



Delighted with the progress being made at the new Phillip Island Community Hospital are members of the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) and Bass Coast Health (BCH) including PIMHAG Chair Peter Paul, BCH Service Development Director Kerryn Griffiths, PIMHAG committee member Bruce Procter, PIMHAG Treasurer Gary Simmons, PIMHAG Secretary Marney Chadwick, BCH Executive Director of Primary and Community Clinical Services Kirsten Weinzierli, BCH Interim Chief Executive Officer Simone Alexander, BCH Community Advisory Committee Chair Mim Kershaw and PIMHAG Vice President John Matthews.

BABY PLAY

- Wonthaggi Hospital aims for regional accreditation

AN AMBITIOUS plan to deliver a higher level of clinical care to the region's mums and their babies, at the recently redeveloped Wonthaggi Hospital, is a top priority of Bass Coast Health.

As revealed by the health service's Interim Chief Executive Officer, Simone Alexander, last Thursday, October 30, on the day the organisation's \$183 million annual report was tabled in State Parliament, Bass Coast Health is pursuing the maternity upgrade independently of the promised \$290 million Stages 2 and 3 of Wonthaggi's redevelopment.

It's also an unashamed bid to have more babies born in Wonthaggi, especially those families forced away with higher needs.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG), Ms Alexander said that while she was

By BCH

delighted to see the new Phillip Island Community Hospital up and running, encouraging signs from the transition to Bayside Health, and progress being made with the Victorian Health Building Authority on the Master Plan, Feasibility Study and Business Case for Stage Two of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion; increasing the level of care for mothers and babies was top of the agenda.

"We're passionate about providing a special level of care to our mums and babies, and we're making application for a capability upgrade for that," Ms Alexander told the PIMHAG members during a wide-ranging report on the health service at the Phillip Island RSL last week.

Speaking afterwards, she said hospitals statewide were accredited to

provide maternity and newborn services at various capability levels, and Wonthaggi was hoping to move up and expand services for the region's mothers and their babies.

At present, all three South Gippsland/Bass Coast hospitals; Bass Coast Health (Wonthaggi), Gippsland Southern Health Service (Leongatha) and South Gippsland Hospital (Foster) are accredited to Level 3 maternity capability and Level 2 newborn capability whereas West Gippsland Healthcare Group (Waragul) is accredited to Levels 4 and 3 respectively and Latrobe Regional Hospital (Traralgon) to Level 5 and 4.

"The Department of Health already has our application, which is being considered independently of planning for the next stages at Wonthaggi," Ms Alexander told the Sentinel-Times.

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Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, with Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos at Newhaven Jetty, yesterday announcing a \$5.5 million redevelopment of the old Newhaven Jetty.

\$5.5 million makeover for Newhaven Jetty

MUCH-needed repairs to restore recreational boating and fishing access to Newhaven's popular jetty will be prioritised thanks to more than \$5.5 million in funding through the Allan Labor Government's Better Boating Fund.

After being closed for more than a year, the Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale announced this week the jetty would be rebuilt and reopened, making boating, fishing and pedestrian access possible to the important community asset.

The news has been warmly welcomed locally.

"If that's enough to fix it up that's great news," said Craig Edmonds of Jim's Bait and Tackle in San Remo. "It'll save me telling everyone it's not useable," he said on a busy Melbourne Cup Long Weekend.

The rebuilt jetty will enable local residents and visitors alike to enjoy the great outdoors and provide boaters an access point to board or disembark vessels launched at the nearby boat ramp or marina, Ms Crugnale said on Monday.

"We know how important the

jetty is to the local community, and I'm thrilled to announce funding to begin the process of renewing access for boating and fishing," Ms Crugnale said.

"Reopening this facility will support local tourism, recreational fishing and boating while preserving the character of Phillip Island's iconic waterfront.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank locals Amanda Keilar, Saltwater's Ben Dennis, Lisa Webster, the Newhaven Residents Group for leading the advocacy to repair and reopen this much-loved community asset with energy and determination."

Structural inspections of the T-shaped jetty have taken place since its closure and will inform the drafting of detailed designs and approvals required prior to construction taking place.

The jetty's lower landing will be rebuilt, making it easier to hop on or off boats tied up on the jetty, with room for three to four vessels to be tied up simultaneously. The lower landing will boast new cleats for boaters to tie ropes up to and ladders to ensure accessing

vessels is safe and convenient at a range of tides.

The broader jetty structure will score new solar lighting for those out on the water before sunrise or after sunset and fendering will ensure boats are protected while moored.

Assessments have identified the need to replace timber decking, capping and beams, remediating the tops of wooden piles to ensure they remain durable and restoring full pedestrian access through new decking across the structure.

The jetty has also long been one of the best accessible, safe land-based fishing spots on Phillip Island, well suited to beginners and the many holiday-makers that visit the region. Anglers have previously been able to wet a line for species like snapper, calamari, King George whiting, trevally, salmon and even gummy sharks.

Shadow Minister for Outdoor Recreation, and vocal advocate for the jetty's restoration, Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath, welcomed Monday's announcement.

"The Allan Government's

backflip on the permanent closure of Newhaven Jetty is a hard-won victory – driven by unwavering community leadership and persistent political advocacy over the past 18 months," Ms Bath said.

"I extend my sincere congratulations to Amanda Keilar, Fishing Nanna, Ben Dennis, owner of Saltwater Phillip Island, Newhaven residents and the broader Bass Coast community. Their tireless campaigning has been instrumental in forcing the Government to finally listen to the community's deep frustration and reverse its decision."

The funding will be provided through the Better Boating Fund.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority's (VFA) Better Boating division will oversee the design work, as well as subsequent approvals. The VFA will work with asset manager Parks Victoria and local user groups throughout the process. Subject to approvals, the preparation of construction-ready designs will begin later this year or in early 2026.

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Her message to PIMHAG was all positive, highlighting the progress being made at the Phillip Island Community Hospital and Urgent Care Centre where there will be an Open Tour Day, by appointment, from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, December 13, 2025, ahead of an official opening for the new hospital, by Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas, early in the New Year.

Ms Alexander said the community hospital was already offering diagnostic services, including pathology and imaging on site, urgent care services, dialysis, day surgery, potentially including ophthalmology, day chemotherapy with oncology to come, and in stage 2 next year, two chairs for public dental health. She said it had been an honour to carry on delivering former CEO Jan Child's legacy to the Phillip Island community.

Also reporting on the transition for BCH into Bayside Health, Ms Alexander said it had been the community's preferred option to go with the regional alignment with Peninsula Health and the Alfred, rather than Latrobe Regional, noting BCH was already seeing the benefits of a close working relationship with the Bayside group, ahead of full amalgamation of the services on January 1, 2026.

And setting the Wonthaggi Hospital up to take full advantage of its tie-up with the Bayside group, and visiting specialists and clinicians was "another piece of the puzzle", stage one of the new Staff Accommodation facility, offering 20 rooms initially and ultimately 90 rooms in stages to follow.

Ms Alexander said the facility was taking shape next to Kirrak House, offering clinicians the opportunity to stay overnight and either continue with procedures the next day or follow up with patients.

Annual report tabled

Bass Coast Health tabled what will effectively be its last annual report in State Parliament last Thursday. The report provides details of a service that is big and rapidly getting bigger, with total expenditure of \$183 million, up from \$165 million last financial year, and total employee expenses of \$124.8 million.

By comparison, the Bass Coast Shire Council has a budget of \$115 million, including \$39 million in total employee expenses.

Bass Coast Health, which operates the Wonthaggi Hospital, Phillip Island Community Hospital, Kirrak House and Griffiths Point Lodge aged care, as well as maternal and child health centres at Corinella (Bass Valley), Cowes, Grantville, Inverloch, San Remo and Wonthaggi posted a net operating loss of \$7.2 million for the 2024-25 financial year, a figure which includes \$12.3 million in depreciation.

Coming up for Bass Coast Health

- Saturday, November 8: Annual BCH Ladies Auxiliary Fete at Wonthaggi Hospital
- Friday, November 21: Gala fundraising dinner and prize draw at Phillip Island Winery, event and raffle tickets via the BCH Facebook page
- Thursday, November 27: BCH AGM 2pm at Silverwater San Remo
- Saturday, December 13: Phillip Island Community Hospital open tours 11am-3pm.

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6 Day
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SOUTH
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TUE | Nov 4
Rain increasing.
Wind AM: W 25-35km/h
Wind PM: NW 30-40km/h
8° **15°**



WED | Nov 5
Showers.
Wind AM: W 25-40km/h
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h
8° **17°**



THUR | Nov 6
Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h
9° **21°**



FRI | Nov 7
Showers.
Wind AM: N-NE 15-20km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 15-25km/h
13° **24°**



SAT | Nov 8
Shower or two.
Wind AM: S-SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 15-25km/h
10° **17°**



SUN | Nov 9
Shower or two.
Wind AM: S-SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 15-20km/h
9° **17°**

IN BRIEF

Erin Patterson
appeal soon

LAWYERS for Leongatha tri-
ple murderer Erin Patterson
are expected to lodge their ap-
plication, seeking leave to ap-
peal their client's conviction,
within the next few days.

Ms Patterson's new lawyer,
Richard Edney, made an an-
nouncement at the Supreme
Court of Victoria on October 2
that his client intended to ap-
peal and at the same time was
granted an additional 28 days
to file her application.

If Ms Patterson lodges her ap-
peal over the Melbourne Cup
Long Weekend, it may be some
days before details are available
with the Court of Appeal registry
closed on Tuesday, November 4.

Mother Teresa
would get off

"IT DOESN'T matter if you're
Mother Theresa and you feed
the poor, it's mandatory that
I make an order against your
licence if it is proved that you
drove 25km/h over the limit."

Korumburra Magistrate Tony
Burns left a local business op-
erator in no uncertain terms
about what the penalty was for
speeding when he opted to ap-
pear in court last week after
receiving legal advice that the
court had some leniency in
such cases.

"If you got that advice it's
wrong, you can ask 10 lawyers
in the room here today and
they'll tell you the same."

The driver was put off the
road for three months with the
only concession being that he
could drive home with the pe-
nalty starting at 12 midnight.

There was no further finan-
cial penalty and no loss of de-
merit points.

Roadworks frustration
at Stony Creek

A STONY Creek local who
drove almost 50km/h over the
speed limit through an aban-
doned roadworks zone show-
ing a 40km/h sign lost his
licence for 12 months in the

Korumburra Court last week.

With an alleged speed of 87
in a 40km/h zone on the South
Gippsland Highway at Stony
Creek, he was fined \$988 with
12 months' loss of licence
mandatory.

"School zone or roadworks
zone?" asked Magistrate Tony
Burns.

"It's a very high speed. Didn't
understand it was a 40 zone?"

The offender's lawyer said his
client was a strong contributor
to the local community, was
going to visit his grandmother
and had passed through the
disused works zone many
times without incident.

"It's frustrating, I know, but
signs have to be obeyed wheth-
er workers are there or not.
It doesn't need to have works
going on. If the signs are there
they must be obeyed."

The driver was put off the road
for a mandatory 12 months with
no loss of demerit points.

Community Training and
Networking Hub launches
across Gippsland

THANKS to funding from
the Department of Social Ser-
vices, and in partnership with
Volunteering Gippsland, South
Gippsland Shire Council, and
Bass Coast Shire Council, a
new initiative is set to strength-
en the heart of community life.

The Gippsland Community
Training and Networking Hub is
a region-wide pilot designed to
bring together volunteers, com-
munity organisations, and coun-
cils to learn, connect, and grow.

Through a series of sub-
sidised, hands-on workshops
and networking events, the Hub
will help local groups build
their skills, confidence, and col-
laboration – all close to home.

The first session, Good
Governance = Less Chaos,
More Impact, will be led by
Gippsland governance expert
Damen Francis.

Cowes: Tuesday, November
11, 6pm at Berninneit, Cowes

Korumburra: Tuesday, No-
vember 11, 6pm at the Korum-
burra Hub

Each event includes two parts:
a practical training session and
a volunteer network gathering,
followed by a shared meal.

Future sessions offered
through the Hub will explore
key topics, including gover-
nance, media and storytelling,
funding and grant writing, vol-
unteer recruitment and recog-
nition, strategic planning, and
partnerships. Registrations are
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info@volunteeringgippsland.org.au to secure a place.

Scary fight at
Mirboo North

POLICE are investigating an
affray in Mirboo North last Fri-
day night, October 31.

Investigators were told an
altercation occurred between
two groups of people at the re-
creation reserve on Strzelecki
Highway at about 9.45pm.

A 19-year-old man, a 17-year-
old girl and a 21-year-old man,
all from Mirboo North, were
assaulted during Halloween
celebrations. They were taken
to hospital with non-life-threat-
ening injuries.

The offenders, believed to be
teenagers, fled the scene prior
to police attending.

It is not believed the parties
are known to one another.

The investigation into the in-
cident remains ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the
incident, with CCTV/dashcam
footage or information is urged
to contact Crime Stoppers on
1800 333 000 or online at
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Questions raised over
early start to fire
danger period

NATIONALS Member for
Gippsland South Danny O'Brien
has called on the Minister for
Emergency Services to explain
why South Gippsland has en-
tered the Fire Danger period
earlier than Bass Coast Shire.

"Many farmers are telling
me they've simply not had the
chance to complete essential

fuel reduction burns or clean
up fallen trees and branches
after the recent wet and windy
weather," said Mr O'Brien.

While saying he fully sup-
ported the CFA and the work of
local volunteers who have put
their input into the Fire Danger
period decision, communities
deserved a clear explanation of
how the process works.

"This is about ensuring that
people on the ground, includ-
ing local brigades, farmers and
residents, have confidence in
how these decisions are made."

Mr O'Brien encouraged local
landholders who still need to
undertake essential prepara-
tion work to apply for a permit
through the official CFA website.

Storage level rises at
Candowie Reservoir

PHILLIP Island's major
source of water is slowly re-
covering from the region's dry
winter. Candowie Reservoir
reached 52.3 per cent of capac-
ity last week lifting the storage
level above the historic low re-
corded for this time of year in
2012. Candowie Reservoir was
just 45 per cent full at the end
of July with reduced rainfall
36 per cent below the five-year
average and record water con-
sumption, 12 per cent above
the five-year average.

Free green waste
disposal period open in
South Gippsland Shire

SOUTH Gippsland Shire
Council's annual Green Waste
Amnesty has commenced, giv-
ing residents the opportunity
to dispose of green waste free
of charge at any council trans-
fer station until December 31.

"I encourage everyone to take
advantage of the free disposal
period and help make South
Gippsland safer this summer,"
Mayor John Schelling said.

Some plant species and mate-
rials are not accepted under the
amnesty. These include invasive
weeds like blackberry and rag-
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You won't miss this warning sign

VISITORS to Bass Coast's most dangerous surf beaches are likely to see something completely different about the warning signs being trialled around the coast this summer.

There'll be the same old signs featuring literally dozens of logos about no horses, no dogs, no campfires, no camping, no littering, unstable cliffs, submerged objects, strong currents and swimming not advised.

But, we're told by officials from Life Saving Victoria and Monash University, who conducted several community co-design signage workshops last week in an effort to prevent drownings, that a new graphic sign will be used this summer.

