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# INVITATION DECLINED

‘INAPPROPRIATE’ and ‘bizarre’. That’s how the sitting State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, described arrangements being put in place by the Bass Coast Shire Council to host an invite-only “Community Leaders and Candidates’ breakfast”, ahead of the next State Election.

Invitations to the candidates’ forum have already gone out but who got one?

“The morning will begin with a breakfast networking session, followed by community

and business leaders highlighting topics they call on our candidates to address,” said Mayor Cr Michael Whelan in his invitation preamble.

“You will be given the opportunity to respond to the leaders and I will facilitate the Q&A panel,” he assured candidates.

The event is to be held at the Silverwater Resort, San Remo, on Wednesday, October 12, from 7.30am to 9am, a full three weeks before candidate nominations even open on

Wednesday, November 3.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Ms Crugnale said she had politely declined the invitation, listing the following reasons:

1. I believe it is entirely inappropriate for local government to be hosting and/or facilitating a state election candidate meet and greet. It would not be something they would offer for candidates in Local Council or Federal elections.

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# The energy revolution is here, they say

By Nick Sinis

LOCALS turned up in droves last week to have their say on the Federal Government's offshore energy proposal, which could see wind turbines sprawled across the Gippsland coast from Phillip Island to Woodside Beach.

The session, held last Thursday at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, saw representatives from the state and federal government, as well as the Latrobe Valley Authority.

Attendees were able to discuss the different aspects of the offshore wind proposal and what exactly it would mean for the region.

Submissions opened following the Federal Government's announcement that parts of Bass Strait were identified as being potentially suitable for future offshore energy projects.

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



**U3A tutor Werner Theinert was one of many attendees at last week's offshore energy consultation session.** Ns013622

transmission grid is the strongest.

Following consultation, the Minister will consider submissions and potential impacts.

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

Developers must then develop a management plan, which must be approved by the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator, before an application for a commercial licence can be granted.

Commercial licences allow

offshore renewable energy infrastructure projects for up to 40 years.

## Community feedback

Some attendees at last week's session highlighted they thought the project would be 'fantastic', and that the Gippsland coast was an ideal location for offshore energy.

The Sentinel-Times also spoke with attendee Werner Theinert, who runs electricity courses at U3A and proudly said, "the revolution is here".

"I think it's fantastic, the coal plants are getting older and

nobody wants to build a new one," he said.

"We've had the handbrake on for the last 10 years, nothing has happened, so we're behind."

"What's happened is they've taken the handbrake off and most of the work has already been done, it's just waiting to press the go button."

Mr Theinert highlighted he had worked in the energy industry for decades in the Latrobe Valley and even overseas in the Middle East.

Attendees were also able to provide sticky notes to provide feedback, with one poster asking what they thought are the most important things for Gippsland to move towards offshore wind energy production.

Some said working with the community, while others asked what the costs would be for turbine construction and transport, as well as the cost of installing power lines and ongoing maintenance.

To provide feedback, which is open until October 7, visit <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

## Businesses urged to get on board with offshore wind project

STAR of the South, Australia's first proposed offshore wind project, is undertaking a study to connect local businesses with future offshore wind opportunities.

The project is seeking out local businesses that supply goods and services needed for offshore wind projects and opportunities to grow local capabilities.

Businesses who get involved may be featured in an offshore wind local supplier directory.

Star of the South has identified more than 100 opportunities for Gippsland businesses to supply the offshore wind sector including welding, excavation, electrical, vessel and helicopter services, fencing and safety equipment.

To be included in the study and directory, businesses are encouraged to register and identify their capabilities on the project's ICN Gateway at [gateway.icn.org.au](http://gateway.icn.org.au) before September 30.

Businesses wanting to be involved can learn more at [starofthesouth.com.au/suppliers](http://starofthesouth.com.au/suppliers) or by attending an ICN webinar on Wednesday, September 7, at 4pm.

Pending approvals, Star of the South is aiming to start construction around the middle of the decade and have its first turbine spinning out at sea around 2028.

The offshore wind farm is proposed to be located 7-25 km off the south coast of Gippsland near towns such as Port Albert, McLoughlins Beach and Woodside Beach.

Up to 200 turbines are proposed to be installed out at sea to catch the Bass Strait winds.

According to Star of the South, at 7-25 km from shore, turbines would be visible from the coast.

Final decisions about the number, height and layout of turbines have not been made at this early stage.

The project needs government approvals to proceed to construction.

For more information, visit Star of the South.

## Leongatha evasion

A LEONGATHA male in his late 20s was assisting police after a traffic evasion incident on Monday morning (September 5).

Police attempted to intercept the vehicle with the individual allegedly taking off at 9.30am.

The vehicle was located 20 minutes later in Leongatha by police. There was no danger or injury to the public.

## Evading police not tolerated

BASS COAST police arrested a male in regard to several evasion offences last week.

The male is one of multiple individuals the police are looking into for evasion charges with ongoing investigations pending.

The public are reminded that police evasion puts the public at risk and are working to stamp out this behaviour.

## Bass Coast council makes a meal out of power play

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2. It is also entirely inappropriate for local government to be using ratepayer funds, officer time and resources to host a breakfast of this nature.

3. A sitting councillor is a candidate.

4. There may still be candidates yet to nominate.

"I will be attending 'Meet the Candidate' forums across the electorate of Bass which are open to all members of the community. Should one or a collective of say community organisations, business, tourism and trader associations, or interest groups be inclined to host a similar forum, this will be considered," Ms Crugnale said.

Ms Crugnale said she has referred the matter to the Office of the Minister for Local Government.

Her comments are in line with a statement this week by the President of the 'Island Voice' community group, Peter

Paul, also a former Mayor of the Bass Coast Shire Council.

"I've got a big problem with it, it's not their role. It's not a proper use of ratepayers' money, for a start, especially as there's one of their own councillors running in the election."

"If that's not a conflict of interest, I don't know what is," Mr Paul said.

"Traditionally these events are organised by community groups. They've never done this before. I don't know a council that has. It's a massive overreach."

"I can't see why they would be putting their toe in the water this time and potentially opening themselves up to criticism."

"Island Voice has already organised a candidates' forum, at the Phillip Island RSL on Thursday, November 4, which is open to the public, as it should be. Ms Crugnale has already accepted to attend, and I believe the Liberals' Aaron Brown will also be there."

"We don't have any political self-interest, beyond giving the opportunity for the community to hear from the candidates, and we'll provide a summary of what they had to say at the end."

"I don't like it. It raises more questions than it answers."

Aaron Brown has noted his concerns to the council as well but is likely to attend the breakfast, with conditions, "as an opportunity to meet more people".

"My personal belief is that councils shouldn't be involved in politics and I have concerns about whether it's a good use of ratepayers' money," Mr Brown said.

"I've said events of this kind should be open to everyone, but they've agreed to provide a list of the people invited and allow the candidates to invite some people as well."

"Under those conditions, I'm likely to attend but it's not ideal."

Mr Brown said he would also be attending candidates'

forums and question time events organised by the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association (Saturday, October 29 2pm-4pm Wonthaggi Workmen's Club) and Island Voice (Thursday, November 3 at the Phillip Island RSL).

The Nationals' candidate Brett Tessari said at the weekend that he didn't have a problem with the shire running an event and will be attending "if it goes ahead".

The Mayor, Cr Whelan has been contacted for comment.

Other councillors contacted by this newspaper say they knew nothing about the proposed candidates' breakfast, that it must have been "a captain's call" by the Mayor.

The only comment so far received from a shire spokesperson is: "We are exploring our options at the moment."

The council has not responded to a request about the likely cost of the candidates' breakfast.

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THUR | Sep 8  
Showers.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light  
9° 18°



FRI | Sep 9  
Showers.  
Wind AM: N-NW 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h  
9° 16°



SAT | Sep 10  
Showers increasing.  
Wind AM: W 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h  
8° 15°



SUN | Sep 11  
Shower or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h  
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IN BRIEF

Thieves cut and run

WOULD-BE thieves were disturbed in the act of trying to rob a commercial premises in Wonthaggi last Tuesday morning, August 30.

Police were called to the scene at Wonthaggi Motorcycles and Power Equipment at about 7am when two men were scene cutting the wire of a fence at the rear of the property.

The two men managed to escape, and police are looking for a silver Holden Rodeo and a silver Toyota Corolla.

A spokesman for the motorcycle shop said they believed the offender might have been targeting motorcycles and are relieved they were disturbed this time.

Theft and damage to McCartin's

LEONGATHA Police are looking for a medium build, caucasian male in light blue jeans, black shoes, black cap and black jumper with red logo, and accomplice who robbed the McCartin's Bottle O on August 26.

The male climbed the gate into the premise then proceeded to smash a rock into the fridge for a few bottles of mixed spirits at 9.30pm and again at 10pm.

Anyone with information is urged to call Leading Senior Constable Bowman at Leongatha Police Station on 5662 2285 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Truck stolen from Dandenong

ON Wednesday, August 31, Bass Coast Highway Patrol pulled over a truck near Lang Lang after they were caught at 123km/h in 100km/h zone.

The male tested positive to methamphetamines, was unlicensed and had stolen the vehicle from a premise in Dandenong.

The male made full admissions and was remanded in custody to appear in court at a later date.

Operation Focus to target dangerous highway

TARGETING distracted and unsafe drivers, Operation Focus will be hitting the South Gippsland Highway over September, as the season kicks off with football finals.

Everyday over September, Highway Patrol teams will monitor South Gippsland as they look to reduce serious injury collisions and fatalities along the highway.

"Our tolerance levels are extremely low," Bass Coast Highway Patrol stated.

"We will be doing low level speeds, as well as high level speeds, and distractions - phones, seatbelts, safety defects with vehicles."

Vehicle stolen from Traralgon found

AT 3.10pm, Tuesday, August 30, a 2014 Black Holden Commodore VF MY15 SS-V was allegedly stolen from Traralgon Car City with the offender providing a false number upon the test drive.

The vehicle was then spotted in Mirboo North and at Anderson in the early hours of the morning on August 31.

The offender was later located in Yarram and has been remanded in custody to appear in court at a later date.

\$200,000 for Island hospital

The San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Banks organisation which operates Bendigo Community Bank branches in those towns, is set to make a bumper donation to the soon-to-be built Phillip Island Community Hospital.

At its annual community grants night last night, at the Dalyston Football Netball Clubrooms, the community bank handed out \$420,000 in donations, including \$200,000 to the hospital project.

The funds have been earmarked to support the proposed oncology and chemotherapy day surgery service.

Tickets on sale for business awards

WITH more nominations than ever, now is a great time to get your tickets for Bass Coast Shire Council's Business Awards Presentation evening.

The event is being held on Friday, October 21, at Silverwater Resort in San Remo.

Tickets are \$85 each, or \$750 for a table of 10.

The evening is a celebration of excellence and open to all businesses, not just those who have entered or been nominated in the Awards.

To book your tickets, visit <https://2022bcba.eventbrite.com.au>

This year there are six categories in the judged awards, which has provided participation opportunities for all different types of businesses in Bass Coast.

The categories are Business Innovation, Marketing and Communications, Environmental Sustainability, Resilience, Leadership and Access, Equity and Inclusion. There has been an increase in applicants across all categories compared to last year.

On top of the Judged Awards, there is also the popular People's Choice Award.

These categories are voted by customers and community members for the Bass Coast business that they believe provide the best products and services.

For more information on the 2022 Bass Coast Business Awards and to book tickets to the Awards Dinner, go to [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards](https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards).

\$500k for Dinosaur Trail

THE State Government has backed the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail with a \$500,000 funding boost to accelerate the project.

The funding will allow the detailed creative design of six sites, including a Gondwana Garden with sound and light in Wonthaggi, innovative digital activation at The Caves and Eagles

Nest, a village green at Kilcunda, sculptural dinosaur interpretation at San Remo and concept development of a Discovery Centre in Inverloch.

The Bass Coast is home to a number of significant dinosaur fossil sites, which includes evidence of the Koolasuchus Cleelandi, Victoria's fossil emblem.

The six creative art sites on the Dinosaurs Trail will link to these sites.

Last year, the shire purchased land in Wonthaggi for \$1.2 million to create an interactive sound and light 'Gondwana Garden'.

Once developed it will feature sculptures and prehistoric-inspired gardens, featuring vegetation similar to the landscape polar dinosaurs once inhabited.

The Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail will intersect at key points with the State Government funded Yallock-Bulluk Marine Coastal Access Park- that will run from San Remo to Inverloch, once completed.

This funding was thanks to the State Government's Enabling Tourism Fund.

Council will continue actively engaging with both state and federal governments to secure further funding for delivery of the project.

Dairy Expo this week

DON'T forget the Strzelecki Lions Club will be hosting the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo in Korumburra on September, Wednesday 7, and Thursday 8, 2022.

This year, they will celebrate over 21 years of providing the local dairying community with an event showcasing the latest innovations, products, and services available to the dairy industry.

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Aero Leplastrier, Mary Barry and Sheryn Ringland of The Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water, with Cr Sarah Gilligan at the Leongatha 'drop in' session on offshore renewable energy.

# Leongatha has its say on offshore turbines

THE OPPORTUNITY to learn more about prospective offshore wind turbines in their region drew community members to Leongatha's council chambers on Thursday.

While it wasn't a large turnout, those present were highly engaged, spoke at length and were keen to obtain answers to their questions.

There was a mix of enthusiasm for locally generated renewable energy and concerns about the visual impact of future turbines.

As well as chatting, people attached their thoughts to a board, in the form of sticky notes.

"Finally something tangible to create green energy and fight climate change," one note said.

Others expressed the need for a cautious approach.

"Environmental protection measures need to be in place and respected," one commenter wrote.

Another note raised more specific concerns, highlighting the need to protect birds in a RAMSAR area and biodiversity in Bass Strait.

One mentioned the need to consider potential impacts on both commercial and recreational fishing.

Cr Sarah Gilligan has heard many concerns from her local community in Venus Bay about the prospect of wind turbines being installed in the area, and attended the 'drop in' session to learn more.

She was pleased with what she heard, learning that any licences to be allocated at the next stage will be 'feasibility licences'.

She said companies granted such licences will need to conduct feasibility and environmental studies, and community consultation, and looks forward to updating her community.

"It's exciting but needs due diligence," Cr Gilligan said of



Korumburra's Belinda Nicholls believes renewable energy is the way of the future but came to the Leongatha 'drop in' session to learn about possible offshore energy projects in Gippsland. A08\_3622

the prospect of future renewable energy projects in the region.

Currently part of the identified area for potential offshore energy production sits just three nautical miles off the Venus Bay coast, with that representing the start of Commonwealth waters.

While councillors will soon be briefed on the subject of offshore renewables, Cr Gilligan intends to make a personal submission.

Submissions will be included in a report to be presented to the relevant Minister to help inform their decision on how to proceed.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is responsible for running public consultation on the area under consideration, with people encouraged to make submissions prior to the October 7 cut-off.

Official submissions are the way to make your voice heard, with drop-in sessions in Yarram, Leongatha, and Wonthaggi designed for people to ask questions.

Belinda Nicholls of Korumburra believes renewable energy is the way of the future and was interested to learn that other projects, such as solar initiatives may also be



Helen Barrow of Leongatha is keen to learn more about potential offshore renewable energy infrastructure in South Gippsland. A07\_3622

considered along with turbines.

"I came to find out why the area was chosen, what the benefits are and to discover more about what the potential projects would be," she said.

She was advised there may be height limitations on turbines.

"It's good to know what feedback to provide," she said.

Having a role at a community house, Belinda sees the impact of high energy costs and considers there is a place for state run energy infrastructure.

However, current government focus is directed at providing the required level of assistance to help privately operated renewable energy infrastructure become commercially viable.

Another attendee expressed qualified support.

"I think turbines are a good idea; however, I'm concerned about the visual impact on the seascape," the Walkerville resident said, indicating he'd like them to be installed further out to sea than the proposed minimum of three nautical miles.

Leongatha's Helen Barrow is reserving judgement at this early stage, saying there are lots of things that need to be considered, while expressing

concern as to whether sufficient thought has gone into the race towards renewable energy.

Judy Stokes of Hedley expressed interest in learning about the prospect of storing renewable energy generated by future projects, using batteries.


Such details are uncertain at this stage with much depending on the ideas of proponents and the suitability of their proposals.

Members of the DCCEEW implementation team will look at the area that has been identified, assess community feedback and identify ways of accommodating concerns, preparing a report for the Minister.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) was among the organisations helping run the drop in sessions.

Its energy markets manager, James Golden, said that government assistance will initially be required to make offshore renewable energy production financially viable.

That is largely because of the substantial initial infrastructure costs and the need to obtain the kind of vessels required, to enable construction of wind turbines at sea.



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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



IT was wonderful to attend the Kids Thrive Kids as Catalysts 2022 pitch event last week. I was really inspired by the students from Bass Valley, Newhaven and Powlett River primary schools, and their pitches for funding and community approval for their Community Actions, in partnership with local organisations and volunteers, to enable them to follow their dreams to make their local communities better places for everyone. The Kids as Catalysts Program aims to nourish connections between children and local communities, develop children's courage, creativity and capacity to drive positive change.

At Council, our purpose is to foster positive outcomes for children and their communities. We do this by developing innovative arts and social justice programs in collaboration with specialists in children's education, health, welfare and cultural diversity. Child-led social change recognises that children are able to initiate and lead positive change for the benefit of all

Programs like Kids as Catalysts provides an opportunity to empower some of our younger citizens to be our next leaders. Kids as Catalysts gives students the skills and confidence to be engaged in community life, to learn and experience the benefits of advocating for meaningful change in their community. Here in Bass Coast, we know our communities want to become more caring and connected and welcoming to all people, celebrating and supporting diversity and uniqueness. Having programs like Kids as Catalysts, encouraging and developing some of our youngest citizens will create an exciting and more inclusive future for Bass Coast.

We're excited to announce that we are now taking applications for Round 2 of our Shopfront Improvement Rebate Program. Round 1 of the Program was a great success, with 46 businesses and services applying from eight towns across Bass Coast. This round, like the first, will assist businesses and service providers in Bass Coast to improve the appearance of their shopfronts and outdoor spaces with rebates of up to \$2,000. Vibrant and attractive streets, shops, and public spaces play a key role in creating prosperous town centres.

If you want to help celebrate business excellence in Bass Coast, why not get yourself a ticket to the Bass Coast Business Awards Presentation evening? The event is being held on Friday, 21 October at Silverwater Resort in San Remo. Tickets are \$85 each, or \$750 for a table of 10. The evening is open to all businesses, not just those who have entered or been nominated in the Awards. To book your tickets, visit <https://2022bcba.eventbrite.com.au>.

# Huge subdivision lodged for Kilcunda

KILCUNDA could be set for a more than 100 lot subdivision along Messmate Road with a planning application lodged with the shire recently.

The site occupies a total area of 10.793 hectares, with the permit seeking to subdivide the land into 104 lots which would have an average size of 650m<sup>2</sup>.

The lots would be staged with stage 1 to see 16 lots, stage 2: 24, stage 3: 16, stage 4: 21 and stage 5: 27.

According to a Traffic Impact Assessment, the site is currently vacant, undeveloped land with a creek and remnant vegetation.

The western boundary of the site has an approximately 30m frontage to the existing Messmate Road.

There is residential development south and south-west of the subject site, and undeveloped land north and east of the subject site.

The subject site is zoned as General Residential Zone (GRZ1) and Township Zon-

ing (TZ) for future residential development, within the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme.

The site is located approximately 300m north of the Kilcunda township centre.

The subject site will predominantly obtain access to the surrounding road network via the proposed connections onto Messmate Road.

While according to the Landscape Master Plan, two reserves will form the open space network within the estate.

This includes a 1.4ha reserve with a retarding basin and bio-retention basin.

Path networks with bench seating will circumnavigate the reserve.

While a smaller 0.5 ha reserve will sit at the south of the development.

A substantial drainage corridor will be included in the development.

To view the application, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-plans-and-planning-register](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-plans-and-planning-register) and search for 210122



A 104-lot subdivision is being proposed for Kilcunda at Messmate Road.

## Mixed responses continue for charge scheme

ANOTHER round of consultation is done and dusted as council continues to investigate implementing a special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates.

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

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

Following the first round of feedback and a council vote to proceed with the next stage of the project, consultation for concept plans was undertaken during May and June.

A letter and questionnaire were sent to the 1033 property owners at the estates asking about preferred road and drainage treatment options.

According to the shire, 394 questionnaires were completed with the response varied.

"There was generally a response to minimise additional feature aspects such as street characteristics, intersection changes, carparking and traffic calming," the shire stated.

"There was most support



According to a recent questionnaire undertaken by the shire, 185 property owners at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay were against 20km/h speed signs to help reduce dust, with 162 in favour.

for the installation of at least one footpath on streets. The response to have lower carbon emission and less bright lights was split 50:50.

"There was most support to have the major intersections with Phillip Island Road of Sunderland Bay Road and Dunvegan Crescent upgraded by others.

"The installation of a service lane along Phillip Island Road by others was split 50:50."

One question asked was if owners would like to see interim dust and safety treatments installed prior to any upgrades,

and preferred treatments.

This saw 162 respondents in favour of 20km/h speed signs, however, 185 were against.

While 319 responses were against chemical dust suppressants, and a further 282 said no to asphalt speed humps.

The questionnaire also asked if owners want to see intersection improvements such as a roundabout at Sunderland Bay Road and Phillip Island Road, or a service lane along Phillip Island Road included in design options.

About 196 respondents were in favour of a roundabout at

Sunderland Bay Road, but 271 were against a service lane at Phillip Island Road.

According to the shire, the next stage is to develop several options of concept plans that align with the questionnaire results.

"There is likely to be a minimal cost option, then several other options with additional features included with indicative cost ranges," the shire stated.

"The questionnaire responses will also be reviewed street by street to develop concept plan options and locate any additional features such as street characteristic enhancements, traffic calming and intersection upgrades.

"It is likely the upgrades with Phillip Island Road such as Sunderland Bay Road and Dunvegan Crescent intersections and the service lane will not be included in this special charge scheme, but the concept options will allow for potential upgrades of these in the future by others."

The next round of consultation is planned for October-November this year.

For more information, visit <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads>

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# Wonthaggi almost set for extraordinary growth

THE Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), which could see the development of almost 5000 new homes, is set for approval by the Planning Minister.

The PSP aims to rezone land to the north and east of Wonthaggi for future residential development of around 5000 new homes, as well as 60 hectares of commercial land over the next 30 to 50 years.

Last week, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) released its Projects Standing Advisory Committee Final Report for the PSP.

Tranche 2 of the hearing concluded on June 23, 2022, and addressed matters relating to stormwater management, development contributions, transport and open space infrastructure and various other matters.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said the release on this report represents a significant milestone for the project.

“The report has confirmed that the precinct is ready for development, reinforcing Wonthaggi’s role as a regional centre,” Cr Whelan said.

“VPA will now finalise the documentation and changes required to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme before it goes to the Planning Minister for final sign-off.”

Once approved by the Minister, which is expected later this year, the land can begin to be developed.

According to the committee’s final report, total costs for the Development Contributions Plan, which outlines the levies landowners and developers must pay to the State Government and council to fund infrastructure and facilities, would be \$129,079,153, including:

- Roads - \$4,710,886
- Intersections - \$26,552,811
- Culverts/bridges - \$3,587,997

By Nick Sinis

- Drainage- \$76,282,005
- Addressed in the report was whether the PSP should include additional requirements and guidelines for housing, such as social and affordability and sustainability.

PSP guidelines and requirements relating to housing diversity included:

Residential subdivisions must deliver a broad range of lot sizes capable of accommodating a variety of housing types

Medium-high density, residential development, affordable housing typologies and specialised housing forms such as retirement living or aged care should, among other things, be integrated in the wider urban structure

Several submissions raised concerns about specific higher density housing outcomes on specific sites, and sought greater direction in the PSP for housing affordability and diversity, including lot sizes and higher densities within walkable catchments.

Bass Coast Housing Matters were one group to make a submission, which sought the following changes to the PSP:

- Requirement for inclusionary zoning with a target of 20 per cent affordable housing of which half would be used for public and social housing
- Require diverse housing types including co-housing and other forms of innovative housing
- Set minimum Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) expectations for sustainable housing
- Provide for communal land areas and active transport including cycle path linkages to schools and

parks and the town centre.

The Committee acknowledged the aspirations of Bass Coast Housing Matters and found that:

- The PSP provisions for affordable housing are inadequate.
- An additional affordable housing guideline should be included in the PSP which allows for the provision of a Parcel based Housing Plan or similar for the subdivision of land which provides for affordable housing.

The PSP will enable a significant expansion to Wonthaggi for community facilities, primary school, local parks, linear trails and a new sports reserve.

The PSP could also provide employment opportunities by allowing for commercial and industrial businesses to established in close proximity to the Bass Highway.

“It creates a strategic framework that will guide the Wonthaggi’s growth from 8,000 to 20,000 residents, by constructing homes for 12,000 new residents, as well as new community amenities and an expanded business and industry precinct,” Cr Whelan said.

“The area will undergo a full transition of land use into a large-scale residential development with considerable population increase that will provide for a range of land size options to suit all housing needs.”

**TOP RIGHT: The map pictured highlights the Precinct Structure Plan’s boundary as well as future urban structures such as a primary school, community facilities and residential areas.**

**BOTTOM RIGHT: Proposed zone changes within the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan.**



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# Young drivers warned to give drink driving the boot

ONE in five drink drivers detected in Victoria are aged 25 and under as Victoria Police is warning young people about the dangers of miscalculating their alcohol intake during local footy final celebrations.

Miscalculation of alcohol consumption has been identified as one of the most common reasons given to police by detected young drivers.

The trend suggests many are opting to risk having a few drinks before getting behind the wheel rather than remaining sober or using alternative transport when drinking – despite probationary and learner drivers being required to have a zero-alcohol limit.

“The morning after people are still heavily affected by alcohol and they don’t realise it,” Bass Coast Highway Patrol Acting Sergeant Goff explained.

“People think because it’s the next day, all is fine, but it’s far from.

“The last three drink drivers I have taken their licences off have all been the morning after.”

Police are reminding young drivers that the penalties for drink driving are significant.

Drivers aged under 26 or subject to zero blood alcohol content conditions receive an on-the-spot \$555 fine and six-month licence disqualification for a first offence, while novice drivers receive an on-the-spot fine of \$462 and a three-month licence disqualification.

More serious drink driving offences can result in further penalties including vehicle impoundment, licence cancellation or extensive disqualifica-



Leading Senior Constable Williams, Acting Sergeant Goff and Constable Carew want to keep drivers safe these football finals. C24\_3622

tion, hefty fines, and even jail time.

Shifting the focus away from pacing drinks, Act Sgt Goff acknowledged that every individual is different – their metabolism, what they’ve eaten, how they’ve slept, and it’s simply not worth the risk.

“Everyone talks about the fines and suspension of licences, but now you have to have an interlock for a period of time; drink driving is an ongoing process.”

Around \$2000 to get fitted, serviced every month and removed at the end, all at your own cost, the interlock system could quite easily set you back over \$4000 plus.

“If you’re going to watch the footy and have a few drinks,

organise a ride. We’re running multiple cars every week,” Act Sgt Goff said.

“I would like to think football clubs and netball clubs are looking out for their own, if someone’s walking around and sees a couple of people alcohol affected – ‘I’ll give you guys a ride home’; I would like to think people are going to step in.”

The warning comes as 161 lives have been lost on Victorian roads this year - trending well above the five-year average of 153.

“The risk of drink driving with serious injury collision... Putting one or two mates in the car and you’re alcohol affected, how would you feel if you seriously injured or killed your mate?”

Driving under the influence of drugs is also an ongoing issue faced by Bass Coast Police.

“Drugs are a major problem, people of all ages,” Act Sgt Goff said.

“A lot of people think cannabis is relatively harmless, but what we are finding, if they are being honest with us, is that the cannabis has methamphetamines in it. Whether people are lacing it for the extra kick for their product to be the better product, a lot of people that are claiming cannabis are showing up methamphetamines as well.

“Drugs is a straight line – yes or no, you either have it in your system or not.

“It’s not worth the risk.”

Act Sgt Goff also cautioned

people against practical jokes from friends where individuals may not be aware they have consumed drugs through their food or drink, and second-hand, passive smoke from cannabis.

“Being around people that are smoking pot all night – it’s going into your system as well.”

Police will continue their road safety focus over the coming weeks, with drink and drug driving to be targeted in the lead up to Operation Scoreboard, a statewide road policing effort set to take place over the AFL Grand Final long weekend in September.

For more information and tips for staying safe on the roads visit the Road Safety page on the Victoria Police website.

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A photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a yellow sleeveless top, smiling and looking up. In the background, there is a large, colorful illustration of a train set on a platform. The train is blue and yellow, with a smiling face. It is surrounded by various toys, including blocks, a toy car, and a sign that says 'PLATFORM 3'. The background is a bright yellow color.

## Best Start Best Life

## Giving Victorian children the best start in life

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

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# You don't have to be an expert to ask R U OK?

WITH R U OK? Day on this Thursday, September 8, local ambassador Michelle Debenham is highlighting this year's theme that no qualifications are needed to ask the question.

R U OK? Day is a National Day of action and a reminder that every day is a day to check in with your friends, family and colleagues.

This year, R U OK? are championing the message: 'Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed', to remind Australians they already have what it takes to support the people in their world who might be struggling.

Michelle, a Kardella South resident, spoke about why she decided to become an ambassador and the importance of mental health.

"I've been working in mental health for about seven years," she said.

"I had a couple of people that I know struggle with mental health issues, and I decided to get involved more.

"I like the fact that R U OK? was applicable to everyone, and the theme is you don't have to be an expert.

"That was one of the reasons why I wanted to become an ambassador because it was something anyone could do or ask."

Michelle highlighted that people often just needed some-

**By Nick Sinis**

one to talk to, as was the case with a young man she spoke with recently.

"He was in a really tough situation, he was isolated, didn't drive and couldn't get to (mental health) services at the time," she said.

"Having that conversation with him was really important and he talked about what he needed and was going to help.

"He did end up getting services in place, but at that time, he just needed someone to listen."

Michelle added that as part of her role, she also has the chance to speak at community events and with organisations.

"For example, this week I'm going to the fire brigade and the SES," she said.

Other events will also be held locally this Thursday, including at Korumburra Community House and the Wonthaggi Plaza.

R U OK? have also released a range of free resources including guides, tips and ideas to help Australians know when and how to have an R U OK? conversation.

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

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



Michelle Debenham and 'Freddy' getting their R U OK? Day on.

## Inverloch Community House

THIS Saturday, September 10, enjoy the culinary delights of French Sauce cooking class with Bernadette.

Born in France Bernadette has inside knowledge of what it takes to prepare traditional French sauces.

Master the majestic accompaniments to wow friends and family at your next gathering. Bookings required.

Our Boards games and cards group meet on Monday afternoon from 12:30 – 1:45pm.

It's a giggle and a bit fun and a chance to get back to some good old fashion fun.

No experience needed and no bookings required. Everyone welcome.

Thursday afternoon you will find our Line dancers.

Held in the Hub Hall Beverly welcomes the pivots, steps and heel digs of beginners to experienced line dancers from across the community.

Classes commence Thursdays from 12pm

Also, in the afternoon at the House on Thursdays our Bass Coast Writers meet at 1pm to share and support each other through the process of writing.

The group is a mix of all age groups and writing competencies. No bookings required. All welcome.

Every Friday from 10am The House is filled with the soft sound of brushes stroking and the soothing smell of oil paints.

The In-house painters welcome all artists of any skill level to share their love of the art. No bookings required.



## We're building big near you and there will be transport disruptions

As part of Victoria's Big Build, upgrades to the Gippsland Line together with the new Metro Tunnel, will make it quicker and easier to get to universities, hospitals and jobs in Melbourne.

To continue working safely, Bunyip and Longwarry stations will be closed and shuttle buses running to connect you to trains at Garfield and Drouin stations.

### Coaches replace trains in both directions on the Gippsland Line

Each night, 4 to 8 September	Southern Cross to Pakenham
Each night, 11 to 14 September 15 to 18 September	Southern Cross to Traralgon
15 to 18 September	Southern Cross to Bairnsdale

### Closed stations: Bunyip and Longwarry

15 September to 14 October	Shuttle buses running
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Check before you travel at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au)







# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## Shop Local ~ Eat Local South Gippsland

Shopping and eating locally helps to support South Gippsland businesses and our 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 our region.

This month you may notice additional 'Shop Local South Gippsland' and 'Eat Local South Gippsland' messaging across our region 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. To find out more, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/shoplocal](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/shoplocal)

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

### Get Ready. Get Techy.



There are a range of apps that can help keep you informed in times of emergency. Come along to a free workshop where we will help you to download, set up and use emergency apps.

**Our next Get Techy Get Ready workshops will be held:**

KORUMBURRA: Milpara Community House  
7 September from 11.30am to 1.00pm

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE  
8 September from 2.30pm to 4.00pm

TOORA COMMUNITY HALL/LIBRARY  
15 September from 10.00am to 11.30am

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)  
Wednesday 21 September, 2.00pm

Dates are also listed on Council's website at: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website:

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

Council conduct its Meetings according to COVID Safe Plan requirements.

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

**REQUEST FOR TENDERS**

**RFT/333 – Construction of Footpath Extensions – Various Locations**

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 27 September 2022

**RFT/334 – Korumburra Recreation Centre Amenities Upgrade**

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 20 September 2022.

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

**IMPOUNDED VEHICLES**

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

22/6/22 Stevens Road, Kardella South  
Vehicle: 2000 Black Volkswagon  
Engine Number: WVWZZZ1JZ1W303796

27/7/22 Spencers Road, Leongatha North  
Vehicle: 1998 Green Mitsubishi  
Registration / Engine Number:  
OVE763 / 6MMTF5S42WT030838

25/07/22 Horn Street, Leongatha  
Vehicle: 2009 Black Holden Station Wagon  
Registration / Engine Number:  
XLF023 / KL3DD26FJAB010686

Unless the vehicle(s) is collected and relevant fees paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of this notice, the vehicle(s) will be offered for sale to the public.

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Tony Parisi stands in front of an eye-catching Karmai, Korumburra's famous giant earthworm. A11\_3622



President of Korumburra and District Historical Society Tony Lambides-Turner reflects on the important role Karmai has played for the town. A12\_3622

# Karmai weaves his way back into Korumburra hearts

KARMAI made a spectacular return to Korumburra on Friday, with the giant earthworm weaving his way into the town's Rotary Federation Art Gallery.

Locals turned out in impressive numbers to welcome the striking pink celebrity, with Hugh Hendry recalling Karmai's glory days at Moomba and at Korumburra's festival named in the earthworm's honour.

Hugh helped establish Karmai's widespread fame, making him the ideal person to officially open the exhibition 'A Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai'.

As the marketing officer of Coal Creek in the 1970s, Hugh got Karmai to Moomba to promote the tourist attraction.

He realised he could create wide-spread awareness of Coal Creek, with half a million people along the Moomba parade route and three million more watching on television.

"I thought if I could get Coal Creek into the Moomba parade my marketing would be finished for ever," Hugh told Friday's audience.

Hugh recalled speaking to then Korumburra Primary School teacher Francis Mason-Smith, known as Frank Smith, seeking ideas on what form a Moomba entry may take.

Frank told him he had the perfect crew in mind, turning over initial creative

responsibility to his grade 4 students.

Hugh said they produced about 15 sketches, each of which would have made worthy Moomba parade entrants, but he and Frank decided on the giant earthworm, basing its name on the local aboriginal word for that species.

So popular was Karmai, he was invited back to Moomba many times, being joined by new Korumburra creations such as a lyrebird and a grasshopper.

Eventually, Korumburra began entering flat tray floats at Moomba featuring a mixture of scenes created by local students.

Sarina Olsen brought son Oscar to the exhibition, having helped create a Phantom of the Opera display for one of Korumburra's Moomba floats and clearly having fond memories of the time.

Karmai became a marketing force, not just for Coal Creek, but for Korumburra and South Gippsland, with up to 10,000 people attending the Karmai Festival parade.

The Giant Earthworm was a major boost to the spirits of Korumburra people at a time when the town had been hit by significant setbacks.

A number of Korumburra factories had closed in the decades following WWII, with the Korumburra Butter Factory shutting in 1975.

At the time of Karmai's emergence, many of the

town's shops had closed.

The current exhibition features historical displays, with Korumburra Historical Society sharing photos from its impressive collection, helping spark the memories of older attendees, while showing younger people Karmai's huge impact.

The society's president Tony Lambides-Turner attended Friday's exhibition opening.

He has memories of seeing the spectacular Karmai wending his way through Melbourne during Moomba.

"It showed a glimpse of what could come from the country," Tony said.

He believes Karmai's re-emergence is likely to have a lasting impact.

"I believe we've awoken a sleeping giant," Tony said of all those responsible for exposing a new generation of Korumburra locals to the town's friendly giant.

While Karmai no longer has his own festival, he continues to inspire local imaginations, with South Gippsland children and adults enthusiastically contributing art works depicting the giant pink identity.

Young Eva Gordon of Jumbunna and her mum were among those swept up in the excitement, entering several works between them.

"We sort of went over the top," Eva said.

Current Korumburra Secondary College teacher Emma

Turner took out the adult art prize for her watercolour depiction of Karmai, taking over Korumburra's main street and showing the town's iconic hill complete with telephone tower.

Emma's creativity earned her \$400 courtesy of the Korumburra Middle Hotel.

Shirley Arestia and Gayle Revell were other adult art prize winners, placing second and third respectively with Shirley receiving \$150 from 'Jenny's Picture This Framed' in Korumburra and Gayle pocketing \$50 courtesy of Unlock Real Estate, Korumburra.

Billabong Kindergarten claimed first prize in the children's section, worth \$150 and sponsored by Alex Scott Real Estate in Korumburra.

