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DAVE Peters, owner of The Caledonian Hotel in Wonthaggi, has welcomed the scrapping of restrictions and mandates on hospitality venues.

The state government announced last week that patrons no longer must show their vaccination status before entering any venue, while check-in requirements have also been removed.

"It's about time. I'm relieved," Dave told the Sentinel-Times.

"I was never in support of the mandates

— it was discrimination.

"It's a burden on the staff that didn't need to be unnecessarily placed on staff."

"I felt that the hospitality sector along with beauty and hairdressing were being targeted unfairly."

"When restrictions were eased the general perception was that I can go to Bunnings and I'll be safe, but I can't go to the pub because I've still got to sign in, they must still have issues in regard to COVID transmissions."

And with elections looming, it is no wonder mandates are further easing.

While being vaccinated is still a mandate for Dave's hospitality team, the pressure has eased on patrons.

"Anybody can come into a pub again," he said.

But a 37 percent reduction in security guards renewing their license (due to vaccination requirements) is another problem Dave faces.

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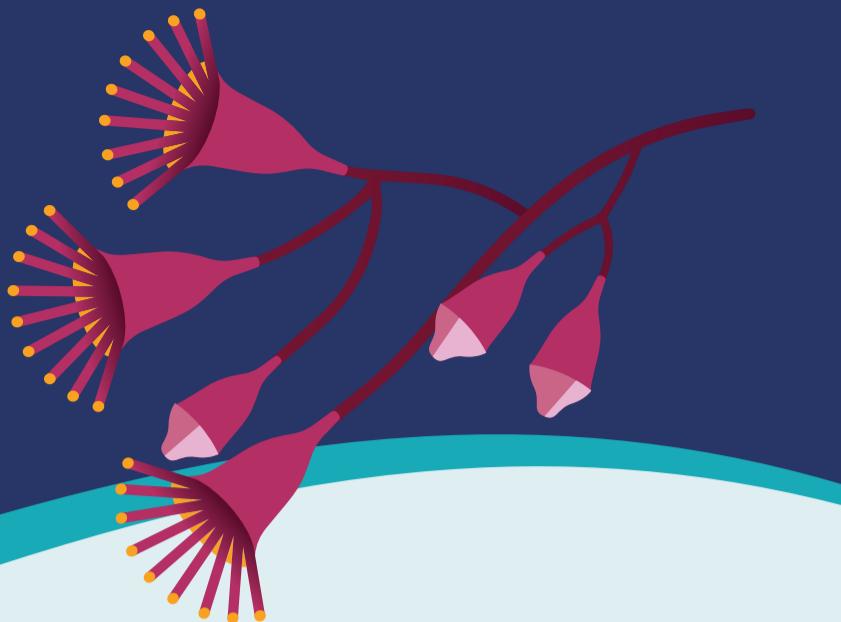
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Council would like your feedback on key plans for South Gippsland to ensure they accurately reflect the needs of our community. These plans will influence how we provide services and facilities, both now and in the future.

Significant consultation was undertaken before the plans were developed, including:

- Engagement with over 928 people between December to January
- Community survey that received over 2,000 responses

The draft plans that are open for comment are:

- Shaping South Gippsland - Community Vision 2040
- Council Plan 2022-26
- Budget 2022/23
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-26
- 10 Year Asset Plan
- 10 Year Financial Plan
- South Gippsland Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy

Have a chat with our Councillors at any of the events below:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sun 24 April	3:30pm to 7:00pm	Junior Football, U10 and U14 Leongatha parrots - Leongatha Rec.	Leongatha
Tues 26 April	6:00pm to 7:30pm	Facebook Q&A	Online
Thurs 28 April	2:00pm to 3:30pm	Coffee with a Councillor - Tanderra Park Meenihan	Meenihan
Fri 29 April	4:00pm to 6:00pm	Pop Up: Reconnect All Ages Festival	Leongatha
Sat 30 April	8:00am to 10:00am	Pop Up: Mirboo North Community Market	Mirboo North
Sat 30 April	11:30am to 1:30pm	Pop Up: Toora & District v Stony Creek - Toora Football Ground	Toora
Mon 2 May	10:00am to 11:30am	Coffee with a Councillor - Loch Public Hall	Loch
Mon 2 May	2:00pm to 3:30pm	Coffee with a Councillor - Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Hall	Tarwin Lower
Thur 5 May	4:30pm to 6:00pm	Town Hall Session - Coal Creek Community Park and Museum	Korumburra
Fri 6 May	10:00am	Vic Livestock Exchange Cattle Sale - Koonwarra	Koonwarra
Sun 8 May	10:00am to midday	Pop-up Kongwak Market	Kongwak
Tues 10 May	8:00am to 9:00am	Stakeholder Round Table - Breakfast event by invitation	Leongatha
Sat 14 May	9:00am to 1:00pm	Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival	Fish Creek

You can view the plans and provide feedback at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au> or email to: submission@southgippsland.vic.gov.au (Please add the plan title as subject).

Submissions can also be made in writing to: 9 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953

Submissions close Sunday 15 May 2022.



South Gippsland
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Have your say South Gippsland

Changes welcome, but more still needed; says operator

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"We can't get security. I'm sourcing security from Cranbourne, Pakenham, Narre Warren, but when they drive past five or six licensed venues also looking for staff, they're not going to drive an extra hour for the same money," he said.

"Hopefully the requirement for fully vaccinated employees across all sectors gets removed soon."

"I'm not anti-vax, I'm pro-choice."

Since re-opening Dave has also noticed other issues arising, particularly social issues with young adults.

"The amount of people in their late teens early 20s that socially and emotionally haven't developed due to isolation," he said.

"We have quite a lot of trouble now with that age group because they never really had the opportunity to turn 18 and go to the pub with half a dozen mates."

"They don't know how to behave – it's something the police have acknowledged is a rising concern."

"The ongoing costs (of extended lockdowns) was it justified?"



Business owner Dave Peters welcomed Friday's scrapping of vaccine requirements and check-in. z05_0822

Over the last two years, we have had four or five times where a bunch of local people have got together because one of their friends died by suicide, you can't say being isolated, not being able to get out and socialise or interact with their friends didn't impact (their

situation).

"Domestic violence has also increased dramatically.

"We will be doing an event soon in conjunction with CASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault)."

Addressing it at an industry level is another important issue for Dave, for the benefit

of his staff and patrons.

"If they're not comfortable, for whatever reason, they can approach staff," he said.

"I think it's a subject that's important."

If you need support contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.

\$10k community resilience grant on the cards

SOUTH Gippsland Water (SGW) is exploring ways to give back after its recent Inverloch Boil Water Alert, with a proposed \$10k community resilience grant.

In March this year, SGW issued a precautionary Boil Water Advisory for the township of Inverloch.

Two deceased birds and sediment were discovered in the Inverloch supply.

At the time, SGW stated the presence of the birds may have indicated some contamination.

This meant that for a period of five days, customers needed to boil their water before drinking and using water in food preparation.

This incident impacted customers to varying degrees, dependent on individual circumstances, with some of our more vulnerable community members more at risk than others.

South Gippsland Water has



In March this year, South Gippsland Water issued a precautionary Boil Water Advisory for the township of Inverloch.

reviewed the incident and their response and as a part of continuous improvement, will be making a number of improvements to systems and processes.

Managing director of South Gippsland Water, Philippe du Plessis said, "We sincerely

apologise for the inconvenience caused by the boil water advisory, that's why we are proposing that the organisation 'give back' to the Inverloch community."

"We are proposing that an Inverloch Community Resilience Grant of \$10,000 be

established in response to this incident.

"The particulars of who might receive grant monies and how it might be administered are yet to be detailed, but the organisation is committed to working to help build community resilience in response to future incidents or emergencies."

The Corporation is also exploring, as part of its five-year plan 2023-2028, whether such a grant should be a part of our Guaranteed Service Levels, that the organisation would administer a grant for another town should a similar incident occur elsewhere in future.

If you are interested in participating in this discussion, or want your thoughts heard in the establishment of the resilience grant for Inverloch, please email media@sgwater.com.au to register your interest.

Vax proof, masks no more

THE state government announced Victoria will move into winter with most restrictions removed as of 11:59pm, Friday, April 22.

As part of the Minister for Health's changes to pandemic orders, the following measures will be removed:

- Patrons won't be required to have two doses or show their vaccination status before entering any venue
- The requirement for staff and patrons of venues to check-in using the Service Victoria app will end, with operators not required to keep any attendance records or maintain a check-in marshal
- Masks will no longer be required in primary schools, early childhood, hospitality and retail settings, or at events of any size
- Close contacts will no longer have to quarantine – provided they wear a mask indoors and avoid sensitive settings. They will also need to undertake at least five negative rapid tests over the seven days that would previously have been the self-quarantine period
- All visitor restrictions in hospitals will be removed except for mask requirements, with health services able to tailor their own settings based on their own circumstances
- Events with more than 30,000 people will no longer require public health pre-approval
- International travellers who are symptom-free will be recommended but not required to get a PCR or rapid test on arrival, and unvaccinated travellers will no longer complete 7 days' quarantine. Pre-departure tests for unvaccinated air crew will also be lifted
- People are exempt from testing or quarantine for 12 weeks if they've had COVID-19 – up from 8 weeks

* Individuals will be required to notify their workplace contacts, in addition to informing their social contacts. Workplaces won't have to individually identify and notify each potentially exposed worker

A number of critical and common-sense settings will be retained, including the essential requirement to isolate for seven days following a COVID-19 diagnosis and existing two-dose and three-dose vaccination mandates for workers.

Visitor restrictions in care facilities will be retained to protect the vulnerable.

Residents can currently have up to five visitors per day if each show a negative rapid antigen test result – or two visitors if no test results are provided.

Face coverings will still be required on public transport and at airports – excluding airport workers who aren't public facing – and in sensitive health, aged care and justice settings. All workplaces will still require a COVIDSafe Plan.

Many rules which are no longer required will be recommended, including working from home if you're a close contact exempt from quarantine. Masks are strongly recommended when you can't physically distance.

See more information at coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



WED | Apr 27

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

13° 22°



THUR | Apr 28

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

13° 22°



FRI | Apr 29

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

15° 25°



SAT | Apr 30

Showers.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

13° 19°



SUN | May 1

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

11° 18°



MON | May 2

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 19°

IN BRIEF

Question time under pressure

Michael Guz quizzed Bass Coast Council last week about "censoring and vanishing reasonable and legitimate public questions by preventing the questions from being presented to ordinary council meetings".

Council is also considering making the whole question time opportunity optional in its latest draft of new governance rules.

Response: "Submitters are advised when their question has been disallowed."

Cowes school gym ready

THE new gymnasium at the Cowes Primary School has been completed and will be in use this term ahead of a likely official opening in May.

The venue will prove ideal through the winter for sports and assemblies and will also be made available for community use, of particular importance until the new cultural centre is finished in late 2023.

Drug bust in Wonthaggi

A 37-YEAR-OLD Wonthaggi male was arrested last Friday morning and allegedly charged with trafficking and possession of ICE. He was bailed and is due to appear in Korumburra Court at a later date.

Bikes stolen from Inverloch

TWO mountain bicycles and one BMX bicycle valued between \$2,000 and \$5,000 each were stolen from Inverloch Foreshore Caravan Park between 8.30pm on April 20 and 10am April 21.

The unknown offender/s cut the locks of each bike securing them to the caravan.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Inverloch Police Station or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

ANZAC Day at Inverloch

INVERLOCH Police attended the ANZAC Day services in Tarwin Lower and Inverloch laying a wreath at the cenotaph. With a good turnout, members were happy to see a respectful crowd.

Are you missing a beat?

BONGO drums were found outside Wonthaggi Union Cinema on Monday, April 25.

Wonthaggi Police are keen to reunite the drums with their rightful owners – pop into or call Wonthaggi Police Station.

Celebrate International Workers Day

IN THE tradition of workplace militancy and the achievement of the eight hour day, Wonthaggi unionists and supporters are rallying on Sunday, May 1, 11am under the Mine Whistle in Apex Park, Wonthaggi.

Speakers, singing and your chance to have your say at the Open Forum.

Please bring a picnic to share - weather permitting.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/256665636797447?ref=newsfeed

Safety reminder as regional construction booms

WORKSAFE is reminding employers and tradies across regional Victoria to put safety first as construction activity continues to ramp up across the state.

From 2019-2021, WorkSafe accepted 85 injury claims from the construction industry in the South Gippsland area (South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires).

While WorkSafe also accepted 772 claims from construction workers in the regions in 2021, an increase on the 715 claims in 2020 and 654 in 2019.

Tragically, three construction workers lost their lives due to workplace incidents in regional Victoria last year.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data showed a 52 per cent rise in building approvals in rural and regional Victoria last financial year to 18,072 in 2020/2021.

Demand has continued into this financial year, with 9882 building approvals in regional Victoria from July 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022.

Pick up after your dog; say residents

IT'S THE number one rule of owning a dog – if it goes to the toilet outside your yard, pick it up!

Residents in Cape Woolamai are tired of people leaving their dogs mess behind with Second Avenue and Beresford Drive littered in recent days, and the Boat Ramp Beach in Cowes.

With free rolls of poo bags and green waste bags available from Bass Coast Shire there is no excuse to leave any mess behind.

Meg Edwards makes 8 for Monash

FORMER South Gippsland Shire Councillor, Meg Edwards, has quit the Liberal Party and thrown her hat into the Monash election ring as a candidate for the Liberal Democratic Party.

She lists her experience in business, farming, family and local government as relevant for being an "effective voice" in the Parliament.

Her nomination makes it eight candidates to choose from on Monash, in ballot paper order:

1. Mat MORGAN (Greens)
2. Russell BROADBENT (Liberal)
3. Deb LEONARD (Independent)
4. Allan HICKEN (One Nation)
5. David Matthew WELSH

(Federation Party)

6. Jessica O'DONNELL (Labor)
7. Meg EDWARDS (Liberal Democratic)
8. Christine Ann McSHANE (UAP).

Residents final cry against town expansion proposal

CAPE Paterson residents have made a last-ditch effort to preserve their town character with fears a controversial housing development could go ahead.

The proposed development is seeking to construct a housing estate to the north of the town along Seaward Drive, adding almost 1000 new lots.

After viewing the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) relating to the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project, the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association was alarmed that it didn't recommend a settlement boundary reduction for the town.

The development had been deferred to allow the public release of the draft SPP, but with no boundary reduction recommended, residents are now concerned there is nothing holding the proposal back.

The association has stated while they are not opposed to expansion, they believe limited, sustainable development is needed to not overload the existing infrastructure, unsealed roads and village character.

Residents are being urged to provide their feedback on the draft policy before the engagement period ends this Friday, April 29.

To make a submission, visit engage.vic.gov.au/project/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/page/bass-coast

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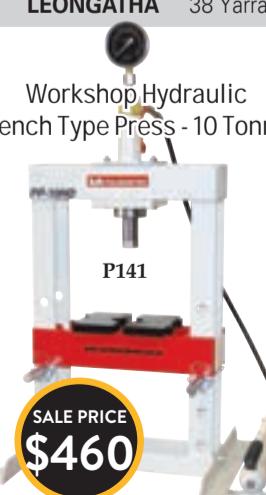
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Capital works \$28.8m, borrowings of \$17.1m for draft budget

By Nick Sinis

A WHOPPING \$101.8m draft budget was adopted by Bass Coast Shire at their Ordinary Meeting last Wednesday which is now open for community consultation.

The Draft Budget 2022/23 features a capital works program of \$28.8 million, which 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%), with garbage revenue expected to be \$14.7 million.

Rate increases have been contained to 1.75%, in line with the mandated state government rate cap.

Total rates and charges are \$69.8m, with rate revenue expected to be \$54.2m.

According to the draft, council will use an additional \$17.1 million in new borrowings to fund the capital works program and refinance \$11.7 million in loans already held on June 30, 2022, increasing total borrowings to \$30.5 million as of June 30, 2023.

"The Draft Budget projects an operating surplus of \$2.2 million for 2022/23 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.

"Council's projected adjusted underlying results range from a deficit of \$4.7 million in 2022/23 to a surplus of \$1.3 million in 2025/26."

Total employee costs are expected to be \$33,227,000 with council employees at 320.

While \$73m has been allocated for the operating budget to support council services.

Project highlights of the Draft Budget include:

- \$11.2m 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).



Council's Draft Budget 2022/23 includes \$2.8m towards the complete construction of the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre. CO4_1722

- \$14.0m 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).
- \$18.6m Waste Services, including waste services (\$12.4m), landfill rehabilitation (\$4.1m) and micro turbines (\$1.6m).
- \$5.1m 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).
- \$10.9m to upgrade community facilities including Wonthaggi Activity Centre plan priorities (\$3.0m), kindergarten expansion project (\$0.4m) and renewal of Rhyll Hall (\$0.3m).



Around \$14m has been allocated in the draft budget to improve Bass Coast's roads and pathways, including \$1.8m for upgrades at Shetland Heights Road.

land management.

Cash and investments are expected to be \$33.7 million as of June 30, 2022, and are expected to reduce over the term of the Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) to \$20.4 million as of June 30, 2026.

Council's working capital position is expected to reduce over the term of the SRP from a net \$26.7 million in 2022/23, to \$14.6 million by June 2026.

Engagement dates

Public exhibition and submissions on the Draft Budget are open until May 16.

Community members are invited to an online Facebook Q&A forum on Wednesday, May 4 at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire, from 6.00pm

to 7.30pm.

The Draft Budget can be downloaded at www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/budget and copies will be available for inspection at the Bass Coast Civic Centre 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Submissions can be made through www.engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget.

Feedback on the Draft Fees and Charges 2022/23 is also being sought.

Submissions will be considered by council on Wednesday, May 25.

Council will also hear submissions from community organisations on Wednesday, May 25.

The final 2022/23 budget will be presented on Wednesday, June 15 for adoption.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council gets \$287,766 from fines

Parking tickets are big business in the Bass Coast Shire, as a question to council by Stacy Dagg illuminated last week.

What is the revenue value for the notices issued from July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022?

Response: "During the period of July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 there were 2136 parking infringements issued, valued at \$287,766."

You can engage now, they say

Kevin Griffin of the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association wants to ensure the public gets a chance to comment on any changes to the Bass Coast's governance rules which may include restrictions on question time.

His question to the council meeting last week received an assurance that the community can comment on the changes between April 22 and May 20 on the council's website.

Cr Ron Bauer and Cr Rochelle Halstead have raised concerns that questions may or may not be included at monthly meetings and also that questions are limited to 50 words.

Shire shaves \$422,000 off admin

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association President, Kevin Griffin, had another question for council last week, about whether they've been able to cut costs.

According to the shire, they've trimmed 3.4% in costs from its Corporate Services section or \$422,000.

Rubbish disposal is shire's problem

Interested local resident Graham Jolly put a question to council about the operation of Grantville Transfer Station, whether council was taking it over and who owns the plant and equipment.

Response: "Council has taken on the operation of Grantville Landfill and Transfer Station and sourced the necessary equipment to support effective management of the site. Council does not publish a detailed list of plant and equipment."

Trees stay on Inverloch block

FOLLOWING the 18 objections to aspects of a house project at 7 Ocean View Court, a question to the council meeting last week and comments by Cr Leticia Laing, all but one tree will be retained when the project goes ahead.

Mike and Alex Bridge wrote to council last week seeking clarification about the trees and Cr Laing wanted assurances that trees 15 and 16 at the front of the site would be saved – they will receive council protection.

Woolamai's BMX bandits

Marg Dumergue of Cape Woolamai Coast Action wrote to council last week asking what it is doing to stop the damage that "parents are encouraging their children to commit" on a daily basis to native vegetation in the area.

Response: "Council officers will continue to patrol the site daily, at random times and engage with anyone in the area to deter further activity."

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



I AM proud to have been appointed to the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel, along with nine other Mayors from across Victoria. The Panel is Chaired by Minister for Local Government, Shaun Leane. This year's panel will focus on COVID-19 recovery, gender equality, and strengthening relationships with First Nations Victorians and will meet for the first time this week. This appointment means that I, on behalf of Bass Coast, have an incredible opportunity to help guide and shape Local Government in Victoria. There are some major challenges facing our communities, and with that, all levels of Government. Through this Panel, I hope to provide valuable advice and feedback to the Minister towards finding solutions and addressing some of these challenges. Some of the important issues I hope to discuss with the Panel include visitor economy issues arising from the pandemic, affordable housing including attracting workers to Bass Coast and climate change issues.

Last week's Council Meeting saw the release of the Draft 2022/23 Budget for community feedback. Submissions are invited to the Draft Budget and can be made online, through www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget. We are hosting an on-line Facebook Q&A forum Wednesday, May 4

from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire. I encourage you to ask any Budget related questions you may have on the night. Copies of the Draft Budget are available online, you can drop in to our Customer Service Centre in Wonthaggi to view a copy, or contact basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or 1300 BCOAST (226 278) on (03) 5671 2211 to request a copy be sent to you. The submission period closes at 5.00pm on Monday, May 16.

We are also calling for community feedback proposed changes to the Governance Rules. Governance Rules specify how we need to conduct Council Meetings, as well as delegated committee meetings. Find more information on the proposed changes to the Governance Rules and provide your feedback at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/gov-rules before Friday, May 20.

And finally, our business and industry survey is now open. The information gathered from the survey will help us to understand some of the challenges and opportunities for businesses in Bass Coast and better guide the work we do to facilitate a healthy and sustainable economy. The survey can be found at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businesssurvey and closes on Monday, May 23.

PICAL more vital than ever

By Nick Sinis

WITH the cost of living continuing to put pressure on locals, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) is expecting a 'looming tsunami' of increased need for their services.

Being the only food relief outlet on Phillip Island, PICAL has experienced incredible demand for its food services since the pandemic began.

The organisation is currently servicing approximately 400 people per month, providing free food hampers with enough supplies to last a week.

However, with the ongoing effects of COVID, floods and overseas conflict, PICAL is expecting demand to significantly increase.

"To prepare for this looming tsunami of need, we have also completely re-directed all the fresh vegetables from our own large community garden, so that this home-grown organic produce now also goes towards our food relief program," PICAL general manager Greg Thompson said.

The organisation is also seeking more volunteers to assist with their pantry, cooking teams, community garden and reception.

At PICAL's recent AGM, their 2021 Annual Report was tabled showing that over the past year they had:

- Secured almost \$156,000 in grant funding and \$18,600 in donations.
- Responded to 16,266 contacts from people needing our help.
- Fed 4566 people from our Phil Dixon Pantry emergency food relief service.
- Ran 1671 sessions for



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's community garden volunteers Courtney, Phyllis and Michelle.

adult learners and community networks.

The report also detailed that PICAL returns \$31.71 worth of community value for every dollar invested in the organisation.

The AGM discussed the major challenges PICAL has faced in the past year, including the dramatic rise in community need, securing future accommodation and financial security.

"The (Bass Coast) Council has advised that our new premises at Warley Avenue Cowes will be ready for us to occupy in late 2022," the report stated.

"The Council will be considering in the near future the approval for the construction of our new premises at Blue Gum Reserve to house our community garden, Boomerang Bags, some of our training activities and Coel's shed."

The annual report also recorded a net loss of \$118,876, including a depreciation of \$19,473, for

the year ending December 31, 2021.

"Although a loss of \$55,000 was budgeted for to allow several unfunded staff positions to continue in 2021, the uncertainties caused by COVID and delays in progressing the moves to our two new premises resulted in a much higher staff costs," the report stated.

"PICAL remains however in a sound financial position with current assets including cash reserves of \$224,865 as we hope to finally move premises later this year."

For 2022, the committee also set a break-even budget with reduced staff costs.

To meet this budget, PICAL will need to raise \$30,000 outside its core funding from government, with a major fundraising event planned for June.

For more information and to volunteer with PICAL, visit www.pical.org.au/

When will PICAL move?

LINDA Marston put a question to the Bass Coast Council last week asking for some clarification on the relocation of the Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) to Warley Ave.

The timeline, she said, would impact the Community Hospital construction.

When will PICAL move off of its current site and when will PICAL's access to the old CFA building be finalised?

Council responded as follows: "Council continues to work toward the agreed November 2022 timeframe for the relocation of PICAL to Warley Avenue. Council is progressing discussions with a range of community groups including PICAL with regards to opportunities at the CFA Building. A report will be presented on this at the May Council Meeting."

Council Update



Business and Industry Survey

The 2022 Business and Industry Survey is now open. Information gathered from the survey will help Council understand some of the challenges and opportunities for businesses in Bass Coast and better guide the work Council does to facilitate a healthy and sustainable economy.

The survey can be found at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businesssurvey.

The survey closes on Monday, 23 May. Everyone who completes the survey will go into a draw to win one of three \$100 gift vouchers from Revive Beauty and Spa, Zeal and Flow or Ivy Plant Studio.

For more information on the survey, contact Council's Business Support Team on business.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au or the numbers below.

Draft 2022/23 Budget

Submissions are invited to the Draft 2022/23 Budget and can be made online, through www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget.

Interested community members are invited to an on-line Facebook Q&A forum to learn more about the Draft 2022/23 Budget on Wednesday, 4 May at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

The submission period will close at 5.00pm on Monday, 16 May and submissions will be considered by Council on Wednesday, 25 May. Council will also hear submissions from community organisations on Wednesday, 25 May.

The Final 2022/23 Budget will be presented at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15 June for adoption. Responses to budget submissions, including any funding changes will be incorporated into this Council Report.

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Ukraine crisis hits close to home for Olga

SOUTH GIPPSLAND locals are encouraged to enjoy traditional Ukrainian cuisine at a special dinner in Leongatha on Saturday May 14, helping people displaced by the current conflict in Ukraine.

The meal is being provided by Olga Rysko who moved to Australia from Ukraine 17 years ago and whose mother, sister and other relatives still live there.

Christian, Olga, who works as a personal carer at Leongatha's Woorayl Lodge, has connections with people at Ukrainian churches who are providing support to displaced people.

That assistance is being given to all in need, not only Christians, Olga explained.

It includes shelter, food, shower facilities, use of washing machines and entertainment for children.

Importantly, displaced people are given the opportunity to settle somewhere while they attempt to overcome traumatic experiences, and have time to work out what they are going to do next and where they will go.

"This is a safe place for people who have been displaced," Olga said.

That haven is about 80 kilometres from Kyiv.

Olga noted fighting has subsided around Kyiv for now, but she knows of refugee centres that were using cars to obtain vital supplies from there but



Olga Rysko is looking forward to sharing traditional Ukrainian cuisine and stories of what is happening in her homeland with attendees at a special dinner at St Peter's Leongatha. A08_1722

had their vehicles destroyed by gunfire.

Various churches combined to purchase a new car from Germany to help transport supplies and people.

The churches are reaching out to elderly people in Ukraine who lack family support, providing them with valuable human contact and assistance.

Churches have also been helping take people to safety, bringing them to the border with the west.

"I know those (church) people personally and where the money is going, so this dinner is to support those people who help the refugees who have been displaced," Olga said.

Olga reflected on a video she

has seen from her homeland showing a minibus load of traumatised children and elderly people.

"Can you imagine having a whole minibus being driven for 80 kilometres with traumatised children?" Olga asked.

Her almost 84-year-old mother, who lives north of Kyiv, has heard bombing in the distance, and even shooting under her window.

Olga's sister was forced to spend a few weeks in a bomb shelter, with brief returns to her unit between air raids.

While the dinner will raise valuable funds to help Ukrainians in need, through donations from attendees, Olga will also

take the opportunity to speak about the situation in Ukraine.

"I want to bring awareness to people in my town," Olga said, noting those in Australia see only a little of what is going on when they watch the news.

She said Australia's remoteness from Ukraine leads some people to think little of the conflict, reasoning "It's somewhere in Europe."

However, Olga explained the conflict's impact reaches Australia through increased petrol prices and impacts on the stock market.

Ukraine is also a major food supplier to Europe of wheat, corn, and other crops, with prices already being driven up by supply problems caused by the conflict.

Asia and Africa are also significant importers of Ukrainian wheat, other grains and sunflower products.

Olga said the colour yellow in the nation's flag represents the vast wheat fields of Ukraine.

With many Ukrainian farmers now unable to plant crops due to the presence of bombs and mines in their fields, future supplies are likely to be severely restricted.

Olga will base her three-course meal on the food she enjoyed in her Ukrainian household, starting with a traditional Ukrainian Borscht soup and buns and moving onto two mystery courses.

