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Locals dig deep

Communities across Bass Coast and South Gippsland raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal last week. John Duscher and his granddaughter Zarah of Uncle Bob's coordinated the Wonthaggi & District Good Friday Appeal. See page 6. C105_1622

STINK UP

THERE are 10,000 septic tank systems in use across the South Gippsland Shire and dozens of them pose a significant public health risk.

However, despite rolling out a major compliance program between 2016 and 2020, the shire has acknowledged this week that it has dropped the ball on addressing the problem in recent years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the risks, particularly in the shire's unsewered coastal towns and those in the Tarwin River catchment area still exist.

And at this week's council meeting, the shire is looking to recommit to a new 'Domestic Wastewater Plan 2022-2026', engage with the community, especially those with septic systems, faulty or otherwise, and take action on education and treatment.

In 2017, an initial letter introducing the Wastewater Compliance Program was sent

to over 8000 individual property owners in the shire.

Landowners were reminded of their responsibility to properly maintain their on-site wastewater systems in accordance with their permit conditions and relevant legislation.

The letter also explained why council was implementing the program and outlined the risks to public and environmental health the program aimed to reduce.

The program requires property owners/occupiers to provide council with evidence their wastewater system has been maintained in accordance with their permit, either by providing a copy of their most recent on-site wastewater treatment system's service report, or by having a qualified plumber complete an inspection of their system and provide council with information on the operation and adequacy of the system.

Property owners have always been

required to maintain their on-site wastewater systems in accordance with legislation, however this was the first time council had asked for evidence that this was occurring.

To date (October 2021), 3199 properties throughout the shire are now on the Wastewater Compliance Program. This means these property owners have provided evidence to council that their on-site wastewater system has been serviced or maintained as required.

These properties are required to continue to comply with their wastewater servicing and maintenance requirements.

The program has also identified 139 properties with failing wastewater systems or systems which posed a direct risk to public and environmental health.

These matters have been identified and repaired as a direct result of the implementation of the program.

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Verdict soon in Basham trial

THE jury has retired to consider its verdict in the Phillip Island murder trial.

Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC concluded her closing remarks on Wednesday last week, saying that on the evidence the jury had no alternative but to find the accused man, Adrian Basham, guilty of the "cold and brutal murder" of his estranged wife, Samantha Fraser.

Ms Rogers spent two days, on Tuesday and Wednesday, sifting through 79 witness accounts and 58 exhibits including DNA evidence and chilling photos and videos of the crime scene.

She also highlighted the 41 injuries that Mr Basham has already admitted to inflicting on Ms Fraser to build her case for a guilty verdict.

But, as the defence counsel for Mr Basham, Ashley Halphen, argued during his closing remarks, on the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter, there were inconsistencies in the evidence around Ms Fraser's emotional state, Mr Basham's actions on the day, July 23, 2018, and afterwards, and what conclusions might be drawn from the forensic evidence.

Suicide, he claimed, was a possibility on the evidence that the jury could not rule out.

Starting on Tuesday this week, Justice Taylor provided lengthy directions to the jury. She said, among other things, that the jury could not draw any conclusions from the decision by Mr Basham not to give evidence in the case but should bear in mind that the accused man was "of good character" because he had not previously been convicted of an offence.

The jury then retired to consider its verdict.

Earlier, in her summing up, Ms Rogers had reprised the extent of Ms Fraser's injuries for the court, detailing how the scale of the bruising above both the left and right eyes was only revealed to have extended back beyond the hairline, as far as the right ear, when Ms Fraser's hair was shaved during the autopsy.

Ms Rogers said the extent of the blunt-force trauma inflicted by Mr Basham on Ms Fraser,



Adrian Basham is currently on trial in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

included evidence of a probable early axonal injury to the brain.

It was on the evidence of forensic pathologist Dr Linda Iles that such an injury, more typical in road accidents, was caused by rotational force and velocity applied to Ms Fraser's head while she was still alive.

Ms Rogers said there was evidence of multiple blunt force injuries to Samantha Fraser's face, neck, head, legs, hands, arms and in that context, it was simply "absurd" to suggest that Ms Fraser got up, after suffering 41 injuries, and hanged herself.

She said there was no blood found on Ms Fraser's hands, apart from a small amount on the left little finger, leaving little likelihood that she could have transferred her own blood or Mr Basham's DNA to the rope.

"Samantha Fraser's hands were clean, and she didn't deposit her own blood when tying the knot behind her neck or deposit her own blood when touching the loop below the knot. The prosecution case is that Adrian Basham deposited Samantha Fraser's blood on the rope, which accounts for why his DNA is on the rope in those particular items," Ms Rogers said.

Ms Rogers said that despite evidence of Ms Fraser struggling with the accused and trying to defend herself, as indicated by the scratch on Mr Basham's nose and forearm, and his DNA found under her fingernails, that

he ultimately overpowered her, subdued her, and hanged her before leaving the garage through a gap under the descending door.

In his closing remarks which followed, Mr Halphen picked apart every aspect of the prosecution's circumstantial case, from questioning Ms Fraser's mental state and the police timetable of what allegedly happened on the day, to the significance of the crime scene and forensic reports.

Mr Halphen started out by questioning Ms Fraser's mental wellbeing on the morning of her death. He claimed the jury had to keep open the possibility that far from observations by her friend Lija Matthews that she was really happy at the café "something otherwise is lurking".

He argued that the text message Samantha sent to art class teacher Peta Le Roy at 9.40am that morning, allegedly out of the blue, that she wasn't feeling well and wouldn't be coming to the class that day was a sign something was wrong.

While reviewing what many of Ms Fraser's family members, friends and associates had said about her improved sense of wellbeing, Mr Halphen referred to the evidence of Donna Zander, a mental health social worker, who conducted assessments on Ms Fraser on January 15, 2018 and found she scored extremely highly for post-traumatic stress disorder and high, almost into

the "extreme" range, for depression.

"Who is Samantha Fraser?" he asked.

"Happy but fragile? Really happy or pretending to be happy? How can this be answered when dealing with a private person? If things are really so good, why is Diazepam found in her system following the toxicological examination?"

He also referred to the evidence of passer-by, Stephen Attrill, that he saw a male answering to the description of Mr Basham, standing on the driveway of 19 Seagrove Way, next to a bin with the door of the garage partly open at 10.45am or 10.50am on July 23, 2018, well before Ms Fraser arrived home, indicating Mr Basham already had access to the house and wasn't "laying in wait" as suggested by the prosecution.

He also said the prosecution had not established motive from the three suggested; the upcoming contest mention hearing about charges where Ms Fraser was also the alleged victim, the imposing of an intervention order which Mr Basham ultimately agreed to, and jealousy over a new relationship.

Mr Halphen claimed there was evidence that his client had started to move on, making positive steps in two new relationships of his own.

And then he systematically dealt with the DNA and forensic evidence saying in conclusion: "What we ultimately submit is that the DNA evidence simply and of itself, does not advance the prosecution case in the slightest."

He made a list of 17 pieces of evidence which he said left open the possibility of suicide, claiming these left "a crack in the wall" of the prosecution case.

The trial is set to conclude this week.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional. Support services include SANE Australia on 1800 18 SANE (7263) or sane.org; Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyondblue.org.au and Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.

Multiple injuries following crash

A 20-YEAR-OLD Boronia man was arrested and charged following a serious vehicle crash in Cape Paterson last Friday, April 15.

Police believe a silver Holden sedan was travelling south on Cape Paterson Road when it crashed about 11.45am.

One of the passengers, an 18-year-old Cape Paterson man, was airlifted to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The male driver and two other male passengers were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver is facing numerous charges including negligently driving causing serious injury.

Preliminary investigations by the Major Collision Investigation Unit, who are reconstructing the crash, have indicated high speed was involved.

While Bass Coast Highway Patrol, who are in charge of the investigation, are appealing for dashcam footage in the lead up to the crash.

Police are particularly interested in speaking with the owners of a red car that was alleged to have been nearly involved in a collision with the Holden.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or make a report at crimestoppersvic.com.au or call Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Cemetery robbed

TWO recent break-ins have occurred at the Inverloch Cemetery Work Shed and offices.

On the first occasion, the thieves took a jerry can of fuel from the work shed.

On the second, thieves took the safe from the office containing important records.

The Inverloch Cemetery is managed and operated on behalf of the community by a group of very dedicated trust members who ensure that the cemetery as a whole is well maintained and managed.

"It disappoints us greatly that someone has chosen to break in to an area that is so sacred and special to the community as a whole," chair of the Inverloch Cemetery Trust, Frank Kiszvarga, advised.

Trust members are now identifying the best way to try to secure the area.

"Being an open space, it is difficult to ensure total security and therefore would ask all the Inverloch community to be aware of this situation and alert the police if you do see any suspicious activities within the bounds of the cemetery."

Police are investigating the matter, and individuals with information are asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or their local police station.

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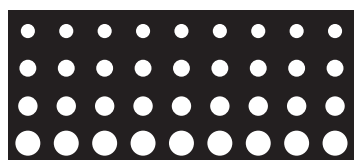
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IN BRIEF

Youth urged to join CFA

CORINELLA Fire Brigade is seeking expressions of interest for children between 11 and 16 to form a junior fire brigade.

The brigade is seeking levels of interest at this stage, as they are in the early planning stages.

Training is proposed to be on a Monday night from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

They request that those interested can commit to one lesson a week, have a strong desire to learn, work well in teams, have an interest in firefighting and who may consider becoming a volunteer firefighter in the future.

For further information, please message the brigade via Facebook at facebook.com/corinellacfa and provide them with your home address, a contact number and why you/your child wishes to join the program.

Busy weekend for firefighters

LOCAL CFA brigades responded to numerous fire-related incidents and escaped burn-offs across the Easter long weekend.

And it wasn't just Bass Coast and South Gippsland experiencing the phenomenon, with CFA issuing a release pleading with residents state-wide to cease from burning off.

CFA stated that firefighters had responded to more than 50 grass and scrub fires Victoria-wide on Sunday, with at least a dozen the result of escaped private burn-offs.

Windy weather conditions on the day had contributed to the increase in incidents.

Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade stated via social media they had responded to four separate fire-related incidents, with two from private burn-offs becoming out of control.

The brigade also assisted Loch CFA with a grass and scrub fire threatening homes in Poowong.

For more information on burning off, please visit cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off.

Eyebrows raised over Governance Rules update

A NUMBER of changes are proposed to Bass Coast Shire's Governance Rules and will be debated at today's Ordinary Meeting.

Council adopted the Governance Rules 2020 on August 19, 2020, as part of the implementation of the Local Government Act 2020, which replaced the former Meeting Procedure Local Law. Proposed changes include:

- Election of the mayor – Removal of the provision of lots in determining the election of the mayor. Election of the mayor must be by absolute majority, the provision of 'lots' is no longer allowed under the Act.
- Notices of Motion – Amended provision to align with Rescission motions. A motion that is lost cannot come before council for a period of three months.
- Public Question Time – The mayor, in consultation with the CEO, can determine to not hold public question time at any council meeting. If it is not held, the questions and answers will be provided in the minutes of the council meeting. Council has recommended that the updated draft Governance Rules be made available for public feedback for a period of four weeks, from April 22 to May 20.

A report would then be presented in June, recommending the final draft to council for adoption, including any changes to address community feedback.

However, Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association (BCRRA) was quick to raise concerns regarding some of the proposed changes.

The association is troubled by the proposal to change Public Question Time, which they believe will, "allow the mayor to effectively get rid of public question time at Council meetings."

They also stated a four-week engagement period was "too little time" for community groups to obtain feedback when preparing submissions.

Try tai chi this month

ON SATURDAY, April 30, celebrate World Tai Chi Day.

At 10am, people will be undertaking the series of gentle physical exercises and stretches, as individuals connect the mind and body.

Join instructor Heather Wright and fellow community members as they undertake tai chi at The Glade in Inverloch at 10am.

Restrictions ease for cruise ship passengers

THE state government says Victoria is preparing for the return of cruise ships later this year with protocols to reduce the risks of large outbreaks.

Health departments in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland have worked together to align requirements for cruise ship operators and passengers, with the Commonwealth ban on cruise ships ending this month.

'One-stop-shop' for shire engagement

THE community is being urged to make use of Bass Coast Shire's new engagement platform to stay up to date with projects and initiatives.

According to the shire, Engage Bass Coast is a "one-stop-shop" that streamlines online engagement opportunities, allowing the community to provide feedback on projects in one place.

Council had previously stated that the website would not replace other methods of engagement, such as face-to-face sessions.

For more information, go to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au.

'Community Vision' draft to be released

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's draft Community Vision 2040 has been prepared and is expected to go on public display from April 21 to May 15.

Councillors vote at their April 20 public meeting on a recom-

mendation to put the document on view for that period in what will be the final stage of community consultation before the finished plan is created.

As its name suggests, the Community Vision 2040 is intended to guide the future direction of South Gippsland Shire.

It will act as a guide for preparing council plans and budgets.

A consultant from Deliberately Engaging, which is managing the project, prepared the draft Community Vision based on the work of a specially established Community Panel and other community consultation.

The Community Panel will reconvene for a third and final meeting on May 21, at which its members will review community feedback on the draft vision, as presented to them by council and the consultant.

"The panel will consider this feedback to finalise the Community Vision 2040," a council spokesperson stated.

Mayor Mohya Davies explained responsibility then falls on council.

"Ultimately, council is the responsible body in adopting the vision," she said.

Community Panel members held two February meetings, the first conducted through Zoom.

During the introductory meeting they considered initial community feedback on what people wanted from the vision, along with demographic trends in South Gippsland.

At the second meeting, panel members heard from experts, mostly council staff on a range of themes, before undertaking further work towards developing the vision statement.

The panel provided its recommendations to council and the consultant to prepare the draft vision.

While the Community Vision 2040 will act as an important guide for setting the future direction of South Gippsland Shire, councillors will continue to obtain community feedback to assist in planning.

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Bass Coast to pitch for Commonwealth Games

GIPPSLAND is among four regional hubs that will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games, with Bass Coast Shire hoping to secure a number of sports.

The announcement by the Commonwealth Games Federation comes after a period of negotiations, with Commonwealth Games Australia and the state government last month submitting a delivery concept for consideration.

It is estimated the 2026 Commonwealth Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 600 full-time equivalent jobs before the Games, 3900 jobs during the Games and a further 3000 jobs beyond the closing ceremony.

Victoria 2026 will be held across multiple regions, creating a new multi-city model for the Commonwealth Games.

Four regional hubs will be established in Gippsland, Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat - each with their own athletes' village and sport program.

The regional hubs will host athletes, officials and fans following an opening ceremony at the iconic Melbourne Cricket



Bass Coast Shire will be looking to secure popular sports, such as cycling, as part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Ground, using Melbourne as the gateway to regional Victoria.

Bass Coast Shire Council welcomed the announcement last week and is working with the state government on securing popular sports.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said with one of the fastest growing regional populations in the state, Bass Coast Shire looks forward to showcasing

its natural beauty and facilities to the rest of Australia and the world.

The state government is currently working with the Commonwealth Games Federation and Commonwealth Games Australia to determine which additional sports will be included in the 2026 program.

"Road cycling would look amazing along our coast, but

we are also keen to explore other opportunities with the state government for other sports we specialise in such as surfing if it is chosen by Games organisers," Cr Whelan said.

"Bass Coast Shire will also be fighting for our fair share of the community infrastructure funding and business opportunities that the Games will present."

Stink up: Significant public health risk, they say

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However, it's clear many more faulty or poorly maintained septic systems exist posing a risk to small townships, cluster settlements and to a lesser extent, farming properties.

The program was prioritised for townships located within the Tarwin Water Catchment in the first instance, and will now be rolled out to all properties with an on-site wastewater treatment system within the municipality.

It is expected the Wastewater Compliance Program will be implemented throughout the entire shire during the 2022-026 Domestic Wastewater Management Plan implementation.

The report identifies that there are areas in most of the shire's small, unsewered towns of particular concern.

"Each township is likely to have an area posing a high risk to public health or the environment. Generally, high-risk areas

will have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Properties less than 1000 square metres (particularly in towns with very low or high soil percolation rates)
- High levels of faecal bacteria and/or nutrients identified in nearby stormwater drains or groundwater
- High likelihood of human contact with contaminated stormwater, groundwater or waterways e.g. open drains and groundwater bore use.

"Wastewater (containing human waste) contains many infectious pathogens which, if not appropriately managed, present a risk to public and environmental health. Human wastewater also contains nutrients, including nitrogen and phosphorus, chemicals and suspended solids that can cause degradation of the environment and toxic algal blooms under certain conditions."

Coastal pressures

The report also identifies particular pressures in coastal towns with seasonal population peaks.

"While the annual amount of wastewater generated in coastal (holiday) properties is likely to be lower than for permanent occupancy, coastal wastewater management systems are more likely to receive higher flows over shorter periods of time.

"This can significantly reduce the effectiveness of the on-site wastewater management (septic tank) system to treat and dispose of wastewater safely.

"These areas are often adjacent to shallow groundwater fields and use groundwater from bores for household purposes. Bore licences specify that bore water should not be used for drinking water purposes without adequate treatment.

"Contamination of ground-

water or bores may, however, place visitors at risk as, whilst officially discouraged, it is likely bore water continues to be used for domestic purposes, such as showering and refilling water tanks in times of low rainfall, putting people's health at risk.

To ensure the health of our environment and that of our residents, visitors and those working in the municipality, South Gippsland Shire Council has a number of significant roles, and legislative responsibility, including the management, treatment and disposal of wastewater, where properties do not have access to reticulated sewerage systems.

"Poor wastewater management threatens council values and undermines the municipality's ability to attract more residents, businesses and tourists to the area, but it is also an abrogation of municipality's legislative responsibilities."

POLICE BRIEFS

Cannabis seized in police raid

A DRUG search warrant was recently executed in Coronet Bay.

Police allegedly located and seized half a kilogram of dried cannabis, and a 68-year-old man was arrested on cultivation and possession charges.

The man was bailed and is due to appear in court.

Police target drugs

POLICE are ramping up efforts across South Gippsland and Bass Coast in targeting the cultivation, supply and use of drugs in a specialised operation.

Anyone with details relating to drug offences are asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or head into their local police station. Individuals can remain anonymous.

So busy you couldn't speed

HEAVY traffic across South Gippsland Highway and Bass Highway ensured infringement numbers were down this Easter period.

As Operation Compass took to the roads, the sheer number of vehicles meant it was near impossible for individuals to speed, with major issues and minor collisions (with no injuries) at an all-time low.

Officers spent a large portion of time tied up at a serious accident on Cape Paterson Road and held down the fort at Poowong when a burn-off closed the road.

Are you missing a skateboard?

TWO skateboards, a girl's skateboard and boy's skateboard with distinctive characteristics, were located in Leongatha at two separate public locations in January and February.

The police are keen to reunite the boards with their respective owners.

If you are missing a skateboard, contact Leading Constable Bowman at the Leongatha Police Station.

Have your say on the Corinella foreshore

CORINELLA Foreshore Reserve users have been invited to provide feedback on a draft Landscape Management Plan that will provide clarity around vegetation management within the reserve.

A survey can be accessed at bit.ly/3NXDvJ4. For a hard copy of the plan and survey, email tralaragon.PropertyServices@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Consultation on the draft plan closes on April 30, 2022.

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Draft budget to be debated

BASS Coast Shire's Draft Budget 2022-23 will be presented to councillors for adoption at today's meeting.

The capital works program for the 2022-23 year is expected to be \$28.8 million, and will be funded by capital grants of \$5.9 million, borrowings of \$5.3 million and the remainder from council cash.

The budget will see the standard waste service reduced by \$8.84 (1.8%) and contains rate increases to 1.75%, in line with the mandated state government rate cap.

According to a council report, while the Draft Budget reflects increased council borrowings, this is tied to the major capital investment program and the level of debt is still expected to remain within prudential guidelines (indebtedness ratio less than 60% of rates revenue).

"The Draft Budget projects an operating surplus of \$2.2 million for 2022-2023 and a balanced Funding Statement position," the report states.

"The adjusted underlying deficit of \$3.5 million is largely attributable to the significant one-off landfill rehabilitation works totalling \$4.1 million that are required to be completed within the 2022-23 financial year."

Highlights of the Draft Budget include:

- \$11.2 million to deliver new leisure and recreational facilities, including complete construction of new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre (\$2.8m) and surrounding public realm improvements (\$2.2m), Kilcunda Foreshore Skate Park construction (\$0.3m) and equipment upgrades at WUCAC (\$0.2m).
- \$14.0 million to improve Bass Coast's road and path network, including Shetland Heights and Potters Hill Road unsealed road upgrade (\$1.8m), Cowes-Rhyll Road Shared Pathway (\$0.5m) and Corinella Connection Pathway (\$0.3m).
- \$18.6 million Waste Services, including waste services (\$12.4m), landfill rehabilitation (\$4.1m) and micro turbines (\$1.6m).
- \$5.1 million on Climate Change Actions including protecting our natural environment (\$2.1m), rock revetment wall and groyne renewal (\$1.0m) and Electric Vehicle public charging stations (\$0.4m).
- \$10.9 million to upgrade community facilities including Wonthaggi Activity Centre plan priorities (\$3.0m), kindergarten expansion project (\$0.4m) and renewal of Rhyll Hall (\$0.3m).

Public exhibition and submissions on the Draft Budget will be open from April 21 to May 16.

Record-breaking year for Good Friday Appeal

SUPPORT came in droves from cars, doorsteps, pedestrians, raffles and auctions for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

And as the evening hit, the tally kept rolling.

At close on Friday evening, a record-breaking \$22,328,154 had been raised for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Small and large, Phillip Island, Poowong/Loch/Nyora, San Remo, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Yarram, and everywhere in between helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Good Friday Appeal.

Organisers would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers, those who donated and the coordinators behind the scenes.

Cape Paterson

The closed main road into Cape Paterson did not dampen any spirits this year, with individuals taking the scenic route through Harmers Haven or down the coastal road from Inverloch, while others simply rolled out of bed and walked down to what was a spectacular sight.

Fairy floss, flowing drinks, food and laughter filled Cape Paterson with auction and raffle prizes in every nook and cranny, as individuals filled up the surrounding streets.

An eye-watering \$74,450 was raised at The Cape Tavern on Good Friday for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Inverloch

There was no holding Inverloch CFA back this year as they positioned themselves around town.

From Foodworks, to Paul the Pieman, the caravan park and jetty, you couldn't miss them.



Good Friday Volunteers Glyn and Anna Stuckey, with baby Flora, and Henry, Violet and Mariette, headed out with their collection tins in Korumburra.

Shaking tins and showing the little (and big kids) the ins and outs of the tanker, there was fun to be had for all.

Approximately \$5910 was raised in the tins, with many more donations received through the new QR coding system on the bottom of the tins.

Additionally, the Ressay Girls & Friends' Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Lemonade Stand were also on hand, making fresh, old-fashioned lemonade for walkers out the front of the caravan park on the foreshore.

Korumburra

South Gippsland Uncle Bob's (Korumburra) raised a record-breaking \$36,495.70 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, well and truly smashing previous years.

On the day, door knockers rattled their tubs around the town, with organisers thanking the regular volunteers that turn up every year and to the Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club.

The Middle Korumburra Hotel held an auction on the day, raising over \$11,000, and The Korumburra Golf Club held its annual golf day.

The Austral Hotel held the annual goods and services auction in the bar in the lead up to the appeal, with items generously donated from businesses across Korumburra and Leongatha.

Additionally, the cardboard collection makes a terrific contribution each year to the Good Friday Appeal, with volunteers Billy and Chris collecting cardboard from businesses all-year round.

Tarwin Lower

Tarwin Lower CFA were on hand for their Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday tin shake and raffle out the front of the IGA.

Raising \$1285.25 was an incredible effort given Tarwin was quieter than usual; as always, the team put their best foot forward.

The team even had a visit from a group of cyclists requiring assistance.

Wonthaggi and Kilcunda

John Duscher, his wife and granddaughter were on hand as donations came in on Friday in North Wonthaggi for the Uncle Bob's Good Friday Appeal, as the Kilcunda CFA were hitting up motorists on the Bass Highway as they passed through, with the truck on full display.

The morning also brought with it toasted hot cross buns and later an impressive sausage sizzle.

With tins collected around town, and donations made on the day, an incredible \$8374 was raised, bringing the Wonthaggi and district regional tally to \$23,307.

John works tirelessly throughout the year for Uncle Bob's in preparation for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

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Mayor's message

HOW exciting is it that the Commonwealth Games are coming to regional Victoria in 2026! We are looking forward to working with the State Government for opportunities for Bass Coast as part of the Games, such as surfing on our famous beaches, or road cycling along our magnificent coast.

Victorians are passionate sport lovers and these games will provide a fantastic opportunity for regional people to experience sport at a level they might not have been able to access before.

As a Council, we will work hard to make sure that, as one of the fastest growing regional populations in the state, Bass Coast is given its fair share of the community infrastructure, funding and business opportunities that the Games will present.

Our April Council Meeting is being held today (Wednesday, 20 April) and there are some really important things on the Agenda this month.

We will consider the release of the Draft Budget 2022/23, Draft Governance Rules, as well as the Draft Local Law for community consultation.

Other interesting items on the Agenda include the Smiths Beach Town Plan and Community Group needs in Cowes. If you are interested in viewing the Council Meeting, it will be livestreamed at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings.

There is still time to provide your feedback on the State Government's Distinctive Areas



Cr Michael Whelan



and Landscapes Program. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is seeking your feedback on a draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) to guide the future of land use and development on the Bass Coast for the next 50 years. To view the SPP and to provide your feedback, visit www.engage.vic.gov.au and search for Bass Coast. Feedback is open until Friday, 29 April.

The State Government is also looking for feedback on the Cape to Cape Resilience Project, which is looking at ways to improve the way erosion and inundation is managed along the coast, between Inverloch and Venus Bay.

If you live in or visit this area, I encourage you to provide your feedback. Visit www.engage.vic.gov.au and search for Cape to Cape to complete the survey.

There are also two in-person sessions being held this week at the Inverloch Community Hub, on Thursday, 21 April from 10.30am and on Saturday, 23 April from 11.00am. For more information, please visit the Engage Victoria website.

50 years of raising funds for Woorayl Lodge

LEONGATHA'S Woorayl Lodge aged care residence marked a special occasion on Thursday, with the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary notching up its half-century.

Auxiliary members celebrated the 50th anniversary with cake at the local Girl Guides hall, making efficient use of the gathering by incorporating the celebrations into the organisation's AGM.

One auxiliary member has been there pretty much the entire journey, with Jenny Haw into her 50th year as a Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary volunteer.

Over the years, Jenny's cooking and baking have been revered, with her snowball production a famous fundraising activity.

She did a tremendous job organising other auxiliary volunteers, co-ordinating the snowball production operation to ensure efficiency and a delicious and attractive outcome guaranteed to sell in large numbers.

Woorayl Lodge general manager, Barry Westhorpe, paid tribute to the current crop of auxiliary volunteers for their ongoing commitment to improving the lives of lodge residents.

Barry spoke of selflessness, passion, and caring, saying all are attributes he associates with the 24-member-strong Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary.

"Our main aim is to enhance the living areas of Woorayl Lodge," auxiliary president Kaye Warren said.

She explained that most auxiliary members joined to give something back for the wonderful care shown to family members at the lodge.

Raffles are an important part of the auxiliary's fundraising, with separate draws held for significant dates such as Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

"All the auxiliary gets involved and they're just wonderful people," Kaye said.

A November fete is usually a major driver of the auxiliary's fundraising success, but has been unable to be held the past couple of years.

That has done nothing to deter auxiliary members who have maintained a positive outlook and continued to do what they can to generate funds.

On Thursday, the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$2700 to cover the annual cost of floral arrangements that brighten up lodge residents' surrounds.

The industrious auxiliary group has previously paid for the refurbishment of the lodge's dining room and for the furnishing of Fairbank Cottage, the home's memory support facility.

The auxiliary has also assisted with the purchase of new kitchen appliances for Woorayl Lodge.

An impressive sculpture will soon take pride of place at the front of the lodge, an initiative organised and funded by the auxiliary, with the Sentinel-Times to provide an update soon.

Woorayl Lodge marked its 60th anniversary in 2020 and its residents continue to benefit from the generosity of auxiliary members and the broader local community who make fundraising efforts a success.



Long-term Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary member Marie Rundell cuts the organisation's 50th anniversary cake with Jenny Haw, who is in her 50th year as a volunteer. A12_1622

Clean up around Venus Bay

A PETITION calling for increased fire safety in Venus Bay, received at the February 2022 South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, prompted a report recommending that council works with a local landowner to address fire safety concerns.

Houses were threatened by a substantial grassfire last New Year's Eve, which at one stage required firefighters to focus on asset protection while awaiting the arrival of further appliances and crews.

Many brigades eventually combined to bring the blaze under control.

Flames were halted just metres from some residences, prompting concerns about the management of private land abutting the south-eastern boundary of the Venus Bay township.

"The recent farm fire on 31 December 2021 has highlighted the need for an adequate firebreak along the full perimeter of the residential housing blocks," the petition stated.

It called for such firebreaks to be maintained and annually reviewed to ensure the safety of the residential properties bordering the farm perimeters.

"Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer has visited the private property subject to the petition to discuss current and ongoing fire prevention activities on the land," council's April meeting agenda states.

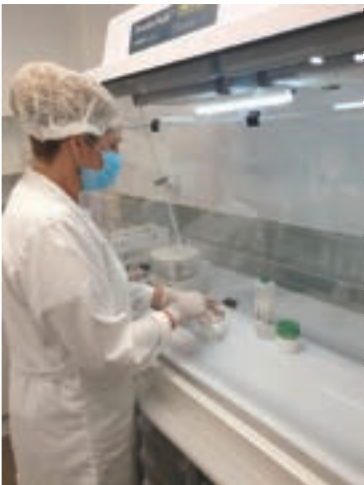
Those ongoing activities include planned annual meetings between the Fire Prevention Officer and the manager of the private land concerned to discuss fire prevention activities.

"Landowners and occupiers are encouraged to remove fire hazards and manage fuels around their property before the Fire Danger Period," the agenda says.

That includes the cutting of long grass, removal of fallen timber and rubbish and clearing of leaves and branches from guttering.

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South Gippsland Shire unveils \$68.5m budget

THE headline numbers from this year's draft South Gippsland Shire Council budget include \$31.5 million expenditure on capital works from \$68.451 million total expenditure of which \$28.5 million is employee costs.

It's all part of the proposed 2022-23 budget to be tabled at today's council meeting before going out to the community for comment.

According to the shire, "the drafting of this Budget and Financial Plan has taken place in an unprecedented time of uncertainty and economic change with the ongoing effects of not only a global pandemic, but also increasing inflationary pressures and the as yet unknown full impacts of the war in the Ukraine".

The \$31.467 million capital works program is funded by \$9.77 million in grants and contributions, \$4 million in borrowings and \$17.7 million in council cash. The capital budget also includes \$8.174 million of carry forward projects from 2021/22.

Key dates for the budget process: April 22, 2022 budget submitted for in principle endorsement, April 21 to May 15 budget available for community feedback, June 29, 2022 budget submitted to council for adoption.



Roadworks and streetscape works are front and centre in the new South Gippsland Shire Council budget.

Key points:

- Total expenses \$68.451m (down from \$72.852m).
 - Total from rates up from \$41.6 million (2021-22) to \$42.6 million (2022-23).
 - Total number of assessments up from 20,147 this year to 20,269 next year.
 - Total capital works expenditure goes down from \$38 million this year to \$31.5 million in the year ahead.
 - Total employee costs are expected to come down from \$30.3 million this financial year to \$28.5m in 2022-23.
- Among the projects to be funded this coming year include:
- Community Hub Korumburra \$1.741 million.
 - Aquatic/Recreational Leisure Renewal Program (Non-Building) \$754,000.
 - Bass Highway/Simons Lane Leongatha \$1.75 million.
 - Leongatha & Korumburra

- Railway Station Precincts \$4.7m (Grant \$3m, council \$1.7m).
 - Korumburra Commercial Streetscape \$2.204 million (\$1.5m borrowed, \$704,000 council).
 - Foster Showgrounds Irrigation and Resurfacing \$300,000.
 - Leongatha Precinct Project \$1 million.
 - Community Hub Korumburra \$812,000.
 - Leongatha Main Office Refurbishment \$600,000.
- The reduction of cash from operating activities of \$6.9m in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 is largely the result of recognising 50% of council's 2022/23 Victorian Commission Grants revenue in advance in the 2021/22 financial year as advised in the State Budget.
- This accounts for \$5.5m of the reduction.

Other operating grants have reduced \$4.36m (including a one-off Storm Grant in 2021/22 of \$2.2m).