The sign features a young male caught in a rip, waving frantically for assistance, with the slogan "people have drowned here" serving as a warning to beachgoers.

Too much? You'll be the judge when the signs are posted this year with Life Saving Victoria and its local partners, the Bass Coast Shire Council, Parks Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks welcoming your feedback.

Local people were invited to attend the workshops,



Members of Life Saving Victoria and Monash University conducted several community workshops in Bass Coast last week trialling possible new safe swimming signs ahead of this summer. They are Grace Strugnell, Dr Hannah Graefe, Kyra Lachance, Gavin Hill, Aidan Moore and Kanata Tanaka at Berninnet in Cowes last week.

which featured the use of a virtual reality headset and a survey to identify which signage the participants believed would be most effective in a given location and whether it would impact behaviour.

The study aims to improve coastal water safety at high-risk locations in Victoria,

including the Mornington Peninsula and Bass Coast.

"The goal is to reduce the number of drownings at these locations by increasing public awareness of drowning risk and promoting safe behaviours."

This project has received funding through the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)

Beach Drowning Blackspot Reduction Program 2024-2026 supported by the Australian Government.

It follows the tragic drowning of six people on Bass Coast beaches in the summer of 2023-24, including four members of one family at Forrest Caves in January 2024.

Community feedback opportunities on Shire Council initiatives

THOSE enjoying last Wednesday's sunny conditions while passing Leongatha Memorial Hall at lunchtime had the perfect opportunity to engage with South Gippsland Shire councillors and staff and put forward their views on various plans and issues.

People have until today, November 4, to comment on the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2025-29, while public consultation on the Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy runs until November 21, as does the opportunity to put forward your ideas to help shape council's Annual Budget.

Consultation on council's updated Governance Rules also runs until November 21.

Koonwarra's Rebecca Dowel stopped to chat to Councilor Clare Williams and council staff about the DAMP and is keen to know more about proposed fenced areas for off-leash dogs and whether that



Koonwarra's Rebecca Dowel chats to a member of the council team about the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan. A08_4425

will impact on other uses for the chosen spots.

She planned to complete the relevant online survey.

Some people were keen to help shape council's next Budget from the outset, putting forward their ideas or learning how to do so online.

People also took the chance

to raise other matters of concern.

Jenefer Chitty called for security improvements at Leongatha Railway Station for those wanting to leave a vehicle in the carpark and catch a bus, saying she is scared to do so after a couple of friends had their cars vandalised

there, with windows and mirrors broken.

She noted the lack of cameras and lighting in the area, a perception of no consequences for perpetrators perhaps also playing a part given her friends' cars were damaged during daylight hours.

Those wanting a say on the DAMP, Budget, Governance Rules or Community Engagement Policy and Strategy can do so by visiting [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://southgippsland.vic.gov.au) where they can view details and complete relevant surveys.

There are further face-to-face consultation opportunities coming up, these being:

- Foster: Thursday, November 6 from 10am until 11am in the laneway near Foodworks, or at the Foster Visitor Information Centre if raining.
- Tarwin Lower: Friday, November 7 outside the Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall from 10am until 11am.

IN BRIEF

Sandy Point Community Men's Shed set to improve its facilities

SANDY Point Community Men's Shed secured \$20,000 of State Government funding to improve its facilities, enabling it to install a 5x4 metre mezzanine floor that will be used to store supplies and infrequently used equipment.

That will free up working space for members to better carry out their beneficial community projects.

Extensive work has taken place to get the shed ready and a certificate of occupancy was acquired this year. The shed was initially only suited for storage.

"We had to put in a disabled toilet, a kitchen, a water tank and a septic system," Sandy Point Community Men's Shed secretary Danny Millton said.

The grant comes from the State Government's 2025-26 Men's Shed Funding Program.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien expressed delight that those in charge of the shed can further improve the facilities, noting Men's Sheds "provide a welcoming space for men to connect, share skills and support one another".

No bail on family charges

A BASS Coast man on remand facing family violence charges, including allegations of strangulation, was refused bail in the Korumburra Magistrates Court last week.

Magistrate Tony Burns said there were no compelling reasons why the accused should be released ahead of a contest mention hearing on November 11.

Sex charges uplifted to County

A LOCAL man charged with alleged sexual offences against children and teenagers had his case uplifted to the County Court at Korumburra last week despite a submission from the man's legal counsel that the matter could be handled in the magistrate's court.

Magistrate Tony Burns said he couldn't be sure, given the "horrific" nature of the alleged offending, the sentencing range available in the magistrate's court and the complexity of the case that it could be effectively accommodated at that level.

The case is set for a filing hearing at the County Court on November 6.

Stolen car menace continues to dog emergency services

THE rise and rise in the number of stolen and often burnt-out cars is causing problems for police and emergency services locally.

At Tarwin near Meeniyen around 6pm on Sunday, the Meeniyen CFA brigade was called out to extinguish a burning Peugeot wagon, dumped in the bush and set on fire after allegedly being detected on CCTV driving off from an Inverloch petrol station earlier in the day.

Earlier on Sunday, police and SES attended the scene on Inverloch-Venus Bay Road, east of Pound Creek, where a crashed and stolen Holden Captiva had been dumped, in an unrelated incident to the Tarwin burnout.

It has also been reported that police were investigating an allegedly stolen car, dumped near Simons Lane on the Bass Highway south of Leongatha. Police don't believe the incidents are related.

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Cr Nathan Hersey with South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Allison Jones and Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy and Assistant Minister for Emergency Management Josh Wilson.

One Gippsland pushes regional priorities in Canberra

ONE Gippsland Chair Cr Nathan Hersey and South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Allison Jones travelled to Canberra last week for a jam-packed day of meetings as representatives of One Gippsland, continuing the group's advocacy for the region on key national issues.

While in the nation's capital, the delegation met with Member for Gippsland Darren Chester, Member for Monash Mary Aldred, and Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy and Assistant Minister for Emergency Management Josh Wilson to discuss priorities for Gippsland's growth, resilience and sustainability.

They also held meetings with representatives from the offices of Communications Minister Anika Wells, Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen, Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell, and the office of the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Josh Burns.

"It was a good visit, with a good lot of meetings," Cr Hersey said on Monday from Spain. "Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy and Assistant Minister for Emergency Management Josh Wilson indicated that he was interested in visiting Gippsland early next year, and he appreciates Gippsland's fairly welcoming approach to offshore wind."

Cr Hersey will now work with Ms Jones to formally

invite Assistant Minister Wilson to the region.

Disaster resilience was another hot topic discussed with Cr Hersey, highlighting the need not just for improved funding but betterment.

"We need funding for betterment. There is no point rebuilding things the same as it was, only to have them destroyed again [during the next disaster]. However, that is how current funding works; it doesn't make sense when you are trying to mitigate risk," Cr Hersey said. "It's not asking for more necessarily, but making better for the future."

The Assistant Minister agreed that there were scenarios that have demonstrated that work needs to be done in this space.

Separately, Cr Hersey and Ms Jones also received acknowledgment at a federal level that work needs to be done to provide better coverage in Gippsland on telecommunications, both the day-to-day and emergency capabilities.

"Previous conversations with communications ministers have focused on new technologies, and as recent outages have demonstrated, there have to be better backups, particularly in times of emergencies."

The delegation also met with Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner Tony Mahar to discuss the future of regional energy projects and infrastructure investment.



The Wonthaggi Men's Shed community garden group and Cr Mat Morgan have welcomed a decision by Bass Coast Shire Council to take control of the Men's Shed site after the gardeners were locked out last week. B21 4425

Lockout stalemate as Council takes control of Wonthaggi Men's Shed

By Bruce Wardley

BASS Coast Shire Council has taken possession of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed (WMS) after the Community Garden Group was locked out last week.

WMS explained in an advertisement last Tuesday that they had made an executive decision to shut down the garden group operating within the grounds of the Men's Shed precinct.

Bass Coast Shire Council took possession of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed late Thursday afternoon, and according to CEO Greg Box, council remained hopeful that the members of the Men's Shed would participate in mediation and a resolution would be reached.

Cr Mat Morgan, who has been working with council staff to resolve the dispute, said new agreements needed to be drawn up before the site could be reopened.

"This has been very disappointing for a lot of people," said Cr Morgan.

"There are a lot of vulnerable people in the community who rely on the community garden for food and support."

The WMS claimed they had ended an internal gardening program, which it claimed it was completely within its rights to do as a properly constituted Not for Profit Corporation.

"No people nor group had been evicted from the gardens," said a spokesperson. "They were members that had a long running dispute with the WMS committee and chose to remove themselves. They chose not to follow the model rules used by the WMS, and chose not to follow the dispute resolution procedure contained in the WMS Constitution

model rules, but rather pleaded a case to the Bass Coast Shire Council.

“These disgruntled WMS members believe they were a separate, identifiable group with sole rights to the garden. A view not held by the WMS committee. They cannot be a separate independent group because they have no club structure, are not an incorporated association and have no insurance, other than the insurance covered by the WMS insurance. The lease expressly requires that if the WMS allows a third party to use the area for meetings or even gardening, that must be approved by BCSC.

"After three years, the committee called enough, and closed the garden activity, which was operating on a social collective model. A model not used anywhere else where Men's Sheds operate gardens."

Garden group coordinator Jessica Harrison said she was disappointed.

“The gardeners at the Men’s Shed were shocked to receive an email giving them just 24 hours to remove personal effects and return keys.”

"It was like a slap in the face," said Jessica, who was elected to represent the garden group on the Men's Shed committee but was not involved in the decision.

"The Committee of Management must have met secretly without me and decided to take this action. I was voted on to the Wonthaggi Men's Shed at the AGM last July."

Jessica said it particularly hurt as she was part of the original committee, which lobbied Bass Coast Shire successfully in 2007 to use the area for a Men's Shed and garden.

"We have been sharing the space

for 18 years.”

The garden group admitted there had been a recent complaint about untidiness, which the gardeners had been working hard to remedy.

"But that does not justify closing the garden," said Jessica. "We are keen to resolve any issues and get on with planting spring vegetables."

Jessica said she was not aware of any irreconcilable issues with the Men's Shed.

"Now we've got to uproot the garden at our busiest time of year," said Jessica.

Carol has been a member of the garden group for ten years.

"It changed my life," said Carol.

"There are lots of older people here and it helps with mental health. Doctors told me to get out of the house and join a group to get moving. It's been the best thing for my health and wellbeing."

The stalemate is affecting members on both sides, with Wonthaggi Men's Shed claiming they were locked out of the facility when disgruntled members blockaded the premises last Thursday, and police had to be called.

"We are talking about 15 to 20 innocent men who attended on the day to enjoy shed activities. All seniors aged in the range of 70 to 82. For some, it is the only time they socialise. Many of these men are single."

Bass Coast Shire Council, which leases the land to the Wonthaggi Men's Shed, said it will continue to work closely with everyone involved to find a positive way forward. Council horticultural staff have agreed to keep the community garden watered while the site remains under council management.

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Major Bass Coast tourist infrastructure under threat

MEMBERS of the Kilcunda Community Association would like to see more urgent action to protect the Bass Coast Rail Trail section near the Lionel Rose car park, where years of erosion have now carved away a sizable chunk of the dune holding the path in place.

The trail, loved by walkers and cyclists for its incredible coastal views, has been under attack for decades. But residents say the damage has accelerated in recent years, leaving the area unstable and unsafe.

General committee member Allan Richardson said the staircase leading from the car park to the beach was swept away in 2020, cutting off safe access for locals and visitors.

“I started lobbying the council to repair or replace it in 2021,” he said. “Since then, the ocean has continued to eat away at the dune, and now people are jumping down from the trail, which is only making things worse.”

President of the association, Marcel Van Den Bronk, said people taking shortcuts through the dunes have added to the problem.

“The main cause is the ocean and storm activity, but people cutting through the dune are destroying vegetation that helps protect it,” he said. “Education is important, but the bigger issue is that there just isn’t a safe way to get to the beach anymore.”

The situation has changed how the community uses the area. Families often stay away from this stretch of beach now due to the lack of access, Mr Richardson said, while younger



Kilcunda Community Association members Allan Richardson, Marianne Van Den Bronk and president Marcel Van Den Bronk stand beneath the collapsed staircase site at the Lionel Rose car park, where ongoing erosion threatens the rail trail above. W01_4425

visitors still try their luck.

“The car park fills up on any good day,” he said.

“People follow the boardwalk and then find there’s no access, so they just jump off the dune.”

The association first raised the issue with Bass Coast Shire Council in 2021, but management responsibilities have since become divided. In 2024,

Parks Victoria took over the beachside of the trail, while the council retained control of the path itself, a split that has caused confusion about who should fix what.

“Both Parks Victoria and Council have tried to work through it, and that’s worth acknowledging,” Mr Van Den Bronk said.

“Unfortunately, it hasn’t been successful, and we’d like to see more.”

Mr Richardson said Parks Victoria installed a temporary staircase late last year, but winter weather has already torn it away.

“The key now is for Parks Victoria to determine where the future beach access will be,”

he said.

“Council had funding ready to go for an alignment path, but that work stopped once the temporary staircase failed.”

Committee member Marianne Van Den Bronk said losing this part of the rail trail would be devastating for locals, but tourism as well.

“This part of the rail trail is the nicest part,” she said.

“If we lose this part of the trail, that will affect tourism. It’s beautiful, and if we don’t look after the cliff face, it’ll go.”

The association wants erosion prevention works to be made a priority before the next storm season hits.

“I think we need to act early,” Mr Van Den Bronk said.

“We shouldn’t wait until it’s gone, and people ask why nothing was done. It’s too late then.”

Parks Victoria area chief ranger Gerard Delaney said erosion events along the Gippsland coastline are a natural occurrence, driven by a combination of strong winds, high tides and large swells.

“The power of the event destroyed the recently upgraded stairs and landing area and carried the debris 80 kilometres to Wilsons Promontory,” Mr Delaney said.

He said Parks Victoria is working with Bass Coast Shire Council to manage the ongoing impacts of erosion and to identify safer access points for visitors.

However, Parks Victoria also noted that due to the steepness of the dunes at Kilcunda, no feasible alternative access point has yet been identified.

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Senior Cits’ claim ‘in bad faith’, he said

CLAIMS that the South Gippsland Shire Council acted fraudulently when it assumed ownership of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club in 2016 from the Korumburra Shire Council were struck out in the Korumburra Magistrate’s Court on Thursday, October 30.

However, while the local man who brought the civil action against the council did not appear in court on the day, he had \$5000 of the shire’s costs, reportedly in excess of \$16,000, awarded against him by Magistrate Tony Burns.

Magistrate Burns acknowledged that the complainant disputed council’s ownership of the property at 14-16 Radovick Street, Korumburra, but after hearing from the shire’s lawyer Tara Schultz, that he had put council to considerable expense with his claim, he awarded costs against the local resident.

In answer to a question from Mr Burns, about whether the complainant was a user of the former senior citizens centre, the council’s legal representative said she didn’t believe he was a member of the club.

Magistrate Burns found the claims to be vexatious, frivolous and in bad faith and struck them out.

Ms Schultz revealed during last week’s hearing that litigation involving the same matter was on foot in the Supreme Court.

VCE English exam paper well received in Leongatha

THERE were no nasty surprises on this year’s VCE English exam paper, according to the Leongatha Secondary College students Sentinel-Times chatted to as they left Mesley Hall last Tuesday.