Preserving Coal Creek's future

THE FUTURE direction of Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is a major focus in the draft Arts Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026.

While acknowledging Coal Creek is a museum that reflects an important period in the settlement of South Gippsland, concerns are expressed about the static nature of displays, a lack of cohesion, and the deteriorating condition of the site's facilities.

It is noted that interaction, play, and immersive engagement are key aspects of contemporary museum displays that are absent at Coal Creek.

Steep, unpaved pathways currently limit access for those in wheelchairs, others with limited mobility and people with prams, with improved accessibility identified as essential.

While acknowledging the vital contribution of volunteers to the maintenance of Coal Creek, the draft ACCI Strategy says the future redevelopment needed at the site is beyond the scope of volunteers.

"Ongoing operational costs, a permanent staffing plan, and marketing strategies will be required as a baseline for any redevelopment," the draft Strategy states.

The possibility of renaming Coal Creek is mooted, with the suggestion that may be necessary "to bring it into line with contemporary use and function".

"To assist Council in deciding on the future of Coal Creek, there needs to be a rigorous business case, community engagement and a cultural impact assessment carried out as soon as possible," the draft ACCI Strategy states.

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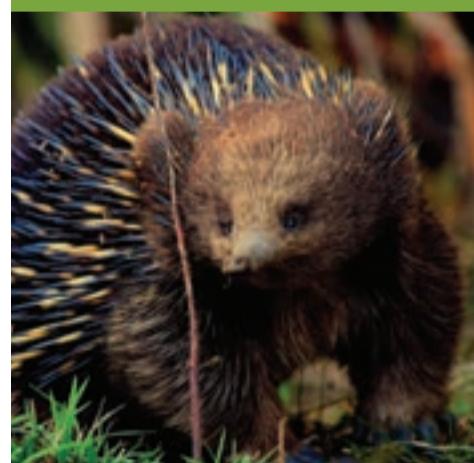
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Bass Coast Shire's draft Governance Rules draw division

By Nick Sinis

ISSUES of transparency and accountability were raised over proposed changes to Bass Coast Shire's draft Governance Rules at last week's meeting.

Cr Ron Bauer was quick to move a motion to defer adoption of the draft Governance Rules for community consultation, citing that councillors needed further briefings which was backed by Cr Rochelle Halstead.

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.

But a review is now needed to reflect legislative changes.

Both councillors held concerns over proposed changes to Public Question Time, with the shire seeking to change the wording to "may" be held, instead of "must" be held.

This could mean the mayor in consultation with the CEO can determine 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.

"When I submitted my amendments to the rules, I was guaranteed a one on one with our governance team to discuss my amendments," Cr Bauer said at last week's meeting.

"I know that other councillors also wished to have discussions with the governance team. I and



Cr Rochelle Halstead, as well as Cr Ron Bauer (not pictured), held serious concerns over some proposed changes regarding the shire's draft Government Rules. ns011722

other councillors have not had that meeting.

"Neither have the councillors, as a group, had a briefing to understand why certain changes are being made.

"We will get community backlash through the Governance Rules as they diminish transparency and accountability."

Cr Halstead added she also had questions regarding the policy and noted while it was in draft form, the community would expect council to be supportive of it.

"I do understand it comes back after consultation, but I do believe as a draft, it should be what we as a council wish to see in that policy," she said.

However, Cr Bauer's motion to defer consideration was lost.

Cr Halstead then continued to push for her questions to be answered, which included the increase for Notices of Motion submissions from 8 to 10 days, if Code of Conduct and Media Engagement policies will also be reviewed and the ramifications for changes to Public Question Time.

A council officer responded to some of the questions but noted further discussions could be had on others.

Deputy mayor, Cr Leticia Lai-ning said the policy guides the conduct of council meetings and that all councillors had the opportunity to view the draft.

Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan also sought to clarify that council was not adopting the rules, but to vote for them to be released for consultation.

The motion was ultimately passed, and the policy is now available for feedback.

Key proposed changes include:

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Election Period Policy – updated to include provisions for councillor candidates in State and Federal elections.
- Administrative changes – small changes have been made to clarify or simplify processes.

Feedback period

The draft Governance Rules is available for public feedback for a period of four weeks starting from Friday April 22, and closing Friday, May 20.

To provide a submission, visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/govrules

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

Safety barriers to be installed

NEW flexible safety barriers will soon be installed along the South Gippsland Highway.

The barriers will be installed between Lynbrook Boulevard and Manks Road, with works already underway and scheduled for completion later year.

This busy stretch of road is one of the state's highest risk roads, with 35 crashes recorded between 2012 and 2016 – including one fatality and 25 people suffering serious injury.

"The South Gippsland Highway provides a major connection between the Princes Highway and Westernport Road, as well as access to Phillip Island," Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett advised.

"We've already delivered works on one section of the South Gippsland Highway – and now these further upgrades will help reduce the severity of crashes and create a safer journey for motorists as they travel throughout the area."

On the first 20 roads treated with flexible safety barriers, the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by head-on and run-off-road crashes dropped by two thirds – from 120 people in 2015 to 41 people in 2019.

More 24/7 flexibility at your local library

MYLI – My Community Library have announced that Mirboo North and Poowong are now among the first three libraries in Victoria provided by South Gippsland Shire to offer a 24-hour membership access.

With flexibility in mind, the 24-hour service offers library members open access to the library outside its conventional opening hours.

This provides free access to study and lounge spaces, Wi-Fi and self-checkout facilities to pick up holds and borrow resources like books and DVDs.

Whether you're a student, working full time or part time or just happen to be an early bird or night owl a 24-hour membership gives you the opportunity to access the library whenever it suits you.

The application process is simple.

Complete a 24-hour membership application for assessment, that is followed by a new user induction during staffed library hours.

The only cost is a once off \$30 refundable deposit for your security pass that is activated after the induction.

Parents and guardians have the option to apply for a family pass. A family pass allows one nominated adult to bring their nominated children aged under 18 into the library using their secure pass. Every person aged 18 or over requires their own secure pass to access the library after-hours.

Twenty-four-hour membership applications are now open for Mirboo North, Poowong and Foster Libraries. For more information, please visit myli.org.au or call 1800 HI MYLI (1800 44 6954)



There are big hopes for the future of the spectacular but rundown Korumburra Railway Station. A01_1722

Using art to enhance rail trail

FORMING strong links between the Great Southern Rail Trail and art is one of the many ideas put forward in the broad-ranging draft version of South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026.

However, determining what specific form such links may take appears set to be a long way into the future.

"In the life of this Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy, time must be taken to look at other national and international models of integrated arts and creative industries development that can inform

an integrated approach to the redevelopment of the railway precincts in Korumburra and Leongatha, the Great Southern Rail Trail, and Coal Creek Community Park and Museum," the draft ACCI Strategy says.

Ideas to develop a public art presence to enhance the rail trail experience include the installation of sculpture, murals, and other art objects.

Korumburra's grand but derelict railway station is identified as a potential creative hub, with the suggestion that it could be used for "lost arts (artisan crafts) and new arts for a shire-wide public art initiative".

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Don't Miss This Chance to Have Your Say

At the April Council Meeting, Councillors endorsed eight draft strategic plans, namely the:

- Community Vision 2040
- Council Plan 2022 - 2026
- Annual Budget 2022/23 - 2025/26
- Long-Term Financial Plan
- Asset Plan 2022/23 - 2031/32
- Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022 - 2026
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2022 - 2026
- Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2022 - 2026.

These plans have been informed by extensive community engagement that has taken place since December last year where

Council collected feedback from over 900 people from diverse backgrounds. Council has also used feedback collected during the Regional Profile Project to inform these plans.

Now though, we are keen to get the community involved again to let us know if these plans hit the right note. To do this, we have organised a number of engagement events and an online survey where you can make your voice heard.

The community engagement period closes Sunday 15 May. To view the draft plans, handy summaries, provide your feedback and find out when all the engagement events are planned, please visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback



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 18 May 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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Council conducts its meetings according to *COVID Safe Plan* requirements.

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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GET TECHY. GET READY

There are a range of apps available to keep you informed in times of emergency. How do you make sense of them all?

To help, South Gippsland Shire Council's Emergency Management team have organised some sessions at local libraries throughout May, the first being on Tuesday 3 May at the Leongatha Library.

To book your place at an event near you, please visit Eventbrite and search for 'Get Techy Get Ready': www.eventbrite.com.au

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Gradual road improvement

THE state of many South Gippsland roads is unacceptable and dangerous, a view backed by Cr Mick Felton at Wednesday's council meeting.

He highlighted the plight of some shire residents forced to make do with unsealed roads, which become treacherous in wet conditions.

However, financial constraints hamper efforts to improve the situation, with council committing to the aim of adding two kilometres of sealed road to the shire each year.

There are currently 1,300 kilometres of unsealed road throughout the shire.

Council has budgeted for an expansion of its re-sheeting program for gravel roads, adding an additional 20 kilometres to the existing program at a cost of \$500,000.

The unsealed section of Canavans Road, Mount Eccles continues to cause angst among its residents, many of whom contributed their signatures to a petition to have that section sealed.

That request was knocked back at the April council meeting, with councillors voting unanimously to support advice to program road maintenance on the relevant unsealed section of Canavans Road, including re-sheeting.

The advice was prompted by insufficient traffic using the road to meet requirements to seal an unsealed road, and by the prohibitive costs to do so.

Canavans Road resident Len Price on Tuesday expressed disappointment on the likely outcome of councillors' votes on the issue, which was confirmed the following day.

"Yesterday morning the road was treacherous after 5mm of rain," he said.

Mr Price expressed concern that the poor condition of the road necessitates driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid potholes.

He said that while local drivers know to proceed at a

sensible speed on the winding unsealed stretch of Canavans Road, others travel at dangerous speeds making an accident likely.

The road is used by a school bus, as well as milk tankers and stock trucks.

While Cr Felton acknowledged his past tentative support for sealing Canavans Road "as long as it stacks up", he said that to do so would not "pass the pub test".

"It's unfortunately one of those things where there's not enough traffic on the road to be sealing it," Cr Felton said.

He said the projected \$2.96 million cost of doing so could not be justified.

Mr Price believes council's priorities need to change so that more of ratepayers' contribution is spent on core council responsibilities, including roads, rubbish and local recreation.

He argues too much of ratepayers' money goes into other areas that should be covered by state or federal government funding.

"I'm on Canavans Road now and it's terrible," Mr Price said after hearing about Wednesday's council verdict on its more than seven-kilometre unsealed section.

He sent the Sentinel-Times photos showing the road's poor condition and said it will continue to deteriorate over the coming weeks with the effects of further rain and traffic.

TOP RIGHT: Cr Mick Felton sympathises with the plight of South Gippsland residents who live alongside unsatisfactory roads, but said sealing roads needs to be economically viable. A04_1722

BOTTOM RIGHT: The pocked and slippery surface of the unsealed section of Canavans Road continues to concern Mount Eccles residents.



Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies



LAST week, I attended a number of Easter events. Normally Easter for my family involves collecting wood ready for the winter chill, but it was great to break tradition this year.

I attended the Sandy Point Art Show alongside Councillor Schelling and Hersey. It was a great show with plenty of amazing work on display. It is always well supported by local artists of all ages.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Walkerville Rate Payers Association alongside Councillor Rae. This meeting was very constructive and confirmed for me that Council has a strong relationship and partnership with the Walkerville community through the Association and more broadly through the Walkerville Foreshore Committee. The weather was fabulous and highlighted the natural beauty of our magnificent coastline.

To finish off my official Easter engagements, I attended the Charlie Brown Picnic to acknowledge Joan Newman once again on her Senior Achiever Award. At 93 she coordinates this event, which is one of the many reasons she was nominated and successful in receiving the award. I then headed off to visit my son in East Gippsland and had a lovely family-focused end to the Easter break. I hope you all had an opportunity to spend some quality time with your loved ones during the break wherever that may have been.

We welcomed 14 more Australians at the Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 20 April. I would once again like to extend my congratulations and welcome: Ana Maria Calvete Pena, Anastasia Kudriashova, Jireh Eldred, Marinela Grdinaru, Ken Hughes, Erik Jorgensen, Sireesha Koya, Praisy Mulla, Truyen Phan, Victoria Pupo, Guy Riley, Annu Rosamma Raju, Marie Rosse and Irene Vender. Thank you all for choosing to call South Gippsland your home.

Now to a key update from the April Council Meeting held last Wednesday.

A number of important Council Plans were unanimously endorsed, namely:

- Draft Community Vision 2040
- Draft Council Plan 2022 – 2026
- Draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022 – 2026
- Draft Annual Budget 2022/23
- Draft Long-Term Financial Plan
- Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2022 – 2026
- Draft Asset Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32
- Draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2022 - 2026

These are very important documents that set out the short, medium- and long-term future of South Gippsland. Due to their importance, they will be part of the largest engagement period that has ever been conducted at South Gippsland Shire Council.

From April 21 to May 15, a number of opportunities will be on offer for you to let us know if we are reflecting your ambitions in all of these plans. We want to make sure that we have listened to you all and are putting together strategic documents that matter to you and capture how you want our region to look moving forward.

All Councillors have been very involved in this entire process to ensure your feedback is passed along, and this will not change. Once this engagement period has ended, we will look over the plans again to ensure, where possible, we include that feedback. It is important to us that you feel like these plans are yours, just as much as they are Council's. Not only is it a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020 that we do so, but it is a passion of every Councillor and Council staff member.

To complete the survey, read the full Plans (or handy maximum two-page summaries), submit a written submission or view the full calendar of engagement events, please visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback

I hope to see you at an event soon.

South Gippsland asset management dilemmas

WITH many of its assets nearing the end of their useful life, especially buildings, South Gippsland Shire Council faces a challenging period as it looks to meet growing demand for services.

That demand rises with the growth of the shire's population, with council needing to plan how to effectively manage and maintain its assets to allow it to meet community requirements, while keeping within the financial constraints imposed by capped council rates.

Council's draft Asset Plan 2022/23 – 2031/32 addresses that need, along with considering the impact of climate change on council-managed assets.

That includes severe weather events that damage council assets such as roads, in particular unsealed roads, and bridges, and the threat of inundation in coastal areas.

The draft Asset Plan is intended to strike a balance between providing new and expanded assets for an increasing population, while

ensuring council's existing asset base is not neglected, with necessary renewal and upgrading able to take place.

Council's statutory obligation to maintain and renew existing assets may result in that taking priority over upgrades, expansion and new projects.

As at June 30, 2021 South Gippsland Shire Council's infrastructure was valued at \$549 million.

63 percent of the 2021 total portfolio value is accounted for by roads, kerb and channel, with buildings and land the next largest asset segment at 23 percent of council's total portfolio value.

The pandemic has sparked an increase in people moving to South Gippsland, above any forecast level, as people discover the benefits of working remotely.

Council's asset base increases with the addition of new subdivisions, with the requirement for associated infrastructure such as roads, drainage and footpaths.

Increasing population with-

in the shire leads to other pressures on infrastructure, council states.

An increased demand for services requires more infrastructure to provide those services.

This may be in the form of open space, parks, community buildings and kindergartens.

Traffic volumes on the shire's roads increase, as do requests to seal unsealed roads and the need for more carparking spaces in towns.

While roads and footpaths are renewed regularly, based on condition, buildings present a greater challenge.

Council's building portfolio consists of assets with an average age of 45 years.

Many are no longer suited to current usage, with significant changes in community expectation since their construction.

Major alterations in building codes over the years mean many of council's buildings don't meet modern safety standards.

The draft Asset Plan high-

lights the fact that an intended minor building modification may result in a flow on effect, with the required permit process triggering the need to carry out more extensive works to make the building compliant with modern standards.

It is made clear in the draft plan that council must make decisions on how best to manage its large asset base with limited income growth and multiple challenges.

Potential consolidation of assets is one mooted solution, with various community groups sharing facilities, enabling council to reduce its asset base while still allowing community groups to function.

The establishment of community hubs is one way of achieving that aim.

Along with a suite of other draft strategic council plans, community members are encouraged to play their part by providing feedback on the proposed Asset Plan during the public engagement period running from April 21 until May 15.

Rod's incredible effort highlighted

By Nick Sinis

ONE of San Remo SES' longest-serving members was recently recognised for his almost 40 years in the organisation.

Earlier this year, Rod Legg was presented an additional two clasps for his National Medal, which is awarded after 15 years of service.

Rod has overseen almost every key moment of the unit's history, including its initial opening during the early 1980s, and has attended hundreds of callouts during his time.

"We had a very humble start. Our unit began with very little in the way of equipment; we had no headquarter, no vehicle and one small trailer," Mr Legg said.

"The 'jaws of life' were not automated at that time, so we had a manual pump and started off pretty lowkey."

"Our duty officer at the time had all the communication equipment set up in her kitchen at Newhaven."

"But from little things, big things grow."

Mr Legg, who had served in the Navy, decided to join the unit as a way to assist his community.

"I've gained without a doubt a great sense of mateship and camaraderie; I've created long-standing friendships not only with our unit but nearby," he said.

"It's always been a pretty happy unit and it has been an amazing time."

Memorable events for Rod have included the opening of their current headquarters in 1991.

"When we opened our present headquarters, that was a milestone for us, there was a lot of fundraising involved to get this unit off the ground," he said.

"That was at the same time we received our first vehicle and currently we've got three, so that was a major highlight for me."

While he's had his fair share of callouts for all types of scenarios, there has been some deeply confronting ones which have included light plane crashes and incidents involving tourist buses.

"I'm still an ordinary member and attending callouts but I've been out of sorts for a while," he said.

"My last callouts were during the June storms last year; that's when we had a close call when the truck got hit by branches."

"We were lucky with that one."

Another highlight of Rod's time has seen the unit grow in membership, as at one stage it was down to just five members.

"Around five years ago, we could only rely on about four-to-five people to actually attend (incidents). Our numbers were right down," he said.

"But due to active recruitment from our controller, our strength is up to 20 members at the moment; it has never been that high."

"And what's quite pleasing is the newer members are younger, so it takes the pressure off us older chaps."

Mr Legg encourages anyone interested in joining their local SES to get involved, with further information at ses.vic.gov.au/join-us.

Make your voice heard

THERE is still time to have your say on the shire's Communications and Engagement Strategy review.

The consultation period will end this Saturday, April 30.

A review of consultation will be undertaken in May, with the draft strategy to be released in late June and then presented to council in July for adoption.

For more information and to provide a submission, visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/commsreview



Rod Legg (middle) was praised for his ongoing service to San Remo SES earlier this year, and was presented with two additional clasps for his National Medal. Photo: SES San Remo Unit.



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Wife killer Adrian Basham leaves the Melbourne Supreme Court in handcuffs after being found guilty of the murder of his wife of 10 years, Samantha Fraser of Cowes.

'Disgusting' murderer to be sentenced in September

PHILLIP Island murderer, Adrian Basham 45, will have to wait until September to hear his fate after being found guilty of the "cold and brutal murder" of his estranged wife, Samantha Fraser, in July 2018.

Reaction to the verdict last Thursday, coming less than two days after evidence in the trial concluded, was equally swift.

"The killer is a coward. We all saw it and if you knew him for any length of time, you'd see it. I think it's disgusting," said Lija Matthews, one of the last people to see Ms Fraser alive, when interviewed on Channel 9 News last week.

"We banded around her and helped her make it easier if we could but clearly you can't stop evil."

And she spoke for many others when she questioned whether justice had been served.

"If we could bring Sam back, that would be justice and if he could take her place that would be justice," Ms Matthews said.

The verdict of guilty followed a harrowing five-week trial when every shocking detail of the fearful bashing, the heinous murder by hanging and the killer's attempts to make it look like suicide were revealed.

"Knowing Sam and knowing how much her kids meant to her, there was absolutely no possible way she would have done that herself," Ms Matthews said last week.

Through 20 sitting days, the jury heard 79 witness accounts and viewed 58 exhibits including DNA evidence from the blood-spattered garage at 19 Seagrove Way Cowes, photos, and extensive CCTV footage contributed by homeowners in the Seagrove Estate and local businesses which tracked Ms Fraser's movements on the morning of her death and those of her assailant.

Many of those who appeared to give evidence in the trial were Phillip Island locals, family and friends of the deceased, her colleagues and also local police officers, health professionals and others who provided Ms Fraser with care and support during her acrimonious break-up with her husband of 10 years.

The shocking incident has impacted many lives.

Especially chilling was the video of the crime scene, presented to the court by Sergeant Tracey Starr of the Major Crimes Unit, on Day Four of the trial, taken in the initial hours after Ms Fraser's death, on Monday night, July 23, 2018.

More confronting even than the sight of the deceased's last moments in the garage, was the image of a snap-lock, plastic container of cupcakes on the end of the kitchen bench waiting for the kids to come home from school.

They didn't come.

Here was a family home frozen in time. The kids' bikes lay in the yard. Boogie

boards stacked in the garage shelves. A word game half-finished on a coffee table inside. A study nook with a child's painting on the wall above, food in the pantry, soft doonas on the beds - a home, a place of happiness shattered.

And on the sink, champagne glasses washed, upturned and dry from the Ms Fraser's 38th birthday party the evening before. Here and there partly deflated, coloured birthday balloons from a joyful occasion to remember.

In her closing remarks in the case a week earlier, Crown Prosecutor Dr Nannette Rogers SC said 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 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 extended back beyond the hairline, as far as the right ear. There was 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 that Mr Basham had manipulated the crime scene to make it appear as if Ms Fraser had taken her own life.

Ms Fraser was set upon by Mr Basham in the garage of the home the couple had shared together, between 11.22am and 12.04pm on the morning of Monday, July 23, 2018, after dropping her children off at the local primary school and enjoying a coffee with friends at a cafe in Cowes, ahead of returning home.

The court heard that Mr Basham lay in wait for his estranged wife for two and half hours before attacking her on her arrival home and ultimately murdering her by hanging her from the garage door tracks attached to the roof of the garage. It was the evidence of forensic pathologists that Ms Fraser was still alive at the time.

Her body was found by police after being called to make a welfare check when Ms Fraser failed to arrive to pick up her children after school.

The court did not hear from Mr Basham throughout the five-week trial either as a witness in his own defence or via a statement to police.

The plea hearing, prior to sentencing, will be heard on September 19. Mr Basham has been in custody since he was charged with his wife's murder on August 2, 2018.

World record attempt set for Fish Creek

GET ready to be amazed and entertained with the jam-packed program coming to you courtesy of the 2022 Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival.

The official opening is Saturday, May 14 at 10.30am, but the fun begins on Friday 13, with the return of the amazing talents of the Fish Creek Carnivale crew, when world class cabaret is performed at the iconic Fish Creek Hotel.

Tea cosies from across Australia and overseas entered into the Tea Cosy Competition will be on display from May 14 - 22.

Entries are still open and due to recent public holiday postal service closures, will be accepted until May 6.

Thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, cash prizes are awarded.

On Saturday, May 14 at 1.30 pm, a Guinness World Record attempt for the biggest tea cosy ever will be made.

This tea cosy made with the inspiration of Di McDonald, two of her school students and charity knitters Knit-a-row-and-go, is approximately 5 metres high and 20 metres in circumference.

This will be your only chance to witness this incredible community-based project.

The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band will entertain visitors while



The 2022 Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival event is set for May 14.

the measuring tapes are in action. Other events include Tea Tastings, Tea Talk, Craft sales and workshops, Biggest Morning Tea, Devonshire Teas, garden walk; you can even learn how to make compost tea.

Full details of events are available on the festival website: teacosyfestival.com.au

The festival is presented by volunteers and is supported by the Victorian government Regional Community Events Fund, Bendigo Bank, the South Gippsland Shire Council and many local businesses and individuals.

Profits from the festival

will go towards facilities to benefit the community and visitors alike, including water fountains, bike repair stations, signage and more.

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival values the safety of all patrons, volunteers, event presenters and the local community so please, do not attend festival events if you are experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID, are required to be in quarantine or isolation, or have been in contact (or suspect you have been in contact) with someone diagnosed with COVID. Visit teacosyfestival.com.au for more information



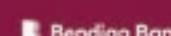
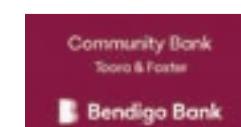
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A petition lodged with Bass Coast Shire is calling for a shared path between Ventnor and Cowes, ideally along the foreshore. C08_1722

Ventnor to Cowes pathway gains traction

A SIZABLE petition containing more than 400 signatures calling for a shared path between Ventnor and Cowes was presented at last week's council meeting.

The petition received 426 signatures and states as there is no safe route between Ventnor and Cowes, that a path along the foreshore should be established.

"There will be some challenges such as crossing at Salt Water Creek, but we encourage council to explore all opportunities to achieve an optimal route that provides excellent access to the wonderful beaches between Cowes and Ventnor," the petition stated.

"Locals and visitors to the island would greatly benefit from such a path.

"A path that is aimed at all abilities including wheelchair access and senior citizens who feel insecure about cycling on roads would bring huge benefits to the community.

"The path should be designed with recreational and commuter users in mind. It is becoming increasingly important as the Island's population increases."

It was recommended that council receive the petition and a report presented no later than August this year.

Reserves must be preserved

PROTECTING key nature reserves at Cowes was the cry of a petition presented at council's meeting last week.

The petition, which contained almost 100 signatures, calls for the shire to preserve the Harberton Road reserves, which is located across four streets Seascapes, Raywood and Highland avenues and Anderson Road, by designating them a Permanent Green Wedge.

Following council's December meeting last year, the road reserves had been identified as possible sites for social housing.

However, since that time, Community Housing Limited has progressed interest at Wyndham Street and Roydon Street in Cowes.

But the petitioners are now campaigning for the reserves to be permanent recreation spaces.

"Since the creation of Cowes, the road reserves at Seascapes, Raywood and Highland Avenues and Anderson Road have been enjoyed year-round by residents and tourists as recreation reserves," the petition states.

"While we understand the importance of social housing, Cowes is the wrong location for same as it lacks the essential infrastructure and facilities that social housing residents require and deserve: No hospital, no 24/7 police station, no public secondary school, no TAFE or university, no library, no Centrelink office; and

"Limited employment opportunities, limited public transport insufficient physical and mental health support, and much more."

"Bass Coast Shire, Community Housing Limited and others, places listen to the community and save our recreation reserves for our residents, our visitors and our wildlife!"

A report on the petition is expected to be presented back to council no later than July this year.



All this has got to go, according to Cr Ron Bauer, to make way for a new overflow carpark at the Cowes Boat Ramp.

Carpark wins fight with Island trees

WHO would have thought that Cr David Rooks would turn out to be the best mate of Phillip Island's visiting jet skiers?

Or that he would be the one to insist that three mature Southern Mahogany eucalyptus trees should be torn down in Cowes to make way for a carpark?

But that was the unexpected reality of last week's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, leaving his fellow Island Ward colleague, Cr Ron Bauer, frankly shaking his head and wondering how he could have become the "only tree hugger" of the three councillors in the Island Ward; the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, Cr Rooks and himself.

But more than the fate of three mature, healthy, beautiful Southern Mahogany trees, the shire's plan for the overflow carpark at the Cowes Boat Ramp is that a high dune area at the eastern end of the carpark will have to be excavated to provide for the 20 car-parking spaces to be formalised by the \$675,700 project.

"Come up here and have a look where they have put the site pegs, you won't believe it," said Cr Rob Bauer on yet another visit to the site this week.

"That's where the old pegs were," he said, indicating the eastern extent of the carpark in an earlier plan.

"Now they are putting it

right back here. This whole sand dune has got to go. I can only imagine what the people of Inverloch would have said if we tried to do the same thing there.

"It's absolutely outrageous.

"I know it's gone a long way down the track now but it's not too late to correct a mistake, a lot of mistakes with the design actually.

"You can see today how many people are coming down to go to the beach, but there's no single bay car-parks for beachgoers.

"And we're only taking about an overflow carpark that's used on perhaps a dozen days of the year. Either don't do anything or simply move the plan forward a few feet and save the trees, and save the neighbours privacy.

"It can't be that hard, we've got until December to spend the money."

The much-vexed issue of the Cowes Boat Ramp Carpark was the subject of a Notice of Motion by Cr Bauer at last Wednesday's council meeting, as follows:

"That the redevelopment of the Anderson Street carpark be halted and (1.) the plans be redesigned to incorporate the three gum trees that have been designated to be cleared are in the current plans, (2.) that in the new design the carpark turning circle is brought back 15 metres as in the original concept drawings

and (3.), that council officers obtain an arborist's report confirming the health of the trees."