Korumburra Primary School snatched second place, receiving \$50, also sponsored by Alex Scott Real Estate.

Loch Primary School came third, with Korumburra's Rolling Hills Café the sponsor.

Tony Parisi and George Manis organised the Karmai exhibition through their organisation Art Connect South Gippsland, intended to bring local artists together and connect them to their community, with the Karmai exhibition a perfect way of doing so.

A Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai runs until September 30.

## Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



Last Friday, I attended the Gippsland Business Awards where I presented the award for Tourism Activities and Attractions. Our region was well represented at the event and I would like to congratulate all of the finalists. Just making it as a finalist is a massive achievement, but one of our local businesses went all the way – twice! Congratulations to Gurneys Cider for winning the Food and Wine Producers category, but also Business of the Year. Gurneys are no stranger to winning awards, especially at the Gippsland Business Awards, and they thoroughly deserve it based on how hard they have worked to build such a successful business for our region. If you haven't already visited them, I recommend you do.

I would also like to congratulate all the other winners and finalists. It was a fantastic night to celebrate Gippsland business and it is always great to see the depth we have.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned two opportunities to engage with Council. Both of these opportunities are closing soon (Sunday, September 11) and I encourage you to get on to yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au and participate.

One of these projects is the Domestic Animal Management Plan review. This Plan is a four-year document that provides a strategic approach toward the promotion of responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. Over the past week, some face-to-face sessions have been run across South Gippsland. There is also an online session that will be taking place on September 8 between 7pm and 8pm. You can register at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Responsible pet ownership is a responsibility for all of us – we all play a part. Talking to you, our community, early in the development of the Plan means that we can better reflect your views throughout the Plan. So please reciprocate get involved and make your voice heard.

The other opportunity we have is regarding a proposed new shared path in Foster along Station Road between the Great Southern Rail Trail and Pearl Park. Feedback on this project will help inform the development of concept designs that will improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

Last Friday, September 2, I attended the Rural Councils Victoria Forum alongside CEO Kerryn Ellis and our representative Deputy Mayor Hersey. This was a great opportunity for us to get together with people from like-minded councils and discuss our advocacy projects. Opportunities like this, to connect with our colleagues from across the State, is one I never take for granted.

Learning is a fundamental part of life, and local government is unlike many sectors in how willingly we all share information with each other so we can learn and improve.

Last week, I told you about a drop-in session for those interested in the Commonwealth Government's offshore renewable energy project. The session was held in Leongatha on September 1 and was well represented by concerned community members and those who wanted to understand the proposal better. After attending the Yarram session, which fit better into my schedule, I have walked away with a broader understanding of the proposal and the pros and cons. I strongly encourage you to learn all you can in this space and get involved in this consultation, which you can do by visiting <https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

# Road repair timeline not yet known

THERE is no time frame yet for the repair of South Gippsland roads hit by landslips due to recent heavy rain.

Sanders Road (Ranceby), Grand Ridge Road (Trida), Main South Road (Poowong), Clarkes Road (Hallston), Nipards Track (Woorarra West), and Popes Road (Wonga) suffered larger landslips.

Council will work with Geotechnical Engineers to determine the best way to repair the slips.

With slips still moving, it is not possible to immediately establish a time frame for repairs.

In addition to the slips, flooding has caused damage to a number of roads in Outtrim, Korumburra South, Koonwarra, Stony Creek and around Tarwin and Pound Creek.

"The event has been classified by Emergency Management Victoria as a storm event, which assists in being able to undertake repairs under disaster recovery funding arrangements," Council stated.

**RIGHT: Sanders Road in Ranceby is one of the South Gippsland roads affected by substantial landslides.**





Much-needed donations to help Afghan family

SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) is hoping to raise \$4000 to help support an Afghan family.

According to SGRAR, the family has decided to travel across the border to Pakistan.

After discussions with Z (not his real name), their father and husband who is in Australia, they have decided to make the move.

Z writes: "To my friends who are helping me and my family in Afghanistan. My family want to leave Afghanistan for Pakistan in about two weeks mainly because of the danger from the Taliban and Isis-K. The Taliban can go from house to house knocking and looking for families that have a father in the West.

"They are scared. Isis-K explode bombs, we do not know where next. There was a bomb less than one kilometre from home.

"My clever daughter, second in class, loves school. For one year now she has had no school.

"She is very sad. My sons have small school with not many teachers and not many subjects.

"For my wife it is hard. She does not know if the boys come back when they go to school."

SGRAR will send \$4000 for the family to cover the cost of airfares, rent for a home in Pakistan and other necessities.

Donations can be made to Bendigo Bank Acc name: SGRAR

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# Tragedy after health system fails Bernice Snell

THE malaise in the health system in Gippsland, and across the state, may have claimed another victim locally when Mirboo North community stalwart, Bernice Snell, failed to get the treatment she needed at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

The grieving family, and a heart-broken community has been left with more questions than answers after 74-year-old Mrs Snell passed away in the early hours of Sunday, August 25.

It has been reported that Mrs Snell had recently changed her medications and had been warned by her GP that at the first sign of any issue with her leg, she should immediately escalate her response.

So, when she had swelling and a sore leg on Saturday morning, she went, together with her daughter Lauren, to the emergency department at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Potentially as a result of a lack of resourcing at the hospital, Mrs Snell didn't get the care you would expect from the highest-level health service in the Gippsland region, and she died of an associated heart attack on Sunday.

Mrs Snell reportedly waited six hours initially, with as many as 30 other people in the ED waiting room, until she was seen.

Even after being admitted, her condition was neither

diagnosed or treated.

Bernice's son, Matthew, spoke on ABC Gippsland Radio last Friday, expressing his concern that the level of care at Latrobe Regional Hospital, may not have been what it should have been.

"She had a change in medication and with some of our family members having a history of clotting, although mum hadn't had clotting before, she went to emergency on Saturday morning at 10am," said Matthew, the local primary school principal.

"Look, I'm hoping it's just a lack of resourcing to be honest but you would have thought your mum's going to a spot where she was going to receive care, and not to receive any, in that length of time, was pretty poor.

"If she had at least received some treatment, and then died, we'd live with that. If she got the anticoagulants and things like that when she first went in or even you know, at six o'clock or eight o'clock at night or nine o'clock or had an ultrasound. There's no reason why you can't have an ultrasound there during the day to check. There were people there all day doing that."

Mr Snell said his mother ultimately had a heart attack at some time before 1am on Sunday at which point resuscitation was unsuccessfully attempted.

"And the problem for me is



The late Bernice Snell - tragically her death is believed to be part of the fallout from an under resourced, overworked health system.

you had so many people trying to resuscitate her, wouldn't it have been great if one or two people of those people had spent some time, hours earlier, and hopefully you might not have been in that situation."

Latrobe Regional Hospital Chief Executive Don McCray has offered his condolences to Mrs Snell's family, and information from the Emergency Department team.

Gippsland South MP Danny O'Brien has since followed it up, in Question Time in State Parliament on Thursday, September 1, concerned the level of care provided to Mrs Snell was impacted by problems affecting the health system generally.

"My question is to the Minister for Health, 74-year-old Bernice Snell from Mirboo North attended Latrobe Regional Hospital on Saturday with leg swelling and pain from a suspected deep-vein thrombosis. After arriving at around 10am with her daughter, due to stretched resources it was more than six hours before Bernice was seen by a doctor and blood tests were taken. She was eventually admitted two hours later. In the early hours of Sunday morning Bernice had a heart attack and, tragically, died. How is a 74-year-old woman in pain being forced to wait six hours for treatment and then tragically losing her life acceptable in this state?" Mr O'Brien asked.

He received sympathy but no answers from the Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas, who did promise the incident would be further investigated.

It came in the same week that Emergency Services Minister Jaclyn Symes apologised for 33 deaths as a result of delays with the state's triple-zero agency response.

A Funeral Service for Mrs Bernice Margaret Snell will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ridgway, Mirboo North on Friday, September 9, 2022 commencing 10am. The funeral will leave at the conclusion of the service for the Mirboo North Cemetery.



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# Morning tea for a cause

A DELICIOUS morning tea, including a heavenly English tea cake, will be served at Alex Scott and Staff's Leongatha branch on September 15, with everyone invited to the World Lymphoma Awareness Day event.

Entry is by gold coin donation, with a focus on raising funds for Lymphoma Australia.

Exciting raffle prizes are up for grabs and there's also an auction offering the chance to bid on larger ticket items.

Property manager Jayson Filomeno's experience with Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma inspired him to organise the event.

He was diagnosed, aged just 19, undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatment, and now in remission for six years.

"This is something I've been wanting to do for a long time, and I want to make it as big as possible and raise as much money as possible," Jayson said of the fundraiser.

"Without money, they can't afford equipment, nurses and research to tackle lymphoma," he said.

Hodgkin's Lymphoma is the more common form of the disease and often affects young people, most famously Delta Goodrem.

Jayson is thrilled with the community support his morning tea event has received.

"The majority of businesses in town have got around the cause," he said.



Local businesses have jumped onboard, providing raffle prizes and auction items to ensure the success of fundraising efforts for Lymphoma Australia. A02\_3622

Business operators have generously donated raffle prizes and auction items.

The fundraising auction takes place at 12pm, at the end of the morning tea.

Auction items include a signed world championship singlet worn by high jumper and Leongatha identity Eleanor Patterson, a footy signed by Richmond Football Club players, along with goods such as a coffee machine and a chainsaw.

Raffle prizes include wine,

food, vouchers, toys and baby items.

"There's something here for everyone," Jayson said.

While raffle tickets will be available at the morning tea, they can be bought in advance at the Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha office, with tickets costing \$5 each or five for \$20.

Being a keen baker, Jayson is in charge of making the English tea cake, with the recipe a closely guarded secret known to only

three people.

It's wonderfully light and contains cinnamon, but the rest will be up to attendees to determine.

Other staff will also be busy in the kitchen leading up to the event, ensuring nobody misses out on a tasty start to the day.

The morning tea takes place at Alex Scott and Staff's Leongatha office on Thursday September 15 between 10am and 12pm, followed by the fundraising auction.



## Community responds to mass cat rescue

THE great work of our animal shelters was never more evident recently than when they came to the rescue of 30 animals, mostly cats, but also some dogs, left in appalling conditions at a deceased estate in Loch.

According to founder of One At A Time Pet Rescue, Michelle Dryden, she attended the property with vice president Kim Cranston after reports of domestic animals left unattended at the property.

"We were notified by people who weren't happy with the response from the RSPCA, that the animals were not at risk," said Michelle.

They certainly were and, sadly, some have since died.

But thanks to the efforts of the locally-based group, a total of 23 cats and seven dogs were taken into care, and with support also coming from other animal shelters, the animals received all required veterinary treatment and vaccinations and are presently being rehomed.

The group has, however, put out a call for donations to help cover the cost of treatment.

If you would like to donate towards the cost of veterinary care for these animals, in the hope that all of them will be rehomed, go to <https://www.facebook.com/oneatimepetrescue>

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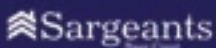


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# Get ready to rock Wonthaggi

SCHOOL of Rock the Musical (with music from the legendary Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Glenn Slater, and novel by Julian Fellowes) is coming to Wonthaggi in March 2023!

Based on the 2003 Paramount Pictures movie (directed by Mike White), the story follows Dewey Finn, a wannabe musician who poses as a substitute teacher at a fancy prep school.

The fun begins when it's clear that the only lesson he's interested in teaching is how to rock!

The team behind what will be a dynamic explosion of talent, are passionate locals Bron Croatto, Jess Stein and Leigh Owens, who are thrilled to be bringing this opportunity to South Gippsland.

WTG has been working behind the scenes to build a production team that will provide a nurturing environment with amazingly skilled people that can create an opportunity for talented musicians, singers, actors and dancers to take to the stage and show the community the depth of talent that our young people have.

This showcase of skills and the opportunity to build a show

with young people at the centre is what this team is passionate about.

Vocal director Jess Stein notes, "there are young people bursting with skills and abilities that need an opportunity to perform, we need to get them out there and show everyone what they can do!"

Director Bron Croatto is quick to point out that "all kids are welcome to audition, they need to look like they could be in grade 5 to year 8, but as we all know, kids come in all heights and sizes through these year levels so if you are not sure if your child is the right fit, book them an audition anyway!"

For every talented child in the show, the group are also looking for passionate adults to fill the many roles of teachers and parents and let's not forget the role made famous by Jack Black in the movie, Dewey Finn and Principal Miss Mullins.

The company has been inundated with enquiries and bookings for auditions and this is even before the information session to be held on September 11.

Come along and find out what you could do to be "In the band!"



Leigh Owens is part of the team that will help bring the School of Rock Musical to Wonthaggi next year.

## Discounts and bonuses for Victorians on new savings finder

LOCALS will be able to quickly and simply access discounts, rebates and savings available to them through a new Savings Finder recently launched on the Service Victoria app and website.

By answering a few simple questions to check their eligibility, users will be given a list of possible savings across energy, utilities, health, education, transport, recreation, leisure and more.

New savings are being added regularly and access to the Savings Finder will be widespread with the Service Victoria app having been installed on more than 6 million devices during the pandemic for QR code 'Check In'.

Concession card holders can check their eligibility for discounted motor vehicle registration and TAC fees, as well as for reductions on gas bills through the colder months.

Victorians can also use the Savings Finder to locate any unclaimed rental bonds and to determine if they are eligible for the \$10,000 First Home Owner Grant.

Casual and contract workers will be able to use the Savings Finder to check whether they can claim the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee to receive a day's pay when they can't go to work due to illness.

To access the Savings Finder, go to [service.vic.gov.au](http://service.vic.gov.au) or download the app at the App Store or Google Play Store.



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A win for common sense and CFA volunteers; says MP

LOCAL CFA brigades who were asked to reduce the volume of water carried on firefighting vehicles to overcome an engineering failure have had a win, with works now completed to see their vehicles returned to full operational capacity.

Earlier this year The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien asked the Minister for Emergency Services to take immediate action to rectify a problem with certain ultra-light vehicles to ensure the safety of volunteers and those they serve.

"Over 40 fire brigades were negatively impacted by this "engineering flaw" including Loch Sport, Yanakie, Meenivan and Cowwarr," Mr

O'Brien said. "The brigades were provided with a Toyota Landcruiser that had weight-bearing issues in relation to the rear axle due to the gear needed to be carried on the back including a tank and various other bits and pieces.

"Many brigades including those at Yanakie and Loch Sport were forced to adapt to the engineering flaw throughout the 2021-2022 fire season resulting in unnecessary risk that could and should have been avoided."

Mr O'Brien said he had now been assured by the Minister that the issues with the vehicles have been fixed following the application of an engineering solution.

Eyes - the windows to our souls

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OUR eyes play a big role in our daily lives.

We need them to look out for danger, use them to communicate, and of course, to admire and appreciate this beautiful part of the world we live in.

However, as we age - our vision isn't as good as before.

There are several reasons behind this and one of them could be macular degeneration.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD), also known as macular degeneration, is a common eye disorder caused by deterioration of the macula, a small area in the centre of the retina in the back of the eye.

It can result in vision loss, caused by damage to the nerves in the eyes.

This makes it hard to drive, read, and see people's faces. In severe cases, the person may become legally blind.

There are two main types of macular degeneration:

**Dry** - develops slowly and causes gradual vision loss. It is caused by the gradual loss of cells in the retina. It is the most common kind.

**Wet** - leads to rapid loss of central vision. It happens when abnormal blood vessels grow under the macular, resulting in the leakage of blood and fluid. This is the more serious type of macular degeneration.

Symptoms of macular

degeneration are:

- Blurred vision
- Reduced vision in the centre
- Seeing a blurry or blind spot
- Difficulty in recognising faces
- Seeing colours less vibrantly

While there isn't any treatment for macular degeneration as yet, it is crucial to prevent further loss of eyesight.

Ways to reduce one's risk of developing macular degeneration would be to put into practice sun protective habits by wearing sunglasses and a hat, as well as living a healthy lifestyle with regular exercise and having a well-balanced diet that is rich in fruits and vegetables and omega-3 fats.

With most diseases, the earlier macular degeneration is diagnosed, the better.

Never think vision changes are just a part of getting older.

It is always worth speaking to a health professional as soon as possible if you notice any changes to your vision.

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Former Mirboo North and Ruby fire fighter Mark Bourke, now at Berrys Creek, receives his 40-year service award from CFA District 9 Commander Emma Conway and Mirboo North CFA Captain Dave Smith.



Mirboo North fire fighter Jason Barnes receives his 30-year service award from CFA District 9 Commander Emma Conway and Mirboo North CFA Captain Dave Smith.



Mirboo North fire fighter Frances Wilson receives her 30-year service award from CFA District 9 Commander Emma Conway and Mirboo North CFA Captain Dave Smith.

Service honoured by Mirboo North CFA

WHEN there's a fire at your place, you hope to god that the local CFA fire fighters will turn up.

But at the end of the day, these men and women are mostly volunteers, so it's a big ask, day after day, year after year for them to be ready to serve.

Which is why local brigades take such time and effort to honour the service of their volunteers, like they did at the annual dinner and presentation night for the Mirboo North CFA at the Mirboo North Hotel last Saturday night.

"We probably had a fairly quiet year this year, I'd say about 30 call-outs, but it's been like that for a few years through COVID," said Mirboo North CFA brigade Captain Dave Smith.

"Our numbers are pretty good, at the moment, but we'd always welcome a few more and we're pretty right for equipment as well having

got a second-hand tanker from Leongatha a few years ago when they got a new one. We're pretty right."

But as much as it's been "fairly quiet", you've still got to be ready and you only need to look to those members of the group who experienced the bushfires of 2009, including the local incidents before Black Saturday and then that terrible events that followed, for inspiration.

"One of our awardees tonight, Mark Bourke, was our captain in 2009 and we've still got quite a few who were involved then. It's good to have that sort of experience to pass on," said Captain Smith.

It's also why the levels of training have to be kept up and Dave Smith said last Saturday night that the commitment to training by the group had been excellent through the year.

As well as the 5-year, 10-year, 25, 30 and even 40-year awards on the

night, there was the '2022 Captain's Appreciation Award' to Tim Bessell-Browne for his support of the captain's role and the annual 'Steve Groen Memorial Encouragement Award' for Josh Hillman.

Commander for the CFA District 9, Emma Conway, was on hand to make some of the presentations and she acknowledged the tremendous work of each volunteer by reading out their records of service, many of them lengthy and a lot of them through several units.

CFA Service Awards were presented to the following:

- Doug Parke 5-year certificate
- Matthew Polglase 10 years
- Noel Hough 15 years
- Craig & Heather Barker 25 years
- Jason Barnes 30 years
- Frances Wilson 30 years
- Mark Bourke 40 years

There are still some other service awards to be presented.



The 2022 Captain's Appreciation Award is presented to Tim Bessell-Browne by Mirboo North CFA Captain Dave Smith.




Josh Hillman is surrounded by his Mirboo North CFA mates as he receives the annual 'Steve Groen Memorial Encouragement Award' last Saturday night.

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# Bob's labour of love for our rail and trail story

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His father, Thornton Newton, drove steam trains on the line and being born and bred in Korumburra, Bob has an ingrained love for the area, its stories and its people.

So in that sense, his new book, 'From Train Tracks to Rail Trail', more than five years in the planning and writing, well over a century in the making, is a labour of love.

"I've always wanted to write this. Dad came back from the First World War and worked on the railways, out of Korumburra, driving steam trains to the coal mines and down to Yarram and all the rest for 37 years.

"He would have driven that K-Class loco down at Coal Creek back in the day."

There's a similar K-Class steam locomotive crossing the old trestle bridge near Korumburra on the front cover of the book. The photo itself is history. The bridge was torn down only two weeks after the photo was taken.

"All I say to people is to read the book right through, from front to



**Former South Gippsland Mayor Bob Newton has published his fifth book, a personal history of the South Gippsland Railway Line, stretching from its beginnings in the 1880s to the present expansion of the rail trail network.**

back. You'll be amazed at the stories in there."

It's not Bob Newton's first book. Despite leaving Korumburra High School at age 14 to go home and milk the family's cows at their McMillan's Road farm just outside town, he has developed a strong interest in history, not only locally, but further afield as well.

His first book told the 100-year history of the Korumburra Golf Club, a place and an organisation that's close to

his heart.

It led on to another golf club history, for the 100th anniversary of the Finlay Golf Club in NSW, followed by several books on roads and placenames, one around Korumburra and the other for Mirboo North.

Two other books, for Foster and Leongatha are set to follow.

For now though, it's time to promote the new book 'From Train Tracks to Rail Trail' and together with his wife Marilyn,

he'll be taking the book around to local historical societies, up and down the line, in a sort-of moving launch, which is only fitting for a history of the local railway line.

The book will also be available at Kellys Bakery in Korumburra, the Bicycle Fitting Store in Korumburra, at Coal Creek and a selection of local stores.

Or message Bob Newton on mobile 0408515923 or email [inverburra@yahoo.com.au](mailto:inverburra@yahoo.com.au)

## Acknowledging vital contribution of healthcare workers

PRIMARY healthcare professionals across Gippsland will be honoured at the 2022 Gippsland Primary Health Awards with the theme of 'Thank you'.

Gippsland health professionals are at the forefront of caring for their regional community and the awards are an acknowledgement of their incredible work.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said the extraordinary circumstances of the last few years continued to challenge the primary care sector with the workforce facing immense challenges every day.

The awards recognise primary healthcare organisations, teams or individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to improved outcomes for people in Gippsland.

This year there will be four categories for excellence, all aligned with Gippsland PHN's priority areas – Population, Health Issues, Prevention Issues and Service Issues.

The winners each receive a \$2000 voucher to use on training and education or a wellbeing team development activity within the winner's organisation.

Nominations close on Friday, September 30, 2022, and winners will be announced at the annual general meeting and awards event on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

They will be presented by Gippsland PHN Chair, Therese Tierney and keynote speaker, Kutcha Edwards, one of Australia's finest contemporary singers and storytellers.

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The RSPCA has issued a cold weather warning to pint-sized pet owners. Photo: Aswathy N Unsplash

## Weather warning to owners of pint-sized pets

RSPCA is calling on owners of small animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs to ensure their pets are safe and warm during the cool weather.

This comes after the organisation received more than 30 cruelty reports related to small animals this winter and expects cool weather to continue into spring.

RSPCA Victoria Inspectorate Team Leader Belinda Dent said many rabbits and guinea pigs come through the Inspectorate because people do not invest the time or energy that is needed to provide appropriate care, particularly during cold weather. Inspectors have brought in over 50 small animals since the start of June.

Ms Dent said that creating a spot that's safe and warm for your small pet with fresh dry straw will allow them to burrow for warmth and will also ensure they have access to enough food.

"And for those who live in areas that get really cold, you may even consider providing your animals with a pet-safe heat pad to keep them super toasty," Inspector Dent said.



Andrew English's journey across the treacherous Bass Strait has been a hit in film festivals both in Australia and abroad.

## Gone with the Wing

FROM renowned adventure filmmakers Safari Productions and cinematographer Hamish Pattison comes Andrew English's world first attempt to cross treacherous Bass Strait on his Wing Foil.

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Gone With The Wing is both an inspiring portrait of an 'Old Bugger' who pushed himself to the limits mentally and physically and an epic adventure in one of the world's most rugged, wild and beautiful regions. The result is an inspiring triumph of the human spirit.

To watch the trailer and for more details visit [gonewiththewing.com.au/](http://gonewiththewing.com.au/)

# Why coastal protection in is a very poor state

IT'S no wonder that the coastal protection structures, including the groynes and rock walls, along the Cowes foreshore, between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road, fell into disrepair.

Or that no one in authority moved to address the erosion happening along the surf beach at Inverloch and in Anderson Inlet until it threatened an important road and residential areas in the town.

While the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the 54 organisations that are supposed to look after our coastal protection assets (CPAs), as delegated coastal managers, including the likes of the Bass Coast Shire Council, knew there were problems, there was no structure in place to assess their performance, no report on the condition of assets, no strategy, not much expertise, and precious little money to deal with the problems beyond a knee-jerk response.

There still isn't.

There might have been plenty of jumping up and down about the impact of climate change, but until a 2018 audit report by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) found weakness in DELWP's management of many of Victoria's 1572 coastal protection assets and the oversight of coastal managers; no one had the wherewithal to do anything about.

They didn't even understand the scope of the problem much less know what to do about it in any coordinated way.

As the management guru Peter Drucker famously said, "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

During the week, VAGO produced a report following up on the recommendations from its 2018 'Protecting Victoria's Coastal Assets' audit and the news was good and bad.

While VAGO gave DELWP a positive report overall for



Agitation by the Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group has been hard to ignore but their problems are symptomatic of the State Government's neglect of its coastal protection assets as highlighted in a new Victorian Auditor-General's report.

addressing its 2018 recommendations, it highlighted the extent of the neglect of Victoria's coastal protection assets and the fact that there was still no plan in place to deal with it, much less the funding or manpower.

Chair of the Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group, Ken Hailey is not surprised.

While he has highly praised the efforts of the Bass Coast Shire Council, and Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, for getting behind the issue at Cowes with funding and support he said the group's experiences were clearly symptoms of a wider Victorian problem.

"It took us a long time to get someone to listen to us. We're getting action now, with \$3.35 million committed to the work, including \$1.1 million from the Federal Government and the rest from the council, but there's still more to do."

Mr Hailey said eight new groynes had been constructed to reduce the impact of erosion and a 350-metre gap in the rock-wall added, with the remainder

raised to 2070 height.

But seven more groynes, east of Erehwon Point needed to be replaced, as well as a further six "dangerous and degraded" groynes elsewhere.

The issue of beach erosion at Silverleaves is another pressing problem, he said.

"My other concerns are the lack of any funding from the State Government and the lack of any coastal structure engineering expertise in Gippsland since the recent retirement of Bill Storer (DELWP).

"The rest of them are just sitting around eating muffins, aren't they?"

DELWP has modelled the task of managing and maintaining the CPAs from 2021-41 but the cost of interventions is still in the early stages of development.

"With many assets being in poor condition, fix-on-fail may be still occurring while DELWP addresses a backlog of asset maintenance," said VAGO in its report.

DELWP is also yet to complete its risk treatment planning project.

## Structures 'poor or very poor'

As part of developing an inventory of the coastal protection assets, in response to VAGO's 2018 recommendations, DELWP completed a condition report on 1516 of its 1572 known structures, including breakwaters, groynes, retaining walls, revetments, seawalls, wharfs and other structures and found that only 35% were in a good or very good condition.

There were 512 of these assets (34%) in a poor or very poor condition. The rest of the assets, 467 (31%), were in only a fair condition. Some of the assets, which were partially buried, couldn't be graded for their condition.

The report also found that "regional DELWP staff still need more resourcing to ensure they can give CPAs more attention, including the delegated coastal management of CPAs".

As well as raising concerns about the lack of a sustainable funding model, the report also identified there is still "no clear mechanism to monitor coastal managers' performance".

# Targeting irresponsible whale watchers in Cowes



Whale watchers are being warned not to get too close to the incredible animals, following a spike in public reports and videos of dangerous interactions. Photo: Shane Smith

THE Conservation Regulator is urging coastal visitors to keep their distance from whales after a spike in public reports and as videos of dangerous interactions increase on social media.

Videos of swimmers, surfers and people in boats getting too close to whales are being posted on apps like TikTok and Instagram encouraging behaviour which threatens the animal's health and welfare.

Authorised Officers are also investigating nine reports of boats too close to whales this season, and as well as individuals in several videos posted online.

It's prompted a series of on-water patrols this September, as part of the Conservation Regulator's Operation Calyx to ensure everyone is keeping their distance from whales and other marine mammals like dolphins and seals, to

keep them safe.

The ocean patrols will target known hotspot areas from Cowes to Portland and will focus on catching wrongdoers, educating the public and gathering intelligence.

Swimmers and surfers must stay at least 50 metres away from whales, while boats must keep at least 200 metres - or two soccer fields - away and jet skis 300 metres away.

Whales are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 and people who ignore the minimum distances or exclusion zone will face penalties up to \$3698.

If you witness or suspect wildlife crime, report it to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

For more info on staying safe around marine mammals, visit: [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/our-wildlife/whales,-dolphins-and-seals/](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/our-wildlife/whales,-dolphins-and-seals/)



# Vern Hughes to run again

TONIMBUK man, Vern Hughes, was pipped at the post in 2018 by the Shooters Party's Jeff Bourman for a seat in the Victorian Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria.

This time, Mr Hughes is determined to win the seat in the state's upper house.

Vern Hughes will be an Independent Candidate for a seat in the upper house for Eastern Victoria.

"We have not had a strong voice in Parliament for this region in the last four years," said Mr Hughes.

"Labor and Liberal serve their parties not the people, and the Shooters are a one-issue fringe party".

"We've had incompetent government by out-of-touch career politicians. They've made a mess of everything they've touched. Small businesses have been to hell and back. Parents have watched the quality of schools deteriorate. Roads and infrastructure across the region have fallen away. Mental health



Tonimbuk man, Vern Hughes, will run for Eastern Victoria in the upcoming state election as an independent.

services are ineffectual."

"Meanwhile, the cost of living for ordinary families is sky-rocketing. The state's debt is over \$167bn. Council rates in regional Victoria now average \$2535 on a \$700K home, while those in Melbourne will pay \$1099."

Mr Hughes aims to represent the sensible centre in politics – families, communities, small businesses and

voluntary associations.

He is a community worker who has worked in NGOs, church agencies, co-ops and social enterprises.

He founded the Social Entrepreneurs Network in 2000, and led the development of social enterprises in Victoria.

He developed Australia's only consumer-run primary health care centre in the 1990s.

He was Director of the Uniting Church's Hotham Mission.

He was Director of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria, a peak body of co-ops and mutuals.

Mr Hughes has a 14-point policy platform which outlines a people-centre approach to fixing the problems in the state's governance. [www.sensiblecentre.org.au/ev/](http://www.sensiblecentre.org.au/ev/)

His five key messages are:

1. Gippsland and Eastern Victoria deserve our fair share of services and infrastructure.

2. We need Independent reps in Parliament, not parties.

3. Our households need help with cost of living pressures.

4. Our kids and families need support.

5. We need corruption and career politicians out of politics.

Mr Hughes is Director of Civil Society Australia and Convenor of The Sensible Centre.

## Conservation society prepares for nest box monitoring

THE South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) project committee were pleased to receive funding through Bass Coast Shire's community grants program.

The funds will go towards their presenter's program and workshops to install artificial hollows / nest boxes along the Ayr Creek reserve in Inverloch.

SGCS' John Cuttriss said bird monitoring over the past few years has resulted in an extensive bird list for the Ayr Creek Reserve, which stemmed to identify several species that are hollow dependant when nesting.

There are eight different birds that have been identified that can potentially use nest boxes for breeding, including the eastern rosella, crimson rosella, striated pardalote, Australian king parrot, laughing kookaburra, sacred kingfisher, southern boobook and the blue-winged parrot.

"The blue-winged parrot - a small grass parrot is in our area and may benefit from a nest box or two," said John.

"The installation of the nest boxes follows on from the two community sessions we have already run; where we invited specialists in to provide their advice and expertise into the



John Cuttriss and Ed Thexton of South Gippsland Conservation Society are preparing 30 hollows/nest boxes to be installed along the Ayr Creek Reserve in Inverloch as part of the bird monitoring trial. Z02\_3122

monitoring project and share their knowledge and the benefits with the community."

President of SGCS, Ed Thexton, is currently working with the committee on the monitoring model, which will involve the 1st Inverloch Scout Group taking part to observe the nest boxes during the trial period.

The infrared cameras being installed with the nest boxes

are complete with motion detection and night vision; used to capture any target bird species for further research.

"The \$5000 received from Bass Coast Shire Council as part of the community grants program helps fund these ongoing projects; projects that are endorsed by specialists who share their knowledge to better educate the

wider community," said John.

"30 nest boxes are being prepared by the SGCS committee who work tirelessly to protect, promote and conserve the environment and we are committed to working with the community and welcoming new members."

For more information call 5674 3738 or email [info@sgcs.org.au](mailto:info@sgcs.org.au)

## Fashion, lunch and fundraising

LADIES from across Bass Coast joined forces in raising much needed funds, laughter and warmth for the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon event last week.

Joined by Postie Fashions who donated 10 per cent of all sales to the auxiliary and a \$100 voucher, the ladies came out in force to raise monies for the new Women's Centre of the Wonthaggi Hospital – including the new neonatal section.

The Auxiliary have worked tirelessly for many years raising

funds for new equipment with all proceeds going directly back to the hospital.

After an interrupted couple of years due to the pandemic, Auxiliary President Marg is looking forwards to welcoming back their regular events including the fetes and annual Dinner Dance in November.

**RIGHT: Postie Fashions joined Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary for the Spring Luncheon fundraiser last Tuesday at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. C08\_3622**



## LIFE Moments



Arlo Louis Ware was born on Tuesday, July 12, at Gippsland Southern Health Service. Arlo is another beautiful boy for Marni and Adam of Wonthaggi and baby brother for Rory.

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



## EGG Curry

By Meg Viney

WITH the cost of vegetables and meat, why not try an egg curry.

It is actually delicious! If you are chilli-shy, leave the chilli out.

Serve with rice or noodles and you can go all out and cook some pappadams to accompany.

### Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 2 tablespoon butter or oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 teasps grated ginger
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed (optional)
- 3 teasps ground coriander
- 2 teasps ground cumin
- 1 teasps ground turmeric
- ½ to 1 teasps crushed chilli
- 2-3 ripe tomatoes
- 1 teasps salt
- ½ cup water/yoghurt/coconut milk
- ½ teasps garam masala

### Method

Hard boil the eggs. (If you want the yolks centred, stir for the first couple of minutes).

Cool in cold water, shell and set aside.

Heat butter/oil and add the onions and a good pinch of salt.

Turn the heat down, cover and cook over low heat for several minutes, until aromatic.

Add garlic and ginger and cook a couple of minutes more.

Add all the spices and chopped tomatoes and cook until tomatoes are pulpy.

Add liquid and cook until the sauce is thickish. Add the garam masala and then stir through the halved eggs.

Serve with pappadams, noodles or rice.

To peel tomatoes: add to pot with the sauce onions and the skin will soften making them easy to peel.





**Kathryn Croatto (cardiac rehabilitation coordinator), Hayley Hosking (allied health assistant) and Bernadette Fitzgerald (physiotherapist).**

## Residents might be missing life-saving program

SOUTH Gippsland residents might be missing out on a program that can help them back to good health after a cardiac event.

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.

However, GSHS cardiac rehabilitation coordinator Kathryn Croatto fears some people might be missing out on rehab and not getting their referrals as has happened in the past.

"It's unusual not to be getting two or three referrals per week on a regular basis," Ms Croatto said. "I'm sure people are still having heart attacks but given the pressures on the public health system they might be missing out on referrals."

The vast majority of cardiac patients are transferred from GSHS to metropolitan hospitals and most referrals come from Melbourne hospitals.

The six-week GSHS cardiac rehabilitation program,

which is based at the Korumburra hospital, offers education and exercise to anyone who has been in hospital with a cardiac event

The program runs each Tuesday afternoon and starts with an assessment, walking tests and monitoring of vital signs.

It has great success in building people's confidence and capacity as they recover from a heart condition.

"People are often nervous after a heart attack about even breathing deeply and get scared about any ache or pain," Ms Croatto said. "It's beneficial to do exercises safely while being supervised and monitored and it gives them a sense of improving their confidence."

"If you or someone you know has had recent cardiac surgery or a cardiac event and hasn't been referred to a Cardiac Rehabilitation program, please encourage them to speak to their GP to arrange a referral," Ms Croatto said.

If you have questions about this service, call Ms Croatto on 56542718.

## SOS to help children with feeding challenges

SOUTH Gippsland children experiencing feeding challenges now have an answer to their SOS call.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) dietitians facilitate the Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) feeding clinic at the Leongatha hospital, working alongside a speech pathologist.

The multidisciplinary clinic focuses on helping children with feeding challenges, such as fussy eating, challenging mealtimes, eating a limited range of foods and/or growth concerns.

The SOS approach to feeding is an evidence-based program which helps children to become comfortable trying new and different foods as well as how to eat if they don't know how to chew or manage food in their mouth.

The program integrates posture, sensory systems, motor skills, behavioural skills, social/emotional development, medical concerns and nutritional impacts.

Dietitian and allied health team leader Sara Mullery said the SOS clinic is aimed at infants and children experiencing challenges such as fussy eating, a limited food intake, food aversions, chewing or swallowing difficulties to name a few.

Feeding therapy is offered as part of a six-week block with additional support provided ongoing as needed.

GSHS has a team of five accredited practising dietitians, with more than 30 years of combined experience.

The team sees both children and adults who are living with disabilities and offers services from the Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals along with home visits or telehealth appointments as needed.

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.



# Hospital CEO announces retirement

**Gippsland Southern Health Service, CEO Mark Johnson has announced his retirement which will take place in early September. ns013522**

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) CEO Mark Johnson is retiring after overseeing significant growth in services during the past eight years.

Mr Johnson will end his tenure with GSHS on Friday, September 9, and says the health service is well placed to continue meeting the needs of the local community.

"Late last year we developed a new 2021-26 strategic plan which will set up the organisation for ongoing success as it strives to meet its vision that the South Gippsland community has access to the care and support that responds to its needs," Mr Johnson said.

"It has been a bit of a rollercoaster but we're on an uphill trajectory at the moment so it's good timing to move out and let some-

one else take the reins."

During his time as CEO, GSHS has significantly expanded its operations and services for the community.

"When I started, we had about 300-350 staff, now it's 550," Mr Johnson said.

Growing the range of services and expanding into the delivery of home care packages and services to NDIS participants had been particularly satisfying, Mr Johnson added.