They were well prepared, with teachers credited for their part in that.

“I felt good with all the prompts; they weren’t too difficult, so feeling confident,” Remy Jans said, her other subjects being psychology, health and human development, general maths and chemistry, with plans to study dentistry at La Trobe University in Bendigo next year.

Farrah van der Zalm also expressed confidence, saying there was a good amount of time to complete the exam paper and no real surprises, with teachers Mackenzie Nash and Carly O’Malley having done a thorough job helping students prepare.

Farrah has further exams in psychology, health and human development, history and sociology, the latter her favourite subject.

She plans to take a gap year to work.

Hayley Poletti didn’t experience too many nerves ahead of the English exam due to her preparation, both in and out of class, appreciative of the guidance from teachers.

Biology, psychology, health and human development, and foundation maths are her other subjects, with plans to study



Remy Jans, Farrah van der Zalm and Hayley Poletti were pleased with the English exam paper. A02_4425

nursing and midwifery in Wonthaggi through a connection with Federation University.

Gabie Wilkinson felt nervous at the start, worried about what the prompts were going to be.

“But as soon as I went in and saw that they were good prompts, I felt pumped, found the groove and just kept writing, so it was all good,” she said.

In addition to English, Gabie studied psychology, general maths, biology and chemistry,

psychology being her favourite and what she plans to pursue at RMIT Bundoora next year.

While relieved the stress of exams will soon be over, she feels a little sad leaving the school after 13 years there and at the next-door Leongatha Primary School.

RIGHT: After initial nerves, Gabie Wilkinson quickly settled into a rhythm, confident she performed strongly in the English exam. A03_4425



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Shared pathway to Inverloch raises concerns over heavy vehicles

THE \$7.7 million shared pathway from Wonthaggi to Inverloch, which is due for completion next year, has struck a potential speed hump with residents in Boyd Street claiming heavy vehicles will cross the pathway twice.

According to Bass Coast Shire Council, construction of the exciting and much-anticipated Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail is progressing well with no expected delays at this stage.

“Safe crossing points along Boyd Street have been ensured as part of the design,” council noted.

Local residents, however, have raised serious concerns over heavy vehicles using the road, alongside cyclists and walkers.

“We don’t want trucks on the road,” they said.

With deep potholes in the road, which fill with water after rain, the residents explained that the new shared pathway between Inverloch and Wonthaggi will cross Boyd Street twice.

“We’re very concerned about the safety of the road,” said resident Graeme Miller.

“Vehicles could end up sliding into a ditch,” said another resident.

“There is nowhere to go.”

Overhanging trees are also a problem, according to the residents, with a bus that uses the road forced to weave from side to side to avoid low branches.

The residents have also complained about a wall of



Wonthaggi ‘Pommy Town’ residents Lea, David, Vicki, Peter, Graeme and Victoria are concerned over heavy vehicles using Boyd Street, where the new shared pathway to Inverloch will cross the unsealed road twice. B03_4425

red dust that follows heavy vehicles.

“The dust gets into our drinking water,” said Graeme.

According to Graeme, you wouldn’t expect to see a truck on a \$7.7 million walking track either.

“It’s not safe for little kids on tricycles,” he said.

Accessing the main road between Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson from Moores Road is another problem, according to residents.

“You can’t see,” claimed a resident.

“It scares me,” said

neighbour Victoria.

Boyd Street resident Julie said she kept horses on her property.

“The horses need to cross the road, and the heavy vehicles don’t slow down.”

“I have to stand in the middle of the road with the horses,” Julie said.

“The trucks frighten the horses. They need to go somewhere else.”

Victoria said they bought in the area for the peace and quiet.

Cr Morgan said he might agree, but he needed to be

very careful.

“It is our job (as councillors) to come and listen to your concerns.”

Beth and Jade said they had four children, two with severe disabilities.

“We chose this area because it was safe,” said Beth.

“They have no road awareness at all.”

An application has been lodged with Bass Coast Shire for Use of Land for a Contractors Depot in a Rural Living Zone.

The plans can be viewed on Council’s website.



Shack Bay staircase closed for works from November 5

A POPULAR spot for locals to exercise and to take a quiet dip in the ocean, Shack Bay near Inverloch will be inaccessible during much of November and December this year.

Parks Victoria has advised that the Shack Bay Beach Access Staircase will be closed to the public from Wednesday, November 5, 2025, immediately after the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend, while important refurbishment works take place.

“This project aims to improve the safety and longevity of the staircase, ensuring it remains a secure and accessible way to reach the beach for many years to come,” said Parks Victoria.

Closure period: From November 5, 2025 reopening “no later than” December 22, 2025

Access: Closed to the public during construction

Purpose: Safety upgrades and long-term maintenance

“We appreciate everyone’s patience while these essential works are completed ahead of the busy summer season.”

For further information, please contact the Parks Victoria Information Line on 13 19 53 or visit parks.vic.gov.au.

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Green Waste Amnesty

Dispose of green waste for free at any Council transfer station until 31 December.

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Be mindful that some plants aren't accepted during the amnesty because they lower the quality of the mulch that is produced. These species include Agapanthus, Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush, Bamboo and Pampas Grass.

Plants that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in

the amnesty. These species include palm fronds, Yuccas, Cordylines and other related species. If any of these plants are taken to a transfer station, they must be disposed of as general waste with applicable disposal fees applying.

Alternatively, they can be disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service, as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

So, now that the weather is warming up, why not tidy up your yard and dispose of any green waste for free.

For transfer station operating hours and locations, please visit

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips

Engagement Opportunities



Share your ideas, provide feedback and help shape the future of South Gippsland via the following engagement opportunities:

- Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan
- Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy (2025–2029)
- Draft Governance Rules
- 2026/27 Annual Budget

For more information and share your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 November at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

RFT/457 – Sealed Road Rehab Program 25/26

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 11 November 2025

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

COMMUNITY IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Nyora

Date: Thursday 13 November

Where: Nyora Maternal and Child Health Service, Nyora Primary School, 27 Grundy Avenue

When: 9.00am to 10.00am

Leongatha

Date: Thursday 13 November

Where: Leongatha Council Chambers, Meeting Room 1, 2 Michael Place

When: 9.30am to 11.30am

To find a session in November that suits you and to book, please visit:

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Among those available to chat to the community on a fine day for a drop-in session in Korumburra last week were, from left, Jade Harry senior risk officer, Anneliese Anderson finance business partner officer, Cr John Kennedy, Millie Hendricks communications and engagement, and Bianca Mitchell community safety.

‘Tanks’ for coming, they say

IT ALWAYS helps to have a few props when you're out meeting the community and that was certainly the case when the South Gippsland Shire Council held an 'in-person drop-in session' outside the new pedestrian walk-through in Korumburra last Thursday.

Along for the ride, with finance business partner officer, Anneliese Anderson, was big, beautiful French Bulldog 'Tank', highlighting one of a number of key planning documents the shire has out for consultation at the moment, the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029.

According to the report around the new draft animal plan, South Gippsland is home to 4814 registered dogs, 1199 registered cats and six domestic animal businesses and with council responding to 1446 animal-related requests in 2024-25, so it's important to get it right.

You can review the domestic animal plan on the shire's 'Your Say South Gippsland' website, but feedback closes on November 4.

Council staff members, together with Korumburra councillor John Kennedy, were engaging with the community on several other new policy documents, including the 2026-27 Annual Budget, the Draft Engagement Strategy and Draft Governance Rules all closing for comment on November 21.

The shire also wants to hear from interested people about how pre-prep is delivered in South Gippsland.

RIGHT: Shire finance officer Anneliese Anderson and her pooch 'Tank' helped spread the word about the South Gippsland Shire Council's draft new domestic animal plan at a drop-in day in Korumburra last week.



You flushed it, they fixed it

NOT even two years old, writes a Sentinel-Times' reader, and they've already got major problems with the underfloor plumbing at the Korumburra Community Hub.

A conspiracy surely? Not so, turns out it's the users of the facility, and not the Council that's stuffed up this time... quite literally!

Council last week confirmed that a portion of the ground floor at the hub has been replaced.

But the issue arose due to a sewer blockage caused by non-flushable items being flushed down the toilets in the new building.

"This blockage led to a backup of

sewage, which infiltrated a section of the flooring. The affected portion has since been professionally remediated and replaced," according to a shire spokesperson.

"To prevent a recurrence, a second Overflow Relief Gully (ORG) has been installed as a precautionary measure."

And the council's insurers, not the ratepayers, will be footing the bill.

RIGHT: The multipurpose room at the Korumburra Community Hub is expected to be back in action after the toilets backed up and ruined the flooring.



Open council not on the agenda, they say

LOCAL councils often repeat the mantra of 'open and transparent' government but when a local community group went looking for details in past Council Minutes on the South Gippsland Shire website recently they found something missing.

Former local Mayor, Jim Forbes of Poowong, highlighted the problem.

"A volunteer community group seeking clarification on responsibility for playground maintenance went searching for the past minutes of council meetings between 2014 to 2020," said Mr Forbes.

"But to our surprise the minutes which have been accessible to the public for decades have been removed. Our councillors all

campaigned on openness and transparency yet by allowing the removal of minutes and agendas, up to 2020, the council has made it impossible to conduct research without using council staff to reply to written questions via email from the public.

"The staff cost is a burden to all ratepayers when often volunteers can seek out their own required information from past minutes as they always have done," he said.

We put the question to the South Gippsland Shire and received the following response:

"Last year, council experienced a technical issue in the back end of its website, which resulted in the removal of a number of documents

and files, including all council meeting agendas and minutes.

"Council made the decision to prioritise uploading agendas and minutes from 2021 onwards and has archived all other meeting agendas and minutes which can still be accessed from any member of the public by request.

"Council will undertake a program to transfer digital copies of past agendas and minutes to the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) to allow public access in the future.

"Council has added instructions to its website to help people make requests for archived meeting minutes and agendas. Go to: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings."

Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling

In-person Community Engagement Sessions

Last week marked the beginning of Council's in-person community engagement sessions, and it was fantastic to kick things off in Leongatha and Korumburra. We received valuable feedback on several key initiatives including the 2026/27 Budget, the Domestic Animal Management Plan, our Governance Rules, and the Community Engagement Strategy and Policy. Thank you to everyone who came along and shared their thoughts.

This week, we'll be continuing our engagement sessions in Foster and Tarwin Lower:

- Foster: Thursday, 10am-11am in the laneway near FoodWorks.
- Tarwin Lower: Friday, 10am-11am outside the Mechanics Institute Hall.

If you can't make it in person, you can still have your say online at <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>.

Support for Local Businesses

Council has recently partnered with NEX Business Farming and Wellness to deliver support for our small businesses. Starting soon, NEX will be offering free mentoring sessions designed to support our local businesses. You'll be able to sign up via their website shortly – stay tuned.

In addition, the Victorian Government's Small Business Bus is coming to Leongatha on Monday 10 November. It will be located out the front of Stadium 4 Cinema on Smith Street, offering free 45-minute sessions where you can get expert advice on starting, building, or transforming your business. Be sure to register at <https://business.vic.gov.au/>.

Food and Fibre Gippsland

Last Thursday, Councillor Scott Rae, Director Future Communities Lucas Gardiner, Coordinator Economic Development Ken Fraser and myself, attended a Food and Fibre Gippsland event that hosted the Danish Ambassador and Trade Commissioner in Morwell. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with potential international stakeholders and showcase South Gippsland as a region ready for investment.

Walter J Tuck Reserve AGM

On Monday, I joined Councillor Snell at the Walter J Tuck Reserve Committee AGM. It was a productive meeting, and I want to sincerely thank the committee for their ongoing dedication to maintaining and improving this important community space. Their volunteer efforts make a real difference, and we're grateful for their commitment.

Port Welshpool Fishing Club

Over the weekend, Councillor Rae and I attended the Port Welshpool Fishing Club dinner. It was a lovely evening spent with members of our community who contribute so much to the local spirit.

Gippsland Community Leadership Program

A couple of Fridays ago, I had the pleasure of attending the Gippsland Community Leadership Program at Fleet Wines in Leongatha. I sat on a panel discussing our dairy industry and it was a great experience to be part of their session here in South Gippsland. A big shoutout to all the participants for investing in their leadership.

November Citizenship Ceremony

I'd like to invite everyone to our upcoming Citizenship Ceremony, which was rescheduled due to severe weather. It will now be held on Wednesday 12 November from 6.00pm at Memorial Hall, Leongatha. We'll be welcoming 17 new conferees, and I encourage the community to come along and help us celebrate this special milestone.

Nyora Progress Association

A big thank you also to the Nyora Progress Association. Councillor Beach recently attended one of their meetings, and it's great to see such strong community involvement and collaboration from this newly formed group.

One Gippsland Delegation to Canberra

Finally, I want to acknowledge Councillor Nathan Hersey and our CEO Allison Jones, who spent a couple of days in Canberra last week with One Gippsland. They did a fantastic job representing our region and advocating for South Gippsland's priorities with ministers and government departments. Their efforts help ensure our community's voice is heard.

Cash flow in Retirement:

The Inflows and Outflows

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELIcapital

When you move from earning a regular wage to living on superannuation, investments, or the Age Pension, one of the biggest adjustments is getting used to a different rhythm of money coming in and out. Cash flow in retirement isn't just about how much you have, it's about how and when it moves.

Where the Money Comes From

For most retirees, income comes from a mix of sources; the Age Pension, account-based pensions from superannuation, investments, rental income, or part-time work.

Some of these arrive fortnightly, others monthly or quarterly, so income can feel uneven compared to a regular salary.

Understanding that pattern helps you plan spending with fewer surprises.

Where the Money Goes

Day-to-day expenses usually stay steady (groceries, fuel, utilities, insurance) but bigger costs like home maintenance, medical bills, or helping the kids can crop up unexpectedly. Many retirees also spend more earlier in retirement, when they're active and travelling, and less later on.

Keeping track of these patterns helps you avoid the feeling that money is "disappearing" faster than expected.

Making Cash Flow Work for You

You don't need to be a numbers person to get a handle on your cash flow. What matters is setting up a rhythm that works for you.

Start by thinking about your regular costs, the things that happen every week or month, and your bigger, less frequent bills, like rates, insurance, and car registration.

A simple trick is to work out what those quarterly or yearly costs add up to, divide by 12, and set that amount aside each month in a separate account. That way, when the bill arrives, the money's already there.

Some retirees also find it useful to have two bank accounts: one for everyday spending and one for bills. Your pension or super income goes in, and automatic transfers send money to each account on a regular schedule. It's simple, automatic, and avoids surprises.

Small Adjustments Make a Big Difference

Understanding your cash flow can also highlight where small tweaks can stretch your money further such as switching to a cheaper phone plan, reviewing insurance premiums, or adjusting how often you draw from your super. Even modest savings can add up over a year.

Why It Matters

Good cash-flow planning doesn't mean going without. It's about peace of mind, knowing that the money coming in covers what's going out, without stress.

Retirement should be a time to enjoy what you've worked for, not to worry about whether the next bill will tip things over. With a little structure, you can make sure your finances support the lifestyle you want comfortably and confidently.