The value of the project is \$675,700, part funded by the council (\$337,092) and the Victorian Fisheries Authority (\$338,608).

Community feedback had to be received by council on Friday, April 8, ahead of last week's council meeting, with the project set to start in May 2022 and be completed by July 2022.

Cr Bauer led the debate at last week's council meeting, however while he received the support of Cr Rochelle Halstead, who seconded the motion and voted in favour, the four other councillors at the meeting, Cr Whelan, Cr Rooks, Cr Le Serve and Cr Laing voted against saving the trees and redesigning the carpark.

Avowed Phillip Island environmentalist David Rooks, agreed the mature eucalypts had to go.

"I'd like to focus on Phillip Island as a destination for boating activities. We're very lucky to have facilities both in Newhaven and Rhyll, and they're well used," said Cr Rooks.

"We've also got, now it's been highlighted, the Cowes Boat Ramp and Better Boating Victoria has been working with Council on improving the ramp there at the end

of Anderson Street, and also with that, the carpark.

"This is really important work because for those locals that know, if you need a good giggle in afternoon, you go down and watch people trying to get on and off that ramp at the moment. It's not a good situation and it needs improving. As it improves, OK, we can expect demand for increased use of that ramp and also the demand for car park. So, we need to have this car park in place.

"Studies show that if you have two lanes and a car park you should have 50 car parks. If there's three lanes on the ramp, you need 75 car parks. We don't know exactly the design yet but there's 24 car parks down there at the moment and we're going to add another 20, that makes 44 so we're still going to fall short of the demand we can expect in the area.

"Everything's been done trying to minimize vegetation loss. I appreciate the three southern mahogany trees that are there, unfortunately, they need to be removed to complete the new design.

"I cringe when any vegetation is removed, and habitat lost to the wildlife. However, these trees are not indigenous to the Island, and they can interbreed with other vegetation which is not what we want for our local vegetation."



A pink surf ski and paddle has been donated to Caroline to help raise additional monies for the Mother's Day Classic – reach out to Caroline. C16_1722

Decade of dedication to Mother's Day Classic

CAROLINE Donohue's story started 12 and a half years ago, just before Christmas, when she found a lump under her right arm.

"I went to the doctors, and she sent me off for scans," Caroline explained, who resides in Wonthaggi.

"They did a biopsy and discovered it was breast cancer.

"When I found out the surgeons were all closing down for Christmas, but I came across a wonderful surgeon called Caroline Baker at Mercy Private.

"She pretty well saved my life because I actually had breast cancer in both breasts unknowingly."

After surgery Caroline went on to receive chemotherapy, radiation and Herceptin over one and a half years.

"I received treatment every three weeks and went back to work.

"Luckily, we were still running our own business (Bass Coast Refrigeration and Air Conditioning) at that stage which was very busy.

"I was very fortunate not to be ill, but I did put on 16 kilos.

"It was a big shock," Caroline's husband, Colin, added.

"We didn't know what the future was going to hold – we ended up putting the business for sale."

Bringing their life's plan forwards meant Caroline and Colin travelled Australia and ultimately the world.

"My dad was Dutch so we've been lucky to go back a couple of times and to the UK.

"In Australia or anywhere far north where it's warm (I love).

"We've got four granddaughters now, and I just think well, if I can stop this from happening to other people, or if not stop it get the treatment right, so people aren't dying from it."

The Mother's Day Classic has been an important date in Caroline's calendar for many years, and in what is shaping up to be

her last, she is keen to get the message out, and find support for those who can take the Classic into the future.

"I think this will probably be my last time running it, sadly.

"Not because I'm not going to be here next year, that's not on the agenda!

"It's just getting a little too tied up in red tape and other endeavours mean heading north earlier in the season.

"It's incredible some of the things that have come out of the (National Breast Cancer Foundation) research from the funds raised – we've helped other cancers, lung cancer, prostate..."

Whilst the trials may not have cured breast cancer yet, each day is a step in the right direction.

"I walked in 2011 in Melbourne (at the Mother's Day Classic).

"We took a few girls from here, undertook the 8k walk and got drenched.

"We got back home and said 'we could do this' and that is how it started many years ago.

With support services increasing in Gippsland and in particular locally, a dream of Caroline's would be to see a one stop shop.

An individual who sits down with you, writes up a plan and goes through your life.

"If you get diagnosed there's 30 things you have to do straight-away.

"Who's going to see you? Have you got funds to do it? Who's going to look after your kids, your pets to stay in Melbourne?

"Who's going to get you there? Who's going to get you home?

"We need special clothing.

"There are so many things you're bombarded with and it's like, holy hell, how am I going to do this?

"If there's just someone there to sit and have a cup of tea, little chat, a little tick list.

"Not choosing your doctor but just pointing you in the direction of services that are available.

"When I was diagnosed, I

had a locum doctor and sadly she had no idea of where to resource anything.

"She was a beautiful doctor, but luckily my niece worked in medical science.

"Caroline (Baker) was amazing, just incredible. I just felt safe."

With some investigation, Caroline also managed to secure local treatment at Leongatha with oncologist Dr Michael Chipman's assistance.

"He said to me 'You're gonna get killed on the road before cancer kills you.'

"Because it's Herceptin, and not as poisonous a chemo, Leongatha said they could fit me in.

"Michael said, 'have three over there, then the fourth in Melbourne.'

Seventeen was Caroline's lucky number, seventeen treatments, and only driving to Melbourne every fourth was a blessing.

At \$3,000 per treatment, thankfully the PBS covered the cost.

For Colin having someone he could talk to was just as important; and luckily that came in the form of a fishing friend whose wife had been through it five years prior.

"He was there to guide me, giving me the heads up on what was going to happen and what to prepare for," Colin explained.

"He was a great."

With Wonthaggi Hospital opening an oncology unit, and support services increasing locally, hopefully one day not only can we find a cure or treatment, but the road for women and men comes with less stress thanks to the women who have walked before...

If you would like to purchase the pink ski and paddle, or spearhead Wonthaggi's Mother's Day Classic into the future, please call Caroline directly on 0419 597 364.



Margot Taylor with her son, Cameron, and daughter, Jacqueline. C100_1722

Margot's incredible story of survival

MARGOT Taylor has battled cancer on and off for over 17 years, living with the disease, travelling Australia and the world, and seeing her family grow up, even welcoming four beautiful, great-grandchildren.

"It started in 2005," she said.

"After a general mammogram, I was diagnosed with DCIS, which is ductal carcinoma in situ.

"This resulted in me having a mastectomy, as advised by two specialists.

"Nothing happened then until 2010, when I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma – cancer of the bone marrow."

Picked up by a local Wonthaggi doctor, multiple myeloma is an incurable blood cancer that roughly affects 18,000 Australians.

"They picked it up because my kidneys were failing.

"I ended up having eight hours a day of kidney dialysis, which they had to get permission from the government for me to have, but that worked.

"My kidneys are not 100% but they are certainly better than what they were.

"In 2015, I started on a medical trial, and I was on that for four years.

"My haematologist – a very clever doctor – advised me to go on the medical trial because my paraprotein was going up again, which meant that the multiple myeloma was coming back.

"As soon as I started on the trial, within three, maybe four months, my protein had gone down to zero – I was in remission right from the word go.

"There was another chap at the same time as I and we were the best in Australia.

"The medical trial for the myeloma was very, very successful for me."

What was a medical trial of Daratumumab for Margot became a PBS approved treatment in January 2021.

At the end of the four years, in

December 2018, Margot received the shattering news.

"I had a bone marrow biopsy, which was normal, but it showed that I had breast cancer."

In remission for multiple myeloma, another cancer had reared its head and Margot went onto one tablet once a day.

In May 2021, a PET scan showed that the breast cancer had moved into Margot's bones.

"I went on another trial – a tablet.

"To start off the stronger tablets weren't any good for me, but luckily enough I finally got one that suited."

As of the first of November 2021, the abemaciclib tablets came on the PBS.

"I also went on to two injections.

"I speak to my oncologist every four weeks and at this stage my cancer marker is coming down.

"If anyone has got cancer of any sort and they can get on to a medical trial, at least try it.

"For me it was a big success.

"If someone's diagnosed with breast cancer, it's certainly not the best news in the world, but the improvements the doctors and the hospitals are making now with all the research – it's truly amazing. The knowledge of the doctors..."

"Thank goodness Australia has the public health system that they have because I have been through the public system."

"It has not cost me any money and the knowledge that they've got is wonderful."

"I can only thank my team – the haematologist, the hematologist department and also oncologist and oncology department."

"In all of this, I had no actual chemo or radiation."

Margot Taylor is living proof trials can be lifesaving.

"I definitely urge people to go on trials."

"Some people it works, for others it doesn't, but you've got to at least try."



Punch Bowl Road is likely to remain as is, home to a number of high-end lifestyle properties, but with the sometimes-busy access to the George Bass Walk protected from urban sprawl.

Will San Remo get 1400 more blocks?

BURIED deep in the Distinctive Areas and Landscape Program's assessment of San Remo is a plan to add a further 65 hectares for urban expansion, east of Potters Hill Road, but not all the way to the spectacularly scenic Punch Bowl Road.

Such an addition to the town's growth plans could add a further 1400 or more blocks of land to an already burgeoning coastal settlement.

It represents more \$400 million worth of growth, land value alone.

However, while the increase in available land is sure to make someone happy, local engineer Jeff Bennett believes access could be a problem if the additional development area stops short of Punch Bowl Road.

"Because of the topography in the area, you're going to have trouble getting access to Phillip Island Road," Mr Bennett said last week.

While the DAL notes that "the existing settlement boundary is justified", it goes on to say "it is considered appropriate to expand" east of Potters Hill Road, from where the new Bass Coast Secondary College is located.

"Development of the remaining part of the San Remo Growth Area (east of 425 Phillip Island Road) is not proposed to be included within San Remo's long-term settlement boundary because it would harm the area's distinctive attributes," according to the DAL report.

"These impacts include the loss of productive agricultural land, encroachment on the green break and impacts on the significant character of the landscape including the remoteness of the George Bass Coastal Walk. These distinctive attributes are key to attracting visitors to the area, and degradation is likely to result in a loss of environmental, social and economic values within the declared area."

In conclusion, it is proposed that a protected settlement boundary be applied consistent with the existing settlement boundary but including the western part of the San Remo Growth Area up to the eastern extent of 425 Phillip Island Road. The protected settlement boundary will protect the state-significant and regionally significant landscapes and provide long-term certainty for the community."

So, San Remo gets bigger by a further 65 hectares while other settlements, including those on Phillip Island and Inverloch will not be allowed to grow, and in some cases will be further restricted.

If you've got a comment to make about the Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) proposed by the State Government in its Bass Coast planning review you have until this Friday, April 29 to make a submission via the engage.vic.gov.au website.



Residential growth in San Remo has been nothing short of phenomenal in recent years but if a proposal to add a further 65 hectares of residential land, east of Potters Hill Road, goes ahead the town has a way to go.



Retired Phillip Island planning consultant, Jeff Bennett, fears the draft Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) plan for Bass Coast could cause major social and economic issues for the shire.

Why the draft DAL could be a jobs killer?

THERE'S a generational review of the Bass Coast Shire Council's planning scheme going on at the moment, but most people know nothing about it.

How many farmers, east and north of the Bass Highway, for example, know that they will have to apply for a permit just to build a fence on their own land?

New homes with a view on farming land may be completely out of the question.

And while San Remo is slated to get a further 65 hectares of land for urban expansion, providing upwards of 1400 additional blocks, and Cape Paterson gets a further 980 allotments, an Act of Parliament will stop Inverloch growing beyond its present boundaries for the next 50 years.

Is that what we want?

Simply finding out what's being proposed, from Phillip Island to Tenby Point and all points east, not by the Bass Coast Shire Council, but by the Victorian Government, through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is fraught.

There are literally thousands of pages within the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Program to wade through, on the engage.vic.gov.au website, with their scope and complexity beyond the best efforts of even well-seasoned, well-resourced professionals.

Retired Phillip Island

planning consultant, Jeff Bennett, has given it a shot, and he'll be making a submission before the closing date for comment this Friday, but he has called on the government to, at the very least, to refer the Bass Coast DAL to an Independent Standing Advisory Committee "to enable informed community debate about the consequences of the current recommendations".

His call is not without precedent. Planning Minister Richard Wynne has already referred the Bellarine DAL submissions to an independent panel while the Surf Coast Shire fears the restrictions on growth proposed by their draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) could kill the local construction industry.

"I fear that we have been 'sold a pup' by the Bass Coast DAL project," Mr Bennett said this week. "Settlement boundaries are very desirable features, but the social and economic consequences of the chosen locations, which have drastically reduced the existing boundaries, have basically been ignored in the study."

Mr Bennett went on to say the proposed landscape controls amount to a relatively minor alteration to what are already in the planning scheme and have been for many years.

He believes the present process is a lost opportunity to reshape growth and to plan

for the required infrastructure.

"The population growth projections used for the project are already out of date as the very strong recent growth has consumed a large proportion of the existing lots."

"Critically, the population projection work only covered a 20-year period, yet the settlement boundaries are locked in by an Act of Parliament for 50 years. What about the 30-year gap?" he asked.

"There is simply no way that the proposed reduced settlement boundaries in the Bass Coast DAL will accommodate 50 years of projected growth in the shire."

"In fact, the residential demand assessment prepared for the DAL project indicates a maximum of approximately 25 years lot supply within the current settlement boundaries, however these boundaries have been significantly reduced by DAL."

He said the DAL Background Paper suggests that when the land supply runs out locally, the growth will be accommodated elsewhere.

"This will have huge implications for the demographic and social profile of the Bass Coast community," Mr Bennett said.

"If construction jobs and the availability of home sites open up elsewhere, for example on the south coast of NSW, people will go there."

"It is a folly to lock in settlement boundaries without a thorough understanding of their potential implications."

These include:

- If your family depends directly or indirectly on the construction industry you will likely have no future in Bass Coast.

- If your children want to be able to establish a home here you can likely forget that as housing prices will soar with a constrained land supply.

- In this scenario will we have enough young people in the area to provide the services we need into the future? Or do they have to travel here to work?

- How will the Council cover the significant loss of annual rate revenue from Supplementary Valuations from new development? (approx. \$500,000 p.a.)? Will this amount be added to our regular rate bill, or with rate capping in place, will services have to be cut? If so, which ones?

- Given that infill development will be the only way to accommodate growth, will our towns become "high rise" centres?

Mr Bennett said growth should be managed, not prohibited, in such a way that all environmental, social and economic considerations are adequately taken into account.

Those wanting to make comment or a submission have until 5pm this Friday, April 29 via the engage.vic.gov.au website where you will find the "Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program" open for feedback.



The Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program and its proposed landscape planning controls has a lot more to do with retaining farm land as a backdrop for visitors and culturally-sensitive local residents than it does promoting and protecting sustainable farming.

You'll need a permit for a farm fence

"A PERMIT is required to construct a fence. This does not apply to a post and rail fence up to 1.8 metres in height."

That's a direct quote from Schedule 1 of the Bass Hills, Bass River Valley and Coastal Plains (SLO1), coming out of Bass Coast Distinctive Area Landscape study process.

It's one of the new rules in the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) that will be introduced to protect the shire's landscapes from development, unless someone says no.

But if you're concerned about the farm fence rule, and a stack of other restrictions proposed in the new SPP for Bass Coast, you better get your skates on.

Submissions must be in by 5pm this Friday, April 29.

And even getting a submission in is fraught.

Those wishing to make a submission aren't simply provided with an email address of where to send their comments and concerns.

On the Engage Victoria platform, those wishing to make a submission get the opportunity to "participate" via set of prepared forms and submissions, none of which directly relate to farming.

Here's an example of feedback sought in the 'Sustainable Economic Development' submission form: "To facilitate a diverse, resilient, circular economy that promotes innovation in the productive use of rural land, natural

resources and value-adding activities. To what extent do you agree with the above objective?"

Those wishing to avoid leading questions can make their own submission via the "Extended submission" section on the Engage Victoria platform.

Here are a few of the proposed rules for the Bass Hills, Bass River Valley and Coastal Plains area, covering much of the shire east and north of the Bass Highway, extending to the border with South Gippsland:

- A permit is required to construct a fence, except for a post and rail fence up to 1.8 metres in height.

- A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop the following vegetation: Native vegetation; exotic tree rows or shelterbelts; and exotic trees over 5 metres in height.

- You can build a farm building provided it doesn't have a floor area of more than 100 square metres, the building is single storey and no more than 5 metres in height above ground level.

There are restrictions on alterations to existing buildings as well.

The intent of the plan is clear, it's all about the aesthetics:

"This idyllic rural scene across the paddocks and towards the omnipresent Bass Hills, is one of the most highly valued in the Shire and should be protected from visually obtrusive development while continuing to function as an agricultural landscape."

Cape Paterson North gets green light

IT'S a case of win-some, lose-some for developers in the 'Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Program' however where Cape Paterson is concerned, new residential development is being warmly welcomed.

The DAL project, which has produced a draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for the future of Bass Coast says that while growth will be discouraged on Phillip Island and at Inverloch, Cape Paterson is an area well placed to absorb some of the demand for housing that's coming Bass Coast's way.

"Unlike other small Bass Coast settlements, Cape Paterson is close to Wonthaggi, a regional centre and the shire's primary place for retail, employment and community services. It is also located close to Inverloch, a district town."

The DAL notes that while the relative

absence of local retail, commercial and community services is a current weakness that is likely to somewhat limit the opportunity for the township to attract residents across all residential market segments and demographic cohorts, it is well placed to contribute to the provision of additional housing supply in the Wonthaggi subregion "as a secondary location of growth".

There has been some local opposition to the opening up of the Cape Paterson North area, but housing growth must go somewhere and the DAL process is recommending the 'north' development zone says in the settlement boundary.

At present there are 301 blocks zoned for housing, with another 980 blocks 'unzoned' but earmarked for housing, a total of 1281 blocks, potentially increasing the population by 2000 over the next 50 to 60 years.

ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

• WONTAGGI



Veterans, family members and community groups participated in the Wonthaggi ANZAC Day March. C21_1722

The Spirit of the ANZAC in Wonthaggi

ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance, a day of commemoration, a day to cherish and a day to say thank you, to the men and women who fought whether in World War I, the Boer Wars, World War II, Vietnam, Korea, the Indonesian Confrontation, The Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, Iraq, Operation Anode, Operation Astute, Syria, or one of the many other operations around the world.

The day is a day when a nation stands still, when the last post is played and when two up is legal, it's a day we stand and recognise those who still stand beside us, who march, and for those who have gone before.

It's a day Australia stands as the ode is spoken and The Lord's Prayer is read.

This year was a special year, for the first time in two years there were no restrictions and no limits. People could stand together and pay their respects.

Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch President David Weekes hosted a beauti-

ful and moving service alongside Rev Graeme Peters that saw many hundreds in attendance; the numbers slightly down on the earlier Dawn Service.

"The Spirit of the ANZACs" was read graciously by Chloe Lawson of Bass Coast College, and the Wonthaggi Citizen's Band played the anthems and hymns.

Guest Speaker Ken Barnes of the Royal Australian Navy told of the sacrifice of the Merchant Navy and the lesser but longest campaign, Battle of the Atlantic.

"...The cargo ship therefore is not much more than a large version of a 34-gallon drum with an engine," Ken explained to the crowd before him.

"The merchant ship crews were much fewer in number than their Navy counterparts and more and almost every direct hit, spelt complete loss.

"Gradually, however, and after huge losses the tide turned against the U-boats as more escorts became available

equipped with ever improving weapons and detection systems.

"The loss of these ships along with their vital cargoes were huge on the outset. January 1942, saw 50 ships sunk in just one month.

"Most of the crews would have perished in the freezing ocean.

"Six months later the losses had grown to 160 ships.

"Eventually the tide turned back in favour of the merchant navy. So much so that by the end of 1943 U-boat losses outnumbered those of merchant ships.

"My father gave up his apprenticeship as a toolmaker.

"On turning 18 he enlisted in the Royal Navy. He became a seaman gunner and as a leading seaman he was in charge of a naval gun crew on DAMS..."

In the ANZAC spirit... the war may now be over, yet the battles still go on, with the fighting deep inside of us, between the right and wrong...

Lest we forget



Jye Clouten lays a wreath on behalf of the Wonthaggi SES Unit. C25_1722

ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25



Salvos Anzac tribute

THE SPIRIT of Anzac Day is captured in the window of Leongatha's Salvation Army store, with a well-thought-out display.

Long-term store volunteer Kevin Slater brings his retail expertise from the town's Panthers Menswear shop.

More than that, he is passionate about his themed window displays, tailoring them to special occasions.

That includes Christmas Day, Australia Day, Mother's and Father's Days and Easter.

His Anzac Day display pays tribute to those who went to war and fought for their country, with a cross and poppies commemorating the fallen.

Kevin has also included groups and organisations that contributed during times of war.

A packet of SAO biscuits is one seemingly odd item in his display, but Kevin explained that SAO stands for Salvation Army Officer, with the Salvation Army having provided great support to Australian soldiers during wartime.

A theory is that the biscuit variety's name was chosen because one of the Arnott brothers, Arthur, was a Salvation Army officer.

"They served cups of tea to the soldiers," Kevin said of one of the comforts the Salvos provided.

While the contribution of aboriginal soldiers has been much overlooked, with those returning home often facing old prejudices and lack of opportunity, Kevin has not forgotten their efforts.

His window includes an Aboriginal flag, alongside the Australian flag.

Wartime history is acknowledged with a collection of books featured in the window, together with eye-catching military hats that have been donated over the years.

Kevin begins organising his feature display well in advance, collecting items he feels deserve pride of place in it.

"I enjoy doing some homework on it and trying to get different ideas each year," Kevin said of his changing displays.

During the Sentinel-Times Thursday visit, the Salvation Army store was abuzz with Kevin providing friendly service and making all feel welcome.

Praise was heard for his Anzac Day window.

No doubt he is already well-advanced with plans for his Mother's Day display, with Leongatha locals sure to be looking out for his latest contribution to the town.

• BASS

Bass comes together

WITH light fog swirling around the cenotaph and approximately 300 people in attendance, piper John Luke set the mood for the Bass Valley Friends of the RSL Anzac Day dawn service.

Guest speaker, former Army Major and RAAF Squadron Leader Allan Tadich, captured the congregation with his relating of the part he played in the development of anti-insurgent or IEDs in Iraq.

Michael Power delivered a well thought out prayer which was followed by the laying of the many wreaths.

Following the service, led by bugler Colin 'Tex' McKenzie, a majority of those attending retired to the George Bass Hotel for a gunfire breakfast and for some a game of Steve Bridger two up.

• COWES

'Biggest ever' crowd at Cowes dawn service



One of the biggest, if not the biggest crowd-ever turned out at the ANZAC Day dawn service in Cowes on Monday this week where Seaman Austin Crowe of HMAS Cerberus was a member of the ANZAC Day catafalque party.



Newhaven College Captain Laura Vivian, who spoke about 'what ANZAC Day means to me' at the Cowes dawn service, being thanked for her thoughtful words by Phillip Island RSL officials President Chris Thompson, Peter Paul and Greg Mead OAM.



Ex-service personnel Mike Foenander, Barrie Goldsbury and Greg Mead OAM acknowledged the unofficial Vietnam Veterans' anthem, "We gotta get out of this place" by the Animals, when it was played on the loudspeaker after the dawn service in Cowes.

WITH the COVID shackles off, the war in the Ukraine and trouble in the Pacific on their minds, one of the biggest, if not the biggest crowd-ever at a Cowes dawn service turned out on ANZAC Day Monday this week.

They spread back to the Cowes jetty and up towards Thompson Avenue as the dawn light broke, prompting Naval Commander Peter Martin to draw comparisons with the annual service at ANZAC Cove, where he visited in an official capacity for the centenary some seven years ago.

Commander Martin referenced many theatres of war during his address, in the First World War and the Second World War, with special mention given to the naval battles and ships lost at sea including in the Battle of Guadalcanal off the Solomon Islands, one of the turning points of WW2.

"Is it our future to do it all again and will you stand with me?" he asked, clear reference to the war in Europe and concerns in the Pacific.

Anglican Church of Australia Rector, Reverend Jo White, chaplain at the service, read a prayer for service personnel and also for the people of the Ukraine.

Newhaven College Captain Laura Vivian gave a special address on what ANZAC Day means to me, recalling her first memories of attending the Cowes dawn service with her father, and as a young girl, being moved to tears but only understanding why in recent times.

She spoke about Jim Martin, at 14 years and nine months, the youngest person to die during the Gallipoli campaign, after battling typhoid, and two Wonthaggi brothers, one who survived Gallipoli and one that did not.

Piper Callum Fisher got the service off to a sombre start and the morning concluded with the New Zealand and Australian national anthems.

"One of the best we've had," said Phillip Island RSL President Chris Thompson.

"Such a lot of work goes into it, so it's great to see people turn up in such numbers."

Organiser of many dawn services in the past, Vietnam Veteran Greg Mead OAM declared it the biggest crowd-ever to attend a dawn service in Cowes – which must say something about the times in which we live.

ANZAC DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

• LEONGATHA

Locals flock to Leongatha Anzac Day service



Leongatha Fire Brigade representatives gather before the service. A53_1722



Leongatha Primary School year 6 students Abigail, Aurora, Chance and Will wait for the service to start at the town's Cenotaph. A51_1722

THE STIRRING sounds of Abide With Me set the sombre and respectful mood for the many gathered at Leongatha's Cenotaph for a moving Anzac Day service.

The hymn played by the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band accompanied the laying of wreaths, with Leongatha RSL sub-branch president Geoff Cooper placing the first.

Leongatha Fire Brigade representatives were among those laying floral tributes at the base of the town's memorial as were students from Leongatha Primary School.

Year 6 pupils Abigail, Aurora, Chance and Will were honoured to place a wreath, with Will highlighting the significance of the occasion before the ceremony.

"It's a very important day to pay our respects for those who fought for our freedom," the school captain said.

A contingent from HMAS Cerberus formed part of the formalities at the Cenotaph, with Lieutenant Kelly Clarke giving a speech.

While paying tribute to the original Anzacs at Gallipoli, she focused on the contribution of those who protected Australia's shores during WWII.

"The defence of Australia was a desperate maritime campaign," Lieutenant Clarke said of the uncertain times of 1942, the year in which Singapore fell to Japanese invaders.

Lieutenant Clarke spoke of the character of those who served Australia 80 years ago.

"Their service in the direct defence of Australia reminds us of what really matters," she said, adding that "It inspires us to believe we can prevail for the greater good."

Zoe Baillie was among the attendees, bringing flowers and a sign paying tribute to family members who served in past conflicts including WWII and the Vietnam War.

She was accompanied by husband Richard who completed national service between 1969 and 1973.

Tony Kamphuis also attended, having served with the Royal Australian Engineers in the Vietnam War between 1968 and 1969.

He performed a crucial role there, helping ensure the smooth operation of water purification plants servicing 3,000 people at a base in Vung Tau.

Tony's wife Pauline wore medals awarded to her grandfather, Bill Crane, for his service in France in WWI, during which he was injured and spent about a year in hospital.

After the short but moving service, attendees followed members of the band and flag bearers into the Memorial Hall to hear long-term Mirboo North resident, Commander Ian 'Max' Speedy DSC RAN (retired) reflect on his year serving in the Vietnam War from 1968.

• INVERLOCH

Anzac Day more important than ever for Inverloch

HUNDREDS of Inverloch residents, veterans, servicemen and women gathered for the town's Anzac Day service.

The dawn service was well attended, while the later ceremony that morning saw a huge crowd gather along the streets of Inverloch.

The Veterans March down A'Beckett Street drew the admiration of all, with cheers and applause from onlookers filling the air.

And to top it off, an RAAF flyover delighted the crowd amid beautiful clear skies.

The Commemoration Service, conducted by Inverloch RSL Sub Branch secretary Lindsay Guerin, highlighted the controversy of conscription during the Vietnam War and almost 50 years since Australia's involvement in the conflict.

While a young guest speaker, Jasmine Sullivan of Newhaven College, gave a passionate speech on how we often have a closer connection to past conflicts than we may realise.

She spoke of how her opa

(grandfather) and great grandfather were involved in World War Two, with one serving during the bombing of Darwin while the other served in the Dutch resistance against the Nazis.