Borrowing: Amount of borrowings as at June 30, 2022 is expected to be \$7,366,000, increasing to \$10.5m in 2022-23, to \$10.9m in 2023-24 and \$14.5m in 2024-25.

Property values up \$4b

THE incredible rise in the value of all classes of property has been underscored by details provided in the draft South Gippsland Shire Council budget.

The document shows that across the board, property in the shire has risen by almost \$4 billion in value, up 38 per cent in the 12 months from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

Although the shire's budget shows that vacant land (other than rural vacant land) increased by 55 per cent in value during the 12 months, the most significant increase was the 40.2 per cent rise in the value of residential properties. Rise in property values:

- Residential: 40.2%
- Industrial: 16.6%
- Commercial: 27.42%
- Farm: 36.03%
- Vacant rural: 38.92%
- Vacant (other): 55.34%
- Cultural and recreational: 20.74%
- Total value: 38.13%

Shire debt to hit \$14.5m

THE South Gippsland Shire Council expects its level of borrowings to hit almost \$14.5 million over the course of the next four years according to details released this week in its draft Financial Plan 2022/23 – 2031/32.

The total amount borrowed, as at June 30, 2022, is expected to be \$7.36 million, expanding to \$14,447 million by June 30, 2025. The council plans to increase its debt levels to complete a range of major infrastructure projects including the completion of the Mirboo North Pool Refurbishment project works.

The council will seek additional low-interest, subsidised loans through the Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme Program for the Korumburra Community Hub and the Korumburra Streetscape projects.

An additional amount of \$5 million is projected to be borrowed in 2024/25 for the construction of the Korumburra Pool. Debt levels are projected to reduce to \$3 million by 2031-32. The shire's new financial plan, going up to Wednesday's council meeting for endorsement, will then be open for community comment over the next few weeks.

The financial report also covers likely rate increases and the overall amount to be spent on works, services and projects.

Rates are set to increase by 1.75%, 2.75% and 3% over the next three years, in line with the state rate cap, while other statutory fees and user fees will increase by as much as 2.5% annually, keeping pace with the CPI.

Employee costs are projected to increase by up to \$1 million annually, from almost \$30 million this year to \$33.4 million in 2027, although with the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement set to expire on June 30, 2022 it's something of an unknown quantity.

Staffing levels will be gradually cut from 280 effective full time employees to 265.

Total capital works over the next five years is projected to decrease from the \$38 million in 2021-22 to \$31.5 million in 2022-23 and almost \$34 million, \$26.4 million and \$16.2 million in the following years.

Most of this cost is simply renewal expenditure.

Once council has endorsed the draft financial plan, it will go out for community consultation.

BCH Ladies Auxiliary Mother's Day Fete

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Better Light to See You With My Dear

A bulk streetlight replacement project in South Gippsland is almost complete. Over 1,800 streetlights have been replaced so far with LEDs as part of the project, saving Council up to \$160,000 each year and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 300 tonnes per annum.

This project is being done in conjunction with East Gippsland Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council and has been made possible by using that collective buying power to reduce the cost of the project.

The new lights are estimated to be 86 per cent more efficient than what was previously installed. The remaining 270 inefficient streetlights in South Gippsland Shire will be replaced later this year.

The project has been made possible by funding from the Australian Government's *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program* that intends to support local Council's to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects.



Register Now for Your Say South Gippsland

We always want to hear the views of our community. In order to do that, we have a new engagement platform, Your Say South Gippsland. If you don't want to miss a single opportunity to get involved, your best bet is to register. When you do, you will receive regular updates on projects you follow and when new opportunities come up.

To register for the platform, please visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20 April 2022, 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website:
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:

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Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

ROAD RENAMING PROPOSAL – KOONWARRA Section – South Gippsland Highway – Koonwarra

- Part of South Gippsland Highway.



As part of Major Road Project Victoria's South Gippsland Highway Upgrade in Koonwarra, a section of the existing South Gippsland Highway will be made redundant due to the new alignment and access will be closed off to through traffic east of Caithness Road. The section of old highway will be retained to allow access for local residents. To allow for the transfer of the road from arterial road to municipal road, a new name must be given to the road.

Proposed Names

- **Barguss Road** – Robert Barguss died of illness as a POW on the Burma Railway on 12 January 1944.
- **Milsom Road** – Harry Milsom was in 2/22 Battalion at Rabaul and was executed by the Japanese as a POW on 8 March 1942.

South Gippsland Shire has been unable to locate existing family members to seek permission to use the proposed names and calls for consent from the family or requests family contact details from the community.

Members of the public can provide feedback on the names proposed by Leongatha & District Historical Society. Further information on the proposed names and location is available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/naming_roads_places_and_features

All name submissions must comply with *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2016*. All submissions must be received by COB Monday 2 May 2022.

WORKS THIS WEEK

For a list of upcoming works, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

NIPPARDS TRACK ROAD CLOSURE

Nippards Track, Foster between Lyrebird Lane and Hillcrest Road will be closed between Monday 11 April and Friday 22 April to repair slips from the October storm event. These works are being conducted by RRV.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Council has a number of vacant positions currently taking applications. Please visit Council's website for details:

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Clean sweep plan for new council

THE new South Gippsland Shire Council is planning a clean sweep of the shire's practices, policies, projects and community participation, quite literally, over the next four years.

And one of the initiatives they're rolling out in their all-important new four-year plan is \$300,000 for a versatile new street sweeping service that will regularly clean footpaths in the shopping precincts across the shire.

They've also added \$500,000 for an additional 20 kilometres of re-sheeting for the shire's gravel roads, \$100,000 to undertake a comprehensive review of the shire's planning scheme by October 2023 and \$127,000 to invest in and deliver community leadership programs to strengthen community expertise and volunteering. There is also \$60,000 for another coastal planning strategy.

If you like what you've heard so far, check out the draft Council Plan 2022 – 2026 on the shire's website, due to be endorsed by the council this week ahead of the final consultation period running from April 21 through to May 15, 2022 when a suite of council plans can also be commented on by the community before final council approval.

Cr Mohya Davies, Mayor of the South Gippsland Shire Council, underscored the im-



Mayor Cr Moyha Davies as Mayor and Deputy Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey are flanked by, from left, Cr Adrian Darakai and Cr Clare Williams, Cr Sarah Gilligan, Cr Scott Rae and Cr Jenni Keerie, Cr Mick Felton and Cr John Schelling. m014721

portance of the four-year plan: "The Draft Council Plan 2022-2026 is one of the most significant documents that we will develop as councillors. It is a requirement under the Local Government Act 2020, but more than that, it is a foundation document that will guide council for their term.

"Because of this, we are taking the job of developing the council Plan very seriously," she said, noting the extent to which council had gone to engage community interest in planning for the future.

The mayor listed some examples of what is being proposed by the four-year plan, as follows:

- Allocate an additional \$900,000 to support improved road maintenance and infrastructure.
 - Protect the character of our townships through reviewing Planning zones, overlays and policies.
 - Investigate and plan for introducing Food Organics Green Organics to our kerbside bin collection, and
 - Attract business and events that boost our local economy.
- The council will also be working on a Social and Affordable Housing Strategy to increase state and federal government support to service agencies. It will be reviewing its Short Stay Accommodation man-

agement and consider future options, complete a review of shire-wide industrial land supply and commence the preparation of a development plan (including developer contributions) for the South Western precinct of Nyora, as part of the Nyora Development Strategy.

Below is a list of some of the other significant projects in the four-year plan:

- Falls Road, Fish Creek Rural Road Rehabilitation.
- Footpath Renewal and Extension Program.
- Great Southern Rail Trail Extension - Leongatha to Nyora and Welshpool to Hedley.
- Simons Lane, Leongatha upgrade.

Lots of shire plans

THE drafts of the Integrated Plans that are being presented for endorsement at the South Gippsland Shire Council meeting this Wednesday, April 20 include the following:

1. Community Vision 2040;
2. Council Plan 2022-2026;
3. Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-2032;
4. Rating and Revenue Plan 2022-2026;
5. Budget 2022/23 – 2025/26; and
6. Asset Plan 2022-2032.

It represents a huge body of work by the new council and there's an opportunity now, over the next month, for a final round of community consultation.



Mayor's Message

Cr Mohya Davies

THIS week, I attended the Bass Country Women's Association's (CWA) Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch. I took my granddaughter along with me, and we both had such a fabulous time looking at all the wonderful pieces of art and crafts that were on display. The competition was fierce and the level of work was incredible! I had never been in the Loch Hall until that day and it truly was a beautiful sight to behold and a fitting place to hold this event. I would like to sincerely thank the CWA for hosting the exhibition and making it such a lovely event to attend.

Some of you may have already heard that part of the South Gippsland Highway at Koonwarra (east of Caithness Road) is going to be made redundant and reclassified as a municipal road. This means that a new name is needed for that section of road. Council has already sent letters to affected residents to have their say on the proposed new names, and we would like to hear from you all before 5.00pm Monday 2 May 2022. Currently the names proposed are Barguss Road and Milsom Road. Both of these names have been provided by the Leongatha and District Historical Society.

For all the details and to complete a short survey, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/naming_roads_places_and_features

A few months ago, we told you about a streetlight replacement that was going to take place from 7 February 2022 until the end of March. Well, it is mostly done! There are just 270 remaining and it will be completed later this year.

The new lights are estimated to be 86 per cent more efficient than the lights that were previously installed, which will help Council save up to \$160,000 per year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 300 tonnes per annum.

Not only is this project of great benefit to our environment, it is also a great financial saving and ensures our community feel safer in our local townships. This would not have been possible without the work of Council staff who thought collaboratively and worked closely with other councils to produce savings for the communities we serve.

Wednesday 20 April is our next Council Meeting day, and this one is set to be a big one! It is so important that you, the community, get involved however you can in the meetings by either coming along to the public gallery, or watching any time via the live stream link on Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live. This is the best way to keep up to date with what is going on at Council and you can also hear about what the Councillors have been up to during the month when they give their updates.

If you don't have time to watch the entire meeting, you can subscribe to Council's newsletter, In the Know. By doing so, you'll receive updates from the Council Meeting as well as a fortnightly newsletter with some key community information. To subscribe, simply visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow

On Wednesday, we also have our second citizenship ceremony for the year. At the ceremony, we will be welcoming 14 new citizens who have chosen to call South Gippsland home. This is the third ceremony I will preside over as Mayor, and they have all been lovely to be a part of. Catching up with people and hearing their stories of coming to and becoming a citizen of Australia are so fascinating to me. I am always filled with a sense of awe and appreciation for living where I live and feel humbled to be able to share this place with many others.

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and have a safe and wonderful week ahead.

Shire plan ready for community consultation

SOUTH Gippsland Shire community members are expected to be given the opportunity from this week to provide feedback on the draft version of the Council Plan 2022-2026.

At Wednesday's April council meeting, councillors will vote on a recommendation to put the document forward for community consultation from April 21 until May 15, along with a suite of Integrated Strategic Plans.

The Council Plan is a key strategic document intended to align with council's

Community Vision 2040, which is also at the draft stage.

"The draft Council Plan sets out the strategic objectives, strategies and indicators council will strive towards during their term," the April meeting agenda states.

The drafts of the Integrated Plans that are also being presented to councillors for endorsement at the April meeting include the Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-2032, the Rating and Revenue Plan 2022-2026, the Budget 2022/23 – 2025/26, and the Asset Plan

2022-2032.

Community feedback gathered for the draft Community Vision 2040 and the Regional Profile were considered by councillors during a series of integrated planning workshops to develop the draft Council Plan.

The draft Council Plan details six proposed strategic objectives and the strategies intended to achieve them, along with indicators by which council will measure success.

The final stage of community consultation on the Council

Plan and the associated suite of Integrated Plans will be multi-faceted.

Community feedback will be gathered through an online survey, sessions with councillors, a town hall forum, community pop-ups, a stakeholder workshop and by written submission.

The community feedback will be analysed and incorporated into the final Integrated Plans and will be considered for adoption at the June 29, 2022, council meeting, the April meeting agenda states.

Is it jobs, affordable housing or climate change?

THINKING about the year 2040, what would you like South Gippsland to look, feel and be like?

A Community Panel of 29 local people, randomly selected by a consultant, agreed to five overarching priorities for the future.

Do they align with what you think will be important in South Gippsland over the next 20 or so years? If not, you'll get a further chance to have your say after the shire council endorses the draft 'South Gippsland Community Vision 2040' at its council meeting this Wednesday, April 20.

The panel's community priorities include:

Sustainability and Climate Change

They want South Gippsland Shire to lead by example in sustainability, by implementing and promoting actions to mitigate climate change through environmentally considerate policies. They want the shire to educate and inform our com-

munity about sustainability practices.

Aims include that the community is prepared for bushfire and extreme weather events, and we have well-constructed defensible homes. They acknowledge that the area is a key food bowl for Victoria but want to ensure our high-quality produce is sustainably grown and creates food security.

Enhanced Natural Environment and Cultural Heritage

They want a community which respects, protects and enhances our unique natural assets and cultural heritage, while encouraging the community to engage in outdoor lifestyles and activities.

They want our Indigenous heritage to be proudly embraced throughout the shire in the story of South Gippsland, they want to offer rate relief to those prepared to protect private bush areas with covenants and to limit foot-traffic and the impact of our pets on coastal

landscapes while still allowing sustainable development.

Shaping our Future

The panel has clearly expressed some concern about how responsive the shire council's planning process is, saying they want "flexible, practical and sustainable planning that includes and supports all elements of our community and environment". They want to ensure that infrastructure, facilities and services are viable and well-planned, and ready when needed.

Ensuring population growth and housing is sustainable and well supported with services, including better roads has been underlined.

A Destination to Live, Visit and Enjoy

This section focuses on providing an environment where small business can thrive, creating jobs and boosting the local economy. They want to see local education pathways enabling young people to stay and study in their own community. And to

make sure the area is attractive and welcoming to visitors.

Healthy, Connected and Engaged Community


Affordable housing, a plan which supports and encourages volunteering, and activities that promote a sense of belonging, health and wellbeing are covered under this section.

The 'South Gippsland Community Vision 2040' plan will dovetail into a suite of other plans to direct and guide the shire's short-term and long-term planning.

The council's suite of integrated plans will be available and promoted for community feedback from April 21 to May 15, 2022.

This will include an online survey, sessions with councillors, a town hall forum, community pop ups, a stakeholder workshop, and by written submission.

Further details are available on council's website: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/influence-strategy.



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All in or all out

Key projects hang in the balance

By Nick Sinis

WITH the federal election set for Saturday, May 21, funding for priority projects rests on the efforts of Bass Coast Shire's advocacy strategy.

The shire's Advocacy Strategy 2018-21 identifies a three-tiered structure to advocacy, where level one priorities are the top priorities for the community.

Key projects seeking significant funding include:

Aquatics: Phillip Island and Wonthaggi- \$79.3m investment. Council is seeking this amount to deliver its two-pool strategy, which will see a new aquatic facility developed on Phillip Island and the redevelopment of Wonthaggi's centre.

Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail: \$7m investment for stage 1 to develop art sites.

The dinosaur trail will link from San Remo to Inverloch and feature six art sites amplifying dinosaur fossils in the region.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: \$12.36m investment.

Council's seeking \$11.86m towards erosion control, with \$10m to deliver on the findings of the Cape to Cape Resilience project.

While \$500,000 is also being sought for Carbon Drawdown Smart Farms (pilot project).

Road upgrades: \$30.5m investment.

Funding of \$7.5m to be allocated to Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) for implementation of pedestrian and intersection safety improvements at Kilcunda. Council's also seeking \$23m to be allocated to RRV for Phillip Island Road transport infrastructure improvements in San Remo township and Back Beach Road intersection.

Sealing urban roads: \$5m investment per annum for four years. Funding to seal roads across the shire.

Tourism infrastructure: Bass Coast Tracks and Trails - \$40m investment.

Council has prioritised a series of future tracks and trails, with four current projects including:

- Summerlands Peninsula



Mayor Cr Michael Whelan is confident in the shire's advocacy strategy and hopes a number of priority projects will be funded by the federal government in the lead up to the election.

Trails (Phillip Island Nature Parks project).

* Cowes to Penguin Parade (partnering with Nature Parks).

* Cowes to Rhyll (partnering with Nature Parks).

* Gippsland Odyssey: Woolamai to Nyora (partnering with Destination Gippsland).

Wonthaggi North East: \$13.9m investment.

The Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan will provide long-term residential and employment growth for the shire. Council is seeking \$13.9m towards the construction of three roundabouts at key intersections on the Bass Highway, to open up the only vacant commercially-zoned land in Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said with a population growth of 3.7 per cent last year, more investment and funding was greatly needed for the shire.

"Our usual (growth) rate is around the mid 2 per cent," Cr Whelan said.

"So, we're seeing quite a strong population growth occurring."

To accommodate this growth, Cr Whelan said that it is imperative that the federal government fast tracks the

Wonthaggi North East Structure Precinct.

"New residential land will provide greater housing and rental affordability. This land will provide for up to 12,000 new residents and will provide access to the only vacant commercially zoned land in Wonthaggi, meaning more local jobs. It will also feature new community infrastructure including schools and sporting facilities," Cr Whelan said.

"Investment in this precinct will fast track development. This land is needed now."

This growth also means new community and sporting facilities are needed.

"Both Phillip Island and Wonthaggi communities require new aquatic facilities and council has undertaken years of work to ensure that both of these facilities are shovel ready and stand the greatest chance of investment through pre-election commitments," Cr Whelan said.

"There's a really strong justification and need for those aquatics here."

In regard to climate change, Cr Whelan said council was seeking funding provisions to implement findings of the Cape to Cape Resilience project.

"It's urgent and we need it to be treated as an urgent issue so that work can be done," he said.

"If we get no commitment now, we get the Cape to Cape project and then we need to wait for another budget."

"The issue is we can lose Wreck Creek (Inverloch) soon."

Cr Whelan noted that the shire had been engaging with all parties in the lead up to the election including Liberal, Labor, Independent and the Greens.

It's also important that the community let candidates know what they think Bass Coast needs.

"Demonstrating broad-based public support for our advocacy priorities is crucial to success. I encourage community members to take the opportunity to speak with candidates on the priorities that matter to them," Cr Whelan said.

The shire's Advocacy Priorities have been developed with the help of community feedback provided for the Council Plan, Community Vision and other important council strategies.

For further detail on advocacy priorities, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/advocacy.

Community wants watchdog: candidate

THERE is strong support in the seat of Monash for a federal anti-corruption watchdog, according to independent candidate Deb Leonard.

Ms Leonard said she had been out talking to thousands of people in the community and "is hearing there is strong support" for an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Ms Leonard's comments follow an article published in The Age, titled 'Voters don't care about integrity commission: seven Liberal MPs', published online on April 17, 2022.

Mr Broadbent reportedly told The Age that in his electorate, "it's always roads, and in the last week or so they are raising Albo".

Further, he said: "What's important to you or I is not important to 90 per cent of the public. This election will be won and lost on how people feel about the economy and who will look after them."

Asked if voters in his seat had raised an integrity body, Mr Broadbent told The Age: "No, it has not been raised with me."

Yesterday (Tuesday, March 19), Ms Leonard said establishing a robust federal ICAC was among the top responses of a survey conducted by Voices for Monash seeking feedback on policy priorities prior to nominating her as their supported candidate.

Ms Leonard disputed the claim the issue had not been raised with Mr Broadbent.

"Corruption in politics is undermining just about every other decision being made on our behalf - including decisions about roads, infrastructure and climate action," Ms Leonard said.

"The people of our community know this, and they want integrity in government and a robust federal anti-corruption commission."

"The community is concerned that the lack of accountability in government is resulting in misuse of public funds, and decisions being made against the interests of the community," Ms Leonard said.

Greens push for dental coverage

THE Greens' federal candidate for Monash, Mat Morgan, says people in the electorate are putting off going to the dentist because they can't afford it.

It comes as the Greens announce a plan that would see everyone eligible for a Medicare card also receive access to clinically-relevant dental services for free, including general dental, orthodontics, and restorative services.

Under the plan, people would still be able to choose their dentist, and routine and therapeutic dental services would be bulk-billed or rebated.

"In a wealthy country like ours, everyone should have access to critical healthcare like dental. Dental health is critical for overall health, with many easily treatable oral conditions turning into serious illnesses."

Mr Morgan said the policy, costing around \$8b a year, would be funded by "making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax, and it will make people's lives better".

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‘Community Vision’
draft to be released

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's draft Community Vision 2040 has been prepared and is expected to go on public display from April 21 to May 15.

Councillors vote at their April 20 public meeting on a recommendation to put the document on view for that period in what will be the final stage of community consultation before the finished plan is created.

As its name suggests, the Community Vision 2040 is intended to guide the future direction of South Gippsland Shire. It will act as a guide for preparing plans and budgets.

A consultant from Deliberately Engaging, which is managing the project, prepared the draft Community Vision based on the work of a specially established Community Panel and other community consultation.

The Community Panel will reconvene for a third and final meeting on May 21, at which its members will review community feedback on the draft vision, as presented to them by council and the consultant.

"The panel will consider this feedback to finalise the Community Vision 2040," a council spokesperson stated.

Mayor Cr Mohya Davies explained responsibility then falls on council: "Ultimately, council is the responsible body in adopting the vision."

Community Panel members held two February meetings, the first conducted through Zoom.

During the introductory meeting they considered initial community feedback on what people wanted from the vision, along with demographic trends in South Gippsland. At the second meeting, panel members heard from experts, mostly council staff on a range of themes, before undertaking further work towards developing the vision statement.

The panel provided its recommendations to council and the consultant to prepare the draft vision. While the Community Vision 2040 will act as an important guide for setting the future direction of South Gippsland Shire, councillors will continue to obtain community feedback to assist in planning.

From tree stumps to works of art

WOOREEN tree stumps were transformed into works of art with the craftsmanship of local chainsaw carver Andrew Noble, who is renowned for his Toora Dog Tree.

The stumps are the remains of huge gum trees that once towered over the property of Meg Viney.

"When I moved in here, I was terrified of these trees because they were about 200 metres high and they were swaying all over the place," Meg said.

Ultimately, a branch came down, breaking her fence, and she called on the local council for assistance.

The street trees were deemed too dangerous to remain, with council organising for their removal. However, artist Meg had a vision to do something creative with the tree stumps to give them new life.

Meg knows Andrew from their days teaching together in Leongatha and realised he was the ideal person to repurpose the stumps.

She was successful in obtaining financial assistance through South Gippsland Shire Council's Small Grants Program to help with the cost of the public artwork.

The new carvings are sure to catch the eyes of those attending the Wooreen Anzac Day service that will be held just across the road.

Being located near the town's war memorial area, Andrew expected the carvings to have a direct Anzac feel, but artist Meg had a different idea.

"They're faces but they're not portraits, so they could be



Meg Viney and Andrew Noble stand with a finished and a partially complete carving.

farmers, or could be diggers," she said.

The carvings are intended to capture the essence of local people without replicating anyone specific. It's an abstraction in a sense but it's a strong reference," Meg said.

"You perceive what you want to from the image that you see."

Meg explained that is the way she likes to create her art, rather than presenting people with a finished idea. However, while anonymous, the faces depicted are full of character. Meg's drawings guided Andrew in his carvings, which depict the faces of two men and a woman.

Andrew explained the relief carvings of the faces are ideal for the type of timber.

"Gum trees tend to crack a bit," so, by being sunk into the tree the faces are afforded some protection, with an oil sealer being applied to further the longevity of the works.

While Andrew's initial wood carvings involved less detailed features, his work has become increasingly precise as his skills and range of tools have increased.

He has multiple chainsaws, with the largest enabling him to "block out" the overall area for a carving, removing excess timber.

Small chainsaws allow more intricate details, with other tools such as a dremel and a finger sander suited to finer work.

The chainsaws feature dime tip carving bars, essential to prevent the kickback associated with standard chainsaws.

That lets Andrew maintain contact with the artwork and create the desired level of detail.

Selling his initial chainsaw carvings, as well as his enjoyment in creating them, inspired Andrew to pursue the artform.

"If my stuff is good enough for people to buy it, I'll take it on," he said of his thoughts at the time.

Andrew continues to combine his chainsaw carving with his role as the head of PE at Leongatha's Chairo Christian School. He also teaches students woodwork, sharing skills such as box making.

With the carvings located on the roadside outside her property, Meg is delighted to be able to share them with other locals and passers-by and is looking forward to the Anzac Day gathering.

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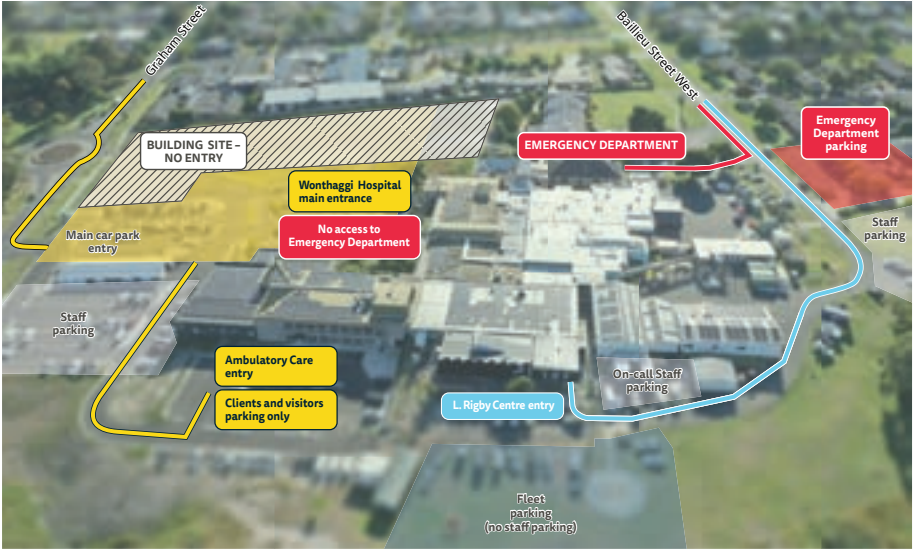
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Dozens participated in a rally march at Inverloch with signs and slogans calling for more action to be taken on climate change and voters to make a conscience decision this election. ns211622

Inverloch's the spot for climate action

WHILE Inverloch was packed with tourists enjoying the Easter weekend, it was hard not to miss the climate rally taking place outside the Hub on Saturday.

The rally, organised by Monash Community Climate Coalition, saw a healthy number of attendees as well as Monash candidates in the running for the upcoming federal election.

Slogans and posters filled

the scene which called for more to be done on climate change, while voters were urged to carefully examine their preferred political party's climate policies before voting.

The event even featured a guest appearance from Dr Michael Borgas, a former CSIRO climate scientist, who echoed the words of UN Secretary-General António Guterres regarding the recent IPCC report.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan also gave a speech on the importance of the government stepping up to help combat climate change on a local level.

While Dr Nola Maxfield spoke about the health implications of climate change.

The event concluded with a rally march to the Glade, led by the XR "Sybils" in bright costumes.

Rock seawall project on track

ALMOST 80 metres of a new 300-metre rock seawall has been constructed at Cowes East foreshore, with the project expected to be completed by late July.

Construction has so far seen eight new timber groynes installed within the section of Cowes foreshore between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road as part of stage 1, with the rock revetment works forming the final stage.

These works are being undertaken to protect the foreshore including the beach, dunes and public access from erosion.

According to council, as of late March approximately 80 metres of the rock revetment wall, up to 2.5m high, has been completed.



Eight timber groynes have been constructed so far at Cowes East foreshore, with the rock seawall expected to be completed by late July.

"The contractor will construct the first part of the wall from west-east direction up to 2.5m high and then will construct the second part of the wall from east to west direction," council stated via their Engage Bass Coast website.

"The second part of the rock wall is approximately 1m high."

The total project costs are \$3.35 million.

This includes \$720,147 for design and construction of the groynes and \$2.64 million for design and construction of the seawall.

Council also received \$1.1 million in grant funding from the Federal Government towards the groynes and seawall project.

Have your say on erosion at Inverloch

WITH stage 2 engagement for the Cape to Cape Resilience project now available online, face to face engagement sessions will be held this month at Inverloch.

As part of stage 2, the community can view a range of coastal erosion and inundation hazard maps that the team has spent some time developing, using the modelling undertaken for the Inverloch Region Coastal Hazard Assessment.

An online survey is currently running, which will assist the next steps of the project for selection of adaptation options to model, and adaptation pathways planning for the coastal resilience of the Inverloch township and study region.

The survey is available at bit.ly/3uDym1v.

Over the coming weeks, the project team will be running a series of face



Phebe Bicknell of Alluvium Consulting and Cassandra Philippou, project manager of the Inverloch Regional and Strategic Partnership, are looking forward to engaging with the Inverloch community this month. ns021622

to face and online engagement activities to talk to the community and stakeholders about the hazard maps.

Engagement at Inverloch will take place on:

• Thursday, April 21, from

10.30am in front of the Inverloch Community Hub; and

• Saturday, April 23, 11am-2pm, drop-in session at Inverloch Basketball Stadium, Inverloch Community Hub.

Buying and Selling Property

- Part 4: Considerations when selling

THE final part of 'buying and selling property' series will look at some considerations to bear in mind when selling.

After making the decision to sell, it is important to get yourself and your property ready for the sale. To begin it is worth spending some time de-cluttering, cleaning and doing a general tidy up inside the house and outside in the garden to present the property in great condition.

First impressions count so be sure not to skip this step. It may result in you discovering the need for repairs and/or cosmetic renovations such as new paint or carpet. All of these things can help in achieving the best price possible.

Once your property is in a sellable condition it is time to choose an agent. You will be spoilt for choice when it comes to selecting an agent which can make the decision difficult, however some things you can do to help in this process include; researching agents online; meet them in person by getting property appraisals; see them in action at open inspections and auctions; seek recommendations from family friends.

It is also worth checking their fees and charges (detailed previously in Part 3) and don't be afraid to negotiate. At the end of the day though it is a personal relationship so go with an agent you like, who seems trustworthy and who you believe has the skills to deliver you the result you desire. A formal agency agreement will then be entered into with your chosen agent.

One of the first things your agent will need to advise you on is the method of sale. There are two common types to select from: private treaty or auction.

A private treaty involves negotiating with a buyer to agree on a sale price and terms, which your agent will handle. Conversely, with an auction the price is determined by bidding between prospective buyers on a set date and time.

The contract of sale for a private treaty can be conditional meaning the buyer can, subject to your approval, set conditions such as subject to finance, before the contract is binding. On the other hand, at an auction the buyer cannot make the purchase subject to any conditions. In saying that a risk with an auction is the property may not sell so be sure to understand the pros and cons of

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Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

both methods before choosing.

Once a sale has been made the required legal documents to sell a property will need to be prepared. These include the contract of sale and vendors statement (also called a section 32). You will need to engage a solicitor or property conveyancer to prepare these for you. They will also oversee settlement where the property's ownership (title) transfers from the seller to the buyer. Again, as this is also involves a personal relationship, you should apply the same tact as choosing an agent.

If you haven't already thought about your options prior to selling, you'll need to consider them once the sale has concluded such as to where to live, whether to rent or buy, downsize or upsize to name but a few.

Finally, you may also have surplus funds following the sale that could be invested to generate wealth through income and or growth so it is worth seeking advice from an advisor prior to selling to discuss your plans and options if you are unsure on what to do.

In summary, there are many things to consider when selling a property and much like buying a property you may only do this once or possibly a few times in your life. Given the size of the transaction which is usually quite significant, it is important to understand what to consider including the process and costs involved as best as you can.

This concludes the four part property series which shared insights on the costs, steps and other considerations when buying and selling property. Whilst it can be complex and sometimes daunting, always remember that professionals exist to help you achieve your goals and objectives.

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Garden opens for the first time in 14 years

THE garden at Clear Springs, 9km east of Mirboo North, is opening on the weekend of April 30 and May 1 to make the most of the autumn display of flowers and foliage.

Clear Springs is a hilltop garden with magnificent views of the Tarwin Valley. Hedges, vistas, focal points and pathways draw you through the collection of diverse plants and interesting vignettes.

Garden owner Matthew Henry has been busy preparing the garden.

"It is actually quite a creative process," he said.

"The pressure to have the garden looking its best by a deadline means that new ideas are popping up all the time.

"Mainly, I am looking at how



A spectacular garden at Clear Springs will welcome visitors over the weekend of April 30 and May 1.

to refine the layout, how to rationalise the materials, and the deadline forces me to make decisions about what plants can stay and what must go, what needs clipping and what can be left to grow free."

He concedes that not all of

these ideas are feasible to be completed in time, "but I am enjoying the flow of the process all the same".

There will be a plant stall with an assortment of plants, with an emphasis on perennials and unusual plants.