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Leongatha RSL's Greg Nugent and Kate Gourlay look forward to seeing donations continue to arrive at the Tree of Hope. A17_4425

Tree of Hope to bring Christmas joy

PEOPLE can spread joy and bring happiness to those in need in the local community by leaving a gift or food item at the 'Tree of Hope', a collaboration between Leongatha RSL and The Salvation Army Leongatha.

The tree is housed in the RSL's foyer, with community members continuing to give generously and donations being taken until the close of business on November 28.

"It's part of our Community Connections Program," Leongatha RSL's general manager Greg Nugent said.

Gifts for adults as well as toys for the kids are welcome, as are non-perishable and in-date food items.

All items will be distributed locally to families in need just in time for Christmas, with those at the local branch of The Salvation Army responsible for that process.

"We are excited to have the Leongatha RSL partnering with South Coast Gippsland Salvos as a drop-off location for Christmas gifts for kids this year," Hannah Richards multi-site administrator for The Salvation Army said.

"Each Christmas we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community, and every year we see the real impact it makes, and the support we receive through local agencies, businesses, and

individuals means families who are doing it tough can experience a brighter and more hope-filled Christmas."

While the tubs near the Tree of Hope contained an impressive collection of donated items when Sentinel-Times visited, and the RSL's Kate Gourlay remarked there are a couple of filled tubs upstairs, given the ongoing cost of living crisis, it's hoped there's plenty more to come so that Christmas is a brighter occasion for those less fortunate.

Those able to give are requested not to wrap their donations, so that the Salvos can ensure they go to appropriate recipients.



Meeniyen Men's Shed president Tony Kelly and Men's Shed members meeting with SCRC Community Fund representatives.

Community fund helps local groups thrive

STONY Creek Racing Club (SCRC) continues to demonstrate its strong commitment to supporting the South Gippsland community through its Community Fund Initiative. Introduced in 2024, the Community Fund provides financial assistance to grassroots organisations, schools, and community groups across the region, as part of its ongoing dedication to supporting local organisations making a real difference in the region.

One proud recipient of the Community Fund is the Meeniyen Men's Shed, a vital hub of connection, craftsmanship, and community spirit. The Men's Shed provides a welcoming space where locals can share skills, support one another, and contribute to community projects – from repairing furniture and crafting public seating to

mentoring younger generations.

"Support from the Community Fund has made a huge difference to our shed," Meeniyen Men's Shed President Tony Kelly said.

"We've been able to upgrade our kitchen with new appliances for wider community use, and install a Smart TV that's great for sharing concept designs and running training sessions. We've also enclosed the back area, which means we can now produce more kindling to sell – with all proceeds going straight back into our local community."

Recently, members of the SCRC Committee visited the Men's Shed to learn more about their projects and see firsthand the positive impact of the program.

SCRC committee member and Community Fund Chair Sarah Bourke said the

initiative reflects the Club's commitment to deepening community engagement, in line with its Strategic Plan.

"The Community Fund is a meaningful way for us to give back to the region that has supported us for so long," she said. "The Men's Shed is an incredible resource for men in our community, and we're proud to support their programs. We're grateful for the work they've done around our racecourse, including the installation of new seating areas and improvements to the overall presentation of the grounds."

The Meeniyen Men's Shed will host its Annual Open Day on Tuesday, November 18, inviting the community to enjoy a BBQ lunch from 11am to 12pm at Recreation Reserve, Hanily Street, Meeniyen, and to see the great work being done.



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Vintage flair and creative cocktails hit Leongatha's Quirky Bar

NEW Leongatha venue Quirky Bar, opening on Friday, brings a retro theme with a 60s and 70s vibe, but won't be locked into any musical genre or era and will offer an exciting range of cocktails, many of which are the creation of Sonia Webber, who has established the business with husband Steve.

The couple are already well known to locals as the owners and operators of Elsie's Florist and while they were ready for a change, aren't short on hospitality expertise, Steve being an experienced chef and Sonia having spent a couple of years honing her cocktail skills.

"I started making cocktails at home, creating them," she said, having also undertaken distilling courses with hopes of venturing into that field in the not-too-distant future.

The venue offers that possibility, but bringing the bar to life seemed a logical starting point.

There'll be around 30 cocktails on the menu, including Sonia's recipes

and some traditional varieties.

"I like creating the different flavours," she said.

Local beer, wine and spirits will be offered, but those wanting mainstream brands will also be looked after.

Food will include platters, toasted sandwiches, jaffles, porcupine meatballs that get their name from the appearance of the rice on them, and Pigs in a Blanket, as well as nachos.

"Everything about it is quirky, like the furniture; we've been collecting all these bits and pieces from Marketplace and op shops and friends and family," Sonia said.

The idea is to create a "nanna's loungeroom" feel right down to a print identical to one Sonia's grandmother had on her wall.

While recorded music playing will be from the 60s and 70s, a wide variety of live music performances will feature, with efforts being made to organise weekly Sunday sessions and other gigs once a month.

"We're open to anything with music," Sonia said, whether that be an acoustic guitar player, a band or other possibilities.

There'll be no easing into the new business, with Sonia and Steve encouraging people to book their Christmas functions at Quirky Bar, with a customisable finger food menu available.

Sonia created the business's logo that provides a lively beach feel, featuring a classic car topped with a surfboard, combined with musical notes and summery colours.

"I love all things old," she said, Steve quipping that includes him.

It's been a busy period getting everything ready, with fitting out the kitchen and bar among the last challenges undertaken, but Steve and Sonia were confident everything was on track when Sentinel-Times popped in for a chat just over a week from the opening.

Quirky Bar is located at 48 Bair Street and opens at 3pm on Friday, November 7.



Steve and Sonia Webber are ready to welcome people to Quirky Bar. A18_4425

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Community Consultation - decommissioning of oil & gas infrastructure in Bass Strait

Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd (Esso), a wholly owned subsidiary of ExxonMobil Australia Pty Ltd, is committed to operating and decommissioning its Gippsland and Bass Strait facilities safely and effectively. After delivering energy to Australia for over 50 years, many of the Bass Strait oil and gas fields are now reaching the end of their productive life. As planning for decommissioning progresses, Esso is focused on safely shutting-down non-producing facilities and ensuring they stay safe throughout the entire decommissioning process.

Community Information Sessions

If you'd like to know more about decommissioning of platforms and pipelines in Bass Strait, the Esso Consultation Team will be hosting community information sessions at the following locations:

Monday 10 November 2025 - Lakes Entrance

On the Wharf Café
Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance

Tuesday 11 November 2025 - Sale

The Criterion Hotel
90 Macalister Street, Sale

Tuesday 11 November 2025- Foster

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
79 Main Street, Foster

Wednesday 12 November 2025 - Leongatha

Leongatha RSL
Cnr Smith St & Michael Place, Leongatha

All the above sessions will run from **5.00pm - 7.00pm** with a **presentation** about Esso's operations with a focus on decommissioning projects.

We encourage you to come along and ask questions or to raise any concerns you may have. Please **register your attendance** by emailing: consultation@exxonmobil.com

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- Bass Strait Environment Plans
- Campaign 1A Environment Plan

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Refer to the NOPSEMA brochure [Consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans brochure.pdf \(nopsema.gov.au\)](#) to understand more about consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans assessed under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023.

Your feedback and our response will be included in the relevant regulatory application documentation and submitted to the regulator.

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If there is anyone you know who may be interested in our activities, we encourage you to share this information with them.

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The Nobbies Centre remains closed as building works take place, but the carpark and boardwalks have reopened to the public. w100_4425

The Nobbies boardwalks reopen

THE Nobbies carpark and boardwalks reopened last Thursday, after being closed due to the building at the site being structurally unsafe.

It's understood that the building at The Nobbies remains closed with critical repair works currently being undertaken and at this stage running through to March 2026.

In the meantime, visitors can utilise the carpark and boardwalk at The Nobbies, but will need to head to the Penguin Parade to use bathroom facilities and grab a hot beverage, which is open from midday each day.

Public toilets are also available at the Penguin Parade car park.

The Boulevard (Southern Road), running along the South coast of the Summerland Peninsula, between the Nobbies and the Penguin Parade, remains open for moving traffic (no parking).

The Nobbies Centre will remain closed while planning is underway for the updated Summerland Peninsula Master Plan. As part of this, Phillip Island Nature Parks are seeking the views of our community, visitors, and key stakeholders on the future of the Nobbies site to ensure any further investment helps to achieve the community's long-term aspirations for this site.



Don't get caught out, plan the retirement, how you see it. Pop into the next Open Day at Lifestyle Communities Phillip Island to hear from Bec Wilson.

Plan for your coastal retirement

PLANNING for retirement can often feel like an overwhelming task. Where will you retire? Will you have enough money? What government benefits are you entitled to? Do you need to sell your home to finance your retirement? What lifestyle do you want to have when you retire?

The list of questions to answer feels endless.

The truth is, planning your retirement isn't about having all the answers immediately. It's a journey that might take

you years, but how you prepare for it can make a huge impact on what your retirement looks like.

You might have put off retirement planning for years, or you might have been chipping away. Whatever stage you're at, knowing how to prepare is crucial and makes the task more approachable.

At Lifestyle Communities, we believe retirement planning should be empowering, giving you a peek into what your next chapter could look

like. For many homeowners at Lifestyle Communities Phillip Island, retiring by the coast, with a lifestyle that felt like a holiday everyday was their focus.

That's why we have partnered up with Bec Wilson, best-selling author, podcaster and retirement expert to bring you an informative session about how to plan an epic retirement. She will be coming along to our next Open Day at Lifestyle Communities Phillip Island to give you the

confidence to plan the retirement you've dreamt of.

Join us on November 15 between 11am and 2pm for a fun day out for the whole family. Bec's session will commence at 12 noon so be sure to visit that one. Grab a bite to eat, wander through our resort-style Clubhouse and leave with the knowledge you need to retire your way.

Register for this event on our website or drop by on the day: lifestylecommunities.com.au/Phillip-Island-Open-Day.



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New menu, new look for The Caledonian Hotel

A NEW look bar and dining area are just part of the changes taking place at the historic Caledonian Hotel in Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

With more than a hundred years of history dating back to the heyday of local coal mining, The Caledonian has long been a favourite with the people of Wonthaggi.

Renowned chef Shane Dight is quietly working on a new menu that takes advantage of a wide range of high-quality produce sourced locally from the Bass Coast.

Owner Stephen Easton, licensee Nicole Williams and hospitality staff member Dakota Stanbridge are ready to make you feel more than welcome.

“We’re about to celebrate our 110th anniversary,” said Stephen.

The Caledonian building is recognised by the National Trust as one of Wonthaggi’s most valued historic buildings. Stephen Easton was so impressed that he bought the business.

“We’re working hard to make The Caledonian the Pearl of Wonthaggi again,” he said.

The hotel will be celebrating its relaunch on Thursday, November 13.

“The whole town’s welcome, we’re all ready to go,” said Stephen.

“Halloween night was just the start.”

The Caledonian is now looking forward to Christmas and New Year’s Eve bookings.

“First priority was the bar, then



Bar tender Dakota Stanbridge, owner Stephen Easton and licensee Nicole Williams welcome everyone to the Caledonian Hotel in Wonthaggi. B13_4425

the dining section, now a new menu and music.”

The Caledonian is also offering traditional hotel-style accommodation upstairs.

Dating back to the early years of Wonthaggi, The Caledonian has remained one of the town’s major hotels, with links to the district’s early Scottish pioneers.

“It has a long history with the people of Wonthaggi.”

Back in 1915, the fare at The Caledonian was described as ‘the best the most skilled chef

can produce with only the best brands of wines and spirits kept in stock’.

The Caledonian has remained a focal point of the town ever since, and Stephen Easton is now looking forward to welcoming back local clubs and community groups.

You can find The Caledonian at 53/155 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

For bookings phone (03) 5672 2096 or email info@thecallyhotel.com.au.



Inverloch gardener Michelle Millane and her husband will open up their new native garden as part of the Inverloch Open Gardens Day on Saturday, November 8. B16_4425

Gardens to refresh, relax and inspire

SPRING will be celebrated at Inverloch next weekend with Inverloch Open Gardens.

A wide variety of gardens will be open to the public, including Michelle Millane’s native style garden, which is only two years old.

“It was just lawn when we moved in,” said Michelle.

The Millane’s garden may have the odd exotic planted among the natives, but Michelle says the garden is low-maintenance and needs very little water over summer.

“It’s bird attracting,” said Michelle.

Regular visitors include red wattle birds, eastern spinebills and fairy wrens.

Inverloch Open Gardens is about giving home gardeners the opportunity to view other people’s gardens and look at what changes they could make to their

own gardens.

The Inverloch Uniting Church have coordinated Inverloch Open Gardens for many years and welcomes new homes and gardens every year.

“We welcome many people year after year.”

“No fishing as you pass the pond on your way around one of the gardens.”

Enjoy this wonderful time of the year to observe spring growth with its bountiful colour by visiting Inverloch Open Gardens on Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 4pm.

Pick up a map of the gardens at the Inverloch Uniting Church at 5 Williams Street, Inverloch or drop into one of the gardens when you see the balloons at the gate.

The Inverloch Garden Group always welcomes new members.



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New food alliance for Bass Coast and South Gippsland advances

AS PREVIOUSLY reported, ensuring access to affordable, fresh and locally grown fruit and vegetables for those in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires is the motivation driving the members of a newly formed alliance, the planning of the group having since advanced.

A community engagement session was held in Fish Creek during late October, the latest such session for the Bass Coast South Gippsland Food System Alliance (BCSGFSA), attracting close to 50 people, with local growers, producers, community volunteers, consumers, and residents contributing their ideas.

“Building a food system that truly serves our community requires input from everyone, and this session proved how deeply people care about where their food comes from and how it gets to their tables,” a BCSGFSA spokesperson said.

Discussions at the session focused on refining the four core initiatives driving the Alliance’s work, those being:

- The Mobile Grocer: Developing a service to deliver fresh, local produce to locations in the shires that lack good access.
 - Preserve and Thrive: Strategies for capitalising on and preserving seasonal produce to ensure food security year-round.
 - To Market to Market: Investigating and implementing affordable fresh food access models, such as consumer-supported agriculture schemes.
 - Healthy Soil, Healthy People: Education and initiatives at all levels to encourage local food production and healthy eating.
- BCSGFSA includes both Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils, local health services, and grassroots organisations, with the initiative supported by a VicHealth Local Partnerships for Food First grant. BCSGFSA is continuing its community outreach efforts, the next community engagement session being held on Saturday, November 8 at 2.30pm in the Loch Public Hall, with all welcome.

Engines rev for biggest Dalyston Show n’ Shine yet

BASS Coast Historical Automobile Club doesn’t do things by half. When the club set out over three years ago the plan was to create a relaxed, family-friendly event that included all the things members loved about other Show n’ Shine events, and ensure the pieces they found monotonous weren’t part of the event at Dalyston.

And they’ve certainly achieved that.

There are no long, windy queues waiting to get in, a point BCHAC member and gatekeeper Phil Holland is very proud of. Entrance prices have been kept to a minimum, the motorcycle section has grown year on year, plus, this year, there are even more family activities, not to mention a new playground at the reserve itself.

“We’ve been able to grow the children’s entertainment this year,” BCHAC president Keith Tonkin said.

“There will be farm animals, face painting, balloon animals and bubbles.”

