommends the rehabilitation program anyone who has been through a cardiac event. "I'm a nurse and pretty fit and active, but I still learnt a lot," she said. "It's also just about attending and talking to people when you can't work or drive."

"Everyone is non-judgemental. It's very supportive and the staff in the cardiac clinic are fantastic. It has been a huge help for me."

According to Karina's cardiologist, only 12 per cent of people who have her type of cardiac event survives.

"You just don't know who it's going to impact," she said. "You could be the healthiest, fittest person in the world one minute, then your life is completely changed the next."

Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) cardiac rehabilitation program is recommended for anyone who has had a heart attack, stent procedure, or cardiac surgery including pacemaker insertion.

People with questions about this service can contact GSHS cardiac rehabilitation coordinator Kathryn Croatto on 5654 2718.



The Lyric Theatre Youth Committee held their first meeting, giving young minds the chance to discuss the future of the theatre. Taine Lowe, Coby Fowles, Aoife O'Connell, Olivia Helps, Laura Muranty, Imogen Whittaker, Cecily De Gooyer and Chloe Stoops (Absent, Ella Tough)

Engaging youth and creating opportunities in theatre

LYRIC Theatre has officially launched their youth committee with seven enthusiastic participants who recently held their first of many meetings.

This opportunity gives young people the chance to discuss and be included in the long-term strategic plan for Lyric Theatre.

The group will be supported by the regular committee, who

have identified a strong need to engage more young people and create opportunities where they can celebrate youth advocacy and inclusion.

Lyric committee representative, Laura Muranty and Imogen Whittaker supported the new committee to get started, but were able to instantly take a back seat, as the new members

discussed their ideas and goals around the table.

The group unanimously agreed that they would like to create more opportunities for young people, to engage in a variety of aspects of theatre on a more regular basis.

The dynamic group brainstormed opportunities to develop skills through workshops,

artists in residence, mentoring and more youth productions.

"Lyric Theatre is still open to other young people to join the group. So, if you are between the ages of 15 and 22 and want to be part of this new dynamic group, please send an expression of interest to Lyric Theatre's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/LyricLeongatha," said Laura.



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Be sure to keep an eye out for the shire's compostable coffee cups which are being distributed to local businesses. Ns093822

Stay local, eat local, support local

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's 'shop local' campaign continues to resonate with many businesses and residents.

Shopping and eating locally helps to support South Gippsland businesses and the community.

When you shop local, it helps to keep money circulating through our towns and is often reinvested into other small businesses.

It also builds and maintains bustling shopping precincts and encourages investment in the region.

During September and October, you may notice additional 'Shop Local South Gippsland' and 'Eat Local South Gippsland' messaging across the shire in the form of reusable calico bags and compostable coffee cups that will be distributed through many local businesses.

The buy local campaign commenced last year and is continuing this year with support from the Victorian Government's Outdoor Activation Program.

It is hoped that the messaging will be a friendly reminder for all of us to support local

businesses instead of shopping online or in metro-based shopping centres.

"The eat local and shop local messaging provides a friendly reminder that most businesses in South Gippsland are locally owned and operated and need our ongoing support," Mayor Mohya Davies said.

"People who own and/or work in local businesses contribute to local schools, sporting clubs and community groups. By supporting local businesses, our whole community benefits."

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Stretching from Leongatha, the trail goes through Koonwarra, Meenyan, Stony Creek, Buffalo, Fish Creek, Foster, Toora, Welshpool and Port Welshpool, offering rural

and bush views along the way. The terrain is gentle and accessible for wheelchairs in certain sections.

And to make the trail even more appealing, Leongatha and Korumburra's railway stations are also currently being revitalised.

At Korumburra, the railway station land is being

redeveloped with a new rail trail also underway.

Other additions of the project include:

- New trailhead facilities
- Upgrades to existing goods shed
- New landscape treatment under eastern bridge
- New skate park
- New multi-sports area with

basketball/netball tower

- New railway/coal loader-themed playground
- New carpark
- New path connections

The projects will give rail trail users even more reason to stop off at Korumburra and Leongatha and enjoy the cafes, retail shops and beautiful views.

Retail turnover growing

AUSTRALIAN retail turnover rose 1.3 per cent in July 2022, the largest rise in four months, according to the Retail Trade figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The rise in July follows a 0.2 per cent rise in June 2022 and 0.7 per cent rise in May 2022.

Ben Dorber, head of retail statistics at the ABS, said:

"After slowing growth in recent months, the 1.3 per cent rise in July was the largest since the 1.6 per cent rise in March 2022."

"Turnover rose in five of the six retail industries in July 2022. This shows that, despite cost-of-living pressures, households are continuing to spend."

Department stores had the largest rise, up 3.8 per cent, followed by clothing, footwear, and personal accessory retailing (3.3 per cent), cafes, restaurants, and takeaway food services (1.8 per cent), other retailing (1.6 per cent) and food retailing (1.2 per cent).

Household goods retailing fell for the third time in four months, down 1.1 per cent in July 2022.

Turnover rose in Victoria (1.8 per cent), the Australian Capital Territory (1.8 per cent), Western Australia (1.6 per cent), New South Wales (1.3 per cent), South Australia (1.2 per cent), the Northern Territory (0.7 per cent) and Queensland (0.4 per cent).

Tasmania was the only state where retail turnover fell, down 0.3 per cent. This was the state's first fall in 2022.



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The full program for Term 4 is on BCAL's website now.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Aphids attacking broad bean tips, rust fungus on peas and garlic leaves, brown rot on lettuces - the garden is showing the impact of late winter's big wet. And there's more to come this spring.

Volunteers, mindful of the potential for further loss and damage to emerging spring growth, spent time last week inspecting vulnerable plants and removing affected leaves and shoots.

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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

SPRING is a very up and down affair, it's as if it's torn between winter and summer behaviour and can't make up its mind which way to go.

Well, good news, the \$250 Power Savings Bonus from the State Government is set to continue to December 31, of this year and will be open to all Victorian households, not just concession card holders. They are keen that you seek out a better energy deal and save money on energy bills that way. So, if you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills, direct them to the online site: www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome. And call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying.

Are you a young 'un rearing to go get your driver's licence but don't have anyone to help you get the 120 hours needed on your learner's permit? Then you need a helping hand. The Bass Coast TAC L2P Driver Education Program assists young people (16 - 20yrs) by matching them with a trained volunteer mentor to supervise their driving as they work their way to undertake their probationary licence.

Call Melanie, the L2P Co-ordinator on 0467 590 679 (Monday - Wednesday.) The program is always keen to get new mentors on the books. If you can help out with a few hours a week there will be a young 'un who will be very appreciative.

Our AGM is coming upon Monday, October 10, at 2pm.

We are pleased to have Andrea



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Aunty Sonia Weston-Hume from the Bunurong Land Council accompanies President of the BCAL Board Emily Sinnbeck and Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Olivia Hurrell. CO1_3722

Pathways and connectivity – celebrating adult learning

IT WAS all happening on Friday, September 2 at Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) as they hosted their Pathway Expo Open Day.

Run in conjunction with Adult Learning Week (September 1-8), the event kicked off with a Welcome to Country by Aunty Sonia Weston-Hume of Bunurong Land Council before opening by Bass Coast Councillor Leticia Laing.

A cooking demonstration with Melissa Harrison, hair braiding by instructor Kate McNish and salon assistant student Jade, and music performance by Lisa Ovejero and music students, it was all systems go.

A yummy bake stall, taco stand, sausage sizzle by TAFE Gippsland, and scones with jam and cream and coffee by Black Cat Café stomachs were filled as the Sustainable Series speakers kicked off in U3A's Garden Room.

Wonthaggi Woodworkers were also on hand show-

casing their works, whilst an art and photography exhibition lined the walls of BCAL's main learning building.

"The whole day was about two key messages," teaching and learning coordinator, Olivia said.

"One is celebrating adult learners' week, which happens every year in the first week of September.

"The other is an open day so people can learn more about what we have on offer here, and what they can potentially enrol in next term or next year."

With the support of partners and service providers, including Maxima, and TAFE Gippsland on board a large crowd enjoyed the sunshine and learnt more about the courses on offer including, Hospitality and Tourism, Short Courses, Horticulture, Adult Numeracy and Literacy, Computer Skills and volunteer opportunities.

"It's so welcoming here," previous student and board

member, Nina said.

"It's the small things – I found so many friends here and have lovely memories of BCAL.

"I wanted to give back generously and do something good – it's a family."

Kicking off recently, BCAL are also offering their Sustainability Series workshops including permaculture, living sustainability, renewable energy and sustainable workplace practices with much of the groundwork stemming from Energy Innovation Co-operatives Harry and Maddy.

For those new to town and Australia, BCAL's Coastal connections Work Ties links newly arrived migrants with local employment opportunities.

BCAL are also incredibly proud of their NDIS supported Capacity Building Program, with term four starting October 3.

For more information call 5612 3115.

LIFE Moments

Elanorah Sanal Peter was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on September 4, 2022, weighing 2.74kg. Elanorah is a daughter for Nimitha Jacob and Sanal Peter of Wonthaggi, and a sister for Aaron and Ezac.

Beautiful twin boys, Taylor Warren Sheen, weighing 1.15 kg, and Jayden Alan Sheen, weighing 950 grams, arrived very early on May 16, 2022, at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton, to Cassie Sheen of Mirboo North.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au

More ways to recycle

THE State Government is introducing a separate glass service to all local government areas by 2027 and a food and garden organics collection by 2030.

By separating glass, Victoria will be able to recycle more glass into new products and recycle more materials from the mixed recycling bin.

As part of the Government's Recycling Victoria Household Education and Behaviour Change Fund, 15 councils will share in over \$1 million to deliver local campaigns.

All councils and alpine resort management boards are eligible for funding under the \$6.03 million Circular Economy Household Education Fund.

Bass Coast Shire's CEO Ali Wastie said the State Government has advised that all local governments will offer green organics and separate glass collection by 2030.

"We already provide a green

organics (FOGO) service, however, we currently don't have a set timeframe for the roll out of a separate glass recycling service for Bass Coast," she said.

"We will continue to work with the State Government and other local governments to determine the best outcome for waste services in Bass Coast."

"Council will update its Waste Strategy (2015-2025) this year, to reflect the significant changes in State Government policy and industry capability that have occurred since 2015 and set the direction for future improvements to waste services in Bass Coast."

South Gippsland Shire Council also received \$59,818 under the Circular Economy Household Education Fund, to introduce glass drop off service in November 2022, and introduce food organics to their garden organics service in February 2023.

Spring, sprung, sprang

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SPRING has finally sprung! Fresh greenery, colourful blooms after the dreary grey-ness of winter, jackets gleefully stuffed into the furthest corner of a dresser, and so many more good things that the warmer weather brings us.

However, this season gives us one more notable thing, and yes, you guessed right, it's hay fever season.

Hay fever, also known as allergic rhinitis, is not caused by hay and doesn't cause fever.

It is caused by allergens coming into contact with our noses and eyes.

Aside from pollen, other allergens such as dust, mites, mould, and animal hair can also trigger hay fever.

The symptoms usually come on quite quickly once contact with the allergen has been made.

This allergic reaction causes the inside of your nose to become irritated, swollen, and inflamed.

Most of us are pretty well versed with the symptoms of hay fever which can include:

- Runny, itchy, and congested noses

- Irritable, itchy, watery, and red eyes

- Itchy ears, throat, and palate

If you haven't already done so, taking steps to avoid allergens in your home can be beneficial in reducing hay fever symptoms.

Such as using an air purifier with a HEPA filter to clean the air in your home, keeping your windows shut, limiting your time outdoors, and wearing a mask when you are outside - especially on windy days.

Ask anyone that has had to struggle with hay fever and

they will tell you that it can significantly affect their quality of life.

However, we are fortunate to have access to a variety of options which comes in the form of tablets, sprays and eye drops.

Antihistamine tablets help to reduce symptoms of sneezing, running noses and irritated eyes.

The advantage of antihistamines is the convenience and flexibility, where you can take them when you are experiencing symptoms and stop them when you are well.

Antihistamine eye drops can also help control watery eyes due to allergies.

Intranasal corticosteroid nasal sprays have a potent action on inflammation when used regularly.

They can be used to treat and prevent symptoms but have a slower onset of action.

Hence, taking an oral antihistamine tablet to get on top of the symptoms will give the spray time to work. These sprays will need to be used for an extended period to be more effective.

A good tip to maximise the effectiveness of corticosteroid nasal sprays is to use a nasal rinse to flush out the excess pollen and mucus in the nasal passageways, which allows the active ingredient to adhere better and work to its best potential.

Especially when we see how hay fever affects 1 in every 5 people in Australia, there's always something available to help manage your symptoms.

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MICHAEL'S **IGA**

Community REWARDS
FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



A total of \$142,325 was received by local community groups through the Michael's IGA Community Rewards Program, from left Cr Clare Williams, Cr Mick Felton, Cr Jenni Keerie, Mayor Mohya Davies, Cr Nathan Hersey and Cr John Schelling of South Gippsland Shire. C31_3822

\$142,325 raised for local community groups

MICHAEL'S IGA presented \$142,325 worth of cheques to community groups last Wednesday at Leongatha RSL as part of the Community Rewards Fundraising Program.

Amongst the recipients, nine additional cheques from the community chest program were given to local CFA brigades valuing \$7965 in total, along with two \$10,000 cheques presented to St Vincent de Paul Leongatha and Korumburra.

"This year we decided to provide an additional \$10,000 because we know how many families are going to be struggling to pay bills. They are very



Nathan, Tahlia and Corban proudly accepted a cheque of \$3115 for Leongatha CFA along with an additional \$885 from the community chest. C30_3822



Joseph Rosse from St Vincent De Paul Korumburra received the cheque of \$1050, which will go towards helping those in need. C12_3822



Michael Lorenz also proudly presented two cheques for \$10,000 each to St Vincent de Paul Korumburra and Leongatha to assist in their tireless efforts for those in need. C14_3822

worthy organisations who do a lot to help the community," Owner, Michael Lorenz said.

"I always had a dream that I wanted to make sure we gave back to the community and did something as a point of difference.

"We don't do it to get the accolades. We want to do it and we feel good about what we do giving back to the community.

"On behalf of all my team and the stores, thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The Community Rewards program is designed to support local not for profit and community organisations by donating a percentage of what customers spend in-store.

Amongst the community groups unable to attend were Anglicare Victoria (\$1250), Dairy Farmers Milk Crisis (\$4800), East Gippsland Bush Fire Appeal (\$1400), Friends of Hillside Lodge (\$625), Gippsland Southern Health Services (\$12,000), Grow Lightly Connect (\$1125), Hallston Hall Committee (\$500), Jetho Hall Inc (\$500), Kongwak RFB (\$690), Korumburra Cricket Club (\$1000), Leongatha Basketball association (\$500), Leongatha Bowls Club (\$1850), Leongatha Football Club (\$2000), Leongatha Little Athletics (\$600), Leongatha Swimming Club (\$500), Nyora Primary School (\$610), Poowong CFA (\$775), Poowong Consolidated School (\$750), Red Cross (\$550), Relay for Life South Gippsland (\$550), Royal Children's Hospital (\$1500), Stony Creek Football Club (\$400) and Woorayl Golf Club (\$2285).