The Mirboo North Primary School Chaplaincy committee will be providing refreshments.

Nearby attractions include the cafes and bakery in the town of Mirboo North, not to mention the Mirboo North Garden Centre for more plant shopping. Mossvale Park, Lyrebird walk and the rail trail can offer more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. You can book online beforehand at trybooking.com/BXRSG or buy tickets on the day. For more information, look at the Open Gardens Victoria webpage at opengardensvictoria.org.au and find Matthew Henry Gardens on Instagram.

Head to 40 Clear Creek Valley Road, Mirboo North, on April 30 or May 1 between 10am and 4.30pm.

Calls to seal Mount Eccles road fall on deaf ears

SAFETY concerns expressed by residents of Canavans Road, Mount Eccles, centred on the need to replace the road's unsealed section with bitumen, but a well-supported petition on the issue has failed to win the backing of South Gippsland Shire Council officers.

They will recommend councillors vote at Wednesday's public meeting not to seal the relevant section, but rather to program unsealed road maintenance for that section, including re-sheeting.

Felicity Hetherington created the petition presented at council's February meeting, winning the support of 28 signatories, along with the provisional backing of Cr John Schelling.

"I believe that Canavans Road is used by many milk tankers and through traffic and, if it can stack up, it would be a worthy road to bitumen," Cr Schelling said during the February meeting.

Having since reviewed the petitioner's request and carried out additional traffic counts on the unsealed section of Canavans Road, council officers believe sealing that section doesn't stack up, arguing traffic volumes fall short of those required to do so.

"Therefore, it is recommended that the unsealed section of Canavans Road continues to be maintained as a gravel road in accordance with the Road Management Plan," council's April meeting agenda states.

Traffic counters were placed at four sites on Canavans Road during March, with council officers concluding there had been little change since previous counts in 2017 and 2019.

While an average of 150 vehicles per day is currently the recommended minimum to upgrade roads from unsealed to sealed, the latest count revealed a maximum average of 78 vehicles per day at the busiest of the four count sites, council's data shows.

The least busy of the sites is reported to have averaged just 33 vehicles per day.

The advice to be considered by councillors at Wednesday's meeting includes an argument that traffic volume averages of below 150 vehicles per day is potentially damaging to a sealed road surface.

"When sealed roads have volumes lower than 150 vehicles per day, there is a high risk that oxidation of the bitumen will occur, causing it to become brittle and crack, letting moisture into the pavement," the meeting agenda says.

Furthermore, it is stated that numerous other unsealed roads throughout South Gippsland Shire attract higher traffic volumes than Canavans Road and deserve to be prioritised for sealing ahead of it.

Financial considerations also play a significant role in the recommendation not to seal the relevant section of Canavans Road.

With current approximate costs to seal an unsealed road put at \$400,000 per kilometre, sealing the remaining 7,410 metres of Canavans Road is projected to cost \$2.96 million.

In a cover letter submitted in support of her petition, Ms Hetherington made it clear that in her view maintenance of the unsealed part of Canavans Road falls well short of safety requirements.

"In 2021, the potholes reappeared on the unsealed, narrow road and were left there for months; drivers were forced to drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid them, vehicles were damaged and there were many near misses," she wrote.

Ms Hetherington said the problem recurs yearly, with potholes appearing during winter and spring and usually remaining for a considerable period.

She also stated that the unsealed road becomes greasy and muddy after frequent rainfall, and that the winding road with its many blind corners is a risky proposition at the best of times.

"Mount Eccles residents believe the South Gippsland Shire Council has a duty of care to provide them with a safe road to travel on, and look forward to hearing your response," Ms Hetherington wrote.

That response won't be a welcome one.



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Community in focus for local police

By Nick Sinis

GOING back to basics is the aim for a new police initiative as part of a grassroots approach to tackle crime and support community safety.

Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police Shane Patton recently announced the new neighbourhood policing initiative, which will see police working more closely with communities to identify and address local concerns.

The rollout of the statewide neighbourhood policing initiative will see police compile a register of issues concerning their community and partner with councils, community groups and government agencies to address local issues, before reporting back to residents on what's been done.

Bass Coast Inspector Chris Goldrick said the initiative was all about creating a consistent approach to policing across the state.

"Building on a number of pilots across the state, we finalised this program which is what the Chief Commissioner issued," Insp Goldrick said. "We will adopt that consistent process and program, which is essentially going to be formalised engagement with a local safety committee.

"We're in discussion with the shire on how that structure is going to be set up and what members of the community are best suited to be on that committee.

"The purpose of the committee is to discuss the broader range of issues across the



Inspector Chris Goldrick was certainly embracing the 'back to basics' police initiative and had the pleasure of meeting Groodle 'Brinkley' this month. C127_1522

police service area."

Insp Goldrick said police will also use established connections to improve community relationships.

"We have very strong relationships with Orange Door and service providers in that area," he said.

"Likewise, our Highway Patrol have strong liaisons with VicRoads and council's road safety committee.

"We'll use those to gain information from community sectors into the local safety committee, which will come to a coordinator, which is a senior

sergeant at our local station.

"They will triage issues that come to their attention as to whether police can manage it within our own resources, or whether we need to engage with other partners to resolve the issues more broadly."

When queried on the issue of police resources highlighted by the community in recent times, Insp Goldrick said the community can be assured that there will always be a policing response to all incidents.

"When there's a surge of population, we do get a lot of

resourcing support from our Eastern Region Headquarters," he said.

"We move police to the need, so we can continue our normal policing response in those areas, so they (community) still get the same service they've been accustomed to.

"We are very conscious that there are police in the area to meet whatever demand."

Victoria Police is also undertaking a sentiment survey covering every local government area within the state.

To complete the survey, visit bit.ly/3NTDJRt.



Emergency services including paramedics, CFA and police were quick to respond to a two-car collision on the Bass Highway last week. ns031622

Ongoing investigation into two-car collision

NO LIFE-THREATENING injuries were reported following a serious vehicle collision on the Bass Highway between Wonthaggi and Inverloch last Wednesday, April 13.

Emergency services responded to the incident at approximately 1pm, where two vehicles collided after one vehicle attempted to perform a U-turn.

According to local police, one vehicle had been towing a trailer containing timber sleepers when two fell out.

The driver pulled over to adjust the trailer and then performed a U-turn to recover the fallen timber, when another vehicle travelling behind has collided into its side.

Bass Coast Highway Patrol, Acting Sergeant Scott Simcock said the driver of the travelling vehicle was conveyed to Wonthaggi Hospital for observation.

"The driver of the vehicle towing (a trailer) did not go with Ambulance (Victoria) which was against their recommendations," Act Sgt Simcock said.

"Both vehicles had to be towed and there was significant damage."

Act Sgt Simcock said while police inquiries into the incident were ongoing, the driver towing the trailer was being investigated for performing an unsafe U-turn and having an unsecure load.



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A **2022 Community Grant** may be just what your organisation needs to make a great idea happen. So we're having an information session on applying for a grant on **Tuesday May 3rd at 6pm** at the **Phillip Island Bowls Club, Cowes**, with special guest Trish Madden from the Community Enterprise Foundation!

Light refreshments provided and all Community groups welcome. RSVP by 29 April to admin@srdfs.com.au or any of our friendly branches at San Remo, Cowes and Grantville.

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Saturday, 14 May 2022
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1770 Phillip Island Road, Phillip Island. Ph: 5956 7505

Volunteers needed for koala study

KOALAS are under threat, but to protect them, we need to understand them.

The Gippsland Plain Bioregion includes the Strzelecki and Wilsons Promontory bioregions and also contains the Mornington Peninsula, Cardinia and Bass Coast regions. Prior to European settlement, in the 1800s, koalas were interconnected across the entire Gippsland Plain, but are now separated by extensive areas of agricultural land.

Koala populations crashed after European settlement, mostly due to clearing of habitat and koalas being hunted for their fur. To re-introduce koalas to Victoria, a breeding program - from just a handful of koalas - commenced on Phillip Island and French Island. These animals were translocated from the Islands to various regions across the state.

However, due to inbreeding occurring, these koalas have very low genetic diversity. There is one koala population in the Strzelecki Ranges which scientists have found to be a remnant koala population of special significance with high genetic diversity.

There is strong evidence suggesting some koalas from the original population may still remain in areas such as the Mornington Peninsula, Tooradin, Cranbourne, Koo Wee Rup and Grantville. If this is the case, then it will be important to protect the genetic integrity of koalas in these regions, and conserve them as an insurance population. Individuals could be used for genetic rescue of populations where genetic diversity is low.

Kelly Smith from Federation University is conducting a genetic study of the Mornington Peninsula koala population and adjoining regions of the Gippsland Plain.

She is looking for volunteers to help collect koala scats (yes, poo), especially those residents who have koalas regularly visiting their property.

"By analysing koala scats, we can easily find out information, such as the gender, presence of disease, genetic diversity and the ancestral origin of each koala."

This type of genetic sampling is more ethical because it is not bothering the koala and is very cost effective. Volunteers are being asked to look for koalas and/or koala trees and pick up fresh scats, using toothpicks, from underneath the tree.

The Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group is already heavily involved in this Citizen Science project, but more people are needed to find koala scats in regions across the Gippsland Plain so that scientists can also get an understanding of the koala's movements and habitat connectivity.

"It's really important to find volunteers who can help with this project because more than 70 per cent of koala habitat is on private property, and therefore most koalas are located on private land and difficult to access without permission."

If you have koalas visiting your property and/or regularly see koalas whilst out bushwalking and would like to be a part of this exciting project, please contact Kelly on 0432 530 443 for more information and to obtain a scat collection kit. Kelly will also be holding group volunteering days in some areas for those wishing to work as a group.



The group of current Practical Music students meet every Thursday at Wonthaggi Goods Shed. C05_1222

Music to their ears

THE perfect starting point to learn about different aspects of the music industry.

Facilitated by professional musicians, radio presenters and industry experts, Bass Coast Adult Learning's Practical Music Course requires no musical experience, rather just a passion and drive for the music industry.

Covering an array of topics - including but not limited to - performing, production, managing, events, songwriting, busking, copyright, legal and promotion, individuals leave with an array of skills and knowledge to help them on their musical voyage.

Driven by participants, everyone has their own story, experience and musical talents.

For Jess Paulson, it's her third week at The Goods Shed.

"I joined to find my own voice - a lot of my work has been

collaborative and community music previously.

"For me, I want to learn how to write songs saying what I want to say.

"It's also a space to share my skills and learn other instruments."

With a second boy not long arrived for Jess, Practical Music will also open more doors and career opportunities.

"COVID took a hard hit on the music community."

For others, it's their second time.

"I completed the previous course," David Hubble explains.

"It was very good, and I got a lot out of it."

David's desire this time around is to learn more about the legalities - especially around busking.

An experienced open mic and events organiser, and musician

in his own right, David brings years of experience to the table.

Robyn Reddall has also put her hand up and is a prime example of individuals not requiring a musical background - she is learning the piano.

"It's wonderful to be around musicians. I'm starting out on the piano.

"It's finding my voice and becoming enthusiastic. It's fabulous and I feel very honoured to be here.

"BCAL offers amazing courses with wonderful teachers."

A man of many skills, in particular percussion, Steven Rath doesn't have a favourite instrument.

"I've been playing music since I was born. I enjoy the piano."

As facilitator Lisa Ovejero adds: "There is a variety of skills and knowledge within the group. Today we are joined by Jon von Goes - musician

and broadcaster at 3RRR. This afternoon we are driving out to Archies Creek to see where Jon broadcasts."

Giving individuals the opportunity to mix with an array of skills has led to David creating an open mic session after the Sunday Rotary Market in Wonthaggi.

"Last weekend, it went from 1pm to 4pm and the 10 musicians had the opportunity to go through twice," David explained.

"We set up on the porch and enjoyed the sunshine. People sat on the lawn."

"It was very well organised," Lisa added.

"Jess did a fantastic job (singing) and Matt even joined in."

On the second Sunday of the month after the market, pop down to the Goods Shed and enjoy the soothing sounds and talent of local musicians.



Hear from local author Chris Flynn

THE Friends of Inverloch Library are delighted to host their in-branch author event with Chris Flynn on Friday, April 29, at 6pm in the Inverloch Library.

Chris is the author of many books, including The Glass Kingdom, A Tiger in Eden, and Mammoth. He is currently editor in residence at Museums Victoria and is a much sought-after presenter at literary festivals across Australia.

For just \$10, come down and

hear from Chris on Friday, April 29. Bookings at myli.library.eventbrite.com or call 5674 1169.

Garry in Inverloch

SMILES were part of the dress for the night at the Friends of the Inverloch Library author event on Friday, March 25.

A crowd of about 75 enjoyed the engaging talk Garry Disher gave about his writing and especially his new book, 'The Way It Is

Now', a new crime thriller.

There was also a surprise, with an individual snack box and wine to add to the night. Details of future events can be found on the FOIL Facebook page or at the Inverloch Library.

Chris Flynn is speaking on April 29.

LEFT: Chris Flynn will be speaking at the Inverloch Library later this month. Photo: Jo Ducko.

Let the Fixit Café help you

THE wonderful weather recently has inspired people to dig out their garden tools.

Perhaps they need attention? Look no further than the Fixit Café.

Due to clashes with Easter Sunday and the Anzac Day holiday, the next café will be on May 15.

The Fixit volunteers and members of the Men's Shed will do their best to fix your item, whether it be electrical, wooden, a garden tool, or a clock for example, in the time allotted to you (usually 30 minutes but it varies).

The service is free, but parts need to be acquired by the

client. If you feel like making a donation, that is very welcome.

Fixit Café Wonthaggi is a great place to get to know people and chill out on a Sunday.

It is an activity of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House and can be found at the Harvest Centre/Wonthaggi Men's Shed, behind Mitchell House (enter from the Goods Shed Car Park, via the Big W car park). For photos and last-minute updates, check out the Facebook page.

RIGHT: Marian is all set to garden again thanks to the Fixit Café.





ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Twice the tragedy for one family

ONE of the local brothers identified by Leongatha historian, Lyn Skillern, Eric James (Barclay) Richardson, was only weeks away from surviving the First World War, after seeing action at Gallipoli, North Africa and on the Western Front in France.

He was killed in action on July 19, 1918 three months after his brother Frank was also killed in action near Amiens, France on April 24, 1918, just 36km away.

Eric Richardson left Australia on September 25, 1914 and arrived at the Tell El Kebir training camp, located 110km north-northeast of Cairo and 75 kilometres south of Port Said on the edge of the Egyptian desert.

He saw service at Anzac Cove between July 1, 1915 and December 31, 1915 when the battle came to an end leaving 142,000 Allies dead or injured and 250,000 Turks dead or injured.

Eric Richardson was one of them, shot in the leg on August 10, 1915 however after receiving treatment, he continued on.

He went back to Tell El Kebir where he was docked seven days' pay for being absent without leave.

On April 27, 1916 he was transferred to France where he was brought up on unspecified charges, possibly for fighting, but serious enough to bring him before a court martial and ultimately



Eric Richardson, brother of Frank also killed in action, formerly of Mardan, fought all the way through WW1, only to be killed in the final months. Here, the plaque at the War Memorial in Canberra.

be fined 93 days' pay.

He was a driver and also fought as a gunner and bombardier from May 19, 1916 through to December 1, 2018 when he was allowed off on leave in Paris.

He rejoined his unit on January 19, 2018 and fought through until July 19, 1918 when he was killed just four months from the end of the war.

There were a lot of battles raging on the Western Front ahead of the Second Battle of the Somme from August to September 2018 but with American troops starting to pour in and the Allies holding dominant positions along the Western Front, he may have only been a matter of weeks away from surviving the whole war and some of its worst battles.

His death and details of his burial at the Querrieu British Cemetery (just outside Amiens 155km north of Paris) was confirmed by letter to his father Mr WL Richardson on June 19, 1919.

His modest personal effects including two diaries, a jack knife, two handkerchiefs, a YMCA wallet, chocolate box and two books were sent to his girlfriend May Harritt back home in Hawthorn.

His brother, Frank, is buried 5km away at the Daours Communal Cemetery Extension also just outside Amiens.

Their stories and those of thousands of former Australian service personnel can be searched on the National Archives of Australia at recordsearch.naa.gov.au.

Anzac Day resources distributed

MORE than 17,000 schools, ex-service organisations and community groups have been sent Anzac Day commemorative packs to help ensure Australians never forget the extraordinary sacrifice by our servicemen and women.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said the annual materials were provided free by the federal government to support Anzac Day commemorations around the country.

"Anzac Day is one of our most significant and sacred national days and we are committed to ensuring schools and other groups in our community have easy access to resources to help mark it in an appropriate way," Minister Gee said.

"Our nation owes an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who have served our nation, and those who have given their lives in defence of Australia, our freedoms and our values.

"It is vital that, as the years pass, we take on the responsibility to repay that debt by honouring them and ensuring younger Australians know and understand the sacrifice of those who have gone before them.

"It is up to our generation and the generations to come to ensure the stories of those who sacrificed so much for our nation continue to be told, and that we remember what they did for Australia.

"This year's packs include a range of materials, including posters commemorating our Anzacs and recognising the 30th anniversary of the Australian peacekeeping mission to Somalia.

"This year we are also including resources which highlight the role and the stories of Indigenous personnel who served during the First and Second World Wars, and additional information about the service of Australian women in the Second World

War, from the Australian War Memorial.

"New online resources are also available, including the latest instalments in the series Expressions, which helps students understand commemoration through art, and Great Debates, which examines the role of the Australian media in the Vietnam War.

"With Anzac Day approaching, I encourage all Australians to learn more about our nation's proud tradition of service and sacrifice.

"I hope that all schools, teachers and community groups make full use of these informative and interactive resources to help all those eager to gain a deeper appreciation of service for our country."

Resources have been sent to thousands of recipients and are also free and available to download on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Anzac Portal: bit.ly/35DQBdz.

Anzac Day services

BASS

BASS Valley Friends of the RSL are holding a dawn service on Monday, April 25, commencing at 6am at the cenotaph on Hade Avenue, Bass. This will be followed by a gun fire breakfast at George Bass Hotel, Hade Avenue, Bass. All are invited to lay a wreath or flowers.

COWES

PHILLIP Island RSL will commence ANZAC Day ceremonies with a dawn service at the Cowes cenotaph starting at 6am sharp, Monday, April 25. A march assembly will then follow, with a muster at 10.30am for a 10.40am march at St Philips Anglican Church, Thompson Avenue. This will then conclude with an 11am service also at the Cowes cenotaph. Veterans requiring transport can contact welfare services on 5952 1004.

FISH CREEK

THERE will be a 10.30am march from the Fish Creek RSL. The service starts at 11am at the Remembrance Garden (the rock). Members will then go back to the RSL.

FOSTER

THERE is a 10.45am formation march from the museum near Pearl Park to the Cenotaph on the corner of Main Street and Station Road. There will be an 11am service at the Cenotaph.

INVERLOCH

INVERLOCH RSL welcomes all for its ANZAC Day ceremony to be held on Monday, April 25. There will be a dawn service at 6am at the Inverloch RSL, followed by a gunfire breakfast provided by the Lions Club (gold coin donation). At 10.45am, there will be a Veterans March along A'Beckett Street. The ceremony will be conducted outdoors at the cenotaph at 11am, with guest speaker, Newhaven Primary School captain Jasmine Sullivan.

KORUMBURRA

SATURDAY, April 23: Korumburra Football/Netball club at the showgrounds. Early evening, all welcome. Monday, April 25: Dawn Service at the Korumburra cenotaph (Queen Street), gather at 5.45am. Mid-morning service, again at the cenotaph, 10.15am. These services will be supported by Korumburra Primary School Singers, South Gippsland Concert Band and the Royal Australian Navy with an anticipated Royal Australian Air force flypass. Tuesday, April 26: Korumburra RSL will support Korumburra Secondary College, Poowong Consolidated School, St Joseph's Primary School Korumburra, and Korumburra Primary School.

LANG LANG

LANG Lang RSL will commence its ANZAC Day dawn service at 6am at 5 Westernport Road, Lang Lang. This will be followed by a march

which will include Navy HMAS Cerberus, Lang Lang Scout Group and veterans through the Main Street, concluding with a free breakfast courtesy of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang.

LEONGATHA

GATHER at the cenotaph by 5.45am for the dawn service. There will be a light breakfast available at the RSL after the service. There is no march this year due to insufficient band members, but there will be a wreath laying service at 10.45am. An 11am, a service will be held in the Memorial Hall, with people welcome back at the RSL after its conclusion. Commander Ian 'Max' Speedy, DSC, RAN, retired, will be the guest speaker.

LOCH

ASSEMBLE at the Loch Memorial cenotaph, 7 Smith Street, at 5.55am for the dawn service. There will also be a 10.30am service at the cenotaph, with guest speaker Cr Mick Felton. Organisations and groups are encouraged to lay a floral tribute.

MEENIYAN

Assemble at the cenotaph on Whitelaw Street at 9.15am for a 9.30am march. There will be a marching contingent of sailors from HMAS Cerberus. The guest speaker is WOB D Walker, RAN, ADF, HMAS Cerberus. After the service, attendees are welcome at the Meeniyan Hall for morning tea provided by the CWA.

MIRBOO NORTH

GATHER at the war memorial in Baromi Park at 6.30am for the dawn service. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the RSL Hall. A 10am service will be held at the Mirboo North Secondary College auditorium.

SAN REMO

THERE will be an ANZAC Day service at 11am at the cenotaph.

TARWIN LOWER

THIS year's ANZAC Day Service will be held from noon at the Tarwin Lower cenotaph (beside the CFA). The Wonthaggi Brass Band and students from the Tarwin Lower Primary School will once again take part in the ceremony.

WONTHAGGI

THE dawn service will be at 5.55am at the Wonthaggi cenotaph, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the RSL. March to depart from RSL at 9.45am to the cenotaph for the main service at 10am.

WOOREEN

A SERVICE will be conducted at the 'Wooreen Shrine of Remembrance' on the corner of Wooreen-Mirboo Road and Yarragon Road at 10.30am.



ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

'Our Soldiers Abroad' from hardcopy social media - newspapers

By Rod Gallagher, veteran

THE Ballarat was a P and O liner that plied the service between the United Kingdom and Australia.

In 1914, the ship served as a Hospital Ship and later a troop ship. On ANZAC Day, 1917, the Ballarat was torpedoed by the German submarine U-32, 24 miles southwest of Wolf Rock in the English Channel, while transporting 1752 Australian troops. By great fortune, all of the troops were rescued because the ship took many hours to sink.

So, what is connection between the Ballarat and Wonthaggi?

The Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser published the following report on May 4, 1917: "The torpedoing of the Ballarat caused great apprehension in Australia. Several Wonthaggi Boys, including Private Humffray, son of Mr and Mrs C Humffray, of the Corner, Private Adam Lee, the musician, Private Green, and others were on the ill-fated vessel. Fortunately, all hands were saved."

During World War One and World War Two, the Powlett Express & Victorian State Coal Fields Advertiser reported on the goings on and fate of soldiers from the District of Bass and Wonthaggi in its weekly column called 'Our Soldiers Abroad'.

The column faithfully recorded the recruitment and departure of volunteers, those that returned on leave or sick, the missing, and those soldiers who were killed in service to Australia. The news-



The Ballarat ship was attacked while transporting 1752 Australian troops. Some of those troops were from Wonthaggi.

paper also published letters from soldiers serving at the 'Front', and the memoriams of families remembering their sons.

The following articles are extracts taken from the Powlett which illustrate the service provided by local men and women - nurses, in the Great War. All volunteers.

Reporting on the unveiling of the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Honour Board by Chief Officer Mr T S Marshall, June 15, 1917: "The Wonthaggi Fire Brigade has been credited with the distinction of having the largest number of volunteers on active service out of the whole of the country fire brigades throughout Victoria, and in honour of their gallant colleagues, who are fighting for freedom and justice, local members have established a Honour Board..."

Senior Sister Grace Foley from Kew nursed at the Wonthaggi Hospital for three

years before joining the nursing service to serve at the Salonika front.

As reported on June 15, 1917: "Many friends of Sister Foley were pleased to meet her again at Wonthaggi during the weekend. This young lady who did her training at the local Hospital left Australia last Tuesday for duty overseas as an army nurse."

Harry Lamprell was 21 years old when awarded the Military medal for Bravery. He was killed in action during August 1918. His Mother, Mrs F G Smith was to place a memorial notice for many years on the anniversary of his death in the Powlett Express. As reported on July 13, 1917: "Mrs F G Smith, of North Wonthaggi, has been advised by the Defence Authorities that her son, Private Harry Lamprell, who is on active service in France, has been awarded

the Military Medal for Bravery and devotion to duty. Prior to enlisting about 18 months ago, this gallant young hero was in the employ of Messrs. Mersley - Richmond, Pty. Ltd., as a driver."

In 'Letters From The Front', Pte T F Elliot, 21st Battalion, 15th Reinforcement from Corinella wrote, as published on July 13, 1917: "Somewhere in France... I am writing this letter near the front line. The shells were pretty big last night, but mostly gas shells, of a harmless nature. Les got wounded two nights go. While we were carrying bombs to the front line a shell bust amongst us, killing two and wounding several others, I was knocked over with concussion, and the iron fell round me like rain."

Ryanston State School suffered a particularly heavy loss. Four of its five teachers were killed on service.

These are some of the many names mentioned in the 'Our Soldiers Abroad Column'. Pte C. H. Taberner of the Light Horse was noted as wounded somewhere in Egypt. Pte M. Hazen killed in action in France. Along with Pte Sparks also killed, members of the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade. Pte Gillam, reported as receiving treatment in Melbourne, was one of the few survivors of the Battle of Lone Pine on Gallipoli, having received eight bullet wounds. There are many others. A project underway has identified 1025 people from Bass Coast and Wonthaggi who served overseas in World War; all deserve a mention but for limited space.



WONTHAGGI RSL
60 Graham Street

2022 ANZAC DAY SERVICES and PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Dawn Service: 5:55 am at Cenotaph
Gunfire breakfast will be offered after Dawn Service
RSL - Graham Street, Wonthaggi

March: 9:45am - 10am
Parade Assembly: RSL - Graham Street at 9.30am
March to commence 9.45am to Cenotaph for 10.05am service
March led by the Wonthaggi Band

Main Service commences at Cenotaph - 10.05am
Light refreshments offered at RSL Wonthaggi after service
2 UP for those who wish to partake

Please sign the attendees book on entering RSL.
Be COVID safe and use the QR Code to check in.



Contributed to survival of RSL sub-branch

KORUMBURRA RSL recently held a special presentation recognising the contribution of two of its longest-serving members, Kevin Moon and Perry Neil.

The club's immediate past president, Kevin received a certificate acknowledging his mammoth effort over 19 years in the role, while Vietnam veteran Perry Neil was presented with a quilt by members of 'Quilts of Valour Australia' in honour of his service to Australia as well as to the Korumburra community and its veterans.

Both men have played important roles over a long period to ensure the ongoing survival of the Korumburra RSL sub-branch, being active in the community and keeping commemorative services running.

"This is an outstanding achievement that should not be underestimated," current president David Jackson said, noting some other local RSL sub-branches have closed.

Reflecting on Kevin's time as Korumburra RSL president, David said that 19 years in a volunteer role is a long period but made it clear Kevin's contribution is about far more than longevity.

"Kevin's dedication set the standard for us," David said, thanking Kevin for his efforts.

Although he retired as president a couple of years ago, Kevin remains an active member of the sub-branch.

When Perry was presented with his special quilt, David described it as a "well deserved accolade for a humble man".

"He's been very active in Legacy in looking after widows in the area, and he's also been very active in running the RSL in our welfare areas looking after veterans' needs," David told the Sentinel-Times.

Perry was wounded during the Vietnam War, with David saying that 'Quilts of Valour' provides recognition of service to the nation as well as the local community.

"Quilts of Valour Australia's mission is to present quilts to service members and veterans of the ADF in recognition of their sacrifice for Australia whilst deployed on combat operations," the organisation's website states.



Korumburra RSL immediate past president Kevin Moon receives a certificate from current president David Jackson acknowledging his vast contribution in the role over 19 years, with Kevin's wife Margaret in the centre.



Perry Neil is resplendent in his 'Quilt of Valour', accompanied by current Korumburra RSL president David Jackson, Tony Moon, and Perry's son Michael.



ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25



The sinking of the prison-of-war ship the Montevideo Maru on July 1, 1942 represents the greatest loss of Australian lives at sea in war or peace, including six from Leongatha and at least one from Wonthaggi.

Remembering them 80 years on

THE tragic, accidental sinking of the Montevideo Maru on July 1, 1942, almost 80 years ago, and the consequent loss of over 1000 Australian soldiers and civilians is the greatest loss of Australian lives at sea in war or peace.

Six of those who died were from Leongatha and at least one from Wonthaggi. Frank Pollock.

The war service of Frank Pollock is remembered in a 'brothers-in-arms' article by Leongatha historian, Lyn Skillern in this week's Sentinel-Times. His brother Bill, a sharefarmer at Tarwin Lower when he enlisted in June 1940, was also killed in WW2, leaving behind a wife Dorothy and two young children, Valarie and Bill.

But, 80 years on from the Montevideo Maru tragedy, it certainly de-

serves to be revisited.

The Japanese vessel, the Montevideo Maru, which was carrying no identification as a prisoner-of-war ship, was sunk by the American submarine The Sturgeon on July 1, 1942 with 1054 prisoners on board, being transported to work back in Japan.

All of the prisoners, locked away below decks, were killed including Jack Howard, Fred Broadbent, Tommy Sangster and Fred Ketels all of Leongatha, and Jimmy Kavanagh and Arthur Oliver of Leongatha South.

Drene Chenhall of Traralgon and another 13 Gippslanders were on board.

The local men were in the 2/22nd Battalion, part of Lark Force, sent to Rabaul in New Guinea to protect

the port.

On January 23, 1942, a large Japanese force landed and quickly defeated the poorly resourced Australians.

In the chaos that followed the Japanese landing, some men escaped into the jungle while others were forced to surrender.

Of the men from Leongatha and district, six became prisoners of war, another group of six were captured and executed and three escaped and made it home.

Those six prisoners were loaded onto the Montevideo Maru on the morning of June 22, 1942, en route to work camps on Hainan Island.

There is a permanent memorial exhibit to the fate of the Montevideo Maru in the War Memorial in Canberra – lest we forget.

What makes a hero?

THROUGHOUT history you read about heroes, these are people whose exploits and daring appear to raise them, or at least their stories above us mere mortals.

Their actions often lead to great things or events, and they are often linked to saving people's lives.

In some instances, these people are recognised publicly or are rewarded for their efforts, however, more often they are not.

The term hero nowadays seems to be used in context that in my mind doesn't fit the true intent of the word. I am still to be convinced that a hero is a person who competes in a sporting arena or field for public recognition and significant recompense.

In the military context, heroism is often placed into a couple of categories.

The first of these is the scenario where an individual (or a group of individuals), take decisive action at the right time and against all odds.

By Tony Moon,
Korumburra war historian

Their motives can be to defeat or slow an enemy or to save the lives of mates. Often these actions are spontaneous and sadly, they can often lead to the ultimate sacrifice.

Another type of heroism often goes unnoticed; it is where an individual (or group) provides a sustained and ongoing effort to help others in trying circumstances. Their only motivation is to look after their mates and provide comfort and caring at times when little or none is available.

When you read through the local stories of our losses in both WW1 and WW2, you find many examples of these people.

There is one particular man that I wish to mention, not for his dashing and daring exploits, but because he displayed a level of sustained courage in a manner that perhaps best exemplifies the true ANZAC spirit.

Remembering those servicemen and women who served for our country.

Lest we forget

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ANZAC DAY

Monday April 25th

Dawn Service

6 am sharp: Cowes Cenotaph

March Assembly

Muster at 10.30am for march
at 10.40am: St Philips Anglican
Church, Thompson Avenue

11am Service

Cowes Cenotaph

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ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25



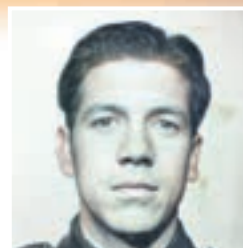
Charlie Dicker of Mardan, was killed in action, his brother presumed dead but never identified.



Stan Anderson of Tarwin Lower was killed in New Guinea and Robert Adkins was killed in Egypt.



A new statue was recently unveiled in Zonnebeke near Ypres in Belgium as a memorial to all brothers in war.



Bill's brother Frank Pollock was captured by the Japanese and died when his POW transport ship was accidentally sunk by the Americans.



A pearl diver, originally from Mardan, Frank Richardson survived Gallipoli and most of the action on the Western Front before being killed close to the end of WW1.