There are more than 19 awards up for grabs, with Keith proudly noting that this year’s trophies are “even better than the last.”

Amongst the categories are Best Engine, Best Original, Best Muscle Car, Best Paint, and Overall Motorcycle, with Bass Coast Shire Councillor Jon Temby and Member



Engines will roar to life at Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Saturday, November 16, when the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club hosts its third, and biggest, Show n’ Shine yet. The ’89 Celica, ’39 Flying Standard 8, 2011 Moto Guzzi V7 Classic, ’28 Dodge Tourer, and ’78 HZ Sandman will be some of the vehicles on display on November 16 at Dalyston Rec Reserve. C05_4425

for Bass Jordan Crugnale on hand to help present the prizes.

The Dave Trotter Memorial for American Cars will also be awarded, presented by Dave’s daughter, Rachel.

“We’re looking forward to a big attendance this year,” club secretary Brian Asbury said.

“Any old cars and bikes, all makes and models are welcome.

“It was great to see more bikes last year, and we’re really pleased to see that section keep growing. We hope the community have a great day.”

President Keith is hoping for clearer skies this time, after last year’s rain dampened the final hours.

“Everything is really well organised, even down to the road signage this year. We’ve learnt

and improved each year. Kids under 16 are free, entry is \$10 for adults and \$5 for vehicles entered for judging.

“We’re really grateful to all our sponsors who make the event possible, including Wonthaggi Toyota and Kia Motors Wonthaggi, Tyrepower Wonthaggi, Wonthaggi Workmen’s Club, San Remo Bendigo Bank, AutoPro Wonthaggi, Alex Scott and Staff, RACV and Bass Coast Shire Council. They’re a good bunch of sponsors.”

Motorcyclist and new club member Peter is eager for this year’s event.

“I saw a feature on BCHAC’s bikes in the Sentinel-Times when we were looking to move down here, and it was right up my alley,” he said, adding that he’s now a regular on the

club’s monthly rides.

“It’ll be good to see even more bikes involved this year.”

And whilst the Show n’ Shine in itself is just a yearly event, the BCHAC are far from a once-a-year gathering.

“We’re here for the vehicles to keep them alive,” Phil Holland said.

“They’re pieces of artwork,” added BCHAC member Tony.

“There’s a real sense of community and friendship, with a shared passion for old cars,” Theresa concluded.

Whether you’re a car enthusiast, bike lover or family looking for a great day out, don’t miss the third annual Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Show n’ Shine at Dalyston Recreation Reserve, from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, November 16.



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Mt Eccles Manor garden opens its gates for a good cause

GARDEN lovers are in for a treat when Mt Eccles Manor opens its gates on November 8 and 9 from 10am to 4pm daily.

This much-loved two-acre garden, created and nurtured by Christine, offers visitors a tranquil escape into a world of colour, creativity and natural beauty. Christine will be on hand throughout the weekend to share her extensive gardening knowledge and answer questions about plant care, design and maintenance.

The all-year-round garden blends natives and exotics, evergreens and deciduous trees, creating a landscape that offers something different with each season. While expansive, the garden feels wonderfully intimate, with its many enclosed pockets, meandering pathways and hidden features. Visitors can follow the garden walk to discover quiet spots for reflection, views that shift with the light, and the gentle sound of water from a small waterfall and stream that flows through the property.

At the front of the house, a dry stone wall and rose arbour provide a state-ly welcome, while Christine's mosaics and sculptures add delightful surprises tucked among the greenery. Highlights include two parterre gardens – one in the front garden centred around a cop- per beech surrounded by roses and spring hyacinths, and another on the eastern side featuring an elegant mix of succulents and roses.

A plant and craft stall will also be run- ning across the weekend, with all pro- ceeds donated to the Cancer Council.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply love spending time outdoors, Mt Eccles Manor promises a wonderful day out for this year's South Gippsland Open Garden. Tickets are \$10. For more information visit South Gippsland Open Gardens.

Local fossils a fascinating topic

By Andrew Palocz

PHILLIP Island-based palaeontologist Mike Cleeland spoke of the creatures and plants that long ago lived in the Koonwarra area and the vivid images they left behind in fossil form, his audience listening intently at Koonwarra Hall on Saturday morning.

He explained that one of the impressive aspects of the fos- sils found in the Koonwarra Fossil Bed, discovered in the 1960s, is their well-preserved nature, with that resulting from their location in mud- stone created by the buildup of layers of fine sediment over time.

It was an intriguing show- and-tell session, Mike bring- ing sample fossils, and happy to field questions from those present.

The event tied in with the monthly farmers market, run- ning alongside the hall, help- ing boost numbers. Mike's two talks creating greater awareness of the Koonwarra Fossil Bed and what it has re- vealed.

People are encouraged to join the mission to broaden that awareness by support- ing Leongatha Rotary Club in its fossil-themed Koonwarra display shelter project, the structure to be built alongside the Great Southern Rail Trail, appealing to trail users, trav- ellers and locals.

The Rotary Club has part- nered with Melbourne Mu- seum on the project, senior cCurator of Vertebrate Palae- ontology of Museums Victoria,



Lindsay Moore of Leongatha Rotary Club speaks about the fossil-themed Koonwarra display shelter project, while Jol Dutton looks on. A47_4425

Dr Thomas Rich, part of the audience on Saturday.

Many of the Koonwarra fossils are of fish or plants, ferns accounting for most of the latter, along with conifer- ous trees and some flower- ing plants, but a giant flea named Tarwinia may be the most iconic, having been cari- catured and helping promote Rotary's campaign.

"If you've got fleas, you've probably got mammals," Mike said of the significance of the Tarwinia find, that theory supported by later Koonwar- ra discoveries of fossils from seven species of Cretaceous mammals.

While Tarwinia has been turned into a real personal- ity, something not necessar- ily previously associated with

fleas, the discovery of dino- saur feathers at Koonwarra is of great significance.

Museums Victoria says the feathers of Koonwarra have been determined to be the first dinosaur feathers found in Australia.

Mike showed an image re- vealing that dinosaur feathers are distinctly different in ap- pearance from those of birds.

The silt environment in which the Koonwarra fossils formed and their resultant high-quality enables details such as fish scales or the ap- pearance of fern leaves to be clearly distinguished.

Other fossil finds in nearby places such as Inverloch, Kil- cunda and San Remo suggest the likelihood there are many species yet to be discovered

among Koonwarra's fossils, Mike showing people a fos- silised remnant of a dinosaur claw from Punchbowl at San Remo.

Leongatha Rotary Club's planned Koonwarra fossil display shelter is budgeted at \$200,000, with \$50,000 towards its construction provided by a State Govern- ment Tiny Towns Grant and Leongatha VLE contributing \$25,000 along with the sup- port of other local businesses.

Visit leongatharotary.org.au/ koonwarra-shelter to learn more and to contribute to Ro- tary's display shelter project, with the opportunity to get your name or that of your business on a \$100 paver that will be used in construction of a path- way leading to the shelter.



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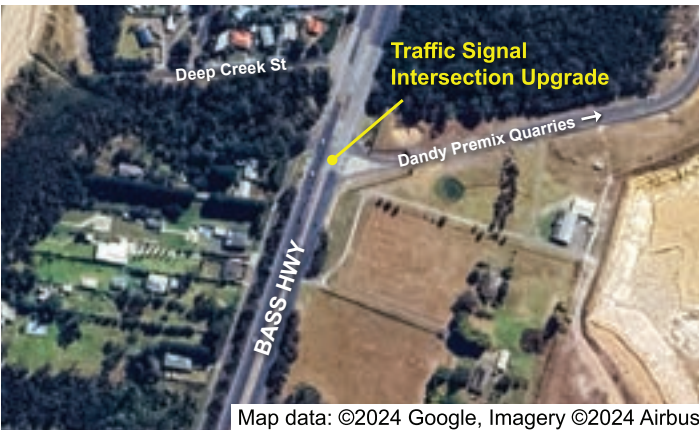
ROADWORKS NOTICE



Bass Highway (M420), Grantville Traffic Signals Installation

New traffic signals will be installed at the Dandy Premix Quarries intersection to reduce truck traffic through Grantville and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists using the Bass Highway.

- Works commenced July 2025, approx. 4-month duration
- Lane closures, reduced speed limits, contra-flow traffic
- Deep Creek St and Bass Hwy Service Rd access impacted
- Bass Hwy southbound bus stop temporarily relocated



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COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ROADWORKS

Stage 1 Roadworks confined to the existing quarry intersection commenced early July 2025.

Stage 2 Roadworks on the Bass Highway Northbound carriageway commenced 14 August and were completed 19 September 2025.

Stage 3 Roadworks require temporary closure of the Bass Highway Southbound carriageway and the introduction of contra-flow traffic to the Northbound carriageway.

The left lane of the Northbound carriageway will continue to be used for northbound traffic and the second lane for southbound traffic after diversion across the highway median to share the Northbound carriageway. During **Stage 3 Roadworks**, each of the two lanes of the Northbound carriageway will have traffic moving in the opposite direction.

During **Stage 3 Roadworks** there will be reduced speed limits through the Bass Highway construction zone with modified traffic layouts and traffic controls in place to assist motorists.

ROADWORK TIMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Stage 3 Roadworks will generally be undertaken Monday to Saturday (6 days/week) between 7.00am and 7.00pm. Some short-term roadworks may be carried out overnight.

Stage 3 Southbound carriageway roadworks will be carried out in two (2) phases –

- **Stage 3A** being the smaller section of roadworks north of the Quarry Entrance, with
- **Stage 3B** being the larger section of roadworks south of the Quarry Entrance.
- **Stage 1 Quarry Entrance** roadworks will also be completed during Stage 3A and trucks will commence right turn Quarry departure onto the Bass Highway northbound carriageway via portable traffic lights as part of Stage 3B.

Stage 3 Traffic Controls will include Variable Message Signs (VMSs), Safety Barriers, Portable Traffic Lights, Traffic Controllers and Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs) in operation.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Deep Creek Street and the Bass Highway Service Road traffic will be temporarily impacted during Stage 3 roadworks.

Deep Creek Street: temporary use of Bonney Road for Bass Highway access and egress, including for Smith Street, Broome Court, Stewart Street, Malcolm Drive and Panoramic Drive traffic.

Bass Highway Service Road (southbound, eastern side of Bass Highway): temporary southbound egress to Bass Highway under traffic controller supervision. This will impact on traffic attending Grantville Cemetery, the temporary southbound Bus Stop and 1421 Bass Highway.

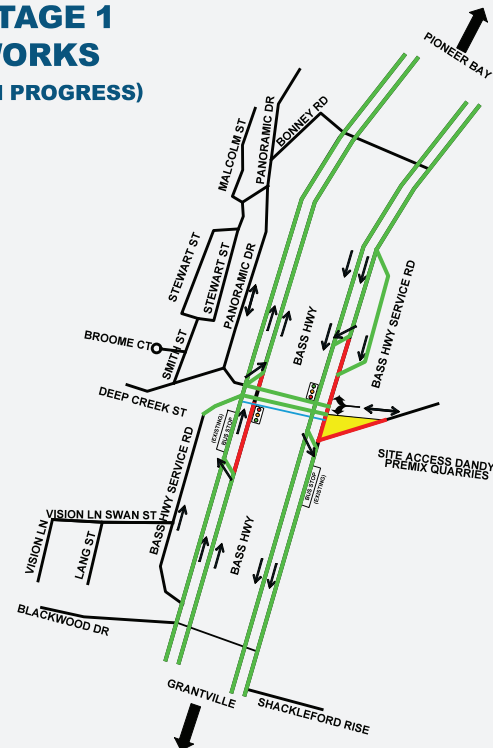
BUS STOP - SOUTHBOUND

The Bass HWY southbound bus stop located in the Stage 3 roadworks zone will continue to be temporarily relocated further north (approx. 220m) in the Bass Highway Service Road (southbound) with signage, waiting area provision and pedestrian protection provided.

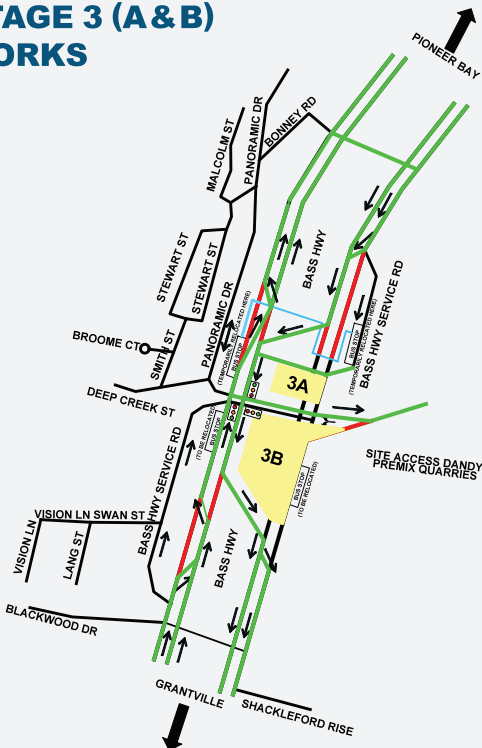
PROJECT OUTCOMES

Installation of the Traffic Signals will enable trucks to turn right, northbound onto Bass Highway, resulting in a major reduction in quarry trucks through Grantville. The Traffic Signals will also improve Bus Stop pedestrian safety and assist safer Deep Creek Street traffic flows onto Bass Highway.

STAGE 1 WORKS (IN PROGRESS)



STAGE 3 (A & B) WORKS



Motorists are urged to obey speed limits and traffic controls during the roadworks. Your cooperation will greatly assist the safety of workers, pedestrians & other motorists.

Please contact us for further information or to share your feedback.

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Philip Spence of Phil's Test and Tag, a fire safety and electrical testing business servicing the southeast.

Phil's Test and Tag provides safety to the southeast

PHILIP Spence has launched Phil's Test and Tag, a fire safety and electrical testing business, based in Koo Wee Rup and servicing the southeast region.

The new business specialises in testing and tagging portable electrical appliances, covering everything from workplace equipment to household items. Philip is committed to helping his clients ensure their equipment meets safety standards.

"There's a requirement for businesses to have testing done, but it's not always monitored and enforced," said Philip.

"However, some industries, including construction and schools, have mandatory testing requirements."

With a certification in testing and tagging, Philip offers comprehensive services including portable appliance testing, three-phase electrical testing, fire extinguisher inspections and emergency lighting checks.

"Our portable appliance service includes anything that plugs into a 240-volt outlet," said Philip.

"This includes portable fridges, camping and portable electrical gear, a service that isn't a requirement but in fact peace of mind."

With a certification, Philip ensures a thorough, reliable inspection.

For businesses or homeowners looking to prioritise electrical safety, Phil's Test and Tag offers a comprehensive solution across the southeast region. Email philstandtag@gmail.com.

• FAITH FACTOR

Where do we put our trust?

By Pastor Sandro Schietroma, Wonthaggi Baptist Church

ISAIAH 30:15 "For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.'"

This verse beautifully reminds us that true strength and salvation are found not in striving or anxiety, but in turning back to God with a trusting heart. The word "returning" speaks of repentance – a humble turning away from self-reliance and back to the Lord. "Rest" points to the peace that comes when we trust His promises rather than our own efforts. "Quietness" is the calm of a heart anchored in God's presence, and "confidence" is the steady faith that He is in control.