"I have really enjoyed working with a good team of people, being involved in the development of the Leongatha Integrated Primary Care Centre, and although the last two years have been very challenging, responding to the pandemic and helping ensure our community's

health and wellbeing has been maintained has been a satisfying achievement."

Mr Johnson started his health-related career in the private insurance industry and spent 27 years working in the public health system, firstly as finance manager at Wangaratta Base Hospital, Director of Corporate Services at Echuca Regional Health, and then as CEO of Terang-Mortlake Health Service before moving to GSHS.

"Moving here was a step up in my career to a larger hospital and a return to Gippsland where I grew up in Morwell," he said.

Despite the pressures of the pandemic, staffing and budget challenges, Mr Johnson said he enjoyed being a hospital CEO.

"Every day was different," he said. "There were

always challenges: you'd come to work with an idea of how your day would pan out and invariably it didn't go that way as pressing issues came up.

"More recently staffing has been an issue due to illness due to the pandemic and other factors, but there is a shortage of professional staff in all areas of public health."

While retiring, Mr Johnson, about to turn 63, will consider contract work options. He plans to stay in Leongatha.

"I wish the health service and the community all the best for the future," he said.

An interim CEO will be appointed to replace Mr Johnson, while the Board of Management goes through a recruitment strategy over coming months.

## Lending a helping hand to serve others

VOLUNTEERING is a simple act of kindness and South Gippsland local Ian Sutton spends his days in retirement helping others after a lifetime serving his country.

Beginning the role as a volunteer driver for the South Gippsland Hospital, Ian felt drawn to helping those that were living alone, those that were left without transportation and unable to get to their vital specialist appointments across regional Victoria.

After joining the Navy as a 15-year-old young man in 1965, Ian learnt to mature early, leaving behind family and friends and beginning his career in service.

Nowadays, 15 is too young to serve; however, for Ian, the Navy moulded him to become the man he is today.

"After serving as a physical trainer in the defence force, I discharged in 2004 and moved to a farm in Foster. I started meeting



**Volunteer driver for South Gippsland Hospital, Ian Sutton has dedicated his time to helping the community for the past seven years since his days in retirement. Z02\_3622**

people around the town and was led into the position as a volunteer driver," said Ian.

"It is interesting, I'm meeting a lot of nice people and forming relationships with the patients. I can assist them in safely travelling to and from specialist or follow up

appointments. It's very rewarding and we have a good laugh."

Beginning his career in the defence force, Ian was based in Leeuwin, Western Australia for the first 12 months before being based on HMAS Melbourne and then continuing his training at HMAS

Cerberus.

He then went onto the HMAS Albatross air station before heading out to sea and all-around Australia – finishing his career in Sydney as a warrant officer at 55 years of age.

"We're all getting older and the more we can help each other, the better life is. The volunteer service at the South Gippsland Hospital helps assist those who are left to their own devices, those who live alone after immediate family have moved out of the area, but still need extra support," said Ian.

"The hospital is just fantastic at supporting those in the small regional community, but we are seeing more and more growth and are always looking for extra volunteers."

Having a career built on discipline in the defence force, Ian quickly learnt as a young trainee that helping each other is essential and these morals and values remain with him today as a volunteer.





Releasing koalas back to the wild in Mallacoota after the devastating bushfires of 2019/20.

# Once it's gone, it's gone forever

JESSICA McKelson is an inspirational conservationist and leader.

Her dedication has led her from Melbourne Zoo to Sumatra and Kalimantan Indonesia, Borneo and the depths of Africa.

But how did the girl from Ballarat end up the MC for The Island Arks Symposium VII bringing together keynote speakers from islands across Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and the Pacific Ocean?

"I was brought up to care for people and wildlife," Jessica began.

"I was a little girl fascinated with nature and had a great grandmother who'd take me camping, traveling and outdoors during school time to really connect in those spaces.

"I enjoyed adventure, travel and being outdoors. I suppose you create that natural affirmation for wildlife..."

Growing up in the countryside, Jessica is the first to admit she was never very good at school.

"I always wanted to be outdoors, like an explorer.

"I got a job with Zoos Victoria when I was 18. And soon after that, I became the Supervisor of Primates at the Melbourne Zoo; I was at the zoo for 13 years.

"I loved working with primates and great apes, my passion and expertise."

Every spare moment Jessica got she would travel to Indonesia and work in orangutan rehabilitation centres, where she developed a network of contacts.

"I used to present at conferences and in congress in Indonesia on primate welfare, and, at the time, I was the youngest Australian to receive the Fellowship Award to the International Specialised Skills Institute, funded by the

By Chloe Kent

Pratt Foundation.

"I went off for six months to further explore strategy in conservation agencies; working on human elephant conflict throughout Indonesia.

"I worked with some of the best organisations like Wildlife Conservation Society, Nature Conservancy, and Flora and Fauna Conservation, and got a really good understanding of how they develop their strategic plans to deal with core human wildlife issues, and conflict issues.

"At the same time, I used my background expertise working with orangutans that had also come from conflict areas, I like to say, 'they're refugees of their own forest - they've been displaced', as case studies.

"I came back home and decided 'it's not for me in Australia' and threw it all in.

"I got paid long service leave and went back to Indonesia to spend six months. I got a job working in North Sumatra and ended up in Aceh as the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme Quarantine and Pre-release Supervisor for orangutans.

"I thought I would be there for one year and ended up working in Indonesia for six years on orangutan conservation and habitat protection in North Sumatra, Aceh and West Kalimantan.

"I worked on human rights issues around land, forest protection, and making sure it wasn't going to get sold off to palm oil companies to bulldoze - but I was starting to miss home."

Learning an array of skills working with the best scientists and international organisations, Jessica headed back to Australia where she landed her current role as Conservation Manager at

Phillip Island Nature Parks and has been for the last five years.

"I love working here, I've learnt so much from such a great team."

COVID has however, put a dampener on Jessica's travel plans and nearly kept her overseas.

"I had 16 people travelling with me on a primate-based tour. I took them successfully through Uganda, down into the Congo to see some of the world's most critically endangered primates - it was all at your own risk, these are not just places people get up and go.

"We did a tourist loop in Southern Madagascar, and I was meant to take them up to Northern Madagascar, we knew countries were closing down over COVID, but we thought we had another week, we had two days to get back to Australia.

"I didn't care where we were, as long as we landed on Australian soil; and then the world changed."

As the world unravels, Jessica is proud to be a part of Phillip Island Nature Parks hosting The Island Ark Symposium VII.

"It's quite special - it will be our first conservation event in the new penguin parade building, and I find it such a great opportunity to share collective knowledge on island conservation and island values.

"We're so unique because we co-inhabit an island with all these beautiful values, like the penguins.

"It's a great place to show other island communities how we do it and the challenges faced.

"We've got people from the Pacific nations coming, a keynote speaker from French Polynesia, and we've got a



Jessica spent over 6 years living abroad with her conservation speciality primates and great apes.

number of people from Lord Howe Island talking about conservation efforts and the challenges that they've had with biosecurity, trying to restore ecological function back to their islands using rodent eradication, as an example, how that was a challenge, and what they've learned through that...

"I feel like it's going to be a really busy week with some excellent talks and presentations; bringing together collective knowledge, wisdom, and making sure everyone has an opportunity to really connect and network.

"We're so fortunate to have this island, along with French Island and the Wilsons Prom islands. The biodiversity values for islands within Victoria are so significant.

"The fact that people can live in these spaces. I've travelled a lot and I've seen so much poverty and conflict and loss, and quick loss of ecosystem functions, from land clearing and farming or unsustainable water resource, whatever it might be, and we're just so unique, because we've got this amazing environment right here."

And a life in the densest jungles and alongside some of the most incredible primates has brought a few incredible memories.

"I was able to successfully release 26 orangutans back to the wild," Jessica smiled.

"There's a lot of time and energy that goes into rehabilitating of those animals, but when I did the post monitoring up in Aceh in the middle of the jungle, I came across four that I'd released two years before.

"One of them came down and embraced me, she recognised me. In the middle of nowhere, that was really special because they don't forget.

"I've rescued probably close to 180 orangutans from really bad places with my team."

Closer to home was the bushfire koalas.

"Participating in that program and releasing 12 back to the wild using all the things that I'd learned through primate rehabilitation; we applied similar principles to koalas that worked so well - that was an outstanding achievement for the team."

Jessica is also passionate about teaching individuals, and more specifically mentoring women through Jungle Sistas - not just in conservation but women who need support or direction.

"I've had so many experiences in my industry around gender inequality and had to really fight to get to where I am and some of the positions that I've been in, and I've learned a lot along the way.

"Supporting women that want to do something positive. I've been able to mentor over eight women internationally and they're all now leaders in their field."

One of her major focuses now - pollution and educating the population.

"Our pollution - everything has an impact. We see so much plastic pollution, and pollution in general, when we go to Seal Rock, fishing line would have to be one of the worst welfare issues for seals.

"We've had seals entangled in bait bags; penguins take rubbish to their burrows to lay eggs on.

"Pick up rubbish when you go for a walk on the beach; pick it up with your dog poo bags.

"It's our responsibility to take responsibility - it's our asset for the future.

"Once it's gone, it's gone, you can't recreate it somewhere else."



## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

### Basic services before big 'sexy' projects

DRIVING down the South Gippsland Highway over the weekend, it was alarming to see what a terrible state the road is in, especially from Lang Lang onwards, going towards Melbourne.

Even in a big, old 4WD some of the unavoidable potholes left the wheel rims and car shuddering, while other motorists were seen driving around the worst of the damage.

As the main arterial road into South Gippsland and Bass Coast, it's an absolute disgrace but unlike projects such as the Suburban Rail Loop, rail level crossings and offshore wind turbines, you can't make a media event out of funding for road maintenance.

During the week, there was also a report released by the Victorian Auditor General's Office identifying the neglect of our "coastal protection assets". They found that 65% of the coastal breakwaters, groynes, retaining walls, revetments, seawalls, wharfs and other structures are in fair, poor or very poor condition.

Some could not be given a condition score because they were buried.

We've seen this problem play out on the main Cowes beach where the groynes and seawalls have been allowed to fall into disrepair (before a successful community campaign).

It's all down to a lack of maintenance, lack of DELWP manpower, funding and expertise and a failure on the part of the government to consult with and direct their coastal management committees, of which the Bass Coast Shire is one.

What it indicates is the State Government is neglecting the basics of asset maintenance, stealing money from road maintenance, land and coastal management, even services to agriculture, to pay for its big sexy projects, while basic services such as the health system and the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) with its '000' crisis, go to the wall.

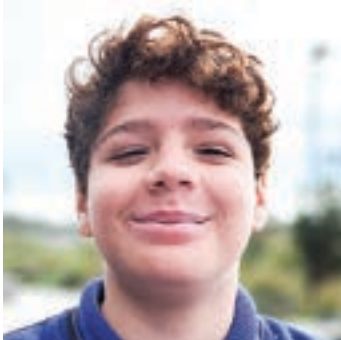
If as seems likely, Daniel Andrews wins the next State Election, it's time for a reset on funding priorities, making sure that all the basics of health care, education, public transport, asset management and the rest are taken care of first, instead of running government based on social media feedback.

And that goes for the Bass Coast Shire Council too. While there may be some merit in getting local business leaders together to talk about the future for Bass Coast, the fact that the council would think organising a candidates' forum is a priority means they've either got everything else well in hand, or they've taken their eye off the ball.

Surely, a basic requirement such as having your Wonthaggi and Cowes service centres open for proper business hours, at least 9am-5pm (not 10am-3.30pm), is something you'd need to get sorted first.

## Vox Pop

### Are we taking enough care of the environment and what's most important for you?



**Elliot**

Wonthaggi North Primary School

"No. We need to keep rubbish out of the grass, waterways and that."



**Polly**

Inverloch Primary School

"We're getting better – some things we could work on more are our sustainable energy and energy source re-use."



**Savannah**

Our Lady Star of the Sea

"We are starting to take care. The surf is good, but we're not taking care of the sand dunes."



**Oscar**

Phillip Island Village School

"I don't think we are at the moment. We could do better, and we could do more."

### Renewable energy defining the region's future

Offshore wind projects to the value of over \$34 billion are planned for Gippsland.

Thousands of jobs both direct and indirect, involved in construction and over 2000 jobs in ongoing operations.

These were just two of the key takeaways from the first Gippsland New Energy Conference held earlier this month in Sale.

Over two days, 43 keynote speakers and nearly 400 guests (an additional 150 were turned away from the sell-out event) from community, industry, private sector, government and local schools attended.

With Gippsland announced as a priority for Australia's first offshore wind assessment and Latrobe as a renewable energy precinct, plans are underway for a massive training program to support the emerging industry.

There will be a shortage of skilled workers for the high-paying jobs to service the rapidly emerging renewable energy industry.

The conference had the support of Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Action and Minister for Solar Homes, and Chris Bowen, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, both of whom spoke at the conference.

Conference organisers hailed the inaugural event a success. Latrobe Valley Authority chief executive Chris Buckingham, a facilitator of the conference, said that his organisation "couldn't be happier" with the outcome.

"All of the conversations I've had over the last couple of days tell me that these developers, these investors are coming in with really solid values and a culture, (saying) they want to make this work, and they want to make work in the region. They're committed to establishing local supply chains, employing local people and supporting training and education to build capacity".

"We are on the cusp of an economic boom like no other, and for us, to have the region come together with the investors and the developers and the decision-makers, and to have a really mature conversation about what we want it to be, means that I think for the first time in many years we're going to have the opportunity to call our own future on this."

The conference was jointly run by the Gippsland Climate Change Network, with its chief executive Darren McCubbin acting as the event's coordinator.

"So, Gippsland ... is on the world stage in terms of its ability to create renewable sources of power.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime change, and it's about setting up new infrastructure and new changes, and that's going to be good for everyone", stated Mr McCubbin.

The conference was supported by the Gippsland New Energy Conference Working Group of DELWP, Federation University, Gippsland Climate Change Network, Latrobe City, Solar Victoria, Latrobe Valley Authority, TAFE Gippsland, South Gippsland and Wellington Shires.

Let's hope that South Gippsland, facing huge renewable energy projects that will go a long way towards defining our region's future, actively embrace these opportunities.

**Neil Barrett, Just Transition South Gippsland, Potters Road, Leongatha**

### Keep Watch

Royal Life Saving Society – Australia is asking all owners of backyard pools to check their pool fences and pool gates as a matter of urgency.

Children under five are curious and fearless, and their love of water puts them at risk of drowning.

Tragically, every year in Australia we lose on average 22 young children to drowning, more than half of those drowning in backyard swimming pools. The majority are aged just one year old.

We know that seven times the number of children who die go to hospital after a non-fatal drowning incident. That is more than 150 children aged under five each year, some of whom will be left with life-limiting disabilities.

While active supervision is the best protection against childhood drowning, no parent or caregiver can watch a young child 24 hours a day.

Ensure that you have a functioning and compliant pool fence and working gate as an additional barrier between young children and water for all those moments when life intervenes – the phone rings, the doorbell rings, another child needs your attention – can literally be life saving.

You can download a free home pool safety checklist here: <https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/about/campaigns-and-programs/keep-watch>

This year, we've all experienced a lot more wet weather than usual. The La Niña conditions can wash away topsoil and weaken fences.

Check no fence posts have come

loose from the ground. Make sure the gate is still self-closing and self-latching. Pack pool toys away so they are not an overwhelming temptation. It is also a good time to brush up on CPR ahead of summer.

By spending a bit of time checking the pool fence, pool gate and the area around the pool is secure, including no furniture or structures that little people can climb to access the pool, you could prevent a tragedy this summer.

Keep Watch and protect the littlest members of your family.

**Justin Scarr, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Life Saving Society - Australia**

### What's the environmental impact

I support renewable energy in general and offshore wind farms are already proving effective elsewhere.

The turbines are enormous but so are traditional transmission lines and cooling towers.

However, the proposed windfarms in Bass Strait are very close to the flyways of migratory birds and their feeding and breeding grounds in Western Port and other coastal areas.

I am also very concerned about impacts on whales migrating through Bass Strait.

The map on page 5 (ST 30/6) showed the proposed development areas from Phillip Island to the Prom.

There are very narrow channels of open water between the sites (in green) and the 4.8 kms channel to the mainland.

The danger of such large animals beaching in shallow water would be very high, especially in the migration season with greater numbers trying to pass through a bottleneck.

Whales also have very sensitive hearing, and turbine noise and vibrations could affect them in crucial ways.

Has any research been undertaken on the environmental impacts on these waters and the life-forms which inhabit and pass through them?

**Anne Heath Mennell, Tenby Point**

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.





## Women's Health Week a time to put health first

Gippsland Southern Health Service allied health manager Viv Carroll.

SOUTH Gippsland women are being urged to put their health first during Women's Health Week and throughout the year.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) has several programs targeted at women's health and allied health manager Viv Carroll says it's time for women to give priority to themselves.

"The theme for Women's Health Week 2022 is putting yourself first and it's a good opportunity to remind women to make their health a priority," Ms Carroll said.

"Traditionally women are carers in relationships, making health appointments for others and taking on the bulk of child rearing, but you've also got to look after yourself and it's okay to put yourselves first."

The week is also a good opportunity to remind people about local GSHS services available for women.

GSHS's experienced women's health physio Rhona MacLean can help women with any issues and particularly focuses on antenatal support and assistance with pelvic floor issues after women give birth.

"We're lucky to have someone of Rhona's experience and abilities, especially for new mums," Ms Carroll said.

Ms McLean offers broader services covering continence, back issues and other problems, and can also assist men.

Mental health is also important and GSHS has a range of services to help people look after them-

selves, and also has programs run by the social work team about managing finances and legal documentation.

While several programs were curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, GSHS is also reviving physical health programs and services helping people with eating issues.

GSHS is about to re-launch a healthy eating on a budget program that attracts a lot of women, including mothers who want support in preparing nutritious school lunches that their children will enjoy.

GSHS runs exercise programs mainly aimed at women, ranging from chair-based programs for house-bound people to more active options in the community run by exercise physiologists.



Bass Coast Health wishes to thank three local businesses for raising money for a Neonatal Unit at Wonthaggi Hospital. They are Melissa Stirton (left) of Headlines Hairdressing in Wonthaggi, Michael Turton from The Cape Tavern and Alison Adams from Revive Beauty and Spa in Wonthaggi.

### Support Wonthaggi Hospital

THE community is invited to buy tickets for a fun and music filled fundraiser while supporting the growth of services for local families.

Three local businesses – Headlines Hairdressing, The Cape Tavern, and Revive Beauty and Spa – are holding a fundraiser to fit out a Neonatal Care unit at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The businesses aim to raise a total of \$20,000, with each venue generously offering a different major prize. Headlines Hairdressing is offering \$1200 worth of hair products and tickets are still available.

Revive Beauty and Spa has offered 12 months of massages.

The Cape Tavern's prize is two nights' accommodation at Mount Avoca Winery with all the 'trimmings' for a great stay.

To buy your ticket, visit The Cape Tavern, Surf Beach Road, Cape Paterson or Headlines Hairdressing at Shop 2 156-158 Graham Street, Wonthaggi – or you can buy on the day.

The raffle will be drawn at The Cape Tavern at 5pm on Sunday, September 11, however, from 3pm there will be live music and a further raffle with a range of prizes on the day.

The Neonatal Care unit will enable babies to receive specialised care at Wonthaggi Hospital and reduce the need for families to travel to Melbourne.

The unit will entail a two-bed special care nursery that will be expanded to a Level 3 Nursery, and the Maternity Unit will be upgraded to Level 4, enabling more complex care to be delivered at the hospital.

"This would mean that we could keep mothers and babies together rather than having to transfer them out," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"The service would support babies that need a bit more respiratory support, IV antibiotics or feeding.

Anyone keen to contribute to the neo natal and maternity service development should contact [publicrelations@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:publicrelations@basscoasthealth.org.au)

### Gippsland's mental health focus

IN AN initiative powered by Jean Hailes for Women's Health, TAFE Gippsland, and the Liptember Foundation, women in the Gippsland region are being invited to come along to some free events during Women's Health Week that are designed to provide them with information and tips on how to boost their mental health, emotional and overall wellbeing.

The events planned for the week of September 5-9, are encouraging women in the area to focus on areas of their health that may have been neglected during the tumultuous times that marked the past three years.

TAFE Gippsland have also organised a series of in-house activities for their staff and students, with an emphasis on both physical and mental health.

A series of speakers drawn from organisations like Head-

space, Gippsland Women's Health, and the Sleep Health Foundation will provide unique insights into their areas of expertise and offer tips to women on how to best look after their health.

Celebrating its 10th year, Women's Health Week 2022 kicked off on Monday, September 5.

This year's Women's Health Week daily topics are:

**Day 1:** Check me out – health checks at every age

**Day 2:** Menopause matters – menopause and perimenopause

**Day 3:** Pelvic power – pelvic floor health and pelvic pain

**Day 4:** Mind health – mental wellbeing and brain health

**Day 5:** Move and improve – physical activity and your health.

More information can be found by visiting [womenshealthweek.com.au](http://womenshealthweek.com.au)



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# Springtime planting is here

By Karen Haw,  
Mirboo North Garden Centre

SPRING is a wonderful time in the garden, bulbs appear and flower starting with jonquils in winter followed with daffodils over many months then the freesias and tulips that give a colourful display. Trees and shrubs bud and blossom and unfurl their leaves and the air is perfumed with shrubs such as daphne, luculias and viburnum and then the stunning boronias that will scent the whole garden.

It is a lovely time to stroll around the garden and pick a posy for the house or a gift.

Many of the Australian native plants make wonderful and long-lasting cut flowers as well as colourful and bird attracting shrubs.

One of the most underrated native shrubs is the Geraldton wax (*Chamaecrista uncinatum*).

Originating in western Australia Geraldton wax is a beautiful flowering shrub that brings colour to gardens from late winter and spring.

The flowers are used both in bud and when in bloom extending the picking time.

The flowers ooze nectar and are highly attractive to bees and pollinating insects and the foliage has a lovely lemon scent.

Initially there was only white and pink flowers, but established in 2008 Helix Australia is the global leader in wax-flower and boronia breeding and have developed vastly improved flowering characteristics including exciting new colours, unique petal shapes, extended flowering times and improved plant vigour.

Some of the new varieties available include Moonlight delight: this has large glossy red buds in mid winter that are followed by an abundance of large pure white flowers with a crimson centre in early spring.

The waxy white blooms flower for an extended period complimented by a backdrop of fresh, green fine foliage creating a wonderful display.

Dancing Queen: is a mid to late season variety with double abundant blooms ranging from soft baby pink through to vibrant candy pink. Sarah's Delight has vibrant wax blooms with a crimson red centre. The waxy flowers provide a welcome burst of colour late winter and early spring.

Geraldton wax grows in well drained,



Trevor Cochrane at the Melbourne Garden show promoting fuschias in baskets.

sandy or gravelly soil although they can tolerate a wide range of soils, but good drainage is essential for a long-lived plant.

To keep plants looking good apply a low phosphorous native fertilizer in spring.

After flowering lightly prune away spent flowers.

An all over clip keeps plants compact and tidy.

Geraldton wax plants generally grow to around 1.5 to 2 metres high and wide and combine well in garden beds with most other natives including shrubs such as grevilleas, correa and westringia as well as proteas and leucadendrons.

These plants also work well among early spring flowering exotic shrubs such as azaleas and spireas.

There are another group of Australian plants referred to as wax plants, they were called eriosteums and after a

name change, they are now called Philothecas.

Philothecas have a long flowering period with lovely starry white waxy flowers and the foliage has a lovely citrus scent.

They are very hardy and once established the plant can withstand extended dry periods and is tolerant of frost.

There are many varieties and height varies from 50cm to 2 metres.

Philothecas are also sold as cut flowers and add colour and scent to native bunches and are a great asset to any garden as they blend well with both native and cottage gardens.

Proteas and leucadendrons make fantastic cut flowers but one of the most attractive of the proteacea family would be the serruria.

The most popular are the Blushing bride (*serruria florida*) with stunning white flowers and Pretty in Pink (*serruria florida x rosea*) with dainty hot pink flowers.

While both have stunning long lived flowers, they can be a challenge to grow and are often best grown in containers.

The serrurias make fantastic pots plants as they are long flowering and even when not in flower, they have attractive needle type evergreen foliage.

When growing in pots and containers it is important to use Native potting mix and they like a full sun to part shade position.

Once established they are low maintenance and drought tolerant.

I have both in pots and they have thrived and are flowering well. They also make great gifts.

As you get older it is funny to see trends that were popular when you were young return again with vengeance like indoor plants which are still popular.

Many of the old-fashioned plants are now popular and one of these are fuschias.

Fuschias are collectable plants are there 100s of species; singles, doubles, upright and trailing plants and lots of colour variants.

Fuschias are a much-loved perennial garden favourite. Not only can they be used in the garden, but also in hanging baskets, and pots.

They burst into flower from late spring to early winter and exude happiness with their blend of contrasting colours.

When in full bloom the bush can seem like a cluster of full skirted ballerinas waiting to move onto the stage.

Fuschias are named after the 16th century German doctor Leonhart Fuchs, who gained horticultural credibility by publishing a herbal in the 1540s, but he never actually laid his eyes on a fuschia.

When planting in the garden choose a spot in part shade sheltered from strong winds.

They are ideal in morning sun and afternoon shade. Feed and trim regularly.

The old-fashioned Thalia fuschia with the long orange-red tubular flowers are very hardy, long flowering and can tolerate most conditions.

Spring is the time to feed weed and add mulch to prepare for the summer months.

It is the perfect time to plant and re-vamp gardens and last but not least with all this rain we have had and now warmer weather, be alert for snails as they thrive in this weather and they love the new growth on citrus, magnolias, wisteria and new seedlings you may have planted.

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## Best Daffodil and Flora show yet

THE 2022 Daffodil and Floral Show was a huge success both socially and financially.

The beautiful weather on Saturday brought crowds into town for the street festival and the flower show, giving a real buzz to the whole event.

The long cold winter meant that the daffodils were late this year, so entries in that section were down but there were still plenty of blooms to look at. Hancocks Daffodils also had a display of some of the varieties that they have for sale.

There were plenty of interesting exhibits in cut flowers and bulbs including two or three different fritillarias.

The floral art bench was overflowing with beautiful and creative exhibits, thanks to the enthusiasm of the Leongatha Floral Art Group.

The Australian Plant Society made sure the Native section was crammed with gorgeous banksias and other treasures.

Leongatha Primary School students brightened the stage area with colourful works of art, many thanks to Anne Joyce for her involvement with the show. Camellias, photography, pot plants, vegetables and fruit contributed to the variety on show.

The inclusion of Community House, the Gem Club and the embroiders Guild, with displays in the hall, meant that the show had a very community feel to the event.

The Horticultural Society added to the atmosphere around the town by "planting" 30 hand painted wooden flowers around Bair Street for the duration of the show.

### Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show results:

#### Class A Daffodils

Champion Daffodil - Sue Thompson  
VDS Dame Edith Bolte Trophy - Sue Thompson  
VDS Parks Victoria



**Sue Thompson (left) took out a number of awards at this year's Daffodil and Flora Show including Most Successful Exhibitor. She is pictured with Maureen Masterman.**

Perpetual Trophy - Sue Thompson  
VDS Beryl Hancock Perpetual Trophy - Sue Thompson  
George Jones Perpetual Trophy - Rodney Emmerso  
Best Bloom Open Section - Sue Thompson  
Aggregate Open Section - Rodney Emmerson  
LHS Perpetual Shield - Best Bloom LHS Members Section - Jan Hewitt  
Aggregate LHS Members Section - Colin Drewitt  
Jnr. Memorial Trophy - Josie Rutherford  
Best Bloom Novice Section - Gaz Butler  
Aggregate Novice Section - Gaz Butler  
Overall Aggregate, S.S. McKay Medal - Rodney Emmerson

#### Class B - Other Bulbs

Best Exhibit - Sue Thompson  
Aggregate - Sue Thompson

#### Class C - Cut Flowers

Best Exhibit - Sue Thompson  
Aggregate - Sue Thompson

#### Class D - Camellias

Best Bloom - Open Section - Yvonne Williams  
Best Bloom - Named Varieties - Joanne Lester  
Best Bloom - Novice - Trevor Wilson

Aggregate - Yvonne Williams  
Best Camellia - A. W. Jessep Medal - Yvonne Williams

#### Class E - Cut Shrubs and Trees

Best Exhibit - Beat Ollington  
Aggregate - Josie Rutherford

#### Class EA - Australian Plants

Best Exhibit - Paul and Jenny Sierakowski  
Aggregate - Paul and Jenny Sierakowski

#### Class F - Floral Art

Best Exhibit - Kate Crowl  
Floral Art Group Special Award - Maureen Benson  
Aggregate - Maureen Benson

#### Class G - Pot Plants

Best Exhibit - Wendy Muir  
Aggregate - Josie Rutherford  
Class H - School Students  
Best Exhibit - Wade Arnup  
Aggregate - Lydia Arnup

#### Class I - Fruit and Vegetables

Best Exhibit - Kim Dodson  
Aggregate - Yvonne Williams

#### Class J - Photography

Best Exhibit - Sharon Turner  
Aggregate - Robert Linde

**Most Successful Exhibitor**  
Sue Thompson



## The Spring Show is back

SOUTH Gippsland Orchid Society is proud to present their annual Orchid Show at their new venue, the Wonthaggi Workmens Club, Graham Street.

Spreading orchid knowledge and cultivation, while enjoying good company the event promises to be a sensuous smelling, spectacular.

For member, Julie Kilgour growing orchids started through her father-in-law near on 15 years ago.

"My father-in-law got me started," Julie began amongst greenhouses filled with orchids.

"It's my time waste - I love it!"

"I used to have a favourite, when I started, but now it's all of them - there is plenty of pleasure and colour to be had."

A member of the club for many years, Julie like her fellow members are looking forward to bringing the show back after the pandemic.

"Anyone is welcome with plenty of orchids for sale, and competitions for our members - with professional judges attending."

"We will also have repotting demonstrations, as well as orchid accessories including pots and potting mix."

"We are putting in a lot of effort and are looking forward to hosting it at the new venue."

Kicking off at 9.30am on Friday (September 9), the show will be open until 4.30pm before returning Saturday (September 10 from 9.30am - 4pm).

For the lovers in the room, the SGOC will also have new member forms available at the front entry.

"We often get new members from the show - it's a nice hobby and friendly club."

Come along to browse, buy and have all your orchid questions answered.

Julie Kilgour is a proud member of the South Gippsland Orchid Society and is looking forward to this week's Orchid Show at Wonthaggi Workmens Club. C14\_3622



Repotting demonstrations along with plant and accessory sales are just some of the item's guests can look forward to this Friday and Saturday. C18\_3622

**South Gippsland Orchid Society Inc.**

## ORCHID SHOW

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### Southern Rail trail update

WHERE are we at with the expansion of the Great Southern Rail Trail? We asked the South Gippsland Shire for an update.

The Leongatha to Korumburra section (15.8km) was opened in March this year.

And there is only one section still under construction, between Korumburra and Nyora, which is a 2.5km section between Loch and Berrys Road.

"This section includes two bridges over Allsop Creek and Bass River," said a spokesperson for the shire.

"The completion of this section was unfortunately delayed due to difficulties accessing the required materials but is expected to be opened later this year."

There is expected to be an official opening for the whole new section, west of Leongatha, when it can do the most good for promoting the area, in December-January.

#### Tenders for rail trail bridge

Meanwhile, the Wellington Shire at Sale has called tenders for the construction of a number of bridges on the eastern end of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Alberton and Welshpool.

There is also a tender for the preparation of 22kms of pavement further extending the trail from Welshpool and Alberton, plus resealing the track that already exists between Alberton and Yarram.

The works represent a major expansion in the trail east, after works on the western end between Nyora and Leongatha re nearing completion.



**Annemieke Mein, The Morass – Sale, 1979. Collection Gippsland Art Gallery. Purchased with the assistance of the John Leslie Foundation, 2019. Photo: Courtesy of the artist. © The artist.**

### The art of Annemieke Mein continues

ANNEMIEKE Mein OAM is a global phenomenon.

The Sale-based artist has inspired generations through her depictions of native Australia wildlife in textiles.

The Art of Annemieke Mein is a dedicated showcase of this enduring Gippsland artist's work, revealing her passion for nature and tireless commitment to the natural environment.

The exhibition is refreshed every six months with new artworks drawn from Annemieke's sixty-year career as an artist, and is now in its eighth iteration since the new Gippsland Art Gallery launched in 2018.

This eighth iteration of The Art of Annemieke Mein will be a delight for all fans of Annemieke's work.



**Annemieke Mein, The Raw Prawn, 2022. Photo: Courtesy of the artist. © The artist.**

The exhibition features incredible depictions of butterflies, moths, frogs, birdlife, mussels, various insects and a range of other animal and plant life, all created in three-dimensional textiles.

A highlight of the exhibition is a new piece by Annemieke titled

The Raw Prawn, which depicts a rush of prawns scurrying frantically out to sea, powering through both sand and water.

This remarkable piece alone took six months to create, from design to framing, and features 72 different coloured threads among the vast array of textile

materials.

Another exhibition highlight is The Morass – Sale, which is a stunning four-panel textile work from 1979, and takes the viewer from an enchanting lake-side platform of reeds and rushes, teeming with birds and insects, to the distant tree line across the wetlands of Sale.

The Art of Annemieke Mein (exhibition 8) is currently on display until February 12, and entry to the Gallery is free.

Plans are also underway to present a major retrospective exhibition of Annemieke's artwork in 2024 to celebrate her 80th birthday.

To be kept informed about this and other upcoming exhibitions art lovers are encouraged to join the Gallery's Enews via the website: [www.gippslandart-gallery.com](http://www.gippslandart-gallery.com).



**GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY**

### The Art of Annemieke Mein

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A permanent and evolving showcase of the textile art of Annemieke Mein OAM, revealing her passion for nature and tireless commitment to the environment.

**Image**  
Annemieke Mein, *The Raw Prawn* (detail), 2022  
Textile wall work, 78 x 160 x 6cm  
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**An array of goods will be on full display at Wonthaggi Harvest Centre this Sunday with individuals welcome to giveaway their unwanted items and find new ones. C10\_3622**

### Free pop-up shop in Wonthaggi

DONATE your unwanted items, pick up something new, or just have a browse; everything is free.

Books, DVD's, clothing, blankets, succulents and seeds, even face painting for the kids.

"Many of us are experiencing hard times, but we can get through it with mutual aid," spokesperson Jessica Harrison said.

"The free shop is a great chance to meet new people, giveaway your unwanted

items and find new ones.

"There will be face painting for the kids and free succulents and vegie seeds for your Spring garden."

Hosted at the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi (behind Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre Mitchell House) the pop-up event will take place this Sunday (September 11).

Whether rain, hail or shine, pop on your boots and head down to this all weather event from 9am to 12 noon.



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## Birding with LV Field Naturalists

By LV Field Naturalists' Club

NOW that COVID restrictions have been eased, we are again able to welcome interested members of the public to our activities.

On Friday, September 16, from 7.30 pm in the Moe Library meeting rooms or via Zoom, renowned birder Tania Ireton from Birdlife Australia is presenting a beautifully illustrated talk about "Coastal Birds of Bay-side".

On the following morning, September 17, we are meeting at Moonlight Creek Picnic Area car park at 10 am, for an excursion in the Mt Worth State Park.

If you are interested, please register through our website lvfieldnats.org or contact the LVFNC Secretary on 041 237 292.

## Jazzy afternoon at Inverloch

THE South Gippsland Jazz Club has a great afternoon of music planned for September 11, at the RSL Inverloch from 2.00 - 4.30pm.

The band this month is the "Swinging Cats Pyjamas"

The toe-tapping, show-stopping tunes of the '30s and '40s have never sounded better, with 'The Swinging Cat's Pyjamas' lighting up stages and dancefloors all over Melbourne and greater Victoria.

They're a swing band led by the sultry smooth sounds of Laura Koomen on vocals, flanked by the sweetly swinging duo of Amanda Jones on clarinet, and Adam Russo on guitar and vocals, and special guest on bass.

## Tenants law session coming

ON WEDNESDAY, October 12, at 1pm, the Gippsland Community Legal Service will present on "Tenants Law in Victoria" at Mitchell House.

Book by calling 56723731 or dropping into Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi.



**Sophie Evans (fourth from right), a Year 7/8 student from Wilcannia School, Central Darling Shire, NSW, was named one of the winners following her submission titled Sophie's Weekends. Some of her family members visited the school to listen to her story be read out.**

## Writing competition winners announced

TWELVE submissions have been chosen for the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories' Writing Challenge.

The judges received 331 entries from school children across the nation for the inaugural competition.

The judging panel - made up of adults and children - shortlisted the stories based on if they were engaging with strong characters; original with a clear description which brought the story to life; made sense, and sparked intrigue and imagination.

Now they've been chosen, the 12 entries will be performed live at the festival by Claire Hooper (seen on Good News Week, The Great Australian Bake Off, Biscuits and The Project).

Parents, kids and teachers are already excitedly asking when their stories will be told on the day of the festival.

In fact, one of the winners, Sophie Evans from NSW, attended a school assembly where the story, titled Sophie's Weekends, was read out to students and staff.

Wilcannia School in Central Darling Shire, NSW, received notification on the Wednesday that Sophie was among the winners, and by Thursday, staff had organised for family winners to attend the assembly.

Along with others, two of Sophie's great grandmothers were able to attend.

Everyone was very proud of the young writer.