Double tragedy - Brothers in Arms

RECENTLY, a new statue was unveiled in Zonnebeke near Ypres in Belgium. It is a memorial for all brothers in war.

Local brothers who paid the supreme sacrifice came to mind. The following stories are of seven pairs of brothers from the local area, prepared by Leongatha historian Lyn Skillern, lost in war.

Frank and Eric Richardson

Frank and Eric Richardson were originally from Mardan. Frank had left the area and gone to Broome where he became a pearl diver. He enlisted in March 1915 and saw action at Gallipoli before moving on to France in 1916. He fought throughout the Western Front in both France and Belgium before being killed in action near Amiens on April 24, 1918 so close to the end of the war.

He was buried in Daours Communal Cemetery Extension. When in France for Anzac Day 2018, we found Frank's grave on April 24, exactly 100 years after his death.

Frank's brother Eric Richardson, who gave his occupation as a bushman, enlisted in Sydney in September 1914. He travelled to Egypt and then served on Gallipoli before moving on to France. Eric, like Frank fought throughout the Western Front and was killed in action on July 28, 1918 in the Somme area, again so near the end of the war. He was buried in Querrieu British Cemetery, France.

By Lyn Skillern

Jim Darling and Charlie Dicker

Half-brothers Jim Darling and Charlie Dicker were also from Mardan. Charlie Dicker enlisted in August 1915 and took part in Australia's first major action in France at Fromelles on July 19, 1916. He was wounded and died two days later on July 21. He was buried in Rue De Bois Military Cemetery Fleurbaix near Armentieres on the France-Belgium border.

James Darling was missing in action at Broodseinde Belgium on October 20, 1917 and a Court of Enquiry held on November 28, 1917 declared he had been killed in action on that day in October. He has his name on the Menin Gate, Ypres.

Sydney and George Statham

Sydney and George Statham were from Leongatha. Syd was an apprentice printer in Leongatha when he enlisted on 29 September 1914. He was in the 14th Battalion and sailed in the First Anzac Convoy to Egypt. He landed on Gallipoli on 25 April and was killed at Courtney's Post on 6 May. He was buried at Courtney and Steel's Post Cemetery, Turkey.

George Statham enlisted in September 1915 and was placed in the 59th Battalion

along with many other local men. He was badly wounded at the Battle of Fromelles on July 19, 1916, and died in hospital in Cambridge on August 14. He was one of nine men from Woorayl Shire who died as a result of Fromelles. Sydney and George attended Leongatha Primary School and were rescued from a bushfire when they were children.

Other brothers on the Woorayl Shire Honour Roll for World War I are Denis and Leonard Chillingsworth, Ed and Andrew Larkin, Edward and William Kneale, Neil and Dan Sweeney, Clement and Norman Gribble and Alan and Roy Robertson.

Bill and Tom Bellingham

In World War II Bill and Tom Bellingham served with the 2/22nd Battalion on New Britain, New Guinea. They were born and bred in Nerrena East and enlisted together with their cousin Bert Kuhne of Mardan.

After the fall of Rabaul on January 23, 1942 all three, in the company of three other local men, escaped into the jungle. They survived until early March before being captured by the Japanese. All the group were executed by the Japanese at Gasmata Beach. They have no known grave.

Bill and Frank Pollock

Bill and Frank Pollock came to Wonthaggi as boys from Edinburgh, Scotland in 1925. Frank was four and Bill 11.

They travelled with their mother, sister Elizabeth and brothers James, Duncan, Horace and Matthew. The family went to Wonthaggi where Frank Senior had been living for two years. They resided in Milne Crescent. After school the brothers worked in the mines. When Bill enlisted in June 1940, he was a sharefarmer from Middle Tarwin with a wife Dorothy and two young children Valarie and Bill. Bill was placed in the 2/23rd Battalion and arrived in the Middle East in April 1941.

The 2/23rd entered Tobruk in May 1941 and this was where Bill was killed on May 17. His brother Horace, who was serving with him, saw Bill shot. Horace was captured and became a POW in Germany. At first it was believed that Bill was a POW, but it was later confirmed that he had been killed in action.

Frank Pollock enlisted at Royal Park in March 1941 and he was recruited by the Commandos and attached to the 1st Independent Company. This company trained at Wilson's Promontory before going to the New Guinea island of New Ireland near Rabaul. The Japanese attacked New Ireland and the men including Frank were eventually captured and imprisoned in Rabaul.

In late June 1942 the prisoners were loaded onto the Japanese transport the Montevideo Maru to be taken to Hainan

Island off China. On July 1, the ship which was carrying no markers to show it had POWs on board was sunk by an American submarine. All the 1057 prisoners died including Frank Pollock and six other men from Leongatha.

Stan Anderson and Robert Adkins

Foster brothers Stan Anderson and Robert Adkins were from Tarwin Lower. Robert was in the 2/23rd Battalion and went to the Middle East where he was involved in the siege of Tobruk in Libya. Unfortunately, Robert was killed in action there aged 24 and is buried in El Alamein, Egypt.

Stan was in the 2/14th Battalion and served in Syria and Lebanon in the Middle East before his Battalion returned to Australia to train for deployment to New Guinea. When fighting in the Gona area he was killed on 28 November 1942, aged 23. He is buried in Bomana Military Cemetery Port Moresby.

Fred and Cliff Ketels

Fred and Cliff Ketels were from Leongatha. Fred was in the 2/22nd Battalion at Rabaul and was drowned when the Montevideo Maru was sunk in 1942. Cliff was in the 2/5th Battalion and was killed in action in New Guinea in 1945.

Anzac Day is a time to remember the great sacrifice of many families.

ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

5.45am Dawn Service at Cenotaph followed by a light breakfast at the RSL
10.45am Wreath Laying Service at Cenotaph followed by a Community Service with guest speaker **Commander Max Speedy** (DSC, RAN Ret.) in the Memorial Hall.

BISTRO - Lunch 11.30am - 2pm, Dinner 5.30 - 7.30pm

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ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

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Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.
We will remember them."*

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ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

For God and country, an unsung hero

Ron Selwyn Hovenden, a community-minded man.

Ronald (Ron) Selwyn Hovenden was born in South Africa and grew up in Bendigo. He was a schoolteacher and taught at the Korumburra Higher Elementary School.

Ron was a deeply religious man as well as a dedicated and active member of the Korumburra community. Ron was involved in many groups and clubs. None more so than the Presbyterian church, where he was on the board of management and appointed as Secretary of the Kirk.

Ron also ran several boys' camps where he worked with troubled youths.

It appears that his efforts to help others were quite successful and Ron was often referred to as "Ron of Rubicon" (this is where he would run his camps).

Ron was also a conductor of the Presbyterian Fellowship Association Harmonica Band. His religious commitment was total and stayed with him wherever he went.

When a career in teaching took him to teaching at the Higher Elementary School in Korumburra, Ron quickly became a committed member of the local Presbyterian Church (the old St Andrews Church).

He had also joined the local militia (29th Battalion). His commitment to the militia was just as intense and by 1939 Ron was a Staff Sergeant. He resigned his rank when he joined the AIF.

Enlistment into the AIF

Ron listed his address as 180 Toorak Road, Camberwell when he enlisted in Abbotsford on March 11, 1941. Ron was sent through to the 2/2nd Pioneer Battalion at Balcombe on March 14, 1941. He embarked in Sydney on April 17, 1941. The battalion arrived in Port Tewfik, the port of Suez, in May and travelled by train to Palestine and camped at Hill 95.

By Tony Moon, Korumburra war historian

Syria and into action

The 2/2nd Pioneers began preparing for their first action supporting the 7th Division in Syria. Initially the battalion, as a whole, did not fight, each of its companies supported different brigades. This was to continue for the rest of the campaign and despite a tough fight, the campaign came to a successful conclusion with the Vichy French surrendering in July of 1942.

The 25th Brigade suffered heavily: 27 killed, 29 captured, and 46 wounded. Ron served with the battalion throughout the Syrian campaign and was involved in some of its heaviest fighting.

With the Japanese entering the Second World War in December 1941, Australia found itself under threat and under protected. It urgently recalled all of its army divisions that had been serving overseas.

Japan and the Battle of Java

The 2/2 Pioneer Battalion left the Middle East on January 31, 1942 on the SS Orcades. They were returning to Australia when Singapore fell to the Japanese. On February 15, 1942 SS Orcades was ordered to Batavia to disembark its troops to help defend Java.

Two days later the SS Orcades reached Sumatra before going to Batavia (now Jakarta), where it was decided to make a stand against the Japanese. The troops of the 2/2 Pioneer BN, now serving as infantry along with an American Artillery Battery and a Squadron from the 3rd King's Own Hussars formed 'Black Force'.

The Japanese landed on the eastern and western ends of Java on the night of February 28, 1942 and the Allied forces were forced to surrender on March 8, 1942. The majority of the 2/2nd survived the

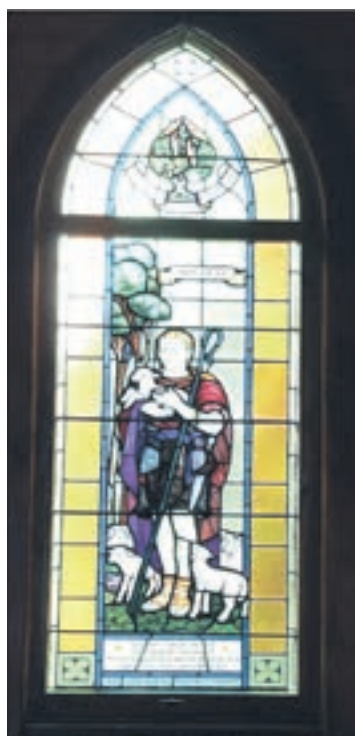


This is the only picture we have of a real Korumburra hero, VX50187 Ron Hovenden. A local schoolteacher, church official and member of the local militia who upheld the greatest traditions of self-sacrifice.

fighting (865 officers and men) and spent the rest of the war as prisoners. Of these, 258 men died, most while working on the Burma-Thailand railway. Others died in Java, Borneo, and at sea when ships they were being transported in were sunk.

Life as a prisoner

It appears that Ron Hovenden left Java with Number 5 Group from Java under the command of an American Lieutenant Colonel in late October 1942. They stayed in Singapore until January 9, 1943. Number 5 Group then went by train to Penang then boarded the transport ship Moji Maru. This ship, in company with Nishimei Maru sailed from Penang to Thanbyuzayat, Burma. The convoy was attacked by B-24 bombers on January 15, sinking the Nishimei Maru and killing 40 Dutch prisoners and damaging the Moji Maru and killing 25 prisoners. This force arrived in Burma in late January 1943 and was at Hlepauk (18 K) camp until March 1943. Number 5 Group then proceeded to Apalanine (80 K) camp.



Ron Hovenden's window. This window was first dedicated on August 25, 1946, at St Andrews Church in Korumburra, now installed in the Arawata Union Church.

Test of faith

Ron's religious commitment would be tested throughout those long months of captivity. If anything, his religious beliefs appear to have strengthened during these dark times. Ron was known to be a compassionate and dedicated soldier who worked solely to benefit others.

His Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), 2/2nd Pioneers, WO1 Bob Rex wrote of him:

"It did not take long after being POW before one realised who was going to pull their weight and who was not, and Ron was one of those who immediately started to pull without having to be asked. He started off with not only being a cheerful optimist, but he volunteered to use his knowledge and strength for the benefit of the community. Ron died with a record that any

man would be very proud of, and he will always be remembered by those who contacted him as a good soldier and a true friend."

Sad loss and buried with honours

Ron had been conducting church services in camps with no padres and at Kilo 80 camp Ron conducted all funeral services. It is also at Kilo 80 camp that Ron caught up with his brother John (Bern) and the two spent three weeks in Number 5 Base Hospital. Bern Hovenden was with Ron when he died at the age of 31. In a letter home Bern said:

"On the evening of the 24th August, 1943, he had an attack of malaria which proved too severe for his weakened state and about noon the next day his heart stopped. His passing was very quiet and easy."

As a mark of respect Ron was buried with full honours, including the Union Jack covering his casket. This was something unheard of during those days of captivity. His loss was mourned by many.

A special kind of bravery

Ron Hovenden took it upon himself to go above and beyond what would normally be expected. He responded to an almost bestial brutality with humanity, compassion and possibly forgiveness. For many months and in the darkest times on the Burma railway, Ron Hovenden, despite not being a padre, went out of his way to make sure that his mates received the pastoral care and religious succour that people look for in their hours of need.

A Community Remembers

Ron Hovenden is remembered at the Korumburra Cenotaph, in an Arawata Church window, at the Ballarat Prisoner of War Memorial, and the Korumburra State School's Honour Roll (teacher).

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Forever Changed.
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Korumburra RSL ANZAC DAY SERVICES



The Korumburra Sub-Branch will conduct an ANZAC Day Dawn Service on
Monday, April 25
at the Cenotaph located in Coleman Park
at 5.45am for a 6.00am service.

Held under COVID-19 restrictions.
The Scouts and Cubs will provide a light breakfast.
There will be another service conducted
at the same location at 10.15am for a 10.30am start
For further information please contact David Jackson 0474 136 469

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

It's still council's decision to make

SOMETIMES you have to wonder at how our local councils make the decisions that they do, how they decide to spend money on this project and not that one, how they decide to take action on one thing but not another.

But, in reality, the council and its administration are following a plan, or a number of plans which have been prepared over time and which contain a number of aims, how they will be implemented, measured and reported.

Right now, both the Bass Coast Shire Council and the South Gippsland Shire Council have a number of plans before them that are open to a final round of public consultation.

Now is the time, not when you see the work start, to have your say.

One of the most important documents before the Bass Coast Shire Council, is not even of their making, the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy and proposed landscape planning controls, developed on behalf of the Victorian Government by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as part of its Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program.

These documents, on the engage.vic.gov.au website, have wide implications for the use and development of the local area by residents, farmers, business and visitors. However, while there's a round of public consultation open until Friday, April 29, the scale of the proposals is beyond the resources of the general community who will have to rely on the council and others to protect their interests.

Both shires are also developing their annual budgets at the moment and these are plans for action and spending that the general community should take an interest in.

In South Gippsland's case, because of the period in administration, the council has produced a broader suite of planning documents which will not only guide their actions over the next 12 months but also over the next 10 to 20 years.

One of these documents is the draft South Gippsland Community Vision 2040 which lists five overarching priorities for the future under the headings of Sustainability and Climate Change, Enhanced Natural Environment and Cultural Heritage, Shaping our Future, A Destination to Live, Visit and Enjoy and Healthy, Connected and Engaged Community.

Many of the actions proposed by this Vision, such as taking action to provide affordable housing, education opportunities, backing small business to create jobs, protecting farm production and developing the visitor economy would be supported by all. And it's to be applauded that the council has gone out of its way to engage public opinion.

But, ultimately, the people on the council have been elected by all of the people in the shire, not just the 29 people on the community panel which directed the Vision, and regardless of what the Vision now says, it's the council which has been given the community's only official imprimatur to make its decision on behalf of the whole community.

Vox Pop

Should Australia do more to defend itself?



Robert Simon

Leongatha

"Of course it should. We really haven't got any defence. We need more warships."



Mark Waghorn

Wonthaggi

"We just need to be friendly with everybody. Let's be Switzerland."



Kate Hocken

Leongatha

"Absolutely. I think we're pretty vulnerable."



Len Price

Mount Eccles

"We need to spend a lot more. We've got to be able to defend ourselves and we can't leave it all up to our allies. We've got to play our part in the big picture."

Defence of democracy

The letter, 'Protect and strengthen democracy', by Kevin Griffin, April 12, is very much on the mark.

I would go even further to say that freedom of expression, choice and action is being slowly strangled by government, special interest groups and self-righteous entitled individuals. The stage has now been reached where any form of reasonable, candid but difficult expression is vigorously attacked so that only certain forms of expression or views are considered acceptable.

As a veteran and past RSL secretary who planned and conducted commemorative services for several years, I have become concerned about the entitled behaviour of elected representatives and bureaucratic council management with respect to these services.

I have experienced the response firsthand. I am now under admonishment for two years. Quite what danger a 75-year-old veteran who is not in great physical and mental health poses to the Bass Coast Shire is certainly beyond me.

I was admonished because of no actual staff complaint but a view by management that my writing was aggressive. It was but in a negative sense, no person was threatened, but it was aimed to make some managers feel uncomfortable because of their own poor behaviour. At least, no evidence has been presented to me to show any actual threat.

No, I had the temerity to question a bureaucratic decision which was rude to the RSL, insulted me, disrespected all veterans and sort to interfere with the RSL commemorative service by telling us at the time who would attend the service to represent the Bass Coast Shire.

The shire had already nominated a person weeks before when councillors were not available because of elections. The shire then replaced that nominee at short notice and without any consultation with the RSL secretary to replace the nominee by a newly elected Bass Shire councillor, and blow RSL protocols.

I found that poor behaviour rude and insulting, and an interference in the proper business of the RSL, an incorporated not profit organisation which is independent of any level government. And I said so in candid terms.

The RSL is not bound by local government decisions when it comes to commemorative services. It was argued that only councillors can represent the community at community events. Might I say, as a veteran, a commemorative service is not a community event by any stretch of the imagination, despite what state government guidelines say about councillor responsibilities. I insisted that the original nominee would stand at the service, as was my right as RSL secretary.

The outcome was an indefinite admon-

ishment to not directly contact Bass Coast staff or councillors but use a nondescript email address.

About 12 months later, I asked local councillor what was happening with council bannings; I believe there was several of us miscreants. He said he would look into it. Not two weeks later, I am advised that my ban was extended for a further 12 months because I am still a health and safety risk. How that was assessed, who knows.

But what I do know is that I was not asked to attend or submit a defence to the so-called independent review. Seems the recent Unreasonable Customer Conduct policy document allows people to be excluded from the review process if they are seen to be a risk.

So, you have a policy which allows the shire to act as a star chamber to stifle free expression and fair criticism.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch veteran.

Questions over wind turbines

The state ALP member for Bass should come clean with Bass voters on where their offshore turbines are proposed.

The Andrews government has gifted \$16m of our taxes to Macquarie Group to prospect off our coastline.

Surely they must have given Andrews some idea of their plans to justify the handouts? Will residents of Phillip Island, Kilcunda, Cape Paterson or Inverloch be the lucky ones to have their views enhanced on the altar of ALP intermittent, unreliable energy policy and Greens appeasement?

Ms Crugnale should also acquaint herself with just how many long-term local jobs actually eventuate. Why are the ALP not advocating turbines in Port Phillip Bay? It makes so much more sense economically and gives them a much bigger platform to parade their Green credentials to city voters without sacrificing yet more rural landscapes for city energy (and union superfund profits).

Tim Le Roy, Walkerville.

Make Australia a better, fairer place

So, Mr Broadbent is on record as believing that voters don't care about an integrity body and that they are more concerned with bread-and-butter issues that affect their daily lives, such as jobs, the economy and roads infrastructure.

Sure, these issues matter to a lot of people but it doesn't mean they are not concerned about the big issues, such as climate change, which affect us all. It is patronising to suggest voters only care about

issues affecting them directly.

This voter (and I am not alone!) is certainly desperate for a government with vision, plans and policies to help us reach that vision and with the integrity to make Australia a better, fairer place.

I want to be proud of my country again.

So, Mr Broadbent, I will not be voting for you or your party.

Anne Heath Mennell, Tenby Point.

Editor: This letter follows an article published in The Age, titled 'Voters don't care about integrity commission: seven Liberal MPs', published online on April 17, 2022. Mr Broadbent reportedly told The Age that in his electorate, "it's always roads, and in the last week or so they are raising Albo". Further, he said: "What's important to you or I is not important to 90 per cent of the public. This election will be won and lost on how people feel about the economy and who will look after them." Asked if voters in his seat had raised an integrity body, Mr Broadbent told The Age: "No, it has not been raised with me."

More buses please

I read with interest Tara Harkness' letter re the lack of decent bus services.

I am an aged pensioner who has lived in Cowes for the past 15 years.

During this time, I have written many letters to Transport Ministers and our local state Members in regard to obtaining a decent transport service. All I get in return is lip service.

I am not in good health and do not drive.

My husband was hospitalised in Wonthaggi for surgery.

I would catch the 9am bus from Cowes, arriving in Wonthaggi at 10.34am, then walk to the hospital and spend time visiting, walk back into Wonthaggi and pick up a few essentials and catch the return bus at 1.34pm, arriving in Cowes at 3pm. That equates to a six-hour round trip.

Our dental clinic and many specialist appointments require visiting Wonthaggi, and it is impossible to obtain appointments that coincide with the current bus timetables.

I have pointed out on many occasions the amount of money being spent on Melbourne and the suburbs to no avail.

Jacqueline Crompton, Cowes.

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.



From left, Christian Stefani, Danielle Todoro, Eric Greenaway, Kathy Whelan, Garry Stephens and Jon Spurling. Absent: Peter Lee and Cherie Smirl.

Talking Tarra Territory tourism

MEMBERS of the Tarra Territory Tourism (TTT) held a most successful informal meeting with representatives from the South Gippsland Shire's tourism department on the evening of March 16, at the Royal Standard Hotel, Toora.

Amongst the many items discussed was the outstanding success of the 'Heesco Town' project in Yarram and the many visitors travelling through South Gippsland to experience these wonderful street murals; Sydney-Melbourne-Sydney touring route; Lakes Coast Visitor

Magazine which showcases Tarra Territory and its adjoining attractions both east and west, and the growing importance of the Agnes Falls and the Port Welshpool Long Jetty as midway points between Wilsons Promontory and the Tarra Bulga National Park.

Proposed upgrades at Wilsons Prom, including its development into a sanctuary, the extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail through to Nyora to the west, and Alberton/Yarram to the east, were also discussed, as well as the developing opportunities for cycling tourism across the South

Gippsland and Wellington Shire areas.

The Grand Ridge Road as a tourist route for intrepid drivers, and general strategies that may be beneficial when both shires work collaboratively together on particular projects, were also part of the evening's productive get-together.

The visitor economy has become increasingly important across rural areas, post bushfires and COVID restrictions, with the Gippsland area now seen as a really safe area to visit, with so many picturesque

bushland and coastal attractions on offer as well as wineries, eateries, art galleries, theatre experiences, and a huge variety of accommodation options.

Representing the South Gippsland Shire were Christian Stefani and Danielle Todaro with six TTT members in attendance - Kathy Whelan (president), Eric Greenaway (vice president), Garry Stephens (secretary), Peter Lee (FoAF), Cherie Smirl (Port Albert), and Jon Spurling (Yarram). The meeting was the initiative of Tarra Territory Tourism Inc.

Preparing for power outages

COMMUNITY resilience is a community's ability to prepare for anticipated disasters, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions.

Disaster preparedness includes prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery, and key steps to resilience.

Neroli Raff from the Energy Innovation Co-op was the speaker at a webinar organised by ACF Community Prom Area Climate Group.

Neroli is project officer for the Resilient Communities pilot in Gippsland and chair of Energy Innovation Co-operative.

She was supported by John Coulter, project officer for the Energy Innovation Co-operative and Community Power Hub.

The meeting was managed by ACF Prom Area Climate Action member Alexandra Lieb, and the Acknowledgement of Country was spoken by Fred Weight.

There are many small communities in South Gippsland which are at the end of the power grid, and these may be the first to lose power in the face of storms or fires.

"When a community's power goes out, there is no water, cooking, washing or refrigeration in homes relying on electric pumps. Phones, computers and tablets run out of power. The internet and petrol pumps do not work, and ATMs do not work.

"Some small communities across Gippsland have resilience programmes to help them respond to power outages. Energy Innovation Co-operative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Bass Coast Shire Council and other organisations (such as Mondo and AusNet) are working hard to help communities prepare for potential long and unplanned power outages."

The Venus Bay community, at the end of the power grid, recently installed solar panels and batteries to provide water, food storage, phone charging, internet access, washing and food preparation to people in the event of a power outage.

AusNet is installing a battery as a pilot on Phillip Island, which may become the basis of a microgrid or virtual power plant. They have a renewable energy arm called Mondo which is trialling a microgrid in Melbourne. The Energy Innovation Co-operative has a no-interest loan program for community not-for-profit groups to install renewable energy on their buildings and Gippsland Climate Change Network has a low interest loan program called Energise Gippsland.

Another local resource is the state government's Southern Community Owned Renewable Energy (CORE) Fund, which supports community groups to install renewable energy and improve energy efficiency to help cut power bills.

"The Foster swimming pool used a no-interest loan from CORE to install solar thermal heating for their outdoor pool in 2017. Savings on their electricity bill allowed them to repay the loan by 2020.

"To start this journey in your community, gather with some committed people, find out what others are doing, and explore funding options."



Exciting times for VIEW Club

IT'S an exciting time for the Inverloch VIEW Club as they have many new committee members who bring lots of different approaches to the club.

Joy is the new president and Heather is the new secretary.

The ladies pictured are the new committee for 2022, from left, Clare, Claire, Jill, Leonie, Margi, Trish, Helen, Helen and seated are Heather, Joy and Mary.

Historic hall hosts annual gathering

ON MARCH 12, the Strzelecki Public Hall hosted the annual 'Dine-In', with the immediate and extended community getting together for a relaxed meal in the historic hall.

Trulli Restaurant provided catering, whilst local musician Peter Hodge performed live. Deputy Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey made a heart-warming address.

The evening was partially funded by the South Gippsland Shire Council in support of a community gathering.

It was a great success, with 60 guests treated to a relaxed evening in a beautiful setting.

RIGHT: Around 60 guests enjoyed themselves at the annual Strzelecki Public Hall Dine-In. Photo: Nicky Cawood.



First social function of the year

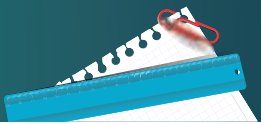
THE 'Mixed Night' was the Wonthaggi Ladies Evening VIEW Club's first social function of the year, with delicious food and fabulous live music.

It was held in a wonderful garden setting which was enjoyed by all.

The club supports The Smith Family, a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

New members are always welcome. For details, contact Bronwyn on 0419 585 909.





Sally and Jo from Bunnings Wonthaggi with prep student, Scott, who received his Welcome to School pack earlier this year.

Bees, beds and bugs at Powlett River PS

FROM Archies Creek and Kilcunda to Wattle Bank and all the farms in between, 47 students attend Powlett River Primary School.

And with five preps joining the ranks this year, principal Wendy Nicol is proud to be a part of the small community.

“Everyone knows everyone,” Wendy smiled.

“We are very lucky to have a beautiful community and the kids bring such energy and ideas.”

Part of a long standing, strong relationship, Sally and Joanne from Bunnings in Wonthaggi deliver and personally present Welcome to School packs to each prep student year on year without fail.

“They are amazing women, and we are really lucky to be able to introduce our preps to them.”

From pencils and rulers to Bunnings merchandise and bouncy balls, the two women choose exactly what goes inside each pack.

“Our older students remember them and are always calling their names and happy to see them.”

Running lessons in conjunction with the school’s STEM program, Sarah and Joanne have also introduced students to worm farming.

With standard garden beds, and the more water-efficient wicking beds, students will compare and explore the results from their labours in coming months and years.

Organised and built by teachers Ian (STEM) and Pete (music), in conjunction with parents – in particular Brooke and Jess who have put in a lot of leg work between the school and Bunnings – students will commence planting in term 2.

“Students are very interested in combining vegies and flowers to attract the bees.

“They love nature, investigating bugs, tracking the different trees and talking about their bird boxes.

“They’ve got it all sorted. Their ownership over the school is what I am really proud of; it’s really exciting.”



Bill, Cody, Vael and Hunter of Powlett River Primary School help teacher Ian Chambers with the layers of their new garden beds.



Students at Bass Coast Specialist School joined Wonthaggi North Primary School students for Earthwatch Australia’s Kids Teaching Kids program. C20_1422

Day of environmental action

RECENTLY, Wonthaggi North Primary School welcomed Bass Coast Specialist School for a day of environmental action as part of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes initiative, run by Earthwatch Australia’s Kids Teaching Kids program.

A not-for-profit, Earthwatch Australia empowers individuals to save the natural world through work, life, and play.

For almost 40 years, they have trained teachers and educated youth in environmental literacy and science engagement.

As part of the peer-teaching journey, students and Eco Warrior Captains at Wonthaggi North introduced Bass Coast students to their rubbish recycling program, explained coastal erosion through demonstration and hands-on play, and assisted individuals in writing their own pledges.

The eight students from Bass Coast - Kacey, Alex, Floyd, Natalie, Natasha, James, Blair and Triston - were welcomed with open arms by the teachers and students of all ages at



Willow, Jordan and Alex enjoyed working together as they learnt about sand erosion and ocean currents for Kids Teaching Kids between Wonthaggi North Primary School and Bass Coast Specialist School. C106_1422

Wonthaggi North.

Earthwatch’s program raises awareness and drives action on local and global environmental issues, bringing communities together to solve common challenges and help the next generation of leaders who will take collective

responsibility for our future.

As Head of Education Partnerships at Earthwatch Australia, Michelle, explained: “It’s not only about empowering the young environmental leaders of the future, but empowering teachers to drive the programs that encourage

the students and build the framework for the future.”

Wonthaggi North certainly has an incredible teacher in Kylie Strickland, driving the program forward.

Eco Warrior captain Matilda also took time out to explain to Bass Coast Specialist School how Wonthaggi North had started where they were sitting today and are looking forward to the ongoing engagement between the two schools.

In September, students from 10 schools across Bass Coast will come together to peer teach at Phillip Island Nature Parks for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes flagship event.

Both Wonthaggi North PS and Bass Coast SS will be a part of the event, along with San Remo Primary, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cowes Primary and Newhaven College, which will see students from multiple year levels working together to learn, create and engage.

This program is funded by the state government’s Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Capital Grants Program.

Healthy mind, body and classroom at St Joseph’s



ST JOSEPH’S Wonthaggi 1/2 students have been busy in the classroom, undertaking an array of adventures.

Learning about how they can keep their mind, body and classroom healthy, students actively engaged with how much sugar is in different foods and drinks by measuring teaspoons in a plastic bag; they also learnt to make a healthy snack when they are hungry and how to keep physically fit.

And, in celebration of St Patrick’s Day, the class worked on their fine motor skills to decorate and display a shamrock, whilst on National Day of Action Against Bullying, students watched a clip about making kind choices with Allen the Alien.

LEFT: Making kind choices with Allen the Alien on National Day of Action Against Bullying.



Class 7N pledged to step in and tell a trusted adult if they see bullying. RIGHT: The message was loud and clear from above.



Stamping out bullying

AUSTRALIA'S key bullying prevention initiative, 'National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence', celebrated 12 years of action on March 18. Connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying, this year's theme was 'Kindness Culture' - especially on-line. Kindness Culture promotes inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia. Meanwhile, 'Be Kind Online' encourages students to block content, report it and support each other if they see or experience cyberbullying. This year, the Leongatha

education precinct - incorporating Leongatha Primary School, Leongatha Secondary College and South Gippsland Specialist School - asked students to consider how they would help and support others who may be experiencing bullying at school; specifically, what actions we could all take to help. Classes from all schools made 'Action Pledges', which were displayed on the PAC oval all day for others to read and show support for all students in the schools. The precinct student leaders also created a video to highlight the need for action if they see bullying at school.



8G pledged to take action by telling a trusted adult, not letting the bully think they have power over the victim, and checking the victim is okay.

Tour de San Remo

SAN REMO Primary School recently participated in the 'Tour de San Remo', as part of Ride2School Day. Students, teachers and parents met at the San Remo Park and toured the streets before arriving at school feeling refreshed after their morning ride. More than 150 students rode and scooted their way to school across San Remo and surrounds. Phillip Island Bicycle Users Group donated prizes and each participating student went into the draw to win.

RIGHT: Lucille, Sophie and Stevie-Bre participated in San Remo Primary School's Tour de San Remo.



Teacher Kylie Strickland has pledged to recycle her soft plastics.

'Eco Warriors' step up for the environment

TWO representatives from each class plus two captains make up the Wonthaggi North Primary School Eco Warriors and they are on a mission. Could you say no to straws? Could you bring your own reusable water bottle? Could you refuse to purchase fruit and vegetables pre-wrapped in plastic? For teacher and Eco Warrior ambassador, Kylie Strickland: "My pledge is to recycle my soft plastics." Established at WNPS three years ago, Eco Warriors was developed through the Kids Teaching Kids platform and has recently undergone a revamp and name change. Bringing about real change, Kids Teaching Kids has motivated more than 146,000 students since 1999 to research the important environmental and sustainability issues faced.