Doug Knez proudly took receipt of the cheque for St Vincent de Paul Conference Leongatha for \$1500. C13_3822



Terry Waycott from Carinya Lodge Homes Inc received the cheque of \$3250. C15_3822

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Students Noah and Rebecca proudly collected a cheque for \$3300 for Cairo Christian College. C16_3822



Frank accepted a cheque of \$625 on behalf of Friends of Coal Creek community group. C17_3822



Bill Ross of Heart Beat Victoria collected a cheque for \$690 on Wednesday. C18_3822



Shay Walker from Karmai Community Children's Centre received \$3980 from IGA's Fundraising Program. C19_3822



Butch McGannon was all smiles as he collected a cheque for \$450 for Fish Creek Football Club. C20_3822



Firefighter Wayne of Koonwarra CFA received \$1300 from the IGA program along with \$885 from the community chest to put towards the brigade. C21_3822



Korumburra Bowls Club secured \$1000 from the community rewards program which was proudly received by Robert Sund. C22_3822



Shay Walker accepted \$1200 on behalf of Korumburra-Bena Football Club on Wednesday. C23_3822



Second Lieutenant David Barton received \$3320 along with \$885 from the community chest for Korumburra CFA. C24_3822



Helen Cheddey of Korumburra Croquet Club received the cheque of \$1000. C25_3822



Linda and Reid were all smiles as they collected a cheque of \$4600 for Korumburra Primary School. C26_3822



Donna Muldoon of Korumburra Secondary received a cheque of \$1600 from Michael's IGA. C27_3822



Korumburra Swimming Club's \$1610 cheque was collected by Lesley. C28_3822



Wayne stepped up for Leongatha Bowls Club on Wednesday collecting the \$1850 cheque. C29_3822



It was all smiles as Garry Rotteveel collected \$2250 on behalf of Leongatha Golf Club. C32_3822



Andrea took the helm accepting \$1000 on behalf of Leongatha Knights FC. C33_3822



David Thompson proudly accepted \$880 on behalf of the Leongatha Lions Club. C34_3822



Volunteer and Councillor, Mick Felton accepted \$1000 on behalf of Loch CFA along with an additional community chest cheque of \$885. C35_3822



Robert Bill of Leongatha Mens Shed accepted a cheque for \$1000 from Michael's IGA Community Rewards program. C36_3822



Andrea of Leongatha Pre Schools was presented with a cheque for \$2225. C37_3822



Steve Lester of Leongatha Primary School proudly collected the \$2150 on behalf of the school. C38_3822



Sophie and Gabe were all smiles accepting \$1800 for Leongatha Secondary College. C39_3822



Firefighter Greg proudly collected \$850 for Leongatha South CFA along with the community chest bonus cheque of \$885. C40_3822



Brian Davies collected \$750 on behalf of Leongatha Town Cricket Club on Wednesday. C41_3822



Loch and District Bowling Club were the proud recipients of \$955 from the program, collected by Sue. C42_3822



Linda and Reid collected \$1200 on behalf of Loch Pre School on Wednesday. C43_3822



Students Zahli and Geoffrey collected \$3000 on behalf of Loch Primary School. C44_3822



Charli and Immi of Mary MacKillop College proudly received \$3225 from the Community Rewards program. C45_3822



Cr Jenni Keerie collected \$1830 on behalf of Milpara Community House Inc on Wednesday. C46_3822



Firefighter Peter was all smiles and thanks as he collected \$680 on behalf of Pound Creek CFA and a further cheque of \$885 from the community chest. More than \$40,000 has been donated to Pound Creek CFA from Michael's IGA over the years. C47_3822



Firefighter Ken of Ruby CFA proudly received \$1200 and an additional \$885 from the community chest. C48_3822



The Salvation Army's cheque of \$1500 was received by Hayley from the Community Rewards Fundraising program. C49_3822



Leongatha Unit Controller, Matt collected \$3800 on behalf of SES on Wednesday. C50_3822



Students Liam, Xander and Sam proudly collected an incredible \$5100 for South Gippsland Specialist School. C51_3822



Sharon of St Joseph's Primary was all smiles as she collected \$3800 on behalf of the school. C52_3822



Anne proudly collected \$1810 on behalf of St Laurence Catholic Church. C53_3822



Students Hayley and Jett received \$2200 on behalf of St Laurence O'Toole Primary School. C54_3822



Zoe and Heather proudly collected \$880 on behalf of South Gippsland Geographical Society Ltd. C55_3822



South Gippsland Landcare Network's \$840 cheque was received by Andrea. C56_3822



Barry Westhorpe of Woorayl Lodge Homes Inc was all smiles as they received \$1550. C57_3822



Alissia Dillon holds adorable puppy Albie, with Mikayla Delves also enjoying the Lymphoma fundraising event in Leongatha. A05_3822



Dianna and Elijah Malloy spotted the morning tea at Alex Scott and Staff after leaving gymnastics and thought it seemed a perfect spot to stop. A06_3822



Lachie, Dane and Harry Perczyk at the Lymphoma fundraising event at which Dane volunteered as the auctioneer. A07_3822



Conference Host and Destination Phillip Island General Manager, Kim Storey catches up with Simonne Liberman of Genesta House Bed and Breakfast. C03_3822



Emanuel Panait of Phillip Island Prestige discusses the day's events and speakers with Mike Skomina of Host Easy BnB. C04_3822



Arina Kruglyakova from Phillip Island Nature Parks and Kally Van Venrooy of Phillip Island Circuit indulged in conversation during the networking session on Tuesday at Silverwaters Resort. C06_3822



Arnika Martin of Destination Phillip Island, Lucy Dewhurst of Bass Coast Shire Council and Danielle Todaro of South Gippsland Shire Council caught up after a successful conference. C08_3822



Powlett River students Rhys and Hunter took a moment out to smile for the camera as they joined in the Kids as Catalysts rubbish collection. C10_3822



Saskia and Debbie Martin listen to Gregg Dreise as he shares indigenous culture. A41_3822

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the World Lymphoma Awareness Day fundraising morning tea at Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha, Fishy Stories Children's Festival at Fish Creek, Destination Phillip Island Conference and Kids as Catalysts.



Fox, Smith and Freda of Tarwin Lower get into the spirit of Fishy Stories. A51_3822



It was animal fanfare and laughs as Phillip Island Nature Park's Nicole Hill and Wildlife Coast Cruises' John Dickie caught up on Tuesday. C05_3822



It was all smiles on Tuesday from Lyn Bennett of Time Out Cottage, Lauren Van Strijp and Chelsea Wilson of Bass Coast Shire Council following the Destination Phillip Island Conference. C07_3822



Students Bridy and Lee accompany Powlett River Primary principal, Wendy as they collected rubbish from the sand on Wednesday. C09_3822



Matilda, Lexi and Jaz were foraging in the sand for plastics and other rubbish in the sunshine along Powlett River last Wednesday. C11_3822



Inverloch's Elliot and Daniel Martin listen to Gregg Dreise at Fishy Stories. A42_3822



Twins Molly and Maggie Mackenzie of Middle Tarwin enjoy Fishy Stories, with Maggie displaying her Toucan story. A43_3822



Tannah and Jaxon Lovie of Leongatha hold their Greg Dreise books. A44_3822



Women for Change's Nina Barry-Macaulay (right) was the guest speaker at Inverloch VIEW club's August meeting, standing alongside Helen.

Plenty more guest speakers coming up

ONCE again, the Inverloch VIEW club was honoured to host another very interesting guest speaker at their August meeting, Nina Barry-Macaulay.

Nina has a very active toddler and juggles a very busy schedule. She has been active in stage musicals and sports and at present is on the board of Bass Coast Community Fund (BCCF).

BCCF is a Bass Coast based philanthropic charity dedicated to making a difference to lives of Bass Coast residents.

Nina told us about their voucher program in which schools nominate children and families in need to receive vouchers to purchase clothing and school requirements. All Bass Coast schools can access the school voucher program.

BCCF support the Bass Coast L to P program, which has now been taken up Victoria wide; L to P assists young people to build the required number of driving hours to apply for their licences.

Women for Change, a sub-group of BCCF, is a group of women who use their collective resources and abilities to make positive changes for women and children in Bass Coast.

Nina is passionate about Women for Change and improving the life outcomes for Women and girls in our community.

A recent initiative assisted six women to gain driving licences which contributed greatly to them feeling more confident and independent.

VIEW clubs support children in need throughout Australia by raising funds for the Smith Family.

The next meeting for the Inverloch VIEW club will be on Tuesday, September 27 at the Inlet Hotel, Inverloch. Guest speaker will be a representative from Hearing Australia.

For more information, please contact club secretary, Heather Wright 0412 463 344.

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Evelyn's love for the Queen on display for all

EVELYN Chetland was a youngster growing up on a farm at Kongwak when she already had a fascination for the monarchy.

The defining moment came when her mother told her, "You will not be going to school today, the king died last night."

Two years earlier at the age of seven, she received a book with the title 'Our Royal Family' which featured King George VI, his queen Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon and the two princesses Elizabeth and Margaret of York.

She treasured it, reading it thoroughly and regularly.

Evelyn said she closely followed Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation and became involved in a procession with the 'Brownies' in Kongwak.

It was a big day for the small village, the march starting at the grocery store, over the road from the milk factory, and to the town hall opposite the primary school.

Evelyn planted a tree with two other girls from the Brownies in front of the hall, which still grows there today.

Evelyn said, "After the coronation, the Victorian Education Department gave each student a photo of the Queen, a booklet about the crown



Evelyn Chetland's royal collection will be showcased at Grace Chapel in Archies Creek on Thursday, September 22.

jewels, a concertina book of the coronation showing the procession of the house guard and mounted troops and golden carriage, medals and a coronation flag.

"The death of the Queen is very sad for all of us but thanks to the Australian media, we have watched King Charles III mature into the person he is today.

"To me, he is fair dinkum and will do his best to serve Britain, Australia

and the Commonwealth nations until his death.

"Long Live the King." Evelyn's royal collection, including the items mentioned in this article, will be on display at the Memorial Service to celebrate the life of the Queen this coming Thursday, at Grace Chapel in Archies Creek, starting at 9.30am.

All are welcome to attend, and high tea will be served following the service.

Milestone event for local church

SCOTS Pioneer Church will be celebrating their 110-year anniversary on September 25, at 2pm, 1191 Mardan Road.

Dignitaries attending the event will include Melina Bath MLC and a South Gippsland Shire representative.

The event will also include community singing, local entertainers and an

afternoon tea.

Following the passing of Margaret Castle - nee McIndoe, a volunteer group continued with the running of the PSAs and hiring out of church.

In April 2019, they officially became incorporated and registered as a charity.

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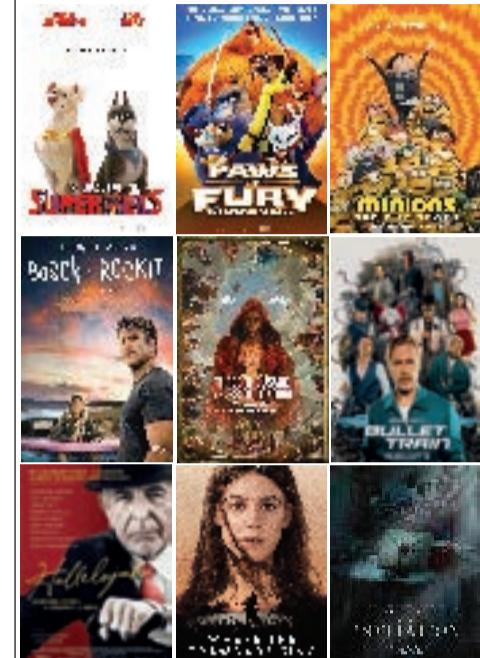
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Consumers stuck with 'lemon' cars

DATA from Australian Consumer Complaints Commission (ACCC) court actions has revealed that there are hundreds of thousands of lemons on Australia's roads, many of which are run 'down the lane' to second-hand dealerships for unsuspecting consumers to purchase.

Consumer Action lawyers are regularly called about used cars that break down a week, or even a day after purchase – sometimes on the way home from the dealership.

Each of these vehicles represents a person, often a family heavily impacted by a lemon car: a mother who can't get to work, a father who can't take the children to day care, someone who has missed a hospital appointment, a family violence victim unable to safely escape their perpetrator.

Consumer Action assisted over 100 Victorians with their lemon car issues in FY2021-22, helping them to attempt to resolve the issue directly with the car dealer, if possible, and guiding them through the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's costly and labyrinthine processes which can take up to two years.

"It's clear that our current tribunal system cannot deal with lemon cars because the system is broken," said Tania Clarke, Consumer Action Director of Policy and Campaigns.

"We need a new and more effective dispute resolution solution, a motor vehicle ombudsman, that incentivises better conduct in line with the Australian Consumer Law and that can prevent poor conduct before it happens through a transparent systemic issue focus," she said.

"We have heard from people who have been plunged deep into debt after borrowing to pay for a lemon and then losing work because they couldn't travel.

"ACCC's data underscores the need for an ombudsman who can solve lemon car issues quickly and with less costs. We have presented this idea to the Victorian Government and opposition parties as our platform for the upcoming State Election in November," said Ms Clarke.

"We hope they listen because this problem has been around for too long – decades in fact."

ACCC successful enforcement actions against manufacturers have identified a minimum of 472,968 cars were sold to Australian consumers with defects during the period.

Safety reminder as electric vehicles take off

WORKSAFE is reminding employers of their obligations to provide appropriate training and supervision as the growing popularity of electric vehicles sparks new challenges for mechanics.

The reminder comes after the new federal Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme, which seeks to improve access to vehicle safety information, took effect on July 1.

The scheme allows registered training organisations and trained motor vehicle repairers to access information about a vehicle's high voltage, electric and hydrogen propulsion systems and connected components.

The scheme is supported by the new Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority (AASRA) and the ACCC.

Electric vehicles include battery electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, which can be dangerous if not worked on safely.

WorkSafe Executive Director Health and Safety Narelle Beer said Section 21 of the



Occupational Health and Safety Act requires employers to give workers appropriate information, instruction, training, or supervision to enable them to work safely.

"With the popularity of electric vehicles increasing, demand for repair and maintenance work is also expected to rise – yet many mechanics may not have training or experience working with these systems," Dr Beer said.

"Electric vehicles contain large battery arrays that can be extremely dangerous if not worked on safely."

participate in the scheme.

"It's critical that employers take all practical steps to ensure workers have the information, instruction, supervision and safe systems of work they need to work safely," Dr Beer said.

Plug-in electric vehicle sales almost tripled from 6900, or 0.78 per cent of new car sales in 2020 to 20,665, or two per cent, in 2021 according to the Electric Vehicle Council, and are forecast to continue to grow rapidly as affordability improves in the coming years.

The Victorian Government's Zero Emissions Vehicle Roadmap includes a suite of policies to support the uptake of electric vehicles.

The new scheme rules can be accessed at Victorian Legislation. For information about the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme, contact Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority or Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

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Biketoberfest set to roar in Leongatha

LEONGATHA'S inaugural Biketoberfest will roar into life on October 29, with between 3000 and 5000 motorcycles of all varieties expected.

The event is supported by the Leongatha Business Association, with a small subcommittee established to organise it, and will run on a not-for-profit basis with a strong community focus.

Black Dog Ride is also supporting the day, established in 2008 to create awareness of depression and since raising millions of dollars for mental health programs.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the cause through gold coin donations.

Attendees can wander along Bair and Lyon Streets checking out the motorbikes, with those streets dedicated to motorcycle parking for the day.

That includes dirt bikes, postie bikes, even trikes and motorcycles with sidecars, scooters, road bikes, and

anything else people wish to bring along.

There'll also be a classic bike display in the Memorial Hall and an SES demonstration in the Woolworths carpark.

There will even be a wheelie machine, complete with a motorbike on which you can do controlled wheelies.

A selection of motorcycle-related stalls will be in town for the day, with organisers keen to hear from others interested in running a stall.

It's expected there'll be a broad range of stalls. Stalls will be centred around Michael Place. There'll be food vans and coffee available, along with local businesses that choose to operate on the day.

Biketoberfest runs from 9am until 3pm, with motorcyclists arriving and departing as they wish throughout the day.

For more information, email biketoberfestleongatha@gmail.com



Biketoberfest is coming up in late October in Leongatha.
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Key investment highlights include:

- Three separate hothouses with a combined size of approximately 9000m² capable of producing substantial crops of vegetables or fruits. Heated via a waste oil boiler and irrigated from the farm's dams.
- Established farm gate produce store, cafe/restaurant and commercial butchers facility that has an extensive customer base. This area is equipped with refrigerated displays, cool rooms, packing area, and office space. The building is serviced with 3-phase power, 40Kw solar system and a backup generator.
- 168 acres (68 Ha) across two separate freehold titles with an entrance that is only a 600m turnoff from the dual lane Bass Hwy which is the main route to Phillip Island from Melbourne.
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with rich, black, sandy loam soils suitable for cattle grazing, vegetable cropping or the establishment of a winery. The top paddock has a panoramic outlook across Western Port Bay.

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Macca's farm is an extremely unique opportunity which presents a vast array of opportunities for the new purchasers.

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Down the hallway are the three bedrooms plus study, with the great sized master bedroom featuring a walk-through wardrobe into a full sized ensuite.

The remainder of the bedrooms include built in

robes and are serviced by a central family bathroom. The laundry room has direct access onto the north facing deck and includes access into a secret attic in the roof which is perfect for storage and/or a kids retreat.

Downstairs you will find the ultimate entertainer's space with separate access through a set of glass sliding doors. The area is serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner and includes a built-in bar and ample space for a man cave set up or teenager haven.

Externally the property includes a 4mx3m hay shed, 3 separate paddocks that have been fertilised yearly and each with a water trough, 12mx6m approx. shed with concrete floor and power, a large concrete water tank with a smaller plastic tank collecting the overflow, landscaped gardens with many raised vegetable garden beds to grow your own fresh produce.