### The other 11 winners are:

- **Emily Rodgers**, Year 7/8 student from Foster Secondary College, for her poem about the journey of life, titled One Day.
- **Ursula John**, Year 7/8 student from Foster Secondary College, for her chilling reflection on the power and fear of the mind, titled A Mirror of Me.
- **Winter Mulholland**, Year 7/8 student from Foster Secondary College, for her piece on a girl who vanished, titled The Words of Those Who Cannot Speak.
- **Ruby Blundell**, Grade 5/6 student from Tucker Road Primary School, Bentleigh, Victoria, for her piece on the release of a paper boat at the water's edge representing a new journey in grief, titled 'Paper Boats'.
- **Skye Andersen**, Grade 5/6 student from St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, for her piece on a lemon bottle and a lime bottle coming alive on a store shelf, titled Lemon and Lime.
- **Carmine Burslem**, Grade 5/6 student from Fish Creek Primary School, for his fantasy piece about an ant and an aphid and the legend of the infinity tree, titled The Aphids 'Legend of the Infinity Tree'.
- **Bridget McLaren**, Grade 3/4 student from Poowong Consolidated Primary School, for her story of an angry teacher who almost blew up, titled Weird Day at School.
- **Hayden White**, Grade 3/4 student from Kongwak Primary School, Kongwak, for his piece on observing the importance and beauty of Bunurong land, titled Living on Bunurong Land.
- **Josie Prokopiwskyi**, Grade 1/2 student from Yinnar Primary School, for her story about a cow-fish and her shimmering scales, titled Splashy Moo.
- **Frankie Heal**, Grade 1/2 student from Fish Creek Primary School, for his piece on the adventure of an explorer in a magic cave being chased by a wolf, titled The Rainbow Cave.
- **Clancy Simnett**, Grade 1/2 student from Koonwarra Village School, for his story of a blue jay, cockatoo and the rangers who stopped the logging in the forest, titled The Blue Jay Who Saved the Forest.

All stories will be published online.

The Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories is on Sunday, September 18.

To purchase a ticket to a show, go to fishystories.org

## WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

### What's On This Week?

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10.00am



12.30pm



3.15pm

OCAP Session



6.00pm



8.15pm

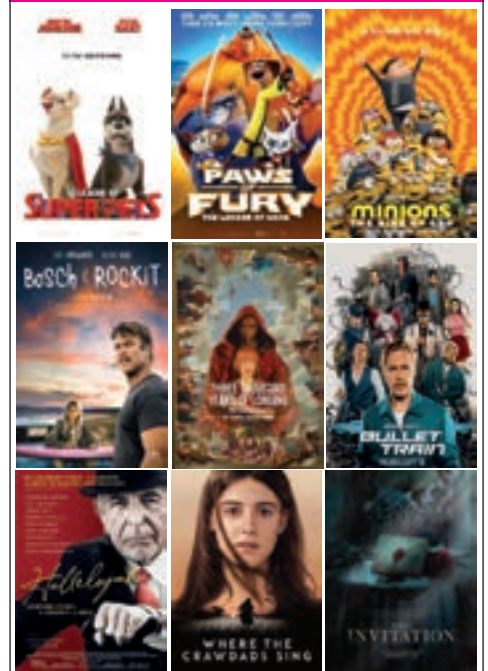


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Helen Perrett made a visit to Kongwak Primary School on Thursday afternoon to celebrate special persons day with her grandchildren Charlotte and Lincon. Z03\_3622



Buley spent Thursday afternoon making a special wreath with her Nanny Sharon Weymouth at Kongwak Primary School, celebrating the season of spring. Z04\_3622



Grade five student at Kongwak Primary School, Luhan invited her mum Leanne and Dad Phil to the spring has sprung afternoon on Thursday. Z05\_3622



Siblings, Lily-Ann, Warren and Holly spent Thursday afternoon together at Kongwak Primary School making spring wreaths and enjoying afternoon tea. Z06\_3622



Jesse and Michelle enjoyed their afternoon with children Flossy and Teddy at Kongwak Primary School on Thursday. Z08\_3622



Bradley and Virginia Hunt spent the afternoon with daughter Isobel at Kongwak Primary School on Thursday. Z09\_3622



Tony Lambides-Turner spoke on behalf of Korumburra and District Historical Society at the opening of Korumburra's Karmai exhibition, with Jan Morris exhibiting her artworks. A16\_3622



Gayle Revill won a prize for her impressive artwork in the Karmai exhibition, with Angie Bowen, treasurer of Art Connect, which is running the show. A17\_3622



Oscar Olsen with mum Sarina who helped create an exhibit for a float as a youngster being caught up in the spirit of Karmai that swept Korumburra. A18\_3622

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Kongwak Primary School's Spring Has Sprung afternoon, Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon and the opening of Korumburra's Karmai exhibition



Grade four student at Kongwak Primary School, Mikayla welcomed her mum Belinda and grandparents Bill and Shirley to the special persons afternoon on Thursday. Z07\_3622



Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary president Marg, treasurer Marlene and volunteer Mandy were at the door greeting guests on Tuesday for the auxiliary's Spring Luncheon. C01\_3622



Barbara Culph and June Martin of Wonthaggi enjoyed a day out last Tuesday at the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon as they checked out the plants on display. C02\_3622



Dorothy Fitzgerald and Isobel Addicoat, both of Wonthaggi were front and centre for the Postie Fashions display on Tuesday. C03\_3622



Wonthaggi's very own, Marg Sutherland and Bronwyn Wilson were all smiles and chatter at the auxiliary's Spring Luncheon as they caught up. C04\_3622



Maureen Chisholm of Wonthaggi was joined by Carmel Lynch and Helen Andrews of San Remo at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club for a delicious lunch and fashion display. C05\_3622



Volunteer Cynthia Walker and guest Lyn O'Halloran, both of Wonthaggi, enjoyed the warmth of the Workmens Club as they prepared for the fashion show and luncheon. C07\_3622



Dressed up for a day out, Wonthaggi's Anne Brain and Maureen Scott helped raise funds for the new hospital's Womens Centre. C06\_3622





CROSSWORD

Number 36 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 See 3-down
  - 3 How I might request 9-across or 24-down? (4,2,1,4)
  - 9 Correct entitlement (5)
  - 10 Naked tourists KO'ed! KO'ed naked tourists? (9)
  - 11 Struggled to contain backfire, that's true (8)
  - 12 Interrogate soldier about 9-across and 24-down, twice! (5)
  - 14 Against Western Pacific island. Shortly against Caribbean island (7)
  - 15 'Princess Of The People' - no one is in a tizz (7)
  - 16 Seaside jitter bug? (7)
  - 19 Provider of entrées of caviar and truffles to queens (7)
  - 22 Bay window opens out, redolent in evening light (5)
  - 23 Sue Oh, in 'Asylum'? (8)
  - 25 Paradoxically, I lengthen brief! (9)
  - 26 'O!', do I cry, 'grey Evensong!' That's sad (5)
  - 27 Boney settee, to be stuffed in the future (3,2,2,4)
  - 28 Twist in - ahem - a tale's arc (3)
- DOWN**
- 1 Circle turning point for survey (4)
  - 2 Not a clean get away, Miss? (7)
  - 3, 1-across Repeating: weaponry held by No I Unit lagging badly (7,3)
  - 4 Justify Vivaldi opening show (9)
  - 5 Made low, wide tummy stretch on lifting (5)
  - 6 Okay 9-across under a 24-down (7)
  - 7 Sponsor reimagines 'pi and sauce' (7)
  - 8 24-down in a dance venue certainly is a revelation! (10)
  - 13 Well in shifting sand in plain (10)
  - 15 Nice one: free after 10 years' excess (9)
  - 17 Pan art on exhibit walls (7)
  - 18 'Fast gal' role cast (7)
  - 20 Stepped timber walls, facing off, wet through (7)
  - 21 Stroke strings, up front or back stage (7)
  - 23 This joint is, in faith, top gear! (5)
  - 24 Balance for departed (4)

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Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 See 3-down
  - 3 Help me (4,2,1,4)
  - 9 Correct; also, entitlement (5)
  - 10 Naked holidaymakers (9)
  - 11 Confirmed, true (8)
  - 12 Interrogate strongly (5)
  - 14 Caribbean island (7)
  - 15 Is in a tizz, uncertain (7)
  - 16 Bug, illness (7)
  - 19 Provider, usually of food (7)
  - 22 Bay window (5)
  - 23 Asylum, perjoratively (8)
  - 25 Brief, reveal to (9)
  - 26 Sad song (5)
  - 27 (It's) in the future (3,2,2,4)
  - 28 Twist (also, a floor covering) (3)
- DOWN**
- 1 Circle (v) or circled (n) (4)
  - 2 Miss, overlook (7)
  - 3, 1-across Early repeating weapon (7,3)
  - 4 Justify, prove right (9)
  - 5 Made low or soft (5)
  - 6 Okay! (7)
  - 7 Sponsor, lend authority to (7)
  - 8 Revelation, admission (10)
  - 13 Well, generously (10)
  - 15 Excess, degeneracy (9)
  - 17 Frying pan (7)
  - 18 Fast, esp. musically (7)
  - 20 Stepped, walked (on) (7)
  - 21 Stage, platform (7)
  - 23 Timber joint; also, religious headwear (5)
  - 24 Balance, over; also, departed, gone (4)

QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

DAIRY & FARMING EXPO QUIZ

- 1. **[\$100]** When was the first South Gippsland Dairy Expo?  
A. 1995. B. 2000. C. 2005. D. 2010.
- 2. **[\$200]** Who started the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo?  
A. South Gippsland Shire. B. South Gippsland VFF. C. Strzelecki Lions Club. D. Korumburra Lions Club.
- 3. **[\$300]** Which of these is not a top 3 hazard on a dairy farm? A. Animal handling. B. Manure storage. C. Chemical use. D. Machinery & equipment.
- 4. **[\$500]** Apart from China and Japan, which country is the leading destination for Australian dairy products? A. Malaysia. B. Singapore. C. Indonesia. D. Philippines.
- 5. **[\$1000]** In predominantly what month is the Melbourne Royal Show held? A. August. B. September. C. October. D. November.
- 6. **[\$2000]** Which of these is not a top five export earner for Australia? A. Iron ores. B. Beef. C. Coal. D. Education services.
- 7. **[\$4000]** Who is the special guest speaker at the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo this year? A. Dustin Martin. B. Nathan Burke. C. Sam Newman. D. Dyson Heppell.
- 8. **[\$8000]** When did the first dairy cows arrive in Australia? A. 1788. B. 1801. C. 1850. D. 1901.
- 9. **[\$16,000]** In which state was the first commercial cheese factory built? A. Victoria. B. NSW. C. Queensland. D. Tasmania.
- 10. **[\$32,000]** On average, how much milk does a commercial cow produce annually in Australia? A. 3000 litres. B. 4000 litres. C. 5000 litres. D. More than 6000 litres.
- 11. **[\$64,000]** There are approximately 85,681 farm businesses in Australia, how many are Australian owned? A. 75%. B. 83%. C. 92%. D. 99%.
- 12. **[\$125,000]** What did Frederick Wolseley of New South Wales demonstrate in 1888 that would make significant improvement to the value of Australia's wool? A. Sheep dog. B. Drenching to kill lice. C. A shearing machine. D. A new mulesing technique.
- 13. **[\$250,000]** What was the gross value of Australian agriculture in 2020-21? A. \$52 billion. B. \$71 billion. C. \$93 billion. D. \$106 billion.
- 14. **[\$500,000]** How many people are employed in agriculture in Australia? A. 290,000 people. B. 325,000 people. C. 395,000 people. D. 426,000 people.
- 15. **[\$1,000,000]** How much milk was produced in Victoria in 2021? A. 5.65 billion litres. B. 6.52 billion litres. C. 8.21 billion litres. D. More than 9 billion litres.

**Quiz answers:** 1. B. 2000. 2. C. Strzelecki Lions Club. 3. C. Chemical use. 4. A. Malaysia. 5. B. September. 6. B. Beef. 7. B. Nathan Burke. 8. A. 1788 (2 bulls and 7 cows with first fleed). 9. D. Tasmania. 10. D. More than 6000 litres. 11. D. 99%. 12. C. A shearing machine. 13. B. \$93 billion. 14. B. 325,000 people. 15. A. 5.65 billion litres.

SUDOKU

- 1 LEVEL: Moderate
- 2 LEVEL: Very Hard

Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

Sourced from: [www.edu-games.org](http://www.edu-games.org)

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Word Ladder:

LOCKS  
FLOCK  
FLICK  
CLIFF  
GLIFF  
FLING



## Take advantage of free kinder next year

AS families begin to make choices about their child's education for 2023, the State Government is encouraging every Victorian family to enrol their child into newly Free Kinder.

For families, Free Kinder will mean more choice, more flexibility, and more money saved, with the Government investing \$270 million to provide Free Kinder in 2023 to approximately 140,000 eligible children.

All early childhood education and care providers that deliver a funded kindergarten program in Victoria will be eligible to receive Free Kinder funding from 2023, saving families up to \$2,500 per child, every year.

Free Kinder funding will be available in both standalone kindergarten and long day care settings for children enrolled in a funded kindergarten program.

A 15-hour per week program will be available to four-year-old children and a 5-to-15-hour program will be available to three-year-old children per week.

The Government is also investing \$9 billion over the next decade to transition Four-Year-Old Kindergarten to Pre-Prep with 30 hours of play-based learning by 2032, and build 50 government-owned child-care centres to ensure children thrive and women are supported to return to work.

Enrolments for 2023 kinder are currently open. Find out more at [vic.gov.au/kinder](https://vic.gov.au/kinder)

## Students give back to dedicated volunteers

STUDENTS from Wonthaggi Secondary School's FLOW program put together a delicious 'High Tea' to show their gratitude to the wonderful volunteers who turn up each week to transport students to school.

The students came up with the idea of the high tea and planned and prepared it for the volunteers. The dedicated commitment from these volunteers plays a major role in helping students re-engage in education.

FLOW, Flexible Learning Options Wonthaggi, provides an alternative education program for students who find it challenging to learn in a more traditional school environment.

FLOW has a higher ratio of staff to students, and provides individualised education programs to cater for those who prefer an alternative style of learning.

The students at FLOW attend shorter days than other students, therefore, they need to find their own way to and/or from the program.

As public transport in the area is very limited, transport is one of the greatest barriers standing in the way of regular attendance.

In addition to the time that volunteers donate, FLOW is also extremely grateful to the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club who kindly donate the use of their bus.



Kongwak Primary Students welcomed their special family members to their Spring has Sprung event on Thursday afternoon, presenting their school song - I am Australian in sign language. Z11\_3622

## Connecting to land and the community

STUDENTS at Kongwak Primary School welcomed their loved ones to a spring has sprung celebration last Thursday afternoon where they took part in making nature wreaths and shared afternoon tea.

The afternoon began with a Father's Day stall and the children welcoming their special person to tour their classroom and share in their learning journey thus far.

Prep to grade three teacher, Amanda McMahon with president of the parents and friends' association Virginia Hunt, organised the afternoon for families to gather and share in the new season.

Parents and loved ones assembled outside, using their visual sense to create wreaths out of foraged leaves and flowers, then sharing in an afternoon tea of homemade cakes, slices and fresh fruit.

"Local businesses generously donated raffle prizes to the in support of the community school, including Foodworks in Inverloch," said Virginia.

"The day was about connecting with the community and coming together, our school has a focus

on the environment and connecting with the land and it is important to share these teachings with family and friends."

Kongwak Primary School is small community school consisting of 26 students from prep to grade six, with teachers individually focusing on each child and their level of learning.

Helen Perrett attended the craft afternoon with her grandchildren Charlotte and Lincon, sharing that they are the third generation Perrett students to attend Kongwak PS and it hasn't really changed in over 65 years.

"The children's grandfather attended this primary school and the small class numbers remain the same there is just a few extra buildings, but the community connection continues," said Helen.

The students officially thanked their loved ones for sharing in the afternoon by coming together and presenting their school song - I am Australian, in sign language.

Inverloch/Kongwak Primary Schools are connected but based at different campuses, to find out more visit [Inverloch Kongwak PS - inverlochps.vic.edu.au](https://inverlochps.vic.edu.au)



Teacher Amanda McMahon together with students Luhanna, Isobel, Lincon, Charlotte and Buley celebrated the spring has sprung event at Kongwak Primary School on Thursday. Z10\_3622



Year 12 formal attendees Poppy Marshall, Jasmine Sullivan, Coco Hosken, Riley Sydenham, Millicent Marshall, Jana McKay and Makayla Morris.



## Newhaven College seniors enjoy formal occasions

OVER the past month, Newhaven College senior school students had the opportunity to celebrate their school, teachers, parents and each other.

On 8 August, Year 11 students revelled with one another at Silverwater Resort in San Remo.

Year 12 students descended on RACV Inverloch Resort on 27 August for dinner and dancing.

As Year 12 coordinator, Sharon Patterson, said to all Year 12 parents after the event, "Your young people are a credit to you. They are polite and well-mannered, easy to laugh with and very empathetic. I really enjoy spending time with them."

The college looks forward to more similar events over the coming years.

**LEFT: Year 11 formal (back) Kade Rigby, Hamish Scothern and Kristos Kossena, (front) Lucas White, Mitchell Richardson, Bayley Lawrence and Jack Wightman.**





**‘We Fish We Care and Share’ team from Bass Valley Primary School pitched their Community Action to educate the community on the perils of overfishing.**  
Photo: Angel Leggas, 3 Fates Media

## Kids at the forefront of community in Bass Coast

GRADE Five and Six students from three local primary schools took to the stage last week in front of community leaders, councillors, school principals and families to present their ideas for projects to help drive positive change in their local communities.

The Kids Thrive ‘Kids as Catalysts’ program, which ran successfully as a pilot last year at Newhaven Primary School, has been expanded to Powlett River Primary School, Bass Valley Primary School and Newhaven Primary School thanks to additional funding and support from the Bass Coast Community Foundation, VicHealth, Victorian Department of Education and Training, and the Sidney Myer Fund.

Students ‘pitched’ their ideas, developed in partnership with local community groups, to a panel of councillors and principals to seek project funding to address issues they see as having greatest importance in their local community – including support for older people, cultural inclusion, gender equality, environmental issues and protection of animals and wildlife as well as disability advocacy.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Michael Whelan introduced the program with an inspiring speech.

“You are the future” he said to the hundred or so primary school children.

“It is not good enough to talk about targets for 2050, this is your future.

“We need to be acting now to protect that. It is really important that we listen to you and that you invite us to see what we as a Council and community can do.”

Taking part in Victoria’s leading creative leadership and social change program for schools, principals and program staff

said students have undergone significant change since commencing the program.

“Our evaluation reports have proven that children involved in this program not only increase their confidence, personal skills and educational outcomes, but are so excited to be given the opportunity to help make a difference in their community. Their education becomes meaningful to them as they learn real-world skills and see their hard work making a difference to the people and the environment around them,” says Andrea Rieniets, co-Director and co-Founder of Kids Thrive.

Executive Officer of the Bass Coast Community Foundation Sarah Bourke said funding the program again has demonstrated the value of engaging local students in the critical years before they transition to high school.

It has also assisted in developing positive relationships with community organisations and community members.

Following this week’s ‘pitch’, students will now deliver their projects with their local community partners and then present the outcomes of their final projects at a showcase event later in the year.

The local community are invited to various events being developed by student and community groups, so please keep an eye out on social media and through the Kids Thrive website for upcoming events.

Kids Thrive is a not-for-profit charity proudly working in the Bass Coast region and this Kids as Catalysts program is proudly funded by Bass Coast Community Foundation, VicHealth, Victorian Department of Education and Training, and the Sidney Myer Fund.

To find out more about the program go to [bccf.org.au](http://bccf.org.au) and [www.kidsthive.org.au](http://www.kidsthive.org.au).

# Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

## Jayson’s Lymphoma journey

CURRENTLY a property manager, with ambitions of becoming a licenced estate agent and eventually owning his own real estate agency, 26-year-old Jayson Filomeno is now a picture of health but hasn’t forgotten those who gave him a future.

Diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, aged just 19, Jayson’s subsequent cancer battle motivated him to organise a fundraising morning tea at the Alex Scott and Staff office where he works.

Jayson is keen to share the challenges he faced, and the importance of funding the dedicated health professionals, equipment and research needed to help people tackle Lymphoma.

His diagnosis was not a speedy one, with symptoms of the disease beginning when he was a 16-year-old Leongatha Secondary College student.

Jayson suffered constant stomach and back pain, among other symptoms, having to take lengthy periods of time away from school.

Symptoms intensified at the age of 19 while studying a Bachelor of Business Economics and Accounting in Melbourne.

While his existing abdominal issues persisted, left knee pain arose.

“Go home and take some Panadol and you will be right,” was something he heard from many Melbourne doctors.

No medication eased the pain, with Jayson struggling to sleep or study, making him determined to identify the underlying issue responsible.

His pain made it difficult to eat or drink, leading to dehydration and severe weight loss, dropping over 30 kilos in a period of two months.

Jayson developed lumps under his armpits, in his groin and neck, with those in his neck reaching the size of golf balls.

“The mixture of pain, severe lack of sleep and now numerous lumps forced me to quit my tertiary studies and return to Leongatha,”



**Jayson Filomeno has many goals to look forward to and wants to help others beat Lymphoma.** A05\_3622

he said.

It was there at the Long Street Family Medical Clinic that Dr Fred Edwards diagnosed Jayson’s condition as Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

That sparked numerous tests in Melbourne, with MRIs and PET scans revealing it had reached Stage 4, the most critical stage, demanding immediate treatment.

Just three days later he met his treatment team and haematologist Dr Tricia Wright at Latrobe Regional Hospital, to discuss chemotherapy and pain management.

“I became the youngest patient to attend Gippsland Cancer Care Centre,” Jayson said.

“I was advised that I would need six months of vigorous chemotherapy in order to reduce the size of the cancerous lymph nodes.”

That involved nine hours every Wednesday connected to an intravenous machine while chemotherapy unit nurses administered infusions into his veins.

“Preparation of chemotherapy wasn’t done until I entered the Cancer Care Unit as time and temperature (requirements) were very strict,” Jayson explained.

Dosage and strength were monitored weekly as his white blood cells depleted to dangerously low levels leading to a risk of potentially fatal serious infection.

“Whilst the pain I experienced pre diagnosis was severe, nothing prepared me

for the pain and awfulness that I was about to feel after every chemotherapy session,” Jayson said.

Nausea and chronic headaches consumed the first three days after every session.

Each week, Jayson was afflicted by debilitating mouth ulcers that rendered him unable to eat or drink, and the added nausea caused by lying down forced him to sleep in a seated position.

Other side effects developed, including hair loss and a metallic taste in his mouth.

However, despite days when the pain and sickness made him wish he hadn’t woken up, Jayson maintained his determination to soldier on, seeing fighting cancer as a mental battle.

“The moment you start giving up and telling yourself it has beaten you is the moment you start losing the fight,” was the mantra that drove him.

After eight months of treatment, Jayson received the golden news he was in remission.

He continues to be so six years later, but still requires regular checks and quarterly scans.

His morning tea will be held on World Lymphoma Day, Thursday September 15, running from 10am until 12pm, with entry by gold coin donation, and will be followed by a fundraising auction.

Money raised will go to Lymphoma Australia.

## A collaborative approach to events region-wide

WITH the launch of Events Gippsland, Gippsland is taking an Australian-first collaborative approach to securing events that will result in a huge economic benefit for the region.

In the first 18 months of the project period, Events Gippsland, in collaboration with Gippsland’s six Local Government Authorities, has already supported seven held events, with a further 15 events secured, many of which are on multi-year agreements.

Based on the events already held and those secured, it is projected that Gippsland will see an estimated 104,669 visitors and 204,537 additional bed nights, resulting in \$49.77 million of direct economic benefit, which is a return on investment of \$80:1.

One of the seven Strategic Priorities in Destination Gippsland’s Destination Management Plan recommended the region invests in diverse and exciting regional events.

Thus, the Gippsland Regional Events Strategy 2020-2025 was born, led by Destination Gippsland, supported by the Latrobe Valley Authority and developed in collaboration with all six Gippsland Councils.

An Acquisition Fund was developed to enable Events Gippsland to support Gippsland Councils with matched 1:1 funding.

This means Events Gippsland can strategically acquire events that are the right fit for the region, maximising economic and social benefits, and also strategically develop homegrown events.

Initiatives include an Ambassador Program piloted in Bass Coast to be rolled out across the region, an Events Volunteer Pool to reduce the burden on community groups, and an Events School to develop skills, expertise and leadership across the region to develop professional, sustainable events.

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# Record numbers of homes under construction

THE latest ABS quarterly housing construction figures for Victoria underscore the challenges faced by Victorian home builders in managing record home construction, rising materials costs and labour shortages.

Commencements of detached homes rose by 5.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2022 in Victoria, from 10,005 to 10,539, with a record of almost 30,000 homes under construction. Total commencements for the last 12 months reached 46,651, also nearly a record high level.

“While there’s been a slowing in the quarterly growth figures, the volume of new homes under construction in Victoria is still 54% higher than pre-pandemic,” stated HIA Victorian Executive Director, Fiona Nield.

“It is also likely that home building activity in the first quarter of 2022 was held back by staff shortages associated with the Omicron outbreak and the higher than usual uptake of holiday leave.

“Victoria also managed to complete 10,162 detached homes in the quarter, nearing record highs and just 1.1 per cent down on the previous quarter. This represents the gradual but continued progress being made in the HomeBuilder pipeline and this should help gradually reduce the pressure on supply of materials and labour.

“The volume of detached home work under construction is more than 50 per cent above pre-pandemic levels.

“This has been driven by the combination of the HomeBuilder grant, reduced personal expenditure during COVID and record low interest rates.

All the extra time Victorians were spending at home either working or locked down, resulted in a pandemic trend towards creating greater space and amenity.

This has kept demand for new housing and renovations elevated post HomeBuilder. Other indicators, such as building approvals, finance approvals and new home sales, continue to show a strong volume of work entering the pipeline.

“In addition, the multi-units’ market is continuing to strengthen. Multi-unit commencements increased by 6.7 per cent in the March 2022 quarter to be 24.0 per cent up in the last 12 months compared to the previous year. This improvement has been seen in both high-rise and medium density units.

“With interest rates and the cost of building increasing rapidly, affordability constraints will increasingly push home buyers back towards more affordable, higher density living.

“The combination of all these demand and supply factors will keep Victorian builders busy in 2023,” concluded Ms Nield.



Ray White Leongatha director Mick Hanily, and sales agents Paige Matthews and Dave Trotman show off the new Hyundai Venue that could be yours. A03\_3622

# Brand new Hyundai Venue could be yours

LISTING your property exclusively with Ray White Leongatha puts you in the running for a snazzy 2022 Hyundai Venue, with the agency staff delighted by the vehicle’s recent arrival.

Although the competition has been running since the start of June, your chances of winning are excellent because it applies exclusively to the Leongatha office.

Odds may be as good as one in 100.

The idea of holding a competition was initially sparked by the six-month milestone of the office’s re-branding to Ray White, but is also inspired by the industry-wide Real Estate boom over the last couple of years.

“To commemorate these extraordinary times and give back to our clients we would like to offer everyone an opportunity to win a car,” director Mick Hanily said.

The vehicle is valued at \$26,490 driveaway.

List your property exclusively with Ray White Leongatha before December 31, this year to enter the draw (terms and conditions apply).

The switch to Ray White has been a smooth one, with director Kasey Bowman previously expressing delight at the successful transition.

“We are so pleased with how the changeover has gone and excited for what the future holds,” she said.

The energetic and enthusiastic team at Ray White Leongatha look forward to assisting you.

For Sale

1b Owen Street, **Leongatha**

2 BEDROOM UNIT IN THE HEART OF TOWN

- 2 bedroom unit only 500m to CBD
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen with R/C
- Single garage with automatic door
- Tenanted until April 2023 - return of \$330pw

Dave Trotman

0418 589 805

\$385,000

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For Sale

23 Mary Rogers Crescent, **Leongatha**

CLOSE TO PARK AND SCHOOLS

- Quiet street backing onto McIndoe Park
- Living area with solid fuel heater & R/C
- All 3 bedrooms have BIRs
- Side access to backyard with 9m x 6m shed

Mick Hanily

0417 311 756

\$585,000

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For Sale

3 Ella Court, **Leongatha**

TITLED BLOCK IN PRIME LOCATION

- 820m² block in easy walking distance to shops
- Fully fenced with wide 21.4m frontage
- Geotechnical & soil tests completed

Jason Harris

0417 640 079

\$340,000

For Sale

17 Royal Place, **Leongatha**

PERFECT FOR THE ENTERTAINER OR FAMILY!

- 3 bedroom family home on 1008m² block
- Open plan living/kitchen/dining plus 2nd living
- Covered alfresco with rural views
- Established gardens & 2 garden sheds

Mick Hanily

0417 311 756

\$790,000

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For Sale

31 Guys Road, **Korumburra**

INSTANT CHARM

- Downstairs sanctuary with master bedroom
- Self contained bungalow with ensuite
- Undercover deck overlooking immaculate yard
- 9mx6m shed, fruit trees & inviting front porch

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For Sale

270 Milford Road, **Dumbalk North**

361 ACRES HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE GRAZING

- Reliable high rainfall & well fenced
- Stock yards, shearing shed & 2 x hay sheds
- Small paddocks for calf rearing or horses
- Substantial residence with excellent views

Jason Harris

0417 640 079

\$2,998,000

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# Renovated and short walk to town

LOCATED just minutes' walk from Inverloch's famous beaches, primary school, childcare, cafés, restaurants, supermarket and all remaining town amenities, this home could be the perfect fit for your next holiday home or permanent family home for long time enjoyment!

This renovated home has been tastefully modernised for its late 80s/early 90s-built era. Brick veneer, tile roof and on a concrete slab, this home is as solid as it gets. The home is generously proportioned and set amongst an established garden.

**Features of the home include:**

- An enormous open plan kitchen/dining/living area that is flooded with natural light.
- Modern kitchen with gas cooktop, rangehood, electric oven, dishwasher, double sink, ample cupboards, and plenty of bench space with Laminex tops.
- Four bedrooms in total, two share an ensuite, whilst the remaining two are serviced by a centrally located bathroom and adjoining shower.
- Separate laundry with external access.
- Heating by way of a ducted natural gas heating system.
- Brand new ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living areas.
- New downlights, carpet, vinyl plank flooring and freshly painted throughout.

**External features include:**

- Enjoy the summertime entertainment in the private backyard with the brand new 6m x 6m Hardie-deck, built to the highest standards with stainless steel fixings and concrete stumps, this deck has been built to last
- Single carport and additional off-street parking spaces.
- Approximately 575m2 block, with a sizable backyard, providing room for the kids to play or pet/s to run around.

This property suits an array of buyers, whether you are looking for a permanent family home, retiring, holiday home, or a solid investment property.

Offer deadline - 3pm (E.S.T) Monday, September 19 (if not sold prior).

Matt Redmond from Harcourts looks forward to meeting you at the next open for inspection.



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575m<sup>2</sup>

43 Williams Street, **Inverloch**  
**For Sale** \$1,075,000 - \$1,150,000  
**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts  
Matt Redmond 0418 357 341



MIRBOO NORTH

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- Period style 3 BR, 2 bathroom WB home.
- Set on a spacious 742m<sup>2</sup> block.
- Fantastic location close to shops.

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- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home.
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- Great investment property.

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Acreage, Views & Comfort

- Beautiful 4 BR, 2 bathroom DB home.
- North Facing master with ensuite & BIR.
- 2.5 Acres with great shedding.

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0477 622 292  
Director/Licensed Estate Agent

0438 647 449  
Licensed Estate Agent

0418 357 341  
Licensed Estate Agent

5662 2292  
Office Administrator & Digital Marketing Manager





## Brick home with bay views

THIS fantastic value home is brick built and offers a huge elevated private alfresco sun deck area which captures stunning bay views.

The home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac, ideal for those looking for a peaceful lifestyle that's still walking distance to the Grantville township.

This good sized three-bedroom home offers two separate living rooms including the front formal lounge with air conditioning, a central hallway leading to three good sized bedrooms with built in robes, large bathroom with separate bath and slate tiles.

The home has recently been renovated and features vinyl plank floors, plantation window shutters, upgraded LED lighting and freshly painted walls.

To the rear of the home is the recently refurbished kitchen with dishwasher and good-sized meals area which steps outside to the huge decking and backyard.

Inspection by appointment or during advertised open times.



3 1 534m<sup>2</sup>

14 Shepherd Road, **Grantville**  
**For Sale** \$650,000-\$670,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568  
Greg Kane 0477 020 267

## Two as-new homes; just add furniture



### Why build – as new brick family home

LOCATED in a quiet established street on the edge of town is this deceptively large family home that gives you great value for money.

Built by Metricon and only four years young, the property offers an excellent floor plan and perfect for the growing family.

**Features include:**

- Four bedrooms with ceiling fans and robes, the master boasting an ensuite and walk-in robe.
- Second living area, office or sitting room enabling you to work from home.
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living area opening onto a covered outdoor area.
- Cleverly designed kitchen with 900ml stainless steel oven, dishwasher and walk-in pantry.
- Additional family/rumpus/tv room.
- Central bathroom with separate bath and shower.
- Separate toilet and laundry.
- Ducted natural gas heating throughout.
- Split system heating and cooling.
- Double lock up garage with access into the house.
- Manageable backyard access, with a functional lock up garden shed.
- Situated on a flat allotment of approx. 665m<sup>2</sup>.

4 2 2 665m<sup>2</sup>

19 Riflebutts Road, **Korumburra**  
**For Sale** \$620,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898  
Christie Nelson 0407 812 904



### As good as new

SITUATED in a prestigious, established estate, this home is around a year old and still sparkling like new.

Handy walking distance to schools and centre of town.

**Features include:**

- Three bedrooms with built in robes, ensuite to master bedroom.
- Open plan kitchen with great storage, north facing living and dining area, R/C aircon.
- The double garage allows handy access to the secure backyard which is ready for you to create your dream garden or veggie patch.
- 735m<sup>2</sup> block.

Blocks are scarce and costs are creeping up so why not just move in and enjoy?



3 2 2 735m<sup>2</sup>

14 Isabella Boulevard, **Korumburra**  
**For Sale** \$639,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898  
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS

## WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

HAVE we had a fine amount of rain lately? Not too much for our gardens? Have their vistas of colour starting to creep in and the burgeoning of new produce added to our satisfaction? Could more be done to enhance the situation?

Lots of questions and a need to chat with other like-minded and practising cultivators could lead you to our Harvest Garden Group, who meet on Wednesdays at the Harvest Centre from 10am to 12noon.

It's beyond the Big W car park past The Goods Shed.

Exchange ideas and tips with others as you plan what to do next on your own patch.

Then you can come back on Saturday 10, with some of your garden's excess produce, be it fresh or preserved (such as jams and pickles) and trade it at the Seed and Veggie/ Produce swap which happens on the second Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon.

Members are a gold coin donation, others \$6.

On the same Saturday as The Swap at the Harvest Centre is the Wonthaggi Food Collective. It is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark-up to its members. Interested?

To get a stock list or to find out more, contact WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com or call Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933

If you missed out on our scrumptious last Free Community Lunch, then set your sights on coming along to the next one. They happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon.

Our next one is about a fortnight away. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or re acquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly.

Our next one is Wednesday, September 14. Book in now!

Have you been enjoying our activities and being part of our groups over the year(s)? Met our lovely volunteers and want to be part of this great community centre? Then read on ... Volunteer Opportunities:

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre relies on a team of volunteers to carry out a number of tasks including, working on the front desk answering phones, providing customer service and general office duties.

We have day shifts available for 9.30 am - 4.00pm or half day shifts if that is more suitable. Come along and join a great team and gain experience working in your local community, it looks great on the resume!

Call or drop in and speak with one of us or visit our website and follow the link to 'volunteer-with-us'.

Complete the online volunteer application form and we will be in touch with you. Just a little note here.

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

And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term.

Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.

## BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

Bass Coast Adult Learning would like to thank everyone who made the Pathways Expo such a great day last Friday.

This includes visiting organisations, guest speakers, students, staff, board members, and the always important volunteers.

There was so much packed into one afternoon it was almost impossible to experience everything on offer.

The Sustainability Series presentations were well attended, with talks about renewable energy and a discussion of the increasing problem of space junk from an actual rocket scientist zooming in from New Zealand. Thanks to Wonthaggi U3A for the use of their Garden Room for these sessions.

In the training salon, students did hair braiding for all comers and as an added bonus, one of the permaculture students provided foot massages. This wasn't even in the program, she just volunteered.

While people were being pampered, they were also treated to a performance from Class Act, the Practical Music group. They played a set of six songs, and carried on with a couple of impromptu numbers just because they could. Although not intended as a fundraising event, the Capacity Building Hospitality group made over \$1000 in coffee, scones and cake sales.

Plus, over half the student artworks on sale were snapped up by eager buyers and the printed cards did a brisk trade too.

The whole event was to mark the annual Adult Learners Week. Miguel who helped out with the music group put it best when he said, "Everyone has something to learn and everyone has something to teach."

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

### ■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

The productive garden is one big, informal classroom, offering adults – and children, all sorts of learning experiences with every visit.

Taking part in Adult Learning Week activities allowed visitors to wander through the growing beds and raised plots, composting and relaxing areas, ask questions and take home free samples of the garden's fruit, herbs and fresh picked greens.

Local permaculture expert Rick Coleman took visitors on a tour of the garden and offered lots of fascinating information.

Gardening is a life-long learning journey. Community gardening adds the benefits of shared knowledge and experience, exploring new and sustainable growing methods, trying new plants, improving soil health and so much more.

Volunteering at a community garden is another way to grow both as a person and a member of your local community.

To find out more you can visit on a Thursday between 10 and noon or email [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) for more info.

### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies joined in with BCAL's Pathways Expo last Friday with tours of the facilities which hopefully showed people that learning isn't just about being in a classroom.

They also had a sale of their wares and several people on the day were spotted using hand-crafted pens they had just purchased.

This Friday will be back to the regular turning sessions which are always very busy. The group welcomes all skill levels and have all the tools and expertise to get you going. There is even a sitting lathe for people with mobility difficulties.