"Both men risked their lives to fight for something they believed in; freedom, safety and peace," she said during the ceremony.

"He (opa) was just older than me when World War Two broke out, he remembers the slow infiltration of Nazi Germany.

"It was a scary time for everyone in Europe, the wounds of World War One still unhealed; remembering the horror they endured.

"When food and money became scarce, he began to trade on the black market, from there Opa became involved in the Dutch underground, a resistance movement against the Nazis."

Jasmine said her opa chose to gather information for the resistance rather than take up arms.

"Opa continued to gather information for the Dutch underground, risking his life to support the cause he believed in," she said.

"At one stage he became too careless and found himself picked up by German soldiers.

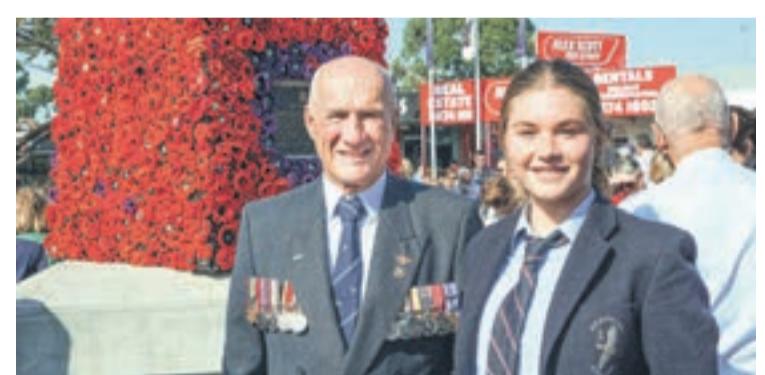
"After being held overnight in a small room with other prisoners, he was put on a train bound for Amsterdam, one step closer to concentration camps.

"He knew the train line well and before the surrounds became unknown, he took an opportunity at a river crossing and jumped out of the train.

"By a small miracle he wasn't shot by the soldiers on top of the train, and he survived to tell his tales.

"Opa's stories of his experience in war illustrate to me how deeply conflict impacts on those around it, even those not directly fighting."

As the ceremony concluded, many gathered around the cenotaph for the laying of wreaths and paid their respects.



Inverloch RSL Sub Branch secretary Lindsay Guerin was proud to have Jasmine Sullivan as a guest speaker during the ceremony. Ns051722



The Veterans March at Inverloch was cheered on by proud locals, who showed up in droves to support this year's Anzac Day service. Ns031722

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Have we gone too far?

I THINK you've just got to ignore the 'woke BS' where you can. But it does go too far at times.

We saw the reaction to the first transgender athlete's win in an NCAA swimming championship in the United States last month.

Of course, vilification and discrimination on the basis of gender is not on but in sports where strength and endurance are a factor, the involvement of women will be threatened right down to the grassroots unless the division between male and female is maintained.

It's a tough one though. You want to be as inclusive as possible and initially at least, establishing a new level of competition that is gender neutral may be confronting but ultimately it will give everyone who wants to play the chance to compete for national and international titles.

There's another space where woke activism has gone too far and it's a controversial one to address – the acknowledgement of our First People, the Traditional Owners of Our Land.

Most Australians are proud of this country's indigenous heritage and it's a wonderful story of resilience and achievement that should get the profile it deserves.

But take the 'Distinctive Areas and Landscapes' planning review process going on in Bass Coast at the moment and you'll see that the acknowledgement of "Aboriginal cultural and historic heritage values" has been taken to a ridiculous extreme.

By all means, at the start of a government event or important occasion and where change is being considered, an acknowledgement that we are proud residents of Bunurong Country, while honouring the traditional owners, is welcome.

But if you take a look at the documents associated with this planning review, the acknowledgments are so prevalent as to threaten their significance.

Almost every question in the submission forms includes a nod to our indigenous heritage. For example, if you want to make a "Sustainable economic development" submission, Objective 6a is as follows: "To build a sustainable, responsible, year-round visitor economy that aligns with the declared area's significant landscape, environmental and Aboriginal cultural and historic heritage values. To what extent do you agree with the above objective?"

"In partnership with the Bunurong people..." continues Strategy 6a1.

And so, it goes on.

At what point does it become a joke... maybe we've reached that point!

Residents must be aware

All Bass Coast residents should familiarise themselves with the Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy and Proposed Landscape Planning Controls developed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

The documents purport to set planning boundaries, development guidelines and population figures for the next 50 years in the Bass Coast region.

However, nowhere in either document is there any mention of the new paradigm which has seen significant regional population growth occurring as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vox Pop

What do you appreciate/value about your mum?



Joseph Rogers

Los Angeles, USA

"A lot of things – the best part, she was a great cook."



Kylie Knox

Ventnor

"Her love and kindness."



Luca Sibly

Dalyston

"She's caring and understanding."



Raelene Ward

Corinella

"She was my friend, confidant and very much like a sister. We did everything together."

There are three basic drivers of this growth.

Firstly, there is now a limited requirement for people to go into offices for their work, and, with internet services freely available regional areas have become attractive from both a work and living perspective.

Secondly, the long metropolitan lockdowns have made regional and rural areas more attractive places to live.

Thirdly, metropolitan house prices have again hit record levels, thus pricing many city residents out of that marketplace and firmly looking at country Victoria as an alternative.

These drivers are unlikely to go away in the medium term and will increasingly put additional demand for housing within the Bass Coast.

How can a planning document that purports to cover the next 50 years make absolutely no mention of these drivers and the implications they put on future planning and population growth?

The documents also identify Wonthaggi as the major town of the Bass Coast, and as such it will incorporate the largest future development within the Bass Coast Shire.

However, there is neither information provided for the final future town boundaries nor information about the expected future population growth for Wonthaggi.

How can you undertake a serious community consultation process and seek comments when the documents do not provide full disclosure on the 50-year planning scheme for the largest town of the Bass Coast?

Bass Coast residents should also note the expanded role that the planning document provides to the Bunurong Land Council (BLCAC), the recognised Indigenous authority for the Bass Coast.

The Bunurong people, given their clear historical connection to the Bass Coast prior to colonialisation, certainly need to be engaged and consulted in the development of these documents.

It is also recognised that future development needs to be respectful of existing Indigenous heritage sites, and also recognise the potential for identifying and protecting new Indigenous heritage sites of importance.

But this planning document goes much further as per this document extract "Acknowledge Bunurong values, cultural practices and knowledge in making land use, development and land management decisions."

What does this involve? How will it work? What impact will it have on future housing development decisions, Marine and Coastal Park management, and farmers in the use of land and waterways? Greater clarity is required around this matter.

Submissions to DELWP close at shortly after 5pm on April 29.

Bass Coast residents need to make their views on the plans clear to both DELWP and also to the ALP Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

Brett Marchant, Cape Paterson

Preserve Cape Paterson

When the Premier announced the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process, he promised "a re-elected Andrews Labor Government [would] permanently protect ... the for "grossly expanding" Cape Paterson's northern boundary.

Fortunately, the DAL process gives the Premier the chance to deliver on his vow to protect the environment, landscape and local lifestyle of Cape Paterson and to reverse the Guy decision that apparently outraged Mr Andrews as much as it did locals.

Among the aspects up for consideration and variation, if needed, are the location of boundaries for the various Bass Coast settlements.

This is particularly important for Cape Paterson, as a Mornington-based developer has made clear its desire to develop the rolling farmland to the north with up to 980 new dwellings.

With Cape Paterson only recently passing 1000 existing dwellings, this would irretrievably alter the character of the settlement – in size alone, clearly, catapulting it from a "village" to a "town" in the hierarchy of settlements outlined in the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP); but also in many other ways, given the likely impact on wildlife, the loss of the juxtaposition of farmland and sea that is such a contributor to the area's landscape setting and amenity, and the increased traffic affecting quiet village streets mainly populated by retirees and holidaying families.

Such a development would also undermine the reputation Cape Paterson enjoys, enhanced by The Cape ecovillage to the west, as a settlement that places significant value on the natural environment, sustainable living and thriving local wildlife.

This contributes to Cape Paterson's appeal as a place to live, but is also a unique and valuable village identity within the Bass Coast Shire that should be protected and preserved. It also, of course, adds to the area's desirability as a tourist destination.

Ironically, the SPP acknowledges most of this, and yet leaves the Cape Paterson boundary in its expanded position.

The explanation appears to be a perceived need for additional housing based on flawed population growth modelling and without properly considering more suitable alternatives.

The Cape Paterson population growth modelling by independent adviser Urban Enterprise extrapolates from recent growth, driven in part by the ecovillage development with its niche offering and driven also by the area's appeal as a destination for retirees and holidaymakers.

It does not address the fact that a massive development to the north will dramatically affect the appeal of the village to that market, and therefore demand.

To be fair, a throwaway final acknowledgement warns the Urban Enterprise report focuses on economic and property aspects, and that any planning policy will need to consider matters outside the scope of the report and expertise of Urban Enterprise "such as

infrastructure, environment, neighbourhood character and so on."

Sadly, it appears this warning was not heeded.

Finally, the SPP seems to erroneously equate Inverloch and Cape Paterson as serving similar markets.

It suggests demand may be transferred between the settlements if further land is made available in Cape Paterson and supply becomes limited in Inverloch.

Similarly, a local real estate agent recently on these pages advocated development at Cape Paterson, arguing Inverloch has undergone significant expansion while retaining its "character and charm" and there was "no reason Cape Paterson can't be the same".

The thing is, they're not the same, and nor do they want to be. Ask any property owner in Inverloch or Cape Paterson and they will have a clear reason why they chose one over the other.

Those in Inverloch wanted the cafes, services and livelier feel, or access to the inlet and pier.

Cape Paterson residents, in contrast, overwhelmingly favour the retreat feel of the town, the very absence of retail outlets, and the village feel that allows wildlife including koalas, echidnas and wombats to coexist.

The aim of the DAL declaration is to ensure the protection and conservation of an area's distinctive attributes.

The SPP has had a good stab at identifying the distinctive attributes of Cape Paterson, but fails when it comes to protecting these by not preventing overdevelopment to the north by reducing the settlement boundary.

Thank goodness Cape Paterson has a powerful protector. Over to you, Premier.

Carolyn Batt is a former journalist who has been holidaying in Cape Paterson for over three decades

Always be grateful

I was honoured to represent Bass Coast Shire at this year's ANZAC day commemorations at the cenotaph in Cowes.

It brought into sharp focus and reminded me that I am the son of a European refugee who survived the holocaust.

I was born in this wonderful country and enjoy the freedoms that I too often take for granted because of the sacrifices made by our service men and women.

To those servicemen and women, I thank you.

On this day I would like to remember all the animals that went to war and never came back.

From the immortalized Simpson's donkey to the horses that gallantly charged into battle and those horses that moved the supplies and transported men.

I would also like to remember the dogs. Whether they were sniffing out munitions, helping in search and rescue, or just being a comfort to soldiers between actions.

Let's remember them.

For everybody who has suffered in war – Lest We Forget.

Ronnie Bauer, Cowes

Why Korumburra is on the right track

IT WAS all good news at the April meeting of the Korumburra Round Table last week with positive developments at the Secondary College, a strong performance by Burra Foods and numbers on the rail trail building.

President of the KRT, Pee-wee Lewis, provides her report:

The thing I love most about our monthly Round Table meetings is that various representatives on the KRT send along a sub when they know they will be unable to attend.

At last Thursday's meeting we met John Wilson, the Assistant Principal out at the Secondary College, who was filling in for Principal Vaya Dauphin.

He informed us that the school's massive building project is right on track, with the students and staff moving into the first of the two buildings in Term 4 this year.

They will take possession of the second building which includes the gym, in December. What a great boost for the school, especially at a time when between a third and a half of all staff have been affected by Covid, presenting ongoing challenges particularly for Year 11 and 12 students.

We also heard from the brilliant CEO of Burra Foods, Stewart Carson, that as with the education sector, the Burra plant has also experienced staff shortages, but fortunately there has been zero trans-

mission on site.

The issues in Ukraine and China's zero Covid policy have meant that global supply chain issues are starting to bite, which is an ongoing problem not only for the dairy industry but also the meat and seafood industries; but despite this, Burra Foods had a great first quarter of the year, and as a major employer in our town, this is good news for all of us.

Our local Anglican Church Minister, Fran Grimes, advised us that the recently formed Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park have just held their third working bee down at our beautiful 12-acre park at the bottom of Bridge Street and also their first official meeting.

This group goes from strength to strength. Have you wandered through lately? You can find out more information about the group on their Facebook page of the same name, or on the KCDA's fabulous website - Korumburra3950.com.au.

And finally, there was enthusiastic discussion about the rate of progress with the Korumburra Hub, the ever-increasing use of the rail trail, and plans for the rail yard area.

Next month the Manager of Infrastructure Delivery, Gareth Goss, is coming along for a detailed briefing on the above projects, so stay tuned for next month's update.

Memorial Hall revamp to boost performing arts

THE NEED for a centralised Performing Arts Centre in South Gippsland is identified as important in council's draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026, with Leongatha's Memorial Hall earmarked as the most appropriate site.

As well as a performance space, a reimaged Memorial Hall could also function as an arts and creative hub.

"Council will consider undertaking a business case and feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall, investigating current and future use, demographics, population growth, benchmarking, demand, impact on small towns, and whether operational costs can be supported and maintained," the draft ACCI Strategy states.

A long-term and solid business case is identified as essential to secure state and federal government contributions towards the capital works that would be required to revitalise the Leongatha Memorial Hall as a Performing Arts Centre.

While there are clear benefits identified for the establishment of a Performing Arts Centre in South Gippsland, the draft ACCI Strategy cautions that the significant capital cost of large-scale, centralised infrastructure demands a rigorous business case is established before deciding to proceed with such a venture.



Cr Nathan Hersey emphasises the importance of having your say on council plans. A02_1722



Cr Adrian Darakai urges the community to have input into the shire's direction. A03_1722

Residents must engage with shire

'DON'T miss your chance to be a part of South Gippsland Shire's future direction' was the message delivered relentlessly throughout Wednesday's council meeting.

That applies to a suite of integrated strategic plans, all at draft stage, now undergoing a final stage of community engagement between April 21 and May 15.

Opportunities to provide input on the draft plans will include an online survey, sessions with councillors, a town hall forum, community pop ups, a stakeholder workshop, and by written submission.

The suite of draft plans concerned is comprised of the South Gippsland Community Vision 2040, Council Plan 2022-2026, Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-2032, Rating and Revenue Plan 2022-2026, Budget 2022/23 – 2025/26, and the Asset Plan 2022-2032.

Cr Nathan Hersey was particularly

insistent that community members not miss the opportunity to have input into the final versions of the various strategic plans.

He acknowledged that council has a legal obligation to provide the community with the chance to provide feedback on its draft plans, but stressed that isn't the chief motivation for doing so.

"This is not just because we have to. This is because we want to," Cr Hersey said.

Speaking about council's draft Community Vision 2040, he said he doesn't want people to miss the chance to be a part of the development of the final document and be left feeling it doesn't reflect their views.

He continued to drive home that message in relation to the other draft plans.

Cr Hersey urged people to be "respectfully honest", reminding them that councillors are human and de-

serve respect and that they are striving to benefit South Gippsland communities.

Cr Scott Rae was one of the many other voices at the meeting encouraging community feedback on all the draft plans, asking people to tell councillors what aspects they like and what they don't.

While the message to have your say has already been driven home in an opinion piece in the April 20 edition of the *Sentinel-Times* and throughout the council meeting, Cr Adrian Darakai highlighted the fact community apathy may be driving the need for such repetition.

He said no submissions were received in relation to council's recent Road Management Strategy draft, despite members of the community being afforded the opportunity to express their views.

"Yet all we hear about is roads, roads, roads," Cr Darakai said.

South Gippsland Shire adopts their draft budget

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's Draft Budget has revealed a \$31.5 million expenditure on capital works from \$68.451 million total expenditure of which \$28.5 million is employee costs.

The 2022-23 budget was tabled at last week's council meeting before going out to the community for comment.

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 principal endorsement by April 21, 2022 to May 15, 2022 budget available for community feedback, June 29, 2022 budget submitted to council for adoption.

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.

To fill out the survey, view the calendar of events and draft Plans, visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback

Have a say on arts, culture and creative strategies

MEMBERS of South Gippsland communities have the opportunity to contribute to the shire's future creative direction by providing feedback on the draft version of council's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026.

The document is intended to provide council with a clear set of priorities for the enhancement of arts, culture and creative industries facilities and initiatives across South Gippsland Shire over the next four years.

It was developed in partnership between council and arts sector consultancy business The Cultural Development Network (CDN), and replaces the existing ACCI Strategy which expired last year.

The need to work closely with the local creative community as it recovers from the pandemic's impact is an important consideration in the development of the new ACCI Strategy.

"This Strategy presents an oppor-

tunity for South Gippsland Shire Council to strengthen the connection with the creative community in the region, understand the depth and breadth of practice and the changes that have occurred because of the pandemic," the draft strategy states.

Historically significant sites across the shire are among the key focuses of the proposed new arts strategy.

Such sites attracted a significant number of comments during the initial consultation period that assisted in the development of the draft ACCI Strategy, with feedback obtained from arts and culture peak bodies and community stakeholders.

"It is evident in the period to be covered by this strategy that council will need to make important decisions on the future of some of the cultural heritage facilities and sites within the shire," the draft document states.

It says there were robust discussions

and a variety of views on council's significant sites including Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Leongatha Memorial Hall, the Great Southern Rail Trail, Korumburra and Leongatha Railway Station precincts, and the Small Halls Network.

Members of the South Gippsland community are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft version of the ACCI Strategy, which will be on public exhibition from April 21 to May 15.

Engagement methods during this period include an online survey, community pop-up sessions during April and May, stakeholder meetings, discussion with a councillor, and writing to council.

It is preferred that community members complete the online survey or attend one of the advertised pop-up sessions.

The final ACCI Strategy will be considered for adoption at the June 29 council meeting.

While the scale of the hall

The miracle jump of a gunner with no parachute

Janice Muir, Senior pastor at Grace Chapel Archies Creek

THIS week we think of Anzac Day and thank God for those who gave their lives.

Peter read of a man who jumped from his burning plane and survived after praying for help. This miraculous rendition of the story from the Royal Airforce Museum, Collections Division, London, sounds like the one.

Nicholas Stephen Alkemade was born on December 10, 1922 in North Walsham, Norfolk and was a market gardener in Loughborough before the outbreak of war.

After training as an Air Gunner, he was posted to No. 115 Squadron as a rear gunner on their Avro Lancasters.

After successfully completing 14 operations, Alkemade's crew were detailed to raid Berlin on the night of 24/25 March 1944 in Alkemade's aircraft, DS664, christened Werewolf.

Shortly before midnight on March 24, a Junkers Ju 88 intercepted Werewolf and attacked from beneath with cannon and machine-guns.

The brief combat had mortally wounded the plane. Opening doors, Alkemade was greeted by a vision of hell.

His parachute was already well alight, and the fierce flames seared his exposed face and wrists. He was trapped.

Falling through the sky in a burning and abandoned aircraft, 3.5 miles above enemy territory.

It was a time to decide. He stated, "I had the choice of staying with the aircraft or jumping out. If I stayed I would be burned to death – my clothes were alight and my face and hands burnt, I decided to jump and end it all as quick as I could. I did a back flip out into the quiet night, with no sensation of falling at all. I felt suspended in space."

Three hours later, Alkemade opened his eyes.

He was lying on snowy ground 18 inches deep, in a small pine wood, above him the stars twinkled framed by the edges of the hole he had smashed through the tree canopy.

Alkemade had burns and cuts to the head and thigh, bruising and only a twisted knee. The flexible branches of the young pines had slowed Alkemade's descent, just enough for the mattress of snow to cushion him as he reached the ground.

Unable to walk and freezing cold, Alkemade blew his distress whistle to attract attention. A band of German civilians carried him to a local infirmary.

He was subsequently interrogated, the Gestapo demanding to know what had happened to his parachute.

When he told them he hadn't used one, the interrogators laughed at Alkemade and accused him of being a spy and burying it.

But they soon found the nearby wreckage of Werewolf complete with parts of the parachute.

Alkemade's experience made him into a minor celebrity among the Prisoner of War fraternity.

Later at Dulag Luft prisoner of war transit centre prisoners were paraded and regaled with the incredible tale of Alkemade's survival by a Luftwaffe officer.

He was even provided with a commemorative certificate stating:

"It has been investigated and corroborated by the German authorities that the claim of Sergeant Alkemade, No. 1431537, is true in all respects, namely, that he has made a descent from 18,000 feet without a parachute and made a safe landing without injuries, the parachute having been on fire in the aircraft. He landed in deep snow among fir trees."

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WE ARE hoping you've had a lovely long weekend with relatively sunny weather.

Did you go away for a short break? Stay at home and DIY? Perhaps caught up with friends and family or did something outward bound?

Then perhaps you'd like to chat about it at the new Chatty Café or the Free Community Lunch on the following week.

If you missed out on our scrumptious Free Community Lunch, then set your sights on coming along to the next one.

They happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 12 noon.

Emma will be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or re-acquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others.

You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly. Our next one is Wednesday, May 11.

We have a Chatty Café starting up this term. It's on every first Tuesday of the month, 10.30am to 11.30am and so our inaugural one is on Tuesday, May 3, (not too long now, how the year is flying along!)

Here is a place to come along and have a bit of a chat with others over a cuppa.

It's also a way to meet others, old and new, starting at 10.30am and finishing at 11.30am.

The Unemployed Workers Union is having its monthly meeting at the Harvest Centre.

It is run by unemployed people working for the rights and dignity of unemployed people.

They meet on the first Monday of the month, so this one is on Monday the 2nd of May, 12noon to 2pm. All are welcome and it is by gold coin donation.

The Harvest Centre can be reached by walking over Apex Park past Mitchell House on Murray Street towards the community gardens, or if coming by car then through Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed.

If you have any excess produce that you are looking to pass on to others, consider the seed / veggie and produce swap, coming up on Saturday, May 14, of 11am to 1pm.

It's a Learn Share Activity and is held at the Harvest Centre you know where it is.

Not only that but you may find something you'd like to take home. It's also a chance to swap tips and ideas too. WNC members free, others \$6.

Today has that Winter feeling and here is a timely reminder of the One-Off Power Savings Bonus of \$250 from the State Government. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills and is eligible to receive it.

We can help anyone who has a pensioner concession or healthcare card or receiving Centrelink payments.

Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying. Online, go to www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome.

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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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

CERTIFICATE 2 in Horticulture has been one of BCAL's most popular courses over the last few years.

Now, people have the opportunity to take their skills to the next level with Certificate 3.

The Level 3 course includes units on managing work sites and landscape management programs, as well as soil testing, safe chemical handling, pest and weed control, and much more.

BCAL's Horticulture Certificate course will begin in May and the streamlined course will have you fully qualified by the end of the year.

Certificate 2 is not an entry requirement, so you can jump straight into the advanced level and be in business by Christmas.

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

■ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Put it down to the recent rainfall, cooler air or a desire to get jobs on the chore list ticked off; five helpers took a little under three hours to make a big difference at the garden's volunteer get-together last week.

They trimmed and tidied the boundary hedge, planted bird attracting native shrubs and grasses, composted green waste, cut back a troublesome vine, broke up and replanted rhubarb and prepared new strawberry beds.

There was still time to plant broad beans and take a break for a cuppa and a chat. Phew! A busy but satisfying morning in the community garden.

To find out more about helping out or joining the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon to see what's happening. All abilities, all ages welcome.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies' first Easter sale was a big success with hundreds of items sold. Some of the pieces are even winging their way overseas as gifts.

The group will be looking for a new venue for the Christmas shop as their regular venue in the Plaza Walk Arcade is being leased permanently.

Back at the workshop, the group hosted a 2-day turning workshop for learners. People of all abilities are welcome in the group and these occasional classes help get beginners up to speed and ready to join the regular sessions.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE hope you have a great break and boy are we excited to be back, ready and rearing to go for Term 2.

For once, we still have positions available for our very popular Women on the Tools course.

Run over six Thursdays, May 5 - June 9, 10am - 3pm.

Just for the gals, this course is designed to help women build their confidence and capacity to use hand and power tools as they work on a variety of projects.

We are starting something new "Sunshine Spreaders".

A ray of sunshine is something that makes others happy or a place more cheerful.

This is a new group for people to come meet and work together on little projects to bring a ray of sunshine to themselves and other while sharing a cuppa and company.

So join us on Tuesday morning at 10am.

The rail trail is a fabulous asset to get out and enjoy exercise, but it can be more fun and keep you motivated when you do it with a buddy, or two.

To help people connect and find their buddy/s Milpara is running a Meet and Greet Session Tuesday, May 2.

Meet us for a friendly cuppa and chat at the Rotunda behind the Korumburra Post Office at 10am.

We are hoping to get some computer classes started in the first week of May, please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested, Milpara 5655 2524.

For more information about our courses or to book online visit [milparacommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au).



Heart Week



Keeping your heart healthy this Heart Week

With one Australian having a heart attack or stroke every 4 minutes, you have the power to change this statistic.

HEART Week this year (May 2–8) is to raise awareness about the importance of heart health and to deliver Heart Health Checks for more at-risk Australians.

Amidst the ongoing challenges and uncertainties faced by health professionals, thanks to their commitment, there have been more than 275,000 Heart Health Checks delivered since April 2019, according to The Heart Foundation.

The public has the power to change the statistics by focusing on simple, routine practices that have a measurable life-saving impact.

The foundation's Heart Week webinar, Lipid lowering landscape: New and emerging treatment approaches, will be hosted and joined live by a panel of experts on Wednesday, May 4.

Tune in for the latest evidence on new and emerging pharmacological strategies for lipid lowering, and how this can be translated into practice.

More than 46,000 health professionals have also visited the Heart Health Check Toolkit since its launch in February 2021.

Designed to streamline CVD risk assessment and management, the Toolkit offers easy-to-use resources in one place, including assessment and management templates, quality improvement tools, patient engagement resources and more.

New resources are being introduced during Heart Week to enhance management of clinical and lifestyle risk factors, so be sure to bookmark the Toolkit and subscribe for more updates.

The Heart Health Check is the first preventative health assessment MBS item to incorporate absolute cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk calculation,

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look at heart disease indicators across Australia.

You can see how state, region, or local governments compare at heartfoundation.org.au/health-professional-tools/australian-heart-maps:

In the event of a heart-related emergency, most public places have a defibrillator, such as sporting facilities, supermarkets and workplaces.

Finding out where your nearest defibrillator/s are located is simple, just visit Ambulance Victoria's at registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/

By clicking on 'Locating an AED', it will automatically generate defibrillators near you. Additionally, you can also select a suburb, to find the nearest defibrillators in that suburb.

Better services at South Gippsland Hospital

FUNDING of \$1.7m from the state government has seen the vital expansion of South Gippsland Hospital's operating theatre and maternity services.

Funded through the second round of the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF), the theatre expansion has delivered a larger operating theatre, a post-operative recovery area with a private consulting room, larger recovery areas, and better waiting areas with more privacy.

Upgrades to maternity services have improved patient privacy, with a remodelled bathroom more suitable for pregnant women and a second utility room is supporting staff during the birthing process.

The expansion and upgrade mean locals no longer have to travel long distances, or stay overnight away from family and friends for minor and routine operations and procedures.

"We were delighted to see the project

completed in 2020, and are grateful to have received additional funding last year to install a new sterilizer and reverse osmosis unit in the new building, as well as upgrade our fire safety system across two buildings," the hospital's CEO Paul Greenhalgh said.

"Not only does the birth suite upgrade and new building provide a better experience for our patients, the healthcare team are able to enjoy much more space, new equipment and modern infrastructure."