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Councillor Rae always on the go

LIKE most South Gippsland Shire councillors, Scott Rae is a busy person, continuing to juggle his existing responsibilities with his added community duties.

The Sentinel-Times chatted with the Foster North beef farmer at a recent Koonwarra Store Sale.

Scott was there to witness the sale of around 50 of his cattle, being a mix of steers and heifers.

His approximately 9-month-old steers were sold in two pens of 12, with the weaners fetching \$1,500 for the first lot and \$1,480 for the remainder.

"I am reasonably happy and that was a fair price," Scott declared.

He once saw beef from a different point of view, working as chef, but seems content with his move into farming a decade ago.

Asked about the challenges of managing two busy jobs, Scott expressed relief that he went into the less onerous pursuit of beef farming rather than pursuing a role in the more labour-intensive dairy industry.



South Gippsland Shire councillor and beef farmer Scott Rae at a Friday Koonwarra Store Sale, with a pen of his young steers about to be auctioned. A01_3822

Given his shift from the kitchen to working with livestock, he was asked whether he gets attached to the animals, acknowledging that is the case for those that require bottle rearing,

but he isn't about to pursue a vegan lifestyle.

In his community guise, Cr Rae's responsibilities continue to expand, with his recent appointment to the executive of the South

East Australian Transport Strategy, in which he will help advocate for improved transport infrastructure, something South Gippsland locals have made clear is a key priority.

Have your say on Victoria's biosecurity laws

LOCALS now have the opportunity to shape the future of biosecurity as the Victorian Government works to safeguard the agriculture sector.

The government has released a discussion paper setting out key topics to guide reforms to Victoria's biosecurity legislation.

Public feedback on Victoria's current biosecurity system is vital to ensure it remains effective, including the legislation that underpins it.

Strong and modern biosecurity laws will ensure Victoria maintains its reputation as a producer and exporter of safe and high-quality produce.

Legislative reform also provides an opportunity to develop laws that address risks, and support new ways for government, industry and the community to work together.

Combining the laws relating to animals, plants and pests currently provided across multiple pieces of legislation

into a single Biosecurity Act will help make everyone's responsibilities clear.

There is also opportunity to consider how biosecurity legislation can emphasise that biosecurity is everyone's responsibility, and to recognise Traditional Owner rights and knowledge systems in Caring for Country.

This is the first time Victorians have the opportunity to have their say on combining the biosecurity laws.

Feedback received will help the government understand the priorities of the public and guide the development of new policies.

The reform delivers on the government's ambitious 10-year agriculture strategy, ensuring the sector is well-placed to guard against future risk.

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The AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant is a program developed in 2021 to foster growth and development in women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses and communities.

It runs separately to the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award; however, it complements the process, aiming to provide a leadership and development opportunity to women who are not quite ready to apply for the Award.

Seven Australian women per annum will be granted with a learning and development bursary of \$7,000 to enable them to bring their idea, cause or vision to life.

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant encourages innovation and problem solving looking for women with an idea, cause or vision that benefits rural or emerging industries, businesses or communities. The idea needs to have a community, collaboration or commercial focus and align to the values of the Grant.

Applications for both the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award and the AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant are now open and close on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

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1 O'Loughlin TP Mardan	625.0	486.6	3,041
1 Heldens W Buffalo	610.0	486.6	2,968
1 Hulls MA & Price PG Leongatha	680.0	483.0	3,284
1 Saario R Meeniyian	645.0	450.0	2,902
5 Homebush Pastoral Co Dumbalk	656.0	440.0	2,886

Steers

1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	525.0	601.6	3,158
1 Logan HR & SK Kooroaman	450.0	595.6	2,680
1 Horan P Airly	545.0	516.6	2,815
3 Davis R & P Leongatha Sth	535.0	500.0	2,675
1 M & M Cattle Co Lang Lang	540.0	420.0	2,268
8 Homebush Pastoral Co Dumbalk	539.4	375.0	2,022

Heifers

3 Logan HR & SK Kooroaman	385.0	567.6	2,185
1 Ajay Nom P/L Yanakie	465.0	550.0	2,557
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	390.0	550.0	2,145
1 Arestia M & H Krowera	440.0	513.2	2,258
2 Roberson B Yarragon	562.5	491.6	2,765
1 Magarry Pty Ltd ATF	385.0	480.0	1,848
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Cows

1 Belcher DD & KL Woodside	735.0	430.0	3,160
1 Phillips B & S Grantville	610.0	430.0	2,623
1 Paterson JD & KL Woodside	585.0	430.0	2,515
1 Hall B & M Budgeree	705.0	420.0	2,961
1 Dawn Box Wattlebank	530.0	412.0	2,183
1 Gregory C Crossover	580.0	412.0	2,389
Bulls	955.0	396.0	3,781
1 Arestia M & H Krowera	950.0	377.6	3,587
1 O'Loughlin Farms Pty Ltd	555.0	369.6	2,051
Tarwin Lower	1,000.0	367.6	3,676
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, September 12, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x\$22 to \$100
Friesian Bulls\$32 to \$215
Friesian Heifers\$300 to \$860
Beef Bulls\$60 to \$500
Beef Heifers\$120 to \$310
Number of Calves: 649	
Number purchased to rear: 359	

West Gippsland's waterways home to threatened platypus



Platypus are now an official threatened species and listed as vulnerable in Victoria.

ON NATIONAL Threatened Species Day, West Gippsland CMA were pleased to report that the 2021 statewide Great Australian Platypus Search citizen science project to detect platypus through environmental DNA (eDNA) has revealed that the threatened species is widespread across West Gippsland being found in over ten waterways across the catchment.

West Gippsland's Waterwatch volunteers answered the call to assist in the statewide investigation into platypus populations using eDNA led by Waterwatch Victoria in partnership with the Odonata Foundation.

"We are extremely heartened that platypus were detected in 11 waterways across West Gippsland," said Martin Fuller, CEO of WGCMA.

"It is an indicator of improving waterway health including increased habitat and water quality for wildlife achieved through initiatives such as strategic environmental water releases, fencing and planting to protect and enhance habitat along rivers and creeks and sustainable agricultural initiatives that look after the environment on farms.

"I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers for giving their time to help to build a picture of

the distribution of this very elusive and special animal across West Gippsland.

"This first step will help us to plan for future conservation efforts for this special threatened species and we are very keen to explore more waterways in the future."

In January 2021, the Victorian Government announced that it was taking "urgent action to protect the platypus" which is now officially a threatened species and listed as vulnerable in Victoria.

"Caring for and improving waterways with Traditional Owners, our partners such as Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

and its Waterwatch Program along with landholders and volunteers is what CMAs are all about. Creating the potential to further understand the platypus within the West Gippsland catchment is a real highlight for us."

As a result of Waterwatch Victoria's involvement, the project saw Waterwatch sites, and additional Traditional Owner sites included as part of the project.

Close to 2,000 sites were sampled across Victoria during the search making it one of the world's largest citizen science programs.

Data will help to build a comprehensive map of platypus populations across the state and will be used by waterway man-

agers to better understand risks and inform appropriate management efforts.

Platypus were found to be widely distributed across West Gippsland with their eDNA being detected in the following waterways: Morwell River, Agnes River, Franklin River, Stockyard Creek, Tarwin River, Narracan Creek, Latrobe River, Tyers River, Thomson River and Stoney Creek tributary, Macalister River, and Avon River.

To find out more visit wgcm.vic.gov.au and thegreataustralianplatypussearch.org/re-suits-2021. You can also contribute to ongoing platypus monitoring at platypusnetwork.org.au/home.

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Spring delivers opportunities

THE 2022/23 season is gaining momentum this spring.

Record high farmgate milk prices and three years of favourable operating conditions have meant increased profitability for many farmers and confidence in the industry's future.

Milk production is likely to remain stable this season, with farmgate prices remaining high, according to the September 2022 Situation and Outlook Report from Dairy Australia.

The report forecasts a smaller global milk pool due to droughts, high input costs and farm exits in the northern hemisphere, which may offer opportunities for Australian exporters.

In Australia, weather, workforce shortages and input costs will remain key issues for the industry.

A third consecutive La Niña weather event is likely, which may increase homegrown feed production, reducing the need for high-priced feed inputs. But wet conditions will be challenging, particularly for farmers in New South Wales and Queensland who

have already received higher than usual rainfall.

"High farmgate prices mean most farmers are currently making good profits," says Dairy Australia's Industry Insights and Analysis Manager, John Droppert.

"In the coming season, farmers will need to manage these high prices against labour shortages and relatively high input costs.

"In addition, increased precautions and contingency planning are being implemented by many farmers to safeguard them against the elevated risk of Foot-and-mouth disease and Lumpy Skin Disease. These diseases are not in Australia but are of concern because of recent outbreaks in Indonesia."

Dairy processors are paying high milk prices yet some of their markets are seeing falling product prices. Although margins are tight for milk processors, the domestic market has provided some relief. The 'dairy products' index published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics is up 5.2% over the 2022 financial year indicating that processors and manufacturers are recovering some costs from consumers.

Community grants for drought preparedness

COMMUNITY-BASED organisations will be eligible to apply for the Community Impact Program grants of between \$200,000 and \$500,000 to strengthen community networks, capabilities and facilities that support drought preparedness as part of the Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative.

The grants are available across 35 regions nationally. Victorian regions include Mallee, Loddon Campaspe, Wimmera Southern Mallee, East Gippsland, Goulburn, West Gippsland and Ovens Murray.

Successful applicants will also be able to access tailored leadership development support for their communities.

To apply or learn more visit frrr.org.au/impact-program or the Future Drought Fund website agriculture.gov.au/fdf.

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A/c Manuka Ridge, Kilcunda (NUTRIEN)

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A/c MG Harrison, Dumbalk (SEJ)

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A/c Ironbar Investments, Kilcunda (NUTRIEN)

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A/c S & L Storti (ELDERS)

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A/c J Covill Hazelwood North (ELDERS)

30 Angus mix sex weaners, 13 mths

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A/c M P Lee, Stratford (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, 13 mths, Innesdale blood

A/c G & T McColl 'Glenfinnan Nominees', Mardan (SEJ)

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A/c Greg Warran (ELDERS)

22 Angus mix sex weaners, 10-12 mths, very quiet

A/c G & P Addamo, Darnum (NUTRIEN)

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A/c C & G White, Fish Creek (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, weaned, VB, GF & AF, Banquet blood

A/c T J & JE Clark, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)

20 Speckled Park mixed sex weaners, 9 mths

A/c L Shepherd (ELDERS)

20 Angus mix sex weaners, weaned and quiet

A/c F & J Edwards, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)

17 Red Angus steers, 8-10 mths

15 Red Angus heifers, 8-10 mths

A/c Len Missen, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)

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10 Angus Friesian x steers, 10-12 mths, Unj

A/c DJ Bowler, Woodleigh (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus / Friesian x mixed sex, 8-10 mths

A/c T J & JE Clark, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)

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DEATHS

ALCOCK, John:
I will never forget you, John. We worked in Rose Lodge together for many years. You were a great nurse, and the residents all loved you. **Rest in Peace.** -- Marg Sullivan.

BRYCE, Robert:
05.01.1940 - 16.09.2022.

Devoted husband to Helen. Loving father of Robert, Sarah, and Andrew; and Poppy of Michael, Dominic and Amy.

Passed aged 82 years. Will be forever missed.

Rest now in peace.

A Memorial Service will be held at Nyora Hall, 2pm Wednesday September 28, 2022.

BRYCE, Robert:
Goodbye for now, dear friend. Until we meet again. -- Sylvia and Denis Casey.

CLARKSON, Gary Sims:
26.01.1939 - 18.09.2022.

Passed away peacefully.

Your loving daughter Sheryl, Hugh, and family.

COULSTON, Jeffrey Thomas (Jeff):

Passed away peacefully at the Korumburra Hospital. Beloved husband of Pam for 61 Years.

Loved father of Mark and Wendy, Carolyn and Paul, Christopher and Joy.

Much loved grandad and great grandad.

Older brother of Colin, Beverly, and Helen (dec.), cousin to Gloria.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

DEATHS

COULSTON, Jeff:
The President and Members of the Korumburra Bowling Club are deeply saddened by the passing of member Jeff. Deepest sympathy to Pam and family.

FLETCHER, Michael:
Formerly from Buffalo. Aged 69. Tragically departed 09.09.2022. Son of Bill and Shirley, brother of Robert, and Allan. A free spirit. Always independent, his candle is extinguished.

Rest in Peace.

FORWOOD, Chris:
Passed away on Friday September 9, 2022, aged 81 years.

Loving husband to Cynthia. Devoted Dad to Carron, Rohan, and Andrew.

With tears we watched you suffer, And watched you fade away, With courage and concern for others, You fought so hard to stay, But God saw that you were weary, And did what He thought best, He gently took you in His arms, And whispered come and rest.

HALL, Malcolm Victor:
03.11.1935 - 08.09.2022.

On September 8, 2022, at Koorooman House Leongatha, late of Leongatha North.

Dearly loved and loving husband of Audrey for 65 years.

Devoted father to Stephen, Russell, Janine, and families.

Grandfather to 11, great grandfather to 6.

Twin son of Frank and Alice Hall (both dec.).

Brother of Fenton, Morris (both dec.), Noel, and twin of Rosemary (dec.).

Now Thankfully, Resting Peacefully.

DEATHS

HERBERT (nee McKenzie), Jean Margaret Alicia:
17.06.1921 - 16.09.2022. Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge.

Loved wife of Herbert Arthur "Bob" (dec.). Loved mother of Jill and Neil (dec.).

Loved mother-in-law of Steve and Marilyn.

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Our thanks to the staff at Rose Lodge.

McKEAN (Ammon), June:

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A gathering to celebrate the life of Robert Bryce will take place at the Nyora Public Hall, 3 Henley St, Nyora on Wednesday September 28, 2022, commencing at 2pm.

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FORWOOD:
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Melba is growing, and we have exciting opportunities for everyone, from experienced House Supervisors to those wishing to enter the disability sector without any experience.

We are looking for passionate and committed people to fill the following roles in Leongatha & Wonthaggi.

• House Supervisor (DDSO3/3A)
Must hold relevant Advanced Diploma qualification (or willing to obtain). Full time position available, shift work required.

• Support Worker (DDSO1)
No qualification or experience just a passion for helping people. Multiple part time positions available, shift work required.

You will also have in your toolkit:

- Current Full Driver's Licence
- Current Level 2 First Aid Certificate with CPR (or willing to obtain)
- Working with Children Check and NDIS Workers Clearance (or willing to obtain)
- Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19

Employment, salary, and benefits will be in accordance with Disability Services Enterprise Agreement Victoria (DSEAV) 2018 – 2022 classification level DDSO1/ DDSO3/3A (as relevant).

If you'd like to apply for any of the above roles, please visit:
melbasupport.com.au/jobs

To find out more about any of the roles, please contact our People & Culture Team via hr.gippsland@melbasupport.com.au

Melba Support Services is a Child Safe Organisation and an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications close:
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

LB0476



Award winning Paul The Pieman Bakery in Inverloch is looking to recruit an

Experienced Baker

who is proficient in artisan and all other breads

Apprentice Pastry Chef Weekend Casuals

Please apply in person or send resume to:
paul@paulthepieman.com.au
www.paulthepieman.com.au



Car Detailer

Part Time (15 to 30 hours per week)

Tasks include:

- Detailing of new and used vehicles
 - Cleaning yard and showroom display vehicles
 - Cleaning company vehicles
- Experience in car detailing preferred but not essential.

Join the team at this state of the art multi-franchised dealership in Leongatha.

Please send resume to:
Russell Hemming, Dealer Principal,
Gippsland Motor Group Leongatha
rhemming@motusau.com



LMCT 10285 & 11276

LB0462



POSITION VACANT BUTCHER

San Remo IGA is seeking a passionate and motivated individual to join our team. This role will require some weekend work over summer and other peak periods. The successful applicant must be able to work autonomously as well as in a team environment.

If this sounds like you or you would like to know more please get in touch!

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:
shayne@sanremoiga.com.au

135 Marine Pde, San Remo, VIC 3925 T: [03] 5678 5337



Motor Mechanic

We are currently looking for an experienced technician to join our growing multi-franchised dealership located in Leongatha

Brands: Holden/Subaru/Isuzu Ute
Full Time: 38hrs per week

We are looking for a candidate who:

- Has experience with carrying out diagnostics.
- Is flexible in the types and makes of the vehicles to be worked on.
- Carry out standard book services on vehicles to manufacturer set times.
- Expanding business with several franchises on one site.
- We will offer ongoing factory training.
- A supportive and friendly work environment.