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



New Korumburra Lions Club members Priyanka and Dan are welcomed to the club with their children Gavin and Sofi.

## Korumburra Lions on the rise

KORUMBURRA Lions Club is proving it is still possible to find enthusiastic community volunteers, bouncing back from a perilous position to a healthy state by broadening its appeal.

Secretary and publicity officer Janet Powell explained that a couple of years ago the club's membership had dropped to just six people, putting it in danger of closing.

That prompted a membership drive, spearheaded by then president Ian Wilson, with assistance from Lions members from nearby clubs.

"That involved a sausage sizzle, and a bit of media exposure," Janet said.

She and husband Roger are among the new Korumburra Lions recruits, with the couple having joined up last year and Roger now president of the club.

They moved to the area five years ago from Melbourne.

Janet explained that the club doesn't just ask people to join, but seeks their input on improvements that can be made and how the organisation can contribute to the town.

"What are the things you're passionate about that you'd like to see happening here," she and Roger were asked at a meeting when they were considering joining.

"That was the way of getting new members, people talking about what they'd like to do if they became a Lion, and that was quite successful," Janet said.

The club has developed a strong focus on helping locals in need, improving Korumburra and boosting its tourism appeal, and striving to create incentives and activities for youth.

There has been a transformation in its approach to social activities for members.

One example is the recent introduction of the Burra Brush n Bubbles event, proposed by member Susan Taylor and held at Burra Brewery.

Korumburra Lions Club now has a good mix of male and female members and an injection of young blood, with a young couple having recently joined up.

"We have a few younger members now, which is great because they bring different ideas," Janet said.

Priyanka and husband Dan joined the club in late July, with work commitments and their two young children not deterring them from giving time to help the local community, with Dan having memories of Lions Club assistance in his Sri Lankan homeland during wartime.

"He wanted to join in and help out," Priyanka said of the decision to join up.

### • FAITH FACTOR

## Run with perseverance

By Amanda Hart (Captain)  
Corps Officer, Leongatha Corps

THE Commonwealth Games are over for another year and we're not back to our regular TV viewing - we go back to our normal lives, but for many athletes, the Commonwealth Games was the culmination of days, months and even years of exercise, training, diet, discipline, commitment, early mornings and more.

Those few days represented everything they've been working for.

And for some, this may have been the only chance they ever get.

For me, there's something that I love about the Games aside from the actual competition – the stories.

There are some amazing, heart-rending moments that come out of this event.

However, I've struggled to find any more emotional than the 1992 Barcelona Olympics 400m sprint semifinal in which British runner Derek Redmond, the favourite for the gold, tore a hamstring and fell hard on the track.

He struggled to his feet and began to hobble, determined to complete the race. Redmond's Dad broke through the security to get to his son's side and together they slowly made their way to the finish line.

Those, like Redmond, who commit themselves to finishing what they start, even when the going gets tough, are an inspiration to us all.

Finishing the race is critically important to all of us who would be followers of Jesus.

And Hebrews chapter 12 offers advice that will help us to continue to run the race faithfully.

The first piece of advice is to remember that others have gone before us

and we can be inspired by them.

Hebrews chapter 11, also known as "The Hall of Faith", provides us with a great list of people who have gone before us in faith.

So be inspired by those who have gone before, and realise that at the same time there will be others watching you.

You will be their inspiration, their example, and their guide.

The second piece of advice is to learn from the boy scouts and be prepared. Be prepared for the struggles that come.

To keep yourself from running out of endurance in your life remember this promise, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

If you'll trust Him, He will be the source of all you need to finish your race.

The final piece of advice is this, lift up your eyes and fix them on Jesus.

Paul says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... Consider Him... so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Sometimes we just get so caught up in the race that we don't focus on what's actually important.

We need to look up and focus on Jesus, he is there to help us run the race.

So run the race with patience. Don't lose heart. Don't become discouraged. Don't quit. Keep on running the race that has been set before us.



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## Grant helping to track down weeds

CAPE Woolamai Coast Action (CWCA) was recently granted a Quick Response Grant from the Bass Coast Shire Council for the group to undertake a Weed Mapping Survey of the Cape Woolamai Fore-shore.

The survey was undertaken by Botanist Claire Ranyard and her partner Michael Maio over a period of three months.

The mapping resulted in the discovery of 7212 invasive and problematic weed species between Cleeland Track and Palm Beach Avenue, Cape Woolamai.

In the survey the most invasive and problematic plant was the *Polygala myrtifolia* (Myrtle Leaf Milk-wort), 4027 sightings and *Asparagus asparagoides* (Bridal Creeper), 2776 sightings.

These are both species that have escaped from residential gardens along the foreshore and other adjacent properties.

The results of these findings by Claire and Michael, will allow the members of the CWCA to more efficiently utilise their working bees to target specific areas in order to eradicate these invasive plants.

CWCA would like to express their gratitude to the shire for approving this grant, and providing a unique opportunity to approach and resolve this local problem.

Anyone who would like further information or who would like to view the mapping results please contact Peter Dumergue, secretary CWCA at capewoolamaica@gmail.com



Gippsland Intrepid Landcare and Bass Coast Landcare welcomed over 90 volunteers to the Ryanston plant and dance event, planting over 3,500 trees.

## Planting and dancing in Ryanston

MORE than 90 volunteers travelled to Ryanston recently in support of Gippsland Intrepid Landcare.

The volunteers planted more than 3500 trees over two sites on a property as part of the Bass Coast Bio-links project.

The event was a collaboration with local musicians and DJ's who worked collectively to bring the community together for a plant and dance in Bass Coast.

Gippsland Intrepid Landcare secretary Brita Jobling said the event was sold out and it was a fantastic effort that will transform the landscape and increase biodiversity.

"The bio-links project aims to increase the amount of native vegetation cover across the region and form wildlife corridors, so thank you to all the volunteers for their help planting and supporting

local music," said Brita.

"Thank you to Bunurong Land Council for welcoming us to Bunurong Country, landholder Scott Andersen for hosting the event, and to Bass Coast Landcare Network for their assistance in organising and running a successful event."

For more information on the work behind Gippsland Intrepid Landcare or to get involved, visit [www.gippslandintrepid.com](http://www.gippslandintrepid.com)



Bunurong Land Council collaborated with Gippsland Intrepid Landcare to bring a plant and dance to Bunurong Country.

## CLEARING SALE

### Property Sold

### Farm Machinery, Equipment & Household Items

**Friday, September 16 at 10am**

A/c R Reiter and J Connelly  
1300 Mardan Rd, Mardan

**Farm Machinery, Equipment and Household:** Deutz - Tractor 65HP, 4WD, FEL, forks and bucket, Honda Fourtrax 4WD bike with 50L spray unit, Greenfield ride on mower (2), Husqvarna 236 chain saw, 3" meat mincer, 7x4'6 steel trailer, crate 7x4'6, Onga transfer pump, Sunbeam shearing plant, round wool table, Sunbeam Levermatic wool press, endless chain, aluminium ramps, steel cabinets, 14" steel cut off saw, cattle brands, steel test buckets, calf feed troughs, steel work bench, welders x 2, Furphy pig troughs, 2" steel black pipe (6m x 10). Large range of steel, iron and household items too numerous to mention.

**Livestock:** 2 x 1st cross ewes with twin lambs at foot, 2 x Wiltshire Horn rams, 5 x mixed breed joined ewes

**Outside Entries:** Deutz Tractor with Howard FEL 65HP 4WD, square bale accumulator, square bale grab, bee keeping equipment, large range of treated pine (various sizes), full pack of fence paling.

For full list visit:

[www.elders.com.au](http://www.elders.com.au) ID: cs001063

**Terms:** Number system will apply, Photo ID required; strictly cash, EFTPOS or cheque on day of sale; no buyers premium, GST where applicable, lunch and refreshments available.

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Parkmill Holsteins - D & D Staley, Fish Creek

**Friday, September 16, 2022 at 11am**

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**\*\* 35 Autumn Calved Cows \*\***

**\*\* 100 Freshly Calved Spring Cows \*\***

Parkmill Holsteins was established 40 years ago. The foundation herd began with purchasing from well known studs and importing embryos from Canada, USA & Holland. Orchard Genetics mating programs have been used for 30 years, selecting only the best sires.

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## Livestock Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA	
Dean Bailey - Livestock Manager	0438 531 672	Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063
FOSTER		WONTHAGGI	
Dick Faulkner	0408 595 174	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
WARRAGUL		David Holden	0428 749 390
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Dale Atherton	0428 888 300
Jason Fry	0407 295 909	PAKENHAM	
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
		Les Ingram	0409 443 133
		Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

## Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA		INVERLOCH	
Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	Jo Ginn	0417 552 642
Christie Nelson	0407 812 904	Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244	Marni Lee Redmond	0403 525 413
		Emily Clifford	0422 622 299	COWES	
WONTHAGGI		WARRAGUL		Greg Price	0419 337 441
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	Alan Steenholdt	0409 423 822	Maree Malloy	0408 316 715
Dan Huther	0418 334 801	PAKENHAM		Chase Watters	0423 272 819
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	Tom Gibson	0438 574 472	VENUS BAY	
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783	GRANTVILLE		Daniel Lawrie	0417 631 252
		Greg Kane	0493 118 514	Sue Lawrie	0419 885 489
		Nathan Cleeland	0497 114 568	KOO WEE RUP	
BERWICK		MELBOURNE LAND		Michael Hodges	0434 492 036
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## Improving accessibility with AgVic eBooks

THE Agriculture Victoria Crop Disease Guides are being piloted as an AgVic eBook to help improve their accessibility to growers and agronomists.

Agriculture Victoria Grains Pathology Services Project Officer Louise Fanning, said the annual guides, produced with support from the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), detail how resistant or susceptible new and commonly grown cereal and pulse varieties are to a range of crop diseases.

"Launching the guides as an eBook will improve their accessibility, making it easier for growers and agronomists to keep up to date with the latest information.

"This will ensure the grains industry has access to high-quality information that is available offline. "By using Apple Books as a platform, we can push out updates directly to users, reducing the chance that they will be using out-of-date ratings."

Ms Fanning said the guides will be available as an eBook to download from the Agriculture Vic-

toria website.

"By downloading the eBook to a tablet, agronomists and farmers can carry multiple technical resources on the same device that they use for information in the pad-dock.

"Each year two guides are published, one for cereals and one for pulses.

"The guides are a valued resource for our Victorian growers and we are pleased to be making them more user-friendly to help growers manage disease risk, reduce yield losses and improve their profitability," she said.

The 2022 Agriculture Victoria Disease Guides are available to download by searching for 'Victorian cereal disease guide' or 'Victorian pulse disease guide'.

Android users can download a copy of the eBook from the Agriculture Victoria website at <https://go.vic.gov.au/ihRoNc> Tools such as the eBooks are part of Agriculture Victoria's ongoing work on plant biosecurity, aimed at minimising the spread of pests and diseases into Victoria's major crop production areas.

## Highlighting strength and sustainability

THE AUGUST ABV release has highlighted the strength of Australian bulls with a new focus on sustainability, and developing a "greener cow".

"We continue to identify pedigree diversity combining traits of increased importance such as longevity, health and fitness, feed efficiency, heat tolerance and polled genetics," Genetics Australia CEO Anthony Shelly said.

Improvements since the introduction of genomics and access to sexed semen have accelerated the genetic progress in Australia.

"Traits such as mastitis resistance, fertility have made significant improvements and access to A22 bulls and more polled options are now available," Mr Shelly said.

"More farmers are selecting bulls solely based on their ABVs and through world class research and focus on traits of significance, Australia farmers can be confident when they are selecting Australian genomic or daughter proven bulls that they will continue to see progress in their dairy herds."

The 2022 August ABVs have delivered great results for Genetics Australia with a combination of leading genomic and daughter-proven



**Superpower is one of the best daughter proven Holstein bulls available after the August ABV release.**

sires.

SUPERPOWER, now one of the best daughter proven Holstein bulls available, is the highest BPI daughter proven bull standing in Australia and has a well-balanced overall ABV for production, health and type. SUPERPOWER was bred by Emu Banks Holsteins, the number 1 BPI herd following the August 2022 ABV release.

SUPERDAVE, a high production bull now with more than 200 milking daughters is the highest Australian ASI bull and second overall with an impressive 301 ASI. Farmers report many SUPERDAVE heifers topping PI lists and his mainly black medium statured daughters are highly regarded as shown by his 105 Workability ABV.

Several young genomic bulls continue to rate at the top in the August release with bulls TOMMYDEE \$543 BPIg, STARMAGIC \$524BPIg and SAMARIA \$519BPIg all ranking in the top 10 genetic bulls available. SONDALO, DECIPHER, KARAT, CINDERMAN and SHOALHAVEN joining then as part of the elite all being 500 or greater for BPIg. STARMAGIC is a new addition and will be available for the first time this spring.

The 2022 Genetics Australia Jersey team is led by daughter-proven bulls from number 1 BPI Jersey herd White Star Jerseys DOUGGAN 395 \$BPI and DOBSON 358 \$BPI. DOBSON also leads the Sustainability Index [SI] with an SI of 882 while DOBSON ranks third

on 757 SI. At 33kgs Protein and +363 milk DOUGGAN is also a production and health traits specialist making him one of the most profitable bulls ever made available in Australia. He can also be used to advantage in cross breeding programs as his lower stature and improvements to feet and legs, rumps and body traits make him ideal for use over Holsteins.

DOUGGAN and DOBSON are joined by INVINCIBLE 338 \$BPI and ASKN 294 \$BPI as the four leading Australian BPI Jersey daughter-proven bulls standing in Australia. INVINCIBLE at 110 for Overall Type also tops the Good Bulls Guide [GBG] for Type list while ASKN now has more than 230 milking daughters and at 115 for Longevity ABV is the highest Jersey bull available.

In the Australia Reds, ARBMCKEON is now the highest genomic bull closely followed by ARBCAESAR in 2nd and ARBPRIMES-TAD P in 3rd position while ARBCYGNET is the highest Australian Red bull.

The Genetics Australia Holstein, Jersey and Australia Red Sire Catalogues with more August ABV information is available at [genaust.com.au](http://genaust.com.au)

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Australia is expected to be amongst the best-positioned countries as international demand for beef trimmings grows.

# Global demand for cheaper beef cuts

GLOBAL demand for cheaper cuts of beef is expected to increase in the year ahead as rampant inflation and slowing economic growth see consumers trade down, Rabobank says in a newly released report.

And Australia – as one of the largest exporters of beef ‘trimmings’ (the cheaper meat cuts which remain after prime cuts are removed) – is expected to be among the best-positioned countries to benefit from this increased international demand, particularly from the US, the agribusiness bank says in its Q3 Global Beef Quarterly.

“Evidence of declining consumer confidence in the face of slowing economies and rising inflation is starting to build,” the Rabobank report says.

“In general, beef markets are resilient to changes in economic conditions. However, we do see movement within supply channels and price points that tend to favour cheaper options such as mince/ground beef and quick-service

restaurants over the more expensive cuts and consumption channels.”

The bank forecasts the volume of trimmings consumed globally to remain strong and potentially increase in the second half of 2022 as consumers continue to trade down to lower-value beef cuts and cheaper proteins.

Trimmings are typically used in the production of ground or minced beef.

“Major importers of trimmings include the US, China, Japan and South Korea,” the report says. “With these countries facing slower economic conditions in the second half of 2022, we expect consumer-purchasing decisions to favour the consumption of trimmings. The US and South Korea face high inflation pressures, whilst China and Japan continue to struggle with slower economic growth off the back of COVID.”

Adding to the changing consumption habits as a result of economic conditions is the potential for the US to dramatically increase its need for imported trimmings.

Currently, high domestic beef production in the US is reducing the need for imported trimming products, the report says.

But, if US production contracts – with a slowing of the current US cow liquidation – higher import volumes will be needed.

And Australia – along with New Zealand – will be in the ‘box seat’ to help fill that demand, says Rabobank senior animal protein analyst Angus Gidley-Baird.

Australia’s increased herd inventory will generate additional grass-fed and female slaughter numbers.

However, a caveat remains for the Australian market with our current limited processing capacity, Mr Gidley-Baird says.

“Unless we can correct this, our ability to ramp up production and capitalise on any trimmings demand growth will be limited,” he said.

The global beef market overall remains strong, Rabobank’s Q3 Beef Quarterly says.

Cattle markets around the world also remain favourable, however, there has been some decline in cattle prices (in US dollar terms) from the previous quarter in countries including Australia, Brazil, Argentina and New Zealand.

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Bullocks				
1 Campbell JD & KA Wonga Wonga	605.0	492.6	2,980	
7 Hale DJ & GD Sale	625.7	475.0	2,972	
6 Argent & Walker Corinella	616.7	465.0	2,867	
1 Delbridge C Doomburrin	635.0	465.0	2,952	
11 Taylor R & J Tarwin Lower	661.4	458.0	3,029	
1 Bright TP & KL Buffalo	640.0	455.0	2,912	
Steers				
1 Hughes A Kernot	430.0	593.2	2,550	
1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	450.0	590.0	2,655	
1 Smouders F Doomburrin	410.0	570.0	2,337	
1 Argent & Walker Corinella	425.0	570.0	2,422	
1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	365.0	550.0	2,007	
1 Argent & Walker Corinella	405.0	549.6	2,225	
Heifers				
1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	370.0	557.6	2,063	
1 Hughes A Kernot	340.0	550.0	1,870	
1 Fleming JT & PJ Willung	340.0	535.6	1,821	
1 Coulson J & K Poowong North	505.0	500.0	2,525	
4 Milne TG & JE Won Wron	546.3	490.0	2,676	
3 Van Dyke C & L Toora	550.0	475.6	2,615	
Cows				
1 Maxray Nominess P/L Buffalo	570.0	430.0	2,451	
1 Roberson B Yarragon	550.0	420.0	2,310	
3 Maxray Nominess P/L Buffalo	726.7	412.6	2,998	
1 Gippsland Beef Gellondale	650.0	410.0	2,665	
3 Conisbee & Co Glengarry	683.3	409.6	2,798	
1 McCormack B & T	635.0	409.6	2,600	
Bulls				
1 Argent & Walker Corinella	955.0	390.0	3,724	
1 Gippsland Beef Gellondale	1,020.0	374.0	3,814	
1 Tuckett GS & J Woodside	995.0	370.0	3,681	
1 Dixon A (Allan) Loch	805.0	366.2	2,947	
1 Fox H & N Flynn	770.0	360.0	2,772	
1 Diggerman J Nerrena	675.0	360.0	2,430	
Vealer Bulls				
1 Love VR Boolarra Sth	320.0	300.0	960	

# Tips for proper pig feed

DID you know that food waste – swill – containing meat or other animal by-products must not be fed to pigs as it may contain viruses that cause diseases in animals?

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10 Angus steers  
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50 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Leawood blood, weaned  
A/c Dave Harris Earthmoving, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)  
50 Angus heifers 10-12 mths, weaned, VB, GF, AB Free, Yancowinna blood lines  
A/c JWG Dean (Elders)  
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A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)  
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A/c John Allan (ELDERS)  
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A/c M & M Cattle Co, Bass (SEJ)  
30 Angus steers, 12 mths old, VB, GF & AB Free  
A/c D&K Scott (ELDERS)  
30 Angus & Angus x mix sex calves, 7-8 mths, GF & ABF  
A/c KRG Ross, Delburn (NUTRIEN)  
15 Angus X steers, 12 mths  
10 Angus heifers, 10-12 mths  
A/c D Hall, Fish Creek (SEJ)  
20 Angus steers 10-12 mths, weaned, VB, GF, AB Free, By top Te Mania Sires  
A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)  
20 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, By Black Spur Angus Bulls, NE Accred, weaned  
A/c A & Y Morrison, Inverloch (SEJ)  
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A/c M Dean, Flynn (ELDERS)  
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A/c TS Lelliott, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)  
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A/c JB Dean (ELDERS)  
15 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Leawood blood  
A/c Ross Lawson, Tanjil Sth (NUTRIEN)  
15 Angus & BB steers, 10-12 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, weaned  
A/c BS Cantwell, Stony Creek (PHC)  
15 Angus heifers 12 mths  
A/c M & M Standfield, Fish Creek (SEJ)  
15 Angus heifers, 10-11 mths, VB, GF and AB free, By top Dunoon stud bulls  
A/c Mrs C Jeffreys, Driffield (NUTRIEN)  
12 BB steers, 12 mths  
A/c K & S Hutchinson, Churchill (NUTRIEN)  
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10 Angus X steers, 2-3 yo  
A/c G & A Thorson, Dumbalk Nth  
17 Angus X steers, 18 mths  
A/c J&K Van Weez (ELDERS)  
8 Xbred steers, 20 mths, very quiet  
A/c P Shearer, Loch (SEJ)  
15 Angus X steers, 12-14 mths  
25 Friesian steers, 18-20 mths  
A/c LC & SR Roberts, Binginwarri (PHC)  
8 Friesian steers, 18-20 mths  
6 Angus X steers, 14-15 mths  
25 Friesian steers, 12 mths  
A/c D&K Scott (ELDERS)  
30 Dairy X mix sex calves, 7-10 mths, bucket reared  
A/c "SLM" Trafalgar (SEJ)  
40 Friesian steers, 18-20 mths  
A/c David Goodwin (ELDERS)  
18 Friesian steers, 20-24 mths  
A/c Deep Blue Sharking (ELDERS)  
16 Friesian steers, 15 mths  
A/c RH & AM Williamson, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)  
12 Friesian steers, 18 mths  
A/c S Throckmorton, Worrarra (PHC)  
45 Friesian steers, 12 mths  
A/c F Strk (ELDERS)  
20 Friesian steers, 12 mths

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A/c DA & PM Conn, Hedley (PHC)  
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A/c F Strk (ELDERS)  
20 Angus X heifers & cows, PTIC to Angus Bulls

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## Be alert for elevated disease risk

FARMERS are being encouraged to look out for signs of disease in field crops coming into spring and take action to minimise the impacts on their crops.

Agriculture Victoria Senior Cereal Pathologist, Dr Mark McLean said diseases in cereal and pulse crops in Victoria were observed earlier than usual this season due to the wet conditions.

"We've so far had reports of powdery mildew and stripe rust in wheat, Ascochyta blight in lentils and bean, and Botrytis grey mould/chocolate spot in bean, lentil and vetch.

"Given the wet conditions, and the outlook for a wetter than average couple of months ahead, growers and advisors are encouraged to inspect and monitor crops closely for diseases. Proactive disease management with fungicide is warranted under these conditions to avoid crop losses."

"Stripe rust and powdery mildew are most damaging in seasons like this when they appear early. In such seasons, timely fungicide sprays are required in at risk varieties."

Agriculture Victoria Senior Pulse Pathologist, Dr Joshua Fanning said farmers should also monitor pulse crops for Ascochyta blight.

Botrytis grey mould (BGM), also known as chocolate spot, has been reported in bean, lentil and vetch crops. It can develop rapidly given the right weather conditions and requires early intervention to minimise damage to crops.

Further information on these and other field crop diseases can be found in the online Identification and Management of Field Crop Diseases in Victoria manual.



The first group of startups to take part in AgTech Seeds.

## Next crop of Agtech founders plant their seeds

A GROUP of fledgling Victorian technology entrepreneurs have taken a step closer to delivering critical technology for the agriculture sector, with the launch of Rocket Seeder's AgTech Seeds program.

Eleven teams of aspiring agtech founders have joined AgTech Seeds, a three-month program that brings together teams of budding entrepreneurs and researchers to solve some of global agriculture's biggest challenges.

Rocket Seeder Managing Director Emma Coath said it was extremely exciting to see the first cohort begin their AgTech Seeds journey.

"These teams will develop agtech solutions that respond to the needs of Victorian farmers to boost their sustainability, productivity and profitability," Ms Coath said.

"These are individuals and teams that are at the early

stages of development. Some have ideas they want to test and refine, while others are more advanced.

"We are really looking forward to seeing their growth over the next few months."

The AgTech Seeds pre-accelerator program is supported by LaunchVic and Agriculture Victoria and is being delivered in partnership with Cruxes Innovation, which works with Australian researchers to help them develop skills to build deep, sustained partnerships with industry and government to solve real-world problems.

Teams taking part in the inaugural AgTech Seeds program are developing digital farm management platforms, urban cropping systems, smart gardens and passive solar protective cropping houses.

One team is investigating niche field pea and lentil

varieties to meet the demand for alternative proteins.

One team is converting waste products into fertiliser, while another is employing drones to manage weed and pest infestations.

The teams are using intelligent growth algorithms, IoT sensors and AI mapping, connecting growers directly to customers and consumers across the value chain.

Ms Coath said the teams will spend the next few months fast-tracking their ideas, working with researchers from universities across the state and Agriculture Victoria.

They will gain critical skills in business planning and development, finance, marketing and communications.

The group will have access to Rocket Seeder's experienced network of mentors, advisors and alumni who will present to the group over the next

few months.

"At the end of the program these teams will also have the opportunity to apply for a grant that will assist them to take their business a step further," Ms Coath said.

The program was launched recently by Victoria's Lead Scientist Amanda Caples, who has a wealth of experience in technology commercialisation, and has led the development of industry, science and innovation policy in Victoria since joining the Victorian Public Service in 2002.

Applications are now open for AgTech Seeds Round Two which starts in February 2023.

There are 12 positions available for the program which is free to successful applicants.

Applications close on November 28, 2022.

For more information or to apply visit [www.rocketseeder.com/agtechseeds](http://www.rocketseeder.com/agtechseeds)

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## Firewood season opens in Gippsland

Designated firewood collection areas in state forests across Gippsland have opened, with 78 open across the region.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFM-Vic) Gippsland Deputy Chief Fire Officer Sam Quigley said firewood collection was dependant on the area, with certain collection areas having larger volumes of firewood than others.

"While firewood is free to collect, supply is not unlimited. This means firewood needs to be managed responsibly to ensure environmental sustainability," Mr Quigley said.

"If your household relies on firewood for heating or cooking, please begin planning ahead of time for the upcoming year and explore all available energy options open to you."

Firewood can only be collected from Spring from September 1 to November 30.

"Residents are only allowed to collect two cubic metres per person per day and a total of 16 cubic metres of firewood per household per financial year."

"Most people do the right thing and stick to the collection limits however Authorised Officers will be patrolling forests to catch those who aren't."

"Gippsland has experienced significant rainfall which may impact access to some firewood areas. Please drive to the conditions and do not drive on closed roads or tracks."

Be aware of the environment around you and others at all times when in state forests, trees may fall or drop limbs without warning.

Planned burns are scheduled throughout the Spring season, which may impact availability in certain areas. Plan ahead and visit [plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/)

## 2023 Gardiner Foundation Tertiary Scholarships applications open

STUDENTS from Victorian dairy communities who plan to start their tertiary studies in 2023 can now apply for a Gardiner Foundation scholarship.

Gardiner Foundation is offering seven tertiary scholarships to students starting full-time study in 2023. Each scholarship offers \$10,000 a year for up to three years of a scholar's chosen university or TAFE course.

The tertiary scholarships are named in recognition of services to the dairy industry by Niel Black, Shirley Harlock, Jakob Malmo, Bill Pyle and Doug Weir.

Carley Einsiedel was the Bill Pyle Gardiner Foundation Tertiary Scholarship recipient in 2019. The scholarship paid for her accommodation while she completed her Diploma of Agronomy and Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management at Longerenong Agricultural College.

Matt DeCicco received the Bill Pyle Gardiner Tertiary Scholarship in 2013.

"The scholarship helped relieve the pressure when you're exposed to the industry's ups and downs," he said. "It meant I didn't



**Six hours from home, the scholarship paid for Carley's accommodation.**

have to do part-time work and could focus on my studies, which paid off."

To be eligible, students must start their first year of full-time tertiary study in 2023 on campus and due to study commitments need to relocate from home.

To be successful, applicants will need to demonstrate intended future contributions to the dairy industry and communities

as well as describe their community involvement and academic achievements to date. Applications must be submitted by 5pm, Monday, November 21, 2022.

For more information and to apply please visit [gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts](http://gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts)

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- Excavator Licence
- Heavy Combination Licence
- Good knowledge of daily machinery maintenance
- Experience necessary

Successful candidate will be supplied with work vehicle and phone.

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We are currently looking for an experienced technician to join our growing multi-franchised dealership located in Leongatha

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Leongatha Motors place a great emphasis on giving our customers the best experience. From sales to servicing, we specialise in all aspects of the motor industry and maintain a high level of personal service. We are looking for another important member of that team and process, if you feel you can contribute please apply.

Resumes to be sent to [Russell.hemming@leongathamotors.com.au](mailto:Russell.hemming@leongathamotors.com.au)  
**Closes Friday, September 30, 2022**



LMCT 10285 & 11276

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## WE ARE HIRING!

**PROPERTY MANAGER or ASSOCIATE PROPERTY MANAGER** wanted for our busy Inverloch office.

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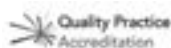
## Office Manager

Wonthaggi Medical Group are seeking an experienced Office Manager to assist in managing the day-to-day operations of a large and busy group of medical clinics.

For position description and selection criteria email or write to:

Gayle Bloch, Practice Manager  
Wonthaggi Medical Group  
42 Murray Street, Wonthaggi  
Email: [gbloch@wonthaggimedical.com.au](mailto:gbloch@wonthaggimedical.com.au)  
Fax: 5672 4219

Applications to be received before  
**Monday, September 12, 2022.**



[www.wonthaggimedical.com.au](http://www.wonthaggimedical.com.au)

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## Bass Coast Health Current Vacancy

### Bass Coast Health – Perioperative Department

An exciting opportunity exists to be part of the brand-new Wonthaggi Hospital, which includes the expanded perioperative department. The perioperative department will provide uninterrupted, simultaneous views of all consumers in the department and is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and technology enabling us to provide a range of theatre specialities including general, gynaecology, orthopaedic, ophthalmology, endoscopy, urology and breast surgery, with expanding services on the horizon.

The perioperative department provides staff with a large tea room, dedicated education space, spacious change rooms and with sprawly windows there is an abundance of natural light throughout. We offer employees a range of benefits, including free parking, health and wellness program/s, salary packaging (including rural and remote benefits where eligible), onsite EAP, continuous professional development and an amazing and a welcoming community.

The soon to open Perioperative Suite are looking for the following:

**Perioperative Services Manager** - Permanent Full Time

**Nurse Unit Manager** - Perioperative Services Permanent Full Time

**Associate Nurse Unit Manager** – Perioperative Services Fixed Term Part Time

**Surgical Liaison Nurse** – Perioperative Services Permanent Part Time

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au) or 5671 3151



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## Condoluci Transport Truck and Dog Operator

FULL TIME POSITION

- Must have experience
- Must be clean and tidy
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Contact 0407 343 744 for more details

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We have vacancies for:

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We are Gippsland's biggest Conveyancer and a part of the largest network of conveyancers in Victoria. Our continuing growth provides these great opportunities.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU!

- Amazing opportunity for career progression
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- Work from home flexibility

You will be joining a long-established firm that embraces technology and a happy work environment. You will be mentored with a view to a long-term career progression within our team.

To apply for these roles please email your resume, including 2 references to [hbc.fred@gmail.com](mailto:hbc.fred@gmail.com) by the closing date of **Friday, September 30, 2022.**

If you would like further information please email your preferred contact details to [hbc.fred@gmail.com](mailto:hbc.fred@gmail.com)

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL – WONTHAGGI

## 2023 Vacancies

### Education Support Officers (Students)

12 months, Part-time fixed-term  
1 x 0.63 FTE  
1 x 0.78 FTE

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the part-time positions of Education Support - Students. These are Level 2 Category B positions under the Victorian Catholic Education Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2018.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children.

The successful applicant will possess the skills and abilities necessary to apply knowledge and skills to a range of tasks and roles. The role requires routine supervision to general direction depending upon experiences and complexity of the tasks.

The successful applicant will hold a current Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check. It is desirable that the applicant would hold a Level 2 First Aid Certificate.

Please complete the 'Application for Employment' form under our Careers tab on our website [www.stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au) and email with a cover letter and CV to: [principal@stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au)

**Applications Close:  
Monday September 12, 2022.**

*This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

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## ESTIMATOR

Ecoliv Buildings is Victoria's leading sustainable prefab modular builder delivering projects all over Australia.

Our growing team located at our construction facility at The Gurdies requires an experienced Estimator to support continued business growth and expansion.

The Estimator is responsible for analysing plans and other project documentation to produce bills of quantities in order to estimate project costs. Integral to the role is the ability to research, source, negotiate and obtain the best prices and quotes from suppliers and subcontractors.

The successful applicant will have 3+ years' experience in Databuild and the ability to manage, analyse and report on construction purchasing and data management to achieve successful project outcomes.

Email resumes to  
[Daniel@ecoliv.com.au](mailto:Daniel@ecoliv.com.au)

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## Network Maintenance Technician Multiple Positions



South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking multiple enthusiastic people to join our growing organisation as a Network Maintenance Technician. The key requirements of the role are:

- Demonstrated qualification or equivalent experience gained in an operations, maintenance or equivalent industry.
- Demonstrated ability to work and participate as part of a team and autonomously.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of water/sewer/network and other systems.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills along with well-developed computer skills including knowledge and understanding of Monitoring systems (SCADA).

- Permanent Full Time & Fixed Term (12 Months) Full Time
- Starting Location: Central/Eastern Region
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band O3-O4

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.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, each 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 19, 2022 at 5pm**

1300 851 636 | [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au)

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## Commit to a career in Child Protection



### Child Protection Team Manager x 6 positions

- **Location:** Leongatha, Morwell and Warragul
- **Salary:** \$103,920 – \$114,828
- **Full time and Part time available**
- **Committed to working with children, young people and families?**
- **Able to effectively engage to provide families with the optimum capacity for change?**
- **Able to lead a small dedicated team of Senior, Advanced and less experience CPP's?**

**An exciting opportunity exists for Senior Child Protection Practitioner (Supervisory and Non-Supervisory) on full and part time fixed term basis in Leongatha, Morwell and Warragul.**

The Senior Child Protection Practitioner is responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice whilst demonstrating their expertise through case practice and the supervision of child protection practitioners.

Senior Child Protection Practitioner (Supervisory) will work collaboratively with the Team Manager to strengthen case practice, provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners in the development of plans to bring about the changes necessary to ensure the safety, stability and development of children and young people and to promote the achievement of case plan objectives within specified timeframes. The position will have supervisory responsibility, commensurate with their other duties.

Senior Child Protection Practitioner (non-supervisory) may be responsible for receiving and assessing reports of alleged abuse and neglect of children and young people, undertaking investigations and developing plans to bring about the changes necessary to ensure the safety, stability and development of children and young people and to promote the achievement of case plan objectives within specified timeframes This may include taking matters to court. The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (non-supervisory) maintains a full case load, is a senior member of the team and works collaboratively with the Team Manager to provide effective service delivery and support to other practitioners.

**Contact for further information:** Lainie Connell, Deputy Area Operations Manager [Lainie.Connell@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lainie.Connell@dffh.vic.gov.au)

**Reference number:** DFFH/COPL/00521084

**Applications close:** Sunday 18 September 2022

For more information about this opportunity, please go to [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) and download a position description to view departmental information, the selection criteria, our pre-employment screening requirements and our Diversity and Inclusion commitments.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



Environment,  
Land, Water  
and Planning

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT TO COASTAL CROWN LAND COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT

**Do you want to play a role in managing a valuable community asset?**

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, on behalf of the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change is seeking expressions of interest from people willing to nominate for a three-year appointment to the following Committees of Management.

**Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated**  
**Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated**  
**Port Franklin Public Purposes and Recreation Reserve Incorporate**  
**Shallow Inlet Camping and Recreation Reserve Incorporated**  
**Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated**

These committees are made up of volunteers who are responsible for guiding the management, protection and development of the Reserve, on behalf of the local and wider Victorian community.

To ensure the best possible management of the Reserve, to work with other public land managers and to participate in planning of the Coastal Reserve's future, applicants will be shortlisted based on their skills, experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- |                                         |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| • Marketing, Tourism and Media          | • Grant Application and Management                  |
| • Community Engagement                  | • Financial Management                              |
| • Stakeholder Management                | • Business & Strategic Planning                     |
| • Volunteer & Employee Management       | • Building and Asset Management                     |
| • Secretarial & Administration Skills   | • Environmental & Coastal Biodiversity Conservation |
| • Indigenous Values & Cultural Heritage |                                                     |

To apply visit [www.boards.vic.gov.au](http://www.boards.vic.gov.au) and search for 'Coastal Crown Land Committees of Management' under 'Search board vacancies' and click Apply now.

Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact Tracey Miller-Armstrong on 0473 001 088 or email [tracey.miller-armstrong@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:tracey.miller-armstrong@delwp.vic.gov.au). You may also use the National Relay Service on 1300 555 727 or 133 677 (TTY number) if required.

**Expressions of Interest close midnight 25 September 2022**

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# Is your employment opportunity listed online?

Advertise your job vacancy in the Sentinel-Times  
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[www.sgst.com.au](http://www.sgst.com.au)



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## Operations & Projects Administrator

Part-time or Full-time opportunity –  
Leongatha, Victoria based

This position works at the office a minimum of 4 days, 30 hours per week – to be negotiated with successful applicant.

Do you love working with people, as part of a team, and individually? Do you have exceptional organisational and communication skills?

*Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms is an award-winning kitchen and bathroom design and manufacturing company operating in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast.*

Our family-owned and operated business is seeking a driven, on-point and meticulous business professional to support management and operations. With established processes and systems, plus exciting strategic plans, backed by a passionate and experienced small team, there are opportunities to learn, progress and build your future with our on-the-move company.

The successful applicant will be responsible for administering the day-to-day operations, including overseeing a wide variety of projects, from bespoke high-end cabinetry and whole-house fit-outs for new builds and renovations.