Two individuals spearheading the movement at WNPS are Matilda and Ruby. For Matilda, being an Eco Warrior captain was important. "I want to help our environment because I care and have a passion for what we can do. "I'm looking forward to going to the Phillip Island Nature Parks to work with the rangers." In the co-captain chair, Ruby participated in Eco Warriors when she was in grades 4 and 5. "I'm most looking forward to making the videos and the Kids Teaching Kids Conference." Together, their advice is not to litter, and to ensure rubbish is put in the right bin. Wonthaggi North Primary School is calling on the community to join in - write your pledge and send a picture to Kylie at WNPS. Remember, you don't have to be perfect to be amazing!



Mali has pledged to pick up rubbish on her walks.



"I pledge to put rubbish in the right bins." - Claire.

\$75m grant for Tasmania's power

MARINUS Link has welcomed a \$75 million funding grant from the federal government, which underpins an on-going commitment to deliver the proposed Marinus Link interconnector from Tasmania to mainland Australia, together with the North West Transmission Developments in Tasmania (collectively known as 'Project Marinus').

The grant will support the completion of the Project Marinus design and approvals phase, through to a final investment decision targeted for 2024.

Marinus Link CEO Bess Clark welcomed the funding commitment and vote of confidence in Project Marinus.

"Marinus Link will help provide everyday Australians with more secure and affordable power by unlocking Tasmania's abundant, low-cost wind resources and dispatchable hydro energy storage and generation facilities," Ms Clark said.

"At 1500MW, Marinus Link is about the equivalent size as the former Hazelwood power station in Victoria, and three times the capacity of the existing Tasmania-to-Victoria connector."

For more information, visit marinus-link.com.au.

• FAITH FACTOR

An incredible story

June Knop, Connections Church Inverloch Australian Christian Churches

HAVE you ever had a friend come up to you and say, I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes? Any conversation that starts with that gets you in immediately, doesn't it?

Sometimes even when you've experienced something incredible, you can't get your head around how it actually happened. Until that moment, it's beyond your understanding. Explaining it to someone who wasn't there can leave you struggling to adequately describe how it changed you. It might be hard to convince others but no matter how they respond, you are left with what you now know. When that happens, you've entered the faith realm.

Imagine how Jesus' friends felt when they saw with their own eyes that Jesus had absolutely died on the cross. They saw his body put in a cave with an enormous stone closing the doorway. On the third day they went to the tomb, the stone was rolled away, and his body was gone. They entered the tomb and saw two angels there, who told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. What?! How would you react to that sort of news?

Some of the women ran to tell their other friends, but Mary stayed in the garden. Someone asked her why she was crying. When she looked up, Jesus was standing in front of her; alive! Over the next 40 days, Jesus showed himself to many others as well.

From that moment, the friends tried to tell what they had experienced and what Jesus told them, to as many people as possible. He was going to a place, that they and anyone else who wanted to, could go to as well after their time on earth was over. They just had to believe what had happened and their lives would never end.

As Easter passes, we can still remember throughout the year that Jesus not only died for us, but also was raised from death, is alive today - and is still inviting us to believe in Him.

Life in the tropics

IN MAY 2021, Rory Marshall fled his hometown on Phillip Island. It was the year he'd planned to travel South and Central America on the back of his post-university graduation adventure.

"I finished my Bachelor's Degree in Public Health and Health Promotion in 2020. With no sign of international travel recommencing, I bought a van and spent eight months designing and building my house on wheels," Rory explained.

"I knew I couldn't survive another winter of misery locked down in Victoria. I was aware that farms at the top of Australia had been struggling to find employees and saw an opportunity.

"I left my work, family, and friends behind for Far North Queensland (FNQ).

"Two days after I departed, the Victoria-New South Wales border shut again. I thanked the universe that I was on the NSW side."

Enjoying the nomadic freedom up the east coast, Rory arrived in FNQ at the beginning of August.

"I immediately noticed the fresh fruit and vegetable honesty box stalls scattered amongst the regions. We don't have a big roadside stall culture in Victoria, as our primary farming industries are beef and dairy.

"But there's something special about putting money directly into the grower's pocket and knowing exactly where your food comes from.

"I was blown away by the volume and varieties of fruit.

"My first OMG moment



Rory Marshall wrestles a 27kg jackfruit in far north Queensland.

came from a stall at the Mossman market.

"One of my new travelling buddies came up to me in the middle of the market with a spoon in his hand, 'Try this'.

"I scooped a spoonful of the chocolate brown, wrinkly looking apple and took a bite: 'How is this even real? Are you sure this is a fruit?' It tasted like fudge! I had just had my first experience with black sapote.

"I could be locked down, shivering in Victoria, but instead I'm eating a chocolate fudge fruit that I dare say none my friends had heard of and it's a sunny 30 degrees."

Hooked, Rory embarked on

a mission through FNQ to discover new fruits and lose his dependence on supermarkets.

Eventually, funds began to dwindle, and Rory needed to find a location to settle and work.

"I wanted to work on a fruit farm. One day I bumped into a familiar face – Ben Diprose.

Conversing for hours, Rory discovered Ben had moved to South Mission Beach and had secured employment at Fruit Forest Farm.

"Ben painted a mental picture that sounded like everything I dreamed of. A farm amongst the rainforest, an extensive variety of fruits, a boss who looks after the health and

wellness of the employees and cassowaries visiting frequently.

"To top it off, there was a vacancy in Ben's rental house. The stars aligned."

Rows and rows of fruit trees, broken up by wind walls of more fruit trees, surrounded by rainforest jungle all the way up the ridge. Butterflies and dragonflies flew past and colourful spiders sat in their webs.

"Day one, Ben passed me half a small soursop. 'Breakfast?' he said. I peeled the skin and bit into the creamy, fibrous flesh. My jaw hit the floor. I had never tasted anything so beautiful.

"The Fruit Forest Farm crew are passionate about rare fruits and taught me how they work with the land and grow rare fruits."

From abius to custard apples, kwai muk to blue java, Rory has experienced them all.

In addition, after eight years battling psoriasis, Rory's transition to a diet of 80-90 per cent fruit has allowed his body's internal systems to heal.

"My psoriasis has disappeared. I feel reborn. I have increased daily energy, better sleeping patterns, a clearer thought process, I have lost two notches on my belt and tickled my taste buds in ways they have not known before.

"I've travelled to many places and countries, and far north Queensland is special. My experience here feels like a dream."

Rory has also submitted a piece to the Bass Coast Post, where you can read more about his adventures.

LIFE Moments



Congratulations to Robert and Rebeka Davey of Dalyston on the birth of Kate Rose Davey. Kate was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on February 23, 2022, weighing 3.02kg.



Welcome, Izzy Mae Grieve. She was born to Tamara and Paul Grieve of Wonthaggi at Wonthaggi Hospital on February 25, 2022, and weighed 6.6 pounds. Izzy is a sister to Ashlee, Bryony, Kayne, Laci and Harper.



Jackson Paul Corrigan was born on April 1, 2022, weighing 4.14kg to parents Steph and Cameron Corrigan of Krowera. Jackson is a little brother to three-year-old Patrick.



Atulya Pathi was born on March 9, 2022, to parents Sandhyarani Pathi and Vijay Pathi of San Remo, joining seven-year-old Vaagdevi.



Charlie Nicholas Wilms was born on March 29, 2022, weighing 4.37kg, to parents Nick Wilms and Sarah Arthur of Wonthaggi.



Kensie Eleanor Gilding was born on March 25, 2022, weighing 3.32kg, to parents Corey Gilding and Jayde Robinson of Dalyston, joining two-year-old Dean Lincoln.

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



Love of racing

BERNIE Mylon is the first to admit running two cars at the Phillip Island Classic is a bit of a handful, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

His 1957 Morris Special and 1984 Ford GT40 bring with them a lifetime of stories.

As a young chap, Bernie headed to England.

He had one thing on his mind – racing.

And as a race mechanic, he was going to make it happen.

It was August 1968.

His meals worked around his schedule: breakfast at 8am, morning tea at 11am, lunch – usually a mixed grill – at 2.30pm, afternoon tea at 5pm and dinner at 9pm. After dinner, he'd do a bit more in the workshop and be home around 10.30pm.

Bernie recalls taking a GT40 race car to Madrid. It was Monday night when he received the call from his boss: "Bernie, we're on - we're racing Thursday."

Bernie recalled the conversation, laughing: "The engine was out of the car, and I wasn't meant to get it back until the following day."

"I quickly rang JW, and they repaired it and got it back to me that day. Within minutes, transport was booked to Calais."

"In those days, you had two options – the Townsend ferry, which took roughly four hours to cross the English Channel, or the hovercraft, which took two. I picked the ferry; you had



Bernie Mylon started as a race car mechanic in England before transitioning to racing himself. C24_1122

to stay in the vehicle on the hovercraft, and it was rough. I could have a meal and little rosé on the ferry."

By Wednesday, Bernie was on the ferry from Dover.

"I loved France, I brought a Canon in Singapore on my way to England and captured the beautiful scenery driving down the road. You couldn't have scripted it better."

"The car didn't have a chassis number and I remember being scared the whole way. Eventually I stopped and four American air force personnel lent me a torch and I stamped it in."

"It was lucky I did because later that night, I was asked to

show it!

"I also learnt to hold back paperwork at the border crossings – they made it difficult and wanted bribes, so I ensured I gave them everything except one piece of paper and when they asked for it, I produced it. They'd be stumped, and a little annoyed, and let me go."

A gearbox in the boot on the ferry to avoid duty for a mate and 30 Francs in bribes paid early on, it wasn't until Bernie hit San Sebastián that trouble struck.

"I was in limbo – the border guard asked me, 'Did you parachute in?'; there were no stamps in the GT40's book."

"After driving up the road and messages being relayed between guards, the guard eventually said, 'My friend said okay – we start your journey here.'

"We drove back to the border and off I went."

"Our journey didn't start in London. It started on the Spanish border... that's what the law decided."

The money was good, and unlike today's crews, there was no time for sleeping, let alone for partying. After a year and a half, Bernie flew to Buenos Aires, finished three races with the team, and jumped on a plane home. It was Christmas 1969.



Duane Overbury is selling his beloved Ford Falcon XL once owned and raced by Bob Jane.



Bob Jane and Harry Firth won the 1962 Armstrong 500 at Phillip Island in this race car. C21_1122

Bob Jane's 1962 Ford Falcon XL

ONCE on display at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit Museum, Duane Overbury's Ford Falcon XL is the exact racing car that won the 1962 Armstrong 500 on Phillip Island 60 years ago.

Destined for the collection of Bob Jane tributes at Calder Museum, this XL didn't quite make the cut.

"I worked off and on for Bob Jane for over 30 years – I was with him through it all, up to the end."

"I covered all the expenses, just wanted to make it happen for Bob and Sir Jack Bradman."

Having been gifted the slips in 2012, Bob one day hoped the car would be worth a lot of money and help Duane and his family.

"I visited Bob at the Epworth and he asked how my wife and daughters were; that is what he was like."

"I've had many years of enjoying the car, a real good journey and now is the right time."

"Bob was a dear friend, who opened many doors for me, and gave me many opportunities – I am very grateful to him."

"I remember accompanying him when he was nominated for the Australian Motor Sport Hall of Fame. I was honoured, Bob was the sole survivor of the group. It was sad in its own way."

"I was also honoured to drive Bob in the parade lap behind Sir Jack Bradman at Eastern Creek after the renaming."

I LOVE MY CAR... A 1955 FJ Holden Special

THE green 1955 FJ Holden Special holds a very special place in Philip Barrow's heart.

"I grew up with dad's car. It's always been a race car to me."

Originally from NSW, Philip's greatest love has travelled everywhere up and down the eastern seaboard and across to South Australia.

Now a hop, skip and jump from Phillip Island Circuit, Philip and his family try to attend the Phillip Island Classic every year - retaining the legacy his father started when racing.

"It's not the fastest car out there, but it is the most fun."

"It makes you smile, especially when you are driving it."

Doing things it shouldn't do,

a little like Herbie, Philip noted it needed a quick trip home for repairs before it would hopefully be back at the circuit for the rest of the weekend.

"It's just been restored after a big crash ANZAC weekend – it's better than a brand new one!"

At the tender age of 10, Philip was in his dad's shed, fitting and turning on the machinery, cutting the rust out ready to paint.

It was this bond between father and son that will have a place in Philip's heart - the memories forever strong; he even played matchmaker for Philip and his wife, Kellie.

"The biggest part is the connection to dad; it will always be a part of my heart."



Philip Barrow's 1955 FJ Holden Special may not always love him, but he loves it. C26_1122

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Peter of Cranbourne North and Tamara of Langwarrin enjoy a bike ride with the family through Venus Bay on Good Friday. C102_1622



John, Emily and James of Langwarrin join family for a ride through Venus Bay. C103_1622



Glenn of Narre Warren and Steve of Langwarrin bike ride through Venus Bay with family. C104_1622



Michael and Allan of Inverloch CFA shook the tins on Good Friday for the Inverloch CFA Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. C112_1622



Simon and Ryan pose for the camera as the kids check out the Inverloch CFA tanker. C115_1622



Layla shakes the tin in the front of the Inverloch CFA heavy tanker. C117_1622

Snapped Out

Pictures of your and your friends at Good Friday events in Venus Bay and Cape Paterson.



Ross Hickey of Melbourne and his father-in-law Bruce Rodwell of Cape Paterson enjoy an afternoon at The Cape Tavern. C127_1622



Jay, Nick and Michael from Cape Paterson enjoy The Cape Tavern Good Friday Appeal events. C129_1622



The Greenhalgh ladies showed their support for the Good Friday Appeal at Cape Paterson, from left, Shari, Marilla and Indie. C130_1622



Sallie, Catherine and Kate of Cape Paterson celebrate Good Friday at The Cape Tavern. C133_1622



Easton, Emily, Kenzie and Sue of Cape Paterson cycled to the events at The Cape Tavern. C135_1622



Adelaide, Chloe, Chem, Cam and Isla of Cape Paterson enjoy the fairy floss and music at The Cape Tavern. C131_1622



Ebony Watson of Cape Paterson is joined by friends from Eltham, Hailey and Rita Thomas at The Cape Tavern. C137_1622



Dom and Frank of Wonthaggi volunteer their afternoon to help The Cape Tavern's Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. C138_1622



Georgie, Amelie and Milly from Cape Paterson are on fairy floss duty at The Cape Tavern. C139_1622



Helen, Graeme, Belinda and Heidi of Cape Paterson celebrate Good Friday at The Cape Tavern. C140_1622



Hannah, Luna (German Shepherd) and Alex join friends and family at The Cape Tavern. C142_1622

Comedy gold in Foster premiere

THE original 1990s television series, 'Keeping up Appearances', is widely considered a masterpiece of British comedy.

Devised and written by Roy Clarke, its hilarious script and zany characters have made it enduringly popular, despite the fact that the last episode was filmed in 1995.

Clarke revisited the oddball characters for a 2014 play, which retains most of the main personalities from the series and introduces a couple of new ones.

Of course, there is Hyacinth Bucket (who insists that her surname should be pronounced 'bouquet'), the snobish housewife determined to climb the social ladder, in spite of her family's working-class connections and the constant chagrin of her long suffering husband.

Hyacinth's sisters and neighbours are still there with all their particular foibles.

There has however been some updating – Hyacinth has long since abandoned her "private slimline white telephone with no connection whatsoever to any business or trade" and she now wields a mobile phone.

FAMDA will be presenting the Victorian premiere of this made-for-the-stage play,



Photo shows Marg Rudge (Liz), Hamish Trumble (Onslow), Denis McGrath (Mr Milson) and Michael Knowles (Emmett).

opening this Friday night at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre with a stellar cast drawn from across the region.

Delighting FAMDA audiences will be Bruce Crawl, Denis McGrath, Margaret Rudge, Genevieve Slattery and Jill Warfe from the Foster area and a Bass Coast contingent with Kerrie Giles, Michael Knowles, Sally Lewer Ahern

and Hamish Trumble.

'Keeping up Appearances' will be on stage in Foster for ten performances between April 22 and May 7.

The 3pm Sunday matinees are selling particularly fast and the Thursday special on April 28 is enticing with a single price of just \$25 for all tickets.

Book your tickets online

now via famda.org.au or trybooking.com/BXTPN.

Main Street Revelations in Foster is also supplying a booking service. Call 5682 1381.

Following state government regulations, all attendees aged over 18 must provide evidence of vaccination or a valid medical exemption before entering the FWMAC.



Ensemble returns to Phillip Island

AFTER a two-year concert hiatus due to the pandemic, the Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble is back and ready to clear out the rafters.

"We are thrilled to announce our upcoming concert on May 1, 2022," Marion Blaze explained of the concert in Cowes. "We will also have Tania Ravbar as guest guitarist - she lives in Grantville."

A unique and thrilling experience, it is sometimes delicate but often dramatic.

Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble is a Melbourne-

based ensemble.

The ensemble comprises about 20 players of mandolin, mandola, guitar & double bass.

The ensemble plays a wide variety of musical styles from Bach to Kreidler and Hadjidakis to music written exclusively by their resident composer, Michelle Nelson.

Having been unable to perform for two years, the ensemble cannot wait to return to St John's Uniting Church on Sunday, May 1, at 2pm.

Tickets are available at the door.

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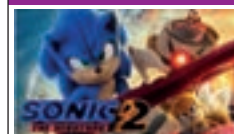
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[PG] 1h45m

Tue 19 Apr 10.00am
Wed 20 Apr 3.15pm
Thur 21 Apr 10.00am
Fri 22 Apr 12.40pm
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The Duke [M] 1h36m

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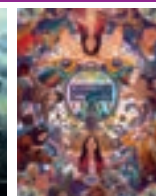
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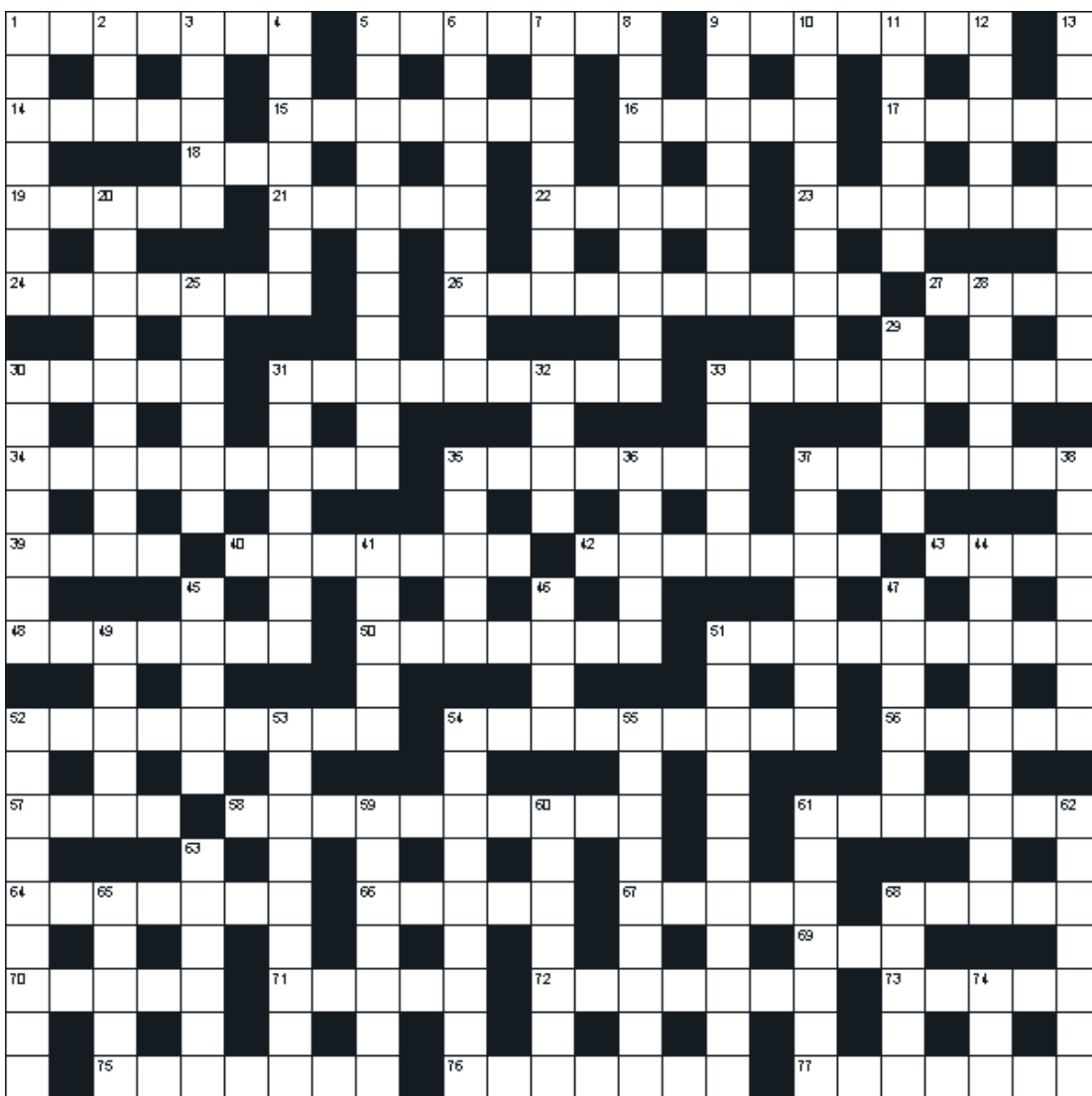
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MOVIE QUIZ

- Quiz answers:** 1. B. Napalm. 2. C. Casablanca. 3. B. So they could borrow the tow trucks. 4. B. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. 5. C. Clint Eastwood. 6. C. Horse. 7. D. Tatum O'Neal (O'Neal was just 10 years old when she won the Oscar for Best Support Actress in 1974 for her performance in Paper Moon). 8. C. Kahuna Hepburn (4, the others 3). 9. D. The Bourne identity. 10. B. Jonatan Denme. 11. B. \$125-a-week. 12. B. Red pill. 13. A. Anthony Hopkins. 14. B. A Starbucks cup. 15. A. Hat-a-Supporter Role in 1933 for her role as Marmee in Gone with the Wind). **Bonus answer:** False.

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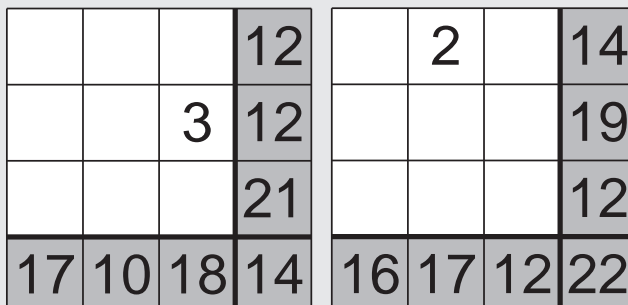


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From left, Latrobe Health Services' Kate Jarvis, Federation University Gippsland Business Awards chair Graeme Sennett and Federation University's Leigh Kennedy.

Business awards return

LAUNCHED on Tuesday, April 12, before a large crowd of supporters and sponsors, the 2022 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards is a time to celebrate regional businesses.

"For more than 24 years, these awards have acknowledged incredible businesses from across the region and thanks to local councils and corporate sponsors, this event helps us celebrate them," awards chair Graeme Sennett said.

The region's business sector has experienced unprecedented challenges over the last two years and the awards are an opportunity to acknowledge Gippsland businesses' determination, innovation and resilience.

As well as the prestigious Gippsland Business of the Year award, other categories are: Accommodation, Food Wine Producers, Health & Wellbeing, Hospitality, Manufacturing/Export, New Business, Retail, Business & Professional Services,

Beauty and Personal Care, Mechanical Trades & Construction, and Tourism Activities & Attractions.

Winners will be announced at a gala event on Friday, August 26, at Federation University.

"(Businesses) not only drive economic growth but provide employment opportunities for many locals, accounting for a large portion of jobs," Mr Sennett told the crowd at the Latrobe Health Services' breakfast launch.

"In the pandemic, many businesses have had to innovate to survive. We continue to be amazed by their resilience and determination."

Nominations are now open for the awards, with entries closing on June 3.

Nominations can be submitted at gba.org.au.

Once a business is nominated, it will receive a unique email link to complete its entry. All entries are completed online.

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



REIV calls for 'game-changing' reforms

THE Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) is calling for full sales price disclosure, standardised residential sales contracts, identity verification of buyers and sellers and the same price estimation standards that apply to estate agents, to be enforced for all residential sales.

The recommendations form part of a broader suite of recommendations that would ensure fairness and transparency for vendors, buyers, and estate agents alike, according to the REIV.

The REIV says its submission to Consumer Affairs Victoria's 2022 Property Market Review seeks to address the issue of affordability of property and other barriers facing those wishing to enter the market in Victoria.

"REIV's recommendations aim to ensure efficient, informed, and transparent residential property transactions, a fairer housing market, and better pricing transparency," REIV president Adam Docking said.

"These changes would go a long way in supporting the Victorians

in their real estate aspirations and ensure that consumers receive well-informed, professional advice from their agent."

REIV's 10 key recommendations are:

- Enhance the Statement of Information to ensure evidence-based pricing for all residential properties.
- Mandatory ongoing professional development for Estate Agents and Agents Representatives.
- Compulsory registration of all bidders at auctions and identity verification of vendors and buyers involved in a residential sale.
- Adoption of an industry-wide standard for listing Material Facts, where buyers identify what is material to them.
- Full disclosure of the sale price for all residential sales once a contract becomes unconditional.
- Adoption of a standardised contract for the sale of all residential real estate.
- Property to be offered for public sale once supporting documentation has been completed.

• Ensure the sale of all new residential real estate is bound by the same price disclosure regulations as required of real estate agents.

• Review the Residential Tenancies Act to address housing availability issues.

• Reform the current property tax regime which contributes to the high cost of changing properties and continues to be a stumbling block for many buyers.

In forming its response, REIV consulted its special interest groups focused on the sale of residential property, auctioneering and buyer advocacy, ensuring input from particularly relevant specialisms within the REIV membership.

REIV CEO Quentin Kilian said REIV wants to work with government to ensure the swift adoption of its recommendations.

"REIV strives to work with government collaboratively to ensure that informed regulatory policy is developed so that everyone in the sector, including buyers, vendors, and estate agents, have a fair and transparent system," he said.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WELL, we hope you had a pleasant Easter break. Did you manage to get away for a holiday relatively stress free? How did you get there? Flying? A bit of a nightmare there at airports. Perhaps it was a walking and camping holiday or visiting family and friends out of town. Good drives to get the hours up for those L platers chasing their 120 hours. For some this is not so easy to accomplish. At Mitchell House there is the L2P Driver Program. It provides young people who have a learner's permit and need to get their hours up, with a suitably trained volunteer mentor. They do a great job and have helped many young people on their way to getting their P plates. The L2P Driver Program is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am to 5pm. Call Melanie the coordinator on 0467 590 679 for more information.

In the interest of computer or laptop troubles, NBN frustrations, the Office program is not doing what you want and other things of that nature, we have Peter offering to help out in a non technical way. Make an appointment to meet Peter at Mitchell House.

There is also the Community Pantry or Free Food Shelf is here at Mitchell House to help community members feed themselves and their families. People have been doing it tough and sometimes need a helping hand. If you have spare non-perishable items in your pantry or could buy a couple of cans of food to add to our pantry that would be great!

Huzzah, a Chess Group has started up. Come and play, you never know, you may pick up a few tips and learn some new skills. You may be just starting out and discover the maverick strategist within yourself. Go for it. They meet on Mondays. Call us on 5672 3731 for more information.

Weight Management Group is on Wednesdays, 5.30 to 7pm. If you feel that weight loss on your own is a bit of a challenge, then come along and share that journey with others. Accountability is one of the best tools to achieve success. There will be a voluntary weigh in, sharing of recipes and experiences all in a friendly and relaxed environment. Please call to let us know you are coming.

The AA Support group meets on Thursdays, 4.30 to 6pm and Saturdays, 11am to 1pm. A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Teri on 0416 866 699 for the Thursday group and for Saturdays call Steve on 0431 700 085

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

Just a little note here. If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are free and we have lots of Learn Share Activities. And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term.

Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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477 Bull Plain Rd, Licola North

AUCTION:

Saturday, 21st May @ 11am onsite

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THE ULTIMATE HORSE HOME

12 Fiona Drive, **CRANBOURNE SOUTH** 4  3  3 

This well-established two-hectare property in Cranbourne South is situated on a quiet street with superb facilities to enable any number of horse related occupations to walk in and commence business. Located only 12 minutes from the Cranbourne Turf Club, this home offers both lifestyle and a wonderful business opportunity for the buyer who appreciates the quality of the facilities.

Boasting a 3-car carport under roof and a single garage, currently set up as a home gym, a covered entertainment area, complete with built-in pizza oven and resort style inground saltwater pool with built in spa.

Now it doesn't stop there, with five paddocks – 2 with shelters, a fenced dam, a 3-bay barn size shed with hoist and 3-phase power which contains additional strappers quarters. For those bringing their equine friends, there are six blue stone stables, undercover wash areas and enough storage for hay, feed bins, firewood and much more.

This wonderful family home is perfectly positioned for a life of convenience with multiple schools within a 10km radius and local shopping within a 10-minute drive; all situated only 60km from Melbourne CBD.

- Septic & town water
 - Solar panels
 - 6 bay horse stalls
 - Undercover wash bays
 - storage for feed bins, hay, firewood and more.
 - 3-bay shed with 3 phase power
- Strappers quarters with full bathroom & kitchen
 - Undercover entertaining with built in pizza oven
 - Inground saltwater pool with built in spa
 - 5 paddocks with 2 shelters
 - Fully fenced with electric gates
 - Room for granny flat or extension
 - Room for truck/float parking
- 2 bedrooms with built-in study nooks
 - Wood burning fireplace
 - Reverse cycle air-conditioning
 - Free-standing 900ml induction cooktop
 - Large 3 zone rumpus room with built-in bar
 - 3 full bathrooms



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Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Excellent home in quiet, no-through street

LOCATED in a quiet, no-through street, on an elevated 973m2 block, is this terrific three-bedroom, two-bathroom brick veneer home.

It would suit an array of buyers, from first home buyers to investors or a small family. Features of the home include:

- Master bedroom with ceiling fan, ensuite, good storage by way of a walk-in robe, plus an extra set of built-in drawers. The master bedroom captures elevated views over the street and neighbouring trees.
- Two remaining generous-size bedrooms, both with built-in robes and ceiling fans.
- Central family bathroom, with separate shower, bath and adjoining toilet.
- Separate laundry with external access, currently utilised as a home hair salon.
- Multi-purpose room/living room to the front of the home, with a study nook and stacks of cupboard space.
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living area, north-facing with a solid wood fire and reverse cycle air-conditioner.
- Modern kitchen featuring an electric cook-top, electric wall oven, rangehood, dishwasher, double sink and pantry.
- Enormous undercover alfresco area, a great space for entertaining.
- Double car garage with automatic roller door and internal access direct to the kitchen.
- Lock-up 4m x 3m garden shed with roller door access and concrete flooring.
- Fully landscaped backyard, tiered and retained with grass ramp access or steps to the flat, grassed area at the back of the block. It provides enough room for the kids to run around and play.
- A 21-panel solar system to assist in reducing power bills.
- Electric hot water service.

This property boasts fantastic street appeal, only minutes to the town centre and arguably in a very desirable location. Matt Redmond from Harcourts Leongatha looks forward to meeting you at the next open for inspection.

322

973m²

19 Higg Street, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$680,000

Agent Nutrien Harcourts

Matt Redmond 0418 357 341



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LEONGATHA

Lovely Family Home

- Double storey, 4 BR, 2 bathroom BV home.
- Great architectural features & sunken lounge.
- Large 4 car under house garage. Approx. 801m².

FOR SALE \$735,000



LEONGATHA

Ticks all Boxes!

- 3 bedroom, plus study/4th bed, 2 bath home.
- Enormous living area and alfresco area.
- Double garage, good shed, side access, 1081m².

FOR SALE \$750,000



LEONGATHA

Excellent Home in Quiet Street

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick veneer home.
- 2 living areas, modern kitchen, alfresco area.
- Approx. 973m² elevated block. No thru street.

FOR SALE \$680,000



LEONGATHA

Turn Key Property!

- Lovely 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home.
- Fully renovated throughout. R/C Cooling.
- 623m² block. Beautiful rural outlook.

FOR SALE \$385,000



BUFFALO

Terrific Home, CountryLiving

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom Hardiplank home.
- Open plans living area with R/C & wood fire.
- Approx 1,215m² block.

FOR SALE \$550,000



VENUS BAY

Ultimate Beach House

- 3 BR, 1 bathroom, retro brick veneer home.
- 3 bedrooms boast BIR's. R/C and Wood Fire.
- Lovely north facing deck. Terrific beach home.