Leongatha Motors place a great emphasis on giving our customers the best experience. From sales to servicing, we specialise in all aspects of the motor industry and maintain a high level of personal service. We are looking for another important member of that team and process, if you feel you can contribute please apply.

Resumes to be sent to
Russell.hemming@leongathamotors.com.au
Closes Friday, September 30, 2022



LMCT 10285 & 11276

LB0473

Data Analyst

- Permanent - Full/Time
- Starting Location Foster, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 7

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic and experienced person to join us in the role of Data Analyst. You will work closely with internal stakeholders to understand, design and deliver their data needs utilising Microsoft Reporting Tools (SSRS, SQL, Power BI).

About You

- You understand the power of data and thrive on helping others learn to use data effectively;
- You enthusiastically engage with the business to understand their data needs and translate them into technical requirements;
- You are experienced with SQL, SSRS & Power BI and love using these tools to get real results;
- You are excited to enable SGW to grow their data capabilities.

At SGW diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. We strive for a workplace that is equitable and inclusive. We welcome diversity in applicants.

Please go to <https://www.sgwwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

Candidates will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All SGW sites are covered by Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions and SGW COVID 19 Vaccination Requirements Policy.

Applications Close Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5pm



LB0469



- COOKS/CHEFS
- CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF
- JUNIOR STAFF (15yrs+)
- Experience preferred but not essential
 - Good wages, penalty rates and staff discounts
 - Hours somewhat flexible according to your needs
 - 10-35 hrs/wk (includes some night & weekend shifts)

Enquiries/applications to info@srfco.com.au

1300 851 636 | www.sgwwater.com.au

LB0482

Customer Service Officer and Logistics Coordinator

Brown's Fertilisers Leongatha

This is a full-time role working at the Leongatha Brown's Fertilisers depot. Reporting to the Depot Manager, your primary role will be to provide excellent customer service to, delivery scheduling and order processing for Brown's customers, and inbound logistics and administration and operational support for the depot.

You will be responsible for the critical scheduling of work for the local farming sector where requirements are constantly changing dependent on weather and other environmental factors. You will be a key contributor to a small team with a strong focus on customers, safety, environment, and health.

To be considered for this position you will need to have the following capabilities:

- Previous experience with logistics and freight co-ordination (preferably in an agricultural or similar environment).
- Strong computer skills with experience in a broad range of software packages. Excel and SAP or a similar ERP highly regarded.
- Resilient, with well-developed interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to liaise effectively with colleagues, contractors, and customers.
- Demonstrated ability to take responsibility for accuracy and efficiency of work.
- Analytical thinker with the ability to improve systems and a continuous improvement mindset.
- Knowledge of operations, distribution, and warehousing business support.
- Previous experience in an office environment.
- A natural cultural fit within the business, and demonstration of the Company's values of Connectedness, Agility, Reliability and Expertise (CARE) are of the highest importance.

Ameropa Australia is an achievement-based culture that supports people who are focused on learning and development, continuous improvement and delivering the best customer outcomes. It is a condition of your employment that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless you have a medical contraindication which prevents vaccination and that you provide evidence of vaccination to Ameropa.

Brown's Fertilisers (parent Company Ameropa Australia) is a COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination workplace.

Applications close:

Friday, September 30, 2022.

Please email your resume and cover letter to Kerrie Wilson People and Culture Coordinator kwilson@ameropa.com.au

**Phillip Island
NATURE
PARKS**

VACANCIES

The Nature Parks is preparing for the upcoming peak period and is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team in the following positions:

- **Farm Assistant – Casual**
- **Research Technical Officer – Part Time**
- **Warehouse Assistant – Part Time**
- **Cleaner – Casual**
- **Sales and Service – Casual & Part Time**
- **Visitor Engagement Ranger – Casual & Part Time**
- **Create Catering - Barista, F&B Attendants and Team Leader, Cooks, Chefs**

If you desire to join our dynamic and inclusive team please visit:

<https://www.penguins.org.au/about/employment/our-people-our-work/>

Employment or hospitality positions are via Create Catering.

Relief Milking Position

- Milking 200 cows in a recently built double-up with a rapid exit
- Located 7 minutes from Leongatha
- Looking for an experienced relief milker to work three consecutive afternoons each month
- Also looking for an experienced relief milker to work two weeks each half year
- Will consider varying number of days worked to suit both parties
- Pay is above Pastrol Award rates

For more information please call David Brumby on 0435 313 552.

**INVERLOCH
MARINE**

29-31 Bear Street, Inverloch, 3996

Service Co-Ordinator/ Administrator

Inverloch Marine has a position available for a Service Co-Ordinator/Administrator. Working approximately 20hrs per week you will assist the Service Manager in the workshops day to day running to ensure the successful operation of the Service Department. The position is Monday to Friday and does allow for some flexibility with hours

Daily responsibilities include:

- Assisting customers with service bookings, enquiries, drop offs and pick ups
- Answering calls and monitoring emails
- Administering quotes and warranties
- 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
- Exceptional time management skills and ability to work under pressure and without supervision
- Excellent computer skills
- Attention to detail

Knowledge and Experience in the Automotive or Marine industry would be an advantage but not essential.

Please forward all applications to: accounts@inverlochmarine.com.au



Qualified Automotive Mechanic

McHenry Motors is a highly reputable and trustworthy automotive workshop in Cowes with a loyal client base and strong following. We service, repair, fit and diagnose all makes and models as well as restore classic vehicles where we take pride in our work with emphasis on customer service, quality and performance.

We are looking for an experienced qualified automotive mechanic to join our team.

What we look for in the ideal candidate:

- Fully qualified with a minimum Australian Cert III in Light Automotive
- Strong experience in the Australian automotive trade
- Holds a manual Victorian licence
- Strong diagnostic and repair abilities
- Capable to work autonomously and take initiative
- Confident in decision making
- Great communication skills
- Team player
- Multi skilled
- Reliable and punctual
- Basic admin skills i.e. take phone calls and bookings, speak to customers

What we offer:

- Full time position Monday to Friday with work from 8am - 5pm. NO WEEKENDS
- Above Award remuneration
- Professional and supportive family run business
- Clean and spacious workshop
- Diverse work ranging from classic car restoration to the latest makes and models

If this sounds like the job for you, please email your cover letter with a resume to finance@mchenrymotors.com.au.

Thank you for your interest, we look forward to hearing from you!

McHenry Motors is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to a work environment that supports, inspires and respects all individuals with no tolerance for discrimination on any basis.

mja ACCOUNTING

Accountant Graduate Accountant Cadet Accountant Bookkeeper

MJA Accounting is growing and we are looking for candidates to fill new roles in both our Leongatha and Korumburra offices.

Successful applicants will work in a close-knit team and will be exposed to a broad range of accounting and taxation work for small to medium size businesses.

The new roles will cover a variety of responsibilities, including:

- Preparation of income tax returns and financial statements for individuals, partnerships, trusts, companies & superannuation
- Preparation of BAS / IAS
- Liaising with the ATO on behalf of our clients
- Assisting in the preparation and maintenance of accounting and taxation records
- Communicating with clients
- Other tasks as delegated by the team manager

We are looking for candidates who are client focused, team players with positive "can do" attitudes.

Advancement opportunities exist for ambitious, self-motivated team members with a desire to achieve.

Ideally, candidates will live within 50 kms of Leongatha or Korumburra, as these are full time, in office / on-site positions.

Applicants must have permanent work rights with no restrictions to apply for these roles.

If you are interested in applying for any of these roles, please email through your resume and cover letter to: practice@mjacpa.com.au

For a confidential discussion regarding these roles, please call Tim Kemp on 0438 623 183

Weekend Milker

Leongatha South Area

300 cows

Phone Paul 0429 643 242
or Mark 0427 643 241

Motor Mechanic or Apprentice Mechanic

Our busy workshop requires a motor mechanic or an apprentice mechanic.

The successful candidate should have attention to detail, good customer service and sound written and verbal skills.

This position is full time with after hours work required for RACV on a rotating roster.

Please call 5952 2059
Email – ctcc@waterfront.net.au

GDA Gippsland Disability Advocacy

Gippsland Disability Advocacy is a community-based organisation that is state and federally funded to provide information, advocacy support and referral to specialist services as may be appropriate.

GDA provides outreach support to people with disabilities across the six regional Local Government Areas of Gippsland.

GDA has a demonstrated commitment to the principles of access and equity, with a firm ongoing commitment to the principles of current best practise to provide high quality advocacy support to clients.

Our mission is to advocate, promote, and be responsive to the welfare, rights, and interests of people with disabilities, and to build a more inclusive community.

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated, and self-disciplined person for the following position located in Wonthaggi covering the Bass Coast region.

Disability Advocate

Bass Coast

(23 hours a week – Fixed Term)

The position of Disability Advocate will be responsible for assisting people with disability to resolve issues through effective individual or systemic advocacy support. The role will also focus on supporting the advocacy needs of specific diverse groups including but not limited to Aboriginal and Cultural Linguistic Diverse people with disabilities. A sound knowledge of the relevant disability acts including disability advocacy principles is imperative.

To apply, you must supply a covering letter as well as addressing the Key Selection Criteria and a Resume, including the name of three (3) professional referees to: administration@gdai.org.au

Gippsland Disability Advocacy is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

For more information on the role please contact Leanne Wishart – Interim Executive Officer Gippsland Disability Advocacy on 0428 971 390.

A Position Description can be obtained via <https://www.gdai.org.au/about-us/employment/>

This position closes at 9am on Friday, September 30, 2022



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Alison Lester and Poppy Turner. A55_3822

Creativity on display at Fishy Stories

SCHOOLS across South Gippsland threw their support behind Fish Creek's 'Fishy Stories', with Sunday's event putting the focus on children's books and creativity.

Sixteen authors and illustrators engaged young minds, with 70 volunteers ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Despite less than stunning weather, children and their adult companions arrived in healthy numbers, with parking already hard to find by the time proceedings got underway.

It was the third time Fishy Stories has been held, with festival chairman Mark Avery keen to see its reputation continue to grow.

"I want children's stories to become synonymous with Fish Creek," Mark said.

Popular local author Alison Lester officially opened proceedings.

She reflected on her upbringing, with her parents allowing her great freedom that helped foster her imagination.

While Alison's story writing has taken

her all over the world, she particularly loves visiting remote indigenous communities and helping turn the children's stories into books.

She inspired festival attendees with ideas on how to create their own small books before letting them put their imaginations to work.

Stories written by local children played a big part in the day, with lively and engaging public readings of their works.

Gregg Dreise represented the Indigenous Literacy Foundation at the festival, captivating children with stories of indigenous culture and hunting, and engaging them in dance.

He told them of the lack of access many indigenous children in remote areas have to books.

Children's creativity was on display at the spectacular Kids' Reading Pavilion exhibition through a collaboration of Fish Creek and Meeniyani Primary Schools with Lucy Parkinson and Gonzalo Varela from Magic Lantern Studio.



Lucy, Rhama Anda, Lorenzo, Gonzalo and Django with a spectacular display of local creativity from school children. A54_3822

Customer survey underway

ANNUAL customer survey gets underway Westernport 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 Westernport 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 Westernport Water and six other Victorian water corporations to save costs.

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

More than two thousand customers across the seven water corporations, including Westernport Water, will be surveyed.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Know where the local AED's are

VENUS BAY • TARWIN LOWER • WALKERVILLE

24 HOURS - EXTERNAL

Venus Bay Pharmacy

Jupiter Blvd

Venus Bay Community Centre

Canterbury Road

Venus Bay 2nd Estate

Cnr Alida St & McIndow Ave

Tarwin Lower Mechanics Hall

Riverview Drive

Tarwin Lower Health Centre

Walkerville Rd

Walkerville Foreshore Camping Reserve

3 Loop Rd, Walkerville North

CFA Walkerville North

20 Panoramic Drive

LIMITED HOURS - INTERNAL

Venus Bay Men's Shed

Lees Road

Open 10am-12noon Wed & Sat

Venus Bay Angling Club

Fishermans Road 2nd Estate

Open 4pm-6pm Fri & Sat & Comp weekends

Tarwin Lower Bowls Club

Tarwin Recreation Reserve

Tarwin Lower Football Netball Club

Tarwin Recreation Reserve

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Sentinel-Times



Help protect our livestock



Whether on a farm or kept as a pet, emergency animal diseases like foot-and-mouth disease pose a significant threat to our animals, industries, and environment.

Here's how you can keep your livestock safe:

- Ensure your Property Identification Code (PIC) details are up to date.
- Have an up-to-date biosecurity plan in place for your property.
- Check if your potential visitors have been to a country where foot-and-mouth disease is present.

To find out more call Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 or visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/fmd



Tightlines

Around the Bay

JUST when it was looking like we could put the winter jackets in the cupboard and start heading to the ramp with the boat, the weekend threw a bit of a curve ball, reminding us that the winter bite hasn't quite gone yet.

There are many other factors leading to the lack of reports lately and one big one is the cost of fuelling the boat.

For a tank of fuel, you could get yourself a land based set up or even just a decent couple of rods and some gear, use your boat reels, and spend the day fishing off the many beaches or jetties around this area.

We can help out with any information you need, what to use, where to go so just drop in and see us.

Mel and Amanda together with Women in Recreational Fishing (WIRF) ran another successful information night for the ladies at the shop last week with over 20 attending.

It was a night of information designed to help those who wanted to hone their skills or simply get started in fishing with super provided and plenty of giveaways.

There will be another night coming up before Christmas and I will put information in our reports or on our social media platforms.

Barrel tuna! They don't seem to be in too much of a hurry to move on with several reports still coming in over the last few weeks.

The way it's going there will be little rest between the barrels and school fish, which we would expect to show in another couple of months.

These waters are becoming some of the healthiest and abundant waters on the southern coast which only adds concern to what affect a farm or windmills might have.

If it's also a concern of yours, make sure

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

you have your say on the various site wanting feedback.

The tuna also seems to have moved out to deeper water and not close to the entrances.

Good reports of calamari from the beaches mostly this week with the jetties not quite as successful or with much smaller calamari.

Ventnor, Cleeland Bight beaches the most successful and from those using baited jigs.

From the land the artificial jigs caught a few but worked much better in the boats or kayaks.

The jetties while we did get some reports, they were a little quiet despite the water being reasonably clean and weed free, that's just fishing though, and this week could be completely opposite.

The rest of the reports came from boats that headed out on the handful of opportunities we have had and were chasing snapper and whiting.

Many that did get out found fish and while they got a feed, that was about it and nothing to write home about.

The quality of the fish was good, whiting to 42cm, gummies to 8kg and snapper around the perfect pan size.

The majority of the snapper and gummy reports did, however, come from the Elizabeth Island to the Lang Lang area, with whiting all over the place.

Most of the new season's stock has all come in now and there isn't a lot of room left on the shelves in the shop.

Time is also running out to get your rods or reels repaired, firstly because the time we have to fix them becomes less but getting parts becomes harder as we get closer to Christmas.

Numbers are limited so

SPORT | GOLF

FOSTER

Ladies

BETH Curram put in a solid effort once again, and came in with (22) 30 points.

Jan Best had an impressive NTP on the 17th.

BDTL: Elise Nudelman (32) 29 points and Geraldine Sinclair (23) 27.

The nine-hole Competition was won by Frances McGlead (33) 16 points.

Well done to the teams who played at the Yarram Bowl recently. Beth Curram had a NTP and a BDTL, and Robyn Galloway a BDTL.

Wednesday, September 28, Stableford.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition

Tuesday, September 13

Stableford (20 Players)

A Grade: Roland Rees (10) 42 Points. B Grade: Chris McConnell (21) 37 Points

NTP's: 1st Chris McConnell, 7th Roland Rees and 13th Donald Van Rooye

Thursday, September 15

Stableford (9 Players)

Winner: Chris McConnell (21) 36 Points

NTP's: 1st Steve Duffield, 10th Steve Duffield and 13th Chris McConnell

Saturday, September 17

Foursomes (10 Players):

Sponsor Bob Stiff

Winners: Peter Draper and Ray Ludenia 72.5

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

OUR annual excursion to Devil Dams last week was fantastic.

Beryl Brown won A Grade with 23 nett and Julie Branagh was runner-up with a nett score of 25.

Lyn Perks had a very handy 18 nett to win B Grade and Dianne Maskell was runner-up with 24 nett.

Merrissa Cosson was NTP on the 2nd and 8th greens and Lyn Perks was closest on the 5th.

Ten of our members travelled to Phillip Island on Friday to compete in the South Gippsland Foursomes Championships.

Merrissa Cosson (13) won with 26 pts and Shelley Snooks (22) was runner-up, 25 pts after a c/b with Jenny Blackmore (31).