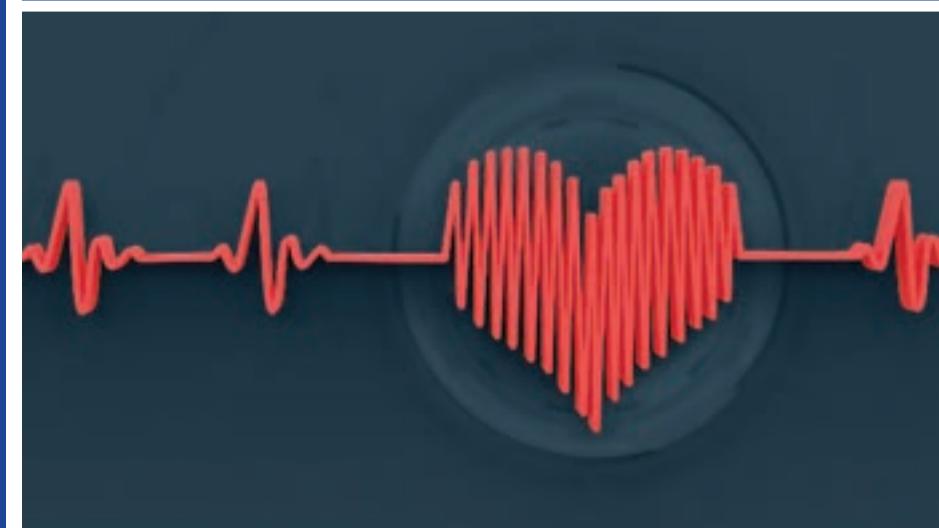
"The patients from the Corner Inlet community have been very impressed with our modern amenities, as have the local medical practitioners and the visiting surgeons from Melbourne and Latrobe Regional Hospital".

The government has invested more than \$325,000 in South Gippsland Hospital through the fifth round of the RHIF, for new theatre equipment and upgrades to the fire alarm system.



Heartbeat Victoria Council (South Gippsland Branch) generously donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and AED cabinet to the Ambulance Victoria (AV) Leongatha Branch last year, which has helped give locals a greater chance of surviving cardiac arrest. Pictured are paramedics Rory Sumalinog and Lauren Cornall.

Heart Week Care for your heart



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Ben and Jessica Missen with their children Mack and Olivia enjoyed the kids' axe throwing at the Gippsland Country Music Festival on Saturday afternoon. Z09_1722



Creative founder of MJ Mac, Meghan MacDonald held a stall at the Gippsland Country Music Festival, showcasing her streetwear and winterwear with partner Scott Prosser. Z10_1722



Steve Eglezos of Kati Allo enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere at the Gippsland Country Music festival on Saturday selling jewellery, clothing and accessories to patrons. Z11_1722



Jack and Revie Shingles with friend Lizzie Keen enjoyed a fruity treat after their participation in line dancing at the Gippsland Country Music Festival on Saturday. Z18_1722



Ash and Wendy Jamieson of Enchanted Mood bring out the mystique, charm and elegance in fallen bush timber and sell their unique pieces at markets in the hills. Z12_1722



Josh Thorne and Tim Crouch enjoyed the positive vibe of the Gippsland Country Music Festival. Z17_1722



Petty Officer Edwards of HMAS Cerberus commanded the ANZAC Day catafalque party at the Cowes dawn service, here with wife Robyn, Charlie, Millie and Albert Edwards at the cenotaph. Z14_1722



Sergeant Scott Morison of the Cowes police lays a wreath on behalf of police who served in the military. Z15_1722



The CFA was well represented, along with the other emergency services at ANZAC Day in Cowes. Z16_1722

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Gippsland Country Music Festival at Mossvale Park and the ANZAC Day dawn service at Cowes.



Vietnam Veterans Mike Turvey of Rhyll and Barrie Goldsbury of Cowes meet up at the dawn service in Cowes on Anzac Day. mgSnapCowesAnzac1_1722

Liv Saker and Matt Crouch made the trip to Mossvale Park from Melbourne for the Gippsland Country Music festival with family and friends. Z14_1722



Alex Ross, Erin Thorne, Emily Bulot and Tim Crouch travelled from Melbourne to experience the Gippsland Country Music Festival. Z15_1722



Steph Crouch and Josh Adams travelled with family and friends to the hills of Gippsland to enjoy the electric entertainment at the country music festival. Z16_1722



Bass Coast Councillor Ron Bauer lays a wreath at the mid-morning service in Cowes on ANZAC Day. Z17_1722



Anglican Rector, Reverend Jo White, lays a wreath on behalf of the churches at Cowes on ANZAC Day. Z18_1722



Guest speaker at the Cowes ANZAC Day dawn service Naval Officer Commander Peter Martin with friends at the cenotaph after the event. Z19_1722

Take two for Marcus

DID you hear the one about the comedian who sold-out his hometown theatre to film a comedy special and three weeks prior the world shut down?

Well, it was no laughing matter!

With border closures, lockdowns and constant restrictions there hasn't been a lot to smile about. Which is why we could all do with a laugh about now.

So let's try this again shall we?

Marcus Ryan, who grew up in Wonthaggi, has spent the last two years pivoting with a side business, Chauffeur So Good, driving a bus and making his passengers laugh.

But now that he's been able to get back on stage, most recently at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and Adelaide Fringe, he wants to give this hometown gig another crack.

What can we expect from the show?

"I'd say lower your expectations and you'll have a great night!" he said.

"Two years ago there was a lot of momentum, I'd just come back from a tour of Europe and festivals in Oz. It was my

20th anniversary in comedy.

"The last two years has been pretty rough for most artists.

"I'm just looking forward to performing to a full theatre again and whatever happens, happens!"

Special guest Lars Callieou will also be featured, and has toured with some greats including Bob Saget, Joan Rivers and Martin Short.

Lars has done military tours, Just For Laughs and his own specials on the Comedy Network.

"The show is using local crews for filming, a wonderful local theatre and it's my first proper hometown gig in 20 years + GST!" Marcus said.

"Either way, the last two years has taught me not to take anything for granted.

"We really hope the community will get behind it and support it."

Dress up, make a night out at the theatre. Lights, camera, action!

Marcus Ryan - Good to be Back! With special guest Lars Callieou (Canada).

Friday, May 13, doors open 7pm, showtime 7.30pm.

Tickets available www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au



Wonthaggi's very own Marcus Ryan will be performing a highly anticipated comedy show at Wonthaggi Arts Centre on May 13.

Hilltop garden open for autumn weekend



Open Gardens Victoria will open the beautiful Mirboo garden 'Clear Springs' this weekend.

OPEN Gardens Victoria will open the stunning Mirboo garden 'Clear Springs' set amongst the picturesque Strzelecki Ranges on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

With magnificent views of the Tarwin Valley, Clear Springs is a well laid-out hilltop garden meandering through various garden 'rooms', mixed borders, lovely deciduous trees in their autumn colours and productive orchards and vegetable garden.

Hedges, vistas, focal points and pathways draw you through the collection of diverse plants and interesting vignettes using local and recycled materials such as old fence posts, recycled bricks, fieldstones and rusty wire.

Flowering shrubs, succulents, herbaceous perennials, bulbs and self-sown annuals are abundant throughout the garden.

Areas to explore include a duck house festooned with passionfruit and golden hops.

Visitors can walk through the apple and plum orchard towards a long vista that terminates in the lichen-encrusted teak bench in the olive grove.

Clear Springs is a beautiful example of what can be achieved from humble beginnings.

Over a couple of decades, the garden has grown from plant divisions from friends' gardens, cuttings from roadside plants and seed-sown treasures into today's flourishing garden with trees towering above.

Address: Clear Springs Open Garden, 40 Clear Creek Valley Road, Mirboo

Open: Saturday, April 30, Sunday, May 1, 10:00am - 4.30pm

Morning and afternoon teas available

Ticket: Purchase via TryBooking - Adults \$10, Students \$6, under 18 free.

For more information about open gardens and events, visit: www.opengardensvictoria.org.au

Foster Arts Music & Drama Association



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A Comedy by Roy Clarke

22 April - 7 May
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

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WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On This Week?



Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore
[M] 2h22m

Thur 28 Apr 10.00am
Fri 29 Apr 7.45pm



Everything Everywhere All at Once
[MA15+] 2h20m

Thur 28 Apr 2.30pm
Fri 29 Apr 4.45pm



The Lost City
[M] 1h52m

Wed 27 Apr 6.30pm
Fri 29 Apr 2.15pm



Nowhere Special
[M] 1h35m

Wed 27 Apr 2.15pm
Thur 28 Apr 7.45pm



River [Doco] 1h15m

Wed 27 Apr 10.00am
4.30pm
Thur 28 Apr 12.50pm



Nobody Has to Know
[M] 1h39m (Fr & Eng)

Wed 27 Apr 11.45am
Thur 28 Apr 5.30pm
Fri 29 Apr 10.00am

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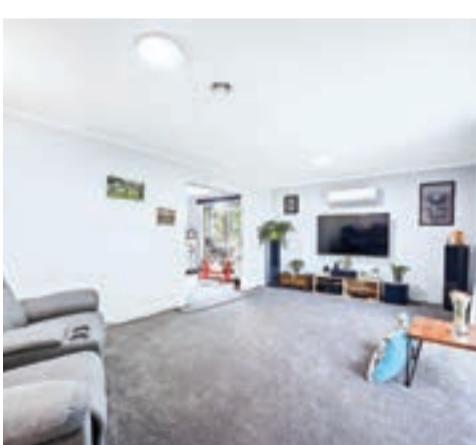


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Sun 10 Jul 8.00pm
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'Angels Reach' is located 10 minutes' drive from the popular township of Mirboo North, which offers schools, shops, and sporting facilities, 20 minutes to Leongatha, 40 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch and two hours to Melbourne.

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4 | 2 | 4 4.17 acres

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- Adjoining dining with views out across your paddocks
- A formal dining space or an extension of the current family lounge sits to the front of the home with views out over the neighbour's dam and up the quiet country road.
- 3 bedrooms with the master complete with ensuite
- Additional safe/storage room, that could be an office or converted back to make a 4th bedroom
- Classic retro family bathroom with separate toilet

- Mudroom adjoining the laundry, a great space to kick off your boots
- The home is kept warm and cool with RC/AC and a beautiful wood heater.
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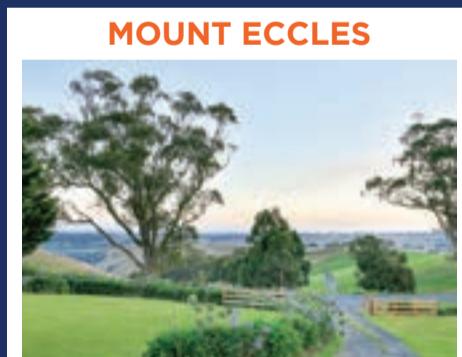


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LEONGATHA



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In the centre of the home, you will find the master bedroom which also boasts high ceilings, his / hers walk in robe and large ensuite with separate toilet and double basins.

Three other bedrooms all have built in robes and great views, plus a family bathroom with period features.

Outdoors you have 10 acres of land with uninterrupted bay and rural views, 5 bay shed, secure paddocks, motorbike track, dam, small orchard, veggie patch, chicken coop and hay shed.

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The home features ground floor, open plan spacious lounge and dining with high vaulted ceilings, a large country style kitchen with dishwasher and breakfast bar, a gas log fire, split system air, new carpet and dado timber wall lining.

The ground floor has three bedrooms, bathroom, and laundry.

Upstairs has the master bedroom complete with walk in robe, ensuite and a private balcony offers sweeping bay views.

This level also offers a huge parent's retreat living space.

Outdoors there is a double carport with easy access into the back door, plus a huge American style barn with concrete floor, the ideal space to store the toys.

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No more price a piece

FROM April 28, no longer will farmers be able to solely pay pickers on a price to pick basis, instead The Fair Work Commission ruling means pickers are guaranteed a minimum wage per hour.

Under the Horticulture Award, full-time, part-time and casual employees will still be permitted to earn on a piece rate, but it must allow an average competent worker to earn the equivalent of at least 15 percent above the minimum hourly rate.

On one hand the new system will rid worker exploitation and wage theft, on the

other it means job security for those who simply would not cut it otherwise.

And what does this mean for farmers – unfortunately it means many top pickers are stepping away, and in an industry with a significant workforce shortage it is unwelcome news.

Whether travelling the country between seasons, working locally or flying in from nearby islands, picking has long been touted as an industry that if you put your head down and work your butt, you will walk away with a good pay packet.

With labour costs set to increase, it won't be long until

we see the impact sector-wide with costs increasing at the supermarket.

Another factor impacting the industry is the worker shortage nationally which is further compounding the industry, but along with price a piece is not the only issue farmers face.

A lack of affordable housing is also contributing to worker shortages.

"You can't attract people to work in regional Victoria if there are no houses for them to live in," Victorian Farmers Federation President Emma Germano explained.

"The critical shortage of housing across our communities is

having a huge impact on the ability to bring people into the country.

"It's affecting every rural industry, and in agriculture it's impacting our ability to bring in highly skilled and unskilled workers. It also limits the services our communities need like healthcare."

"The VFF believes a co-ordinated and state-wide approach is needed with targeted interventions in smaller towns to help attract workers from near and afar."

With affordable housing an issue across a large portion of the state, it's time for politicians to step up and start helping the working man.

\$1 million for dairy industry efficiency and transparency

TWO Government grants totalling \$1.034 million will help the dairy industry adopt a uniform approach to tracking and tracing product and prices through the supply chain and roll out education to create greater market transparency.

"These grants to Australian Dairy Farmers and Dairy Australia are designed to help farmers make better decisions using better price and market information," Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, David Littleproud, said.

"An \$814,000 grant to Australian Dairy Farmers will improve access to timely industry pricing and consolidated market data throughout the supply chain in line with the recently introduced Australian Dairy Traceability Guidelines.

"The project will remove manual data entry and duplicated reporting.

"The vision is to use technology to speed up the feedback loop on product and price movement – which is not just valuable for the farmer on the herd but potentially speeds payment for the milk."

"A \$220,000 grant to Dairy Australia will see the delivery of face to face and online workshops across all eight dairy regions to build knowledge and understanding of the dairy market and the tools available to farmers to maximise value from their milk, supporting better business and risk management."

"Both projects align with a recent Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Inquiry recommendation for government and industries to explore greater market and price transparency."

Australian Dairy Farmers CEO David Inall said the grants would help realise the inaugural five-year Australian Dairy Plan informed by nationwide consultation involving more than 1,500 participants.

"One of the plan's objectives captures the goals of both grant agreements – for organisations to restore trust and transparency between farmers and processors to strengthen industry confidence," Mr Inall said.

Weed warriors of Ensay powering up the paddocks



The upcoming field day will focus on weed control after fires, how to select pasture species for your property and how to accurately calibrate your spray unit.

management plan will be developed at that site between the farmer, agronomist and discussion group members.

"Each host farm will implement their 'usual weed control' practice, with the project funding an enhanced weed control strategy as a comparison."

The aim of the project is to demonstrate to what extent

improved weed control and follow-up management improves persistence and productivity of newly sown or degraded permanent pastures in fire affected areas.

Presenters at the field day are Janice Dowe, Nicole Frost (Agronomist, S&W Seed Co) and Neil Stringer (farmer and chemical certification trainer).

Topics include, pastures: perennials vs annuals; grass and legume options; how to accurately check and calibrate a spray unit – nozzles, pressures, and pumps; ways to improve spraying effectiveness.

To register for the event contact Janice Dowe – 0437 282 315 or janice.dowe@agriculture.vic.gov.au

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Wild dog controls must continue: MP

WILD dog 1080 baiting control must continue for the ongoing protection of livestock and native wildlife, says Gippsland Nationals MP, Melina Bath.

Speaking in Victorian Parliament, Ms Bath said farmers had been reporting a spate of wild dog attacks over the past weeks.

"Our primary producers want confirmation from the government that 1080 baiting will be allowed to continue in Victoria to help control wild dog populations," said Ms Bath.

"One farmer from Bendoc in East Gippsland, whose farm borders a state forest, reported how 23 lambs were viciously attacked and killed in the past fortnight alone.

"Our farmers are not the only group reporting an increase in wild dog numbers - bush users from across Gippsland regularly tell me about their encounters with wild dogs; they have seen them, heard them and witnessed the brutal results of wild dog attacks on our native wildlife."

Ms Bath said the wild dog problem includes foxes and mixed wild cross breeds who mostly hunt at night, preying upon native animals and attacking vulnerable farm animals.

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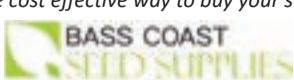
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Warragul-based Katrina Galindo recently took on the role as Genetics Australia's regional sales manager for Gippsland.

Combining a love of dairy and breeding

KATRINA Galindo grew up with beef cows and horses and later fell in love with the dairy industry.

Now she's getting to combine both dairy and beef with her interest in artificial breeding, in her new role as Genetics Australia's regional sales manager for Gippsland.

One of Katrina's priorities will be building close connections with farmers, building on her strong track record in this field.

"I enjoy selling but I mostly like building relationships through account management," she said.

"I love going out on farms where you really get to know families."

Warragul-based Katrina grew up on a beef farm and around horses and initially worked with racehorses after completing a Bachelor of Equine Science.

However, her interest in artificial breeding

prompted a career change.

"Racehorses don't do artificial breeding so I crossed over and did AI courses and got into the dairy industry as a ruminant nutritionist, which I really enjoyed," she said.

Katrina undertook extensive study in the dairy field, including courses in rearing healthy calves, artificial insemination and reproductive management, feeding pastures for profit, farm business fundamentals and advanced ruminant nutrition.

Her career change to dairy in 2015 proved to be a great success and Katrina has since held several roles across sales, accounts and farm management.

Her new role with Genetics Australia is a perfect fit.

"Now I'm combining both my knowledge of artificial breeding technologies and my love of the

dairy industry and love of animals of all shapes and sizes," she said.

"I'm a bit science-y and the artificial breeding side of the business is really exciting because it opens up the world."

Katrina now sees her future mostly in the dairy industry, and is excited about the opportunities offered in genetics.

"The dairy industry is definitely changing but that's not a bad thing and it's in a good position at the moment," she said.

"I definitely want to stay in the dairy industry. I moved out for six months and really missed it so I'm happy to be back."

While she shifted to dairy for greater job opportunities, she won't be ignoring beef in her new job.

"The genetics industry is also seeing growth in beef. Commercial beef herds are looking at AI which is exciting," Katrina said.

Industry to come together for Muster

GIPPSDAIRY Muster, to be held on May 5, will bring together farmers and industry stakeholders to discuss the latest in dairy farming innovation and technology.

The event, hosted by dairy farmers Jon Ryan and Lauren Clyne on their Denison property in the Macalister Irrigation District, will feature a number of informative speakers, including:

- Irish management consultant Dr Nollaig Heffernan, who will reveal the secret to winning the war on talent;
- University of Mel-

bourne's Prof Richard Eckard, who researches carbon farming and accounting towards carbon neutral agriculture; and

• Antarctic researcher Rachael Robertson, who will speak about building and leading high-performing, resilient teams.

The day will offer plenty of networking opportunities, as well as breakout stations where attendees can learn about nitrogen fixing innovations, automatic milking systems, recruiting and rewarding staff, dairy genomics

and more.

Dairy farmers with experience in each particular area will help lead the conversations at the breakout stations.

The event will conclude with an optional farm walk.

Attendance at Gipps-Dairy Muster is free, but registration is essential by Friday, April 29, in order to comply with farm safety and COVID-19 requirements.

For the full event program and to register, visit www.dairyaustralia.com.au/gippsdairy-muster

Another big yarding

By SGSA

AGENTS yarded around 4300 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another outstanding yarding of cattle.

There was plenty of weight on offer in the grown steer section as well as some large drafts of quality annual weaners.

Prices remained strong for the heavy Angus steers and held firm to just slightly easier for the other breeds, which feedlots buyers again secured a large percentage of.

The best of the angus steer weaners sold to very strong competition from locals particularly on the feature lines from repeat buyers, while other breeds were just a little cheaper.

There were a lot less heifers yarded than previous sales with competition steady for the better end and cheaper on the secondary types.

Xbred and friesian types had mixed results with prices reflective to quality.

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Hurstdale P/L 19 Angus	612kg	\$5.29	\$3240
Hurstdale P/L 18 Angus	602kg	\$5.38	\$3240
Julie K Livestock 21 Angus	598kg	\$5.35	\$3200
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B & S Jones 8 Angus	503kg	\$5.60	\$2820
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White Pastures 17 Angus	490kg	\$6.02	\$2950
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Camperdown farmer Chris Place.

Genomic game changer for Camperdown farmer

GENOMIC testing has revolutionised Chris Place's dairy herd – and likely made it much more valuable.

Chris farms with his brother Peter and they're part of a family dairying dynasty with six brothers on different farms in the Camperdown region.

Their objective is to have the best possible herd, with trouble-free high-production, longevity and self-replacement and genomic testing and using sexed semen has done the trick.

They have almost doubled their number of heifers born each year and halved their empty rate. Their herd ranking has gone from about 150 to the top 40, complete with a heifer in the national top 10, and they have a new income stream through beef sales.

The whole herd is now registered with Holstein Australia.

Chris was inspired to expand the use of genomic testing after participating in the Ginfo project and from discussions with his consultants at Genetics Australia and DataGene.

Ginfo is a large-scale genotyping project to provide genetic and performance information to increase the reliability of Australian Breeding Values (ABVs) and indices. It is a collaboration of DataGene, Dairy Australia, Holstein Australia, Jersey Australia and the Victorian government.

Like the Our Farm, Our Plan process used by Dairy Australia to help farmers identify long-term goals, improve business performance and manage volatility, Chris took it upon himself to do some forward thinking.

He now knows much more about his

herd and is sure it's better than ever, and he has the facts to back that claim.

Chris and Peter had some cows registered about 25 years ago and had used some sexed semen, but that has ramped up as they continue to develop the genetic merit of the herd.

Their meticulous record keeping helped when it came to using the new technology.

"Because we had very accurate records going back more than 50 years, they could take my DNA data and see how it correlates to my herd recording data and use the Ginfo data to see the different markers such as milk production and mastitis resistance," he said.

They have been using sexed semen on maiden heifers for about seven years, concentrating on growing young stock well to maximise mating results, as well as ramping up use within the herd, and it has been a game changer. The valuable data from the genomic testing is used in selecting cows to breed from.

After joining maiden heifers to sexed semen, they have gone from getting 70-80 heifers a year to 140-150.

The figures support Chris's theory.

"We were ranked about 150 in the top herds; suddenly we've jumped up to the top 40," he said. "We've never been that high before and we also have one of our heifers in the top 10 of female Holsteins in the country."

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Wife of Nils. Mum of Joshua and Summer Netzer.

Loving memories are treasured, especially those shared with Nan and Pa.

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-- Susan.

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DEATHS

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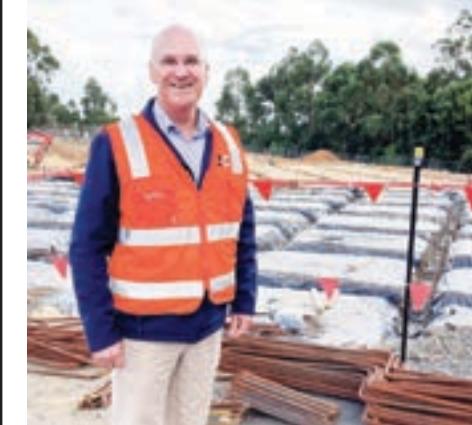
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The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, at the site of the Korumburra Secondary College rebuild.

Multi-million rebuild for Korumburra Secondary College

KORUMBURRA students are a step closer to a brighter educational future with works well underway on the \$12.8 million redevelopment of Korumburra Secondary College.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, visited the site recently and was delighted to see the school rebuild progressing quickly.

"It is great to see foundations emerging to deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose educational environment for students in the Korumburra district for decades to come," Mr O'Brien said.

"I fought alongside the Korumburra community throughout a six-year-long battle to get the rebuild of this school funded so it is particularly satisfying to see this project on track and set to be complete for the 2023 school year."

Mr O'Brien said the build included a new classroom block with flexible learning areas along with a new gymnasium and indoor basketball court with a performing arts area, storage areas, change and toilet facilities and other rooms.

"These buildings are being constructed on a parcel of land adjacent to existing buildings, delivering cost savings and minimising disruption to current students," he said.

"The existing decades-old classroom block at the front of the school is to be demolished, with the current admin area retained and refurbished."

Importance of halls not overlooked

MAXIMISING the use of venues that form part of South Gippsland Shire's Small Halls Network can be partly achieved through a revitalised Small Halls website and social media promotion of events in the halls.

About 15 venues currently belong to the shire's Small Halls Network, with 13 council owned, out of total of over 50 small halls across the shire.

The recently released draft version of the South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (ACCI) Strategy 2022-2026 outlines the importance of maintaining a vibrant Small Halls Network.

"Events at the halls draw visitors into towns, with flow-on effects to local businesses," it states.

However, while small halls in more populated areas such as Foster, Meenyan and Venus Bay tend to be in use year-round, those in smaller towns are open infrequently with some mostly closed.

The strategy document advocates a future rationalisation and decision on which halls, if maintained or upgraded provide the best network of venues to service the entire shire.

Small halls are considered important in allowing South Gippsland Shire's decentralised arts and culture model to operate and are attractive to smaller touring acts that would not be able to sell enough tickets to fill larger venues.

However, in some cases the state of the halls is an issue, with several needing refurbishment and others nearing the end of their lifespan.



Musician Nick Wolfe performed a jaw-dropping live show just hours after travelling from Tamworth and winning a golden guitar. Z06_1722

A rockin' time for country music fans

COUNTRY musicians hit Gippsland's small town of Berrys Creek on Saturday afternoon for the 2022 Gippsland Country Music Festival held at the picturesque Mossvale park.

Australian Country legend Kasey Chambers was the headline act mesmerizing her audience with her unique vocals and interactive stage performance – belting out fan favourites Not Pretty Enough, Barricades and Brickwalls and of course The Captain.

Before her encore - We're All Gonna Die Someday, Kasey shocked fans with her breathtaking acoustic cover of Lose Yourself by Eminem played with the banjo – an unforgettable performance.

"Look how many of you there are out there, thank you for coming out Gippsland and supporting live music again – we are so grateful to be back on stage performing for you all," said Kasey.

Preceding performance by The Wolfe Brothers rocked the



Kasey Chambers headlined the 2022 Gippsland Country Music Festival opening her set with 2001 favourite Barricades and Brickwalls. Z04_1722

stage – Tom Wolfe rapt up the audience as they played original classics and they had the crowd singing along to favourites including That Kinda Night.

Gates opened at 11am and crowds were lined up awaiting the endless entertainment by musicians including Travis Collins, Adam Harvey, Darglinghurst, Taylor Moss, Mick Harrington, The Strzelecki Stringbusters, Bob Wilson Barkindji Man and Lee Sonnyboy Morgan.

DJ Brat Paisley played coun-

try favourites in between sets and Linda Pink Linedancing had the crowd up on their feet, before whipcracking demonstrations by Emiliqua East triggered a roaring applaud.

The Gippsland Country Music Festival was a sellout for the second year in a row and the food and market stall vendors were in high demand by dusk – some selling out of their delicious cuisines.

This year was a big one with artists, staff, volunteers and patrons all leaving it on a high.



The South Gippsland Spinners & Fibre Arts Group holds various challenges, with the present one being where members produce an item in black and white from any medium they wish.

Eventful activities for spinners

AFTER two years of lockdowns, with the occasional get-together and regular Zoom meetings, the South Gippsland Spinners & Fibre Arts Group is launching into an eventful programme of activities.

Recently, they held a cram jar dyeing session, creating a rainbow of colours by pushing natural fibres into a large jar, adding colour, water and vinegar and then steaming for about 30 minutes. The outcome was spectacular.

In May, the group looks to hold a spinning day where everyone brings their wheel, for experienced and newcomers alike. Anyone who would like to have a go will be welcome to come along and be guided by the group's expert members.

Following on from the group's success last year at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show, where a first and third prize was obtained, the group will again enter two teams in the group class of five items, be it spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, etc.

In spring, there is a plan to hold a knitting picnic at a member's property. Interested in learning to knit in time for this event? Come along to a meeting.

Coupled with these activities, the group holds various challenges, with the present one being where members produce an item in black and white from any medium they wish which is displayed on the group website: timeonyourhandscrafters.com. An informative blog is also posted at regular intervals.

The South Gippsland Spinners & Fibre Arts Group is forward looking in promoting all the fibre arts in a happy, friendly atmosphere. Meetings are held in the Anglican Church Hall, 3 Bridge Street, Korumburra commencing at 1pm on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month.

Contact Janice on 0490 954 915 or email sgspinnersgroup@gmail.com for more information.

World Wish Day

APRIL 29 is World Wish Day – a day that raises awareness and monies to create life-changing wishes for critically ill children.

But what if making wishes come true was bigger, what if every person in the world got to fulfill their one wish.