FOR SALE \$595,000



NERRENA

8 Acre Lifestyle Property

- Renovated, 3 BR, 1 bathroom brick veneer home.
- 5 main paddocks, good shedding and fencing.
- 4-5 minutes to Leongatha and town views!

FOR SALE \$1,130,000



STRZELECKI

Distinctively Elegant!

- Magnificent 4 acre approx. property.
- 3 BRs plus a study or 4 BRs, 2 bath and 2 living.
- Elevated with 240° views. Barn style shed.

FOR SALE \$1,700,000-\$1,800,000



Everything you need in a great location

THIS well-presented family home is perfectly positioned in a quiet street and is just a 350m walk to the cafés and super-markets in Leongatha's CBD.

On a quarter-acre block, this home is less than 10 years young and ready for you to move in and enjoy.

The home offers four bedrooms, two bathrooms, master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in robe, separate lounge room and open plan kitchen/dining/family room.

The kitchen features stainless appliances with large gas cooktop and electric oven, dishwasher, large walk-in pantry and plenty of bench space.

The home has convenient direct access from the garage to inside and is warmed by ducted gas heating plus a reverse cycle split system for heating and cooling (plus solar power).

The block has a wide 20m frontage and has gated vehicle access to the rear yard with ample space for a big shed.

With elevated views from the living space towards the South Gippsland Rail Trail as well as easy walking access to it, this home is in town but has a nice rural outlook and feel.

Call Andrew Newton today to arrange an inspection!



4 2 2 1015m²

10 Bazley Street, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$650,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

A solid foundation

THEY just don't build them like this anymore.

And sure, that comment gets thrown around all the time, but come and have a look for yourself.

This two-storey brick home built in the early 1970s is a prime example of how a house should be built.

With not a thing out of place and in the same family since they built the home, Alex Scott & Staff is delighted to offer this property for sale on an Expression of Interest basis.

The property, on a manageable allotment of 615m², is located in a perfect position adjacent to the sporting facilities, schools and a short, flat walk to Wonthaggi's shopping precinct.

Upstairs, there are four light and bright bedrooms all with built-in robes, plus bathroom and separate toilet.

Downstairs, there are plenty of living spaces, including separate family rooms and a dining area.

Under the carpet of the entire house are floorboards ready to be sanded back and polished.

Outside, there is a large backyard with plenty of fruit trees, a lock-up garage and carport.

Expressions of interest close Friday, May 27, at 5pm. Don't miss this opportunity to buy a large solid home in one of the best locations.



4 1 2 615m²

30 Wentworth Rd, **Wonthaggi**

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Mohaka hybrid delivers superior grazing

WESTERN Victorian lamb producers James Sobey and Casey Guy from Caverndale Farming need a lot of quality grazing to keep the feed up to their lambs and have found Mohaka tetraploid hybrid ryegrass fits the bill.

James and Casey's lamb production business is focused on fattening around 2500 lambs a year for the export market at their farm at Blowhard, west of Creswick.

Lambs from their own ewes are supplemented with lambs bought in October, all of which are expected to double in weight by late summer or autumn the next year.

To help them keep up with the surge in seasonal feed requirements, James and Casey feed out lucerne silage and have recently added the new high-quality pasture, Mohaka hybrid ryegrass.

Mohaka was bred to combine the performance of fast-growing Italian varieties with greater persistence.

In commercial trials, Mohaka has shown additional growth throughout the growing season compared with similar pasture types.

James and Casey were given the opportunity to try the new variety in 2020 before its general release in 2021, making them among the first farmers in Victoria to see Mohaka growing.

Initially, they planted 10



Sheep grazing Mohaka.

hectares of Mohaka in one paddock, following that up with two more paddocks the next year.

"We rely a lot on our lucerne for silage and for grazing, but we also need some grass through the year, especially in late spring and early summer while we wait for the lucerne to come back into production," explained Mr Sobey.

"This is where Mohaka has been really valuable, providing us with a lot of grazing when other grasses are going to seed.

Mr Sobey said last year's spring pasture growth was slower than usual, due to cold and wet conditions. Some paddocks were completely inundated with water.

When the warmer weather returned in late November to kick along growth, he said most of

the pasture paddocks were already starting to lose quality and run up to seed. But not the Mohaka.

With a later flowering date than most other pastures, Mohaka can produce high quality feed very late into the season, even into early January in the right conditions.

It also provides excellent winter production, due to its Italian ryegrass parentage.

In late November 2021, they stocked their second-year Mohaka paddock with 200 lambs.

The new pasture has also provided some advantages with weed control, because of its thick ground cover and vigorous growth.

For more information about Mohaka, contact your local DLF Seeds Sales Agronomist or call 1800 619 910.

Improving pasture quality and productive capacity

THE success of using fodder crops, pasture renovation and grazing management to improve pasture quality and production will be the focus of the TopSoils Swan Reach Demonstration Site in East Gippsland next week.

Established in 2016, the TopSoils Swan Reach Demonstration Site is part of the broader East Gippsland TopSoils Project designed to improve the productive capacity of agricultural land in East Gippsland.

The site was initiated to trial methods of reducing Parramatta Grass (*Sporobolus africanus*) within existing pasture and to improve its productive capacity. Also known as Rat's Tail Grass, Parramatta Grass is a coarse-tufted perennial of low nutritive value for grazing stock and an increasing weed species in local pastures.

The paddock walk will provide an update on the trial, with take-home messages relevant to the control of other pasture weeds.

Date: Wednesday, April 20.

Time: 10am – 12pm.

Address: Howletts Lane, Swan Reach.

To register for the event, contact James Paulet on 0447 695 839 or at james.paulet@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

This is a free event supported by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the federal government's National Landcare Program.

MARKET REPORT

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, April 11, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x\$24 to \$300
Friesian Bulls\$40 to \$380
Friesian Heifers\$720 to \$1020
Beef Bulls\$115 to \$830
Beef Heifers\$95 to \$470
Number of Calves: **403**
Number purchased to rear: **239**

Please note date changes

The Calf Market will be held on the Tuesday, April 19 & Tuesday, April 26 due to the Easter & ANZAC Day Public holidays



KOONWARRA DAIRY SALE

Thursday 28th April at 11.00am
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A/c Montap

15 Springing holstein heifers, due 1st week of May to sexed Holstein, next round conventional semen then Holstein bull.

5 Xbred heifers, due 1st round of May to sexed Jersey, next conventional semen then Jersey bull.

Present in very good condition.

Watch DLS Facebook page & Website for photos, catalogue and any updates.

Further entries invited.

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'Til the cows come home

KORUMBURRA'S Tyler and Lucky are among the fortunate male calves given a chance at life by 'Til The Cows Come Home.

The organisation was established in 2018 to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome unwanted farm animals, and now operates Australia wide.

"Tyler and Lucky were rescued alongside 16 other calves who were all destined to go on the 'bobby' truck," administration and adoptions manager Sarah Tiven-dale said.

The lucky duo have recently been adopted by a family keen to help animals needing a forever home and will soon be re-locating to Pakenham Upper.

"We just bought 11 acres and we wanted to have some cows, but I want a few as pets and we found them on Facebook and I thought this is such a great thing; we were going to rock up to a dairy farmer's place and ask if we could take them off their hands and this has worked out a bit better," adopter Jessica Harrop said.

The family is looking forward to picking up the calves soon, with Jessica's two young sons planning new names for the pair.

The Sentinel-Times will provide an update on Tyler and Lucky after they join their new family.

While it is not financially viable for dairy farmers to support male calves, Sarah said that many farmers appreciate the opportunity 'Til The Cows Come Home offers to give such animals a future.

"Farmers don't get joy out of sending their calves to slaughter," Sarah said.

She explained that the founder of 'Til The Cows Come Home "wanted to build a bridge between farmers and a forever home for bobby calves and any other 'unwanted' farm animals".

"In the Gippsland region alone, we have rescued 50 calves in just over 12 months' time, just like little Tyler and Lucky," Sarah said.

Tyler overcame an early health scare, having to spend three days in a veterinary



Lucky enjoys the company of children in his Korumburra foster family, Harry and Poppy.



Korumburra foster family member Harry cuddles Tyler.

hospital on IV fluids after he suddenly stopped feeding.

He's recovered and is full of energy just like the aptly named Lucky.

As well as making wonderful pets, calves grow into handy lawnmowers helping people maintain their acreage.

'Til The Cows Come Home is predominantly made up of volunteers, including its foster carers.

The organisation is now Australia's leading online adoption agency for farmed animals.

There are currently 13

calves in Gippsland needing to be adopted.

Those keen to adopt are encouraged to send an email to info@tilthecowscomehome.org or contact the organisation through its Facebook page.

All potential adopters are required to submit an adoption application and be approved to adopt.

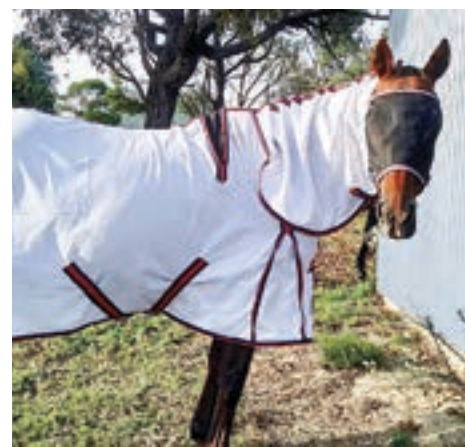
Sarah stressed it is important those wishing to adopt "are aligned with our views and that these animals won't be treated as a commodity and they'll just be a companion or a pet".

Importantly, 'Til The Cows Come Home supports adopters post adoption, understanding that circumstances sometimes change, making it necessary to rehome adopted animals.

All male calves are adopted as steers (desexed), stay in foster care for two weeks minimum to ensure that they are healthy, and are vet checked.

'Til The Cows Come Home is a not-for-profit organisation and relies on public donations to support its mission.

Visit calf-rescue.tilthecowscomehome.org to donate.



Authorities are urging horse owners to take extra steps to protect their animals against Japanese encephalitis virus.

Be on guard against deadly virus

STATE and federal biosecurity authorities are alerting pig and horse owners to be vigilant for Japanese encephalitis virus.

The virus is spread by mosquitoes and can infect people and animals.

Already this year, three people have died from the virus and there are more than 60 piggeries with infected herds across Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

To date there have been no official reports of the disease in horses, but the threat remains while mosquito numbers are high due to recent rain and flooding.

Australian Chief Veterinary officer Dr Mark Schipp said governments and industry were working together to contain the virus.

"The best course of action is to try and avoid mosquito bites to yourself and your animals," Dr Schipp said.

"And part of that means reducing mosquito infestations. We have developed a guide on how to control mosquitoes around piggeries and we are currently developing a similar guide that can be used for horses.

"The key things to help prevent mosquito bites on horses is to put a hooded rug on them, a fly mask and apply an insect repellent. Stabling horses overnight can also help."

The disease causes encephalitis (brain swelling) in horses.

In pigs, it results in production losses, including abortions and stillbirths, and infertility in adult pigs.

Japanese encephalitis is a nationally notifiable disease, which means it must be reported to a veterinarian or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

More information is available at outbreak.gov.au.

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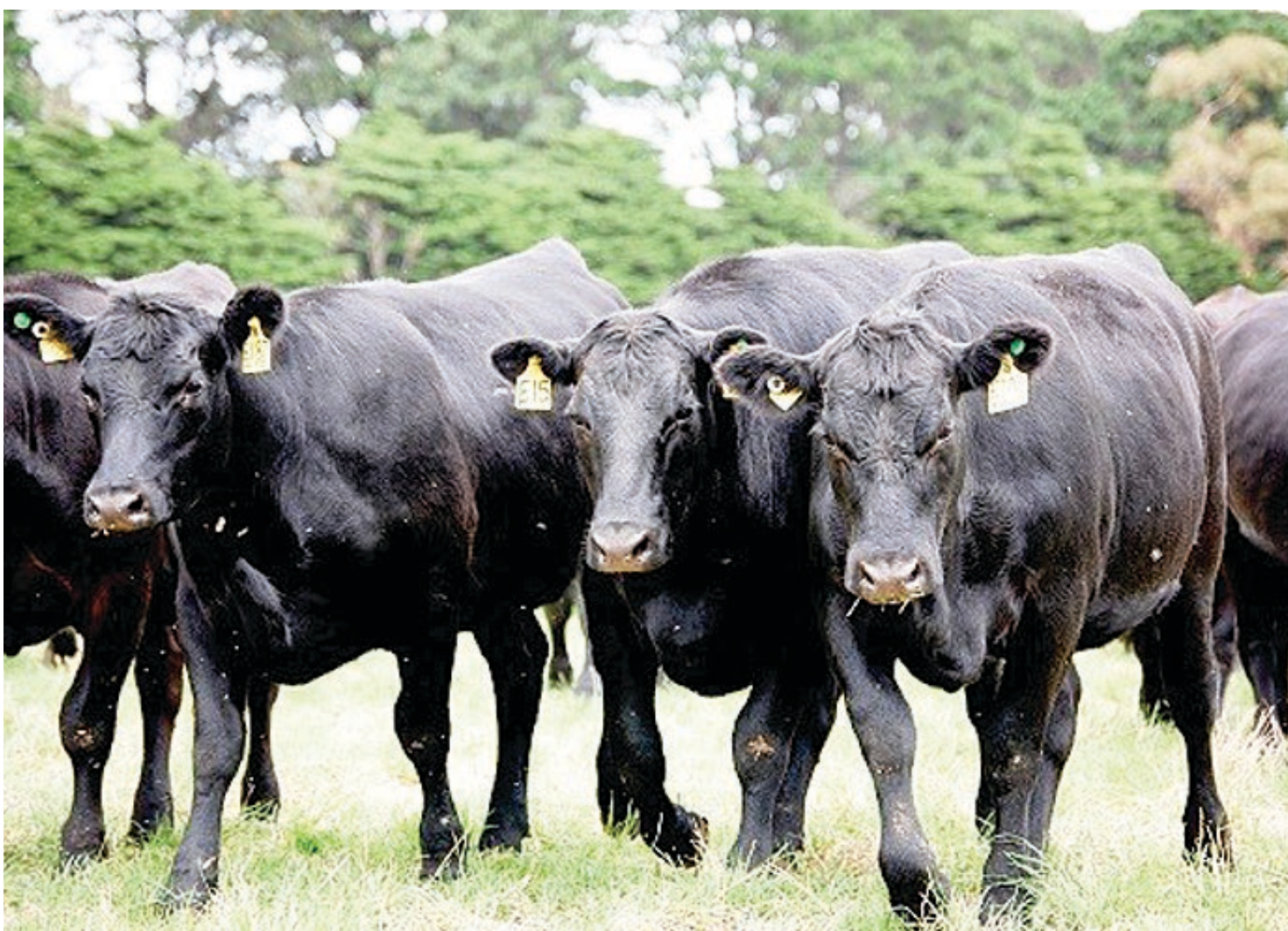


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Bucks for Brains is an initiative of the National Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Surveillance Project (NTSESP), which is tasked with confirming Australia's proof of freedom from rare fatal brain and other central nervous system diseases called TSEs.

The damaging effects that TSEs can have on a country's livestock industry and economy were made apparent during the outbreak of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), commonly known as 'mad cow disease', in the United Kingdom, and following its detection in Canada and the United States.

BSE is a disease that emerged in the 1980s through the feeding of meat meal contaminated with an infectious agent known as

By Dr Jeff Cave, Senior Veterinary Officer

a prion.

The disease causes an untreatable, progressive, degenerative condition of the brain leading to a range of neurological signs – therefore gaining the name mad cow disease.

With cases in the UK and several European countries, plus the prior export of meat meal from Europe to other countries, it is not clear how far the disease may have spread.

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Commissioners talk water in West Gippsland

WORLD Water Day formed the perfect backdrop for four commissioners from the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH) to visit West Gippsland.

The visit, hosted by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) in partnership with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) was a wonderful opportunity to learn, share knowledge and talk about future water allocations and the intrinsic connection that Aboriginal people have had to land and waterways for millennia.

The Commissioners spent two days in the region focussing primarily on the role of water for the environment in the Latrobe River system from the upper reaches to the lower lying wetlands.

A key focus was to visit the Latrobe coal mines to discuss rehabilitation options and their implications for the environment, Traditional Owners and the broader community.

In the lower reaches of the Latrobe, the



West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority recently hosted four commissioners from the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Commissioners toured a private property to learn about the recent achievements of WGCMA in partnering with landholders to maximise the benefits of water for the environment.

Sale Common and Heart Morass in the Lower Latrobe Wetlands were the site for discussions about what a healthy

wetland should look like, and the opportunities for Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners to be more actively involved in environmental water on Country.

Planned flows and updates for West Gippsland along with information about Water for the Environment are shared on the WGCMA's website: wgcm.vic.gov.au.

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A/c McRae Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)

80 Angus steers, 2 yo, vendor bred, Rennyalea blood

A/c DA & PM Conn, Hedley (PHC)

50 Angus-X & Black Baldy steers, 16-18 mths, Flinders Island bred

15 Speckle steers, 16-18 mths

A/c J & F Lloyd, Walkerville (NUTRIEN)

63 Angus steers, 20 mths, Local & East Gippsland bred

A/c P Halstead "Tarwin Meadows" (ELDERS)

60 Hereford steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF

A/c C & W Stockdale, Flynn (NUTRIEN)

50 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, NE Accred

A/c Eddington Holdings, Loch (ALEX SCOTT)

46 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, by Banquet, Lawson, Welcome Swallow and Yancowinna Bulls, 2 x 5 in 1 vacc, drenched and multimed

A/c V & D Albanese, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)

45 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c PJ & DM Fowles, Bena (SEJ)

15 Angus steers

28 Hereford steers

18-20 mths, East Gippsland bred

A/c White Pastures (ELDERS)

40 Angus steers, 2 yo, Belgrano bred, Banquet blood, GF & ABF

A/c Hookey Pastoral, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, EU Accred, Leawood & Rennyalea blood

A/c W Bray, Walkerville (SEJ)

40 Angus steers, 2 yo, ex Yarra Valley

A/c David Layton, Yanakie (SEJ)

40 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Burrabadoo Pastoral, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)

40 Angus steers, 18 mths, Monaro Dist bred

A/c Stonewarra, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c A & D Lawless, Driffield (NUTRIEN)

36 Hereford steers, 18-20 mths, By Madelle Poll Hereford bulls

A/c Zanacon P/L, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred

A/c "Hartay Family Trust" Dalyston (SEJ)

30 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c McRae agriculture (ELDERS)

20 Angus steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred

A/c B & C Smith, Buffalo (SEJ)

20 Angus X steers, 20-24 mths

A/c B Carr (ELDERS)

20 Hereford steers, 2 yo

A/c T & L Morrison, Sale (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 18 mths, Yea Bred

A/c Peacock Rural Holdings P/L, Hallston (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c K & P Braumann, Buffalo (SEJ)

20 Angus/Charolais, Limo X steers, 16-18 mths

A/c A Albert, Garfield Nth (NUTRIEN)

19 Angus steers, 2 1/2 yo

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)

19 Angus steers, 18 mths-2yo

A/c Loch Duich (ELDERS)

18 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c H & S Logan, Mardan (NUTRIEN)

18 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c DT & DJ Cameron, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, 2 yo, NE Accred

A/c P & J Scott, Kongwak (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c N Haustorfer, Carrajung (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c P + K O'Neill, Waratah (SEJ)

16 Angus steers, 18 mths, Lawson blood, VB, GF and AB free

A/c V & D Vickers, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

16 Hereford steers, 16-17 mths

A/c Melaleuca Pastoral, Ruby (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, 16 mths, Dunoon blood

A/c Black Magic, Munro (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c M.G Harrison, Meeniyan (SEJ)

15 Black Baldy steers, 16 mths, VB, GF & AF

A/c D Keil, Stratford (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus X steers, 18 mths

A/c A Sage, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c P Allen, Childers (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 15 mths old, GF & AF

A/c B & S Jones, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c L Zanella, Wonthaggi (ALEX SCOTT)

6 Angus x Charolais steers, 20-22 mths

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)

16 Limo & Limo X mix sexes, 18 mths-2yo

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A/c Elm Valley P/L, Tarwin (Annual Draft) (NUTRIEN)

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A/c CJ Pendergast, 'Omeo Station' Benambra (ELDERS)

300 Angus, Angus Hereford X & Hereford M/S weaners, 8-10 mths, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c J & K Hilliar, "Riverview", Mirboo (SEJ)

80 Angus steers 7-9 mths, Battersby blood lines, VB GF AB Free

A/c T & J Waters, Dumbalk Nth (NUTRIEN)

75 Angus mixed sex weaners, 8-9 mths

A/c G&K Belcher (ELDERS)

40 Hereford steers

15 BB steers

17 Hereford & BB heifers

9-11 mths, weaned, 2 X 5 In 1, drenched, Piliguard

A/c Malabar Farms, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)

60 Angus and Angus/Hereford x steers, 6-7 mths, Weeran and Innesdale bloodlines, All calves drenched and trace elements applied at weaning 12-3-22 VB, AB Free. NE Accredited

A/c J&M Ainsworth (ELDERS)

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A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)

50 Black Baldy steers, 8-9 mths

A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)

35 Angus/Charo X steers

10 Angus/Charo X heifers

10-11 mths, Yard weaned

A/c T Warren (ELDERS)

40 Angus mix sex weaners, 12 mths, Battersby & Harris Angus blood

A/c G & H Phillips, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus X mixed sex weaners

A/c B O'Bryan, Kardella (NUTRIEN)

36 Angus mixed sex

A/c H & N Fox, Flynn (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus & Black Baldy heifers, 14-15 mths

20 Angus heifers, 8-10 mths, Leawood blood

A/c D & S Hourigan, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus & Black Baldy steers, weaned, 11-12 mths, Leawood blood

A/c G & F Derham, Flynn (NUTRIEN)

30 Poll Hereford mixed sex weaners, 8-10 mths, Mawarra blood

A/c G & B Morrison, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 8-10 mths, weaned, Landfall & Innesdale blood

A/c D Brien, Trafalgar Sth (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus, Limo X mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c R & D Knight, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, Yard weaned, Landfall blood

A/c M & K Breen, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, weaned, by Leawood Stud bulls

A/c O'Loughlin Farms, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, Vendor bred, NE accredited, By Kunuma bulls

A/c M Smith, Hazelwood (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, weaned, Leawood blood

A/c H McWhinney (ELDERS)

21 Angus mixed sex weaners, weaned

A/c JT & PJ Fleming, "Mertonvale" Willung (NUTRIEN)

20 Hereford & Hfd/ Angus X steers, 12 mths, Mawarra blood

A/c T & J Christensen, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus & Black Baldy steers, 11-12 mths, weaned, Leawood blood

A/c Stoney Creek, Dawson (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 11 mths, Innesdale blood, NE Accred

A/c Sandy Hills Past (ELDERS)

20 Angus & BB heifers, weaned, NE accredited

A/c P & A Shaw, Hazelwood (NUTRIEN)

15 Hereford, Sim X heifers, 10 mths

A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)

15 Charo steers, 10 mths

A/c Bowka Park, Nerrena (SEJ)

15 Angus steers, 7-8 mths, Harris bloodlines

A/c R & E Newnham, Longford (NUTRIEN)

14 Angus & Angus Hereford X heifers, 12-13 mths, Pinora & Innesdale blood

A/c A & S Browne, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c RG Whykes, Morwell (NUTRIEN)

10 Hereford steers, 12 mths

A/c J&K Clark (ELDERS)

8 Sim/Angus X mix sex weaners

A/c L Missen, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus/Char X steers, 12 mths

A/c A Howard & S Howard, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)

5 MG mix sex, 12 mths

XBREDS & DAIRY

A/c T & J Waters, Dumbalk Nth (NUTRIEN)

45 Friesian steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Stockdale Farms P/L, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)

35 Friesian steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Perry Farming Trust (ELDERS)

20 Xbred steers, 15 mths, bucket reared & quiet

A/c J & B May, Newry (NUTRIEN)

16 Friesian steers, 20 mths

A/c J & F Surace, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

10 Hereford/Friesian X steers, 20 mths, very quiet

A/c G Occhipinti, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)

10 Friesian steers, 2 yo

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Loving father of Steven and John (dec.).
Loved father-in-law of Sandra.
Proud grandfather of Lachlan and Samantha.
Loved by Eileen, Jim, Bev, Jenny and David.
A Private Family Funeral will be held.

BURCHELL, Louise Christine:
16.01.1976 - 08.04.2022.
Louise passed away peacefully after an extended health battle.
Husband Nils and children Joshua (10) and Summer (6) will dearly miss her.

DONOHUE, Lorna Margaret Mary (nee Boland):
22.11.1927 - 13.04.2022.
Passed away peacefully at Seahaven, aged 94 years.
Beloved wife of Terry Donohue (dec.) and Michael (Mick) Donohue (dec.).
Much loved mother of Peter, Anne, Carmel, Jenny, Patrick (dec.), John, Michelle, Joseph, Michael and their families.
Thanks to Seahaven staff for their care and support of our mother.

DONOHUE, Lorna:
22.11.1927 - 13.04.2022.
Sympathy to Mick and Joe on the loss of your mother.
Our friend remembered always.
Peter, Sue, Brett and family.

DEATHS

FLEMING, Francis Bonnett (Frank):
06.12.1928 - 12.04.2022.
Much loved husband of Pat.
Beloved father and father in-law of Anne and Alan, Christine and Cameron, Ken and Sandra, Michelle and Shane, and David.
Adored Pa of Anthony, Gabrielle, Simon, Grant, Lauren, Lloyd, Rebecca, Kristie, Sonia, Josh, Riley and Mackenzie and Great Pa of 10 great grandchildren.
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FLEMING, Frank:
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Loved Father, Father In-law and Grandfather of Christine, Cameron, Lauren & Rebecca.
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But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day that you went home.*
*God saw that you were weary
The hill too steep to climb
He gently closed your eyes
And whispered, Peace be thine.*
A gentle man, loved and remembered.

FLEMING, Frank:
Much loved Papa to Anthony and Isabel, Gabrielle and Simon, Simon and Sukanya and Great Papa to our little scallywags Lucy, Isaiah, Paloma and Teo.
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May you rest in peace.

DEATHS

McPHEE, Patrick James (Paddy):
1961-2022.
Paddy McPhee died peacefully on April 6 in Leongatha Hospital surrounded by his family.
Our most sincere thanks to Dr Chris Perry and the amazing nursing team on the ward for the compassionate and exemplary care they provided to us all. Forever in our hearts Paddy-Melon.
Miss and love you my Mr T you were my best friend. Your loving wife, Bev

Dad, you will never know just how much you impacted my life in our short amount of time together.
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Paddy you were so realistic, accepting and courageous.
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Who can I talk to after Insiders each week? Molly (your big sister) and Phil, Sean (your godson), Lach and Ali, Emmy and Johnny and their Sunni and Olive.

Paddy was a funny, kind and loving big brother to Matt and Mayumi and uncle to Millie and Mickey.
Our lives are richer because of you.

Paddy Melon, you were always my protective, big brother looking out for me and making me feel safe.
You were so courageous facing that insidious disease. Our hearts are broken. Rest in peace now Paddy.
Our love always Dizzy (Bub) and Paul, Jake and the girls.

DEATHS

MOORE, Florence(Vi):
Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge 10.04.2022, aged 105yrs and 8 mths. Auntie Vi to Cathy McLeod (Corinella) & Keith Mence (East Burwood) and families. Many thanks to Rose Lodge Staff for their care of Vi for the last three years.

MURRAY, Geoffrey Phillip:
05.10.1960 - 17.04.2022.
Much loved husband of Pam, loving father of Tara, Sheree, Ryan and Arielle. Loving Poppy of Athena, Paige, Blayze and Hendrix. Loved son of Stan and Margaret. Brother of Diane and Don, Son in-law of Don and Pat Ferguson (both dec.).
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MURRAY, Geoff:
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MURRAY, Geoff:
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DEATHS

SIMMONS, Ross:
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FUNERALS

BURCHELL:
A Graveside Funeral Service for Louise Christine Burchell will be held at the Leongatha Lawn Cemetery, Leongatha on Friday April 22, 2022, commencing at 2.00pm.

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DONOHUE:
Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Lorna Donohue will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on **THURSDAY April 21, 2022**, commencing at 10.00am.
At the conclusion of Mass the Funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.


FLEMING:
The Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Francis Bonnett (Frank) Fleming will be held at St. Laurence's Catholic Church, Leongatha on Thursday April 21, 2022, at 1:00pm. At the conclusion of Mass, the Funeral will proceed to the Leongatha Cemetery.

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HABENSCHUSS, Steven:
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McPHEE:
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We are seeking a part-time Sales Host to work 6 - 10 hours/week over Saturday and Sunday at our display homes in Newhaven and Wonthaggi. This position involves dealing with the public and taking initial enquiries.

The successful candidate will have strong communication skills and be well presented.

In house training provided. Immediate start preferable.

To apply, please send your cover letter and CV to Rani Bucello - rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au

Applications close: Wednesday, May 4, 2022

LB0208

Chef

THE CAPE TAVERN - Full time

The Cape Tavern is looking for an experienced full time Chef to join our established kitchen team.

We are a busy family run business in Cape Paterson and we have a strong focus on our local community.

If you have a passion for food and the ability to work as part of a team in a fast paced environment then we would like to hear from you.

A rotating roster with some weekend work will be offered along with a competitive package to the successful applicant.

Send your resume to Michael
Capetavern@westnet.com.au

GD0039



Fix Carpenter Wanted

Coldon Homes is seeking a Fix Carpenter to work in Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Grantville, Phillip Island and surrounding areas.

Regular and ongoing work available.
Payment is always prompt.

Own tools, vehicle and ABN required.

To express your interest, please contact Rani on 5672 0606 or rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au

LB0207

Social Enterprise Coordinator

Community Recycling Op Shop

Are you seeking a fulfilling role in a small community, have retail experience and interested in part time work? We would love to hear from you. Our priorities are retail experience, stock display and pricing as well as good people management and computer skills. The role is 14 hours per week including Saturdays.

Phone or email for the position description.

Applications close: Friday, April 29, 2022.

Email: carol@vbcc.org.au
or phone 5663 7499 or 0404 773 044

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Motor Vehicle Technician (Full Time)

Are you looking for a change - a new career challenge?

An exciting opportunity exists for a qualified technician to join our Dealerships located in Traralgon/Morwell/Leongatha with our Service Team.

A position description is available from our Service Centre at 5535 Princes Hwy Traralgon, and 8 Koonwarra Rd Leongatha, or for a confidential interview please call Andrew McMahon 5172 1100

Resumes including two professional referees should be forwarded to:
The Fixed Operations Manager,
Gippsland Motor Group
am@gmg.net.au

LB0128



PUBLIC NOTICES



Water Act 1989 CENTRAL GIPPSLAND REGION WATER CORPORATION Water Restriction By-law 17

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation (Gippsland Water) revokes Water Restriction By-law 16.

In accordance with section 287ZC of the *Water Act 1989*, Gippsland Water hereby gives notice that it has made a by-law, titled Water Restriction By-law 17 pursuant to sections 160 and 171 of the *Water Act 1989*.

Water Restriction By-law 17 is made using a Model Water Restriction By-law issued by the Minister for Water on 3 March 2022. The Water Restriction By-law 17 is made in relation to restrictions and prohibitions on the use of water that may be imposed in the Water Supply District of Gippsland Water.

The purpose of the By-law is to:

- Promote the efficient use and conservation of water;
- Set out four stages of restrictions on the use of water;
- Specify things which must not be done while each stage of restriction persists;
- Specify principles for considering applications for exemptions from particular restrictions;
- Prescribe offences and penalties for the contravention of the By-law, including for which an infringement notice may be served; and
- Prescribe classes of persons for the purpose of issuing infringement notices.

A copy of the By-law is available for inspection free of charge at the Gippsland Water Office, 55 Hazelwood Road Traralgon, Victoria, 3844, during business hours or by visiting Gippsland Water's website at www.gippswater.com.au.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Fox control - Reef Island and Bass River Mouth Nature Conservation Reserve, the Western Port Intertidal Coastal Reserve, the George Bass Coastal Walk, and the Punchbowl Coastal Reserve.

Parks Victoria's conservation management to restore and protect park habitat includes the control of introduced plant and animal species. As part of an ongoing strategy, notice is hereby given that Parks Victoria will be laying buried baits containing Sodium Monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) on public land for the control of fox. Baits containing 1080 poison will be laid from 26th April 2022 until 15th July 2022.

Baits will be laid at strategic sites and other known areas of fox habitat within the Reef Island and Bass River Mouth Nature Conservation Reserve, the Western Port Intertidal Coastal Reserve, the George Bass Coastal Walk, and the Punchbowl Coastal Reserve.