Best wishes to Merrissa and all our South Gippsland golfers who are in this year's Country teams. The games are being held in Shepparton, September 19 to 21.

The Cup Day afternoon is back in a new format. \$60 per person includes gourmet finger food platters for lunch, races on the big screen and inclusion in the Cup Draw.

Numbers are limited so



Marg Johnson and Patsy Britt B Grade Handicap, Sue Brown and Sheryl Smith Minor Scratch Lesley Meadowcroft and Taylah Robinson Foursomes, Championship Robyn Galloway and Barb Warren A Grade handicap.

please phone David 0408 515 622 for more information and to book your seat.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Ladies

PHILLIP Island Golf Club hosted the South Gippsland Women's Golf Association

Foursomes Championship last week with district clubs being well represented; 28 pairs played and all managed to avoid the rain.

Both the A Grade and B Grade Scratch Foursomes Championship were won by Phillip Island.

Marianne Leaver finished with an excellent plus two, to win A Grade, and Karen Murchie won B Grade with a very good score, -1.

The runners up in each grade were Maxine Eabry -3 and Diana Holmberg -2.

Down the line balls were won by: Jill Moor and Lianne Adamson -2, Karen de Groot, Michele Damschke and Chris Lay -4 and Marg Griffiths, Kay Dumbleton and Lyn Shaw with -5.

Six women competed in the 9-hole event with Kerry Hogan taking out the honours with 15 points. Relatively new players, Delia Perry and Paula Cross each won a ball down the line with 13 and 12 points respectively.

The final of the Lois Cameron Foursomes was completed on Wednesday, with Bronwyn Debenham and Fran O'Brien, defeating Colleen Touzel and Robin Smith on the 18th hole.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, September 15, Stableford.

Day winner: P Woodall, (6) 39 c/b. DTL: J Hughes, 39. Tom Traill, 35. D Taylor, 34.

NTP: 4th, J Hughes. Birdies: 4th, J Hughes, 6th, J Hughes. Saturday, September 17, Two Person Ambrose.

Winner: J Robbins and R Robbins (8.5) 65.5

Runner Up: T Bradshaw and B Bradshaw (5) 66

DTL: M Payne and S McInnes 66.5. T Baker and N Baker 67.75. T Bradshaw and N Bracecamp 68.25. R Matthews and J Hughes 69.5 c/b

NTP: 4th N Bracecamp, 6th W Gervasi, 13th C Greame, 16th J Robbins.

A reminder to players that the next district event will be the Joyce Berry 4BBB Par event at Wonthaggi Golf Club on November 18, our last district event for the year.

The executive would also like to extend good wishes to the men and women selected in the Country Teams to be played this year: Rebecca

Thomas Leongatha, Jennifer Sullivan Lang Lang, Irene Holm and Andrea Thorson Meenyan, Faye Morris Phillip Island, Sharon Rayson and Elly Berryman Woorayl, Robyn Galloway Foster and Merrissa Cosson Korumburra, Anne Walker Team Manager and Sue Wylie Match committee representative.

WONTHAGGI

Ladies

WE had 17 girls play and the winners were A Grade Marg Johnson (16) 30 points, while the B Grade winner was Wendy Cross (41) 29 points.

The only NTP claimed was the 8th by Marg Johnson.

BDL: Pam Hanley 28, Yvonne Everett 27, Jan Beaumont 24.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results September 15. Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole. SR. 71

Winner: Neil Waters 38

Ball Sweep: Mick Bourke 36, Glenn Hewlett 31, A. Hooton-Shandley 30 C/B.

Men's results September 15. Competition type: Stableford 9 hole, back 9. SR. 36

Winner: Alan Anstey 15

Ball Sweep: Paul Cornelis 14, Ray Hender 14 C/B.

Men's results September 17, S.R 72.

Competition type: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Michael Scott 72 (Monthly Medal). B Grade: Paul Cornelis 73

9 Hole Winner: Peter Sullivan- 1 ball.

NTPs: 8th Pro Pin. Michael Scott, 17th Money Hole, Mark Tiziani.

Putting: Michael Scott 26 putts. All players please note that Saturday September 24, will be a shotgun start, check-in 8am for 8.30 start.

WOORAYL

Ladies

A GOOD field for the Stableford event on Wednesday, September 14, was welcomed with fine weather.

Elly Berryman was the winner for the day with (13) 31 pts.

Janet Thompson also had a good first round back being runner up with (30) 30 pts.

Balls down the line went to Jo Graeme (26) 28 pts, Jenny Riseley (27) 28 pts and Ann Poole (26) 27 pts

Best 9 out went to Jo Fennell.

Nearest the pins went to - 8th Tricia Berryman, 11th Janet Thompson and 17th Jenny Riseley

Special mention goes to Kath Davis for her great gobbler on the 18th.

It will be a drawn partner mixed medley this Wednesday.

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 20

6.45am 1.40m
12.00pm 0.76m
6.10pm 1.33m

WEDNESDAY
September 21

12.23am 0.45m
7.34am 1.33m
12.42pm 0.82m
6.55pm 1.26m

THURSDAY
September 22

1.07am 0.51m
8.33am 1.28m
1.33pm 0.87m
7.55pm 1.20m

FRIDAY
September 23

2.02am 0.56m
9.38am 1.26m
2.42pm 0.89m
9.10pm 1.17m

SATURDAY
September 24

3.16am 0.60m
10.41am 1.28m
4.18pm 0.85m
10.30pm 1.20m

SUNDAY
September 25

4.44am 0.60m
11.35am 1.33m
5.35pm 0.75m
11.39pm 1.27m

MONDAY
September 26

5.48am 0.58m
12.20pm 1.39m
6.20pm 0.63m

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au



Almost 615 campsites have been affected by heavy rains at the MotoGP campgrounds. Photo: MotoGP

Heavy rains to blame for campsite cancellations

ALMOST 1500 campers hoping to get up close and personal at the upcoming MotoGP have had their plans thrown into disarray.

Following heavy rainfall recently, 615 campsites have been affected at the MotoGP campgrounds, meaning a number of sites are either no longer available or have been relocated due to the ground conditions.

The rainfall has meant organisers have been unable to access areas to commence the installation of infrastructure and amenities, and many areas will remain off-limits to vehicles for an extended period.

"In order to allow affected customers as much time as possible to arrange alternative options, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) has contacted those impacted and offered full refunds," Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO, Andrew Westacott said.

"We appreciate this decision is disappointing. However, our priority is to ensure fans enjoy both a safe and world-class experience."

"AGPC will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates if required."

According to the organisation, this has affected less than half of the MotoGP campers, and the call was made to allow campers time to re-organise their accommodation or seek a full refund.

More information can be found at, www.motogp.com.au/tickets/campgrounds/update

Help ensure a successful cricket season

By LDCA

ANOTHER cricket season is about to start on October 8, in the Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA).

With 22 games a week there is a great opportunity for anyone looking to be involved in cricket to become a local umpire.

- A Grade: \$140
- B Grade: \$130
- C Grade: \$110 and \$70 for a 20/20 non-taxable a day.

The association extends from Foster to Phillip Island to Nerrena and Nyora.

The association always endeavours to limit the travel as much as possible.

We umpire 20/20 games midweek as well and Gippsland Cricket matches on Sunday.

As well as umpiring games allocated to the LDCA area, junior finals and a few school games on top of our scheduled Saturday games.

The panel was formed in 1989-90 and has averaged between 16-24 umpires a season over the years. New umpires are given every opportunity to learn the ropes when they start, we already have three new umpires that have moved into the area.

If you are retired from cricket and still want to be involved, this is your opportunity to take the best spot on the ground to watch and enjoy the game.

If interested, please contact Geoff Wyatt 0413 0811 36 email wyatt@waterfront.net.au, or the LDCA to discuss your needs.

There is no need to umpire every week. There are umpiring courses on the ACB and state and websites, we will assist with costs in completing umpire courses.



Gems captain Dallas Loughridge in action in the 2022 under 18s Asia Cup.



Dallas Loughridge, originally from Bena, captained her country to Asia Cup glory.

Dallas leads Aussies to Gold in India

By Aiden Box

BENA'S own Dallas Loughridge has captained the Australian Gems Under 18 team to its first ever Asia Cup title in India recently.

Going up against powerhouse China in the Grand Final, Loughridge had her best game of the tournament, dropping 17 points and eight assists to help the girls in green and gold clinch the title.

The Gems win ends a miraculous run from China, who had claimed the previous five Asia Cup crowns leading into the 2022 tournament.

The Australian captain was sensational throughout the tournament playing at point guard and leading the Aussie girls to a blistering start, sweeping the group stage with three convincing wins.

Those wins came against the hosts India, familiar foes New Zealand (both by 67 points) and Korea (by 30 points).

In an interview with the Sentinel-Times recently, the Gems captain expressed her feelings on the historic win and what it meant to her.

"We knew going into the tournament that Australia hadn't won it before and China were the reigning champions, so we thought going into the Grand Final we had something to prove, we definitely had hunger in our beliefs," she said.

"It was an amazing feeling (to win), after the gold medal game a lot of the fans came on to the court for photos so that was pretty cool."

Having fulfilled her lifelong dream of pulling on the green and gold, Loughridge sounded off on the privilege of leading her nation on the world stage.



The Aussie girls celebrate after defeating five-time reigning Asia Cup premiers China in the Grand Final.

"I've always dreamed of playing for Australia and being able to be captain is definitely an honour," she said.

However, the weight of the captaincy and the championship run didn't come without its challenges and the young point guard explained how they shaped her leadership.

"It was definitely different basketball-wise and especially because India as a country is so different to Australia, we had to watch what we ate and couldn't drink the tap water so that was a bit tricky," she said.

"I had to make sure that I was there for the team even if I was feeling tired, for good or bad I had to be there for the team and make sure I drove the energy, so the rest of the group stayed up and ready for the games and training," she said.

The Gems went undefeated

for the tournament, their closest contest was the nine-point Semi-Final win over Chinese Taipei. Gems centre Isla Juffermans claimed the tournament MVP after averaging a double-double for the tournament.

Having begun her basketball career at Poowong, Loughridge soon found herself on the world stage.

"It was really good to play against the Asian countries because their style of basketball is completely different," she said.

"Putting in all the hard work and then seeing the results showing from all that hard work was great."

The captain's hard work continues to pay off, as she was recently added to the Southside Fliers roster for the upcoming WNBL season, another amazing achievement.

The Asia Cup title granted Australia qualification for next year's Under 19 FIBA World Cup in Madrid, Spain and the Under 18s championship captain spoke on her personal and individual goals for the future.

"Our goal will definitely be to win gold, that'll be our mentality going into that tournament so just to start putting in hard work until then so we can put ourselves in the best spot possible to win," she said.

"(Personally) just focusing on now and the WNBL season that's coming up, preparing myself for that to try and be in the best shape that I can be to set myself up to play well."

Loughridge will be in action for the Flyers, when they kick off their season when they host Adelaide at the State Basketball Centre on November 5, tipping off at 7pm.

Youth Girl's grand final winners

WHEN the Gippsland Soccer League attempted to reboot the Youth Girls competition, only three clubs were able to produce teams in this division.

In the interest of developing the sport for junior girls in this region, Wonthaggi United scraped together a team from its U14 and women's players and the competition was able to run.

The had a rocky start to the season, but overtime as their confidence grew so did their strength as a team.

Playing with limited numbers each week, due to player availability and regular COVID interruptions, the Wonthaggi Girls under Kaye's expert coaching, managed to secure a spot in Sunday's Grand Final against a powerhouse Leongatha team.

Wonthaggi kicked off and immediately pressured the Leongatha defence with Bille once again dangerous up forward.

Wonthaggi was in control of game, with a strong Leongatha attack shut down by an amazing block by Wonthaggi's youngest Daisy.

Ania and Heidi as always, took full control of the defence line repeatedly closing the door on Leongatha.

New players Indy and Kesan were brilliant, showing



Wonthaggi Youth Girls with coach Kaye McCraw celebrating their final's victory.

their skills on the wing. Unfortunately, it wasn't long before a quality corner proved the winner for Leongatha giving them a handy 1-0 lead at the halftime break.

Wonthaggi didn't give up in the second half and with 5 minutes left in the game, mid fielder Scarlett converted a Leongatha free kick to a brilliant long aerial ball over the keepers head to score the equaliser for Wonthaggi.

Faith in goals for Wonthaggi was strong all game, confidently handling the high-

pressure position.

Despite several attempts by Wonthaggi, scores were level when the final whistle was blown.

With the game going into extra time, Wonthaggi had the opening kick-off and used it well.

With only seconds on the clock Macy brilliantly danced around the Leongatha defence to give Wonthaggi a 2-1 lead.

Both teams fought hard but with limited time on the clock Wonthaggi was able to hold

the score and secure victory.

Club President Marion Bals said, "This is a terrific win for our Girl's, our Club and our supporters.

The Youth Girls competition is so important for the development of female soccer in our region. Bring on next season."

Wonthaggi's Scarlett Evans was a very deserving recipient of the game MVP.

Not only did she score the equaliser but she controlled the mid field for the whole game.

Under 18s dominate Langwarrin for season finale

U13s PRE-NPL – Gippsland versus Langwarrin

THE under 13s travelled to Dandenong to play against Dandenong Thunder in the last round of season. Thunder sat two places above the Gippsland boys on the table in second place having won 3-1 and 5-1 earlier in the season, when the teams met a tough test was in store.

Dandenong started strong and dominated the early part of the first half, however, Gippsland defended well through Frayne, Baldacchino and O'Dowd.

As the game approached half time Jett Koppen finished from distance to go in 1-0 up at the break.

The Thunder equalised again

and despite both teams having chances to win the game, the scores finished at 2-2 in a very good performance to finish the season.

Best players on the day were Guarascio, Koppen, Dastey and Rhode.

U18s JBNPL – Gippsland versus Langwarrin

Gippsland FC u18s made the journey down to Langwarrin with the hope of finishing the season on a high.

With the majority of the team top age 18s, it would be the last time they would pull on the Gippsland jersey, needless to say the boys were desperate for a win.

Gippsland started well and pressed hard for the opening

goal.

Harry Bettridge was looking dangerous up front while in defence, Dylan Dunstall was dealing with any Langwarrin attacks.

Gippsland's Charlie Cockell was dominant in the middle, yet the visitors couldn't find the net for the opener.

With the halftime whistle blown, the scores remained level, meaning Gippsland had one half of football left in the season to give the departing players the send-off they deserved.

Early in the second half, disaster struck for the visitors when Langwarrin scored the opening goal.

The home team were on top and only some desperate keeping from Gippsland goalkeeper Jared Goodwin would see the deficit remain at one.

A great header to tie the game up and then another goal shortly after would see Gippsland hit the front.

A third goal to Colantuno would cap off a magnificent comeback win for the Gippsland boys.

It was a great team effort by all involved at Gippsland FC, with the win capping off the season in style.

Gippsland FC 3 def Langwarrin 1

Expressions of Interest – players 2023 season

Gippsland FC are seeking expressions of interest from interested players for the 2023 Season. Please visit www.gippslandfc.com for further information and to register your interest.

Trials will commence October 10, 2022.

Korumburra under 12s win in thriller

KORUMBURRA entered the 12A final as favourites, but it was Drouin that came out early to play.

Four at the back led by James wouldn't let anything through and repeated runs and driving balls by Cal kept the ball in Drouin's front half.

Chase and Caleb scored, and they went in 2-0 at half time.

When Nathan put a ball in the net to put Drouin 3-0 up in the second half things looked grim for Burra.

But the tide was turning.

Cassie put in her best game of the year to repel Drouin's attacks.

Talon was outstanding as he took on the role of centre back, while Tao Lin, Japheth and Liam were shuffled around to get some drive through the

middle.

Addison finally broke the shackles and scored with 10-minutes to play and Korumburra sparked. Repeated entries led to a magnificent Addo corner and a pressurised own goal, then with a minute on the clock, Addo scored again to level and go into extra time.

A tight first half of extra time and scores were deadlocked.

But Burra with the wind took the momentum and scored 2 goals in the second half of extra time to win 5-3.

RIGHT: Korumburra's under 12s team took out the Gippsland Soccer League Cup. Pictured is Addison and Japheth.



Australian SUP Titles return to Phillip Island

PHILLIP ISLAND will host the Australian Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Titles between October 4 – 9 in the first Australian Championships for the sport since 2019.

More than 200 competitors are expected to represent their state's across the disciplines of SUP Surfing, SUP and Prone Marathon Racing (20km), and SUP & Prone Technical Racing (between 4-8km of several laps in and out through the surf).