Key responsibilities include administering our cloud-based, paperless, project (workflow) management system and people (stakeholder) coordination, as well as office and business administration. A passion for professionalism and solid background in processes and systems administration is essential as the position is responsible for the complex coordination of stakeholders, operations and logistics.

**All applicants must obtain a position description by emailing [accounts@leongathakitchens.com.au](mailto:accounts@leongathakitchens.com.au) and submit a resume with cover letter addressing the selection criteria outlined in the position description.**

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## REQUEST FOR TENDER

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

**RFT/335 – Design and Construct Irrigation, Drainage, Re-shape and Seed to Foster Showgrounds Football Oval**

A pre-tender meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September at 9.00am at Foster Showgrounds Football Oval. All submitters are requested to attend.

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 13 September 2022.

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

## NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

### Details about the application

The land affected by the application is located at: **35 Messmate Road, Kilcunda VIC 3995.**

The application is for a permit to: **Subdivision of land into 104 lots in the Township Zone, General Residential zone and Design and Development. Overlay involving associated roadworks in the Farming Zone and Transport Zone and the removal of native grasses under Clause 52.17 'native vegetation.'**

The applicant for the permit is: **Craigendale Pty Ltd, C/- Beveridge Williams & Co Pty Ltd.**

The application reference number is: **210122.**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads).

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

Council collects and holds this personal information to comply with the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority and include the reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected, in writing, addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi, Vic., 3995 or email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au).

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **Tuesday, September 20, 2022.**

If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

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**Volunteers Rev. Capt. Graeme, Susan, Ron and Susan help weekly with pickups, sorting and distributing food for St George's Anglican Church Wonthaggi Food Rescue Program. C18\_3522**

## Food packages for those in need at St George

EACH week volunteers from St George's Anglican Church in Wonthaggi are working tirelessly behind the scenes to collect, sort and package food bundles for individuals and families in need.

Their work goes unspoken of in the larger community, yet week in week out, no matter the weather they are helping those less fortunate providing fresh food, canned goods and even baby supplies.

Whilst individuals in need can speak to Reverend Graeme privately, their successful Food Rescue Program operates on a Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 11.30am at the front entrance of St George's Anglican Church in Wonthaggi.

"It started before COVID," volunteer, Ron explained.

"We would lay it out on the tables and people would come in and help themselves.

"When COVID came we couldn't do that, so now we make up bags of fruit, vegetables and bread."

Sliced bread from Paul the Pieman in Inverloch and fresh produce from local supermarkets, including bi-weekly visits to Aldi and Coles and three weekly visits to Woolworths, the volunteers collect what is available.

"We go through and check everything is in a reasonably good condition, and not past its used by date. If it's past the best

before, we can still distribute if it's in good condition."

Any foods that have fermented and those past their used by are given to Susan and other local's animals – nothing goes to landfill.

"We do have our regulars that come in and pick up food – it's good, we get a big cross section of people and we're there to help them," Ron said.

"A majority of the people are very grateful for what we do."

Eighteen packages were made in preparation for Friday's open door consisting of oranges, apples, pears, bananas, limes, lemons, pumpkin, bread, sweet baked goods, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, baby pak choy and more...

Sometimes additional packages get made from other supplies if the need is greater than expected, and other times excess packages are left at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre's Mitchell House in their Food Pantry on the deck.

Outside of the normal food rescue program, St George's Anglican Church also purchases food vouchers from IGA that are distributed to those in need with monies coming from their opportunity shop in Inverloch.

"We don't sell clothes at our shop," Rev. Graeme said.

"We sell bric-à-brac and furniture. People in need can also get cheap furniture from there."

And whilst it would be remiss to downplay the incredible work the volunteers do, they are dependent on the leftover stock from the supermarkets.

"All walks of life come," Rev. Graeme said.

"We're getting a few more people that are finding it financially tough. Rent in particular is hurting people and it means that something has got to give, so they can put a roof over their head."

"A few homeless people also collect packages – they're people you wouldn't expect to be homeless."

"Anyone is welcome Wednesdays and Fridays."

As more people face homelessness, and see to other means through couch surfing, sleeping in their cars or pitching a tent in public spaces, the volunteers and the Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch, assisted by Second Bite, are doing their part to help those in need.

For more information on the program call 5672 4590. Those in need can call Rev. Graeme directly Tuesdays to Saturdays on 0417 513 390.

## Expression of interest

**Westernport Water invites experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist/s to create a private artwork.**

Artists are invited to submit creative concept design ideas to be featured in Westernport Water's next Reconciliation Action Plan and Empowerment Strategy.

Full details and to apply, please visit our website. Applications close 30 September 2022.



**Artwork - Water Heals By: Patrice 'Muthaymiles' Mahoney OAM**

[westernportwater.com.au/about/tenders](http://westernportwater.com.au/about/tenders)





# No rubbish overboard thanks to ‘Bins on Boats’

By Chloe Kent

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks alongside South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association have rolled out 100 all-weather proof bins on commercial fishing boats, as part of the Bins on Boats Program since the trial in 2018.

Created to stop commercial fishing rubbish from going overboard, the bins were happily taken on board by local fishing vessels as a sustainable fishing practice for the future.

“We had 100 specially designed bins on vessels and early signs show it has reduced the trawl net fragments that were entangling seals,” research scientist, Dr Rebecca McIntosh said.

“We’re very optimistic and excited by that.

“It was a great partnership working with industry – fishers love the bins, they were happy to use them, and effectively gave them an organised way of dealing with their waste that was more successful than what they were trying to do left to their own devices.

“It’s really important to them to maintain and work within the social licence.

“They’re small-scale fishers, local people, they love the sea they’re working on and a majority of those are highly invested and excited in the project.”

As per the Bins on Boats – Final Report November 2021 ‘all qualifying vessels accepted at least one bin and there was rapid uptake. Despite not qualifying, fisheries managers and co-ops in NSW and WA were interested in the project. This shows an appetite for custom built bins to improve waste management systems nationally.’

“The custom-made bins offered an improved bin that was useful and safe to use on the deck of the boats.’

Reducing accidental loss of rubbish from marine environment users to reduce marine waste and marine mammal entanglements – the principle of Bins on Boats.

“Fishers genuinely care for the ocean environment we make our living from,” Trawler and Gillnetter Luke Hill said.

“The bin program will help in the waste management procedures we already have in place on board our vessel.”

A successful program, with skippers reporting a general overall happiness with the



**Bins on Boats was created by Phillip Island Nature Parks in conjunction with South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association to stop commercial fishing rubbish from accidentally going overboard.**

bins, it did highlight further issues in the marine industry with one vessel master commenting ‘that it is hard to empty them when port waste capture facilities are already full.’

On a larger scale, the economic cost is staggering.

‘In 2015 there was an estimated US\$10.8 billion of damage per annum to industries in the marine economy of Asia-Pacific attributable to marine debris (McIlgorm et al. 2020). In Australia there are uncertainties with regard to the cost of marine debris to fisheries and small businesses (Evans et al. 2016),’ the report highlighted.

The statistics from the Bins on Boats showed that on average, vessels’ waste volumes increased by about 20L when using the bins compared to before.

As Rebecca noted, ‘on any given day at Seal Rocks there can be as many as 11 individual fur seals entangled in marine plastic pollution.

Pups and juveniles are most commonly entangled because they are naïve and playful. As they grow, the restrictive material becomes embedded, causing painful infections and a slow death, often from starvation.

“It’s a terrible way to die. The entangled seals are often in a lot of pain and it is very difficult to catch them in the



**Dr Rebecca McIntosh and Roger Whitelaw in September 2019 show some of the accidental fishing rubbish that has ended up at Seal Rocks.**

colony because they run into the water when they see a person approaching,” Rebecca said.

“Phillip Island Nature Parks catches many affected seals to remove the entanglement, but it’s a band-aid on the wider problem of marine plastic pollution. We need to get to the heart of the problem and reduce the amount of plastic entering the ocean.

“I’m optimistic, it’s a success story (Bins on Boats) in its own right, whether seals keep getting entangled or not

because, I think, we’ve basically doubled the amount of rubbish coming back to port.”

At their crux, the bins are wheely bins with a specially designed lid that is locked down and has a rubbered punch through section, enabling fishers easy access and secure waste disposal.

Whether on commercial fishing vessels or heading out with the kids, remember to take all your fishing equipment and rubbish home with you, including netting, fishing line and bait bags.

## Around the Bay

With Jim’s Bait and Tackle

THERE is a noticeable change in the weather and the sun, when it’s out, is that few degrees warmer than it has been.

Just when you thought they were gone, the barrel tuna has showed up again or more accurately the weather has improved enough for people to be able to head out to look for them.

We have seen another half a dozen over the last week or so ranging from 60kg to well over 100kg.

The reports have been like before and a little all over the place, both east and west.

One common thing with all the reports has been the fish that they caught wasn’t the only one that showed up on the sounder and appears that there is plenty out there still.

With the bay still cold and a lot of fresh water flowing out of the river’s others took advantage of the calmer conditions, several boats headed out looking for a feed of gummy or flathead.

While most found one or the other, they also found that there are some schools of snapper offshore and big ones amongst them, the best over 80cm. If you are finding them on the sounder and not winning with baits give jigging with micro jigs or smaller metal lures a try, you might just be surprised how good they actually work.

Back in the bay and a flat barometer early week didn’t excite the fish too much, unless you were chasing draughtboards and stingrays, and things were very quiet.

Whiting and calamari reports continued this week with both producing some quality, when you found them which is always the trick. Dickies Bay is holding some reasonable whiting, but you will have to dig your way through the leatherjackets if you stop in the wrong place.

While the leather jackets aren’t a problem the couta are and if you are chasing the calamari, I would be inclined to throw out the cheapest jig you have first before using good expensive ones, to try the waters and see if the couta are about.

The couta is a tackle shop’s best friend and have expensive tastes with no trouble at all swallowing a squid jig whole.

Problem with them of course is they are after the same thing as you as they also like the odd calamari or two.

Now that we are into spring, we have gone back to opening the shop 7 days a week, 9-5 weekdays and 8-5 weekends for September and as the weather warms up, we will extend our opening hours, updates will be on our social media pages.

On Tuesday evening September 13, in conjunction with WIRF (Women in Recreational Fishing) we will be hosting another ladies night.

The night is for ladies only and is a fun night with demonstrations, information and giveaways.

The night is for those new or wanting to get into fishing to those who just want to sharpen their skills.

Supper will be provided and along with giveaways there will be shop specials just for the ladies who attend.

You can register for the night, just drop in or call the shop, 56785462 and keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

## 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 6

▲ 6.56am  
1.47m  
▼ 12.10pm  
0.79m  
▲ 6.21pm  
1.42m

**WEDNESDAY**  
September 7

▼ 12.33am  
0.32m  
▲ 8.02am  
1.42m  
▼ 1.00pm  
0.85m  
▲ 7.19pm  
1.36m

**THURSDAY**  
September 8

▼ 1.31am  
0.37m  
▲ 9.16am  
1.39m  
▼ 2.07pm  
0.89m  
▲ 8.35pm  
1.32m

**FRIDAY**  
September 9

▼ 2.48am  
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1.40m  
▼ 3.34pm  
0.86m  
▲ 10.06pm  
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**SATURDAY**  
September 10

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**SUNDAY**  
September 11

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**MONDAY**  
September 12

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INVERLOCH

PENNANT Season is fast approaching so there are a number of practice matches that have been arranged for both Midweek and Saturday Pennant.

Midweek Pennant, September 13, 20 and 27.

Saturday Pennant, September 3-10, and October 1-8. Please see the information at the club for more details.

Entries are now open for our club championships.

Entries close on October 7, and the draw will be posted on October 10.

Our Opening Day was a great success with over 50 people attending the day. Terry Seaward, our president officially opened our season.

Edith Perrett and Keith Cousins had the honour to take the first roll. Michael Cosgrove won the novelty event on the day.

A fantastic afternoon tea was enjoyed by all those present.

Fourteen teams played one game of 12 ends. The competition was extremely close. Two teams ended the day on 19 points with 11 ends difference each.

The two teams had to be separated by percentage.

The R/U was the team of Doug Archer (skip), Keith Cousens and Nell Van Grunsvan.

They were only separated from the winning team by 3.54 per cent. The winning team was Carol Hughes (skip), Bob Plowright, Marg Griffin and Jeff Curwood.

Please remember Friday Night meals and Members Night.

KORUMBURRA

WITH the new season fast approaching, the club is still looking for new members to help fill teams.

So if you are in the slightest bit interested in bowls we would love to see you at the club.

The club thanks Neil Harfield for his efforts with the jackpot joker raising over \$3500 for the club.

There are a number of events coming up with the triples game on the Friday prior to the AFL grand final, Ken is still looking for more teams.

Counter teas are on Friday night with Keith and his merry band of helpers looking after the night.

We have a practice game against Mirboo North on the Sunday after the Grand Final. If you are unavailable, please let the selectors know.

LEONGATHA

LAST week we managed to get favourable weather for bowls on Wednesday and Saturday and although there were not bowlers rushing for a game, the match committee were able to produce a two-game draw that was meaningful.

Chris George and Noelene Houghton collected the chocolates on Wednesday with a score of 2 wins plus 15 shots.



Korumburra Bowling Club's 'The Joker Jackpot' winner Noel Walker joined by Neil Harfield (left).

On Saturday Jim Lye and Jeanette Chalmers achieved success with a final score of 2 wins plus 8 shots.

Don't forget opening day is on next Saturday, September 10, and please wear your club uniform.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great day at Koo Wee Rup.

Some extremely happy bowlers among the 26 who turned up could be heard around the green.

A few wrong bias bowls (as usual), but generally some great quality of bowls as can be seen by the high scores.

Today's winners on an excellent score of 39 were:

Phil Wright (S), David Talbot (3), Sue Wright (2) and Bob Arnold (L)

R/U on a 36 (normally a match winning score) were: Tony Heppleston (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Cheryl Floyd (L)

Best One Game winners on 35 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Bill Williams (L)

Next week we are headed to Lang Lang, looking forward to seeing all our members next Thursday.

Be at the club by 10:00am for a 10:30am start to the day.

See you on the green.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw 35 bowlers take to the greens on a sunny but cool day with teams of three and four bowlers.

The winners were the team of Fred Kellow, Lorraine Day, Tom Rynberk and Alex Sutherland with a score of 2 wins and 31 points.

And 15 shots up to win on count back from the team of Wally Leijen, Ray

Hin and Rick Pendry with a score of 2 wins and 31 points but with only 8 shots up.

Saturday was opening Day with 40 bowlers taking to the greens in uniform which is always good to see.

It was decided to play one game of 14 ends, then have afternoon tea, which was well worth the wait.

There were 12 teams, so we had six winners.

The winners were Charlie Wright, Guilio Marcolongo and Ken Gage with a score 1 win and 20 points. The runners-up were Rob Allan, John Migliorisi and Colin Binch with a score of 1 win and 19 points.

Please note that the entry sheets for the Men's club games are now up in the locker room.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm, Thursday social bowls at 9.30am (names in by 9am).

Friday morning coaching at 10.00 am and Saturday social bowls at 12.30 pm.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

AN enjoyable and successful week of bowling with a total of 51 players.

Tuesday had 21 the winners with a plus 21 were Jim Rodhi, Judy Sweetnam and Pat Novak.

Runners up on plus 17 were Brian Newman, Lia Smith and Sylvia Mattock.

Friday saw 30 players the winners with a plus 19 were Max Sweetnam, Wolfe Gilch, Ken Peterson and Mario Toffolon.

Runners up on plus 11 were Brian Newman, Jan Clark, Barry Grabham and Philip Fowler.



Wonthaggi Bowls winners (Wednesday) Fred Kellow, Lorraine Day, Tom Rynberk and Alex Sutherland.



Colleen Touzel, Robin Smith and Bronwyn Debenham finalists in Lois Cameron Canadian Foursomes

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's Competition

Tuesday, August 30

Stableford (5 Players)

Winner: Steve Duffield

(13) 39 Points

NTPs: 1st Bill Watson

and 13th John Hermens

Thursday, September 1

Stableford (12 Players)

Winner: Chris McConnell

(22) 41 Points

NTPs: 1st Bill Watson

and 13th John Hermens

Saturday, September 3

Monthly Medal (28 Players).

Winner: Shayne Harland (7)

67. A Grade: Shayne Harland

(7) 67. B Grade: Grant Williams

(19) 74

Scratch: Shayne Harland

(7) 74 of the stick

Sponsor: Tim O'Neill

NTPs: 1st Mat Wrigley,

7th Rob Gallagher, and

13th Neil Spargo.

Ladies

MERRISSA Cosson

(13) was the winner of

last Wednesday's competition

with a nice 34 pts. Shelley

Snooks (21) was r/u, 30

pts and Diarne Maskell

(40) won a BDTL. Merrissa

won the NTPs on both the

1st and 13th greens.

Jenny Blackmore (30)

was Saturday's winner

with 78 nett and was also

NTP on the 1st green.

R/U was Trudi Mantell

(30), 83 nett and Aliesha

Wrigley (25) won a BDTL

with 88 nett.

LEONGATHA

Ladies

DELIGHTFUL spring weather and reasonable conditions made for a very pleasant day on the course for the Lois Cameron Canadian Foursomes.

Two pairs qualify for this event and play off in a match play final by October 16.

The finalists are, recently appointed club president Colleen Touzel and Robin Smith finishing with a nett 81 and Bronwyn Debenham, Women's Captain and Fran O'Brien on 82.25.

DTBL were won by the following pairs: Karen Bear and Marg Griffiths, Nan Meagher and Alison Strong, Helen Mackenzie and Joanna Miles, Kay Dumbleton and Libby Seebeck and Cheryl Borg and Fay Guilford.

NTPs on the 16th was Bronwyn Debenham.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, September 1, Stableford.

A Grade: T Bradshaw,

(9) 40pts. B Grade: S McKenzie, (31), 39pts

DTL: J Kus, D Taylor 36,

W Reynolds 35. NTP: 4th, J Smeriglio, 16th M Payne

Birdies: 4th, J Smeriglio, 6th N Whichello.

Saturday, September 3, Stroke. A Grade: S Mc

Innes (4) 69. B Grade: J Hughes (18) 71 c/b

DTL: P Woodall, B Bradshaw, Tom Traill, 71. Tim

Traill 73, W Bullock 74

NTP: 2nd shot 1st, T Whitelaw, 2nd shot 14th

G Dawson, 4th R Kratzat, 6th M Payne, 13th J Mc

Farlane, 16th T Whitelaw.

Birdies: 4th S Mc Innes, P Woodall. 6th, S Mc

Innes, R Taylor.

Flag Day: A Grade: S Mc

Innes. B: Grade Tom Traill

and J Hughes. C Grade: N Baker. Star Medal Winner, J

Hughes 71 c/b.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results September 9, S.R 71.

Competition type: Stableford. A Grade: Mat Johnson

36. B Grade: Travis Johnson 36. C Grade: Alan Jones 40

Ball Sweep: Alan Anstey 37, Peter Magnusson 37, Mick Bourke 36,

Paul Brusamarello 33, Julian Wintle 33, Frank Huber 33, Robert Geyer

33, Inoke Buadromo 33.

August Clay Target Shoot results

THE John Paterson Memorial shoot was held on the weekend of August 21-22 with 75 target events held each day. Saturday

saw 77 shooters competing and Sunday with 97 shooters.

The weekend was sponsored by Wade & Travis Paterson, The Tru Blue Plumber and SJS Trading Co.

John Paterson Memorial

winner was Matt Hall 142 with overall high gun Jason Barclay 135.

Overall grade winners were AA Grade: Terry Preston (131), A Grade: Brett Morrison (124), B Grade: Kevin Harris (112), C Grade: Brendan Goodman (96), Ladies: Brooke Tangey (113), Veterans: Lionel Bradley (126) and Juniors: Will Witkowski (102).

Congratulations to Terry Preston and Jason Barclay for a perfect round of 25 on Sunday.

Our next shoot is a 75-target event on Sunday, September 18, with nominations commencing at 9:30am. Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event. Check out our Facebook page for further details.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club results

20m Prone Pennant – Section B

ROUND 9: Numurkah

482.013 defeated by Leongatha 488.015

100.006 Kenneth Hart

97.004 Christopher Sargent

97.003 Jack Sargent

485.019 defeated Leongatha 485.015

99.004 Kenneth Hart

97.008 Christopher Sargent

97.002 Daniel Croatto

Shoot-off: Western Districts

493.027 defeated Leongatha 484.017

Ladder: 32 Western Districts,

32 Leongatha, 24 Northcote, 20 Oakleigh

and 12 Numurkah.

We shoot Friday nights at 8pm

at the Rifle Club on the Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.



# Junior volleyballers perform well against tough competitors

TWO South Gippsland junior volleyball teams represented the region at the Mornington Junior Championships held recently in Somerville.

Both teams came home with runners up trophies, plenty of smiles and a bolstered sense of confidence as they returned to training this week.

The U16 Girls team, coached by Brock Churchill and managed by Tamara Teylor, didn't lose a single game during the round robin and finished at the top of the ladder.

In the grand final, they faced off against a competitive Vic U14 squad, who are preparing for their nationals' campaign later this month.

In a three-set match, South Gippsland was narrowly defeated by a three-point margin in the final set.

Congratulations to Natalie who won her di-



South Gippsland U16 Girls (back row) Brock (coach), Gabi, Jess, Will, Casey, Georgia, Jobeka, Natalie, Tamara (manager), and Alyssa (front), Matthew and Jess.

vision's Most Valuable Player award.

The U18 Boys team was competitive all day with some matches just too close to call. In fact, they drew twice during the day.

In the grand final, they were up against the host club, Mornington.

The boys team demonstrated their commitment and ability to work together as a team to earn the Runners Up trophy.

Junior Volleyball for 13-18 year olds is played at Splash, Leongatha from 6pm on Thursdays.

New players, of all

levels of experience, are welcome.

Follow the club on Facebook and Instagram (South Gippsland Volleyball).

Contact Secretary Jess Sanders 0447 262 522 or email southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com for information.

## Pump track set for council presentation

COUNCILLOR Rochelle Halstead is expected to table a petition at the next shire meeting which calls for the construction of a pump track at Cape Woolamai.

The petition, which seeks 1000 signatures, hopes to attract the support of the shire and would see the pump track replace some of the trails constructed at the Cape Woolamai foreshore.

"The initiative for the development of a pump track for Cape Woolamai comes from wanting more fun and sustainable outdoor recreational options for our children, youth and community," one of the organisers stated.

"Currently there a multiple bush bike tracks located in the foreshore and airstrip, which are destroying our local veg-



A petition for a pump track at Cape Woolamai is set to be presented at this month's shire meeting.

etation and habitat.

"There is only one small park and a basketball hoop in Cape Woolamai for our growing population (2300), which is in the top five highest populated towns in the shire."

The organiser said the pump track provides a

cheap activity for families to participate.

"They are suitable for people of all ages, and can be used by riders on bikes, skateboards, and scooters, means that they're extremely versatile and promote positive, active and healthy life-

styles."

Cr Halstead said she had been communicating with councillors and shire staff about a precinct to cater for skateboarding, BMX and mountain bikes at Cape Woolamai.

"These activities provide so many benefits to such a wide age group and specifically to our youth," Cr Halstead said.

"Given the isolation our young people have experienced in recent years it would be great to provide infrastructure / facilities that encourage getting together in the outdoors, enjoying fresh air and physical activity."

To view the petition, visit [shorturl.at/afiK6](http://shorturl.at/afiK6)

A Facebook page has also been created to attract further attention, [www.facebook.com/PumpCapeWoolamai/](http://www.facebook.com/PumpCapeWoolamai/)

### SPORTING BRIEFS

#### Cricket clubs care

FOUR local cricket clubs have taken on the challenge of openly caring for their players and supporters.

Mirboo North C.C, Imperials C.C, Koonwarra LRSLS C.C and Poowong Loch C.C are part of Bat bowl catch and care, a program funded by the South Gippsland Shire Council and designed to encourage discussion on men's health, work life balance and suicide prevention.

Cricket (and caring) starts soon.

#### Koonwarra Parkrun – Event 189

MILD conditions greeted the 84 participants with no rain and very little wind.

The track was a Soft (7) with a few areas of concern which required slight deviations off the racing line. At the time of the hooter start, the thermometer registered at 7 degrees.

The pre-race briefing from Jolyon went to plan with all light humour attempts well received and Sharon honoured for her half century of Park Runs.

In terms of the run, the hills on the trip home haven't got any easier since last week.

Brenton Hall overcame this to claim line honours with a sub 20-minute dash (19:37).

In a peculiar event which could be attributed to either the conditions or data entry, no personal bests were recorded.

The median time for the event was 38:16 with an Interquartile Range of 22:06. It was great to see such a diversity of people participating in the event, both regulars and cameo runners.

#### Leongatha Table Tennis Results

A Grade – August 30: Jaffas 6-20 def Polly Waffles 5-19, Fantales 6-23 def Frogs 5-19 and Snakes 6-23 def Chupa Chups 5-22.

After round 6 standings: Polly Waffles 10, 36, 124; Jaffas 8, 35, 120; and Chupa Chups 8, 29, 130.

Leading Players: Case DeB 15, Braden A 14 and Dom M 12.

A Reserve – August 31: Mitsy 8-27 def Nissan GTR 3-10, Pacers 7-23 def EH Special 4-18 and Thunderbirds 6-24 def Lamborghini 5-16.

After Round 4 standings: Mitsy 8, 31, 93; Lamborghini 6, 26, 86; and Pacers 4, 23, 81.

Leading Players: Sven 12, Aidan H 10 and Trent B 9.

#### Parkrun event #108 By Jodie Pincini

SPRING has sprung along our beautiful Grand Ridge rail trail.

We enjoyed a foggy start to Saturday morning with the Traralgon Harriers, joining us this week. Overall, we had 40 participants walking or running the course.

A Saturday morning parkrun is a great way to meet locals if you are new to town.

We celebrated some milestones with Wayne John completing his 150th parkrun.

Wayne is a regular face here at GRRT but his home parkrun is Murray Bridge in SA.

Robert Gray completed his 50th parkrun and in true Robert style, he was unaware of the event.

Volunteering at parkrun is a great way to be involved in our vibrant community.

Volunteer roles are simple with lots of support.

If you're thinking about getting involved, we would love to have you - you don't need to be a runner or even have been to parkrun before.

#### Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling week 8

2S COMPANY: 1st on 15.5pts Jail, 2nd on 15pts The Hounds and 3rd on 15pts Alley Cats.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 96pts Pinpals, 2nd on 81.5pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 81.5pts Fairlanes.

Business Early: 1st on 16pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 13pts Balls Deep, 3rd on 13pts Bettsys and 4th on 11pts Happy Hour.

Business Late: 1st on 19pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 15.5pts City Lights, 3rd on 14pts Dynamic Painting and 4th on 11pts Coles Cows.

This week's top scorers:

Men – Steve Clarke 201, Rob Wilkinson 194 and Nick Harris 193.

Woman – Sue Gale 197, Jin Samoena 169 and Jacque Kent 163.

#### Wonthaggi Table Tennis

BRADEN Andrighetto has hit the no 1 spot as leading player at Wonthaggi Table Tennis. He is currently on 10 (30) with Sean Michael close behind on 9 (31) and Brad Andrew next on 9 (27).

A1 comp continues to be tightly contested with Elephants (Fred Debono, Leanne Costello, John Colomiere) still hanging on grimly to a 4-point lead as the top team from Springboks (Dirk Holwerda, Callum, and Sean Michael).

Meerkats (Charley Donohue, Brad Andrew, Paul McCasey) are in third place. Warthogs, Wildebeests and Rhinos are all still in with a chance to make that final three. Four matches left before the finals.

Match of the week: Trish Denier (Wildebeests) v Paul McAsey (Meerkats). Won by Trish in five sets 14-12, 7-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6.

Paul won his first singles against Denis Donohue in another 5-set match.

Great to see Denis back again too. Just can't keep those Donohue's away.

**Inter Club Match**

An inter club match is currently being organised with Traralgon Table Tennis Association to take place in October at Traralgon. This is an annual event, but it has been delayed since the start of the COVID restrictions and lockdowns. Great to have it back on the calendar.

**FLOW Program**

The club had another exceptional day last week with Bass Coast Secondary College FLOW Campus students and staff. Good to see everyone joining in, having fun and improving their table tennis skills.

Juniors Social Night continues with David and Trish on Thursdays from 6 pm. New players will be made very welcome. All equipment provided.

Practice /social play Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 midday. All welcome. No age limits.

## Victorian MOTO-X 2022 Junior Titles





LKF's Mitch Bath wins the ball over his Trafalgar opponent.

## Leongatha Knights put on strong performance for semi-finals

### Reserves: LKFC v Drouin

IT WAS a tense match between ladder top Drouin and 4th place Leongatha in the first elimination semi-final. Drouin started strong with a corner kick leading to a goal in the first 15 minutes. Leongatha settled and began pressing back. In some excellent combination play they had several chances across the game, but were unable to convert. Late in the game a foul in the box saw keeper Chris Gale perform a magnificent penalty save to roaring applause. Reserves: 0 v Drouin: 1

### Women: LKFC v Drouin

Finishing league champions for the 2022 season, Leongatha looked strong heading into the elimination final against fourth place Drouin. An early hand ball foul in the box saw striker Kathy Zacharopoulos convert a penalty putting LKFC on the scoring sheet early. LKFC played a strong game with stand-out performances from all to finish with an 8-0 win. Congratulation to the Lady Knights on a magnificent season and good luck for the grand final on September 18. Women: 8 v Drouin: 0

### Senior Men: LKFC v Trafalgar

Finishing league champions for the 2022 season, the LKFC senior men were well positioned for a strong game against opponents Trafalgar in the elimination semi-final. An early goal from the opponent's striker saw LKFC down 1-0 for the first half. The second half saw Trafalgar convert their rare chances in the box leading 3-0. Despite being rattled by the score, Leongatha dug deep and dominated with possession making attempt after attempt on goal. Goalkeeper Charlie Dougherty made a magnificent penalty save to a thunder of applause. Unfortunately, they were unable to find the back of the box despite a number of close calls. Congratulations to LKFC for a stellar season and finishing League Champions for 2022.

### Under 17 girls: LKFC v Drouin

It was a big game for the LKFC Under 17 Girls team who finished League Champions. With Drouin taking the lead it was Leongatha's Lily McKenzie who scored the equaliser sending both teams to penalties. LKF's goalkeeper Maddi Herbert was magnificent in goals seeing Leongatha win on penalties 3-1. Congratulations team and best of luck in the grand final. Under 17 Girls: 1 v Drouin 1 (LKFC winning penalties 3/5 to Drouin 1/5)

# Milkins' coaching success with the Knights

REGARDLESS of finals results, it has been a terrific season for the Leongatha Knights Football Club, with the senior men's and women's teams topping the Gippsland Soccer League table, guided by the coaching of Beth and Peter Milkins. Beth is in charge of the men's side, while dad Peter coaches the women.

Although Peter was an Aussie Rules man in his playing days, proudly wearing the Dalyston jumper, and never played soccer, he developed a love of the round ball game watching Beth represent the Knights. She came to the game late, aged 22, because her best friend captained the team, and quickly developed a passion for the sport.

When her coaching allows, with Beth also in charge of the men's reserves, she still plays in the women's side, so is well qualified to comment on her father's coaching approach.

"He's very calm," she said, explaining that is important with soccer being a game that often sparks a lot of emotion.

Asked if she is a more fiery coach than her dad, Beth responds, "I'm definitely passionate".

However, that passion is controlled, with the coach determined to foster a culture of respect among her players.

"If they misbehave, they're taken straight off," Beth said.

Peter identified clear communication as the key to successful coaching.

"As long as you do that honestly and respectfully it usually sits pretty well with most of



Father-daughter team Beth and Peter Milkins have done an incredible job of guiding the Leongatha Knights Football Club.

the people who are listening," he said.

Delivering a consistent message is also important, Peter explained.

He is conscious of ensuring his team respect themselves and their opponents.

While Beth was appointed to coach the men in 2020, she had to wait until this year to experience a full season, with her first season in charge wiped out and last year's halted halfway through.

She's been representing the Knights onfield for a decade, starting coaching six years ago, and since earning coaching accreditation through the Australian Football Association.

"Someone suggested I should

put it to some use and have a go at coaching the senior men," Beth said of what has proved to be a successful move.

With her reserves also playing finals, Beth was unable to take the field on Sunday in the women's semi final clash with the Drouin Dragons, but said the side has the luxury of a good substitute goalkeeper to take her spot.

While Beth has played exclusively as a goalkeeper this season, she has been an out-field player as well previously, no doubt providing her with a well-rounded perspective of the different roles that she can draw on as a coach.

Peter enjoyed grand final success during a previous period of coaching Leongatha's

women's side, lifting the cup in 2017.

Leongatha's women's side was beaten just once onfield during the regular season, losing one other match when forced to forfeit due to ground condition, while the men lost just once.

Both the Milkins praised the efforts of their players to finish on top of the ladder, saying they worked very hard to achieve that outcome.

While the outcome of most of the world's soccer competitions hinges on the number of points accumulated for wins and draws during the season, the Australian focus on concluding with a finals series adds an extra element of excitement.

## Strong victory for 'Burra secures final's spot



Korumburra's 12A are into the grand final.

KORUMBURRA's 12A team are through to the GSL grand final after a 5-0 victory over Wonthaggi.

It was a tight tussle early; Wonthaggi had two early chances, Daisy and Billie were holding the Burra attack and Burra star midfielder Japheth looked sore.

Burra captain Tao Lin was amazing as always in defence. Addison's class shone through with two late goals to take the lead into half time.

Lulu was swung into defence in the second half, where she provided some great passing.

Josh and Talon were solid, while Liam moved into the midfield with Japheth subbed out.

Liam's decisive killer pass to Addison put the game in Burra's control.

Marley made at least two ripping saves (helped by his new Mohawk) to keep a clean sheet and Addison finished with two more to ice the game.

Cassie, Annie Harry and Reuben were great team contributors.

Burra go into the grand final favourites to play either Leongatha Knights FC or Drouin Dragons SC.

## Under 18s celebrate 2-nil victory over Berwick

### U18s JBNPL – Gippsland v Berwick

AN INJURY hit Gippsland U18 team made the journey down the highway to face mid table Berwick in less than ideal conditions.

Gippsland started the better of the two teams, immediately applying pressure on the Berwick defence.

The visitors had several

chances, yet had to wait until the 30th minute for Campbell Dastey to find Tana Betera for the opening goal.

Gippsland were on top all over the pitch and despite further injuries to key players they continued to play entertaining soccer right up to the halftime break.

The second half started the same as the first, Charlie Cockell and Harry Tosch

were dominating in the middle and Brodyn Taylor was doing what he liked in defence.

When Brody Demagistris broke free and slotted home Gippsland's second goal the game felt over.

Berwick weren't lying down and had several chances, but Gippsland wouldn't be denied, winning 2-nil in a fantastic team effort.

### Expressions of interest – players 2023 season:

Gippsland FC are seeking expressions of interest from interested players for the 2023 Season.

Please call technical director, Mark Cassar, on 0437 496 757 for further information or see the club Facebook page for a link to the registration form. Trials will be commencing October 10, 2022.



# Women hitting the waves in record numbers

ACCORDING to the Australian Sports Commission's latest national Aus-Play report, surfing and skate sports are becoming more popular since the pandemic, with an estimated 196,000 Australians aged 15+ taking to surfing; a majority women.

Canoeing and kayaking continued to increase in 2021, whilst swimming levelled off in 2021 after increasing in 2020.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club President, avid surfer and swimmer, Hannah Eisen couldn't be happier with the news.

"When I go surfing now the gender balance is awesome to see," Hannah said.

"It really makes me happy to live in a place where there are so many female surfers, of all abilities – giving it a go and enjoying themselves.

"I try to encourage and support the girls and women I surf with and am not shy in letting them know if they have caught a good wave; it makes us all feel so good!

"I am noticing the change in atmosphere out in the water too, great to see for the next generation of groms!"

The mental and physical health benefits of surfing are well documented, and Hannah is proud to be welcoming the younger girls through the club.



Surfing has seen an impressive jump in women taking to the sport after the pandemic.

"Seeing the next generation of competent girls like Sage Goldsbury, Sophie Fletcher, Scarlett Rennie, Sarah and Sonia Sueren make me feel really stoked to be involved in this fantastic community.

"I recently read that in Australia, one in two girls drop out of sport at age 15 and less than 10 per cent of all sport media is focused on professional female athletes who make it.

"Until recently, young girls in sport haven't really had many opportunities. To combat barriers and help young women in sport feel seen, appreciated, and supported, I hope that in my role as PIBC President, Surf Her Way Ambassador and All Round Activities Goer, I can give female surfers a better platform for them to launch off and excel in whatever path they choose. If I can help them get there, I will."

Phillip Island Boardriders Club have also been

incredibly successful in securing two grants recently to run a women and girls development surf and yoga program, coordinated by members.

"PIBC are extremely serious about respecting the unique needs, perspectives, and potential of all club members.

"We have a large portion of women surfers signing up and a big senior division (over 60-years-old) who all want to support anyone willing to give surfing a go; without judgement on looks, background, ability, gender or race.

"The last 10 years has seen women in the sport undergoing radical changes. Professional female surfers have only just started to gain the respect of their male peers and of viewers around the world.

"The visibility appears to be having important trickle-down effects, with the numbers of recreational female surfers continuing to grow.

"It's an exciting time to be involved in leadership, sport and the Bass Coast community!"

Empowering women and girls through sports, Australia's next female sporting CEOs can kick off their administration careers through \$370,000 worth of grants in the Women Leaders in Sport initiative through Sports Australia.

Applications are now open for the program, which has provided leadership opportunities for more than 20 years and created continued success from the boardroom to the sporting arena.