In a world that values busyness and self-sufficiency, God calls His people to find life, peace, and power in Him alone. When we pause, pray, and place our confidence in His Word, we are strengthened from within. Our salvation and strength do not come from what we do, but from who we rest in – the Holy One of Israel.

20 years, 20 days of giveaways at Tyrepower Wonthaggi

FOR Kris Baker, twenty years of Tyrepower Wonthaggi not only feels like a milestone, but also like a personal victory.

"I'm proud of myself and my family," he said, standing in the workshop that started it all.

"It wasn't easy. The first couple of years were really tough, especially not being from around here. I moved down for the chance to build something for my wife and kids. I've made great friends through footy clubs like Kilcunda Bass and Wonthaggi Power, through coaching, committees, and through the business too."

Now two decades on, Kris is celebrating the milestone in a way that feels right to him. From Saturday, November 1, Tyrepower Wonthaggi is giving away a \$100 gift card every single day for 20 days. All you need to do is bring in a copy of the promotion, printed or on your phone, and if you are the first through the door that day, the prize is yours. The promotion can be found on Tyrepower Wonthaggi's website or social media.

"It's just about giving something back," Kris said.

"I just like to give something back to people that might be struggling or need a hand."

He said there may be even more giveaways to come.

"We've got heaps of merch and tyre gear sitting around, so we might hand out a bit more in future."

What began in 2004 has grown into a true local business. Tyrepower Wonthaggi



Tyrepower Wonthaggi owner Kris Baker is celebrating 20 years in business with a daily \$100 gift card giveaway throughout November. W02_4425

now serves customers across the area, from Wonthaggi and Phillip Island to Inverloch, Leongatha, Korumburra, Grantville and beyond.

"We've got more staff now and all the latest equipment," Kris said.

"The oldest thing we've got is five years old. We keep upgrading, and we've employed a lot of local kids along the way."

The team handles tyres, wheels, wheel alignments, brakes, puncture repairs and

batteries.

"People don't always realise we do batteries," Kris said.

"And we do them at competitive prices."

Asked about the secret to lasting twenty years, Kris was very straightforward.

"Be honest," he said.

"Don't lie to people. Tell them straight what you're going to do, and then do it. Be nice, smile, be friendly, and you won't run into many problems."

He also had a message

for locals who may be tempted to shop in the city. "Prices might be a little cheaper in Melbourne, but the drive costs money and the waiting time costs money. It's local businesses that sponsor your sporting clubs, your raffles, your fundraisers. Please think about that before you drive up the highway to save a few dollars."

Kris and Mel would also like to thank their current and past staff members for their efforts over the years.

Hooked on local seafood for a decade at Bass Strait Direct

FOR ten years, Bass Strait Direct has been a go-to for locals and visitors chasing the freshest seafood along the coast. What began as a small idea born out of the local fishing industry has since grown into a community favourite.

Co-owner Curt Trewavis said the business started from a simple thought while he was still out on the boats.

"We were commercial fishing, and with the catch we were getting, we just decided to see if we could get a value for it rather than sending it up to the Melbourne market. We thought, let's see if we can process it and sell it locally," he said.

"We started going to farmers markets and then we saw there was an opportunity, hence we got into retail."

Not long after the doors first opened, Kelly Osborne joined the team, just two weeks later. Six years ago, she became Curt's business partner, and the pair have been running Bass Strait Direct together ever since.

Their original plan was to supply pubs and restaurants, but before long, the retail side of the business took off.

"The main vision was to wholesale to all the pubs and restaurants, and then the retail took over. We still wholesale to a lot of local places," Curt said.

Over the years, Bass Strait Direct has built a reputation for more than just fresh



Bass Strait Direct co-owners Kelly Osborne and Curt Trewavis celebrate 10 years of serving fresh local seafood to the community. W07_4425

seafood. Kelly said the team prides itself on keeping things upbeat and personal.

"I think we always try and make it light-hearted. It's a business family," she said.

Curt agreed, saying the best part of the job is the connection they've built with the people who walk through the door.

"It's very satisfying when you see a customer happy, and to be able to service both the local population and the tourist industry," he said.

There have been plenty of milestones along the way. Kelly said winning several local business awards and expanding the shop have been

big achievements. Curt added that buying the premises was another proud moment for the pair.

The team is celebrating their tenth anniversary with a special event at the shop, featuring the Untethered Chef food van, random customer prize giveaways in the form of hampers, and last weekend, an oyster shucker out the front raising money for the Black Dog Institute.

Looking ahead, Kelly said their focus remains simple, to keep serving the community with quality seafood and good humour.

"Just continue to serve our

customers and serve the community," she said.

After ten years, it's clear what has kept Bass Strait Direct going strong.

"The quality of the fish, consistent supply, and customer service is a big one," Curt and Kelly emphasised.

"We have lots of customers that come in and love a bit of banter. We have strong relationships with our customers, and even our wholesale customers. We have great relationships."

And for those looking to stock up for the festive season, Christmas orders open on Wednesday, November 5.

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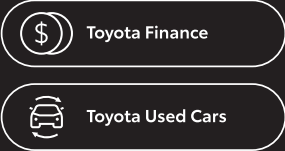
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Gea Lovell of Rotary Phillip Island and San Remo hosts award-winning crime writer, Sandi Wallace.

A night of crime fiction and conversation

IT WAS an evening of laughter, intrigue, and a touch of mystery when Phillip Island's own award-winning crime writer, Sandi Wallace, joined members and guests of the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo at the San Remo Hotel.

Sandi quickly had everyone hooked as she shared stories from her fascinating life – one that's almost as full of twists as her novels. Before becoming a full-time writer, she worked in all sorts of roles: banker, paralegal, cabinetmaker, journalist, and even personal trainer. She admitted she once came close to joining Victoria Police – an experience that, looking back, helped fuel her fascination with the criminal mind.

Her decision to follow her passion for storytelling clearly paid off. Sandi's debut rural thriller, *Tell Me Why*, won the Davitt Award Readers' Choice, and her short crime fiction has earned several Scarlet Stiletto Awards. She spoke about how her love for the Australian countryside shapes her writing, capturing both the beauty and the darker undercurrents of small-town life.

Living on Milawul/Phillip Island, Sandi said she's hard at work on her next book but always enjoys chances like this to connect with locals. The relaxed, conversational interview gave everyone a glimpse into her writing process, her inspirations, and what it's really like to "live inside the mind of a crime writer."

The night wrapped up with plenty of smiles, lively questions from the floor, and a real sense of pride in seeing one of our own make such a mark on the literary world.

"It's amazing how much talent we have right here on the Island," Rotary club president Gea Lovell said at the end of the evening.

It was a memorable evening that left everyone inspired – and maybe just a little more suspicious of their neighbours!



Afternoon tea with Michael McCoy

FRIENDS of Inverloch Library (FOIL) will host their final author event of the year with acclaimed garden designer, writer and television host Michael McCoy.

Michael, best known as the host of the ABC series *Dream Gardens*, will speak at Warrawee Seniors Club on Saturday, November 8, at 2pm. Drawing on his extensive experience leading international garden tours and designing landscapes across Australia, Michael will share his insights.

Tickets are \$15, with bookings essential. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Funds raised from FOIL's author talks directly support local libraries. This year, the group has donated \$500 towards children's books for the new Waterline Library, contributed to Book Club box sets, and gifted \$1000 to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

With Michael's engaging style and passion for plants, organisers are expecting a strong turnout and encourage early bookings.

For more information, visit or contact Friends of Inverloch Library on foilinverloch15@gmail.com or call 5674 1169.

Stop and look twice this November

PEDESTRIANS and cyclists are amongst our most vulnerable road users, and this November, Bass Coast Police, spearheaded by Acting Sergeant Zane Maligeorgos, have launched Operation Pedester.

"We've seen an 84 per cent increase in pedestrian incidents across Bass Coast in the last 12 months," Acting Sergeant Maligeorgos explained.

"Of the 35 collisions, 15 have resulted in serious injuries."

And according to the Sergeant, it's a combination of pedestrians and drivers behind the wheel of a vehicle, who have been at fault.

"Regardless, however, of who is at fault, when vulnerable road users are involved the stakes are high. This is because they are completely exposed to the full force of a crash with little to no protection."

Research shows that a pedestrian or cyclist hit by a car travelling at 60km/h is unlikely to survive.

"In fact, a pedestrian or cyclist's risk of death or serious injury increases where vehicles are travelling at speeds of 30km/h and upwards," Acting Sergeant Maligeorgos said.

"We implore everyone to not just think about their own safety, but how their behaviour impacts the safety of others."

"For motorists, we want to make sure they're paying attention and watching their speed, especially in high-pedestrian and cyclist areas."

"For cyclists, we want to



Bass Coast Acting Sergeant Maligeorgos and the team will be out and about throughout November, stepping up patrols to keep pedestrians, cyclists and motorists safe. C01_4425

make sure they're obeying traffic signals and wearing a correctly fitted and approved helmet.

"For pedestrians, we want to make sure they're doing things like obeying traffic signals and are not distracted – use the crossings, stay off the phone and make eye contact before stepping out."

Bass Coast Shire Council have jumped on board the Operation, putting new signs around town as visual reminders for drivers and pedestrians to stay alert and look out for one another.

"Throughout November, local police will be stepping

up patrols to keep people safe and encourage everyone to slow down and pay attention. You'll therefore see us out and about around school zones, crossings, CBD areas and intersections – talking to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians."

According to Acting Sergeant Maligeorgos, the Operation is not just about enforcement, but also education and awareness, getting people to think twice about pedestrian safety.

"At the end of the day, everyone just wants to get home safely – this operation is about making sure that happens. Drivers will be reminded

to give way, ditch the phone and take that extra second to check for pedestrians."

The fine for motorists failing to give way to pedestrians or cyclists is \$356 and three demerit points.

For cyclists, failing to wear a bicycle helmet will set you back \$254, whilst failing to obey traffic lights is \$509 and misusing path/footpath or failing to use a bicycle lane is \$204.

For pedestrians, the fine for failing to obey traffic lights is \$102.

"It's up to everyone to share the roads safely," Acting Sergeant Maligeorgos concluded.

Cooking up a Halloween feast at YES Youth Hub in Wonthaggi

THE YouthFoodz program in Wonthaggi added a little extra spice to the weekly menu at the YES Youth Hub to celebrate Halloween.

Anglicare Victoria is now running the YES Youth Hub in Wonthaggi, which has been a safe and inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 since 2019.

The Hub offers a broad range of programs designed to build confidence, foster community participation, and reduce social isolation, including the popular YouthFoodz program on a Thursday afternoon.

"Loneliness affects people of all ages. The YES Youth Hub in Wonthaggi plays a vital role in helping young people feel seen, supported, and connected," said youth services coordinator Isabella Green.

"Young people told us they wanted to learn how to cook."

Anglicare youth facilitator Raf Casero, Youth Services Coordinator Isabella Green and Jack Dunn from the Salvation Army are committed to co-designing programs with young people and creating meaningful opportunities for engagement.

"We also teach table manners and explain how to sit at the table and eat correctly without putting your elbows on the table," said Raf.

"How to use a fork and knife."

According to Raf, it's something many parents don't teach their children anymore.

"And they don't learn table manners at school."



Anglicare youth facilitator Raf Casero, youth services coordinator Isabella Green and Jack Dunn from the Salvation Army at YES Youth Hub YouthFoodz in Wonthaggi. B10_4425

Jack Dunn from the Salvation Army said the YES Youth Hub is a place where kids can feel safe and get the attention they need.

"Something they don't always get at home," Jack said.

"They get to be what they want to be."

"We protect that space," said Raf.

One boy who wasn't attending school has reconnected with school.

"No more days off school."

Some kids who have met through YouthFoodz now talk to each other at school.

"They've made more friends and school attendance has gone up."

According to Jack, kids who weren't eating are now eating.

"One boy who did not eat is now healthy and looking after his diet."

"One young couple who attend YouthFoodz regularly have gained cooking and general life skills," said Jack.

"They're learning how to cook healthy meals rather than buy takeaway food and frozen pizzas."

Young people at YouthFoodz have learned to cook and enjoy vegetables in a Thai curry.

"They just need to be shown," said Raf.

Jack explained that YouthFoodz uses simple recipes

that appeal to young people and make good food more affordable.

"It's early days," said Isabella.

"Numbers are steadily increasing."

"They show up once and come again."

Drop-in sessions run after school Monday to Thursday, and the YES Youth Hub food pantry is open Monday to Thursday from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

"Just turn up if you're between 12 and 25," said Isabella.

The YouthFoodz program is free.

Tarwin Lower Primary School celebrates Centenary

By Andrew Paloczi

GLORIOUS sunshine greeted those gathering to share memories of Tarwin Lower Primary School at its 100th birthday celebrations on Saturday, the formalities including speeches from the principal and School Captains and the opening of a time capsule buried 20 years ago.

“Together we gather to celebrate 100 wonderful years of learning, friendship and community spirit,” principal Jen Cox declared, noting that throughout that century children have discovered their potential and learned the values of kindness, resilience, cooperation and respect.

Jen thanked all the volunteers who helped bring the centenary celebration together, collecting memorabilia, setting up the hall, making purchases and helping at the working bee.

Ben Ellen, now a 27-year-old sparky still living in Tarwin Lower, was amused when he opened the envelope he placed in the time capsule honouring the school's 80th birthday when he was just seven, reading his 2005 predictions of what he would be doing in 20 years.

While he no longer has aspirations to be a cartoonist, not enjoying drawing, and hasn't gone on to be a singer, he is a part-time DJ and makes electronic music.

As a kid, he predicted that when he reached the age of 27, he'd be living in Melbourne in a motel or on a boat, saying he spends so much time fishing he's not that far from achieving the latter.

That passion for fishing may well have been inspired by the school's willingness to extend education to the outdoors with opportunities such as golf and fishing.

“I loved my time here,” Ben said, recalling his enjoyment of sport, drama and music.

Current students and teachers mingled with those returning after a long time away.

Former teacher Trish McCarthy was chatting with Sam Stringer, telling the Sentinel-Times the past student was one of her success stories.

Trish taught at the school from 1988 to 1993, having very happy memories of the relaxed vibe.

Sam brought up the famous moment when ‘Kevin the Swedish Massage Man’, as a regular visitor to the school became known, made a decisive move to kiss Trish on stage during a school production.

“The whole world erupted,” Sam said of the raucous student reaction.

Kevin taught performance art at the school and married Trish.

Trish was one of Sam's favourite teachers, along with Joy Runge, who was Joy Nunn then.

Describing those at Tarwin Lower Primary School as very close and connected, Sam credited the pair of teachers with helping build that culture.

Vanessa Fisher played a major role in organising the Centenary celebrations, the Fishers having connections to the school from its start to the current day, young Oscar Fisher beginning there this year.

In 1925, the school started with 28 pupils in a room at the back of the Mechanics Institute, 13 of the original students having transferred from Cashin's Hill State School, two from Tarwin Meadows State School, while the rest were beginning school for the first time.

With student numbers growing faster than expected, there was soon an urgent need for a dedicated school building.

A century later, principal Jen told the Sentinel-Times that a search through the archives in preparation for the Centenary celebration revealed interesting facts such as the school's now basketball court being located where there was once a paddock in which students tied up their horses.