The Australian SUP Championships divisions include:

- SUP Surfing
- 10-foot Longboard Surfing
- Technical Racing
- Marathon Racing

Schedule of events

Tuesday, October 4: Opening Ceremony at Penguin Parade

• 4.00pm–4.20pm: Competitor welcome and briefing

• 4.30pm–5:00pm: Team managers meeting

• 5:00pm–5.30pm: Judges meeting

October 5 – 9: SUP Surfing, SUP and Prone Technical Racing and SUP and Prone Marathon Racing – conditions dependant

Entry to all Australian Titles is by state qualification or invitation. If you have qualified through your respective state titles, please enter via your state branch.

Local groms place in Rip Curl Grom Search

COMPETITORS of the Rip Curl Grom Search qualifiers were greeted with a welcomed increase in wave size on day two at Jan Juc on Sunday.

The 2-3-foot A-frame peaks created a multitude of opportunities for the groms to battle it out for first place in this prestigious competition.

Surf Coast local Kai Colman (Mount Duneed) blitzed his way through the Under 12 boys' draw to take the win.

Finishing in second was Jacques Callebaut (Freshwater) on 11.94 points. Angus Kennedy (Cowes) and Jesse Woods (North Wollongong) finished third and fourth respectively.

Final results:

U12 Girls: 1st - Evie Wilson (Marcus Beach), 10.00, 2nd - Rose Holland (Dromana), 8.00, 3rd - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai), 6.00

U12 Boys: 1st - Kai Coleman (Mount Duneed), 18.57, 2nd - Jacques Callebaut (Freshwater), 11.94, 3rd - Angus Kennedy (Cowes), 10.43

Locals secure fourth in Victorian Open series

LOCALS surfers placed well in the Victorian Open series at Jan Juc on Wadawurrung Country over the weekend.

However, junior surfers Ava Holland (Dromana) and Willis Droomer (Jan Juc) claimed the Victorian Open series victories.

The first round of the three-part series was forced to shift locations from Bells Beach to Jan Juc on Saturday morning due to a lack of quality swell on offer.

In the Women's final 14-year-old Ava Holland finished on a heat total of 13.17 points ahead of Sophie Wilkinson (Shoreham) on 10.77 points.

Finishing in third was Lucy Naylor (Point Lonsdale) on 10.10 points and Sarah Seuren (Inverloch) in fourth on 6.14 points.

On the Men's side of the draw, current U16 ISA World Champion Willis Droomer looked unstoppable from Round 1 through to the Final, comfortably winning each of his round heats.

Putting the entire final in a combination situation (requiring two new scoring rides) Droomer finished on a heat total of 18.00 points ahead of Lucas Hickson (Rye) on 13.76 points.

Placing in third was Tully Wylie (Jan Juc) on 10.50 points with Harry de Roth (Phillip Island) in fourth on 8.87 points.

Full results from the event can be found at surfingvic.com/live

The series will now move to the Mornington Peninsula for Round Two on January 28 before Rnd 3 at Phillip Island on February 25.

Entries are open via surfingvic.com/events

Sydney's McCartin brothers' Mirboo North connection

by Rover

WHEN Sydney Swans' brothers Paddy and Tom McCartin face the Geelong Cats in this Saturday's 2022 AFL grand final, many Mirboo North and district people will be watching with extra interest.

The boys' grandparents, Barry and Isobel McCartin grew up on neighbouring Nichols Road dairy farms, a handful of kilometres out of Mirboo North.

Barry, who died in 2008, was a leading South Gippsland Football League goalkicker and member of Mirboo North's 1966 senior premiership side that defeated Wonthaggi at Leongatha — a week after St Kilda won its only AFL flag by a point over Collingwood.

Ironically, Sydney made it into this year's grand final by knocking over the Magpies by the same margin in last Saturday's preliminary final.

McCartin's footy career didn't begin until his mid-20s, when after a hernia operation, he was able to run and jump without restrictions.

He was also an accomplished single handicap golfer who won seven club championships at Mirboo North between 1959 and 1975 — before moving to Forrest in the Otway Ranges with Isobelle and children Susan and Matthew in 1977.

Local footballers to complete in V/Line Cup

FOR the second time this year, around 600 of the best young footballers from across regional Victoria, including Bass Coast and South Gippsland, will converge on Shepparton for the 73rd edition of the V/Line Cup.

The three-day competition from September 19 to 21 — the start of AFL Grand Final week — will feature under 15 boys and girls teams from Gippsland, Barwon, Bendigo, Goulburn Murray, Greater Western Victoria, North East Border and South East.

Twenty-one teams will compete across two boys divisions and one girls division.

Local players in the Gippsland Division one team include:

Jobe Scapin; Inverloch-Kongwak Archie Terlich; Inverloch-Kongwak Willem Duursma; Inverloch-Kongwak Yanni Caffieri; Phillip Island Lucas Allen; Inverloch-Kongwak

Gippsland Girls:

Addison Venten; Korumburra-Bena Charlotte Anthony; Korumburra-Bena Monica Bartels; Phillip Island

Gippsland Division 2:

Thomas MacMillan; Phillip Island Connor MacMillan; Phillip Island Max Woodall; Mirboo North Finn O'Brien; Phillip Island

The event has a rich history dating back to 1949 when it was first won by Goulburn Valley. The V/Line Cup was cancelled in 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and then postponed last year, with the 2021 competition eventually held in April this year, also in Shepparton, giving the under 15 age group from last year the opportunity to participate.

V/Line has been premier partner of the event since 2004 and plays a critical role in ensuring the competition can continue and young footballers from across the state have the opportunity to compete against country Victoria's most talented junior footballers.

The City of Greater Shepparton has thrown its support behind the V/Line Cup by hosting two competitions in one year, with matches to be played at four venues in September — Deakin Reserve, Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, Princess Park and Rumbalara Reserve.



RIGHT: A Grade - Hannah Kleeven (Best and Fairest), Sarah Price (Runner Up Best and Fairest), Viv Carfrae (Most Consistent), Jo Duscher (Coach)



Seniors - (back) Jay Accardi (Coach), Darren Granger (Equal Runner Up Best and Fairest), Jacob Byrnes (Most Determined), Matt Brown (Equal Runner Up Best and Fairest). (front) Sam Bright (Young Lion Award), Jimmy Monaghan (Best Team Man). Absent: Darcy Atkins (Best and Fairest - Don McKnight Memorial and McCaughan Medal), Sam Marriott (Most Consistent).



Reserves - (back) Dylan Zuidema (Best and Fairest), Jesse Harris (Most Determined), Lochie Row (Best Team Man), Ryan McKnight (Runner Up Best and Fairest) and Bryce Rawson (Coach). (front) Jakeb Pronk (Best in Finals), Zac Van Delft (Most Consistent) and Glenn Gray.



Life Member Inductees - Mark LePage (President), Jan Burge (New Life Member), Jacob Byrnes (New Life Member).

Stony celebrates a fantastic season



ON FRIDAY, September 16, Stony Creek Football Netball Club celebrated the season with their Vote Count and Presentation Night at the Dakers Centre, Leongatha.

Milestone Game Plaques were also handed out on the evening.

The following received these awards.

100 Games — Anthony Dyke, Rohan Baudinette, Jenna Zuidema.

150 Games — Julian Stone.

200 Games — Damian Burge, Glenn Gray, Chris Verboon. 250 Games — Lucas Byrnes. 300 Games — Jacob Byrnes. 350 Games — Brett McKnight.

RIGHT: B Grade - Jess Brown (Equal Runner Up Best and fairest), Hannah Potter (Equal Runner Up Best and Fairest), Jala King (Best and Fairest), Hayley Phillips (Best Team Person).



Bianca Hellmuth Pask (left) (coach), Tess Wingfield (Breaker on the rise), Immy Bradford (G and D award), Tess Angarane (G and D award), Stacey Poke (runner up, best and fairest and best in finals), Kelly O'Neill (best and fairest), Kate Caughey (coaches award), Chelsea Connell (runner up, best and fairest).

Bass Coast Breakers farewell a fantastic season

THE Bass Coast Breakers celebrated a successful year which saw them come from fourth to eventually making the grand final.

The Breakers farewell coach Bianca Hellmuth Pask, after three seasons with the club.

Taking on the role at the start of the 2020 season, she was at the helm for a whole year before getting to coach her first game due to COVID.

While the team wasn't playing, she was still doing a power of work support each of the play-

ers and maintain team morale.

This was instrumental in continuing the welcoming and inclusive culture that the Breakers pride themselves on, and led to two successful seasons on the field where the team were minor premiers in 2021 and grand fi-

nalists in 2022.

The team are now on the hunt for a new coach for season 2023.

For a copy of the position description or further information, contact president Ella Angarane 0438 722 639.



There is talk that 2023 could be Cameron Munster's final year for the Melbourne Storm. Photo: AAP Image/Joel Carrett

Smith makes 'brutally honest' call on Munster's Storm future

SEN's Cameron Smith expects 2023 to be Cameron Munster's final year for the Melbourne Storm as the star playmaker has yet to commit to the club.

Munster fought valiantly against the Canberra Raiders but ultimately, he and his teammates fell short as they were eliminated from the 2022 finals series in a brutal 28-20 loss.

The 27-year-old's contract future has dominated headlines all year but Smith, who was Munster's former teammate, said that the five-eighth

By Charles Goodis

would've recommitted to the club by now if he was going to stay.

"If I'm brutally honest, if he was to commit to the Melbourne Storm and extend his contract, he would've done so by now," Smith said on SEN 1170 Breakfast.

"That's my gut feeling.

"He's been at the club since he was 16 years of age and we've heard (Munster's manager) Braith Anasta come out and say the Melbourne Storm offer is in the area it should be.

"So what's holding him back?

"As bad as this may sound for all the Storm supporters and myself, I feel like he will be going to the Dolphins.

The Storm's season has ended and with it comes a number of personnel changes at the club including the Bromwich brothers and Felise Kaufusi to the Dolphins and Brandon Smith to the Sydney Roosters.

Smith said that the Storm are now facing a tricky battle in replacing the experience that those four players had in the squad.

"They're four premiership players and four representative players as well," Smith added.

"They're losing a whole heap of experience.

"They are four players that are also in their starting 13 so it's a big chunk of their starting side now out of this team.

"This is going to be a big challenge for the club and Craig Bellamy as coach."

The Storm finished outside the top four for the first time since 2014 and it ultimately proved costly as they bowed out in the first week of finals.

Kevin Sheehan says Nick Daicos has had the best ever debut season in the AFL

By Andrew Slevison

AFL talent ambassador Kevin Sheehan has rated the debut season of Collingwood's Nick Daicos as the best he has seen.

'Shifter' Sheehan has been in the caper for decades and as such has seen hundreds of youngsters come through the junior ranks before immediately impacting at AFL level.

There have been some incredible first-year performances over the journey including Sam Walsh (2019), Joel Selwood (2007), Paul Hasleby (2000), Nathan Buckley (1993) and Chris Grant (1990), but none stand out more than that of Magpies young gun Daicos.

Sheehan was asked by Dwayne Russell if he has seen as impressive a first year from a player in his time in the game.

"I don't think I have to be quite honest," he said on SEN's Dwayne's World.

"It was an unbelievable year that's he produced and off the back of missing half of last year, they stopped in July the boys.

"He dominated every game he played in last year after missing the complete year before which was normally a development year."

Sheehan says the son of Pies legend Peter and brother of established senior player Josh has been able to keep his game in good order despite the COVID-impacted blocks across both the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

"There's no doubt with Pete overseeing his program and Josh to train with he's been able to supplement it," he added.

"He was able to train a little bit at Collingwood in the summer months and he's been part of the NAB AFL Academy so he's had some other support networks to allow his training.

"But gee, just an unbelievable standard he sets for young players coming in with the way he entertained us this year."

"I'd think that it's the best (first season) that I have seen in my time."

Daicos, 19, has averaged a tick under 26 disposals playing a variety of roles, but mainly as a rebounding half-back.

The former Oakleigh Charger has collected 20 or more disposals in 22 of his 24 debut-season appearances.

Daicos has already claimed the AFLPA Best First Year Player award as well as the NAB Rising Star award and is expected to finish high in Collingwood's best and fairest.

He played in his first Preliminary Final when the Magpies met the Sydney Swans at the SCG last Saturday evening.

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A Grade runner-up Kerryn Gow, B&F Rebekah Vagg.



15s runner-up B&F Charlotte Anthony, B&F Remy Jans.

Incredible season for LDNA

ON SATURDAY, September 10, Leongatha and District Netball Association held their 2022 Grand Final.

After two years of almost no competition, it was wonderful that we were able to hold a full and successful competition.

This year we had eight clubs, 39 teams and approximately 403 participants including All Abilities and Net Set Go each Saturday.

Grand final teams:

Under 13, section 2

Runners up Fish Creek FNC 19 v Premiers Meenyan and District 20
Best on Court Owen Gomall

Under 13, section 1

Runners up Mirboo North 2 v Premiers Mt Eccles 34

Best on Court Mia Yates

Under 15

Runners up Meenyan and District 10 v Premiers Inverloch Kongwak FNC 11
Best on Court Priya Nelson

B Grade/ Under 18

Runners up St Laurance 26 v Premiers Town 36
Best on Court Emma Smith

A Grade

Runners up Town 32 v Premiers Meenyan and District 56
Best on Court Sally Trease



Dawn Pearce Medal winner (B Grade best and fairest) Kasie Rump of Leongatha left it all out there on the court in Saturday's losing grand final to Traralgon.



Stacey Gilliam looks for a teammate as Leongatha B Grade battles a classy Traralgon outfit. A30_3822



Taylah Brown soars for the Parrots A Grade. A34_3822



Leongatha C Grade vice captain and wing attack Evie Dekker looks for an option. A23_3822



Laura Higgins searches for a teammate in the A Grade game. A37_3822



Poowong take the title

Poowong's under 17s fought hard and reaped the premiership awards in the Ellinbank and District League.

The premier team were (back row) Caitlin Ware, Abbey Kelson (coach), Katie Cronin, Zoe Brunt, Olivia Bott, Ishkah Butler, Livinia Mandermaker, Rianne Jinnette, Abbey Henshall (front row), Brianna Ware, Tirana Blackwood (captain), Emma Henshall, Mia Blackwood (assistant coach). Photos: Jeff Tull



Lauren Redpath (team manager), Molly Heber, Makenzi Gourlay, Brooke Materia, Emma Ton, Belle Grabham Andrews (BOC), Evie Dekker, Jude Reynolds, Elise Dowling, Georgia Higgins (coach), Tegan Renden and Ash Willis.

Parrots triumph over Maffra in C Grade

By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA's day began in style with a hard-fought premiership win against an evenly matched Maffra outfit, with Belle Grabham-Andrews leading the way from the midcourt as the game's best player.

The Eagles settled first, racing to a 7-3 lead, applying defensive pressure to Leongatha and forcing turnovers, and stringing together sharp and accurate passes when in possession.

In contrast, the Parrots were having to take a methodical approach and be patient with their passes.

Trailing 7-10 at the first change, the Parrots had to then shaken off their nerves and it was up from there.

Leongatha's unrelenting pressure and determination to contest every ball enabled it to work its way into the lead and, while there was never a lot between the sides, the Parrots prevailed by three goals in what was undoubtedly the pick of the open age netball grand finals.

Premiership coach Georgia Higgins said Maffra drove the Parrots to greater heights.

"You guys set the standard for us this year," she said.

The Eagles topped the ladder, with their only home and away defeat coming at the hands of Leongatha, but inflicted one of the Parrots' pair of regular season losses.

Both were tight affairs, as was the sides' qualifying encounter, which was won 34-31 by Leongatha, an identical result to the decider.

Maffra's coach Megan Madden described the grand final as "another great battle with Leongatha", saying she has enjoyed this season's contests between the two sides.

She paid tribute to Leongatha and said the Parrots deserve to enjoy their celebrations.

Madden praised the efforts of her players in the grand final and throughout the season.



Jude Reynolds defends for Leongatha during the C Grade grand final. A21_3822

Traralgon outclasses Leongatha to claim B Grade title

TRARALGON was the better team on the day, sweeping to a 21-goal win over Leongatha in a match that didn't reflect a great season by the Parrots, in which they had lost just one other match.

The underdog Maroons applied great pressure from the outset forcing Leongatha into uncharacteristic mistakes.

While Leongatha playing coach Kasie Rump said it was obviously not the result the Parrots wanted, she noted there is always good competition between the sides.

Rump congratulated Traralgon veteran Bec Duddington who retired after the match.

She praised her playing group.

"We're a young side, apart from a couple, and we've got a lot of development that will keep going," Rump said.

"We gave it everything we could but today wasn't our day," the coach conceded, adding that Traralgon deserved the win.

Maroons skipper and versatile goaller Cassidy Smith was best on court.