'Visit the Northern Lights in person', 'Be remembered for creating change that benefits others', 'Climb Mount Everest'...

Wishes can be as simple or complicated as one makes them, but there is nothing more exhilarating than having it come true.

Can you change one person's life today and make their wish come true.

In the coming weeks we will bring you wishes from across Gippsland.

Community throws support behind hospital

WONTHAGGI locals turned out in force to support their hospital at the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary fete on Saturday.

Funds raised will go towards crucial equipment for the planned new maternity suite, including neonatal cots and resuscitation equipment.

A lack of sufficient maternity infrastructure currently means many local women have to go elsewhere to have their children, but when the new Wonthaggi Hospital opens in November it will enable an expanded maternity facility in the current theatre space.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the hospital has over 250 community volunteers, with the Ladies Auxiliary the longest standing.

She pointed out that as well as its fundraising contributions to the hospital, the Ladies Auxiliary has broader value to the local population.

"Have a look at this community that's together here supporting the Ladies Auxiliary," Jan said.

She believes that its small



Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary member Maureen Chisholm and president Marg Hender display a few of the items at the organisation's fete. A21_1722

but enthusiastic band of volunteers helps bring the community together.

The Auxiliary's fetes and other fundraising activities have been missed greatly over the last couple of years.

Plants, jams and baked goods were among Saturday's

popular items.

The local Townsend Nursery donated the sprightly and varied plants.

Devonshire teas were in demand, with people enjoying the glorious sunny conditions.

Locals Bert and Jean Milligan were delighted to be able

to resume their tradition of attending the event.

"We always come to the fete and we wanted to have a look at the new hospital," Jean said.

Sisters-in-law Sue and Toni Cornelius were among those tucking into Devonshire Tea.

Toni's husband requires regular treatment at Wonthaggi Hospital.

"They really look after him so I've got to support the hospital," Toni said, clearly enjoying doing so.

Ladies Auxiliary volunteer and president Marg Hender said the organisation was established by miners' wives.

She loves being a part of it.

"I enjoy the company of the girls and you can see reward for what you are doing," Marg said.

As well as fetes, a few of the Auxiliary's fundraising activities have included raffles, fashion parades, bus trips and musical events.

Like so many community-minded volunteer groups, the Ladies Auxiliary needs new members.

Those keen to help are encouraged to contact president Marg on 5672 1820.

Art, Craft and Horticulture at 67th CWA exhibition

THE Gippsland Hills Country Women's Association are holding their 67th annual arts exhibition at Meeniyan Hall on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 from 10am.

Exhibitors will showcase an array of arts, crafts, horticulture, photography and home industry pieces, all made or handcrafted by members or friends of the CWA.

Meeniyan member Marilyn Mackie said were looking forward to the 2022 event, already receiving hundreds of entries to put forward for judging.

The CWA work together

supporting women, children and families across Victoria and over the coming weekend the members will be recognised and awarded for their artistry.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for children. To support the Gippsland Hills group, visit Meeniyan Town Hall on Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan.

RIGHT: Cynthia Hateley, Marion Dewar and Marilyn Mackie of the Country Women's Association celebrate their 94th year and the upcoming arts exhibition at Meeniyan Hall. Z01_1722



Shake'em up, says Monash candidate

THERE are eight candidates to choose from in the Federal seat of Monash and Latrobe Valley fitter and turner, Allan Hicken, a recent addition to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party, is one of them.

He's frankly had enough of the standard of political representative we have in this country and says it's time for "career politician" Russell Broadbent to go.

"I just think people want to get back to the basics of job security, housing for everyone who needs it, better health and aged care services, better roads and better access to education and opportunities for our kids," Mr Hicken said at the weekend.

"National security is an important one too. We've got to be able to protect ourselves and our borders but it's an issue that we don't want to see our political parties fighting about.

"People are just sick and tired of the behaviour of our politicians and their self-centred approach. Too many of them are there for the wrong reasons and are bought and paid for by vested interest.

"I think the major parties need a shake up and representing the needs of local people is what One Nation is all about.

"I'm just putting my hand up for change, someone has to."

Mr Hicken is married to Stace and has three boys aged 16, 14 and three and he'd like to see them have the opportunities he had growing up.

"Look, I think Russell has run his race and we need a change, someone who has the energy to go after the opportunities the younger generation in this region needs.

"A vote for Jess O'Donnell would basically be a vote for the lockdowns and mismanagement we've seen from Labor in Victoria."

Mr Hicken said he has lived and worked in the local area for 34 years (yesterday was his 34th birthday) and believes the only way to stop the bickering and lack of transparency by the major parties was to force them to engage with independents and minor party representatives.

A newcomer to politics, Allan Hicken plans to spend the weeks leading up to the Saturday, May 21 election going around the electorate meeting voters.

Monash candidates to address key election issues

WITH the climate emergency looming as a major issue in the forthcoming federal election, voters of Monash will have the opportunity to hear and question the views of House of Representatives candidates on key issues of climate change action and environmental protection.

Federal Liberal member, Russell Broadbent, Labor candidate, Jessica O'Donnell, the Greens Matt Morgan, and Independent Deb Leonard have confirmed their participation.

All other candidates have been invited to join them in the forum to answer questions on climate and environmental issues, particularly on their positions and preferred policies on climate change.

Just Transition South Gippsland (JTSG) and Bass Coast Climate Action Network (BC-CAN) are presenting the forum online on Zoom on Tuesday, May 3 from 7.30-9pm.

To register to attend the online forum just go to the JTSG website at jtsouthgippsland.org or the BC-CAN Facebook page at facebook.com/BassCoastCAN and follow the links.

The forum will allow candidates to present their views and positions on climate change action and environmental protection, and provide Monash voters an opportunity to ask candidates questions.

For further information you can email: contact@jtsouthgippsland.org



Brian Silver of Alex Scott and Staff Cowes rings the auction bell in Cowes on Saturday to get the auction of a three bedroom townhouse underway, watched by auctioneer Greg Price and staff member Maree Malloy.

Top price paid for Cowes townhouse

THERE'S been lots of talk about the property bubble bursting and the impact of higher interest rates but those factors were not evident at the auction of a three bedroom townhouse in Cowes last Saturday, April 23.

With plenty of visitors out enjoying the sunshine and ambience of a holiday weekend in Thompson Avenue, Alex Scott and Staff auctioneer Greg Price gathered a group of about 20 people around at 12 noon as 21/146 Thompson Avenue went under the hammer.

"As an old real estate agent friend of mine used to say, if you are going to buy an apartment or a townhouse, buy the one at the front of the complex or right down the back and that's what we have here today, ladies and gentlemen, a delightful property in a prime location within the Oceanic Apartment complex," he said.

Mr Price spoke about location, just metres to all that the Cowes' retail area had to offer, including restaurants and cafés, supermarkets and within walking distance of the town's famed, north-facing beach.

"I'm also pleased to say, you have a lovely group of neighbours, some of whom are with us here today."

Mr Price said Phillip Island was "getting closer to Melbourne every day", that it had the people and the jobs and a property like this one represented a good investment.

But if he thought the knockdown price would be in the range of \$500,000 to \$550,000, around the same price that the pigeon pair property had sold for over the summer, he had underestimated the interest on the day.

The bidding started at \$500,000 but quickly moved to \$540,000 and with two or

three keen bidders firing back new offers, the property was soon "on the market" and ultimately reached the dizzying heights of \$637,000 where it was knocked down to a Bass Coast local.

"Look, I think that's a great endorsement of Bass Coast and Phillip Island and the confidence people have in the area," Mr Price said afterwards.

"We have heard talk about the market settling back a bit and if that means the buyers' price and the sellers' expectations are closer together, I think that's a good thing and we're probably seeing a better choice of property coming on to the market now too," Mr Price said.

But he noted that while the Thompson Avenue townhouse was bought by a local Bass Coast business owner, there was still significant interest from Melbourne where

people looking to relocate to this area were getting excellent prices for their Melbourne homes.

"There's still a lot of interest in Bass Coast generally and I think today's result under-scores that," Mr Price said.

Set behind secure automatic gates, the two storey townhouse features three bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus a powder room all situated upstairs, with the downstairs area consisting of living, dining, and kitchen and a European laundry situated in the space under the stairs.

The master bedroom has a walk-through robe to the ensuite, while the remaining two bedrooms have built-in robes. There is internal access to the single garage and access to a private courtyard from the dining area.

The property was sold fully furnished ready to start earning income.

O'Brien continues to push for intersection funding

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has relaunched an online petition calling on the State Government to fix Leongatha's 'kamikaze corner'.

The petition urges the state government to deliver planning and capital funding for the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route stage two, which Mr O'Brien claims is needed to fix the "disastrous" intersection that resulted from stage one.

"It is clear that the South Gippsland Highway intersection at McCartin, Roughead, Anderson, Long and Hughes Streets is in urgent need of attention," Mr O'Brien said.

"Last month I tabled 503 signatures from a previous online petition, and I am continuing to collect hard copy petitions from around the Leongatha community to table in the coming weeks.

"I had a hard copy of the petition with me during a listening post in Bair Street in March and everyone who saw it was very quick to add their name to it."

Mr O'Brien said he had also

shown the troublesome intersection to Leader of The Nationals, Peter Walsh during a recent visit to South Gippsland.

"The South Gippsland Shire has listed the project as one of its priorities for advocacy and we now need to convince the Andrews Labor Government to get on board," Mr O'Brien said.

Stage 1 of the initial \$5.5m project was completed in November 2016, with the State Government providing funding for construction.

The project was to provide an alternative route for heavy vehicles along Long Street away from Bair Street in the Leongatha CBD.

"We will continue to work with South Gippsland Shire Council to further understand the safety, economic and amenity benefits of stage two of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route for residents and industry," a government spokesperson said.

The Nationals petition is available at <https://www.dannyobrienmp.com.au/issue/fix-leongatha-bypass/>.



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien with Leader of The Nationals Peter Walsh at "kamikaze corner" in Leongatha.



Walk or run this Mother's Day to support the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Photo courtesy of Mother's Day Classic.

For my wife, my mum, my sister, my self

THIS Mother's Day (May 8) join women, men and kids around Australia as they hit the parks and pavement for the 25th Annual Mother's Day Classic.

Starting at 9.30am from Apex Park in Wonthaggi, the five-kilometer route will guide walkers (and runners alike) through the trail and wetlands.

With 1 in 7 individuals

diagnosed with breast cancer dress in pink – the crazier the better – and help raise vital funds for breast cancer research and trials.

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With all monies going directly to the National Breast Cancer Foundation and dogs welcome, turn up in pink and register online today at mothersdayclassic.com.au.

If you forget to register in advance pop down early with cash to sign up on the day.

Be a part of the change you want to see.

Pre-pandemic numbers across Easter

FROM Maru Koala & Animal Park to the Penguins, Phillip Island and surrounds saw an incredible Easter influx and pre-pandemic numbers.

The wet weather deterred some individuals and families after the Easter weekend, but overall businesses are celebrating.

"Saturday, we didn't make it into Cowes," Braxton Laine of National Vietnam Veterans Museum explained.

Every bit as big as the Pyramid Rock weekends of yesteryear, traffic crawled through the roundabouts.

"We did really well. These school holidays we bounced back near pre-pandemic levels."

"There was a lot of NSW number plates (in the car-park) – this year is going to be the Australian Tour."

"Each day grew on the previous, we had twice as many as 2019."

The numbers telling it all, businesses are overjoyed.

"It was extremely successful," Craig Holmes of Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment

Centre added.

"We were as busy as January!"

"Every day of the holidays our go karts sold out," Tahlia Blackman, Visitors Centre Supervisor – Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, exclaimed.

"Incredible numbers across the History of Motorsports Display, Viewing Platform & Gardens and the Racing Simulators.

"We are very happy with the support from locals, intrastate and interstate."

"Over Easter Phillip Island Nature Parks experienced the highest visitor numbers across all our attractions since the start of the pandemic, with the Penguin Parade selling out each night," Phillip Island Nature Park's Nicole Hill stated.

"The great weather certainly helped drive visitation with thousands of families visiting over the Easter break."

"Domestic visitors continue to make up the bulk of tourist numbers but, increasingly, international visitors are returning, which is great to see."

A lot of sunshine and families booking in advance, meant businesses reaped the rewards.

"These school holidays people were more relaxed, and organised," Ocean Adventures Owner, Leah Dixon explained.

"The good weather certainly helped with numbers up on last year."

"Our new Thundercat also arrived this Easter, which allows us to take out larger groups and families at the same time."

After a rough couple of years, it is fantastic to see tourism back on track across our beautiful region.

With fun still to be had during the week and weekends, now has never been a better time to see local from above and below the ocean, the air, immerse yourself in nature, head to a museum or tick off the bucket list.

"After forced closures during the pandemic, we are looking forwards to opening on weekends throughout winter – weather permitting!" Leah exclaimed.



Phillip Island local Geoff Walton managed a bag of very nice whiting with his mate on a morning fishing trip last Friday, only coming in at the troublesome Cowes Boat Ramp because Rhyll was closed. "This one is only a small boat so it was OK today, but you can't come in on a low tide and the slope on the ramp isn't ideal," said Geoff chatting to Bass Coast Councillor Ron Bauer. "You've also got the sand build up as well which is a problem."

Around The Bay

THIS week rang in the last days of the school holidays, perhaps this is why the majority of our reports came from the land or because the last weekend the boat ramp required a 20-minute wait.

It's always good to have those who have come to the Island for the long weekend and decided to give fishing a go.

For most, it's just something to pass the time and for others it's almost a rite of passage when visiting a fishing village like San Remo.

This is where the saying "beginners' luck" becomes forefront in our minds, armed with a fishing rod, a bit of bait, basic tackle and absolutely no idea what they are doing the tourist go fishing.

The comeback in the shop the next day we ask them how they went; they then reel off all the bites they had, the fish they saw and of course the fun they had, this is all great until they get their phone out.

On their phone is a picture of a fish, whilst they show us this picture, they tell us how they didn't know what it was and they threw it back, without realising they have just caught and thrown back a nice 45cm whiting.

Then after they leave, a local comes in, knows all the tricks all the spots and still hasn't caught a single thing.

The Victorian Fisheries have an app and on this app, there is all of your rules and regulations, but also fish lengths, bag limits and photos of the fish for your identification.

If you still struggle your always welcome to send us a picture through our socials and we can help you out almost any time of the day.

The number one target this week continued to be whiting, but the number one catch for the week has been salmon.

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

There has been some nice Salmon for Cleeland Bight, Cape Woolamai, Inverloch, San Remo Jetty and Newhaven mainly land based and nearly all above the 1kg mark.

This week's flavour has been the small metal slugs, the 15grams in the silver of the blue, anything metallic that has a reflective strip has been the success.

Those in the boats did manage a couple of nice night runs on the gummies, one local mentioned he was fishing on the mud, shone the light on the water and there were flashes of grey submarines circling the underneath of the boat.

Other reports coming out of Rhyll from early mornings with a few gummies over that 15kg mark. Early in the week it was much like last, almost impossible to get through the mass amounts of Port Jackson sharks, later in the week though saw an easier run with not many baits lost.

It's generally this time of year that we say goodbye to our official "summer season" and prepare to bunker down for winter.

This now means the shop will be shutting two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If, however, there is an exceptional day for fishing that falls on these days we will open.

The shop will also be closing an hour early on Sundays, now closing at 4.

If there are any short notice updates on our opening and closing hours, they will be posted as soon as they are known on our Facebook page.

For those who do not have social media, do not hesitate to call the shop for updated hours.

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	THURSDAY
April 27	April 28

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April 29	April 30

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May 1	May 2

TUESDAY
May 3

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Mid Gippsland Round 3 preview

MDU v Fish Creek

MDU welcomes Fish Creek to its home ground this weekend, but there is no question that the Demons will be planning to be less than hospitable as they aim to win one against the odds, being determined to bounce back after last week's one point loss at the hands of Thorpdale.

Fish Creek has been super impressive in its two games to date, and conquered Toora by 101 points in round 2.

"We need to work on a few things this week, and ready ourselves for the challenge of Fish Creek at home," MDU coach Peter Harris said.

The Kangaroos' come-from-behind 2-point victory over Foster in their season opener shows Fish Creek has the artillery to win away from home against reputable opposition, but they need to maintain their intensity after last week's comfortable win.

Mirboo North v Yinnar

Two games in, you wouldn't want to be panicking, but there is genuine reason for concern as Mirboo North prepares for its round three clash with Yinnar.

The Tigers are yet to secure premiership points and face a Magpies team ready to back up their round 2 victory over Morwell East.

Mirboo North coach Josh Taylor is confident of a strong showing this week.

"We have been in this position before and the boys know what to do and how to respond, so we will bounce back against Yinnar who come off a nice win on the weekend, but it will be a tough game," Taylor said.

The Tigers have indeed been in similar situations in recent years, but you get the feeling this year isn't one in which you would want to push your luck due to the competitive nature of the competition.

Yinnar coach Daniel Taylor expects a ferocious Tigers outfit.

"Mirboo North away is another big game, and obviously zero and two isn't where they want to be, and they'll be looking to turn their season around and we'll have to be at our best to get the result."

These two sides have been regular finals participants in the MGFNL, but in 2022 there are no guarantees.

A win by the Tigers would mean both clubs would have just one win from the first three rounds, whereas a Magpies' victory would have Yinnar in a decent position, while leaving Mirboo North a lot of work to do.

Tarwin v Foster

Tarwin couldn't have done much more than it has in the opening two rounds of the 2022 season.

Bye: Boolarra

By Rob Popplestone

The Sharks followed up a round 1 win over Yinnar on the Magpies' home ground with another away success last week against an improved Stony Creek side.

All that said, this week becomes a test at another level when they meet the highly respected Foster on its home ground.

The Tigers will have a spring in their step as they look for their first win this season, having been narrowly edged out by Fish Creek in the opening round then having to bide their time with a round 2 bye.

Foster has made no secret of the fact that at different times this year it mightn't have access to all its best players.

Tarwin will hope to capitalise on any such absences this week.

However, the Sharks are intent on not only building a club that wins on the field, but one that develops a culture off the ground that epitomises the values reflective of the community they represent.

More often than not, these two clubs are actually one and the same, and both will be tested this week against a club that has long been respected for its winning culture.

Toora v Stony Creek

Toora would be disappointed in its opening couple of rounds, with a pair of 100-point-plus defeats putting pressure on the club.

Stony Creek is certain to present another stern test this round as the Lions look to rebound from a loss.

Lions coach Jai Acardi has urged his players to ensure that is the case, being disappointed with last week's display.

"As we head off to Toora this week, we are hopeful that we can put on a much better performance," Acardi said.

The Lions loss to Tarwin in round two, by over seven goals, put a dampener on what was a great start to the year when they put Thorpdale to the sword with an impressive second half of footy.

It's hard to see how Toora can turn its fortunes around against the Lions, even on their home ground, but sometimes it's not even about winning or losing, it's about improving each week, even a little.

That is part of maintaining a vision of reaching a level that brings you success somewhere down the track.

They say you only ever lose if you don't learn from the loss, and at this stage for Toora it's about learning each week, staying tight as a group and a club and celebrating the small wins along the way, even in a loss.



Mid-week bowls winners Peter McWilliams, Bill Williams, and Luke Monckton.



Mid-week runners-up Barry Johnson, Jan Brown, Sue Wright and Peter Gratton.



Mid-week best one game Wayne Stevens, Gwen Jeffrey and John Nicholson.



Wonthaggi Bowls Saturday winners Michael Ramon, Caroline Donohue and Jim Martin.



Wonthaggi Indoor Bowlers Fred Demenech, Thelma Kavanagh and Mario Toffolon.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY Social Bowls saw 14 bowlers arrive to do battle with each other on the greens.

There were teams of fours and triples.

There were two, two game winners.

It is rumoured that the winning team scrapped in by one point, 32 to 31 points.

This winning team was made up of Bruce Corrigan, Jenny Haydon, Nell van Grunsven and Geoff Coleman.

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 (please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea).

Players need to have their names down on the sheet in the clubroom by 11.00am.

MID-WEEK

THURSDAY, April 21, midweek bowls was played at Corinella with 20 happy bowlers.

There were more than a few wrong bias with one of our gun bowlers having two.

All the culprits were happy to donate to the RCH tin.

Midweek treasurer Peter McWilliams sent a \$200 donation on behalf of midweek bowls group, for the good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital.

As usual there were high scores- winners 38 points, runners-up 34 points, one game winners 23 points.

Thank you to our members who brought in items for the free raffle table. We had beautiful flowers and fresh produce.

A big thank you to Sue Wright who looked after the kitchen duties and Phil Wright, who manned the bar.

Without our volunteers midweek bowls would not be possible.

Next week we will be playing at San Remo 10am at the club for a 10.30am start, the last game of the summers season.

We will have a week break and start back on May 12, at Koo Wee Rup winter season. It will be 11am start at the club no later than 10.30am.

Everyone welcome, come and have a great day of bowls and friendship.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER good week at the club even with Wednesday being washed out.

Saturday saw a good number of bowlers take to the greens, on a day where the weather was perfect for bowls.

Most of the teams were three bowl triples with the winners being the team of Michael Ramon, Caroline Donohue and Jim Martin.

They had a score of 2 wins and 34 points.

Two other teams were 2 game winners with the runners up being Rae Haines, Frank Cimino and John Migliorisi with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

The unlucky team was Lex Milkins, Ken Gage and Ray Hin.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1.00pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI
INDOOR BOWLS

RESULTS from Tuesday, April 12, were Jan Clark, Jean Wylde and Linda Newman with a plus 26.

Runners up on plus 10 were Wolfe Glich, Jan Milkins and Phillip Fowler.

There was no night bowling on April 15, due to Good Friday.

Tuesday, April 19, saw a total of 20 people.

The winners with a plus 23 were Jean Wylde, Linda Newman, Allan Ireland and John Postlethwaite.

Runners up on plus 14 were Pat Novak, Jeannie Slocum and Max Sweetnam.

Friday saw a total of 27 people, with the winners on plus 12 Thelma Kavanagh, Fred Demenech and Mario Toffolon.

They were the only team to win both their games.

Coming second on plus 11 were Heather Stone, Max Sweetnam and John Postlethwaite.

Next Tuesday the club will be playing their singles championships, good luck to all who have entered.



Meeniyian Golf Club was proud to host their Beyond Blue Day last Friday.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week- Men's competition.

Tuesday, April 19- Stableford (17

Players)

A Grade: Chris Clements (11) 40,

B Grade: Don Hislop (23) 35pts.

NTPs: 1st Chris Clements, 7th

David Enbom, 10th Steve Rose

and 13th Pete Wallace.

Thursday, April 21- Stableford (15 players)

Chris McConnell (18) 38 Points

NTPs: 1st Greg Wilson, 10th Rob

Gallagher & 13th Roland Rees

Saturday, April 23- Colonial Ambrose (44 players)

Sponsor: Steve Rose

1st: Zac Scholte, Billy Wrigley, Mat Wrigley and Colin Rielly.

2nd: Dean Crellin, Tim Fowles, Sean Bowler and Shane Sartori.

NTPs: 1st Shane Sartori, 7th Mat Wrigley, 10th Brian Pope and 13th David Sorrell.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the start of our Singles Knockout competition.

Well done to all players and good luck to the winners going on to play their next round.

A small group of players, who weren't involved in the knockout, braved the weather to play a Stableford round.

Winning with 31pts was Lorraine Knox (41) on a countback from Lee Clements (16).

BDTL went to Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) with 24pts.

Saturday's fine weather had many women out playing and enjoying the sunshine.

Well done to Karen Sorrell (40) winning with 32pts on a countback from Kerri Besley (18). BDTL went to Sherrin Solly and Deb Wrigley both having 29pts.

NTP on the 1st was Dianne Maskell.

Well done to Meeniyian who hosted their Ambrose Beyond Blue day last Friday.

Many thanks to Veronica and her team of helpers for supporting such an important cause. Congrats to all players with a fun day had by all.

A special mention to our Korumburra team (Heather, Johanna, Barb T and Beryl) coming runners-up in A Grade.

This Wednesday, April 27, is the

McLaren 4BBB Par qualifier round with a shotgun start.

LEONGATHA

WEDNESDAY, April 20 - Stableford.

We had 32 ladies in our 18-hole Stableford.

Congratulations to Beverly Reinhardt with 36 points for winning in her return to 18-hole competition golf.

A-Grade winner: Beverly Reinhardt with 36 points

A-Grade runner-up: Abbey Bull with 35 points

B-Grade winner: Robin Smith with 34 points

B-Grade runner-up: Neryl Hopcraft with 33 points

Our 9-hole competition saw Jenny Fraser take out the win with 19 points.

Thursday, April 21, Stableford

Eighty-three players played in Thursday's comp.

Norman Hughes had the days top score of 41.

A grade winner: Norman Hughes with 41, runners-up: Dean Kellett with 37

B-Grade winner: Stephen Foster with 42, runners-up: Paul Richardson with 35

C-Grade winner: Timothy McCarthy with 36C/B, runners-up: Frank Gill with 36

D-Grade winner: Steven Smith with 37, runners up: Bob Smith with 35

NTP: 14th: Kennedy, Paul at 2.3m NTP: 16th Linguey, Geoffrey at 1.8m

Saturday PAR Results -Saturday, April 23

A Grade: winner - John Ryan / runner Up: Jamie Grenville

B Grade: winner - Paul Deery / runner Up: Barry Attwood

C Grade: winner - Frank Gill / runner Up - Ron Findlay

D Grade: winner - Jane Brownlie / runner Up: Lynda Bassett

NTP 14th: Matthew Hilderbrand at .81m. NTP 16th: Mark Anderson at 1.96m

Ladies

THE very welcome rain did not deter the 33 women that competed in the Stableford event sponsored by the Esplanade Hotel Inverloch.

The Esplanade are regular and valued monthly sponsors to the club.

Bev Reinhard (21) was the winner of A Grade with 36 points.

An impressive score for Bev after a long battle with ill health: and her first 18 holes for many months.

The runner up was Abbey Bull (5) with 35 points, visiting from Australia Golf Club.

Robin Smith (37) continued her good form from previous weeks to win B Grade with 34 points.

Robin is hoping to continue this form into her next round of the Cashin Cup Match play event.

Neryl Hopcraft (40) was runner up with 33 points

DTBL: Fay Quilford 34, Evelyn Indian 33, Chris Lay, Jill Moor and Shirley Welsford 31, and Karen de Groot and Nola Kim on 29.

Eight players competed in the 9-hole Stableford event.

Jenny Fraser had another win this week with 19 points and Glynys Day, Libby Seebeck and Lesley Renwick earning a ball down the line with 17 points.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

OUR annual ladies Blue Day was held on Friday, April 22, with 17 teams of four players.

Everyone was greeted in the club house by our wonderful sponsor of the day Veronica Park, who has sponsored this day for the past 15 years.

The theme is everyone wears blue and the raffle money along with fines (from our own playing partners) and the auction of a lovely hat is forwarded to Beyond Blue.

On the day we raised in excess of \$725.

A grade winners, Dot Christie, Anne Walker, Bronwyn Debenham and Michelle Sait Bennett 62.5.

A grade runners up Korumburra Johanna VanDenHeiligenberg, Barb Twite, Beryl Brown and Heather Grist 63.625.

B grade winners Phillip Island Deb Orr, Dawn Andrews, Robyn Docker and Megan Elbaz 62.875.

B grade runners up Wonthaggi, Jan Beaumont, Patsy Britt, Andrea Grenville and Anne Poulton 63.375.

Meeniyian would like to thank everyone who supported such a wonderful cause in Beyond Blue.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, April 21, Stableford.

A Grade: B Kearns (9) 33pts

B Grade: S Mc Kenzie (30)

35pts

DTL: D Taylor, 33, J Hughes 32, M Payne, C Long 31.

NTP: 4th M Heiberg.

Birdies: 6th P Cummaudu, 16th, S Mc Kenzie, N Whichello.

Saturday, April 23- Par

A Grade: T Bradshaw (7) 4up

B Grade: J Kidd (16) 3up

DTL: P Woodall +3, S Evison sq, R Pentland -1 D Jerram, J Brown -2 c/b. NTP: 4th, P Woodall, 6th, R Jenkins, 13th, R Robbins, 16th, J Kidd. Birdies: 4th, T Bradshaw, P Woodall, 6th, M Heiberg, 16th J Kidd, M Heiberg.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results Saturday, April 23 - S.R 71.