Sporting organisations can also apply for grants for projects that create more leadership pathways for women and more diverse and inclusive workplaces.

Individuals and organisations have until 23 September 2022 to apply, visit [sportaus.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/wlis](https://sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/wlis)



James Heenan was presented with the President of KTA – Victoria alongside Grand Master Kang Woong Lee (President of Korean Taekwondo Association Queensland) and Grand Master Chris Blight (President Korean Taekwondo Association Australia) recently

## Success interstate for local Taekwondo students

*A black belt is a white belt who refused to give up*

JAMIE Dellamina could not be prouder of his daughter Lilly and her Victorian taekwondo comrades.

Alongside her peers from Heenan Taekwondo, Lilly Dellamina recently attended the 2022 Korean Taekwondo Association of Queensland Interstate Open in Brisbane representing Victoria. Together they returned home with 100 medals across 400 events.

Assistant instructor Cassy Heenan (2DAN) secured gold in the Manual Sparring event, whilst Lilly (BLUE 3), and local Bass Coast students, Seamus Donohue (RED 3) and Marisa Rinaldi (YELLOW 2) all secured a silver in manual sparring.

Additionally, Lilly secured gold medals in Technical Breaking Under 10 and Poomsae Teams, silver in Jumpkick and bronze medals in Flying Side Kick, Speedkick and Poomsae Individual.

Seamus took home gold in Jumpkick, Technical Breaking 10+ and Poomsae Teams, silver in Electronic Sparring, Flying Side Kick, Speedkick and Poomsae Individual.

Rounding out the local medal count, Marisa also took gold in Electronic Sparring, Gold Poomsae Individual, Freestyle Individual and Gold Poomsae Teams, silver in Technical Breaking 10+ and bronze in Jumpkick, Flying Side Kick and Speedkick.

Chief instructor, James

Heenan also echoed Jamie's pride with Heenan Taekwondo winning the cup for the most distance travelled.

"Clubs came from far and wide," James said.

"A quarter of the events we meddled in, that was a group of 12 students, three from Wonthaggi/Inverloch.

"It's a celebration of the martial art and embraces the whole culture – the Korean Martial Arts Festival."

With over 20 years teaching experience under his belt and a 5th Dan Black Belt in traditional Taekwondo and 3rd Dan Black Belt in Kukkiwon (World Taekwondo), James was also recently recognised for his achievements being appointed as the Victorian President of the Korean Taekwondo Association of Australia.

"I love the martial art. I started in 1985 and I'm just proud to be a part of the martial art and what it does for the kids," James said.

"It's next level, the team bonding, it creates resilience and confidence..."

"It's grassroots taekwondo events that promotes up and coming athletes."

Alongside Inverloch and Wonthaggi, local students often travel to Heenan's Pakenham, Beaconsfield, Drouin and Berwick dojangs for extra practise throughout the week.

Students will also be trialling at the state titles this weekend and wish them the very best.



Marisa, Lilly, Cass, Seamus and chief instructor, James Heenan stand with their recent medals from the Queensland Interstate Open.

## Shire striving to achieve fair access in sport

WHILE the Victorian Government recently intensified its efforts to ensure fair access to sport for women and girls, South Gippsland Shire Council has long been striving to achieve that goal.

The government announced a three-phase initiative, the Fair Access Policy Roadmap, to set minimum standards of access across the state.

It states that failure to achieve required standards would impact future infrastructure funding eligibility.

"From July 2024, all Victorian councils will need to ensure equitable access to sporting facilities for people of all genders to be considered eligible to receive infrastructure funding from the Labor Government," the government's press release says.

However, it is explained that "in the first phase, commencing this year, the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation will provide training, education and support to local councils, peak bodies and facilities to help them implement the roadmap."

Foster's recently revamped sports stadium is an example of South Gippsland Shire Council's existing commitment to improved sports facilities for its communities.



Foster's revamped stadium demonstrates the commitment to improved sports accessibility for all in South Gippsland Shire. A06\_3622

Judi Buhagiar, Eastern region manager for Netball Victoria was at the stadium's official opening and said the now-modern venue gives local netballers the opportunity to train indoors, while also providing female-friendly change facilities.

Council contributed \$253,000 towards the extensive project that included extending the stadium's width to allow sufficient surrounds for the basketball court and installing a new sprung wooden playing surface.

A \$2.26 million grant through the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Program was also required to complete the project, demonstrating the need for assistance from higher levels of government for council to meet future equitable access requirements.

"Over many years, council with the support of funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, has been investing in improving facilities that support female participation," a council spokesperson said.

The new Leongatha netball courts, and changeroom renewal at Korumburra City Soccer Club are other projects that have boosted the shire's facilities for women and girls.

Korumburra Bena's netball players and their opponents look forward to construction of another court when funding is secured.

Presently, netballers at the home of the Giants have to warm up on a dilapidated indoor court located in the Show Pavilion, with the facility having just one outdoor competition-standard court.

The Giants grants officer Nadine Smith recently outlined the dire state of the indoor court.

"It doesn't have the required three-metre run off, it's got holes in it and is slippery," she said.

South Gippsland Shire Council is conscious of the need to go beyond boosting infrastructure to provide fair sports access for all, acknowledging that appropriate policies and procedures are also required.





Inverloch's Josh Tomasi looks forward to earning court time in the NBL.

# Inverloch basketballer earns NBL shot with JackJumpers

INVERLOCH raised Josh Tomasi earned his shot at NBL basketball with Tasmania's JackJumpers, standing out from a field of contenders for the single available development player spot.

The 22-year-old brings the experience of representing Minnesota's St Cloud State University for a couple of years.

After returning to Australia, Tomasi took time to decide what he wanted to do, relishing the chance to share his knowledge with young local basketballers.

"During that time I was coaching kids in Inverloch and working at Paul the Pie-man, and I was invited to come down to Tasmania to try out for the development player spot," he said.

Out of 110 applicants, 25 were invited to attend trials.

He was up against other young guys from Australia and New Zealand, some of whom had also played college basketball, and some having NBL experience.

"I've always wanted to play professional basketball and I was just waiting for the right opportunity, and it pretty much presented itself to me," Tomasi said.

His determination stood out during trials, highlighted by his willingness to hustle to get the ball.

"The feedback I got was that I was just really hungry," he said, adding that little things he did caught the eyes of those in charge, like his willingness to scramble to keep the ball in play.

Tomasi is now contracted to the JackJumpers and is hopeful of getting court time this season, saying his size and the way he plays makes that a realistic goal.

At 208cm tall and weighing in around 110 kilos, combined with his competitive spirit, Josh provides a strong physical presence close to the basket in defence, or attack.

JackJumpers head coach Scott Roth has expressed the view that Tomasi is definitely in the running to play this year.

While confident in his ability to contribute, Tomasi knows

he has to work hard to break into the team, making it clear he needs to stand out.

"It's about how you apply yourself every day and whether you are someone who is consistently challenging the older experienced guys, or you are just part of the drills?"

Tomasi said that while college basketball is a high standard, the NBL is a big step up, with the league having improved significantly in recent years.

He said basketball is now his job and he needs to meet high standards of professionalism.

Tomasi said Roth has made it clear he is not looking for superstars but rather a team of people who play their roles.

"He wants guys who know what they can do well and execute that well," Tomasi said.

While his mentality in college was geared towards scoring, Tomasi realises he will play a different part in an NBL side.

"You're not the one-man show anymore and I'm more focused on the little things, getting rebounds or good passes, good screens," he said.

Tomasi is excited to be learning from Roth who played and coached in the NBA.

Although keen to earn court time, Tomasi said that as a development player that is not of paramount importance as long as he continues to improve and work towards long term success.

While looking to make an impact on the professional stage, he is excited to have had the opportunity to help foster young basketballers in Inverloch.

"In South Gippsland, basketball's not really a sport kids are seeing as a pathway," he said.

Tomasi believes the kids were able to relate to him because he's young, and were excited to see him sign with an NBL team.

"I think it's important they see someone doing something different to the typical career in South Gippsland," he said.



Tooradin-Dalmore star and former Collingwood midfielder Brent Macaffer claimed West Gippsland's highest individual honour last Thursday night, winning the league best and fairest. B01\_3622

# West Gippsland crowns its best

By Aiden Box

THE West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) capped off their first completed season since 2019, crowning this year's best and fairest players in each grade.

After almost two hours, the senior vote count finally kicked off and it was Brent Macaffer of Tooradin-Dalmore leading after 13 rounds with 20 votes with Cameron Pedersen of Phillip Island, Eamon Trigg of Nar Nar Goon and Oscar Toussaint of Inverloch-Kongwak just behind with 15.

As many predicted, it was the clash of the titans in the final stretch as former AFL stars Pedersen and Macaffer went head-to-head for the crown Pedersen has won two years running.

Ultimately it was the Seagulls' superstar recruit claiming the WGFNC best and fairest award with 25 votes, just etching out Kilcunda-Bass ruckman Dale Gawley who made a huge late season charge with 22 votes and Pedersen on 20 votes.

The much-awaited A grade leader board had Ally Johnson of Bunyip with on top with 21 votes at the 14-round mark, closely followed by Renee Pilkington of IK on 19.

It then went down to the wire, Pilkington had taken the lead by a single vote with two rounds left and a best on court performance against Warragul in round 17 saw her lead increase to two with as Johnson could only manage two votes.

It came down to the final round and another two-vote game to Johnson just wasn't enough as Pilkington's one vote against Nar Nar Goon sealed her second WGFNC best and



Inverloch-Kongwak star defender Renee Pilkington claimed her second league best and fairest award, following her win in 2019. B02\_3622

fairest, after winning it in 2019.

In the other football counts, plenty of different players got themselves on the board.

In the reserves football count, it was Jarrod Hamling of Nar Nar Goon leading Jordan Tomas of IK and Luke Foreman of Cora Lynn with four rounds to go.

But in the end, it was Foreman coming away with the win after a strong back half of the season, with 26 votes outdoing Hamling and Tomas who held on to finish second and third.

The Under 18s proved to be another interesting count with Ben Sellings of Tooradin-Dalmore pulling away with a 23 vote victory over Oliver Sail of Cora Lynn.

In the fourths division, it was another tight

count, with Alixsander Tauru of Warragul and Max Donohue of Korumburra-Bena each on 14 votes at round 14.

It was eventually Donohue who broke away the winner with 24 votes, after a stunning season through the midfield for the Giants who have come from nowhere this finals series.

The other netball vote counts also produced some close finishes.

The B grade count had Taylor Beck of Nar Nar Goon leading after 13 rounds with 22 votes, with Emma Felsovary of Phillip Island on 17, Beck eventually won with 28 votes, edging out Felsovary on 25.

At round 14 in the C grade count it was IK duo Liza Burrows and Sam Hume leading with

17 and Hume and Steph Krainer of Phillip Island tying for the medal with 28 votes apiece.

The D grade netball count saw some high voters at the 14-round mark, Cindy Boyd took it out with 30 votes, overrunning Emma Main of Dalyston with 28.

Under 17s was a tough tight count with a number of girls polling well, Lainey Downie was out in front and with only four votes separated the top five going into the final round, it ended in a three-way tie.

Lainey Downie of Bunyip, Felicity Fox of Korumburra-Bena and Chantelle Stokkel from Koo Wee Rup were each awarded best and fairest with 24 votes.

Under 15s netball was a tight count with Giant Mackenna Whiteside fighting it out with Bulldog Maya Huther.

With just one vote in it going into round 18, where the Bulldogs and Giants played off.

Neither polled a vote, handing the award to Huther who maintained her one vote lead, winning it with 27.

In the under 13s netball, it was Nar Nar Goon's Tiahli Dedigama pulling away from Phillip Island's Aisha Hibbert and Tooradin-Dalmore's Lilly Csinski with a remarkable 45 vote victory.

For the under 11s netball division, Ciara Santorini of Phillip Island claimed the best and fairest honours with 24 votes, storming home to top Ashlee Spark of IK in second and Kealey Trewavis of Kilcunda-Bass in third.

The winners will receive their trophies and medallions at the league's presentation night, along with the various other awards.





Caroline Wilson is calling for Kevin Sheedy to remove himself from the club's board. Photo: AAP Image/Joel Carrett

## Wilson calls for Sheedy to remove himself from Essendon board

CAROLINE Wilson has called for Essendon great Kevin Sheedy to remove himself from the club's board.

Sheedy has been a key player in the turmoil at the club in recent months, including the removal of president Paul Brasher, upheaval at board level, the sacking of Ben Rutten and the failed pursuit of Alastair Clarkson.

Wilson believes the four-time premiership coach's position on the board does

**By Nic Negrepontis**

more harm than good.

"Kevin Sheedy needs to get off the board (for a cultural shift at Essendon to happen)," she told the Don't Shoot the Messenger podcast.

"I know I am sounding a bit cruel. Kevin Sheedy is one of my heroes. He is an Australian Football legend ... but putting him on the board was a mistake. It was yet another quick fix and PR

stunt really, which I think the board would now admit was a mistake.

"It's going to be difficult unwinding (the mistake) like so many of the issues they've got to unwind, but I just don't think you put a football hero on a board.

"It just creates more unnecessary factions. Kevin has been slightly pro the prospect of James Hird returning, I think that would be a really bad idea.

"I think they need an experienced coach, not someone who hasn't worked fully in footy for six years until this year and I think they need a board without football people.

"They don't need football directors and they need to stop looking back and start looking forward."

Essendon is currently in the process of finding its next senior coach, with head of football Josh Mahoney leading the sub-committee.

## "Massive coup": AFL legend to play match for NT club

**By Alex Zaia**

AFL legend Gary Ablett Jr will play a game for NTFL side Palmerston Football Club in November.

The NT News understands the dual Brownlow Medallist and eight-time All-Australian will play against St Mary's at Cazalys Arena on November 18.

The former Geelong and Gold Coast superstar will also be part of an official Palmerston club function.

Palmerston said in a club statement on its Facebook page: "To have Gary and family here as part of the football community is a massive coup for the club, and so exciting for our NTFL competition."

Ablett called time on his decorated AFL career after Geelong's Grand Final loss to Richmond in 2020. The champion midfielder played 357 games for the Cats and Suns, winning two premierships with the former and a total of six best and fairest awards.

Magpies junior and Ablett's former Geelong teammate, Matthew Stokes, is said to have organised the game. Former Carlton and Adelaide small forward Eddie Betts played for Palmerston in July.

## Four Bulldogs players sign new deals

**By Alex Zaia**

FOUR Western Bulldogs players have signed contract extensions. The Bulldogs announced that premiership player Toby McLean, Riley Garcia, Cody Raak and Robbie McComb have all inked new deals.

McLean, Raak and McComb have signed on until the end of 2023, while Garcia has agreed on two-year extension that ties him to club until the end of 2024.

Bulldogs GM of List and Recruiting Sam Power told the club's website: "Toby has been with us for eight seasons and has faced a lot of adversity throughout his AFL journey.

"He is a very respected teammate across the group and has provided fantastic support to the entire program during the rehabilitation of his knee injury over the past 12 months.

"This extension is great reward for his perseverance and effort across two challenging seasons and we look forward to seeing Toby continue in the red, white and blue.

"Riley, Robbie and Cody are all part of our future at the club, and we're thrilled to see these players sign on at the Bulldogs.

"Each of these individuals have shown attributes, both on and off field, that will hold them in good stead heading into the next stage of their AFL careers."

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MIRBOO NORTH'S  
A GRADE  
NETBALLERS

are ready to go for this week's grand final against Toora and will be looking to give it their best.



**Jessie Holland (GS)**  
Experienced finals player who is accurate from anywhere in the circle. She will keep doing anything to get her team over the line.



**Ebony Best (GA)**  
Inspiring coach who leads by example. A force to be reckoned with under the post and in the whole attacking end.



**Dani Blair (WA)**  
The league's WA of the year. She sets up our attacking end, is a beautiful mover and feeder, to always find her goalers.



**Abby Forrester (C)**  
Will not stop running all day. Her speed and determination will inspire her teammates. Great in defence and attack.



**Louisa Pratt (WD)**  
Will be tagging her WA all game, but also looking for some big intercepts down the court. She is a work horse.



**Emily Taylor - c (GD)**  
Will lead from the front and won't stop running all day. She will pull in intercepts and rebounds when the team needs.



**Christina Stoeterbecker (GK)**  
The smiling assassin of the team will be looking to cut off entry to the circle. Will fly for intercepts and pull in any rebounds.



**Mikaeli Hilliar (Emergency)**  
Very smart versatile player who can play defence or attack.



**Aleisha Loh (Emergency)**  
Consistent goaler with plenty of finals experience.



Mirboo North's D Grade are off to the grand final, (back) Dana Eaves, Kat Smith, Connie Giardina, Katie Symmons, Lilly Walker and Steph McKay; (front) Sydney Blackshaw, Tianna McClure and Kirsty Richardson.



Tiana Blackwood (C - Under 17) goes for the pass outside the goal circle in Poowong's tight match. Photo: Jeff Tull



Poowong U17s WA Emma Henshall grabs the ball in Saturday's tight game against Trafalgar. Photo: Jeff Tull



Toora A Grade took away the win in the preliminary final against Yinnar in a tight competition. Z17\_3622



LEONGATHA

**A GRADE:** THE first quarter was goal for goal against Morwell who we are yet to beat. We rolled into the second quarter with Morwell finding a quick 8 goal lead.

Continuous hard work and determination for the ball got the girls back within 5 goals.

Lots of changes across the defence end, trying to find gaps in the oppositions attack. A few screaming intercepts from the backline brought back possession.

The last half brought more changes across the court and the Parrots had to work incredibly hard to slow down Morwell and finish off their plays.

They lost the game by 14 goals, meaning they play for their last chance to reach the grand final next week.

Leongatha 44 def by Morwell 58

**B GRADE:** An incredible quick start from B grade, during the first two goals without a fuss. Moe stepped into the game and tried to keep up with the speed of the Parrots, keeping the range of only a few goals in the first quarter.

For the rest of the game, the Parrots continued to kick up a gear with their speed across the whole court and hunger for the ball.

The last half was full of tips and scraps that fell in the Parrot's favour as they made the most of every high ball to contend with fingertips.

The B graders finished the game 5 goals ahead and now walk straight into the grand final.

Leongatha 35 def Moe 30

**C GRADE:** C grade came out firing from the first whistle, creating turnovers and taking intercepts from early in the game. They played a fantastic four quarters, applying strong defensive pressure across the court.

The attacking end worked tirelessly, feeding the ball into the goalers, keeping them in front of Maffra for majority of the game. C grade did a wonderful job of backing one another and they worked as a team to get the win, which has secured them a spot in the Grand Final.

Leongatha 34 def Maffra 31

**SUNDAY – UNDER 15S:** Maffra came out firing, with a strong and vocal supporter base they showed why they were top of the ladder for the season. Our girls fought all day and came back time and time again but, in the end, couldn't get ahead.

The girls should be so proud of the season they've had and how far they've come.

Leongatha 41 def by Maffra 46

WEST GIPPSLAND

By Aiden Box

THE day's elite action wasn't saved just for the football field, as the Dalyston courts had their fair share of belters too.

**A GRADE:** As Bunyip waited to see who they'd come up

against in the Grand Final, IK and Tooradin-Dalmore battled it out in front of a big crowd at Dalyston.

Following some ebbs and flows, IK took a slim lead into the final change, coming out firing on all cylinders in the final term to blow out to an 11-point win.

The win now sets the Sea Eagles up for a rematch of the Second Semi Final with Bunyip, in what shapes to be an unmissable contest between the league's best at 2:45pm on Saturday in Garfield.

**B GRADE:** In an absolute boilover Nar Nar Goon has defeated the minor premiers and heavily touted flag favourites Bunyip, by seven points.

The Goon will now face Tooradin-Dalmore in the decider who will be looking for back-to-back premierships while the Goon are into their first WGFNC Grand Final.

**C GRADE:** With the Sea Eagles already securing their spot in the big dance, they watched on as Bunyip and Cora Lynn played off for a chance to join them.

In an unusual result for the day's action, the Bulldogs pulled off a resounding 30-point drubbing of the Cobras to earn themselves another shot at the Sea Eagles in the premiership decider.

**D GRADE:** The D grade match followed the script of the day well as Bunyip awaited to see who their Grand Final challenger would be between IK and Nar Nar Goon.

With the minor premier Sea Eagles trailing by eight points at the half, they needed to muster a comeback to keep their title dreams alive.

They went on a miraculous run to win by four points, a 13-point turnaround setting up a date with the Bulldogs in Garfield.

**UNDER 17s:** In the under 17s, Phillip Island got the better of Korumburra-Bena, winning their way into the Grand Final by seven-points to face the strong Dalyston line up.

Unfortunately for the Giants, it's a straight sets exit, as the Bulldogs move on to their second WGFNC under 17s Grand Final, looking to claim their first flag in the division, while the Magpies look for their second.

**UNDER 15s:** In the under 15s, it was Korumburra-Bena winning their way into the Grand Final, proving to be too good for IK.

Unfortunately for the Sea Eagles the loss spells a straight sets exit, while the Giants continue their thrilling run into the decider against Phillip Island.

**UNDER 13s:** Phillip Island have convincingly beaten Cora Lynn in the under 13s grade, their 17-point win sees them through to the Grand Final where they will come up against Nar Nar Goon.

**UNDER 11s:** And finally, the young Sea Eagles under 11s have pulled off a brilliant 12-point win to earn themselves a spot in this year's Grand Final against Nar Nar Goon.



Laura Higgins makes good position between the two Morwell goalers to go after the intercept in Saturday's Second Semi-Final at Moe.



Leongatha's B Grade wing defence Jaclyn Smith makes progress down the court as difficult for her opponent as possible.



Sea Eagles centre Kelsey Buxton shone for her side, helping them secure a Grand Final berth. B06\_3622



Yinnar's Georgia Hutchinson with Toora's Natalie Griffin starting the preliminary final with fast and powerful play. Z19\_3622

MID GIPPSLAND

» PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Yinnar 45 lt Toora 47  
B Grade: Toora 46 d Morwell East 42  
C Grade: Yinnar 38 lt Newborough 39  
D Grade: Morwell East 29 lt Mirboo Nth 32  
17 & Under: Fish Crk 31 d Morwell East 29  
15 & Under: Boolarra 25 d Thorpdale 21  
13 & Under: Boolarra 19 lt Hill End 21

WEST GIPPSLAND

» PRELIMINARY FINAL

A Grade: Tooradin-Dal 29 lt Inverloch-K 40  
B Grade: NNG 47 d Bunyip 40  
C Grade: Cora Lynn 19 lt Bunyip 49  
D Grade: NNG 30 lt Inverloch-K 35  
17 & Under: P-Island 28 d Kor-Bena 21  
15 & Under: Kor-Bena 24 d Inverloch-K 15  
13 & Under: Cora Lynn 11 lt P-Island 20  
11 & Under: Tooradin-D 18 lt Inv-K 30

ELLINBANK

» 2ND SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Neerim South 44 d Nilma-Dar 31  
B Grade: Ellinbank 49 d Buln Buln 38  
C Grade: Ellinbank 36 lt Longwarry 40  
17 & Under: Trafalgar 41 d Poowong 39  
15 & Under: Longwarry 22 d Trafalgar 18  
13 & Under: Trafalgar 31 d Nyora 25

» 1ST SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Trafalgar 45 lt Ellinbank 49  
B Grade: Trafalgar 49 lt Nilma Darnum 52  
C Grade: Nilma-Dar 39 d Neerim South 27  
17 & Under: Ellinbank 34 lt Catani 36  
15 & Under: Buln Buln 21 lt Ellinbank 31  
13 & Under: Longwarry 30 d Yarragon 23

GIPPSLAND

» 2ND SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Morwell 58 d Leongatha 44  
B Grade: Leongatha 35 d Moe 30  
C Grade: Maffra 31 lt Leongatha 34  
17 & Under: Sale 39 d Traralgon 33  
15 & Under: Traralgon 27 lt Sale 36  
13 & Under: Sale 28 lt Traralgon 32

» 1ST SEMI FINAL

A Grade: Moe 69 d Wonthaggi 54  
B Grade: Traralgon 52 d Morwell 40  
C Grade: Morwell 30 d Traralgon 22  
17 & Under: Wonthaggi 29 lt Drouin 37  
15 & Under: Maffra 46 d Leongatha 41  
13 & Under: Bairnsdale 26 lt Wonthaggi 35

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

» MID GIPPSLAND

**Grand Final at Morwell East Saturday, September 10**  
A Grade: Mirboo North v Toora  
B Grade: Mirboo North v Toora  
C Grade: MDU v Newborough  
D Grade: Yinnar v Mirboo North  
17 & Under: MDU v Fish Creek  
15 & Under: Yinnar v Boolarra  
13 & Under: Mirboo North v Hill End

» WEST GIPPSLAND

**Grand Final at Garfield Saturday, September 10**  
A Grade: Bunyip v Inverloch-Kongwak  
B Grade: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon  
C Grade: Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip  
D Grade: Bunyip v Inverloch-Kongwak  
17 & Under: Dalyston v Phillip Island  
15 & Under: Phillip Island v Kor-Bena  
13 & Under: NNG v Phillip Island  
11 & Under: NNG v Inverloch-Konwak

» ELLINBANK

**Preliminary Final at Nilma-Darnum Saturday, September 10**  
A Grade: Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank  
B Grade: Buln Buln v Nilma Darnum  
C Grade: Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum  
17 & Under: Poowong v Catani  
15 & Under: Trafalgar v Ellinbank  
13 & Under: Nyora v Longwarry

» GIPPSLAND

**Preliminary Final at Morwell Saturday, September 10**  
A Grade - Leongatha v Moe  
B Grade - Moe v Traralgon  
C Grade - Maffra v Morwell  
17 & Under - Traralgon v Drouin  
15 & Under - Traralgon v Maffra  
13 & Under - Sale v Wonthaggi



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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

>> 2ND SEMI FINAL

 **49**  **34**

BULN BULN		NEERIM SOUTH			
Buln Buln	5.2	6.4	7.7	7.7	(49)
Neerim South	0.2	1.4	4.5	4.10	(34)

**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Samuel Langford 2, Hayden Baker, Robert Mccallum, Matthew Stevens, Jack Symes, Nathan Tutton 1 each  
**BEST:** Trent Baker, Matthew Gray, Brandon Allen, Matthew Stevens, Thomas Axford, Jake Herbel  
**GOALS, Neerim South:** Declan Bagot, Lachlan Bambridge, Tyssen Morrow, Chris Urie 1 each  
**BEST:** Lachlan Guy, Cooper Clancy, Kody Wilson, Brock Dorling, Matthew Edwards, Nicholas Caddy

**RESERVES**

Ellinbank	2.3	2.3	4.6	5.6	(36)
Neerim South	0.1	2.6	2.7	4.9	(33)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** David Miller, Jaxon Notman, Mathew Robertson 1 each  
**BEST:** Andrew Quirk, David Miller, Jacob Walker, Lachlan Cove, Sam Barwick  
**GOALS, Neerim South:** Rhys George, Eddie McGillivray, Harry Notman, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar 1 each  
**BEST:** Christian Robertson-Edgar, Matthew Kelliher, Toby Bayne, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Justin Lockett, Adam White

**THIRDS**

Neerim south	2.0	4.1	8.1	11.2	(68)
Longwarry	2.3	6.3	8.4	10.5	(65)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Matthew Roberts 4, Jack Haley, Chad Owen 2, Riley Ferguson, Aden Guy, Ayden Ramm 1 each  
**BEST:** Tom Zeldenryk, Ayden Ramm, Matthew Roberts, William Johnson, Riley Ferguson  
**GOALS, Longwarry:** Dominic Keane 4, Tyler van der Heyden 2, Cooper Brown, Jason Comley, Lachie Spinks, Bradley Yeo 1 each  
**BEST:** Lachie Spinks, Cooper Brown, Ned Ashton, Josh Downes, Dominic Keane, Harrison Colvin

**FOURTHS**

Longwarry	4.5	5.6	8.9	12.9	(81)
Yarragon	0.0	1.1	2.1	5.3	(33)

**GOALS, Longwarry:** Kai Withers 4, Charlie Townley, Tyler van der Heyden 2, Cooper Brown, Josh Downes, Jaxon Huston, Aidan Weekes 1 each  
**BEST:** Josh Downes, Cooper Brown, Cody McInnes, Charlie Townley, Kai Withers, Seth Hudson  
**GOALS, Yarragon:** Darcy Paul 3, Ji Doyle, Liam Smith-Butterworth 1 each  
**BEST:** Andrew Daly, Joshua Mills, Darcy Paul, Bailey Fallon, Jack Keeble

>> 1ST SEMI FINAL

 **97**  **72**

ELLINBANK		TRAFALGAR			
Ellinbank	5.1	8.3	13.4	15.7	(97)
Trafalgar	5.2	7.6	8.10	10.12	(72)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Timothee Mashado 3, Adamson cook, Nathaniel Paredes 2, Jake Dean, Shaun Phelan, Daniel Risol 1 each  
**BEST:** Ben Wragg, Michael Urie, Timothee Mashado, Shaun Phelan, Adamson Cook  
**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Mathew Devon 3, Damian Mann 2, Darcy Brock, Dylan Farrell, Blake Radford, Matthew Swenson, Samuel Wyatt 1 each  
**BEST:** Mitch Virtue, Mathew Devon, Chris Kyriacou, Jace Butler, Connor Noonan, Dylan Farrell

**RESERVES**

Buln Buln	1.7	4.11	5.19	6.24	(60)
Trafalgar	1.2	3.2	4.2	5.5	(35)

**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Ricky McKerrow, Brent Waddell 2, Jake Baker, Chris Sharpe 1 each  
**BEST:** Brendan Wall, Josh Bloink, Thomas Park, Simon Dawson, Jake Baker, Corey Jagoe  
**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Daniel Puglia 3, Karl Mutke, Blake Zimora 1 each  
**BEST:** Benjamin Doran, Harrison Malady, Adrian Romano, Mitchell Smart, Brady Heywood, Greg Kneebone

**THIRDS**

Ellinbank	0.1	3.5	5.5	9.7	(61)
Buln Buln	1.2	3.3	7.3	7.3	(45)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Will O'Brien 5, Billy Aldist, Liam Lisle 2 each  
**BEST:** Xavier Vanlangenberg, Jack Champion, Billy Aldist, Thomas Bingham, Will O'Brien, Jonty Kennedy  
**GOALS, Buln Buln:** Bailey Leatham, Hugh Nakamura, Logan Wallmeyer 2, Daniel Axford 1  
**BEST:** Dougall Wright, Hugh Nakamura, Matthew Cahill, Aiden Smythe, Logan Wallmeyer, Will Battley

**FOURTHS**

Ellinbank	0.0	1.1	2.2	4.2	(26)
Neerim South	0.1	1.2	1.3	2.7	(19)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Will O'Brien 2, Blake Handley, Jordan Lewis 1 each  
**BEST:** Luke Callewaert, Lucas Tyrrell, Luke Carbon, Ripley Pyle, Caleb Kriesl, Archie Martel  
**GOALS, Neerim South:** Patrick Sheehan 2  
**BEST:** Isaac Guy, Patrick Sheehan, Max Williams, Kyson Cornwall, Samuel Ladds, Nate Chandler



Tarwin reserves took away the win against Newborough in Yinnar on Saturday in a close contest. Z12\_3622

# Sharks show bite to reach grand final

TARWIN and Newborough fought tooth and nail for a grand final berth, with the Sharks dominant final stanza in the preliminary final earning them a shot at glory.

Little separated the sides at any of the breaks, with Tarwin just 7 points ahead at the last change.

However, in what was a low-scoring match, the Sharks charged home with 4.3(27) to 1.1(7) to prevail by 27 points.

Ryan Waddell was among the best for the winning side, topping the day's goalkicking list with four majors.

Two of those came in the last term, including an accurate long-range set shot.

Cameron was Tarwin's best for the match, edging out ruckman Harrison Cumming for that honour.

Conditions were heavy, with Tarwin playing coach Tom

Giroud feeling that suited the Sharks who have older stronger bodied midfielders than Newborough.

While little separated the sides for most of the day, the Sharks improved their efficiency when the game was on the line in the last term.

"We were doing a lot right in the first three quarters and we ended up getting cleaner with our ball use going into our forwards and started to hit those targets that we were missing earlier," Giroud said.

The Sharks overcame a second quarter yellow card that left them a player short for quarter of an hour.

Tarwin's players got through the game in good shape, with the Sharks set to field a strong side in Saturday's grand final against the powerful Toora outfit.

The Sharks enter the decider

as underdogs, having been soundly beaten by the Magpies in the sides' two home and away clashes this season.

However, Tarwin will have a much different side to that which lost to Toora by 97 points in round 17.

Giroud has had to draw on over 50 players thus far this season to reach the grand final, with a number of Sharks stepping up to senior level at times when the senior side was missing some of its usual players.

"It's been a massive club effort," he said of the success achieved to this point.

Giroud paid tribute to senior coach Troy Hemming for his excellent recruiting ahead of this season, saying it has created depth across the board.

The reserves coach is under no illusions about the magnitude of the task this weekend

against a Toora side that has lost just once in 2022.

"They've got a strong, balanced side with talent on every line," Giroud said.

However, he believes Tarwin's ability to string together three hard fought finals wins to reach the grand final will stand it in good stead.

Shark Cumming was outstanding in the ruck throughout the preliminary final and his duel against Toora ruck star Lukas Jenkins will go along way to determining the premier.

"He's a workhorse and gets to every contest," Giroud said of Cumming.

Jenkins excelled for Toora in its qualifying final win over Newborough.

Dyson was Toora's best player in its qualifying final win.

Tarwin 9.10(64) def Newborough 5.7(37)

## Newborough and Yinnar ready for the final showdown

By Rob Popplestone

THE Mid Gippsland Football Netball League 2022 competition has without question, been the most even in memory, where the competitiveness on a week-to-week basis has demanded the very best from coaches, clubs and players alike.

The makeup of the final six was not determined until the final minutes of the home and away season and the finals in recent weeks have produced results hard to foresee.

The obvious example of that has been the winning run of the Yinnar football club, whose run of success started some weeks from the finals but continued impressively right up until the most important week of the year...Grand Final week!

Both clubs have been prepared so brilliantly even given their respective paths to the big day have been so different.

Here's what the coaches had to say on the upcoming final this weekend.

**Craig Skinner -**

**Newborough coach:**

"You couldn't get two contrasting entries to a grand final, Yinnar have played four finals to get to a grand final and with a last game bye we

have played one.

"The style of footy will be different and body size and shape is also different. The preparation for games and training would also be poles apart but the one thing that will be guaranteed is a fierce contest.

"We respect Tac Taylor and his team; it has been a good story.

"We have built a style and belief amongst Newborough boys born at the club; they will only accept one outcome.

"Nobody deserves more reward for effort than Jibba Ainsworth and our story has also been a good read, but final chapter, we will write ourselves."

**Daniel Taylor -**

**Yinnar coach:**

"Obviously we're stoked to be playing in the grand final this weekend against Newborough.

"They've got a lot of quality players right across the board, they're coached very well and they play for each other which is the main ingredient to be a successful team at this time of the year. "Newborough have been in dominant form for a long time now,

they deserve to be favourites and we know they're going to be hard to beat.

"One thing I will say about my boys is we've had our backs to the wall for six weeks now and have loved every minute of it, the boys are playing a great brand of hard team first finals football."

Excited, but nervous, as confident as you can be whilst respectful for your opponent is what both grand final coaches are, but what do the remaining MGFNL coaches believe will unfold this Saturday?

**Troy Hemming -**

**Tarwin coach:**

My tip is Yinnar by 14 points, they have a great balance of experience and excitement.

**Peter Harris - MDU coach:**

Newborough have been a consistent performer all year and Yinnar have hit their straps at the right time. Newborough to get up in a close one due to Mitchell kicking a bag.

**Sam Davies - Foster coach:**

All the best to Craig and Daniel - we aren't surprised this is the final match up.

Hard watching Yinnar go through after week one, the boys are still flat knowing the

path we would've been on. I heard Shiels may have done his hammy on the weekend, that puts the ball well and truly in Newborough's court. Play Pearce deep, Mitchell high and Stanlake as a big bodied mid and it'll be 3-4 goal victory to the dogs.

**Jay Accardi - Stony Creek coach:**

Yinnar in a tight one. I think both teams are the two best drilled outfits in the competition so it's fitting they play off, but Yinnar just, for me!

**Josh Taylor -**

**Mirboo North coach:**

Tough one mate. I think if Yinnar isn't too battered and bruised and Cal Shiels gets up for the game, I think they can win. They have looked pretty slick the last few weeks and I think that continuity and momentum is a huge thing in finals footy. My tip is a draw and Yinnar after extra time.

**John Danckert -**

**Fish Creek coach:**

I thought Newborough were the best side we played this year, really good mix of on-ballers and dangerous forwards. Yinnar are flying at the moment, so it should be a cracking game of footy, but Newborough in a close one.





Tarwin's Jamie Cann slams to the ground against Yinnar's Jack Deen, resulting in a goal for Tarwin. Z25\_3622



Tarwin's Cooper McInnes takes down Yinnar's Jack Deen in a powerful tackle, ending with a free kick to Yinnar. Z23\_3622

# Mighty Sharks go down to Magpies

AS GOOD as some players, and indeed some teams have been throughout the 2022 season, it is always around this time of year that reputations can be made or lost.

Performing in the big games, in the big finals is what good footballers and great teams do.

The league had welcomed six former Alberton League clubs into the Mid Gippsland competition in recent years making it 13 teams strong.

But it was only this season after the dreaded COVID pandemic that provided the first opportunity to reach a Grand Final.

Newborough had already booked their place in the big dance, and there was strong support for Tarwin to fly the flag for those who had for so long followed football in South Gippsland.