Morwell retains unbeaten record in A Grade decider

LEONGATHA faced a herculean task against the undefeated Morwell side.

However, after recording a stirring preliminary final win, the Parrots dedicated themselves to doing all they could to inflict an upset on the Tigers.

While that proved beyond Leongatha, it turned in an excellent performance.

After Morwell made a couple of early turnovers and scored the opening two goals of the contest, Leongatha got rolling.

Hannah Flanders showed how pumped up the Parrots were with an energetic celebration after registering the side's first goal.

She soon had another.

Not long after, Leongatha hit the front, holding a 5-4 advantage, but Morwell raised its already high level to seize back control to lead 11-7 at quarter time.

While Morwell proved too strong thereafter, establishing a good lead, Leongatha kept throwing everything it had into the contest, threatening to work its way back into the game if the Tigers dropped their level.

Such is the commitment of the Morwell side, the Tigers



Izabelle Grabham-Andrews led the way for Leongatha as the grand final's best player. A27_3822

were not going to fall into that trap, going on to a 44-32 win.

The Parrots' refusal to give in was exemplified by their ability to break even with Morwell in the final quarter.

Leongatha coach Dean Cashin congratulated the Tigers on their win, making it clear his side could have done no more.

"You have been a superb side and had an unbelievable year and we came out and threw everything we had at you, and you played magnificently," Cashin said.

"It's an incredible thing to go through the season undefeated and you should be really proud."

He was delighted with his players effort.

"I'm super proud of my girls and we had a red-hot dip today," Cashin said.

Morwell coach Rachael Pater-son acknowledged Leongatha's determined showing.

"We knew you were going to push us today and we were prepared for it," she said.

She wasn't overstating the situation in describing her Tigers' season as "a cracker of a year".

With the intense defensive pressure Morwell applied throughout the game, it was fitting that Tigers Goal Keeper Courtney Garth picked up the best on court medal.



While Nyora's under 13s unfortunately lost to Trafalgar by a disappointing goal after the final whistle, the team have done an incredible job throughout the season to get the finals.

Pictured is Leah Kirkbride who was awarded Best on Court for Nyora.

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A Grade: Neerim Sth 48 d Nilma Darnum 24
B Grade: Ellinbank 24 d Nilma Darnum 23
C Grade: Longwarry 29 It Ellinbank 51
17 & Under: Trafalgar 27 It Poowong 41
15 & Under: Longwarry 36 d Ellinbank 28
13 & Under: Trafalgar 28 d Nyora 27

GIPPSLAND

» GRAND FINAL

A Grade: Morwell 44 d Leongatha 32
B Grade: Leongatha 30 It Traralgon 51
C Grade: Leongatha 34 d Maffra 31
17 & Under: Sale 31 It Traralgon 42
15 & Under: Sale 28 It Traralgon 30
13 & Under: Traralgon 26 d Sale 23



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Goal Shooter Makenzi Gourlay scores for Leongatha during its C Grade premiership. A20_3822



The two premiership cups that eluded the rampaging Parrots on grand final day at Moe; the A Grade netball trophy won by Morwell 44 v Leongatha 32 and the B Grade netball trophy won by Traralgon 51 v Leongatha 30.



A Grade Leongatha Goal Shooter Jess Edgar is caught in an awkward position against Morwell. A35_3822



Winning C Grade skipper Ash Payne has the ball in hand. A24_3822



Izabelle Graham-Andrews gets set to take possession during her best on court performance for the Parrots in their C Grade win. A22_3822

2022 ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

Neerim Neirim South take out Ellinbank Cup

NEERIM South were the victors in the 2022 Parklea Senior Ellinbank and District Football grand final at Dowton Park, Yarragon.

The Cats prevailed by one point over Buln Buln.

Buln Buln led at every change and were ahead by 13 points at three quarter time, before Neerim finished the better with 3.4 to 1.2 in the last quarter.

With the scores tied at 56 points apiece, a kick on goal by Cat midfielder Nathan Bayne secured a behind inside the final five minutes of the match, and it was enough along with plenty of desperate defence to hold on by a solitary point.

It was Neerim Neirim South and this season's minor premier's first flag since it went back to back in 1998/99.

In the reserves Buln Buln were also unlucky falling four points short of Ellinbank.

In the U18s Neerim South held the premiership cup aloft after a resounding 44-point win over Longwarry.

RIGHT: Neerim South's seniors had an incredible one-point victory over Buln Buln. Photo: Ellinbank & District Football Netball League News





The Leongatha coaches share a moment with the 2022 premiership cup in the rooms afterwards, from left, Stu Wigney, Mark Lafferty, Nick Eddy (runner), Trent McMicking, Matt Davies and Brad Hutchison.

Relief and pride for Parrots' premiership coach

IF FORMER Tarwin premiership player, Sharks' coach and Port Melbourne development coach Trent McMicking aspires to higher duties in the future, he's just added considerably to his resume with a Gippsland League Senior Premiership in his first year at the helm in Leongatha.

But it was with feelings of relief, emotion and pride that he greeted the hard-fought victory over Sale last Saturday, praising not only the work ethic of his own players and coaching group, but also Sale as worthy adversaries.

He also thanked the wider community for its support, and he commented on that goal: "Yes, I said to Aaron (Turton) at three quarter time that he'd have his moment in the match, as he runs up and down the wing, and that was certainly the case. To kick a goal off the ground from that far out was absolutely outrageous."

Here's what he had to say about the game:

How do you think the game played out today?

"I thought we had control of the game for quite a bit of it, but I thought our skill errors and our ability to sort of turn it over and their pressure kept them hanging in there. I kind of hoped that it was a matter of time until we could break them but they just kept hanging on and their pressure was good and then the free kick count started going against us and they finally broke the dam wall and the weather came in and we knew we probably only needed one more to feel safe."

Where do you think your strengths were today?

"I thought Willis and Marriott in the midfield and we had a bit more space in the

forward line which was nice, to try and get our game going, but again, our defence was pretty rock solid as well."

And credit to Sale as well today?

"Yeah, they were enormous. They've had a huge final series you know, their coach Jack Johnstone, Leslie, Lange in the first half was off the charts. We sort of didn't really know what to do with him because we had Marriott going head-to-head with him and I thought Marriott was doing pretty well, the other way. But they're a good side and they'll be back bigger next year and yeah, we were just lucky today."

It's a real celebration for the community of Leongatha and the whole of South Gippsland?

"Yeah 100%. The support's been huge. To have the seniors and reserves premiers and the C Grade netball as well, with the A and B Grades also playing off and just missing out. But the support, and the way the club's going is it's a phenomenal effort no matter what, especially after three years of no footy."

So, it's onwards and upwards for the Parrots with a wealth of young local talent coming through?

"I haven't counted it yet but I think there were at least eight debuts last week in senior finals and there must be eight or nine playing their first grand final too."

How do you feel that you've reached the end of it now?

"Relieved, emotional because of how much time you put in. Yeah, and just so proud, like they're an amazing group. They did everything we wanted them to do. They worked as hard as anyone I've ever seen and they'll reap the rewards tonight."



A triumphant Leongatha coach Trent McMicking shares a moment immediately after the game with the hero of the hour, Aaron Turton, who kicked the sealer in the last quarter.



A delighted Trent McMicking greets his players, including Stan Aitken Medal winner Cade Maskell after the siren.



"When it's your turn to go, you go!" says Parrots' coach Trent McMicking at the last huddle.



Leongatha's Netball Team of the Year representatives Jess Edgar, Nicola Marriott, Taylah Brown and Hannah Flanders.



Leongatha's Football Team of the Year representatives Cam Stone, Aaron Hillberg, Aaron Heppell, Trent McMicking (coach), and Tom Marriott.

Leongatha season earns recognition

LEONGATHA Football Netball Club's tremendous season has it in line to compete for a swag of premierships on Saturday, with the Parrots unsurprisingly featuring prominently at Wednesday's Gippsland League Presentation Night.

Wonthaggi Power was recognised for its excellent footy season at the top level in which it reached the preliminary final, with three Team of the Year selections.

Leongatha senior footy coach Trent McMicking was named coach of the Football Team of the Year, with versatile Parrot ball winners Cam Stone, Aaron Heppell and Tom Marriott and powerhouse forward Aaron Hillberg all selected in that side, with the latter listed on the interchange bench.

League Best and Fairest, Marriott, was unsurprisingly named in the centre, while wingman Stone finds himself on the half-back flank.

Heppell was named as a forward, having notched 22 goals from his 14 regular season games this year.

Zippy and high-flying Power player Jack Hutchinson was selected at half forward, with his skipper and talented onballer Aiden Lindsay also named onfield.

Tough and enterprising Wonthaggi onballer Ryan Sparkes was named on the bench.

Four A Grade Parrot representatives were picked in the Netball Team of the Year.

Goal shooter Jess Edgar is joined by on-court goalscoring partner Hannah Flanders who was named in her customary goal attack role, along with the athletic and adaptable Taylah Brown, and elite centre and Leongatha captain Nicola Marriott.

Zali Anderson is the sole Wonthaggi player to earn Team of the Year status in netball, picked as the side's wing defence.

Edgar topped the A Grade goalscoring list, finishing the home and away season with a stunning 548 goals at an average of 30.4 per match.

Surprisingly, she was named on the interchange bench for the Team of the Year, with Morwell's Daisy Hill trumping her for the oncourt goal shooter's role.

Brown was also named on the interchange bench, with Moe's Alex Moody claiming the Wing Attack position Brown often makes her own for the Parrots.

The Parrots also led the shooting department in B and C Grades, with Kate Sperling and Makenzi Gourlay, respectively, leading the way at those levels.

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GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

Grand Final

Seniors: Leongatha 10.10.70 d Sale 6.12.48

Reserves: Leongatha 10.9.69 d Sale 6.2.38

U18s: Warragul 8.16.64 d Maffra 6.3.39

U16s: Maffra 12.9.81 d Warragul 8.3.51

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Parrots reserves soar to flag

By Andrew Paloczi

LEONGATHA deservedly hoisted the reserves premiership cup after taking charge of the contest against Sale from the game's early moments.

Tom Crocker showed zip in the wild and windy conditions, goaling on the run just seconds into the grand final, and continued to provide spark for the Parrots. Minutes later, they had another major from general play.

While Zak Russell answered for Sale, capitalising on a 50-metre penalty, Leongatha's Jacob Lamers responded with a goal from close range after being tackled high.

He continued to be a challenge for Sale, being one of the Parrot's best performers in their 31-point grand final triumph.

His teammate Tim Sauvarin starred on the day and set the tone from early, whether providing momentum from the backline or willing himself to contests around the ground.

He put his impressive aerobic capacity to the test, and capped off his determination with classy use of the footy, ultimately being recognised as the game's best player.

Mason McGannon was another who looked lively from the outset for the eventual winner.

Not allowing the strong wind to be a deciding force, Leongatha backed up its 20-point quarter time lead with another strong showing in the second stanza, setting up a near insurmountable 34-point advantage by half-time.

Such was Leongatha's dominance, the Magpies managed just two goals to that point, leaving Sale a steep task in the increasingly slippery conditions.

Sauvarin appeared not to notice the second quarter rain, playing dry weather football with aplomb as he grabbed an intercept mark and mounted a spectacular run.

He took a couple of bounces and kicked the Parrots deep into attack.

While Sale was able to keep Leongatha quiet on the scoreboard in the early minutes of the second term, Ben Perry restored the Parrots' momentum with an accurate set shot 10 minutes in.

Flynn Materia was then involved in an exhilarating chain of passes, receiving the ball back and nailing a beauty on the run to extend Leongatha's lead beyond five goals.

That opportunity stemmed from a tremendous Dylan Garnham tackle that earned a free kick and got the Parrots out of a tight spot in defence.

By the final change, Leongatha enjoyed a 30-point lead, but playing coach Rhett Kelly urged his players not to relent in the remaining stanza.

"You've worked your arses off all year and we've been the best team and that's the reason you're going to be lifting that cup, but you've got 20 minutes of hard work to go," he said before finishing his speech with a colourful flourish.

While Sale never threatened to pinch the match, the Magpies continued to apply themselves, narrowly winning the second half.

They were well served by the likes of Josh Butcher, Hayden Potts and Thomas Campbell, with the latter showing a knack for winning the ball and using it well in the increasingly difficult conditions.

Celebrations were well earned at the Parrots nest, with Leongatha's near perfect reserves season sitting neatly with its unbeaten senior triumph.

Leongatha 10.9(69) def Sale 6.2(38)



The runaway favourites of the season, the Leongatha Reserves, didn't have it all their own way in a testing grand final against Sale but they ultimately emerged winners by 31 points in a low-scoring affair. Members of the Leongatha Reserves premiership team, squad members and match-day official include, from the left, back, Joel Renden, Jake Mackie (c), Kyle Materia, Darcy Hume, Levi Hickey, Josh Schelling, Ricky O'Loughlin, Rhett Kelly (coach), James Forrester, Steve Forrester, Ben Perry, middle, Tim Sauvarin, Lachie Wright, Noah Clark, Jarryd Stewart, Kyle Brown, Mason McGannon, Jacob Lamers, Tallin Brill, Noah Fixter, Blake Van Rooy, Reagan Kemp, Flynn Materia, front, Tom Crocker, Nick Nagel, Dylan Garnham and Grant Fleming (with Marlee).



There it is, the captain of the Leongatha Reserves Jake Mackie and coach Rhett Kelly raise the premiership cup at Moe on Saturday.



Mason McGannon flies for the Parrots.
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Parrots premiers after epic grand final

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Soon after that, Sean Westaway put a defensive kick out on the full and Johnstone found Lange on his own for the easy reply; Olden had a late shot for a point, Harry and Marriott saved Leongatha at the other end and it was three goals each at quarter time.

The game tightened further in the second quarter but started well for the Parrots when Ned Hanily roved the pack superbly before kicking a goal after an attacking kick by Turton.

Westaway, Willis, Heppell, Hillberg and Marriott were among those working hard for the Parrots.

Matt Willcocks took several nice marks after an early head knock to be influential in defence but when Sale's Johnstone was accidentally caught high, he kicked the reply.

The Parrots were moving the ball better, however, and this time it paid off through Marriott, Hanily, Turton and Hopkins for the quick response.

Leongatha were running with Willis, Marriott, Van Der Pligt and Drew on the ball at this stage and were matching it well with Leslie, Lange, McLaren and Allison.

Both Leongatha and Sale had their chances, Hanily missing one and Jarrod Freeman with two gettable shots, one hitting the post as they squandered a chance to get ahead of the Parrots.

Ultimately a muffed kick by Harry let Sale's Jack McLindin in and he was good enough to get it across to the ruckman Leslie for a late goal; the margin three points at the long break after a long period of defence by both sides, Sean Westaway responsible for a fine smother, Johnstone dropping back to help Sale's defence and the onballers from both sides mindful of not allowing late goals.

Half time: Leongatha 5.5.35 to Sale 5.3.33.

Leongatha eked out two crucial goals in the third quarter, one to Hanily after another long period of defence by both teams but again it featured great



Named the best players in the grand final, Tom Marriott (left) got the umpires' vote and Cade Maskell won the Stan Aitken Medal awarded by TRFM.



Josh Hopkins gets the look-away handpass to Luther Juric as the Parrots go into attack.

coast-to-coast play started by Maskell with an intercept and involving Marriott, Forrester, Hopkins, Heppell and finally the lively Hanily.

Some hard, bullocking work by Marriott created the next chance, with Bowman and Hume combining to get it forward to where Hopkins and Juric with a clever hand in allowed Hillberg to run on to the loose ball and toe it through for what was a vital goal.

Sale couldn't match them, but it wasn't without opportunity by the Magpies who

hit the post several times and missed some easy chances.

Their best chance came after a 50-metre penalty to Johnstone, on to Whitehill and then Jarrod Freeman on the lead but a big defensive punch clear by Willcocks saved the day.

Johnstone took a hanger soon after but his shot from 50 was another point.

At the last change, coach Trent McMicking fired the troops up with a rousing speech, the standout message being that when it's your turn

to go, you go!

And they did. Bowman got it out of the centre to a winning tap by Willis, Hopkins danced left and right on the boundary and found the leading Hume for the first shot of the last quarter, a point.

The rain was pouring early in the quarter and Sale's bigger bodies were having an impact and again they had opportunities up forward before Freeman was awarded a free 15 metres out and finally, got the desired result... it was 'game on' with Sale trailing by one straight kick.

Hopkins and Van Der Pligt both had shots from long range but the one by Van Der Pligt lobbed in the goal square and Heppell was able to toe it through and the Parrots were up by two clear goals.