1080 poison signs will be posted throughout the baited area and members of the public who are living, visiting, or working in the above-named areas are advised to take particular care not to disturb or interfere with bait stations. Domestic dogs and cats are particularly susceptible to 1080 poison and should be under effective control, muzzled, or kept away from the baited areas.

More information
Phone 13 1963
parks.vic.gov.au



Formerly known as Japara, we are proud to be joining Calvary Health Care from 5 November 2021



Calvary Strzelecki House Aged Care Home currently has the below vacancies:

REGISTERED NURSE

Permanent Part Time and Casual positions available

What you bring:

- An active AHPRA registration
- A passion for working in Aged Care and a sound understanding of the sector
- Previous experience working as a Registered Nurse in Aged Care is preferred
- Experience with ACFI and accreditation requirements
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills

ENROLLED NURSE

Permanent Part Time and Casual positions available

What you bring:

- An active AHPRA registration
- A passion for working in Aged Care and a sound understanding of the sector
- Previous experience working as an Enrolled Nurse in an Aged Care environment (preferred)
- Experience with ACFI and accreditation requirements is desirable
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills

Applications to: Sandy Smith
Sandy.Smith@japara.com.au
Work location: Calvary Strzelecki House
(03) 5667 9100
27 Giles Street, Mirboo North VIC 3871

* All applicants must provide evidence of their right to work in Australia, a valid National Police Check, proof of 2021 Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccinations (unless exempt) *

LB0178

Plans to expand McDonald's site, car park

WONTHAGGI'S McDonald's has lodged an application with Bass Coast Shire to create a new car park at the rear of the restaurant along Graham Street.

The subject site is located to the fast food outlet's immediate west at 183 Graham Street, which was occupied by a dental clinic.

The clinic has since been demolished and the site is proposed to form part of the existing McDonald's, comprising of 17 car parks and delivery bays at a cost of \$1m.

It is also proposed that the plans be amended to allow for built form changes to the existing McDonald's, including updated traffic movements.

The proposed amendments include:

- Internal alterations to the existing terrace/entrance, playland, amenities, dining area, kitchen and service area and corral area. The fast food outlet is sought to be extended as a result.
- The existing single lane drive-through has been rearranged to include a two-lane drive-through (filtering into one lane) to operate west, along the southern boundary and exit to the north on Graham Street.
- The existing parking arrangement along the eastern side of the restaurant is to be relocated due to the extension of the building.

According to the application, a total of 45 car spaces will be provided, including one accessible space.

In addition, two drive-through bays and a third window bay will be provided within the drive-through lane.

As of last week, three objections had been lodged with Bass Coast Shire, with one resident highlighting concerns about traffic flow along Graham Street.

The resident stated that they live next to the McDonald's and suffer from spina bifida, requiring a wheelchair for mobility.

"I am concerned about having a collision on the footpath out the front of my residence," the resident stated through their objection.

"The proposed fence adjoining my residence tapers down to a height of 1800mm, therefore traffic travelling along the footpath (such as people on mobility scooters, the post person on a motorbike and children on bicycles) will not be able to see me until they are immediately in front of my house."

To view the application, visit bit.ly/3jzEdhU and search #050926-1.



The egg hunting dash begins. A14_1622



Clubhouse and membership manager Rebecca Thomas helped the Easter Bunny distribute eggs. A13_1622

Egg hunt draws in a large crowd

WHILE nobody spotted the Easter Bunny at Leongatha Golf Club on Good Friday, he left plenty of chocolate for excited participants in the club's inaugural Easter egg hunt.

Clubhouse and membership manager Rebecca Thomas was thrilled with the large turnout.

She reflected on the importance of families being able to get out and socialise with others again, with that prompting the introduction

of the Easter egg hunt.

"It's just to get a community event happening and it is really nice for the kids to have something to look forward to," Rebecca said.

Harry and Kayla Mooney of Ferntree Gully were among the delighted youngsters filling small sand buckets with chocolate delights.

"They were so excited about Easter and they enjoy mixing with the other children," their Inverloch-based grandfather Kevin Michael said.

Piper and Tegan Eady of Inverloch also finished with impressive hauls of chocolate, with the insides of their buckets a sea of gleaming colours.

The Brewer family relished the opportunity to take part in the event, with parents Shannon and Julia finally able to bring almost-two-year-old son Ayden from Germany to meet grandparents Jeff and Jackie of Leongatha South.

"It's tremendous," Jeff said of meeting Ayden, explaining

that he and Jackie were set to head to Germany for his birth when Covid hit.

"We watched him grow up on Messenger and now they've come, and it's lovely," Jackie said.

The easter egg hunt cost was just \$5 per child, with funds raised directed to the club's junior golf program overseen by the club's professional, Tyler Marotti.

Junior clinics run during school holidays and on Saturday afternoons.

\$10m promise for Gippsland logistics precinct

LATROBE City will be home to a major transport and logistics precinct if the Labor Party wins the election on Saturday, May 21.

Latrobe City Council last week welcomed a \$10 million election promise made by Shadow Minister for Cities and Urban Infrastructure, Andrew Giles, on a visit to

the electorate on Thursday, April 14 which they said was "a substantial contribution to Stage 2 of the project".

The funding will support the development of internal road and utility infrastructure and flood mitigation earthworks.

"When fully operational this project will directly create up to 500 jobs, with its state-of-

the-art facilities acting as a catalyst to attract new industries and opportunities to the region.

Mayor of Latrobe City Cr Kellie O'Callaghan acknowledged the support for the project.

"The Gippsland Logistics Precinct is one of council's advocacy priorities and is

crucial to the success of our region as we transform our economy.

"The precinct will position Latrobe City as the new centre for freight, serving as a catalyst for the attraction of new industries to the region and will support the economic growth of the broader Gippsland region."

Leongatha to Korumburra on a mobility scooter

IT ALL started when the question was asked: "How far can you go on one full battery?"

Laurie Cooper, a keen motorbike enthusiast now restricted in getting around due to health problems, was keen to test out his new transport – a mobility scooter – if someone would accompany him.

So, on Easter Saturday, he organised to meet with

the Ulysses Motorcycle Club at Kelly's Bakery in Korumburra.

Gerard Bruning supplied the backup support, keeping him company on an e-bike on the Great Southern Rail Trail.

The journey took approximately one hour and 15 minutes, travelling the 14km at an average speed of 10-12km/h.

Upon arrival, the battery

status was about three-quarters empty, with Kelly's Bakery generously allowing them to plug into a powerpoint while they enjoyed their fare and the company of the Ulysses members before the journey home.

RIGHT: Laurie Cooper travelled from Leongatha to Korumburra on a mobility scooter.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Details about the application

The land affected by the application is located at: **68a Acacia Road, Grantville, VIC, 3984.**

The application is for a permit to: **3 lot subdivision and variation of restriction.**

The applicant for the permit is: **Billy Hayes & Chelsea Robertson. C/- Ben King, Raso Consulting Surveyors.**

The application reference number is: **220005.**

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.

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.

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 **Friday, May 6, 2022.**

If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

JAZ0485

Dress up for the chocolate

A GREAT day was had by all on Easter Sunday at Maru Koala and Animal Park in Grantville.

Maru hosted an Easter dress-up competition for the kids with great prizes kindly donated by Panny's Phillip Island Chocolate Factory.

There was also live music in the alfresco area by local Phillip Slink and the bistro was in full swing with their special pancake menu in popular demand.

"It was great to see the business so busy again with many happy families and we're even seeing

the return of some travelling international visitors and even a few tour bus groups," Maru Koala and Animal Park owner Ian Hefter said, adding the Easter weekend was even busier than over the summer and Christmas holidays.

RIGHT: In the 5 and under age group, Kaius Cacioli of Sunbury took out first place in the Easter dress-up competition, followed by Aurora Jacquin of from Coronet Bay (third) and Sofia Spiridonova of Narre Warren (second).



Live music returns

— TRAVIS COLLINS TO PERFORM AT THE GIPPSLAND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL —

TRAVIS Collins is recognisably one of Australia's leading male country musicians.

His soulful voice and earthy sounds performing heartfelt ballads and supercharged country-rock floor fillers.

"After the last two years of COVID, we're excited," Travis began.

"I love playing festivals in Victoria. It feels like it's been forever, and we just can't wait to get down there and fire things back up, seeing the faces of the fans that we haven't seen in so long.

"Everyone in my band is super pumped, not only to play for and see the fans, but see their fellow artists as well."

Catching up with the likes of the Wolfe Brothers and Kasey Chambers backstage, Travis and his band haven't been on the road in over a year.

"The funny thing about touring is the song that goes off one night can be completely different to what is slated the next night.

"One of my favourite things about festivals is that they're slightly shorter than your usual touring gig – you get to compress all the best stuff into the setlist – the highs of highs.

"We play the stuff that we're excited to play, that we hope people are excited to hear and get them singing as loud as they can, dancing and laughing; leave them with a smile."

With his first-born daughter but a couple of months old, Travis' life is now an incredible and beautiful balance.

"It's exciting, I hope I can speak on behalf of everyone in the music business, we've always felt very privileged and lucky to do what we do for a living, and as long as I've been in, I've seen great appreciation to be involved in this business, but it's gone sky high.

"When you get two years, and people can take it away from you, you really start to realise just how much you love it and how integral it is to your identity.

"It's the reason you get out of bed every morning.

"Being able to write songs that are about our lives and connect with other people and try and write the song that they need in their life, it's a really special thing to be involved in.

"Getting back out there there's a sense of extreme excitement; there is a deeper level of gratitude and appreciation for what we get to do."

"Creatively, I've never written so many songs in my life, as I did throughout the COVID period.

"Getting online with other collaborators - it forced us to find new ways to connect without being in the same place."

Modest, and an extraordinary man, Travis had but two aspirations as a kid, and lockdown provided the opportunity to not only write but fulfill his other wish.

"When I was a kid there were two things that I thought would be super cool. One was to be a touring musician, to go around and sing songs for a living, which I've been very fortunate to do for a long time.

"The next coolest thing I thought was to be a fireman. And during the pandemic, I took that opportunity to do all the training, the education and fitness tests.



“ We play the stuff that we’re excited to play, that we hope people are excited to hear and get them singing as loud as they can, dancing and laughing; leave them with a smile. ”

“ You realise just how much you love (music and performing) and how integral it is to your identity. It’s the reason you get out of bed every morning. ”

I'm very proud to say that I'm a qualified firefighter.

"It's the complete opposite to what I do in the music industry, it's a good balance for me.

"A lot of personal bucket list things were ticked, and my wife and I were blessed enough to fall pregnant with our first child."

And, the real question, is little Ava a fan of country music...?

"She loves Brooks & Dunn; she loves country music.

"Sometimes she doesn't really care what's on, but the longer we can keep her loving the same music we do, the better.

"I know that eventually we're going to be riding in the car listening to nothing but Baby Shark."

With a big brother in Travis and Bec's one year old Rottweiler and two smaller dogs, Ava's life is guaranteed to be filled with laughter and kisses.

"He's absolutely smitten. We are constantly trying to stop him licking her.

"He's still a bit goofy in the sense that he hasn't realised how big he is, he thinks he's one of the little dogs – constantly trying to go under chairs and tables where he just does not fit.

"He will definitely have the best of her childhood together."

With childhood comes dreams and aspirations, like Travis' own, however, unlike most artists, his advice is not to rush it.

"Especially for the country scene. Wait until you know what you want to say, know who you are artistically – what makes you different and what makes you

special.

"Everybody's got their own story – wait until you know what yours is.

"As much as we see some great young artists emerging, I see so many young artists record stuff without really knowing who they are and it's a great shame when that happens.

"Find out who you are, and when you know, then absolutely pull the trigger and go as hard as you can."

A triple CMAA Male Artist of the Year and CMA Global Artist, nine studio albums and more than a handful of Golden Guitars to name but a few accolades up his sleeve, Travis' modesty is one of his truest assets.

"You know, it's funny, it seems like a lot – it's like, wow, eight years of the best stuff crammed into one paragraph – sounds absolutely epic.

"It's a thrill to be recognised by your industry, your peers. But it's not the reason I get up and make music every day.

"The main accolade that I love is people singing along to the songs, there's nothing higher than that.

"It's pretty special to go to these awards and be nominated. And occasionally get a win like that. I've been very fortunate over the last few years to have more than my fair share."

From strength to strength and an expansion of sounds and songs, his inspiration has grown, particularly recently.

"The last four months, the introduction of going from husband

and wife to a family in my household is and has been something that's just an endless well of inspiration.

"Watching my wife through pregnancy and how strong and amazing she was.

"The creation of a child and the raising of a child so far is the most difficult, but definitely the best thing I've ever been involved in.

"Living in the country is also a great source of inspiration, the characters that are out here.

"There's always something to do, there's always jobs that need doing.

"I've got a very well-rounded life at the moment and not one thing is everything."

Even with the incredible highs and privilege that comes with being a musician, Travis is still human.

"My scariest moment on stage was CMC Rocks, eight or nine years ago.

"It was a really hot day, out in the full sun on stage.

"Trying to be a little too clever and show off a little too much I sang and hung on to this really, really high note for a long, long time.

"I don't know if it was lack of water or the sun, but right at the end all my vision tunnel in and went black. I had to hang on to the microphone because I was so close to passing out.

"Luckily, I didn't. I remember thinking 'I'm gonna faint in front of 20,000 people'.

"Now, I don't hit that note quite

as long!"

By contrast, the stage also brings with it, Travis' favourite piece.

"The one thing that I love is a constant that happens at every gig.

"When I get to the last song, and I get to say goodbye to the crowd, my band are behind me and they're rocking out, I always make sure I take a moment to just stand at the front of stage and make contact with as many eyeballs as I can.

"Seeing people's faces having ridden the same roller coaster that we just rode.

"It's my favourite part of being in the music business right there, and I'm lucky that when we do it right, it gets to happen in every show."

From stage highs, and celebrity status, joining NSW Fire & Rescue meant Travis became a number. He was no longer Travis Collins the musician, he could be a man, any man, who stepped in and helped, without desire for any recognition.

"I've met some amazing people in that organisation and through the work that we've done, and it's just part of the overall balance of my life – everything that I find there is something that I don't get anywhere else."

Like music and family life, they're all jigsaw puzzle pieces to the larger picture.

"In my music, I've written about first responders. Songs like *Unsung*, and *Who We Are* – it's kind of always been something that I've wanted to do."

As for what's next, Travis is 'still cooking that up'.

"We are in production of a new album, we're starting to make some new tracks, and are approaching it in a way that we've never approached any album before.

"We are using players from all over the world, recording via the internet.

"Our drummer is in America, we have a bass player from the UK, we have musicians just scattered, the best that we can get all over the world.

"One of the things that COVID has taught us is that is that we are connected through the internet if we choose to be.

"We've got a list of songs, longer, wider and deeper than any list of songs we've ever had before; I've had two years to sit around and write!"

The upcoming album has also given Travis the opportunity to collaborate.

"I think people who have followed my career, for any length of time are going to be excited to see the collaborations that are on here, some of the names my diehard fans will know that I've wanted to collaborate with for a long time."

"I'm just grateful to be back out, doing what I love to do.

"I can't wait to get down to Gippsland and see everybody, and Victoria in general, we're doing a little bit down there this year and I'm excited."

For tickets to the Gippsland Country Music Festival, visit gippslandcountrymusicfestival.com.

For upcoming tour dates, visit traviscollins.com.au.



Around the Bay

WELL, that's Easter done and dusted for another year and the end of our sixth Good Friday appeal fishing competition.

We were uncertain what the competition would look like this year with the last two years very difficult for businesses (our sponsors). Thank you to everyone's generosity; it was another huge success.

Firstly, our sponsors were quick to say yes and get involved. Some of our customers also sponsored prizes and entries just kept coming in. Our donation this year to the Royal Children's Hospital was just over \$3500 and our prize pool just under \$15,000 from our sponsors.

There was anticipation all weekend with entrants waiting for the hourly texts to see if they had won a random entry prize, especially the major prize of a helicopter flight kindly donated by Phillip Island Helicopters.

When we started this competition, we wanted to make it as much a family weekend as we could and it's great that it is working out that way. In total, we had just over 160 entries consisting of over 70 kids under 14, 55 of those under 11 and 40 of the 60 teams were families. Thank you to all involved and we are already planning for next year's competition.

While the weather played its part for most of the weekend and school holidays, fishing was tough, and you needed to use all your luck to land on a decent bag. We did weigh a lot of fish for the comp, but everyone said it was hard going and plenty of patience was needed.

Reports before the weekend were good and maybe the boat traffic and the full moon had something to do with it.

We had more kingfish reported from in the bay, both size and undersized ones with the best method of catching them being a whole USA squid on a live bait rig, unweighted out behind the boat.

One big problem over the weekend was the weed in the bay as it just seemed to be everywhere. We are also starting to see a lot of cold-water species, many of which are not worth keeping.

We weighed more whiting than any other fish and if you took two of the biggest and four of the smallest out the other 30-odd were within about 25g of each other. They were all good, healthy fish and while no one managed an esky full, most managed a good feed.

Previous to the weekend, numbers were good but the size of the whiting wasn't consistent and a mixture of very small, 28cm to a respectable 45cm. The area the whiting was caught was different as well with before the weekend the shallows the best and the most common areas no problem, but it changed over the weekend and it was some of the not so common areas that were the best, Reef Island to Leolia Shoal then Leolia Shoal to

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

Coronet Bay, possibly hiding from the boat traffic.

With the calm conditions offshore, there were several boats heading out to look for a flathead or two and a decent gummy on the reefs around Kilcunda. Flathead weren't too hard to find, quality or decent sized ones were. You could get a feed without too much trouble but the bag of tails at the end of the day wasn't all that big; having said that, any size bag of flathead tails is worth it.

The flathead came from the places you would expect them to and around the 35m line.

There was also lots of draught boards starting to show up and the odd ray. Once the bay cools enough, they should move in, and the flathead fishing offshore will be easier without so much rubbish. Even the gummies offshore were quiet, and we only had a couple reported. We did have reports of some bigger ones lost at the boat and several seven gills caught.

Full moon, boat traffic, easterly winds, not so favourable tides, or just bad luck, not sure which one to blame but something turned to fish off over the weekend. I am sure things will turn and we will start to see some good bags of fish coming back soon. Coming into the colder, quieter, and darker months, we will start to wind back our shop hours and close our usual two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Shop hours will change after ANZAC weekend. For those who follow us on social media, we will also be starting up our online auctions again. These were a huge success during COVID, and we have been asked if we can continue them again.

When it was obvious we had to move shops, the nerves set in a little moving from what had been our home for many years. While in our planning, we thought it would be a positive thing - you just don't know until it happens. The response to our move though has been overwhelming and reassuring that the decision was the right one. Now we need to build on the move and start to supply all of the needs of our customers.

We have made a few additions already, including our drinks and snacks fridge, we now have ice, the very popular photo wall is back, we have created space for our customers to walk around and we are able to carry more of each product. Also, after a bit of organising, we have finally got the coffee machine in and working.

We are already planning for next season but need input from those who matter - our customers. Are there some things we are missing? Drop us an email or come in store and let us know. We may have already thought of it and it's on its way but just in case we haven't tell us your thoughts.



Loklan managed a good mixed bag of flat-head and whiting.



Leigh not only caught a few whiting but was the lucky winner of the major raffle of a helicopter flight.



George and Oli were very pleased with their catch.



Denver and his family are always great supporters of the Good Friday competition.

Rhyll boat ramp upgrade progressing

STAGE two works of Rhyll's Boat Ramp facility upgrade are still expected to be completed in September this year.

Works for stage 2 had begun in February this year and include:

- Replacing the existing three-lane boat ramp and extending the lanes deeper into the water to allow for all-tide access.
- Installing two new fixed and floating pontoon jetties.
- Upgrading the main car park and resealing the entire surface.
- Fish cleaning tables.

The project will also see a new dedicated kayak/yacht/canoe facility for non-powered craft, replacement of the existing playground and partial replacement of the masonry



Stage 2 of the Rhyll boat ramp upgrade has seen the installation of seawall piles as well as 24 of the jetty piles.

seawall with a new seawall and pedestrian pathway along the eastern edge of the car park.

According to council, as of March 28, all the seawall piles and 24 of the jetty piles have been installed.

A further four jetty piles are to be installed during

May 2022, using a barge pile driver.

The boat ramp has been closed for the duration of stage 2 works.

The total project cost is more than \$5 million, with the majority of funds provided from the state government.

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).

WEDNESDAY April 20

▲	2.03am	1.53m
▼	7.57am	0.23m
▲	3.00pm	1.80m
▼	8.32pm	0.65m

THURSDAY April 21

▲	2.44am	1.55m
▼	8.41am	0.18m
▲	3.45pm	1.81m
▼	9.15pm	0.66m

FRIDAY April 22

▲	3.24am	1.55m
▼	9.27am	0.18m
▲	4.30pm	1.77m
▼	9.57pm	0.67m

SATURDAY April 23

▲	4.05am	1.53m
▼	10.12am	0.22m
▲	5.15pm	1.69m
▼	10.40pm	0.69m

SUNDAY April 24

▲	4.50am	1.49m
▼	10.58am	0.28m
▲	6.06pm	1.60m
▼	11.25pm	0.71m

MONDAY April 25

▲	5.41am	1.43m
▼	11.45am	0.38m
▲	7.02pm	1.52m

TUESDAY April 26

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Poowong Loch still celebrating

THE Poowong Loch Cricket Club wrapped up its premiership season with a good, fun night at the Loch clubrooms. Trophies were replaced with monthly loyalty awards to those who play every week. Winners were Anwar Magnusson, Sa'id Magnusson, Matt Hancock and Jason Hibbs. Ben Giles (Fielding), Michael Busazi (Bowling) and Shannon Rozario (Batting and Cricketer of the Year) will all be mentioned on the club honour board. Garry Knox, Alex Dixon and Peter Miller were named equal best club persons. Based on the premiership win, the LDCA has promoted Poowong Loch from B2 to B1. The team are excited by the promotion and look forward to the challenges of competing at a higher level.

SPORTING BRIEFS

Charity shoot returns

ENTERING its ninth year, Shoot4Autism is an annual charity shoot at Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club, which supports the students of the Southern Autistic School in Victoria. Saturday, April 30, will see three x 10 shots at 500 yards and Sunday, May 1, two x 15 shots at 600 yards. Southern Autistic School provides specialist education for children with autism and has continued to grow, with an original plan to cater for 88 students the school now caters to over 200 students. Shoot4Autism was established to raise funds to provide specialist educational opportunities for students with autism.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

RESULTS for 50m Prone Pennant - Section B are as follows.
Round 7:
Casterton/Portland 565.015 defeated by Leongatha 580.025.
• 196.012 Jack Sargent
• 194.008 Kenneth Hart
• 190.005 Daniel Croatto
• 185.004 Christopher Sargent
Round 8:
M.I.S.C. B 573.023 defeated by Leongatha 583.028
• 195.006 Christopher Sargent
• 197.012 Daniel Croatto
• 191.010 Jack Sargent
• 188.007 Kenneth Hart
Round 9:
Wangaratta 554.008 defeated by Leongatha 579.020
• 195.007 Daniel Croatto
• 193.010 Jack Sargent
• 191.003 Christopher Sargent
• 191.002 Kenneth Hart
Round 10:
Kyabram 576.018 defeated by Leongatha 581.021
* 195.010 Daniel Croatto
* 193.006 Christopher Sargent
* 193.005 Jack Sargent
* 193.005 Kenneth Hart
Ladder: 32 Leongatha, 28 Launceston, 24 M.I.S.C. B, 20 Casterton/Portland, 16 Kyabram, and 0 Wangaratta.
We shoot Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the recreation reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt on 5664 2358.

Tigers to take on Newborough

MIRBOO North journeys to Newborough for round two of Mid Gippsland's football and netball competitions this Saturday, following last week-end's Easter break. After sound victories in their seven round one netball clashes against Hill End, the Tiger girls can't wait to visit the Bulldogs' kennel to attempt to continue their winning form. Mirboo North's senior footballers have had it easy against Newborough since 2019 with successive victories of 108, 38 and 103 points respectively, in their past three meetings. Prior to 2022, the recently lowly Bulldogs could only manage a total of six wins and

By Rover, Mirboo North FNC
a draw from their previous 29 matches. However, with 11 new faces in Newborough's team this season, the resurgent Bulldogs thrashed Toora by 101 points in their first official outing — and sit atop the ladder with a whopping percentage of 358.97. New coach, Craig Skinner, has purposely assembled a line-up of hand-picked former Newborough A-graders and brought them home to Doggie-land, in an all-out effort to quickly make the Bulldogs a powerhouse again. Listed among Newborough's best players against Toora

were returning stars Luke Webber, Patrick Charles and Joshua Hecker, after stints at other clubs. Mirboo North is determined to avenge its only home ground loss against Hill End since 1999, with a victory over Newborough. The Tigers know improvement in all aspects of their play — where supply chain problems and delivery issues were yokes around their necks against the Hillmen — is essential if they are to secure their first win for the year. Expect Mirboo North to be creative in and under the packs and make the corridor its pathway to prosperity.

Mirboo North will be strengthened by the return of high-leaping and broad-shouldered triple premierships ruckman, Joe Brooks, and is looking for top performances from well-credentialed ball winners, Jacob Blair, Ben Campbell, Hudson Kerr, Rhys Kratzat, Liam Nash, playing coach Josh Taylor and skipper Damien Turner. Throw in a mix of talented teenagers with pace to burn — that include Harrison Mahoney, Beau Peters, the Cummaudo brothers, Nick and Jordan and Ethan Woodall — and it's clear the Tigers are ready to give their opponents a run for their money on the scoreboard.



Life membership presentation to Mathew Olden (left), with Darren Scott (right).

Korumburra Cricket Club Team of the Year, from left, Tom Crocker, Danny Lloyd, Tom Sorrell, Tim Morrison, Iain Riddell, Jacob Whiteside and Phil Richards. Absent: Dale Whyhoon, Tom Jenkins, Rumesh Rangana and Mitchell Young.

Celebrating Korumburra's cricketers



A Grade awards, from left, Danny Lloyd – Batting, Tom Crocker – Cricketer of the Year and Harry McNeill – Bowling.



B Grade awards, from left, Tom Sorrell – Bowling, Darren Scott - B Grade Captain, Phil Richards - Batting & Cricketer of the Year and Scott Head – Fielding.

THE Korumburra Cricket Club held its 2021-22 presentation night with a packed house at the Middle Pub, who put on a fantastic meal. It was a great night to celebrate the individual and club achievements for the 2021-22 cricket season.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a life membership to Mathew Olden. Mat started playing for the club as a junior around 1986 and has represented the club at all playing levels over a long career. Congratulations, Mat.



C Grade award winners, from left, Bryce Riddell – Bowling, Matt Patton – Batting and Cricketer of the Year and Tim Morrison – C Grade Captain. Absent: Jake Wrigley – Fielding Award.



Tom Crocker – David Routley Most Promising U21 Player, Tim Morrison – Club President and Mellissa Whelan – Best Club Person.

Nationals for local swimmers

SOUTH Gippsland Bass swimmers showed the 156 other clubs at the national championships in Adelaide last week that SGB swimmers can match it with the best.

It is a particularly impressive effort when you look at the facilities the local team train in, compared with many other teams.

The Battle of the Blocks, as it is called this year, has swimmers competing against others of their age from across the country at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, with up to 90 swimmers per event and the difference between 1st and 20th is often only half a second.

The swimmers, Rahni Matheson, Trinity O'Keefe, Milla Laub, Sienna Matheson, Mostyn Lumsden and Skye Munro headed to Adelaide for the Easter weekend and swam in a number of events against the country's best. They were supervised by head coach Dylan Muir.

Personal bests were recorded by a couple of swimmers.

Several swimmers made the finals and there have been some very proud parents and coaches pool-side and teammates watching via Prime TV at home.

This is the biggest team to go to nationals for SGB and highlights the growth in the club and skill and dedication of the local swimmers.

In a couple of weeks, it will be Sophie McKenzie's turn at the open age championships.



South Gippsland Bass national championship competitors Rahni Matheson, Milla Laub, Skye Munro, Sienna Matheson and Trinity O'Keefe, with coach Dylan Muir. Absent: Mostyn Lumsden.



Sienna Matheson and Skye Munro celebrate their efforts in the 200m breaststroke.



Mostyn Lumsden was among those who travelled to Adelaide for the national championships.



Students prepare for their event at the Leongatha Velodrome.

Success at athletics carnival

ON WEDNESDAY, March 23, St Joseph's Korumburra students in grades 3 to 6 braved the rain and grey sky to participate in the interschool athletics carnival at Leongatha Velodrome.

Students participated in a number of track and field events throughout the day.

Junior age champions for St Joseph's included Joe Tripodi and Zara Nobile; and senior age champions were Liam Egan, with a combined win by Lily Lovell and Georgia Scarce.

Cody Amor also received the prestigious 'Bert Pickersgill' medal for his 1600m win.

In a successful day, 20 students from the 50 participants at St Joseph's will proceed onto the district athletics in the first week of term 2.

It was an amazing day and a great effort by all staff, students and volunteers.

Fish Creek enters home clash with confidence

By Rob Popplestone, Mid Gippsland Football Netball League

FISH Creek enters its home clash against Toora with confidence after overcoming an almost three-goal deficit at the last change to defeat fierce rival Foster by 2 points in Round 1.

By contrast, Toora will be searching for confidence after copping a 102-point hiding from Newborough to start the season.

"We are looking to improve on what we put out there against the Bulldogs with work rate and competitive spirit," Toora coach Matt Ponton said.

That is all you can ask for from a team, to be competitive and learn from losses, but despite likely improvement from the Magpies this week you suspect Fish Creek will have too much firepower.

"We look forward to getting back on our home deck after a week off," Fish Creek coach John Danckert said.

You can expect Toora to trouble some sides as the season evolves, but it won't be this week against the Kangaroos.

Stony Creek v Tarwin

Stony Creek and Tarwin are buzzing after Round 1 wins, so will battle it out full of confidence.

Stony Creek ran away in the second half, recording a 38-point win over Thorpdale, while Tarwin was tough under pressure, enabling the Sharks to complete an 8-point victory against Yinnar at the Magpies' usually impenetrable fortress.



It was the battle of the Demons in round one as Boolarra took on MDU. Photo: Phil Smith.

The Lions will see this as a winnable game and are sure to throw everything at the Sharks, but Tarwin is equally intent on being part of this year's finals action and won't give an inch.

Tarwin coach Troy Hemming is excited about this week's battle.

"We're really looking forward to the challenge," he said of the Sharks' visit to the Lions' den.

The question mark is on how long Stony Creek can maintain that challenge and

match the pressure of the visiting Sharks.

"We know it will be a tough assignment," Lions' coach Jai Acardi said of Tarwin's visit.

While tough, it's far from impossible, as weekly upsets in the AFL demonstrate, but it is questionable whether Stony Creek can conjure up an upset this week.

Thorpdale v MDU

Two sides clashing after first round defeats is always a recipe for a lift in intensity, desperation and commitment and that scenario will play out between Thorpdale and MDU.

After a first-up loss to fellow Demons Boolarra, MDU is on the road again, remaining bullish about the challenge ahead.

"We controlled a lot of the footy in the first half of Round 1; our Round 2 clash is a big game for the boys now and they are keen to bounce back strongly," MDU coach Peter Harris declared.

Blues coach Ray Pickering isn't hitting the panic button either, remaining upbeat.

"We had some undisciplined acts last game but we have positives to take out of the first half that we can bring into the match against MDU," Pickering said.

While both the Blues and Demons put together pleasing preseasons, neither has yet reaped rewards.

It's a toss of the coin job picking a winner in what should be a tight and intense match between two sides determined to avoid a 0-2 start to the season.

Bye: Foster.



All welcome at parkrun

THE Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun was in doubt this week due to a controlled burn adjacent to the trail.

Fortunately, the smoke haze was minimal and the trail was safe to use.

It was so exciting to see so many people around to join as due to the school and Easter holidays. It was great to welcome so many children and dogs!

In total, 26 parkrunners joined us at Grand Ridge Parkrun on a beautiful morning, with a few first-timers to the trail.



Inaugural festival for motorcycles at Phillip Island

KICKING off the weekend prior to the Australian MotoGP, the inaugural Phillip Island Motorcycle Festival and seventh Blessing of the Bikes will take place over five massive days.

Bringing like-minded people together on every type of motorcycle as one for a great weekend is the aim of Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation founders, Allan and Kim Turner.

"After no events for the past two years, we are expecting well over 5000 motorcycles to participate in this year's Blessing of the Bikes," Allan explains.

"This one-day event is now Australia's largest motorcycle ride and gathering."