**Sharks go down**

The questions on most football fan's lips prior to the weekend's preliminary final,

**By Rob Popplestone**

centred around whether even Tarwin, the team that sat atop the MGFNL ladder for almost every week of the year could stop the unbelievable run of success enjoyed by Yinnar over the past month and a half.

The Magpies may have fallen into sixth spot on the back of some lucky results, but there was no doubting their belief that they deserved to be where they were.

"Another outstanding performance by the boys, we came in with a plan to put it on Tarwin early as we thought they'd be feeling the pressure, to their credit they came out firing and really put the pressure on us early," said Daniel Taylor, Yinnar coach.

"We settled and worked ourselves into the game and went in at quarter time probably lucky to be within a kick.

"After quarter time the boys got to work and really started to dominate the game, our

tackling pressure was right up which was led by the mid-field group, and then our decision making and ball use going forward was fantastic.

"It was just another really good team effort right across the board which is what you need at this time of year to win big games of footy.

"Really happy and proud of the boys' effort, we've had our backs to the wall a lot this season but the character, fight and determination the group has shown all season has been second to none.

"I also want to give a shout out to Troy and the Tarwin boys, they're a really good team and Troy's done a really good job to get them to the pointy end of the season in his first year at the club."

The result was obviously not what the Sharks wanted, but for a young group the potential is obvious to the coach of the year.

"Yinnar just had a little bit more experience than us, they have a lot of quality players,"

said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach.

"We made some critical errors in bad areas of the ground. Ben Ellen, our captain left everything on field and shows why he is captain of the team of the year.

"Noah Hickman fought hard all day! We are a very young group and it's been a privilege to coach these boys this year."

It can be heartbreaking for a side that finishes on top and then is bundled out in straight sets.

But this year like no other, the margin for error that determines a win or loss is so small that you might not have lost but just been behind when the final siren has gone.

As good as the entire season has been, you cannot help but be excited at what lies ahead on Saturday, September 10, at the Morwell East football ground as Newborough now prepare to take on Yinnar.

## Tigers ready to shine in final's this weekend

MIRBOO North Football Netball Club features in five of the 10 Mid Gippsland grand final footy and netball fixtures at Ronald Reserve Morwell East this Saturday, September 10.

**Mirboo North's Appointments:**

- 13s netball: MN v Hill End 8.00 am.
- Thirds football: MN v MDU 10.30 am.
- D Grade netball: MN v Yinnar 11.10 am.
- B Grade netball: MN v Toora 1.20pm.
- A Grade netball: MN v Toora 2.45 pm.

**by Rover**

Mirboo North also won the 2022 MGNFL Cliff Greenwood Memorial Club Championship, among the 13 clubs for most wins across all grades of football and netball this season.

The mighty Tigers' Hudson Kerr and Liam Nash were included in MGFNL's 2022 football team of the year, with Danielle Blair selected in Mid Gippsland's best A Grade netball side.

MNFNC's Nick Cummaudo

took out the MGFNL thirds under 18 best and fairest award, and Kat Smith was announced as the league's D Grade netball winner by seven votes.

Mirboo North's Jayne Blackford won the MGFNL C Grade goal shooter's award with 382 hoops for the season, and finished runner-up in the league's best and fairest award.

Large numbers of Mirboo North's yellow and black army of supporters are expected to travel to Morwell

East to watch the Tigers in action.

A pall of sadness has enveloped the club following the recent sudden passing of long time stalwart, servant and organiser, Bernice Snell, whose funeral will take place this Friday at Mirboo North's St Joseph's Catholic Church at 10.00am.

Afterwards, food and refreshments will be available for funeral goers at Mirboo North's W J Tuck Recreation Reserve Tigerland headquarters.

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	YINNAR		TARWIN
Yinnar	2.1	7.4	11.8 16.10 (106)
Tarwin	3.0	5.0	7.1 10.4 (64)

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Harrison McColl, Blake Van Der Meer 3, Ben Cheffers, Ned Marsh, Stuart Patten, Calum Sheils 2, Sebastian Famularo, Jarrod Henderson 1 each

**BEST:** Harrison McColl, Ben Cheffers, Ned Marsh, Blake Van Der Meer, Matt Dyke, Brendan Chapman

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Travis Kitchin, Cooper McInnes, Julian Patterson 2, Nick Anderson, Jamie Cann, Ben Ellen, Jack Vanderkolk 1 each

**BEST:** Ben Ellen, Noah Bee-Hickman, Fergus Warren, Tyson Hanegraaf, Nathan McRae, Nick Anderson

**RESERVES**

Tarwin	1.2	3.3	5.7	9.10 (64)
Newborough	2.3	3.4	4.6	5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Ryan Waddell 4, Travis Cameron, Nick McRae 2, Bryce Litchfield 1

**BEST:** Travis Cameron, Harrison Cumming, Daniel Windsor, Max Dyball, Nicholas Anderson, Ryan Waddell

**GOALS, Newborough:** Lachlan Gilroy, James Grant, Warren Hester, Pat Jasper, Tyler Mander 1 each

**BEST:** Nathan Curtis, Warren Hester, Matthew Stringer, Tyler Mander, Robert Wilson, Bryce Drowley

**THIRDS**

MDU	2.0	3.1	7.3	9.6 (60)
Yinnar	4.1	4.5	5.9	8.11 (59)

**GOALS, MDU:** Jacob Whiteside 2, Rylan Bell, Thomas Burt, Eddie Colwill, Lachlan Hibberson, Timothy Hibberson, Angus McInnes, Rhys Weaver 1 each

**BEST:** Kayden Scrimshaw, Joel Leeden, Jacob Whiteside, Jarvis Lacy, Thomas Burt, Timothy Hibberson

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Ben Burrows, Luke Cheffers, Keegan Zielecki 2, Clancy Mills, Mack Rieniets 1 each

**BEST:** Zac Schill, Clancy Mills, Flynn Schill, Thomas Hoghton, Luke Cheffers, Ben Burrows

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

ELLINBANKPRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 10

Nilma Darnum Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Neerim South v Ellinbank

Reserves: Neerim South v Buln Buln

U18s: Longwarry v Ellinbank

U16s: Yarragon v Ellinbank

MID GIPPSLANDGRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 10

Morwell East Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Newborough v Yinnar

Reserves: Toora v Tarwin

U18s: Mirboo North v MDU





On the ball or up forward, Jesse Oldham was one of Maffra's best but the Parrots had an even contribution right across the board, including from Dylan Garnham.

## Polished Parrots go straight through

MAFFRA got away to fast start in the Reserves Semi-Final against Leongatha at Moe on Saturday with two goals in the opening minutes, one by fast-leading forward Jesse Oldham and the other to the experienced Daniel Stubbe.

But Leongatha came on strong halfway through the quarter with CHF Josh Schelling breaking the ice from distance, followed by goals to Tallin Brill, who was busy, and Tom Crocker from range after a nice lead-up mark.

In the second quarter Leongatha continued on from where they left off.

The start of the quarter was characterised by a huge hit on Dylan Garnham but he got up and dusted himself off and soon after the Parrots had another on the board, their fourth, possibly by Jacob Lamers.

Tallin Brill again marked strongly and made no mistake from 35 metres and the Parrots' defence turned out a possible reply by Maffra's Oldham.

Leongatha's Garnham had clearly recovered well from his knock and set up the next goal after a fine grab by Lachie Wright who made no mistake.

In the third quarter, Leongatha continued on with goals to Tallin Brill, Rhett Kelly, Steve Forrester and finally Tim Sauvarin who came up from defence to slot the team's 10th from long range.

There were to be no Maffra heroics with the Parrots shutting them down for two quarters on their way to a big 51-point lead.

Down back Leongatha was solid throughout with the likes of Tim Sauvarin, Steve Forrester, Darcy Hume, Rhett Kelly, Matt Borshman and Jarryd Stewart among those doing their jobs with a minimum of fuss.

Noah Clark, Levi Hickey, Jake Mackie and Kyle Brown were others to come under notice for the Parrots but there's was a terrific blend of talented youth and experience, exemplified by the way they switch out of defence and ran the ball coast-to-coast for a goal partway through the last quarter.

There are senior teams in the Gippsland League without those skills.

Final scores: Leongatha 13.7.85 defeated Maffra 3.4.22.



Leongatha coach Trent McMicking urged his players to maintain their intensity at the last change at Moe last Saturday.

## Parrots' coach relieved after 'brutal' contest

IT WAS a relieved Leongatha coach, Trent McMicking, who came out of a meeting with his match committee immediately after the sensational semi-final on Saturday, full of praise for the way both sides went about it on the day.

He spoke to the Sentinel-Times in the rooms afterwards...

• So, what did you think about the game today?

"Brutal. It was just a typical Wonthaggi-Leongatha contest-to-contest-to-contest, never-give-in, no-one's-ever-buried slugfest that was fair, hard and a really great execution of the game we play."

• Both defences did very well today. Do you give any particular credit to your fellas? Obviously, Matt Willcocks had a key role, Sean Westaway is

always terrific back there, but generally the defences were both very good?

"I thought, yeah, they were super. Willcocks was huge. I thought Forrester was good on the smalls. And credit to Wonthaggi, their intercept marking back there, like our forwards were, you know, they just couldn't bring it to ground. Reid was outstanding I thought for Wonthaggi and Lenehan, I haven't seen him play that well before. They were just able to absorb all our forward time. We had a lot of forward time, I thought, and Wonthaggi's defence was very good but yeah, it was just a defensive game, wasn't it?"

• And where in the end do you think you had an edge, not that there was much?

"In the midfield, just. I

thought Jake Van Der Pligt was enormous. I thought Kim Drew's first three quarters were terrific. Ben Willis battled all day and Justin Pellicano, I thought, when he went in there had his moments and obviously he kicked the first goal but it was just an arm-wrestle all day and somehow the luck's gone our way in the last minute with Reid missing the goal, unfortunately for them, but fortunately for us."

• Apart from Aaron Heppell, you didn't really have an obvious avenue to goal there today?

"No, we didn't, and I thought that was mainly due to their defence. I thought we had just as much, if not more forward half time, but their defence was terrific, and our forwards

just couldn't quite clunk it. We didn't take many marks in the forward half and that was a credit to Wonthaggi's defence."

• You had a terrific performance from your reserves today and there were a couple of standouts. Do you think there'll be anyone you'll be looking at leading up to the grand final?

"Yeah, I think definitely on the way we went today. Yeah, Tallin Brill was enormous, Tim Sauvarin, and then obviously we've got Ned Hanily who missed today and comes out of suspension. So, yes, there's plenty to think about, an enormous amount of work just to adjust to that style of game, I think for us, and we'll enjoy a week off again which is huge."

## What the Wonthaggi Power coach had to say post-match

EVEN minutes after the heart-breaking loss to Leongatha, on almost the last kick of the day on Saturday against Leongatha, Wonthaggi Power and its coach Jarryd Blair had already re-focussed on the next challenge.

He spoke to the Sentinel-Times after the game...

So, overall, what did you think of the game today?

"I just thought it was a good quality hit-out, two sides sort of fighting to the death, trying to get over the line. It was really good."

What are the main positives you take out of that?

"I think we take a fair bit of belief out of the game, knowing that turning up four quarters goes a long way to getting it done, but I think we'll take a lot of lessons out of it too. You know, they're a really quality side. So, we'll have a look at the tape and sort of see what we can take from it and spend a week trying to earn the right to have another crack at it."

Apart from Aaron Heppell for Leongatha, there were no really dominant forwards on the day. The defences of both sides were strong?

"Yeah, I think it was a game of



Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair stressed the basics at the last change on Saturday.

defence, contest after contest. You know, I think that's what we expected from Leongatha. They've got some big bodies in there who just like turning up and working hard. So yeah, it's always a pretty contested battle with these guys."

Did you single out any of your defenders for particular praise today?

"I thought they were all pretty solid. They're working really well as a unit and look to cover for each other when they need to. I don't think there was any one hero today, it was pretty solid across the board."

And you've all come through pretty well injury-wise?

"Yeah, I think we're all good." So, what's the main message

that you take forward?

"I think the main message is that we just focus on what's right in front of us, which is coming back over here tomorrow and supporting the Two's boys and then working through the week and making sure we're prepared for either Traralgon or Sale."



# Parrots kick on after semi scare

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It was quite some time before Leongatha could reply, such was the defensive pressure from Wonthaggi with the likes of Steve Scott, Shannon Bray and Kyle Reid, who took a number of telling grabs.

Ultimately, it was Justin Pellicano who incepted an errant defensive kick by Wonthaggi to open Leongatha's account with a calm shot at goal.

Leongatha finally started to get some clear air with the likes of Jake Van Der Pligt, Travis Nash, Cam Olden, Luke Bowman and Tom Marriott getting going and it was Jack Hume who capped off good lead-up work by Marriott, Maskell, Kim Drew and Cam Stone with a long, long shot for goal from outside 50.

But it was a tight, tough struggle with little space to work and plenty of hard hits and tackles as the teams went to the first break with nothing between them in general play. If anything, Wonthaggi probably had more possession but both defences were on top and there was constant pressure on the ball carriers.

The hero of Wonthaggi's qualifying win over Sale the previous week, Troy Harley, was being closely marked by Leongatha's Matt Willcocks and the returning forward, Jordan Staley couldn't seem to get his hands on the ball early, closely watched by Jackson Harry, but started working into form the further the match went.

Quarter time: Leongatha 2.1.13 leads Wonthaggi 1.3.9

The flavour of the game didn't change much early in the second quarter, with tackle after tackle, and stoppage after stoppage in a hard, grinding affair.

Luther Juric smothered the ball on the wing and Kim Drew got a rare clear possession after the throw in to get the ball forward to where Aaron Heppell had the front position in a pack situation. He was awarded the free, about 40 metres out, and stretched the lead to two goals.

Heppell was the standout forward on the day with four goals, but it could have been more if not for the efforts of Flynn Anderson and co.

Goals were hard to come by but repeat forward entries and relentless forward pressure by Leongatha ultimately got its reward. Tom Marriott broke clear with the ball off half back, hit Ben Willis who was taking a turn forward and he found Cam Olden who marked the high kick, turned his opponent inside out, and ran in for the breakthrough goal at the 19 minute mark - Leongatha by 20 points.

Wonthaggi responded though - Aiden Lindsay to Andrew Murray for the much-needed reply.

The ball pin-balled around and it seemed as if Leongatha would go to the long break with a useful lead but in a sensational twist, Leongatha's Nick Nagel bowled over Jack Blair after an initial misunderstanding about a free kick, and gave up two 50 metre penalties to Wonthaggi's Josh Bates on the wing, right on the stroke of half time, and he was marched right to the square for a goal.

Fifty metre penalties remained a feature of the day as the umpires put a firm stamp on what was potentially at least, a volatile encounter.

Seconds later, Andrew Murray earned a free kick for a high tackle, after Huther cleared it from the centre, and from 40 metres out he banged through a beauty on the siren to have the Power in front by one point as the players went to the rooms.

Half time: Wonthaggi 4.3.27 leading Leongatha 4.2.26.

And so it continued, a tough, hard, thrilling contest right to the wire, ultimately with Kyle Reid missing his late chance but there had been others earlier, like the one for Andrew Murray from a similar spot halfway through the last quarter.

So, it's onwards and upwards for both Leongatha and Wonthaggi, Leongatha into the grand final at Moe on September 17 and Wonthaggi with a second chance to renew hostilities with its near neighbour at Morwell this Saturday, September 10.

Final score 10.4.64 defeated Wonthaggi 9.6.60.

## Wonthaggi reserves season over

SALE proved too strong for Wonthaggi's reserves, ending Power's season, with the Magpies prevailing by 20 points on Sunday after little separated the sides at the long break.

While Sale did all the scoring in the first term it was unable to capitalise, registering just 1.5(11).

Both sides booted a couple of second quarter goals, with Power managing to trim the margin to seven points at halftime.

However, the Magpies took charge in the third stanza soaring to a 26-point advantage by the final change.

The Power players stuck at their task for the remainder of the game, booting two

goals to one.

Wonthaggi shared its goals around, with five Power players managing a goal apiece, but none kicked multiple majors.

In contrast, Sale had just four goal kickers, but three of those managed more than one major.

Jack Rietschel topped that list with three goals.

Despite the disappointment of consecutive finals defeats, including a narrow loss to Maffra, Wonthaggi's reserves compiled a commendable season, losing just one home and away match and finishing second on the ladder.

Wonthaggi 5.8(38)def by Sale 8.10(58)



Leongatha's Matt Willcocks takes a fine pack mark but it was Wonthaggi's (31) Jack Hutchinson who ultimately took the 'mark of the day' in the last quarter.



That kick! There it goes, the last-gasp shot by Wonthaggi Power to win it on Saturday, with only seconds on the clock, but the agonisingly close kick by Kyle Reid went wide and Leongatha hung on.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

>> 2ND SEMI FINAL

**64**

**60**

LEONGATHA	WONTHAGGI
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Leongatha	2.1	4.2	9.2	10.4 (64)
Wonthaggi	1.3	4.3	6.3	9.6 (60)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Aaron Heppell 4, Cameron Olden 2, Jack Hume, Nick Nagel, Justin Pellicano, Jake van der Pligt 1 each  
**BEST:** Jake van der Pligt, Ben Willis, Matt Willcocks, Kim Drew, Tom Marriott, Aaron Heppell  
**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Andrew Murray 3, Joshua Bates, Jack Blair, Darcy Brosnan, Harry Dawson, Troy Harley, Jack Hutchinson 1 each  
**BEST:** Jarryd Blair, Shannon Bray, Ryan Sparkes, Jack Hutchinson, Kyle Reid, Tom Davey

RESERVES	Leongatha	Maffra
	3.0 6.3 10.6 13.7 (85)	2.1 2.2 2.3 3.4 (22)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Tallin Brill 5, Rhett Kelly 2, Steve Forrester, Lachie Wright, Jacob Lamers, Joshua Schelling, Timothy Sauvarin, Tom Crocker 1 each  
**BEST:** Tallin Brill, Noah Clark, Jarrod Stewart, Levi Hickey, Jake Mackie, Kyle Brown  
**GOALS, Maffra:** Daniel Stubbe 2, Jesse Oldham 1  
**BEST:** Jesse Oldham, Charlie Driffield, Thomas Schacht, Jordan Stubbe, Joshua Stubbe, Sam Walker

THIRDS	Warragul	Maffra
	1.3 3.3 6.5 6.7 (43)	2.0 3.1 3.5 5.8 (38)

**GOALS, Warragul:** Liam Finnegan, Liam Serong 2, Kai MacLean, Tom Stern 1 each  
**BEST:** Vincent Kuol, Tom Stern, Nathan Whitten, Lane Ward, Patrick Carpenter, Liam Serong  
**GOALS, Maffra:** Darcy Davis 3, Shaymus Wain 1  
**BEST:** Zach Felsbourg, Jonathan Boyd, Darcy Davis, Jett Killoran, Lachlan Allman, Owen Gallagher

FOURTHS	Maffra	Traralgon
	2.4 6.5 8.6 11.7 (73)	2.2 3.3 5.6 10.9 (69)

**GOALS, Maffra:** Jayke Andrews 4, Jack McQuillen 3, Judd Burgiel 2, Harry Burgiel, Noah Christy 1 each  
**BEST:** Noah Christy, Ashton Wright, Nathan Giove, Harry Burgiel, Jayke Andrews  
**GOALS, Traralgon:** Riley Denovan 5, Ryan Peavey, Jake Zappulla 2, Hunter Little 1  
**BEST:** William Brent, Oakley Howe, Ethan Roscoe, Campbell Booth, Riley Denovan, Jake Zappulla,

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SALE	TRARALGON
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Sale	4.0	4.4	7.6	8.12 (60)
Traralgon	5.2	6.4	7.6	8.9 (57)

**GOALS, Sale:** Harry Ronchi 2, Jayden Allison, Jarrod Freeman, Kane Martin, Jack McLaren, Patrick Tainsh, Cooper Whitehill 1 each  
**BEST:** Cooper Whitehill, Jack McLaren, Jake Hutchins, Will Leslie, Harry Ronchi, Thomas Glenn  
**GOALS, Traralgon:** Brett Eddy 3, Matthew Northe 2, Jake Best, Troy Forrest, Joshua Hamilton 1 each  
**BEST:** Matthew Northe, Mark Collison, Hugh Dunbar, Tye Hourigan, Timothy Johnston, David Brinker-Ritchie

RESERVES	Sale	Wonthaggi
	1.5 3.6 7.8 8.10 (58)	0.0 2.5 3.6 5.8 (38)

**GOALS, Sale:** Jack Rietschel 3, Thomas Campbell, Joshua White 2, Zak Russell 1  
**BEST:** Jamie Sweeney, Jonty McGuinness, Nathan Whitford, Hayden Potts, Jack Rietschel, Joel Hector  
**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Blake Cornelis, Kane McCarthy, Dean Mcrae, Elliot Staley, Jaxon Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Joshua Schulz, Lachie Jones, Jye Gilmour, Riley Lindsay, Jake Barry, Elliot Staley

THIRDS	Bairnsdale	Drouin
	2.1 4.1 7.4 11.4 (70)	3.0 4.3 5.3 6.6 (42)

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Thomas Hudson 5, Jake Anderson 2, William Bromage, James Dore, Bryce Lind, Samuel Stewart 1 each  
**BEST:** Randall Stewart, William Bromage, Thomas Hudson, Tom Selleck, Charlie Mann, Cassidy Stewart  
**GOALS, Drouin:** Ryan Maric 3, Noah Rogers, Oakley Walsh, Thomas Young 1 each  
**BEST:** Cody Fleming, Thomas Young, Bethune Flynn, Ryan Maric, Zayne Atkins, Aaron Mitchell

FOURTHS	Warragul	Leongatha
	4.6 5.8 7.11 10.13 (73)	1.3 4.8 7.10 8.11 (59)

**GOALS, Warragul:** Jasper Alger, Oliver Wilson 4, Caleb McIntosh, Alby Phillips 1 each  
**BEST:** Lucas Carter, Harrison Cant, Jasper Alger, Oliver Wilson, Alby Phillips, Lachlan Giliam  
**GOALS, Leongatha:** Will Brown 4, Xavier Lamers 2, Julian Callahan, Aydan Williams 1 each  
**BEST:** Julian Callahan, Hamish Gill, Aydan Williams, Jhett Brown, Eli Pitts, Will Brown





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## Preliminary Final

Phillip Island 7.12.54 d Warragul Industrials 7.10.52

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

2nd Semi: Leongatha 10.4.64 d Wonthaggi 9.6.60

1st Semi: Sale 8.12.60 d Traralgon 8.9.57


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Sophie McCracken-Evans was in everything for the Bass Coast Breakers in their grand final last Sunday, contesting the ruck and working hard around the packs.

## Breakers go down fighting

BASS Coast Breakers left it all out on the park at Skybus Stadium in Frankston on Sunday when they played off against Warragul Industrials in the Division Two Grand Final for the South Eastern Women's Football League.

In a carbon copy of the desperate struggle between Leongatha and Wonthaggi the day before at Moe, every contest was tough, tackling was fierce throughout and players were made to earn every possession.

The Breakers had a lot of the play in the first half but could only manage 5 points to Warragul's 2.1.13.

But they came on strong in the third quarter to level the scores at the last change, with goals by Stacey Poke and Ella Cargill.

Kelly O'Neill was constantly rebounding out of defence, supported strongly by Michelle Goodwin and Kate Caughey, onballers Sophie McCracken-Evans in the ruck, Stacey Poke and Jenna Russo worked hard and Hannah Mills was always on the move down the flanks, and Tayla Tatterson was also getting her hands on the ball.

The terrific third-quarter

response gave the local girls plenty of belief as they gathered for the final words of wisdom by coach Bianca Helmut-Pask, who urged them to drive themselves for a further 20 minutes and it was certainly "game on" up and down the ground for the first 15 minutes of the last quarter with no scores either way.

Dusties had the ball on their forward line more and it was almost inevitable that the umpires would find a free kick close to goal, they did, and the captain Carlee Maher kicked the go-ahead goal.

Dusties' ruck Jess Szalek kicked an important point after that when she grabbed the ball out of the pack and close to the siren, there was to be no Breakers' comeback a second time.

Shanara Notman, for her terrific defensive effort was awarded best on ground but Dusties was well served by the likes of Nicole Sheridan on the ball, Matilda Van Berkel taking some telling marks, Carlee Maher and several other strong bodies around the ball.

Final scores: Warragul Industrials 4.2.26 defeated Bass Coast Breakers 2.7.19.



Jenna Russo was a livewire on the ball for the Breakers in their grand final at Frankston on Sunday.



Inverloch-Kongwak under 16s celebrate after winning their way into the 2022 Grand Final. B03\_3622

## West Gippsland's day for the ages

AFTER two thrilling weeks of Elimination and Semi Finals, the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) will seldom have a greater day of finals action than Saturday's Preliminary Finals at Dalyston.

The day featured the losers of the previous Saturday's Second Semi Finals and the winners of the previous Sunday's First Semi Finals, who played off for the final ticket to the 2022 Grand Final in their respective grades.

And what a day it was, those who made the trip to Dalyston were absolutely spoiled as all four football games were decided by a combined total of 15-points, none of which decided by over a goal.

Highlighting the day was WGFNC's bid for the greatest game in history, the seniors contest between Phillip Island and Warragul.

### Reserves

After Tooradin-Dalmore annihilated the Goon in the Second Semi Final, they awaited the winner of Saturday's Preliminary Final to decide their challenger.

Having finished sixth, the Demons have done it the hard way this finals series, although as many have seen in the reserves division, the 'Ruppers are always a dominant force in the post-season.

Knocking off Phillip Island by a solitary point in week one, Koo Wee Rup not only had momentum but worlds of support, and it served them well with a win over Bunyip, setting up a meeting with familiar foe Nar Nar Goon.

In another low scoring affair in beautiful conditions, it was the 'Ruppers by 7-points at the final change, setting up yet another last quarter classic.

The Dees' just holding on for the three-point victory, defending valiantly towards the end, setting up a third consecutive Grand

### By Aiden Box

Final appearance, and one with plenty of storylines.

The Seagulls have not even been close to putting a foot wrong all season, reaching the Grand Final without a single loss, all their wins by margins of at least 36-points.

This one could just be the matchup of the day as the 'Ruppers go for revenge and the 'Gulls go for back to back flags, the action starts at 12:15pm.

### Under 18s

As Inverloch-Kongwak watched on, already with their feet set in the Grand Final, Tooradin-Dalmore and Garfield clashed for the chance to book their own ticket to Beswick Street.

The Seagulls came out hard, desperate to earn another shot at IK after making a late surge but running out of time a week earlier.

The Stars soaked up the minor premier's hot start to go up by 16-points early in the fourth term, and a costly 50 metre penalty saw their lead swell to 24 with eight minutes left.

Cue the comeback as the never-say-die Seagulls kicked three on end.

Then with barely 20 seconds on the clock the ball was snapped out of the pack towards the Seagulls goal, but a clutch mark on the goal line shattered their hearts with just 5 seconds left.

Another instant classic as Garfield held on to win by on straight kick, setting up a home Grand Final with IK, a team they have built up little rivalry with this season, having met twice.

While I-K enter the second consecutive WGFNC decider, still looking to hang their maiden thirds flag, the hometown Stars are sure to have plenty of support when the match begins at 10:30am.

### Under 16s

After handing IK their first loss of the season in the Second Semi Final, Phillip Island had the week off to watch Korumburra-Bena and IK do battle, and what a battle it was.

In a low scoring match, it was goal for goal for much of the day as the Sea Eagles found ways to slot goals, but the surging Giants always found a way to answer.

Going into three quarter time, it was the Giants with a slim one-point lead, they came into the contest full of confidence, an a touch of arrogance after knocking off Garfield at home and Warragul the two weeks prior after finishing in fourth spot, led by league best and fairest winner Max Donohue.

Although the Sea Eagles never gave in, they showed true grit even with players down, battered and bruised, fighting for every inch they willed it forward and a hamstringed Jobe Scapin was able to slide through to kick the winner.

With just seconds on the clock and Korumburra-Bena surging upfield, Charlie Shaddock made a huge defensive play to seal the win for his side, Harry Butcher and Willem Duursma were also huge in the victory.

The loss ends what was a magnificent run from the young Giants, who showed a lot of promise for their club.

For IK, it grants them another shot at the Bulldogs, who supplied them a real wake up call in the Second Semi, the Sea Eagles still looking to add a premiership flag to their perfect minor premiership season.

The 'Doggies will be looking to add a second consecutive WGFNC fourths trophy to the cabinet after their win in 2019, while IK still look for their first, having lost the decider in 2018.

The big game starts at 9am this Saturday at Garfield.





Orlando Kane Gillard is embraced by teammate Zak Vernon after sealing the win for his team. B07-3622

# Orlando wins it for West Gippy’s greatest show

By Aiden Box

WITH the minor premiers Tooradin-Dalmore awaiting their Grand Final challenger, Phillip Island and Warragul did battle in what is now undoubtedly the league’s greatest ever game.

The two sides were barely separable all afternoon and a quick goal to start the fourth term brought the Dusties within four points and they continued to press for five minutes, until a Bulldogs settler provided a rare calm to the crowd.

Although the Dusties were good enough to answer once again, after tempers flared and a 50 penalty was given up by the reigning premiers.

Just two points separated the teams after 15-minutes, as the seniors showcase lived up to the order of the day... absolute nailbiters.

Warragul moved the ball with class and carried the extreme momentum they had built on their fairy-tale run to the penultimate weekend of the season, although class and guts from Bulldogs Billy Taylor kept his side in it.

A massive smother kickstarted a Warragul foray forward but they could not find a major to cap it off, the Bulldogs lead just one point after 21 minutes.

Yet another smother ignited one final surge from the Dusties, as the crowd urged them on feeling as though the fairy-tale was due to continue, but the shot missed forcing the crowd to look away, scores locked at 45 with 25 minutes played, it couldn’t be a tie, could it?

SIREN.

After three quarters and



Phillip Island defeated Warragul in what is touted as the greatest game the WGFNC has ever seen. B08\_3622

almost 26 minutes of tension, the script had yet another twist, OVERTIME football in the prelim!

Without the assistance of a coach’s huddle, the teams regrouped and played 5 minutes, each end, to decide their fate in season 2022.

A late chance to Island saw them go inside 50 but to no avail, a timely Warragul intercept mark stopping them in their tracks.

After four quarters and five extra minutes, the teams still could not be separated, the teams swapped ends, and the game went on.

The ‘Dogs showed improvement in the second overtime, finally breaking the deadlock with a Jesse Patullo behind, putting them up by one.

The Bulldogs then repelled a Dusties forward entry, blasting it into the middle of the ground

but into the hands of Kane Taylor who clunked an absolute gem in the middle of the pack.

Warragul wasted no time and got the ball inside 50 and it was picked up off the deck by Mason McGarrity on the run, his snap from 40 metres bounced and bounced... and rolled in!

The Dusties had the lead with only moments remaining, six points clear as the clock ticked up to the four-minute mark, their crowd in hysterics.

It was time for the reigning premiers to find something, and they did, they belted the ball forward and were able to get it into the hands of Jesse Patullo, but the heat of the moment had him rush his snap close to goal and it missed.

The ball then found the hands of his brother Jordy, who too played on and could only manage a behind as the

clock ticked towards six minutes, it looked as though the Bulldogs had run out of time.

But as the saying goes, the great teams find a way, it’d be silly to ever count out these Bulldogs, with under a minute on the clock the Dusties ventured to the outer wing but were cut off.

The ball found the hands of Kai Mackenzie, who had been terrific in defence all day for the ‘Dogs, he took off towards his attacking 50 and placed the ball onto his left boot, it seemed to skew off the side and float in the air... and into the hands of Orlando Kane Gillard diving to his knees for the mark.

SIREN.

After a day full of mayhem, the script had one last twist, the game and the fate of the Bulldogs premiership defence rested on the boot of the Bulldogs young number 27 with his team four points down.

The tension reached an all-time high, he ran in, took his kick and it was pure, teammates flocked to the young gun from all angles, it was bedlam at Dalyston.

Orlando Kane Gillard with a clutch goal to will his team into the Grand Final.

After four quarters and 10 minutes of extra time the Bulldogs never gave in, clinching their third consecutive Grand Final berth in as many seasons and keeping their threepeat dreams alive.

They now must prepare for another bout with the colossal force that is Tooradin-Dalmore, who tore them apart in the Second Semi Final, kicking 10 goals to one after half time.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

### » PRELIMINARY FINAL

	<b>54</b>		<b>52</b>
<b>PHILLIP ISLAND</b>		<b>WARRAGUL IND</b>	

<b>Phillip Island</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.12 (54)</b>
<b>Warragul Ind</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>7.10 (52)</b>

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jesse Patullo, Zak Vernon 2, Max Blake, Orlando Kane Gillard, Billy Taylor 1 each  
**BEST:** Orlando Kane Gillard, Kai Mackenzie, Billy Taylor, Jason Tomada, Zak Vernon, Jesse Patullo  
**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Mason McGarrity 2, Anthony Bruhn, Matthew Herbert, Jackson Mockett, Nic Visser, Luke Walker 1 each  
**BEST:** Mark Bradley, Kane Oldham, Michael Debenham, Kyle Beveridge, Todd Beck, Luke Walker

### RESERVES

<b>Koo Wee Rup</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.6 (36)</b>
<b>Nar Nar Goon</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.3 (33)</b>

**GOALS, Koo Wee Rup:** Benjamin Miller, Ryan Wilby 2, Mitchell Davey 1  
**BEST:** Ryan Wilby, David Ramos, Jason Stokkel, Riley Battams, Troy Dolan, Matthew Dyer  
**GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:** Jalen Atkins, Nicholas Bransgrove, Ben Cross, Jarrod Hamling 1 each  
**BEST:** Tom Ferrari, Darcy Young, Jarrod Hamling, Zac Smith, Euan Grierson

### THIRDS

<b>Garfield</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.8 (50)</b>
<b>Tooradin-Dal</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>6.8 (44)</b>

**GOALS, Garfield:** Ben Tenace-Greenall 3, Isaac Braaksma 2, Bailey Deveny, Jed Pinkerton 1 each  
**BEST:** Daniel Freriks, Charlie Fitzpatrick, John Zaccari, Jed Pinkerton, Levi Reid, Darby Craven  
**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Anthony Mirauta, Tadhg O’Riordan 2, James Ahern, Brodie Matthews 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Hamilton, Jehi Esler, Anthony Mirauta, Tyler Kirkbride, Xavier Shinnars, Cooper Bassett

### FOURTHS

<b>Inverloch-K</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.5 (29)</b>
<b>Kor-Bena</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7 (25)</b>

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Willem Duursma 2, Jobe Scapin, Augustus Finsterer 1 each  
**BEST:** Harry Butcher, Lucas Allen, Willem Duursma, Luke Williams, Charlie Shaddock, Tate Rigby  
**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Zachary Barrett, Mitchell Croatto, Max Donohue 1 each  
**BEST:** Max Donohue, Tarkyn Walker, Curtis Bailey, Finn Donohue, Ben Fort, Tadhg Gannon

## THIS WEEKEND’S DRAW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### » GIPPSLAND

### PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 10

Morwell Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Wonthaggi v Sale

Reserves: Maffra v Sale

U18s: Maffra v Bairnsdale

U16s: Traralgon v Warragul

### » WEST GIPPSLAND

### GRAND FINAL

Saturday, September 10

Garfield Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Tooradin-Dalmore v Phillip Island

Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore v Koo Wee Rup

U18s: Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield

U16s: Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak



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Leongatha's Aaron Turton played a slashing game on Saturday, working hard down the flanks and finding some rare clear air after getting clear of the pack.

## Parrots kick on after semi scare

IT WAS heartbreak for Wonthaggi Power fans and delight, tinged with relief, for Leongatha supporters as the Parrots marched into the 2022 Gippsland League Grand Final in sensational circumstances at Moe on Saturday.

After a gruelling 100 minutes of tough footy, in the Second Semi-Final, which Leongatha coach Trent McMicking later described as "brutal" but fair, it came down to the last seconds of the match, with the ball in the hands of young Power defender, Kyle Reid, who somehow found himself forward in the dying moments.

Trailing six goals to nine at the

last break, in a low-scoring affair, Wonthaggi appeared to have been played out of the game by the undefeated Parrots after young gun Jake Van Der Pligt barrelled through the first goal of the last quarter from beyond 50.

But the never-say-die Wonthaggi side surged right back into it again with an immediate reply by coach Jarryd Blair and a spectacular mark and goal by another young gun, Jack Hutchinson of the Power.

Jack Blair completed the resurgence, earning a free kick and 50 metre-penalty the hard way and Wonthaggi were back within

three points.

Even after a couple of points by Leongatha, the difference was still only five points.

It was then, with only a minute on the clock, that Wonthaggi surged forward again, going coast-to-coast through Tim Knowles, Jarryd Blair and Harry Dawson to where Kyle Reid made a great contest for the ball and was awarded a free kick, 35 metres out on a 45-degree angle.

Reid took his time and appeared to make good contact with the ball, and it sailed towards the left side of the goals, amid "oos and ahhs" from the

big crowd, only to drift away at the last second through the points.

Leongatha cleared the ball forward and somewhere between the centre and half forward, the final siren sounded... what a game, what a finish.

Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair acknowledged afterwards that it had been a great game, with both sides "fighting to the death" for a place in the grand final but he quickly turned his attention to the next game.

After an equally thrilling finish, Sale came from behind to defeat a gallant Traralgon by

three points at Traralgon on Sunday, setting up a Preliminary Final clash between Wonthaggi and Sale at Morwell on Saturday, September 10, two teams which have played out very close matches in the home and away.

Wonthaggi broke the ice first in last Saturday's match with an early goal to Harry Dawson after good lead up work by Jarryd Blair. Blair had positioned himself on the wing and continued to control the play from there, working across the ground to attack or defend and link up as the need required.

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