Competition type: Par

Winners: A Grade; Ian Baker 0, B Grade; Gary Kirk +3, C Grade Steven Laing +4.

Ball sweep: Glen Rielly +1,

Willy Williams, 0 Daniel Crellin 0, Ben Clark 0, Alan Wright 25,

Graham Ryan 0, Ross Lovett 0, Jim Jordan -1, Ken Cuman -1 and Allan Mclean -1.

NTP: Graeme Crawford 2nd, David England 4th, Mat Johnson (propin) 8th, Andrew Macfarlane 13th, Chris Graf (money) 17th and Daniel Crellin 5th second shot.

Men's results April 21.

Competition type: Stableford 18-hole, SR. 71.

Winner: Philip McCrimmon 36

Runner-up: Michael Scott 35

Ball sweep: Gary Youlten

33, David England 32 and Craig Charles 31.

Men's results April 21.

Competition type: Stableford 9-hole, back 9 SR. 36.

Winner: Allan McLean 21.

Runner-up: Paul Cornelis 19.

Ball Sweep: Nathan Tessari 18,

Kevin Bayley 18 C/B.

Ladies results April 23, S.R 72. Competition type: Par Winner:

Marg Johnson -1 C/B Ball Sweep:

Christine Hamilton -1, Mervyn Dear -2, Marg Ryan -4.

NTP: Catherine Bolding 8th (money hole).

Ladies

LAST Wednesday's game of Stableford was played by 19 hardy souls.

We encountered a heavy down pour halfway through the round to add to the difficulty.

Well that was the story for most players, except Lisa Brusamarello, who starred on the day with a magnificent round (36) 42 points, I'm sure that handicap will dip!

A Grade winner was Jan Beaumont (19) 29 points, with Andrea Grenville (32) 34 points, our B Grade winner.

NTP: 8th Marg Johnson and 17th Lisa Brusamarello.

BDL: Dot Garry 32, Irene Walsh 30, Donna Van Veenendaal 29, Patsy Britt 29 and Mervyn Dear 28.

WOORAYL

Ladies

TWENTY-SIX players competed in the Guys and Dolls Stableford Ambrose event sponsored by Evans Petroleum last week.

After a couple of very wet days, we were thankful for just occasional showers.

It was great to hold the event during school holidays, it meant we had some of our up and coming juniors join us.

Winners were Rhett Hume, Gavin Price, Lyn De'Laney and Jo Fennell with a hot score of 104pts.

Runners-up were Elly Berryman, Joan Smith and her grandsons Ethan and Josh with 86pts.

BDL: Jenny and Kevin Riseley and Inge Giliam with 81pts.

NTPs: 8th Elly Berryman and 17th Lyn De'Laney.

No man won NTPs on 8th or 17th.

Thank you Marg Tuckett for your popular sponge raffle.

Thanks also goes to the ladies for the delicious afternoon tea.



Wonthaggi Golf Ladies' winners Lisa Brusamarello, Jan Beaumont and Andrea Grenville.



Leongatha's Bev Reinhard A Grade winner and Rob in Smith B Grade winner.



Ladies of Woorayl Golf winners Rhett Hume, Gavin Price, Lyn De'Laney and Jo Fennell.

Junior golf success

NINE-year-old Thomas Simon of Leongatha Golf Club and 12-year-old Billie Wrigley of Korumburra Golf Club played in the Cranbourne Junior Open on Friday April 22, with both performing well.

Thomas finished runner-up in his Stableford division with 32 points (103 gross off a daily handicap of 25), with William Howard of Riversdale Golf Club the winner with 42 points.

Billie, in his first Golf Australia junior tournament finished 17th, with 99 gross, and 16th on handicap with 85 net, playing in the Boys 14 division with a daily handicap of 14.

Perfect golf weather greeted the pair as they tackled the Cranbourne course for the first time, with the challenge of plenty of fairway and greenside bunkers and speedy greens on its immaculate layout.

While Thomas handled most of its challenges well, three holes got the better of him, two of which provided a bit of extra bunker 'practice'.

Overall, he managed the course admirably, with the highlight of the day a slam dunk chip that went in from a range of 50m.

It was a perfect way to sign off the round, with pin rattling par.

With the event a trial for the 12 & under School Sports Victoria squad, Thomas may well have qualified for those honours had he not had to withdraw from an earlier trial at the Northern Golf Club.

That has him looking forward to next year's trials.

Levi Perkins of Keysborough Golf Club, and also a member at Lang Lang Golf Club, played in the Boys 14 division at Cranbourne, with a daily handicap of 5, finishing seventh with a gross score of +15, but dropping to 14th on handicap.

Surf2Cinq raises \$15,000 for Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club



The kids were off raring to go on Easter Sunday at the start of the Kids Run.



Venus Bay Lifesavers Allan Latto and Anthony LaMontagne enjoyed festivities with the Easter Bunny for the annual Surf2Cinq.



Over 500 individuals participated in the 5th Annual Surf2Cinq on Easter Sunday raising \$15,000.

VENUS Bay was buzzing in glorious conditions Easter Sunday as the Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club held its 5th annual Surf2Cinq fun run and walk.

More than 500 participants, from infants to over 80s, walked or ran distances of up to 10km along the beautiful beach, raising around \$15,000.

There were huge smiles from kids entertained by the Easter bunny, who also took everyone through a warm-up routine at the start line and gave out Easter eggs as a reward at the finish.

For the first time delicious food was available from pizzas and slushies to dumplings, potato spirals and potato cakes from the local Men's shed - there was something for everyone.

For the young, and young at heart, there was also face painting!

"It's fantastic seeing the local community coming out to enjoy our stunning beach and raising money for the essential service our club provides," Paul Hoffman, President of Venus Bay SLSC, said.

"We see this event getting even bigger and better in the future!"

All proceeds from the event will be invested into securing essential lifesaving equipment to keep the beach-going public at Venus Bay safer.

For further details about how you can help or join Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club please visit vbslsc.org.au.

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Leongatha Knight's player Bree Endres is challenged by Lang Lang in LKFC attacking third.

Strong performance from Leongatha Knights

GIPPSLAND Soccer League Round 2 results.

Leongatha Knights FC (LKFC) v Lang Lang U12s: win 4-0

LKFC v Lang Lang women's: win 34-0

LKFC women's team followed their strong showing in Round 1 with another strong showing against visiting team Lang Lang. Unfortunately, the opposition was only able to field 8 on pitch players, this created space for the Lady Knights to comfortably link up in the attacking third.

LKFC v Lang Lang seniors: win 6-1

LKFC men's team continued their strong start to the season with a composed win over visiting team Lang Lang United. Midfielder, and player of the match, Dan Thomas opened the scoring within the first five minutes but a strong defensive line up from Lang Lang prevented any further goals in the first half. Leongatha lifted their passing game in the second half to create some excellent forward runs that resulted in goals from Ethan Bath, PJ O'Meara and Aidan Hall. An excellent strike from Lang Lang caught Leongatha off guard to finish the score 6-1 Leongatha's way.



LKFC U12s pic - Leongatha U12s player Franklyn goes for a run with the ball.

Have a hit at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis Comps resume this week.

A1 and A2 table tennis comps resume this week at Wonthaggi following the school and Easter holidays.

Second round matches are expected to be as keenly contested as the first rounds were.

There were no teams in A1 who went through the first round of matches undefeated.

Currently Cavaliers (Braden Andrigutto, Paul McAsey) and Blue Heelers (Dirk Holwerda, John Colomiere) are on 16 points, having lost one match each.

Dirk and John are ahead in first place by a very small

percentage.

In third place are Cavaliers (Brad Andrew and Jake Stivic).

Leading Players are Dirk Holwerda (10/30), Braden Andrigutto (9/27), Brad Andrew 6 (19).

A2 has one team undefeated after the end of round one.

Cabbages (Leanne Costello, Jason Mayer) are leading the charge on 20 points, with Spuds (David Kimmings, John Colomiere) one match behind on 16 points.

Sprouts (Trish Denier, Tom Koster) are in third place.

Many thanks to yet another new player "Big Andrew" for filling in for the last match of the first round.

He was most impressive, and

we hope to see more of him.

Rod Kimmings was also back.

Leading players are Leanne Costello 8 (24), Andy Chetcuti 7 (25), Brad Andrew 7 (24) and Trish Denier 7 (21).

New school sports program underway

WTTA was delighted to welcome students and teachers from Nyora Village High School recently to an on-going table tennis sports program at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre.

Thank you Brad, Trish and Leanne for your help in getting this program underway.

It is exciting to be able to continue with our long record of school sporting programs

after more than two years of COVID lockdowns and restrictions.

The Juniors Social Night resumes this week (Thursday, April 28) with Trish Denier and David Kimmings.

Parents, friends and persons with challenging abilities are all welcome to this friendly fun night, commencing at 6.00pm.

The evening concludes by 8.30pm, but participants can leave earlier if they wish.

No experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided.

Social table tennis continues from 12.00 mid-day on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No age limits.

For further information phone Trish on 56 723421.

More cash for sports clubs

THE state government is backing more grassroots sporting clubs with funding for uniforms, equipment, training for coaches and officials and increasing participation opportunities.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced the latest recipients to share in more than \$900,000 from the Sporting Club Grants Program.

The program provides grants of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$5,000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers and up to \$5,000 for club development.

Since 2014, the program has injected more than \$13 million to support community sporting clubs.

For more information on the grants and a full list of recipients sport.vic.gov.au.



Shannon Rozario takes over from Peter Miller

Shannon to lead Poowong Loch

Shannon Rozario will be Poowong Loch Cricket Club's on field leader next season.

Shannon takes over from Peter Miller and inherits a B2 Premiership team promoted to B1.

If you would like to join the "minnows", jump on MyCricket and contact Peter Miller, Alex Dixon or Garry Knox now.

Good facilities, great camaraderie, a no paid players policy and the possibility of a new C Grade team.

Netball at Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI and District Netball Association are encouraging all to join and learn a great sport.

Saturday Netball: 11 and under training and playing at the Wonthaggi Outdoor Courts, Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am. 15 and under / 13 and under: We are proudly sponsoring the two sections to play in the Leongatha Saturday Competition at 12pm weekly.

Training will be Thursday nights 4pm, at the Wonthaggi Outdoor Courts on Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi.

The competitions are open to girls and boy, come learn a new game and skills, and have a lot of fun.

For more information to join, contact Lee 0419 399 415.

A GRADE

Fish Ck 30 lt Toora 43
 Hill End 40 lt Boolarra 50
 N'borough 41 lt Mirboo Nth 71
 Stony Ck 19 lt Tarwin 51
 Yinnar 52 d Morwell East 51
 Thorpdale 28 lt MDU 57

B GRADE

Fish Ck 36 lt Toora 60
 Hill End 36 lt Boolarra 42
 N'borough 36 lt Mirboo Nth 62
 Stony Ck 31 d Tarwin 18
 Yinnar 36 lt Morwell East 62
 Thorpdale 41 lt MDU 45

C GRADE

Fish Ck 38 lt Toora 40
 Hill End 28 lt Boolarra 25
 N'borough 35 d Mirboo Nth 11
 Stony Ck 23 lt Tarwin 31
 Yinnar 10 lt Morwell East 59
 Thorpdale 24 lt MDU 28

D GRADE

Hill End 38 d Boolarra 23
 N'borough 28 lt Mirboo Nth 47
 Stony Ck 20 lt Tarwin East 32
 Yinnar 33 lt Morwell 27
 Thorpdale 22 lt MDU 25

17 & UNDER

Fish Ck 34 d Toora 22
 N'borough 36 lt Mirboo Nth 42
 Stony Ck 23 lt Tarwin 36
 Yinnar 33 lt Morwell East 48

15 & UNDER

Fish Ck 12 lt Toora 38
 Hill End 26 lt Boolarra 36
 N'borough 6 lt Mirboo Nth 51
 Yinnar 59 d Morwell East 16
 Thorpdale 23 lt MDU 18

13 & UNDER

Fish Ck 15 lt Toora 27
 Hill End 11 lt Boolarra 32

» LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts
Mirboo North	169.88	8	
Toora	156.25	8	
Yinnar	130.12	8	
Boolarra	127.27	8	
MDU	133.87	4	
Tarwin	110.67	4	
Fish Creek	100.00	4	
Morwell East	98.08	4	
Stony Creek	67.53	4	
Foster	63.89	4	
Hill End	68.33	0	
Thorpdale	60.00	0	
Newborough	58.59	0	

B GRADE

	B GRADE	%	pts
Mirboo North	173.44	8	
Toora	155.70	8	
Morwell East	109.76	8	
Yinnar	184.48	4	
MDU	125.00	4	
Stony Creek	122.22	4	
Boolarra	111.90	4	
Fish Creek	98.82	4	
Thorpdale	73.26	4	
Foster	52.08	4	
Hill End	70.33	0	
Newborough	63.20	0	
Tarwin	31.96	0	

C GRADE

	C GRADE	%	pts
MDU	300.00	8	
Newborough	160.47	8	
Morwell East	116.67	8	
Fish Creek	189.80	4	
Tarwin	109.09	4	
Toora	100.00	4	
Yinnar	98.25	4	
Stony Creek	98.00	4	
Hill End	96.97	4	
Mirboo North	73.24	4	
Foster	16.36	4	
Boolarra	72.31	0	
Thorpdale	34.12	0	

D GRADE

	D GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	248.65	8	
Mirboo North	215.00	8	
MDU	104.35	4	
Thorpdale	95.24	4	
Morwell East	81.82	4	
Toora	81.48	4	
Hill End	80.65	4	
Newborough	79.71	4	
Boolarra	77.05	4	
Tarwin	53.16	4	
Stony Creek	74.00	0	

17 & UNDER

	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	186.27	8	
Fish Creek	154.55	8	
Morwell East	145.45	8	
MDU	0.00	8	
Newborough	112.50	4	
Yinnar	109.09	4	
Tarwin	87.10	4	
Stony Creek	63.89	4	
Hill End	28.30	4	
Toora	62.86	0	

15 & UNDER

	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	523.53	8	
Yinnar	368.75	8	
Toora	322.73	8	
Thorpdale	206.67	8	
Boolarra	157.14	8	
Fish Creek	31.58	4	
Stony Creek	30.77	4	
Morwell East	27.12	4	
MDU	64.15	0	
Hill End	50.00	0	
Newborough	19.05	0	

13 & UNDER

	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Boolarra	557.14	8	
Mirboo North	275.00	8	
Toora	180.00	8	
Foster	112.50	8	
Tarwin	0.00	8	
MDU	6.52	4	
Fish Creek	68.89	0	
Hill End	35.19	0	

SPORT | NETBALL



Poowong shooter Patty McInnes was on target for the Pies on Saturday, she needed to be with the match ending in a one-goal win to Poowong.



There's always time for a smile during a match for Mirboo North's Abby Forrester (A Grade).



Leongatha's wing attack Taylah Brown gets the jump on her Power opponents. A15_1722



Nyora wing attack Shannon Heylen works her way through the traffic mid-court against Buln Buln in bright sunshine on Saturday.

LEONGATHA

Under 13: Award 1 - Tahlia Laferty; Sponsor Bakers Delight. Award 2 - Wil Reynolds; Sponsor Bairns. Score: Leongatha 31. A beautiful day for the U/13a match. The team played well together against a strong Wonthaggi team. It was goal for goal for most of the game, unfortunately they came out on top.

Under 15: Award 1 - Anika Andrews; Sponsor Serafino's Pizza. Award 2 - Gemma Meadly; Sponsor Bakers Delight. Score: Leongatha 44 def Wonthaggi 24. Played well as a team, having two of our attacking players out, we adjusted well to the changes that were made. We got lots of nice turnovers and capitalised on them to create a strong lead. Great game by all.

Under 17: Award 1 - Harper McLennan; Sponsor Rusty Windmill cafe. Award 2 - Jayde Hall; Sponsor Bakers Delight. Score: Leongatha 20 def Wonthaggi 23. A ripper of a day to play netball, as well as a great team game. We were a bit rusty at the start, however we kicked into gear and came back firing. Unfortunately, we didn't come out with the win but good effort from all the girls.

C Grade: Award 1 - Makenzie Gourlay; Sponsor Lyn Rose boutique. Award 2 - Tegan Rendon; Sponsor A.W Smith & Sons. Award 3 - Brooke Matera; Sponsor RSL. Auction player: Jude Reynolds. Score: Leongatha 35 def Wonthaggi 16. Another stella performance from the C grade Parrots. Fantastic team effort with players adjusting well with interchanges. Special mention to our 50 gamer Ash, great effort by all.

B Grade: Award 1 - Stacey Gilham; Sponsor Fettle & Joy. Award 2 - Alicia Marshman; Sponsor Bairns. Auction player: Kasi Rump. Score: Leongatha 53 def Wonthaggi 21. Off to a quick start but once we settled it was as great team game. Continuing to put the pressure on the entire game, the girls capitalised off every turnover and put in a big effort for the last quarter. Congratulations to our captain Kate Sperling on her 150th senior game, we are honoured to be part of your team and forever proud of you.

A Grade: Award 1 - Nicola Marriot; Sponsor A.W Smith & Sons. Award 2 - Lauren Redpath; Sponsor Bairns. Auction player: Taylah Brown. Score: Leongatha 59 def Wonthaggi 42. Right from the start the girls were determined and hungry for the ball. A slow build over the first half, the girls began to capitalise on their "

turnovers and demonstrated incredible teamwork to run away with the win. Awesome work girls.

MIRBOO NORTH

A Grade: Mirboo North 71 def Newborough 41. Best: Ebony Best (Mirboo North Hotel). Coaches: Emily Loh (Mirboo North Foodworks). In a tough first half, the team's fitness showed and they played beautifully for 4 quarters. Team structures are working. Next week will see this team face a big challenge in Yinnar.

B Grade: Mirboo North 62 Newborough 36. Best: Jakobi Eden (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Ella Snell (Craig Young Butchers). This team played a very strong game today against a good opposition. The defenders contested the ball and kept sending it down to the attacking end all game. Tarni Bartlett and Ash Hilliar stepped up to fill in and did a great job.

C Grade: Mirboo North 38 v Newborough 35. Best: Gemma McCormack (Lamezleighs). Coaches: Jayne Blackford (Mirboo North Foodworks). It was a very tough game this week, but the team did well to come out with what we thought was a good win. With an error on our team sheet, unfortunately we didn't get the 4 points.

D Grade: Mirboo North 47 def Newborough 28. Best: Kat Smith (Jimmy Jambs). Coaches: Steph McKay (Mirboo North Foodworks). This team played four solid quarters to come away with this win this week. Playing as a team and slowing down to keep possession paid off.

17 and under: Mirboo North 42 def Newborough 36. Best: Jakobi Eden (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Maddie Thompson (MNFCN canteen). Coach Lexie would like to thank Dani Eden and Kylie Peters for coaching this team while she was away. The team was down two players this week and had Tyla Peters and Lena Blackshaw from 15s step up in a very competitive and intense game. The team fought hard and held onto their lead for the duration of the game.

15 and under: Mirboo North 51 def Newborough 6. Best: Shaelah Johnson (Mirboo North Foodworks). Coaches: Marley Wallace (MNFCN canteen). Another great game by this group of girls. They worked together as a unit to bring home a huge win. Each and every player played a vital role in the game. They fought hard to get the ball and when they did, they treasured and converted.



Wonthaggi and Leongatha battle for possession during the first quarter. A13_1722



Wonthaggi's Freya Scapin gets to the ball with opponent Kasie Rump in hot pursuit. A19_1722



Wonthaggi's Courtney Young passes to teammate Ellie Bates. A12_1722



Nyora shooter Cait Van Dord goes strongly after this pass in the A Grade match against Buln Buln on Saturday.



Goal Keeper Alicia Marshman takes to the sky for the Parrots. A18_1722



Kayla Redpath soars for the Parrots. A14_1722

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» RESULTS

A GRADE

Trafalgar 63 d Longwarry 38
Poowong 36 d Catani 35
Nyora 23 lt Buln Buln 54
Lang Lang 58 d Yarragon 26
Neerim Sth 55 d Nilma-D 27

B GRADE

Trafalgar 67 d Longwarry 31
Poowong 31 lt Catani 50
Nyora 34 lt Buln Buln 67
Lang Lang 44 d Yarragon 18
Neerim Sth 42 lt Nilma-D 50

C GRADE

Trafalgar 28 lt Longwarry 40
Poowong 16 lt Catani 28
Nyora 20 lt Buln Buln 54
Lang Lang 41 d Yarragon 10
Neerim Sth 21 lt Nilma-D 30

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	381.13	12	Buln Buln	162.69	8
Lang Lang	156.70	12	Nilma Darnum	136.11	8
Trafalgar	133.73	8	Catani	109.20	8
Poowong	77.30	8	Poowong	109.17	8
Ellinbank	152.94	4	Lang Lang	101.61	8
Nilma Darnum	140.00	4	Nyora	85.06	8
Catani	100.00	4	Trafalgar	156.92	4
Buln Buln	83.33	4	Yarragon	101.59	4
Nyora	73.38	4	Ellinbank	93.98	4
Longwarry	77.71	0	Longwarry	60.98	0
Yarragon	24.78	0	Neerim South	53.06	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Buln Buln	186.17	12	Buln Buln	1600.00	12
Catani	138.71	12	Yarragon	492.86	12
Ellinbank	286.00	8	Catani	284.62	12
Nilma Darnum	160.61	8	Longwarry	246.34	12
Neerim South	124.07	4	Nilma Darnum	104.00	4
Trafalgar	121.84	4	Poowong	88.14	4
Lang Lang	86.99	4	Ellinbank	87.18	4
Nyora	75.69	4	Trafalgar	88.46	0
Poowong	50.58	4	Lang Lang	16.38	0
Longwarry	63.46	0	Neerim South	8.09	0
Yarragon	37.80	0	Nyora	2.30	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Longwarry	215.63	12	Catani	168.42	10
Catani	175.47	12	Lang Lang	147.22	10
Ellinbank	459.09	8	Trafalgar	195.00	8
Nilma Darnum	222.22	8	Longwarry	124.00	8
Buln Buln	152.70	8	Buln Buln	93.10	8
Neerim South	145.71	8	Yarragon	109.76	4
Lang Lang	101.23	4	Nilma Darnum	102.63	4
Trafalgar	44.44	0	Neerim South	79.25	4
Nyora	44.27	0	Ellinbank	77.27	4
Poowong	35.88	0	Nyora	67.09	0
Yarragon	29.66	0	Poowong	36.54	0

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» RESULTS

A GRADE

Warragul 47 d Drouin 45
Wonthaggi 42 lt Leongatha 59
Morwell 41 d Traralgon 36
Moe 63 d Maffra 38
Bairnsdale 33 lt Sale 45

B GRADE

Warragul 32 lt Drouin 32
Wonthaggi 21 lt Leongatha 53
Morwell 37 lt Traralgon 48
Moe 37 lt Maffra 41
Bairnsdale 49 d Sale 37

C GRADE

Warragul 0 lt Drouin 24
Wonthaggi 16 lt Leongatha 35
Morwell 17 lt Traralgon 27
Moe 32 lt Maffra 43
Bairnsdale 28 d Sale 27

» LADDERS

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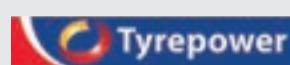
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Essendon "haven't got a timeline" on star forward's return

By Lachlan Geleit

While Essendon GM of Football Josh Mahoney expected McDonald-Tipungwuti to reach AFL levels of fitness in early May coach, Rutten revealed after last week's loss to Fremantle that the club had tempered those expectations.

"We haven't got a timeline on Tippa," Rutten said post-match.

"He's still a while away." Tipungwuti hasn't played at AFL level since Essendon's win over the Western Bulldogs in Round 21 last year.

Now back at The Hangar and making his return to play via the VFL, McDonald-Tipungwuti has been slow out of the gates, averaging just 10.7 disposals and 1.3 goals a game at the state-league level from three games this season.

The "crisis" Caroline Wilson wants the AFL to fix

By Laurence Rosen

"Everyone is carrying on (now) about players lifting up their arms and protesting decisions and having 50-metre penalties paid against them. Be consistent and pay the penalties."

"There is an umpiring crisis – umpires can probably stop being too matey with players and perhaps be a bit more formal."

"I just think it's one area the NRL seems to be better than the AFL, we desperately need more umpires."

"Now with 18 women's teams, there aren't enough umpires, and we need to provide better pathways for women umpires."

"Everyone has to stop carrying on about poor umpiring, players make mistakes all the time and we don't carry on about their mistakes like we do about umpires."

"I just think this is such a big problem."

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The latest on Bulldogs free agent's contract status



By Alex Zaia

WESTERN Bulldogs free agent Caleb Daniel is closing in on a contract extension, according to AFL Media reporter Cal Twomey.

Securing Daniel's signature has been a priority for the Bulldogs after the re-signing of star midfielder Jack Macrae in March.

Twomey is reporting that Daniel's new deal could be "around the four-year mark".

"They re-signed free agent Jack Macrae at the start of the year to a five-year deal, Daniel's been one of their priorities since then and throughout that time," he told SEN Breakfast.

"He's getting pretty close to a new deal – it could be around the four-year mark."

"They've got a big year of re-signings the Dogs and Daniel is obviously a part of that, but they manage their cap really well and I think he'll be one of the next cabs off the rank."

Kane Cornes was asked on *SEN SA Breakfast* if the Adelaide Crows should move for Daniel, who arrived at the Bulldogs from SANFL club South Adelaide in the 2014 National Draft.

"He would be a nice addition for Adelaide," Cornes said in response.

"Force Jordan Dawson up the ground, he gives them something unique and different, he's a South Australian, the Bulldogs certainly can't pay all of them."

"I'd be having a serious look at Caleb."

Brownlow Medallist Adam Cooney added: "He's an All-Australian and a best and fairest winner at a pretty successful club."

"Maybe the figures aren't too far off the mark - \$700,000 by five (years) or something like that makes sense to me."

"He's one of the best users in the game, great things happen when he's got the ball in his hands."

"It's not the silliest suggestion, I like that."

LEFT: Reports have indicated Caleb Daniel of Western Bulldogs could be closing in on a contract extension. Photo: AAP Image

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LEONGATHA

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Leongatha 3.5 8.8 10.9 13.12 (90)
Wonthaggi 3.0 6.5 7.8 7.12 (54)

GOALS, Leongatha: Mason McGannon 3, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Heppell, Aaron Hillberg, Lachie Wright 2, Luke Bowman, Cameron Stone 1 each

BEST: Luke Bowman, Jackson Harry, Tom Marriott, Aaron Heppell, Jake van der Pligt, Mason McGannon

SALE, Wonthaggi: Tom Davey, Jordan Staley 2, Jack Hutchinson, Jake Thomas 1 each

BEST: Jack Blair, Aiden Lindsay, Tom Davey, Troy Harley, Jordan Staley, Ryan Sparkes

RESERVES

Leongatha 2.2 4.2 7.5 13.8 (86)
Wonthaggi 0.2 2.5 2.5 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Leongatha: Tallin Brill 4, Rhett Kelly, Joshua Schelling 2, Nathan Trotto, Dylan Garnham, Timothy Sauvarin, Travis Nash, Tom Crocker 1 each

BEST: Travis Nash, Timothy Sauvarin, Tallin Brill, Jarrod Stewart, Ned Hanly

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Harry Dawson, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Braden Duve, Zachary Storry, Matt Coyne, Travis Krause, Jake Barry, Jaxon Williams

THIRDS

Leongatha 3.4 5.6 6.10 8.15 (63)
Wonthaggi 1.1 3.3 5.6 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 3, Harry Scott, Will Brown 2, Beau Grabham Andrews 1

BEST: Tyler Richards, Julian Callahan, Rylee Checkley, Harry Scott, Luke Marshman

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cade Brown 2, Matrix Chisholm, Nathan Gundrill, Jai Williamson 1 each

BEST: Hunter Tiziani, William Turner, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Jai Williamson, Nathan Gundrill, Cade Brown

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Sale	14.11.95	d	Bairnsdale	9.7.61
Moe	10.24.84	d	Maffra	3.14.32
Drouin	11.9.75	d	Warragul	3.11.29
Traralgon	14.13.97	d	Morwell	6.13.49

RESERVES

Sale	12.17.89	d	Bairnsdale	3.2.20
Maffra	16.15.111	d	Moe	3.5.23
Warragul	9.13.67	d	Drouin	2.5.17
Morwell	16.7.103	d	Traralgon	9.7.61

THIRDS

Bairnsdale	10.11.71	d	Sale	8.7.55
Maffra	10.15.75	d	Moe	5.8.38
Warragul	15.7.97	d	Drouin	4.5.29
Traralgon	11.9.75	d	Morwell	5.9.39

FOURTHS

Bairnsdale	11.8.74	d	Sale	1.5.11
Maffra	9.13.67	d	Moe	6.11.47
Traralgon	24.16.160	d	Morwell	4.1.25
Warragul	15.8.98	d	Drouin	1.4.10

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

» ELLINBANK ROUND 4

Catani v Trafalgar
 Buln Buln v Poowong
 Yarragon v Nyora
 Nilma Darnum v Lang Lang
 Longwarry v Ellinbank
 Neerim South - BYE

» GIPPSLAND ROUND 4

Drouin v Wonthaggi
 Leongatha v Bairnsdale
 Maffra v Sale
 Moe v Traralgon
 Morwell v Warragul

» WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 4

Cora Lynn v Tooradin-Dalmore
 Dalyston v Inverloch-Kongwak
 Garfield v Phillip Island
 Kilcunda-Bass v Nar Nar Goon
 Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
 Warragul Industrials v Korumburra-Bena

» MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Hill End v Newborough
 MDU v Fish Creek
 Mirboo North v Yinnar
 Morwell East v Thorpdale
 Tarwin v Foster
 Toora v Stony Creek
 Boolarra - BYE



No quarter is given in this fierce contest. A40-1722



Leongatha managed to spoil this spectacular Wonthaggi marking attempt. A42-1722

Parrots prevail for spectacular victory

From page 56

However, while they did a great job of getting the ball into their forward line, Wonthaggi players were unable to goal, racking up four consecutive behinds to open the term, cutting the margin to 15 points.