She also remarked that generations of some families have been educated at Tarwin Primary, School Captain Scarlett Nye the third generation of her family to attend, starting when her great grandparents enrolled their children there in 1973.



Tarwin Lower Primary School students sing about Tarwin. A39_4425



Tarwin Lower Primary School Principal Jen Cox with School Captains Clare McGrath and Scarlett Nye at the celebration of the school's centenary. A38_4425



A 2005 copy of the Sentinel-Times emerged from the time capsule opened at Tarwin Lower Primary School during centenary celebrations. A42_4425



The Fishers have had a connection to Tarwin Lower Primary School since it began, with Clayton, Ken, Oscar and Arthur pleased to attend the school's centenary. A44_4425



Sue Scheerle's Cymbidium orchid won Best Exhibit. A25_4425



Welshpool and District Horticultural Society president Prue Fleming thanks member Rob Gyles for opening the Spring Flower Show. A26_4425

Spring Show a treat in Welshpool

THE Halloween theme for this year's Welshpool Spring Flower Show didn't scare anyone away, the flourishing colours on display and wide range of plants making for a perfect afternoon, the event continuing at the Welshpool Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 1 from 10am until 4pm.

It's the 65th Spring Show, the event run by the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society.

Foster North's Sue Scheerle's delightful Cymbidium orchid won the hearts of the judges, or perhaps the minds, as decisions are well thought out, with the officials having undergone extensive training.

They awarded her Best Exhibit.

Sue loves her orchids, estimating she has 30-odd plants, and while she can't remember where she came by her winning specimen, believes she's been growing it for about five years.

This year's show was opened by Welshpool and District Horticultural Society member Rob Gyles, who is curating the club's history and who has just become a qualified horticultural judge.

While he was initially hesitant to take on the required training when it was suggested he do so, Rob's daughter gave him the push he needed and he hasn't looked back, now recommending judging to others.

Training coordinator for the Australian Horticultural Judges Training Program, Rosie Kenney explained it is a two-year program, with those who love gardening, possibly belong to a garden society and like to exhibit in horticultural shows encouraged to tackle the course.

“The training course is set up so that it can be completed by people anywhere in Australia,” Rosie said.

Part of the training involves attending horticultural shows and

shadowing judges, learning how they go about their roles, with those in training eventually getting opportunities to practise simulated judging.

Participants submit learning tasks along the way and eventually get to judge a couple of sections of a show, being assessed on how well they do, and sit an exam requiring them to score at least 70 per cent.

While Rob conceded the training sounds daunting, he enjoyed the opportunity to learn and the interaction with people.

“You're out there meeting people; you're learning from them, they're learning from you,” he said.

With the show opening on Halloween, there was a Halloween theme to the painting section and in floral art.

As well as judging flowers for the Welshpool show, Rosie was the winner of the Floral Art section, describing her horizontal arrangement as “contemporary” and pointing to its “manipulated elements” such as the use of sticks, the piece being judged first in its class and best for Floral Art overall.

As well as admiring the exhibits in the hall, many attendees stocked up on plants from the Horticultural Society's nursery and once it was time for a rest, many settled in for scones and other treats, those also prepared by Society members.

The winners were:

- Best Exhibit: Sue Scheerle
- Cut Flowers: Trish Newby
- Roses: Arie Bos
- Cut Flowers in Containers: Sue Thompson
- Floral Art: Rosie Kenney
- Vegetables: Jan Gyles
- Preserves: Jan Gyles
- Photography (Snapshots/Visual Arts): Marg O'Donnell

Vietnam veteran medic to deliver address

THE State treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Maurice Benson, will deliver the San Remo Remembrance Day commemoration address on November 11.

Maurice was a medic in Vung Tau during the Vietnam War.

The service will start at 10.30am on Remembrance Day at the town's Cenotaph.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, will lay a wreath, as will other dignitaries. Members of the public will be offered the chance to do so too. Poppies will also be available for those wishing to place one at the Cenotaph.

San Remo and Newhaven school students will pay their respects during the service.

Morning tea will be served afterwards at the San Remo Hotel and members of the small group organising the event are grateful to the town's two hotels are prepared to continue a long-standing tradition of taking turn to provide the refreshments.

The commemoration is auspiced by the Vietnam Veterans Sub Branch VVAA.

Everyone is welcome.

Mine whistle set to sound for Remembrance Day

ON TUESDAY, November 11, the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting a service to commemorate Remembrance Day for 2025.

The service will begin at 10.30am at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph at Memorial Park in McBride Street. It will feature singing by students from the Wonthaggi Primary School and also by the U3A choir.

Special features of this years' service will be the inclusion of the sounding of the Mine Whistle to honour those who both served their country in war and also worked down the mine, as well as the playing of the Last Post and Reveille through a revitalised Town PA system.

In addition, the Cenotaph will be lit up red to honour our fallen.

As per tradition there will be a guest speaker, a benediction, a minute's silence and an opportunity to lay wreaths for those you wish to remember. As always, tea and coffee will be served at the RSL club rooms after the service.

Supporting those who served on November 11

MEMBER for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, is encouraging Gippslanders to take time this Remembrance Day to honour Australia's service men and women and to show their support through the annual Poppy Appeal.

Mr O'Brien said the poppy has long stood as a symbol of remembrance and hope and that by supporting the Poppy Appeal, Gippslanders can help make a real difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

"Each November we pause to remember the courage and sacrifice of those who've served our nation," Mr O'Brien said. "The Poppy Appeal is about more than remembrance, it is about standing beside those who've worn the uniform and ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve."

Funds raised through the Poppy Appeal help provide vital assistance to veterans and their families, from mental health and housing support to employment services and community programs.

Mr O'Brien said he was reminded of the importance of such support during his recent visit to the newly refurbished Gippsland Veterans Centre in Sale.

"The centre provides invaluable advice, support and referral services to the 3000 to 4000 veterans living across the Wellington Shire," Mr O'Brien said.

Mr O'Brien said Remembrance Day also provides a moment for quiet reflection.

"Whether it's at a local service or during a simple pause at 11am, I hope we can each take a moment to remember and give thanks."

Bruce Crowl, the lucky one

CENTENARIAN Bruce Crowl is a familiar face around Corner Inlet. From his residence in Foster right through to his work with Welshpool and District Horticultural Society, he's a local legend.

Ahead of Remembrance Day, the Sentinel-Times caught up with Mr Crowl to discuss his time on the "lucky ship".

"I had an appalling year at Swinburne," Mr Crowl explained.

Keen on attending Melbourne Tech's Art School, Mr Crowl's plans were halted when his father promptly enrolled him at Swinburne's School of Engineering after secondary school, believing that those who fared the best in difficult times were well-educated engineers.

"All the young, proper teachers had gone off to war, and the principal at Swinburne had stepped back down to a teaching role. In 1940, he was still dressing like a Victorian dandy, and his outlook was pretty much the same... His teaching method was sarcasm, and I couldn't handle it, so I did very poorly."

In 1943, aged just 17, Mr Crowl joined the Navy.

"I thought the Navy would always have a dry bed, and I wouldn't have to cook my meals," he recalled with a smile.

"Their system was to train us leading up to age 18. They recruited us in May, then by September, I was 18 and off to join the ship."

Mr Crowl was posted to HMAS Australia as a visual signalman.

"Except in action stations, we always had three good meals a day – during action stations, they'd have to douse their fires, so we finished up eating bully beef sandwiches."

One could only feel for the cooks making enough bread for 1000 men three times a day.

There was no walking away from action stations for a nap either.

"You wouldn't go back to your hammocks. You just put your head down at your action station. We were aware of the danger of attack from the air at any time, day or night. At one point, we were at action stations for four days continuously. We were able to pull a few old signal flags out of the lockers to soften the steel decks (to sleep on)."

Most of the action during Mr Crowl's service was during the day.

"There was some naval action at nighttime, but it didn't suit the aircraft to fly at night."

Mr Crowl journeyed on HMAS Australia as part of the World War II campaigns in the South Pacific and Philippines.

Having recently recalled the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 (which can be viewed in Prom Coast News), Mr Crowl took the opportunity to discuss the invasion of the Lingayan Gulf.

Repaired by an American forward engineering base in Espiritu Santo after a kamikaze attack during the Battle of Leyte, HMAS Australia was absorbed into Task Group 77.2.

"We went up to Manus (after repairs), where we stored up



Centennian Bruce vividly recalls his service days.



Lingayen Gulf, Philippines, January 9, 1945. HMAS Australia showing damage incurred from attacks by Japanese Kamikaze aircraft in Lingayen Gulf during the Luzon campaign. This photograph was taken from the USS West Virginia. (US National Archives Neg. No BB48-0272)



A 12-foot by 14-foot hole on the waterline under the bridge on the port side of HMAS Australia. This damage was inflicted by a Japanese Kamikaze aircraft attack on 7 January 1945. A temporary patch is covering the damage.

again for fuel, food, ammunition and crew.

"We needed 40 or 50 new crew, and we'd given all our shells to the Shropshire when we left after we'd been hit (in Leyte).

"December 15, 1944, an Australian store ship came up with mail and Christmas goodies. The navy was always good about giving us Christmas where they could, so they came with stuffed turkey, roast potatoes, Christmas pudding and a bottle of beer – a cold long neck bottle of beer for every man on the ship."

After Christmas, it was back to duty, and the focus shifted to the Lingayan Gulf.

"We joined a convoy of 672 ships spanning 65 kilometres; it was an amazing sight," Mr Crowl said.

"Sixty-five kilometres is from Foster to Inverloch – it was ships to the horizon, not one ship in a straight line."

"We left on the third of January, and on the fourth, the ship beside us took a kamikaze, and then the next day we took one, and lost 29 dead, and 39 wounded."

"The next day, we took another one."

"We had a day off, and that day was spent training up new gunners. We'd lost main deck gunner crews, and they called for volunteers from writers and bandsmen, and anybody who wasn't having an active role in the fighting. They called them chief gunnery petty officers."

"They finished up, and instead of having four sets of twin guns; we were able to mount two, which was a help."

"Then we had another early morning and another plane hit us on the side of the bridge, no casualties, and we were cleaning up that mess."

"Another one hit us on the water line, and the shell exploded. There was a hole you could have driven a truck through, no casualties – we were lucky."

Following the kamikaze attack, the ship had to tilt to lift the newly formed hole out of the water, and they temporarily made repairs.

The next day was invasion day; HMAS Australia had made it.

Their initial duty was to bombard the shore and make it easier for the soldiers who would be landing on the beach.

"While that is all happening, we took another kamikaze. They always aim for the bridge."

He clipped the mast, fell on top of the front funnel, chopped it in half, and dropped a whole lot of debris down the funnel. That stopped the air ventilation from going down into the engine room, and we had to reduce power.

"By that day, we finished off with a ship that only has half its deck armament working, has a hole in the ship's side, and we've had to reduce engine power because of the debris down the funnel, including the pilot of the suicide plane."

"By then they decided we'd had enough, and that night, half past nine, we left and headed back to Leyte again in a small convoy of empty troop ships and damaged ships."

Though Mr Crowl deemed HMAS Australia the "lucky ship" for surviving everything thrown at her, when asked why they were targeted, he exclaimed, "We would like to know the answer!"

"There were 672 ships there, there was even another ship, Shropshire, that looked just like us, but why we were picked out one after the other, I've got no idea!"

According to Mr Crowl, the suicide bombers were a pest, more than anything.

"We were still able to carry out work; there were some ships sunk by suicide bombers, but they really weren't having the greatest influence. If they'd been torpedo bombers, that would be a different story altogether."

"The sad thing is, of course, that those young Japanese fellas flying the planes had been brainwashed into believing they were going to Nirvana, and they were filled up with God knows what. That was very demoralising."

"In a normal attack, a plane would line up its target, come in, drop a couple of bricks, and pull off again, and fly back to the airport – have a G&T in the bar with their mates before they go to the mess for dinner. Not the Japanese. They didn't pull out, they kept on coming and very often the pilot is dead before he ever hits the ship – the plane is just an uncontrolled missile."

"They're flying through a rain of shells. I remember seeing a piece of wing that was left by one of the planes on our ship, about the size of a table. You could have drawn a two-inch mesh across it all the way, and there would have been a shell hole of some sort in every one of those squares."

Mr Crowl estimates that half the men on board HMAS Australia were young, all around 19 years old, and noted his experience in the Navy was a good experience.

"It took you out of a square box," he explained.

"However, war is a terrible thing, it's awful business, and I don't believe we need to go."

Mr Crowl is amongst the lucky ones, he returned home and after finishing his service started a career in the arts, which saw him announce and perform on radio, and on stage across Australia, and even to this day his theatrical roots are very much alive performing in the stage play, Dinner for One with FAMDA.

Progress of the Royal Commission

By Rod Gallagher, Vietnam veteran and retired volunteer pension and welfare officer

THE Royal Commission report was handed down in late 2024, making 122 recommendations to the Federal Government, who so far have agreed to implement 104 recommendations. In relation to the agreed recommendations, some 40 recommendations relate to DVA, 59 to the ADF, and 10 relate to ADF mental health issues. The RSL advocacy activities have a direct interest in 12 recommendations.

In his article, “Did Not Care Enough”, Ben Wadham, a veteran, professor and director of Open Door, said:

“... The veteran sector, including families, had lobbied for this inquiry for over a decade. For a long time, the call fell on deaf ears. The Ex-Service Organisation Round Table even rejected the idea, saying veteran suicide was roughly the same as the national average.

“The royal commission has addressed this question of poor data. Over the course of the inquiry, the certified number of people who died by suicide rose from around 300 to around 1700. This was because a forensic focus was applied to the statistics.

“These do not include deaths that may be suicide but have not been recorded as such, like single-car accidents, for example. Ex-serving veteran suicide is 26 per cent higher than the national average for men and 107 per cent higher for women...”

He also observed that the Royal Commission ended its investigations recognising that culture and systems had an overwhelming part to play. For example, there have been around 60 inquiries into military systems and culture over five decades and around 750 recommendations. Few have been met.

Commissioner Nick Kaldas explained:

“When there’s been dozens of inquiries, hundreds of recommendations, and no one’s gone back to check whether they’ve acquitted the intent of the recommendations, I’d say that’s a failure of leadership...”

The DVA Minister, in a recent speech to Federal Parliament, reported that nine of those recommendations have now been fully implemented; 113 remain to be



Rod Gallagher is one of several local veterans who are advocating for change following the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. B09_4425 actioned.

In broad terms, the nine implemented recommendations covered key areas such as a new Defence and Veteran Service Commission, mandatory discharge for sex offenders, emotionally intelligent leadership criteria, a new statutory suicide-prevention body, and the establishment of a Defence and Veterans Service Commission to oversee reforms and deliver co-ordinated support and advice for defence personnel and veterans.

The Defence and Veterans Service Commission has recently been established, but concerns remain that it is not truly independent because both DVA and ADF are not obliged to respond to this “Commission”.

In addition, on February 22, 2025, the Veterans’ Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Act was passed, which means bringing the three current systems governing veterans’ entitlements under a “single and improved Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)”. The Act will be effective from July 1, 2026. This change will not affect the current entitlements and benefits received by Veterans, particularly those covered by the VEA.