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation's goal is to save and improve lives via organ and tissue donation.

"It's something we should all talk about and have an 'Inspired Discussion'."

Zaidee Rose Alexander Turner was seven years and 22 days old when she died suddenly on December 2, 2004, from a burst blood vessel in her brain.

At the time of Zaidee's death, the Turner family had been registered organ and tissue donors and, as a result, Zaidee donated her organs and tissues at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Zaidee's donated gifts helped save the lives of seven people that day.

She was the only child in Victoria under the age of 16 and only one of six children nationally to donate their organs in 2004.

In conjunction with Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation, the event tickets include access to Friday night's band INXSIVE - with local support band Laing Bros, Saturday night's band Chocolate Starfish - with local support band The Times, Sunday's Blessing Breakfast from 9am to 11am, entry to Blessing of the Bikes at Cowes Recreation Reserve, Zaidee's Rainbow Shoelaces, Motorbike Pin and Patch, Monday and Tuesday's Pub Party nights with live music at San Remo Hotel and Hotel Phillip Island, respectively.

Participants can also opt to take part in Poker Run on Monday's 'Gippsland Run' and Tuesday's 'Around the Bay'.

With spectacular prizes to be won, do not miss out on Saturday's Best Beard, Best Mullet, Apple Pie Eating or Beery Burp Competitions.

Show and shine trophies will also be awarded for Best Custom, Best American, Best British, Best European, Best Japanese, Best Bobber, Best Trike, Best Graphics, Best Chopper Old School and Best Bike of the Festival.

Closed to traffic, Thompson Avenue will come alive Saturday with music, food, beverages and Zaidee's Famous Mankini (Men) and Tutu (Ladies) Slow Ride - down the main street.

Get down early, settle in and enjoy the week of motorcycling at Australia's premier motorcycle location.

One hundred per cent of funds raised go back to Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation - driving national awareness and education programs, projects and events to help increase the organ and tissue donation rate nationally.

Visit zaidee.org for more details and to register.



Midweek winners Elaine Williams (L), Michael Dady (S) and Sue Stansfield (3).



Midweek runners-up Gillian Harper (3), Dennis Talbot (S) and Delia Cave (L).



Midweek best one game went to Peter McWilliams (co-skip), Peter Stansfield (L), Phil Wright (3) and Lindsay Russell (co-skip).



Wonthaggi Bowls Wednesday winners Chris Rose, Jan Jeeves and Alex Sutherland.



Social bowls winners at Inverloch: Karen Orford, Jon Justin, Judy Parker and Bill Selby (skip)

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY social bowls saw 21 players front up to challenge each other on the rinks. These bowlers were split into three teams of fours and three teams of triples. All teams played two games of 10 ends with a break for lunch.

Two teams finished with both games won for the day. These teams were waiting impatiently for the final result. The eventual winners on 2 wins and 32 points were Bill Selby (skip), Karen Orford, Judy Parker and Jon Justin. Runners-up on 2 wins and 31 points were John French (skip), Jenny Haydon and Jeff Curwood. The team skipped by Bill Selby bowled exceptionally well and on one end with the Lead's (Karen Orford) two pink bowls resting extremely close to the jack.

Many thanks to all the club members that helped make the garage sale such a success on Saturday. To those that set-up early, our sellers, Bev and her team in the kitchen, Michael on the Bar and all those that came along to clean-up afterwards - your efforts were much appreciated. Also, to those club members that had extended family Members helping out - please pass on my thanks as their assistance was a great help.

Congratulations to Terry Seaward who was returned as president for the club at our AGM. John Sutcliffe is continuing as treasurer and Tracy Cove has been welcomed as club secretary. Many members are continuing in roles whilst some positions have been filled by members in new positions. Other members who have provided great service to the club over the years have decided to pass the baton onto other members. We thank these members for their wonderful service.

Our Annual Bowl Over Cancer Day will be held on Thursday, April 28, at 12.30pm. Trading Table Items wanted. Raffles and afternoon tea available. Anyone willing to assist on the day should write their name on the sheet available in the clubroom.

MIDWEEK

WINNERS: Michael Dady, Sue Stansfield and Elaine Williams.

Runners-up: Dennis Talbot, Gillian Harper and Delia Cave.

One-game winners: Lindsay Russell/Peter McWilliams, Phil Wright and Peter Stansfield.

Bowls were played at Lang Lang with 28 happy bowlers.

Again, we had some of our members with wrong bias and they donated to the RCH gladly; even one of the gun bowlers Gwen Jeffrey donated not because she had a wrong

bias but because she felt she had played a terrible game. She is a very happy member of midweek bowls.

The standard of bowling was excellent with some high scores recorded, with winners 36 points, runners-up 35 points and one-game winners 24 points. Thank you to our members who brought in items for the free raffle table. Thank you to Alan Thomas who looks after us while we are at Lang Lang, serving us our drinks and doing kitchen duty. Alan has looked after midweek for many years. A big thank you to the volunteers who come each week and help out and make midweek bowls possible. This week we will be playing at Corinella - 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. The winter program is now available, so please take one. Our winter season starts on May 12. The time change as follows: 10.30am at the club for a 11am start. Dress mufti.

For more information or to register, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before or come early on the day.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER excellent week at the club with a very good number of bowlers taking to the greens on Wednesday for social bowls.

We had 42 bowlers enjoying the pleasant autumn weather. The result was decided on percentage between the only two teams that were two-game winners. The team that came out on the right side of the ledger was the team of Chris Rose, Jan Jeeves and Alex Sutherland with a score of 2 wins, 33 points, 16 shots up.

The team that were unlucky were Jim Martin, Rob Dennis, John Migliorisi and Joe Pinneri, a visitor from Inverloch, but lives in Wonthaggi. They also had a score of 2 wins, 33 points, 16 shots up but lost on percentage.

Thursday continues to go from strength to strength while the weather is good. Lots of people enjoying their social bowls.

Saturday turned out to be a good social day with teams playing four games of three bowl triples of six ends then moving to the next rink but using the one score card. The winners on the day was the team of Trevor Teer, Bryan Donohue and Alex Sutherland. The runners-up were the team of John Paterno, Caroline Donohue and Hans Bischofberger. A big thanks to Wendy for the work that was put in to make the day happen.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday morning coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, April 12 - stableford (28 players).
A Grade: Ray Ludenia (14) 41 C/B. B Grade: Mark Marotti (31) 42pts. NTP: 1st Mark Marotti, 7th Allan Perks, 10th Don Hislop & 13th Steve McNamara.
Thursday, April 14 - stableford (eight players) winner Phil Harris (22) 40pts. NTP: 1st Phil Harris, 10th Peter Van Agtmaal & 13th Steve Duffield.
Saturday, April 16 – stableford (46 players). Sponsor: Athol Worthy.
A Grade: Tim O'Neill (6) 40pts. B Grade: Mark Cecil (17) 39pts. C Grade: Paul Dixon (21) 44pts.
NTP: 1st Peter Draper, 7th Murray Webb, 10th Tim Cameron & 13th Ross Crawford.

Ladies

THERE was an abundance of outstanding results amid the thirty golfers last Wednesday, for the second round of the Gloria Burgess event.
Lee Clements (17) won A Grade, with 40pts and Chris Rickard (24) was runner-up, 37pts. The B Grade winner was Julie Hillberg (27) with 42pts and Trudi Mantell (27) was close behind, 40pts. Lyn Perks (33) won C Grade, 40pts and Betty Thomson (42), was runner-up, 38pts.
BDTL went to Aliesha Wrigley (26), 39pts, Beryl Brown (29), 38pts, Trudy Olden (38), and Viv Enbom (31), both with 37pts, Judy Webb (21), and Lorraine Knox (42), both with 36pts, on a c/b from three others with 36pts.
NTP's were Julie Hislop, 1st, Merriッサ Cosson, 7th, Aliesha Wrigley, 19th and Kerri Besley, 13th.
Many thanks to Heather Grist who sponsored the day with some Easter treats for all the winners and NTPs.
Good luck to all those involved in the Singles Knock-out, which begins next Wednesday, April 20. There is a stableford round, hitting off the 10th tee, for all the people not in the Knock-out or who have a bye.
All proceeds from Friday's stableford round and meal were donated to the Good Friday, RCH Appeal. Many thanks to all the helpers and participants who ensured the day was enjoyable and successful. Well done to Joan Wardle (45) who had a very nice 43pts to win on the day. Place getters were Barb Twite, 42pts, Billie Wrigley, 41pts, Deb Wrigley, 39pts, Peter Jury, 39pts and Steve McNamara, 38pts, on a c/b. NTP's were Steve, 1st, Peter, 7th, David Enbom, 10th and Shayne Harland, 13th.
Marg Harper (41) had a fabulous 40pts to win on Saturday. Aliesha Wrigley (24) was runner-up, 38pts and Chris Rickard (23) won a BDTL, 33pts. Kerri Besley was NTP on the 1st and Judy Webb was closest on the 10th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 12 – stableford.
Sixty-nine golfers played in Tuesday's competition with good weather that continued throughout the week. John McInnes took out the top score of the day with 43pts.
A Grade winner: Bob Mcgeary with 38pts on a c/b. Runner-up: David forbes with 38pts.
B Grade winner: John Mcinnes with 43pts. Runner-up: Peter Stivic with 37pts.
C Grade winner: Gerald Freestone with 38pts. Runner-up: Ian Barlow with 37pts on a c/b.
NTP: 14th - Peter Stivic at 4m, 16th - Ian Murchie at 2m.
Thursday, April 14 – stableford.

The day before the start of the easter weekend, 76 golfers took to the course with good weather. Garry Rotteveel had an impressive drive on the 14th putting 65cm from the hole winning the NTP.
A Grade winner: John Ryan with 38. Runner-up: Antony Gedye with 36.
B Grade winner: Peter Stivic with 39 C/B. Runner-up: Jeffrey Brewer with 39.
C Grade winner: Mark O'Dwyer with 36. Runner-up: Grant Handley with 35 C/B.
NTP: 14th Rotteveel, Garry at 0.65m; 16th Waters, Peter at 2.7m.
Perfect weather made for a great golf on Easter Saturday for a large group of 120 players for the stableford competition. The amazing weather allowed for some great scores with four players finishing with over 40pts. The top score was tided between Ryan Tomas and Robert Brownlee both with 44. Josh Sakareassen had a sensational NTP on the 16th at just 19cm.
A Grade winner: Josh Sakareassen with 37pts. Runner-up: Chad Clasby with 36pts on c/b.
B Grade winner: Ryan Thomas with 44pts. Runner-up: Doug Clemann with 39pts on a c/b.
C Grade winner: Matthew Darnanin with 43pts. Runner-up: Nick Shaw with 42pts.
D Grade winner: Robert Brownlee with 44pts. Runner-up: Gerald Freestone with 38pts.
NTP: 14 - Mark Lafferty at 1.9m; 16 - Josh Sakareassen at .19m.

Ladies

ONCE again there were some very respectable scores this week.
The winner of A Grade was Maxine Eabry with 36pts.
Great to see Maxine back playing 18-holes. Maryanne Gartner was the runner-up on a countback.
Definitely having a very purple patch is Lianne Adamson, winning B Grade again this week with 42pts.
This could result in a serious reduction in her handicap. Sue Woods was the runner-up with 40pts.
DTLB: Jill Moor 37, Fay Quilford 36, Libby Seebeck and Robin Smith 35, Wendy Brown, Shirley Welsford, Bronwyn Debenham and Anne Gibson 34 and Diana Holmberg and Emalie Elliot 33pts.
NTP: 16th Libby Seebeck.
Nine women competed in the 9-hole stableford event.
Jenny Fraser won with 18pts and Pam Christensen and Marie Sands each won a ball.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY in fine weather we played the qualifying round of the R & H Poletti 4BBB board event.
Playing the back nine twice because of work on the greens on front nine, the winners were Dot Christie(13) & Gail Browne(43) with 46pts. Runner-up: Irene Holm (17) & Jenny Cope (39) with 44pts.
NTP: 11th 2nd shot Faye LePage, 14th Andrea Thorson.
This week is round 2 of Eclectic – stableford.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, April 14 – stableford.
A Grade: M Snell (11) 40pts. B Grade: J Mc Farlane (17) 36pts.
DTL: J Hughes, E Woodall 35, P Woodall, R Gourlay 34.
NTP: 6th T Bradshaw, 16th M Payne.
Birdies: 4th J McFarlane, 13th R Matthews, 16th T Bradshaw.
Saturday, April 16 - stableford.
A Grade: R Scurlock (12) 39. B Grade: C Bracecamp (23) 40
DTL: D Taylor, M Heiberg 38, T

Bradshaw, 37, M Payne, K Clercks 36 c/b.
NTP: 4th S Hill-Smith, 6th T Bradshaw, 13th M Heiberg, 16th D Taylor.
Birdies: 4th S Hill-Smith, J Hughes, 6th R Kratzat, 16th D Taylor, L Nash
Eagles: T Bradshaw 17th.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results April 14 - stableford 18 hole, SR 71.
Winner: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 39. Runner-up: Jonathan Wade 35. Ball sweep: Glen Turner 35, Gary Lock 34, Keith Ridout 33 C/B.
Stableford nine hole, front 9, SR 34.5. Winner: Willy Williams 17. Runner-up: Bob Cornelis 16 C/B. Ball: Howard Mackinder 16.
Men's Results April 16 - SR 71, stableford winners: A Grade Kevin Jamieson 38 C/B; B Grade Mick Bourke 35 C/B; C Grade Michael Craven 39 C/B.
Ball sweep: Dale Burgess 39, Ken Cuman 39, Nathan Tessari 39, Glen Turner 38, John Geyer 37, Brad Andrew 37, Mathew Elliot 37, Connor Ireland 36, Geoffrey Proud 35, Eric VanAgtmaal 35 C/B.
NTP: Liam Sacco 2nd, Inoke Baudromo 4th, Warren French propin 8th, Julian Wintle 13th, John Walsh money hole 17th, Rob Geyer 2nd shot 5th.

Ladies

TODAY was a fun day with our annual Captains v President Day. Thank you to president Dawn Judkins and captain Jan Beaumont for the generous sponsoring of the day with hand sewn ball towels and lots of goodies for prizes.
Our clever girl of the day with the score of the day was our C Grade winner Marion Walker (34) 40pts, A Grade and B Grade winners were back-to-back with Catherine Bolding (19) 37pts and Chris Hamilton (28) 36pts. Some lovely consistent golf by these two girls.
So, the end wash up of the scores this year the Captain's Team was the winner on the day having both Marion and Catherine starring for it!
NTP: 2nd Pam Hanley, 8th Kathy Dunscombe and 13th Marg Johnson.
BDL: Lisa Brusarmarello 35, Marg Ryan 35, Sharon Patullo 33, Chris Yann 31 and Donna Van Veenendaal 31.

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Ladies

THE day started with some fun when our captain Jo introduced us to the new app on her phone.
Jo had everyone's names listed, shook the phone and abracadabra all players were magically sorted into pairs for our 4bbb drawn partner's event.
Sixteen players enjoyed the nice autumn weather for the event sponsored by AG Warehouse.
The winning combination of Sherrill Winkler and Pauline Lancaster came in with a hot score of 47pts.
Sherrill started off with a par on the 6th and a birdie on the 7th giving their score a great start.
It is nice to see some of our newer players enjoy some good patches of golf as they continue on their golfing journey.
BDL went to Heather Sullivan and Jenny Riseley with a great score of 45pts, and Inge Giliam and Elly Berryman with a good score of 42pts.
NTPs: 8th Sharyn, 11th Pauline and 17th Elsie
Special mentions: Elsie's birdie on 17th, Elly's birdie/gobbler on 3rd and Sherrill's birdie on 7th.



Wonthaggi winners: B Grade - Chris Hamilton, A Grade - Catherine Bolding and C Grade - Marion Walker.



Leongatha ladies' B Grade winner Lianne Adamson and runner-up Sue Woods.



Woorayl's winning combination of Sherrill Winkler and Pauline Lancaster.



Ian Gibson (vice-captain), Athol Worthy (sponsor) and Tim O'Neill - A Grade winner.



Hole in one: Murray Webb on 7th in Saturday's stableford event at Korumburra.



Last Saturday at Korumburra, Aliesha Wrigley was runner-up on 38pts and Marg Harper was the winner with 40pts.



Inverloch-Kongwak's centre Ivy Hunter looks to intercept Cora Lynn. Ns1216122



Inverloch-Kongwak's B Grade Sophia Hughes makes an easy goal against Cora Lynn at their recent match up. Ns061622



Cora Lynn looks to stop Inverloch-Kongwak from attempting another shot. Ns091622



Abbey Rimkevics takes her time while lining up her shot. Ns101622



Inverloch-Kongwak's Abbey Rimkevics was on point against Cora Lynn. Ns1106122



Inverloch-Kongwak's B Grade (C) Ivy Hunter looks for the pass as Sophia Hughes weighs up her options. Ns1316122



The pressure was on as Millie Sadler looked to keep the ball away from Cora Lynn's reach. Ns071622

Get set for netball

WONTHAGGI and District Netball Association is proudly sponsoring a 15 and under team and a 13 and under team to play in the Leongatha Saturday competition at 12pm weekly.

Training will be Thursday nights at 4pm at the Wonthaggi outdoor courts on Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi.

So, if you were born in 2009 or 2010, please come and join our team! Everyone welcome – including boys. Learn a new game and skills and have a lot of fun!

All younger children born 2011 to 2015 will be training and playing at the Wonthaggi outdoor courts on Saturday mornings 9am to 10am. For more information, call Lee on 0419 399 415.

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Gillon McLachlan will step aside as AFL CEO at the end of the 2022 season. McLachlan said it was “right for the AFL, right for me, right for my family”, including wife Laura Blythe and children. Photo: AAP Image/James Ross.

Right time to exit: McLachlan

AFL Commission chairman Richard Goyder admits Gillon McLachlan's decision to step down as league CEO at year's end surprised the competition's hierarchy.

McLachlan announced this month that he will leave his post at the conclusion of 2022 after eight seasons in charge.

“It'd be correct to say that we're not happy with that decision, but completely supportive of it,” Goyder told reporters at a press conference.

“Gil's always said to me that he wanted to go at the top of his game at a time of his choosing and when the

By Alex Zaia

AFL was in as good a shape as it can be, and I think that's fair play ... and certainly fair for Gillon McLachlan and his family.

“He's done an outstanding job.”

An emotional McLachlan felt the time was right to step away as AFL chief with the league in “great shape” for whoever takes the baton.

“I'm leaving now because it feels right,” McLachlan told reporters.

“Right for the AFL, right for me, right for my family. The

AFL is in great shape ... it's in incredible shape on whatever metric you assess it.

“Footy's back pumping with a clear plan for continued growth and I feel good about that, I feel it's the right time to close out the stuff we need to do this year.

“There's relief ... there's everything - it's clearly an emotional day because I've spent 20 years of my life here.

“But I feel very good about where the league is.

“It just feels the right time and I can't be clearer than that and it's probably the right time for the AFL I feel,

Richard has a slightly different view, and obviously for me and my family.

“I feel very good that it will be handed over in good shape and whoever takes over the fort has got a good platform.”

Before McLachlan steps away as league boss, a new Collective Bargaining Agreements for the women's and men's competitions is still to be finalised, plus deciding on Tasmania's bid to enter the AFL.

A new broadcast deal will also be negotiated with the current rights expiring at the end of 2024.

Lyon's mail on this year's AFL Grand Final

By Alex Zaia

COULD this year's AFL Grand Final at the MCG be a twilight fixture?

Melbourne great and SEN Breakfast co-host, Garry Lyon, is hearing the timeslot for the 2022 premiership decider is yet to be decided and that a late afternoon start is looming as a real possibility.

The 2020 and 2021 Grand Finals in Brisbane and Perth were night and twilight fixtures respectively, with last year's showpiece between Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs at Optus Stadium attracting the highest average TV audience since the 2016 Grand Final.

“Maybe his (Gillon McLachlan's) legacy - and this is what I'm hearing - that this AFL Grand Final is not locked in as a 2:30 and maybe on the way out there might be a twilight Grand Final,” Lyon told SEN Breakfast.

“A 4:30ish start for the AFL like last year.

“They may say that it's not forever, they may say the maximisation of crowds and giving people the opportunity (is more important). That hasn't been ruled out is my understanding.

“This came across my desk and I haven't made all the calls I need to make, but I think it's on the agenda, it hasn't been ruled out and I think it's a very big chance.”

A decision on the start time for this year's Grand Final is expected to be decided at the AFL's next Commission meeting in May, according to Channel 7 AFL reporter Mitch Cleary.

“It's usually locked in by now. They usually do it before Round 1 or they have at least over the last two or three seasons,” Cleary told SEN Breakfast.

“I'm on Garry's line of thinking that it's taking a little bit longer, it's something they're deliberating.

“In terms of the timeline, the AFL and the executive - headed up by Gillon of course and Kylie Rogers as head of commercial - will have a big part to play in this.

“They'll put a submission to the Commission, I expect that to be a big part in the next Commission meeting in May, I think we'll get an answer in the next few weeks.

“In saying that, I reckon this is as strong a chance as we've had of making it a twilight Grand Final.

“I think what we've seen in Brisbane and Perth over the last couple of seasons has really opened the AFL's eyes to it.”

Last year's Grand Final in Perth started at 5.15pm local time (7.15pm AEST).

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COMPETITION

Inverloch-Kongwak 24.21.165 d Cora Lynn 6.8.44

Phillip Island 15.16.106 d Kilcunda-Bass 7.4.46

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From page 60

Lack of discipline and the hosts' rigid defence continued to starve the Cobras of scoring opportunities, as they were held to just nine shots through three quarters of play. Tristan Van Driel opened the scoring in the final term, pushing the lead over the 100 mark.

Things only got worse for the visitors, as they gave away multiple 50 metre penalties in their haste to stop the bleeding.

The IK skipper snapped truly to send the crowd into a frenzy as smiles began to fill the faces of the Sea Eagles players and faithful around the ground.

The Cobras were able to stop the onslaught with a couple of goals late, but the hosts were relentless giving it everything until the final siren.

This was typified by the efforts of star defender Lewis Rankin, who sacrificed his body going back with the flight of the ball with his side up 120 points with barely five minutes left.

Rankin was rewarded with a goal moments later to seal a monumental victory for Inverloch Kongwak, who ran out 121-point winners on their way to a 3-0 record.

They will have a week off before facing Dalyston on the road in Round 4.

As for the Cobras, they were left licking their wounds and will hope to bounce back in Round 4 at home against Tooradin-Dalmore.



Oscar Toussaint kicked off proceedings with the game's first major. Photo: Aiden Box at Unboxed Photos.



Ruckman Marcus Toussaint managed to gain the edge over Cora Lynn. Ns181622



Cora Lynn continued to press to start the third, although some individual brilliance from Lewis Rankin led to yet another coast-to-coast goal for the hosts. Photo: Aiden Box at Unboxed Photos.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

» ELLINBANK ROUND 3

Trafalgar v Longwarry
Poowong v Catani
Nyora v Buln Buln
Lang Lang v Yarragon
Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
Ellinbank - BYE

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Bairnsdale v Sale
Moe v Maffra
Wonthaggi v Leongatha
Morwell v Traralgon (Sunday, April 24)
Warragul v Drouin (Sunday, April 24)

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Bunyip v Garfield
Korumburra-Bena v Dalyston (N)
Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup
Tooradin-D v Warragul Ind (Monday, April 25)

» MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 2

Fish Creek v Toora
Hill End v Boolarra
Newborough v Mirboo North
Stony Creek v Tarwin
Thorpdale v MDU
Yinnar v Morwell East
Foster - BYE

Bulldogs and a dog defeat Panthers

WHAT a magnificent day crowds were presented with for the traditional Easter clash between the Bulldogs and the Kilcunda-Bass Panthers for 2022.

Perfect conditions, ground in superb condition and the Kennel fully prepped for what promised to be a huge crowd.

Even more significant was the combination of the Easter and ANZAC Day event, with the moving ANZAC ceremony conducted by the RSL before the senior football and netball games. All seniors, reserves, coaches and officials showed their respect during the moving ceremony which culminated in the New Zealand and Australian national anthems.

Beginning the game in around 27C was certainly a novelty for all involved, and with an excellent 3000-odd crowd in, it was wonderful to see community sport well and truly back – something everyone was super excited to see!

Seniors

With a bunch of ins due to the Taylor-3 and Noosh Kane-Gillard away, the Phillip Island boys began with three first-gamers. Zac Walker and Jack Papas stepped up from Under 18s, and Hayden Smith having just graduated from the 2021 U18s. All three were to have an impact at varying times through the day.

An even start saw a competitive first quarter, with captain Youle leading the charge for the Bulldogs. The ball flowed from end to end, with both defences on top, and the Bulldogs defence led by Mark Griffin.

An escaping dog came onto the ground and insisted on working with the Bulldogs and upsetting Kilcunda-Bass' thrusts into the forward line, much to the embarrassment of his owner, causing the game to halt.

Goals later in the quarter to Youle and then Harry O'Brien after some amazing footwork from first gamer Zac Walker, saw the Bulldogs up by 12 at the first break.

The second quarter saw domination in the middle, with Cam Pedersen and Jaymie Youle bringing in the first-gamer Hayden Smith on one wing and Matt Jones on the other.

A great opportunity for another first-gamer Jack Papas saw his first goal in senior footy, with the entire team (and the ever-reliable runner Scott Huther) converging.

Daniel Pearce roaming the forward line showed class works at either end of the ground with his first goal.

The boys from Bass fought hard and a couple of goals ensured that the lead was held to 27 at the major break.

An on-field half-time break in the slightly cooler shaded location was taken, in amongst the on-field spectators, dogs, footies and an irate umpire who was well tired of asking spectators to move off the boundary for their own safety during play.

Two of the Bulldogs' finest donned suitable attire and acted as boundary-riders for the rest of the game!

The third was all the Bulldogs. Harry O'Brien ran rings around his opponent, scoring almost at will, Jordy Patullo stepped up and Zac Vernon ran riot all over the ground. In the defence, Daniel Holmes and Tarquin McMillan combined well, with the Bulldogs extending their lead to 10 goals at the three-quarter time break. For the second week in a row, ice, towels and cold drinks were the rule at three-quarter time. To their credit, Kilcunda-Bass led the charge in the final stanza, outscoring the Bulldogs with a string of excellent goals working through the Bulldogs' defence.

A late goal to Brendan Kimber saw the Bulldogs break through the 100-point barrier late in the game.



Zac Walker made his senior debut on Saturday for Phillip Island. Photos: Carol Ratcliff/Phillip Island Football Club Images on Facebook.



A moving ANZAC ceremony was conducted by the RSL before the senior football and netball games.



Kilcunda-Bass players lined up for the ANZAC Day ceremony, with the split round to end with Tooradin-Dalmore taking on Warragul on April 25.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 3

» PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

» KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

	106		46
PHILLIP ISLAND		KILCUNDA-BASS	

Phillip Island	4.1	8.5	13.10	15.16 (106)
Kilcunda-Bass	2.1	4.2	4.3	7.4 (46)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Harry O'Brien, Zak Vernon 3, Daniel Pearce, Jaymie Youle, Jack Papas 2, Max Blake, Brendan Kimber, Jordy Patullo 1 each

BEST: Jaymie Youle, Mark Griffin, Cameron Pedersen, Brendan Kimber, Zak Vernon, Harry O'Brien

GOALS, K-Bass: Marcus Baxter, Nathan Foote 2, Kye Benson, James Phillips, Jack Soroczynski 1 each

BEST: Jack Soroczynski, Cam McKenzie, Thomas West, Daniel Mock, Sam Watson, Ashden Grenness

RESERVES

Phillip Island	7.6	13.9	18.14	26.17 (173)
Kilcunda-Bass	1.0	2.0	2.1	3.1 (19)

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Nicolaci 10, Levi Robinson 8, Zach Wagner, Marcus Wright 2, Harry Anderson, Liam Dayson, Luke Glossop, Dean Blake 1 each

BEST: James Nicolaci, Zach Wagner, Cameron Brown, Levi Robinson, Marcus Wright, Cooper Logan

GOALS, K-Bass: No players named.

BEST: Lionel Anderson, William Speed, Michael Gatherum, Ryley Duff

FOURTHS

Phillip Island	5.1	11.4	16.11	18.13 (121)
Kilcunda-Bass	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.5 (11)

BEST, Phillip Island: Yianni Caffieri, Oliver Hibbert, Leo Savona, Charlie O'Garey, Beau Davies, Benjamin Chihotski

BEST, K-Bass: Chase Krause, Matthew Dakin, Alexander Barbati, Jack Hosking, Jarrad Francome

» INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

	165		44
INVERLOCH-K		CORA LYNN	

Inverloch-K	3.8	9.13	16.17	24.21 (165)
Cora Lynn	0.2	2.4	2.7	6.8 (44)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Lachlan Johnson, Toby Mahoney, Tristan Van Driel 3, Corey Casey, Xavier Hughes, Oscar Toussaint, Thomas Wyatt 2, Dylan Clark, Tom Hams, Shem Hawking, Ethan Park, Lewis Rankin, Gareth Park, Harrison Campbell 1 each

BEST: Oscar Toussaint, Ethan Park, Thomas Wyatt, Lachlan Scott, Shem Hawking, Dylan Clark

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Jaxon Briggs 2, Tristan Fernandez-Phillips, Luke Hartley, Robert Hill, Jeremy Monckton 1 each

BEST: Lachlyn Peluso, Chris Johnson, Heath Briggs, Jaxon Briggs, Tristan Fernandez-Phillips, Robert Hill

RESERVES

Inverloch-K	2.3	3.5	5.5	7.6 (48)
Cora Lynn	2.2	2.7	2.9	4.10 (34)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jake Staley 4, Dylan Taylor 2, Andre Toussaint 1

BEST: Malachy O' Flynn, Jarvis Pryor, Campbell Scott, Stuart Kilsby, James Lee

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Matthew Ferguson, Luke Foreman, Tristan Lilley-Hale 1 each

BEST: Gus Da Costa, Ryan Spierings, Trav Ramsdale, Corey Brook, Matthew Ferguson, Thomas Arnett

THIRDS

Inverloch-K	4.4	8.6	14.9	19.13 (127)
Cora Lynn	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2 (14)

BEST, Inverloch-K: Xavier Lindsay, Jed Rosenow, Tyson Bolam, William Turner, Hayden Lindsay

BEST, Cora Lynn: Caelan Addis, Ryder Milne, Benjamin Baird, Owen Hartley, Toby Goswell, Oliver Sail



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Sea Eagles dominate

A HUGE Easter Saturday crowd assembled in Inverloch and saw their visitors Cora Lynn look damaging early, moving the ball with pace and accuracy, giving their forwards plenty of good looks.

However, after the Cobras failed to convert on two occasions in front of goal, the hometown Sea Eagles were able to repel their forward thrusts and create chances of their own.

The footy was in hot dispute throughout the first 15 minutes although neither team could convert their opportunities until IK star Oscar Toussaint kicked truly for the game's first major.

Toussaint gave the hosts great run through the midfield, with local guns Xavier Hughes, Clint McCaughan and Lachlan Scott assisting to help IK find their groove towards the end of the quarter.

Captain Toby Mahoney slotted a booming set shot late to really get the home side going, they took a 24-point lead into the first break.

Having not scored a goal in the first quarter, the Cobras looked to bite back early in the second, starting hot again but were unable to finish their work.

The Sea Eagles' fast paced 'knock it forward' style of play granted them repeat forwards stoppages and even-tuated in a thrilling Corey Casey goal from deep in the pocket under duress.

The ball pinballed around for much of the second term before Cora Lynn was finally able to find a mark inside 50 to Luke Hartley who slammed through their first goal.

Unfortunately, this did little to spark the visitors, as the stout Sea Eagles defence continued to produce turnovers inside enemy territory and turn them into offensive drives.

Fan favourite Lachlan Johnson slotted his one of three goals on the day, followed by goals to Thomas Wyatt and Tom Hams to extend the lead to seven goals.

By Aiden Box

The visitors fought back with a clearance goal and control of possession until another forward half turnover gave IK a chance to link up brilliantly and find Casey for his second.

Gun recruit Ethan Park kicked truly from outside the arc to extend the Sea Eagles lead to a 51-point at the main break.

Like they had two quarters prior, Cora Lynn continued to press to start the third, although some individual brilliance from Lewis Rankin led to yet another coast-to-coast goal for the Sea Eagles.

Following a brief stalemate, Johnson broke through for another major, opening the floodgates once again.

In perfect conditions on their home deck, Inverloch-Kongwak began to play with freedom taking the game on with every chance that presented.

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Captain Toby Mahoney celebrates a goal with Tristan Van Driel.

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