Sale then had a sustained period of attack but booted four points in-a-row with Willcocks and Maskell prominent in defence. As an indicator of the pressure they were under, Sale had 11 inside 50s to Leongatha's four for the quarter.

The ball was like a bar of soap however, and players were going in hard as packs inevitably developed, Drew coping a shoulder injury and coming off. Marriott following him soon after.

With just eight points separating the teams and Sale coming strongly, Josh Hopkins seized on a chance on the half back line and got the ball going Leongatha's way, against the run of play.

He then combined with Cam Olden, Jack Hume was slung as he got a handpass away, Aaron Heppell toed the ball forward, and running past him, Aaron Turton chased the ball and struck it first time with the left boot, a shot Tim Cahill would have been proud of, and it sailed 35 metres through for a miracle goal... the sealer.

Leongatha got a late one by Aaron Heppell to stretch the margin to 20 points but it flattened what had been a close contest all day.

Final scores: Leongatha 10.10.70 def Sale 6.12.48.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS
GRAND FINAL

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LEONGATHA
SALE

Leongatha	3.3	5.5	7.7	10.10 (70)
Sale	3.0	5.3	5.7	6.12 (48)

GOALS, Leongatha: Ned Hanily, Aaron Heppell, Aaron Hillberg 2, Josh Hopkins, Jack Hume, Tom Marriott 1 each

BEST: Tom Marriott, Ben Willis, Cade Maskell, Jake van der Pligt, Ned Hanily, Aaron Hillberg

GOALS, Sale: Shannen Lange 2, Jayden Allison, Jarrod Freeman, Will Leslie 1 each

BEST: Jack Leslie, Shannen Lange, Will Leslie, Ryan Pendlebury, Jarrod Freeman, Jack McLaren

RESERVES

Leongatha	4.2	7.4	8.8	10.9 (69)
Sale	1.0	2.0	4.2	6.2 (38)

GOALS, Leongatha: No players named.

BEST: Timothy Sauvarin, Jacob Lamers, Dylan Garnham, Ricky O'loughlin, Steve Forrester, Ben Perry

GOALS, Sale: Jack Rietschel, Zak Russell 2, Ostin Waugh, Joshua White 1 each

BEST: Josh Butcher, Hayden Potts, Thomas Campbell, Shane Fyfe, Jonty McGuiness, Jack Rietschel

THIRDS

Warragul	3.8	3.10	5.13	8.16 (64)
Maffra	0.0	1.2	3.3	6.3 (39)

GOALS, Warragul: No players named.

BEST: Liam Serong, Luke Garner, Lachlan James Smith, Lane Ward, Kai MacLean, Vincent Kuol

GOALS, Maffra: No players named.

BEST: Lachlan Allman, Jett Killoran, Zach Felsbourg, Darcy Davis, Harry Gravener, Ethan Aurisch

FOURTHS

Maffra	4.2	9.4	10.5	12.9 (81)
Warragul	3.1	5.1	6.2	8.3 (51)

GOALS, Maffra: Jayke Andrews 6, Jack McQuillen 3, Harry Burgiel, Samuel Richards, Max Stobie 1 each

BEST: Ashton Wright, Noah Christy, Jayke Andrews, Max Stobie, Jack McQuillen, Harry Burgiel

GOALS, Warragul: Jasper Alger 4, Heath Jinks 3, Caleb McIntosh 1

BEST: Heath Jinks, Alby Phillips, Riley Senini, Jasper Alger, Tarrant Cannon, Lachlan Giliam

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS
GRAND FINAL

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NEERIM SOUTH
BULN BULN

Neerim South	2.3	3.5	5.5	8.9 (57)
Buln Buln	3.1	5.4	7.6	8.8 (56)

GOALS, Neerim South: Luke Kinder, Chris Uri, Kody Wilson 2, Nathan Bayne, Matthew Edwards 1 each

BEST: Chris Uri, Christopher Charles, Kody Wilson, Matthew Edwards, Luke Kinder, Tom Muir

GOALS, Buln Buln: Reece Campbell 3, Cameron McPhan 2, James Fowler, Jared Lane, Jack Symes 1 each

BEST: Robert McCallum, Reece Campbell, Jared Lane, Trent Baker, Thomas Axford, Nathan Tutton

RESERVES

Ellinbank	1.1	2.2	4.4	4.4 (28)
Buln Buln	0.2	1.4	3.6	3.6 (24)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Mathew Robertson, Private player 2 each

BEST: Andrew Quirk, Jayson Barwick, Chris Hartmann, Sam Barwick, Adam Marx

GOALS, Buln Buln: Fynn Hammond, Adam Rakip, Brent Waddell 1 each

BEST: Jake Baker, Jacob Pickthall, Brendan Wall, Brent Waddell, Thomas Park, Bradley Fusinato

THIRDS

Neerim South	3.2	5.4	8.9	12.11 (83)
Longwarry	1.2	3.2	5.2	6.3 (39)

GOALS, Neerim South: Ayden Ramm 3, Chad Owen 2, Aden Guy, Isaac Guy, William Johnson, Kai Mounsey, Bernie Sheehan, Cam Stanley, Tom Zeldenryk 1 each

BEST: Ayden Ramm, William Johnson, Riley Ferguson, Chad Owen, Isaac Guy, Kai Mounsey

GOALS, Longwarry: Dominic Keane, Lachie Spinks 2, Ned Ashton, Harrison Colvin 1 each

BEST: Harrison Colvin, Ned Ashton, Lachie Spinks, Wesley Hunt, Cody McInnes, Dominic Keane

FOURTHS

Longwarry	0.0	2.2	3.4	5.9 (39)
Yarragon	0.2	1.4	1.8	1.8 (14)

GOALS, Longwarry: Harrison Mills 2, Cooper Brown, Jaxon Huston, Tyler van der Heyden 1 each

BEST: Jaxon Huston, Cooper Brown, Clancy Pope, Kai Withers, Jacob Ventura, Josh Downes

GOALS, Yarragon: Liam Smith-Butterworth 1

BEST: Brodie Fleming, Bailey Fallon, Jack Keeble, Liam Smith-Butterworth, Joshua Mills

Parrots premiers and champions in 2022

From back

Tom Marriott crashing pack after pack as he put the huge week of a Trood Award and Rodda Medal behind him, his head-to-head match-up with Lange something you'd go a long way to see.

Luke Bowman and his midfield partner, Ben Willis, up against the former Gold Coast and Williamstown big man, Jack Leslie, were

absolute towers of Parrot strength on the ball.

Young Ned Hanily and the veteran Aaron Hillberg up forward both with two goals and plenty of creative play.

Cade Maskell and his mates back in defence including Sean Westaway and Matt Willcocks who trudged off with a sore head but some important defensive marks to his credit.

Will Littlejohn one of the

up-and-coming young brigade at Leongatha.



Parrots premiers after epic grand final

THERE was talent to burn in the midfield of both sides in Saturday's Gippsland League grand final, Sale and Leongatha, and up until half time, at least, the big crowd at Moe was treated to a battle royal.

Both the 2021 Trood Award and Rodda Medal winner, Shannen Lange, and this year's league best and fairest, Tom Marriott, put their stamps on the game early with goals and great play, often directly opposed to each other, in a contest you'd go a long way to see.

Added to that were Sale's playing coach Jack Johnstone and the experienced Parrot onballer Luke Bowman, both equally influential in the game and the big-hearted Leongatha ruckman Ben Willis up against former Gold Coast Suns' big man, the Sale captain Jack Leslie.

What a contest it was, and Leongatha got the first centre break of the match as the three Parrots; Willis, Bowman and Marriott combined to get the ball forward. A free kick to Marriott followed a nice pass and lead by Aaron Hillberg, who made no mistake from 30 metres, a goal in the first minute of the match to the Parrots.

A nice little lead up involving Will Littlejohn, Bowman, Sam Forrester, Hillberg, Josh Hopkins and Cam Stone gave Aaron Heppell an early chance, for a point, but it was a good sign.

Noted Sale tagger Cooper Whitehill was trying to go with Marriott but Luke Bowman was working just as hard on Lange, with Johnstone also doing some heavy work.

And while the Parrots had the best of the opening quarter, they were unable to shake the Magpies who,

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with the help of smothered shot on goal by Luther Juric and a free kick, went goal-for-goal with Leongatha.

Jayden Allison got Sale going after they went coast-to-coast from that errant kick on goal by the Parrots, with Willcocks accidentally cleaned up in the move by Sale's Lachie Todd.

Justin Pellicano was taking his turn in the ruck and the Parrots lost nothing as Willis and Pellicano shared the load against Leslie.

Cade Maskell was constantly cleaning up across half back or deep in defence and Leongatha's runners Stone, Hanily, Turton, Forrester and Littlejohn were all involved.

Maskell to Heppell and a nice pass to Jack Hume brought up the next Parrot goal, a beauty from a long way out on the boundary.

Leongatha peppered the scoring zone for quite a while after that but almost against the run of play, Sale drove the ball forward to where Lange received a free and kicked the equaliser.

The Parrots also put together a nice passage of play through Turton, Olden, Hopkins, Hanily and Pellicano which looked promising but there was no score.

Sale's Jack Johnstone was everywhere, bobbing up in defence to repel a forward thrust by Olden and Marriott, while Ryan Pendlebury was also prominent in defence and Mitch Bown or Chris Laverty had a restrictive arm across Aaron Heppell at every opportunity.

But ultimately, great play by Josh Hopkins got the ball across to Tom Marriott who raced in for the team's third.



Leongatha's Ned Hanily was a livewire on the Parrots' forward line, kicking two goals and having a hand in several others taking risks to create chances.



Leongatha Parrot's premiership captain Tom Marriott and coach Trent McMicking raise the 2022 Gippsland League Premiership Cup after an epic battle at Moe on Saturday.

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GRAND FINAL *in pictures*



Gippsland League chairman, Brett Tessari of Wonthaggi, had the job of handing out the cups after the grand finals on Saturday.



The Leongatha Reserves players get together for their first chorus of the club song out on the ground after the game.



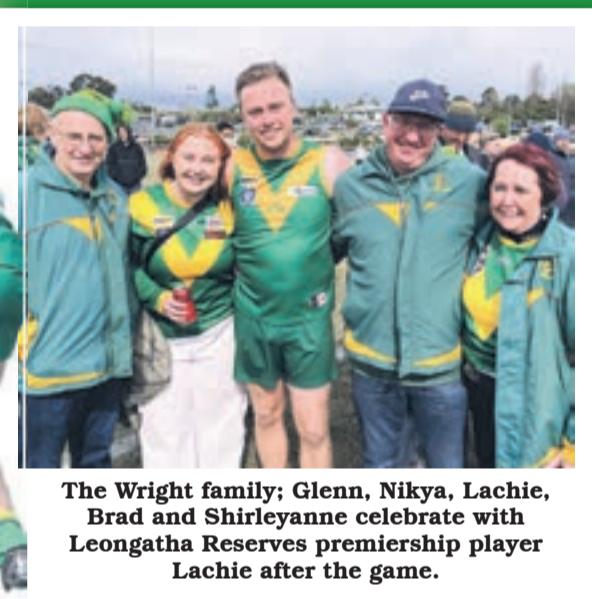
The Pellicanos, John, Justin and Michael celebrate the Leongatha Parrots' success in the rooms at Moe after the game.



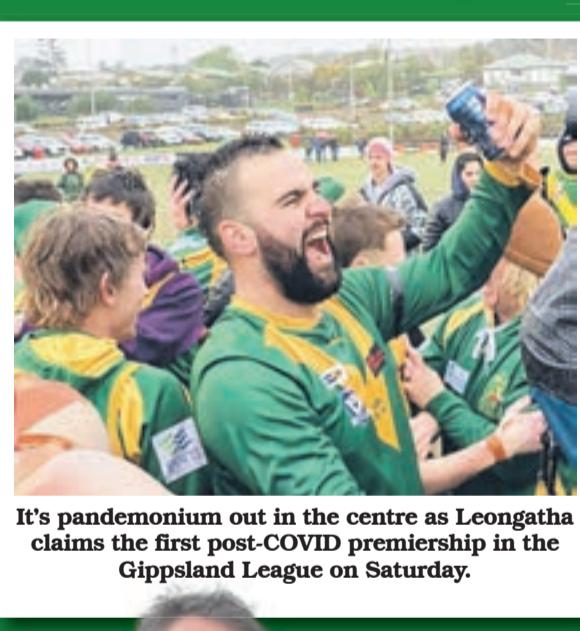
The Schelling clan, including cousin Dyson Heppell, the Essendon captain, congratulate Josh Schelling on his success in the Gippsland Reserves grand final.



Jake Van Der Pligt offers protection as Leongatha onballer Luke Bowman takes possession early in Saturday's grand final.



The Wright family; Glenn, Nikya, Lachie, Brad and Shirleyanne celebrate with Leongatha Reserves premiership player Lachie after the game.



It's pandemonium out in the centre as Leongatha claims the first post-COVID premiership in the Gippsland League on Saturday.



The Leongatha A Grade netballers, Senior footballers and their coaches line up for the welcome to country and national anthem before their games.



Three of the young guns in the Leongatha senior premiership team, Aaron Turton, Ned Hanily and Travis Nash get familiar with their new best mate.



Warren Littlejohn congratulates son Will on his role in Leongatha's senior premiership at Moe last Saturday.



That's three for three. A core group of Leongatha players have played in the 2017, 2018 and 2022 premierships including Cam Stone, Sean Westaway and Luke Bowman.



Applauding their team-mates post-game were Tom Marriott, Cameron Stone and Cam Olden.

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The celebrations start, as the wintry showers sweep across the scene of Leongatha's triumph in the Gippsland League Grand Final at Moe on Saturday. Members of the Parrots' premiership team and match-day officials include from left, back, Nick Eddy (trainer), Travis Nash, Justin Pellicano, Tom Marriott (c), Aaron Hillberg, Ben Willis, Trent McMicking (coach), Jake Van Der Pligt, Brad Hutchison (ast coach), Stu Wigney (ast coach), Sam Forrester, Matt Davies (ast coach), middle, Jackson Harry, Jack Hume, Cam Olden, Will Littlejohn, Luther Juric, Cameron Stone, Luke Bowman, Josh Hopkins, Sean Westaway, Aaron Turton, Kim Drew and Mark Lafferty (asst coach).

PREMIERS

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Unlikely hero of the day, young Parrot Aaron Turton, summed up the situation in the last quarter and kicked the goal that sealed Leongatha's 2022 premiership victory.

WELL, there it is! The Leongatha Parrots are premiers and champions in the Gippsland League for 2022.

But it wasn't easy. A gallant Sale led valiantly by playing coach Jack Johnstone and talented onballer Shannen Lange, together with Ryan Pendlebury controlling the defence, threw absolutely everything at Leongatha and combined with the Parrots' own mistakes, the Magpies were within striking distance all day, trailing by two points at half time and just two goals at the last change.

They kicked the first goal of the last quarter, after a free kick to Jarrod Freeman, cutting the margin to just six points before Aaron Heppell pulled one back, during a scramble of arms and legs in a wet goal square.

But Sale continued to pepper the scoring zone, for five points in the last quarter, at least three of which could have been goals, as their bigger bodies seemed better suited to the wet and slippery conditions

and the rolling maul play, putting immense pressure on the Parrots' defence.

Compounding the situation, the Parrots' league medal winner Tom Marriott had to be helped from the ground with a noticeable limp after big Sale ruckman, their captain Jack Leslie, had fallen across his leg just after the Heppell goal.

His possible replacement on the ball, Kim Drew, was also off with a dislocated shoulder.

It was desperate straits for the Parrots, as the free-kick count appeared to be going against them as well; their undefeated run and premiership chances on the line.

But with the match in the balance, the Parrots leading by just eight points at the 18-minute mark of the last quarter and cold rain sweeping across the ground, it was one of the Parrots' lesser lights, a young bloke who has nonetheless played a great final series, that took the contest by the scruff of the neck and put the result beyond doubt.

Where some Leongatha players hadn't quite adjusted to the changed conditions that the three-quarter time deluge had brought about, Aaron Turton sized up the situation as the ball came tumbling and sliding his way on the Parrots' forward line.

Great work by Hopkins, Olden, Hume and a kick off the ground by Heppell got the ball in front of Turton who took a hopeful swipe at it with his left foot and it slithered and skidded its way on a curving course through for a glorious goal... the sealer!

The crowd huddled together under the Moe social rooms veranda, a predominance of green and gold amongst them, went mad.

"I was just trying to get it closer to goal, but I thought if I stopped to pick it up, they'd be on me. I just kicked and hoped," said the unlikely hero of the day, Aaron Turton.

There had been plenty of other heroic moments.

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