That was as close as the Power was allowed to get, with Leongatha sweeping the ball forward at the 14-minute mark, nailing a long-range shot on the run.

Another Parrots' goal early in time on put the game beyond Wonthaggi's grasp.

While Mason McGannon's three goals was the most for the victorious Leongatha, four of his teammates booted a pair of majors each, being Lachie Wright, Jack Ginnane, and a couple of Aarons - Hillberg and Heppell.

Luke Bowman was best afield for the Parrots, with Jackson Harry and Tom Marriott also prominent for the winning side.

Wonthaggi had just a couple of multiple goalkickers in Jordan Staley and Tom Davey, with Jack Blair and Aiden Lindsay its best players on the day.

Little separated the sides at quarter time, with Leongatha just 5-points ahead, although the Parrots had scored 3.5

to that point, compared to Wonthaggi's efficient 3 goals straight.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking urged his players to improve through the midfield in transition.

He also put a question to them as to whether they could up their intensity.

"Can our pressure go up?" McMicking asked, concluding "I reckon it can," a sentiment his players agreed with.

The Parrots responded with a five goal to three second term, going on to win every quarter in a solid performance.

Leongatha has now won nine of its last 11 clashes with archrival Wonthaggi.

Saturday's victory for the Parrots continued the pattern of last year when these teams each won their away clash against the other.

This season, Wonthaggi hasn't tasted victory since round 1, being held to a draw by Warragul, and currently sits mid-table, so will have a sense of urgency when it visits eighth-placed Drouin in round 4.

Leongatha will look to extend its unbeaten run this year and is unlikely to make life easy for bottom-placed and winless Bairnsdale when they visit the Parrots' nest.



Scorer of two goals and one of Leongatha's best performers Aaron Heppell drives the Parrots forward. A43-1722

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	3	0	219.70	12	Maffra	3	0	1288.89	12	Warragul	3	0	446.38	12	Traralgon	3	0	641.67	12
Leongatha	3	0	174.32	12	Leongatha	3	0	733.33	12	Maffra	3	0	172.38	12	Maffra	3	0	148.25	12
Traralgon	2	1	195.86	8	Morwell	2	1	132.74	8	Traralgon	2	1	194.90	8	Bairnsdale	2	1	279.75	8
Maffra	2	1	144.19	8	Wonthaggi	2	1	128.83	8	Bairnsdale	2	1	104.07	8	Moe	2	1	210.48	8
Wonthaggi	1	1	88.66	6	Sale	1	2	92.41	4	Leongatha	2	1	88.69	8	Warragul	1	1	221.31	4
Sale	1	2	82.10	4	Warragul	1	2	72.95	4	Wonthaggi	1	2	104.86	4	Leongatha	1	1	65.71	4
Morwell	1	2	60.07	4	Drouin	1	2	56.45	4	Drouin	1	2	62.50	4	Sale	0	2	42.45	0
Drouin	1	2	50.17	4	Moe	1	2	47.88	4	Moe	1	2	43.35	4	Drouin	0	3	20.25	0
Warragul	0	2	70.44	2	Bairnsdale	1	2	30.88	4	Morwell	0	3	73.95	0	Morwell	0	3	8.95	0
Bairnsdale	0	3	65.98	0	Traralgon	0	3	34.64	0	Sale	0	3	49.80	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0



The footy is locked in during a first half contest. A32_1722



The Magpie's Michael Marotta remains set to swoop on a loose ball during Dalyston's impressive win over Korumburra-Bena. A30_1722

Inspired Magpies taste long awaited victory

AS BUGLER Phil Richards sounded the Last Post on a crisp clear evening in Korumburra, two opposing clubs stood reverently in silence together in remembrance of the fallen.

Their ANZAC weekend clash fell 371 days after Dalyston's one and only win last season in the corresponding Round 3 game against Korumburra-Bena.

Both teams looking for their first win of the season lined up with predominately new personnel, the Magpies only had 10 players from the previous encounter, the Giants nine.

Expectations from both camps was high and the game commenced at high intensity in front of a healthy crowd.

Five minutes in Dalyston drew first blood via Hayden Wallis as he adeptly skewered through a beauty off his instep from 30 metres out at the town end. The Giants keen to show their wares replied with Jay Walker lacing out a pass to their Somerville recruit Paul Fermanis.

Then team-mate Joel Cuman trapped a loose ball in traffic and cleared the goal-square pack from 40 before Dalyston answered through Jack Paravicini.

The quarter was highlighted by good clean possession by both squads. More scoring opportunities came from deep entries as Fermanis and Tyler Newton goaled for the Giants and Paravicini on the end of a Michael Marotta



A good crowd turned out on a cold night, with the fire-place stoked to the hilt to keep some of them warm. A37_1722

bullet added his second. The Giants had their nose in front by 4 points at the change of ends.

The second term was defining for the result of the game, with the Magpies owning the quarter. With a first to the ball philosophy Dalyston built the pressure on the Giants defence. Mick Harris found space for Josh Wright to regain the lead then Paravicini on a fast lead added another.

Hayden Wallis scored the next two as the Magpies tackling created turnovers further afield and allowed clean delivery into the forward fifty.

Mason Storr put through his team's fifth goal within a 15 minute scoring blitz and the Pies were up and about

taking a 25 point buffer into the long break.

Backs to the wall, the Giants showed they weren't prepared to surrender easily with Bailey Nation snapping an important goal early in the third. His team was doing all the attacking but set-shot misses by Matt Kennewell and Boyd Robertson didn't reward their efforts.

Wallis showed them how it was done at the other end, nailing a tackle and adding his fourth.

The contest was building momentum and neither team was holding back. A fracas on the wing saw Jay Walker the recipient of a relayed double 50-metre penalty but his goal was quickly

answered as Dalyston teamed well to deliver to Wallis on the goal line.

Boyd Robertson's goal in the quarter's dying minutes gave the Giants a glimpse of hope being 16 points down entering the last.

With tired players making poor decisions, trying to handle the now slippery ball, the first six minutes of the fourth term was a stalemate.

The contested play brought several stoppages and scoring dried up until Jack Paravicini with two goals in two minutes put the result beyond doubt.

The Giants tried hard to the end, but their efforts to take ground were nullified as the Dalyston defence set up well behind the ball. Whichever direction they went, the black and white wall was there to repulse them.

The win was enthusiastically celebrated by the Magpies, even though under the circumstances, there were more players inside the circle than surrounding as they belted out their theme song.

And tonight, they will learn which AFL legend will be coming to join them via the Carlton Draught, a Fox Footy initiative to support grass roots football.

All Dalyston supporters are invited to their clubrooms from 7pm to be in attendance for the big reveal at 8.30pm.

Next week Korumburra-Bena travel to Warragul to play the Dusties while Dalyston host the undefeated Inverloch-Kongwak.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 3

» KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB
» DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 80 **KOR-BENA** 58

Dalyston 3.4 8.4 10.5 12.8 (80)
Kor-Bena 4.2 4.3 7.7 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Dalyston: Jack Paravicini, Hayden Wallis 5, Mason Storr, Lachlan Wright 1 each

BEST: Hayden Wallis, Jack Paravicini, Michael Marotta, Omar Ashkar, Curtis Murfett, Clay Tait

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Paul Fermanis 3, Matt Kennewell, Bailey Nation, Tyler Newton, Boyd Robertson, Jay Walker 1 each

BEST: Darcy Hargrave, Joel Cuman, Matthew Lello, Jay Walker, Bailey Patterson, Zach Walker

RESERVES
Kor-Bena 6.2 6.2 9.5 10.5 (65)
Dalyston 0.2 1.6 1.8 4.11 (35)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Dylan West, Byron Walker 3, Chris Kirk-Williams 2, Peter Kyle, Jordan Graham 1 each

BEST: Dylan West, Raymon Boulter, Chris Kirk-Williams, Christian Sewell, Thomas Sorrell, Jordan Graham

GOALS, Dalyston: Alexander Geyer 2, Robert Davey, Ethan Dayson 1 each

BEST: Troy Alford, Kyle Wright, Jack Sheerin, John Jones, Alexander Geyer, Jy Hull

THIRDS
Kor-Bena 3.3 8.6 11.11 14.16 (100)
Dalyston 3.1 5.1 5. 8.6 (54)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Ben Fort 6, Alessi Green, Angus O'Loughlin 2, Josh Checkley, Jack Donohue, Braith Minchin, Riley Sullivan 1 each

BEST: Ben Fort, Hamish Boys, Player, Nash Beavis, Braith Minchin, Jack Donohue

GOALS, Dalyston: Beau Hull 2, Stewart Beaumont, Hamish Burns, Jett Orpin, Noah Shepherd, Max Connell 1 each

BEST: Stewart Beaumont, Levi Jones, Jett Orpin, Ryda Kay-Darts, Chase Krause, Beau Hull

FOURTHS
Kor-Bena 2.7 4.8 8.9 10.13 (73)
Dalyston 0.0 0.4 0.5 1.7 (13)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Mitchell Croatto, Ben Fort, Tadhg Gannon, Raph Jefferis 2, Jack Crocker, Jake Fowles 1 each

BEST: Ben Fort, Finn Donohue, Tommy Burgess, Tadhg Gannon, Bryce Riddell, Jake Fowles

GOALS, Dalyston: Chase Krause 1

BEST: Max Connell, Harry Howell, Aiden Hooper, Riley Brinkman, Beau Ransom, Levi Jones

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	P/A	FOURTHS	W	L	%	P/A
Tooradin-D	3	0	272.34	12	Tooradin-D	3	0	6887.50	12	Inverloch-K	3	0	1692.59	4.0	Phillip Island	2	0	587.88	4.0
Inverloch-K	3	0	233.54	12	Phillip Island	3	0	371.60	12	Tooradin-Dal	1	0	615.38	4.0	Inverloch-K	2	0	235.85	4.0
Nar Nar Goon	3	0	176.02	12	Bunyip	2	1	256.38	8	Garfield	2	0	295.00	4.0	Warragul Ind	2	1	355.00	2.7
Phillip Island	3	0	161.29	12	Inverloch-K	2	1	190.60	8	Cora Lynn	2	1	97.24	2.7	Kor-Bena	2	1	241.67	2.7
Bunyip	2	1	152.81	8	Koo Wee Rup	2	1	136.11	8	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	61.38	2.7	Koo Wee Rup	2	1	123.81	2.7
Dalyston	1	2	96.77	4	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	97.50	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	2	119.91	1.3	Garfield	2	1	73.03	2.7
Warragul Ind	1	2	78.30	4	Cora Lynn	1	2	100.74	4	Kor-Bena	1	2	32.92	1.3	Kilcunda-Bass	2	1	59.74	2.7
Koo Wee Rup	1	2	68.52	4	Dalyston	1	2	83.54	4	Phillip Island	0	1	60.00	0	Bunyip	1	1	167.14	2.0
Kilcunda-Bass	1	2	55.40	4	Warragul Ind	1	2	29.25	4	Bunyip	0	3	45.13	0	Dalyston	0	3	43.27	0
Cora Lynn	0	3	56.35	0	Kor-Bena	1	2	24.72	4	Dalyston	0	2	18.75	0	Nar Nar Goon	0	3	42.16	0
Kor-Bena	0	3	49.09	0	Garfield	0	3	32.23	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0	Tooradin-D	0	3	4.59	0
Garfield	0	3	37.99	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	3	10.45	0	Warragul Ind	0	0	0.00	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Bunyip 18.7.115 d Garfield 4.7.31
Nar Nar Goon 18.16.124 d Koo Wee Rup 8.7.55

Tooradin-Dal 18.14.122 d Warragul Ind 7.8.50

RESERVES

Bunyip 20.11.131 d Garfield 2.5.17

Nar Nar Goon 9.10.64 d Koo Wee Rup 8.6.54

Tooradin-Dal 27.17.179 d Warragul Ind 0.0.0

THIRDS

Garfield 11.5.71 d Bunyip 7.8.50

Nar Nar Goon 11.2.68 d Koo Wee Rup 8.10.58

FOURTHS

Garfield 8.2.50 d Bunyip 6.9.45

Koo Wee Rup 9.5.59 d Nar Nar Goon 2.6.18

Warragul Ind 27.14.176 d Tooradin-Dal 0.0.0

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

» STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

» TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 **73**  **30**

TARWIN

STONY CREEK

Tarwin 1.0 3.0 9.1 12.1 (73)

Stony Creek 2.0 3.3 3.3 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Tarwin: Cooper McInnes 3, Nick Anderson, Travis Kitchin, Matthew Williams 2, Jamie Cann, Wade Haysom, Kaj Patterson 1 each

BEST: Tom Vanderkolk, Daniel Houston, Fergus Warren, Dale Lawton, Kaj Patterson, Nick Anderson

GOALS, Stony Creek: Darcy Atkins, Cooper Cary, Darren Granger, Jake Pronk 1 each

BEST: Sam Marriott, Hayden Funnell, James Monaghan, Chris Verboon, Troy Sinclair, Darcy Atkins

RESERVES

Tarwin 5.2 8.5 10.10 11.14 (80)

Stony Creek 2.1 3.1 3.2 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Tarwin: Tom Williamson 5, Nick McRae 2, Noah Bee-Hickman, Jarvis Brown, Max Burton, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each

BEST: Flynn Brosnan, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tom Brosnan, Tom Giroud, Max Burton, Jarvis Brown

GOALS, Stony Creek: Andrew Verboon 2, Damian Burge, James Dean, Joshua Wyhoon 1 each

BEST: Andrew Verboon, Ryan McKnight, Dylan Zuidema, Joshua Wyhoon, Glenn Gray, Damian Burge

THIRDS

MDU 6.1 8.2 15.4 20.11 (131)

Tarwin/Fish Ck 0.0 3.2 6.4 8.5 (53)

BEST, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Lane Bowman, Blake Walton, Zak Bright, Thomas Vuillermin, Archie Moore

» MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 **63**  **62**

THORPDALE

MDU

Thorpdale 3.3 6.4 8.5 9.9 (63)

MDU 3.0 5.2 8.4 9.8 (62)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Robert Turnbull 2, Michael Chapman, Mitchell Gorman, James Holland-Burch, Brayden Hunt, Michael McMahon, Shannon Pickering, Thomas Poulton 1 each

BEST: Michael McMahon, Mitchell Gorman, Joel Monger, Shannon Pickering, James Durkin, James Holland-Burch

GOALS, MDU: Jake McMillan 4, Stephen Hawkins 3, Wayne Stewart 2

BEST: Jake McMillan, Samuel Wilson, Nick Tuckett, Thomas Corry, Erik O'Loughlin, Jake Bromley

RESERVES

MDU 7.2 11.4 13.4 13.4 (82)

Thorpdale 1.1 2.2 3.2 4.6 (30)

GOALS, MDU: Neil Mathieson 3, Sean Pearce, Harry VanderZalm, Alexander Battersby 2, Jake Brydon, River Carroll, Benjamin Heppell 1 each

BEST: River Carroll, Alexander Battersby, Jake Brydon, Max East, Joel Sinclair

GOALS, Thorpdale: Johnny Bainbridge, Corey Celima, Nick McIntosh, Lachie Ray 1 each

BEST: Iulio Tavete, Dan Hammond, Alexander Filmer-Smith, Darcy Durham, Mitchell Graham, Simon Lawson

THIRDS

MDU 6.1 8.2 15.4 20.11 (131)

Tarwin/Fish Ck 0.0 3.2 6.4 8.5 (53)

BEST, MDU: Angus McKenzie, Joel Leeden, Burke VanderZalm, Billy Trotman, Thomas Burt

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

THIRDS

Yinnar 1.2 5.4 7.8 9.11 (65)

Foster 3.5 5.7 7.9 8.13 (61)

BEST, Yinnar: Flynn Schill, Noah McCafferty, Mack Rieniets, Thomas Hoghton, Clancy Mills, Archie Mills

BEST, Foster: Zak Maynard-Barrett, Jack Rathjen, Reghan Lewis, Will Roffey, William Cashin, Lachlan Lewis

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Dalyston 12.8.80 d Korumburra-Bena 8.10.58

Bunyip 18.7.115 d Garfield 4.7.31

Nar Nar Goon 18.16.124 d Koo Wee Rup 8.7.55

Tooradin-Dalmore 18.14.122 d Warragul Industrials 7.8.50

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

Leongatha 12.12.90 d Wonthaggi 7.12.54

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Stony Creek falls short



Tarwin attempts to keep the pressure on Stony Creek. Photo courtesy of Gerard Bruning.

One point decider for Thorpdale

WITH Demon's youngster Spencer Chadwick knocked out in a tackle and airlifted to hospital, the score was really secondary, albeit very close.

The Blues went into this second-round match with confidence, given their first hit out just a fortnight ago, while showing some reasonably promising signs from the club's younger players.

Coupled with an expectation of increased fitness, a win was seen as achievable.

MDU, however, found

themselves in pretty much the same boat, with a first up loss scattered with impressive passages of play, only let down by the inability to apply pressure on the scoreboard.

A fast start was seen as crucial by both clubs in winning the match, and we got that from both sides, with no more than a goal or two separating them all afternoon.

Thorpdale coach, Ray Pickering said "we came into the game confident if

we could repeat last game's first half for four quarters, we could really shake MDU and that's exactly what we managed to do, we got our structures together for longer periods resulting in us winning a lot of territory, our midfield was great all day and played a huge part in a great victory for the club on a big occasion."

MDU coach, Peter Harris said "tough day for the club no one likes losing and especially by a point, when we should've taken

our chances and sealed the game, the shortened game made the challenge even greater, Thorpy kept cracking in and had some great onballers who kept giving them opportunities."

The weeks ahead will give even further improvement and more opportunities for success for both teams.

Note: From early reports Spencer is improving and the Leagues thoughts are with him and family.

Thorpdale 9-9-63 beat MDU 9-8-62.

Ladder leaders Newborough plough through Mirboo North

By Rover

AN IMPRESSIVE new-look Newborough outfit has emerged from recent bottom four seasons of despair, to more than likely be 2022 Mid Gippsland top four contenders — after defeating Mirboo North by a handy 42 points at Newborough on Saturday.

The undefeated Bulldogs recorded their second victory from two starts and also regained the Ron Skinner Memorial Cup for the first time since 26 May 2018.

Before the game, a moving Anzac ceremony involving more than 100 footballers and netballers, coaches, umpires and club officials, was conducted in serene 19 degree sunshine on Newborough's mint condition oval.

In its selected side, Newborough had 11 former players who have come home to the Doggies after spending time away at other clubs.

Some of those who featured prominently were Patrick Charles, Josh Pearce, Jack Robinson, Liam Charles and Luke Webber.

Other match winners for the home side were Michael Rosato, Joel Mitchell — with six magnificent goals — Chris Gardiner and Luke Cordner.

For much of the afternoon, Mirboo North found the Bulldogs' synchronized optimum functioning and integrated transitional flexibility, harder to read than a poorly written football report.

Newborough immediately took the initiative — by attacking the Sherrin as ferociously as Rin-Tin-Tin chased down the bad guys



Newborough was dominant in their performance against Mirboo North over the weekend. Photos: Marcelle Anderson

— and before long the Doggies had four unanswered goals on the board.

A diving intercept mark from youngster, Nick Cummaudo, followed by a superb banana bender from the boundary line produced Mirboo North's first goal — before Mitchell's second major gave Newborough a 22-point advantage at quarter time.

Nothing much was going right for Mirboo North early in the second term, as the behinds kept mounting one by one.

When playing coach Josh Taylor's running shot from close range mysteriously slewed off line and banged into the top of right goal post, an irony of fate seemed to strike the Tigers.

After all, the Blond Bombshell normally splits the middle of the big white sticks from any angle and distance inside the forward 50.

Rhys Kratzat continued to defend stoutly for the visitors, as the pressure of Newborough's forward press showed no signs

of abating.

Joel Lambourn and Beau Peters were also holding the line for the Tigers in the back 50, whilst classy on-ballers, Hudson Kerr and Liam Nash's positive positioning in and around the packs protected Mirboo North from sliding into obscurity.

Triple premiership ruckman, Joe Brooks, who was playing his 150th senior game for Mirboo North, was another handy contributor in the air and the tackling department.

A brilliant high-hooking 50-metre lob wedge goal on the run from Ethan Woodall and another by iron man, Luke Bartlett, brought Mirboo North some confidence, before three successive behinds limited the Tigers' momentum.

Then, late goals from Hecker and Robinson pushed the Bulldogs' lead out to 30 points on the half-time siren.

It was more of the same during the third quarter with Newborough booting two goals and the Tigers hanging in there with three of their own.

Mirboo North entered the last quarter 26 points in arrears, but as time-on approached, another four Newborough goals had well and truly cooked the Tigers' chances of victory.

When the Bulldogs' score ticked over the century mark, Mirboo North was trailing by 53 points, but its resolve remained intact.

Closing majors to Jacob Blair and Harley Foa reduced Newborough's winning margin to seven goals.

Newborough 15.12.102 d Mirboo North 8.12.60

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

» FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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FISH CREEK

TOORA

Fish Creek 3.4 11.9 13.13 18.19 (127)
Toora 0.4 2.6 3.8 3.8 (26)

GOALS: Fish Creek: Trevor Hooker 6, Darcy Berryman, Jordan Shaw 3, Thomas Cameron, Sam McGannon, Colin McPhee, Pat Pekin, Ashraf Davies 1 each

BEST: Pat Pekin, Thomas Cameron, Trevor Hooker, Lachlan Gale, Matthew McGannon, Jarrod Walker

GOALS, Toora: Harley Hoppner, Jonathan Pintus, Matthew Ponton 1 each

BEST: Jake McFarland, Matthew Ponton, Ross Aitcheson, Leigh Biemans, Ryan Archer, Jordan Knox

RESERVES

Toora 2.5 9.6 14.7 18.9 (117)
Fish Creek 0.0 2.0 4.1 5.1 (31)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 6, Josh Griffin 2, Andrew Davies, Leigh de Boer, Linden Dyson, Casey Ferguson, Luke Grylls, Jarryd Guganovic, Lukas Jenkins, Hayden Smith 1 each

BEST: Ben East, Leigh de Boer, Linden Dyson, Wellesley Jenkins, James Maurilli-Pullin

GOALS, Fish Creek: Aaron Ireland, Owen Schnoor, Owen Straw, Jake Anderson, Brad Pulham 1 each

BEST: Aaron Ireland, Owen Straw, Jake Anderson, Tim Walters, Levi Cocksedge, Matthew Pocklington

THIRDS

MDU 6.1 8.2 15.4 20.11 (131)
Tarwin/Fish Ck 0.0 3.2 6.4 8.5 (53)

BEST, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Lane Bowman, Blake Walton, Zak Bright, Thomas Vuillermin, Archie Moore

» MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



102



60

NEWBOROUGH

MIRBOO NORTH

Newborough 5.4 9.4 11.7 15.12 (102)
Mirboo North 1.6 3.10 6.12 8.12 (60)

GOALS, Newborough: Joel Mitchell 6, Peter Ainsworth, Liam Flahavin, Josh Pearce 2, Liam Charles, Joshua Hecker, Jack Robinson 1 each

BEST: Michael Rosato, Patrick Charles, Christopher Gardiner, Josh Pearce, Liam Cordner, Joel Mitchell

GOALS, Mirboo North: Luke Bartlett 2, Jacob Blair, Ben Campbell, Harley Foa, Ethan Woodall 1 each

BEST: Rhys Kratzat, Joel Lambourn, Hudson Kerr, Liam Nash, Beau Peters

RESERVES

Newborough 4.6 11.13 18.16 23.19 (157)
Mirbo North 0.1 1.1 2.2 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Brincat 6, Aaron Fanning 3, Joel Jacovou, Mathew Leicester, Samuel Lodge, Tyler Mander, Rohan Richards, Jarod Wood 2, Jake Bowden, Nathan Curtis 1 each

BEST: Jake Bowden, Jarod Wood, Will Troy, Mathew Leicester, Jack Brincat, Samuel Lodge

GOALS, Mirboo North: Andrew Soplakow 1

BEST: Patrick Lewis, Taj Wilkins, Tyron Stevens, Jake Peters

THIRDS

Mirboo Nth 9.2 13.7 14.9 20.11 (131)
Hill End 0.0 0.0 5.2 7.5 (47)

BEST, Mirboo North: William Lewis, Max Woodall, Jesse Chila, William Jacka, Beau Kratzat, Daniel Masters

BEST, Hill End: Damon Russell, Lachlan Answer, Mark Ferguson, Darcy Rees, William Orton

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Hill End 7.11.53 drew Boolarra 8.5.53
Yinnar 11.14.80 d Morwell East 8.6.54

RESERVES

Boolarra 7.9.51 d Hill End 4.5.29
Yinnar 10.14.74 d Morwell East 5.7.37



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for Kilcunda Bass Cricket Club will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 7.30pm George Bass Hotel, 5 Hade Avenue, Bass.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	2	0	245.45	8	Newborough	2	0	387.50	8	Mirboo Nth	2	0	404.41	8
Fish Creek	2	0	230.38	8	MDU	2	0	262.71	8	Yinnar	2	0	387.10	8
Tarwin	2	0	138.93	8	Tarwin	2	0	183.72	8	MDU	2	0	252.00	8
Hill End	1	0	132.69	6	Toora	1	1	136.89	4	Foster	0	2	67.48	0
Boolarra	1	0	115.79	6	Fish Creek	1	1	119.49	4	Hill End	0	2	24.73	0
Yinnar	1	1	111.04	4	Stony Creek	1	1	111.11	4	Tarwin / Fish Creek	0	2	17.65	0
Stony Creek	1	1	96.40	4	Yinnar	1	1	109.57	4	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Foster	0	1	96.36	4	Hill End	1	1	106.59	4	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	1	77.71	4	Boolarra	1	1	78.43	4	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	1	67.50	4	Morwell East	0	1	50.00	4	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	0	2	86.67	0	Foster	0	1	0.91	4	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo Nth	0	2	59.36	0	Thorpdale	0	2	34.52	0	Morewell East	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	2	24.25	0	Mirboo Nth	0	2	24.00	0					

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Parrots prevail for spectacular victory

LEONGATHA held Wonthaggi at arm's length for much of the contest, but the Power threatened to make a charge in the final term before the Parrots pulled away to win by six goals.

While Wonthaggi faced a 19-point deficit at the final change, coach Jarryd Blair delivered a calm address that had his players full of belief

heading into the last term.

"I reckon we were on top for most of that quarter," Blair said of the third stanza, noting the Power had been punished for their turnovers.

His playing group looked and sounded positive at the huddle and moved the ball impressively when play resumed.

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Leongatha players reflect during the pre-game Anzac Day service. A38_1722

Leongatha's top-performer for the match Luke Bowman bursts clear for the Parrots. A46_1722

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