And additional resources were provided to DVA to clear the claims backlog. Of the 41,799 backlog of claims, identified in the Royal Commission’s interim report, as at February 28, 2025, 98.6 per cent have now been completed. Plus, DVA has

adopted a new business model to process the 4000 claims it receives every two weeks.

The Royal Commission Chair made an important observation by recognising that “administrative violence”, or commonly known in the past as bastardisation, was very prevalent in the ADF, and almost institutionalised in the ADF system of justice. This goes to the heart of how it treats its workforce, and is a major contributor to the health problems suffered by veterans from bullying and harassment while a serving member.

Given the large number of recommendations, you would need to be concerned about whether both DVA and the ADF have the appetite to see through a full implementation of all of the recommendations over time. Serving personnel and veterans deserve nothing less.

The royal commission began its investigations thinking of veteran suicide as an individual mental health issue. That deployment trauma was expected to be a key influence, its findings showed that this assumption was not the case. The case was more about much deeper structural problems with both the ADF and DVA.

Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes, early in 1917, stated that:

“We say that the care of the returned soldier is one of the functions of the Commonwealth Government. Our soldiers fight not for Queensland, New South Wales, or Tasmania, but for Australia. They are enlisted under the Commonwealth banner. They go out to fight our battles. We say to them: ‘When you come back, we will look after you’ [...] The soldiers will say to the Commonwealth Government: ‘You made us a promise. We look to you to carry it out’.”

Today, Australia should never lose sight of its obligations inherent in that statement.

The community must ensure that those who defend us deserve the best of care, and not just on Remembrance Day.

For immediate help in a crisis, contact 000 or your nearest emergency department.

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National Support: Lifeline 13 11 14

The Memorial Hall Leongatha: Our place of remembrance

THE magnificent Leongatha Memorial Hall remains a symbol of remembrance almost 100 years after its grand opening in May 1926,

Esteemed soldier, Brigadier General ‘Pompey’ Elliott officiated at the opening, the Memorial Hall having taken the place of Leongatha’s original Mechanics’ Hall and the neighbouring shire offices that were destroyed by fire in February 1924.

The loss of the two buildings that had been in place since the 1890s led to plans for the Memorial Hall and new shire offices to be built at that site.

In 1923, the Woorayl Shire Council had agreed to build a new hall and shire chambers provided the public contributed a third of

By Lyn Skillern

the cost, but the intention then was to construct the new buildings on the corner of McCartin and Bruce Streets (St Peter’s site).

The Memorial Hall and Shire Offices were built between 1924 and 1926.

The walls were lined with murals depicting major battles from World War I.

The names of the Shire’s fallen on black marble honour rolls with the names of those who returned inscribed on white marble. These are in the stairwell.

A film was made of the grand opening and this will be shown next year at the celebrations of the Memorial Hall’s centenary.

Following World War II, the

citizens of Woorayl Shire wanted to honour those who served in that conflict.

It was decided to build a much-needed hospital in Leongatha to remember the service of so many.

The current-day hospital recently paid tribute to its commemorative roots, adopting the name Leongatha Memorial Hospital and establishing a Memorial Walk honouring those who served abroad and those who carried out the work of care at home.

On Remembrance Day, you can honour our community’s service in war by reading the stories on the Leongatha Historical Society’s website or by visiting the Avenue of Honour Place of Reflection at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

~ Local services ~

COWES

A service will take place at the Cowes cenotaph. See story for more information.

FISH CREEK

At Fish Creek, the Remembrance Day service is subject to access to the site, which is currently affected by the town’s landscaping works.

FOSTER

A Remembrance Day service will be conducted by Foster RSL President Bruce Lester at the Cenotaph in Foster on Tuesday, November 11, at 11am. The service will be preceded by a march, beginning at the Foster Historical Society Museum.

Marchers are asked to assemble at 10.30am.

Foster RSL invites all interested members of the community to attend the service. The laying of wreaths will follow the service, with members of the public welcomed and invited to lay floral tributes.

GRANTVILLE

A service will be held at 10.15am at the Memorial Gardens, Bass Highway. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

INVERLOCH

Laying of the crosses will commence at 10am until 10.30am at Inverloch Cemetery.

A service will then take place at the Cenotaph in ABeckett Street at 10.45am.

KORUMBURRA

There’ll be a short service, starting at 10.45am at the cenotaph in Coleman Park.

LANG LANG

A service will take place at Lang Lang Cenotaph at 11am.

LEONGATHA

Things get underway at the town’s cenotaph outside the Memorial Hall at 10.40am, with a local band playing and a short service.

Light refreshments are available at Leongatha RSL after the service.

LOCH

An 11am service will take place at Loch Memorial Reserve.

MEENIYAN

Attendees are asked to assemble at 10.45am for a short community-run service at the war memorial that will include an address from Heather Scott, former president of Meeniyman and District RSL.

MIRBOO NORTH

People are encouraged to gather at 10.30am for a short service, followed by light refreshments at the RSL.

NYORA

Students of Nyora Primary School will be studying Remembrance Day and its meaning in the lead up to the November 11th Service, where students will walk to the Nyora Cenotaph at 10.30am. Students of Grade six will read poems and observe a minute’s silence, welcoming all families and the Nyora community to join.

SAN REMO

A service will start at 10.30am at the Cenotaph, with morning tea to follow at the San Remo Hotel.

TOORA

Toora RSL advises that their service will commence at 10.50am at the Cenotaph. All are welcome.

WONTHAGGI

A service will begin at 10.30am at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph. See story for further information.

YARRAM

Yarram RSL’s service will commence at 10.45am at the Yarram Cenotaph in Commercial Road.

Fingers crossed for Remembrance Day flyover



Phillip Island RSL officials Peter Paul and Chris Thompson on Remembrance Day in Cowes.



Phillip Island RSL member, John Till, helping to raise funds for veterans' welfare by selling poppies and badges in Cowes this week. Locals Loretta and young Toby Thompson offer their support.



Those who attend the Remembrance Day service at Cowes will get the opportunity to place a poppy in remembrance after the official wreath laying.

THEY won't know until closer to the day, Remembrance Day, Tuesday, November 11, but the Phillip Island RSL is hoping for an RAAF flyover to top off their commemorative service at the foreshore cenotaph in Cowes.

Not quite the full-blown affair of Anzac Day, Remembrance Day in Cowes is nonetheless an important day for the RSL, for returned and active service personnel, their supporters and the general community.

The Phillip Island RSL Sub-branch is asking everyone to form up at 10.45am so that the initial aspects of the service, to be led by RSL president and former local mayor, Peter Paul, prior to the 'Minute's Silence' promptly at 11am, commemorating the 11th hour, of the 11th day on November 11, 1918 when the guns finally fell silent at the end of World War I.

Early on November 11th, the Germans met the Allies near Paris to sign an Armistice ending the fighting. The agreement set at 11am Paris time as the moment the truce would begin – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

The fighting continued until the last possible moment. As a result, there were 10,944 casualties, including 2738 deaths, on the war's last day. Most occurred within a period of three hours. The last soldier to be killed in World War I was Henry Gunther, an American of German descent, who was killed just 60 seconds before the guns fell silent. That's war.

Draft program:

- 10.30am Flags at half mast
- 10.45am Intro Music "THE ANZAC"
- 10.49am Guard march on
- 10.51am Phillip Island RSL President Peter Paul welcome
- 10.54am Captain Paul Scott Remembrance Day address
- 10.57am Ode Phillip Island RSL Vice President Bob Woods

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

- 10.58am Last Post
- 11.00am One minute's silence - Lest We Forget
- 11.02am Prayers by Reverend Ruth Hanlon
- 11.03am "The Inquisitive Mind of a Child" by Phillip Island RSL committee member Cheryl Overton
- 11.05am Wreath Laying Phillip Island RSL committee member Gary Simmons, Poppy Laying Phillip Island RSL committee members Christine Thomas and Mary Kane
- 11.15am Lord's Prayer by Reverend Ruth Hanlon, followed by the New Zealand and Australian National anthems.

Local students and an honour guard supplied by the ADF will also be involved in the Remembrance Day service at Cowes.

Remembrance Day Service

2025

11AM November 11th

Cowes Cenotaph

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

at Inverloch Cenotaph

Commences 10.45am

Wreath Laying

A light lunch will be held after the service at the RSL Hall Bolding Place.

REMEMBER to remember

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Local servicemen remembered at Australian War Memorial

TWO South Gippsland servicemen were honoured this year as part of the Last Post ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

Korumburra WWII pilot Samuel Donald Whiteside was honoured on March 29, 2025.

Part of air operations targeting Berlin in 1943 and 1944, Pilot Officer Whiteside was initially posted as missing, presumed dead on January 27, 1944.

It was not until 1951 that the dairy farming family of the late Samuel and Margaret Whiteside of Korumburra South were notified that the RAAF had determined Whiteside and his crew had been shot down by a German night fighter south-west of Berlin.

Whiteside was buried in a war cemetery alongside his fellow crew members.

Educated in Korumburra, the young Whiteside was awarded the Aircrew Europe Star and also earned the Defence Medal, War Medal and Australia Service Medal.

Donald Whiteside is

proudly remembered at the Cenotaph in Coleman Park.

The Last Post Ceremony honouring the service of Pilot Officer Samuel Whiteside can be viewed on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=Zn3D6cWHtrU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zn3D6cWHtrU).

Private George William Paterson of South Gippsland was also honoured earlier this year during the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

One of 11 children, George Paterson was born on August 16, 1898, in Yarram and grew up at Darriman, where he attended the local state school.

Aged just 17, Private Paterson enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in March 1916.

On May 10, 1917, George was killed in a dugout near Bullecourt in France when a shell burst nearby, burying him alive. By the time his comrades dug him out, he was already dead. Private George Paterson was 19 years old.

Private G.W. Paterson is remembered at the

Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, the Woodside Darriman State School Honour Roll and Yarram WW1 War Memorial.

The Last Post Ceremony honouring the service of Private George William Paterson was held on March 1, 2025, and can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=8JdY9CP2flw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JdY9CP2flw).

Australian Memorial Director Matt Anderson said the Last Post Ceremony is our nation's commitment to remembering and honouring the legacy of Australian service.

"Through our daily Last Post Ceremony, we not only acknowledge where and how these men and women died. We also tell the stories of who they were when they were alive, and of the families who loved and, in so many cases, still mourn for them.

"The Last Post is now associated with remembrance, but originally it was a bugle call to sound the end of the day's activities in the military.

"It is a fitting way to end each day at the Memorial."



Private George William Paterson is remembered on the Woodside Darriman School Honour Roll.



Pilot Officer Samuel Donald Whiteside honoured at the Australian War Memorial.



Loch Memorial Reserve plaque re-crafted and installed

THE Loch Remembrance Day service at the Loch Memorial Reserve will feature a special tribute to the recently replaced memorial plaque that was stolen last year.

The 11am service will introduce key local figures, including Ron Barnacle, the president of the Loch Community Development Association (LCDA), who will host the event. Readings will be given by representatives from Loch Primary School and Frank Springer, president of Loch Memorial Reserve, and wreaths will be laid by various community groups and individuals.

Frank said the service will acknowledge the replacement of the plaque that was crafted by Levey Engineering in Nyora and recently reinstalled. "Community members donated funds to cover the insurance claim's shortfall, demonstrating local solidarity," said Frank.

"The theft that occurred last year and was still under investigation happened in the early hours of the morning, making it difficult to identify the culprits.

"It has now been fixed to the granite villas in a way we hope to prevent future theft."



LEONGATHA REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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Sentinel-Times
COMMENT

Will protection of Western Port be in the ‘national interest’

THE Western Port Biosphere group has identified some serious shortcomings with the plan to establish the Port of Hastings as the main hub for the development of offshore wind generation.

Not the least of these is the need to carry out one of the largest dredging campaigns in Western Port in the past century, involving approximately 525,000 m³ of material to be dredged to make way for the shipping that will have to access the new Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal.

In its recent submission, to a second bid by the Victorian Government to gain approval from the Federal Environment Minister for the terminal, it has called for a comprehensive assessment of the risks posed to the internationally significant Ramsar-listed wetland and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a commitment to biodiversity net gain for a fragile area already under significant pressure.

“There is a need to consider the cumulative impacts of multiple stressors associated with the project: including chronic noise from piling, habitat and food source disturbance from reclamation and an extensive dredging campaign, and increased light pollution.

“These combined pressures may have significant effects on key species, including migratory birds for which Western Port is internationally recognised.

“In addition to these direct impacts, there are also risks from additional stressors such as the potential introduction of marine pests and the possibility of oil spills or other pollution incidents arising from increased vessel traffic. Together, these factors could amplify ecological pressures on sensitive habitats and species, underscoring the importance of a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment within the EES.”

So, what will the proposed reforms in the Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025, introduced into the Federal Parliament last Thursday, designed to fast-track the approval of projects deemed to be in the national interest, mean for Western Port and anything else associated with the renewable energy revolution?

The government wants its bills referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by November 24, 2025, then it’s a matter of ‘watch this space’!

Time to answer the questions

THE South Gippsland Shire Council recently announced yet another Community Engagement program. I have lost track, but there must be dozens over the last few years.

I think this is yet another propaganda announcement full of slogans and buzzwords and little, if any, substance.

Recently, Councillors should have received four documents requesting answers to questions raised. To date, not one question has been answered.

Considering the contents of the articles, which are in the public domain now, that is not surprising.

One document of 21 pages details non-compliance with the \$5,350,00 Karmal Children Centre Project in Korumburra, where \$ 1,275,000 non-compliance is questioned in relation to the two grants totalling \$3,200,000.

Another document detailing the SGSC

Vox Pop

Will you be spending the same amount of money this Christmas as previous years?



David Norton
Wonthaggi
“Probably more. I’ve got a grandson. Now he’s got more things to play with. We like to spoil him.”



Gayle Stroop
Wonthaggi
“I’ll be spending about the same. Just spoiling the grandkids.”



Robyn Templer
Hindmarsh Island
“I don’t usually spend much, and I won’t be spending more this year, that’s for sure.”



Pauline Griffiths
Tyabb
“I’ll probably be spending around the same. Certainly wouldn’t be less, but it may be a little bit more.”

Procurement Report by Management Consultants In2Management Pty Ltd, contains shocking details of Council’s operations. This investigation, estimated at \$750,000, describes serious failings of this Council, is kept secret and hidden away, stamped Confidential and is Not Available to anyone, including Councillors, (according to them). That is not only bizarre but also very convenient.

Yet another document details reductions in employee positions from the Home and Community Care Services to Mecwacare, the positions redundant due to contract CON/402 Building Maintenance Services, and others, such as Council direct management of two caravan parks. This should have reduced employee numbers by at least 50 full-time employee positions. Those specific positions may no longer exist, but others have replaced them for reasons carefully kept secret.

As a result, I see at least 50 undocumented and undeclared full-time positions at an estimated cost of at least \$7,000,000 for each year of Council operation.

I suggest that instead of grandiose propaganda articles in the press related to yet another “Community Engagement” program, this Council answers serious questions raised in relation to all of the above. And then I have many more.

Gus Blaauw, Venus Bay

Your award, Michael Giles.

CONGRATULATIONS, Sentinel Newspaper on receiving your award given by the Victorian Country Press Association for ‘Best Opinion/Editorial written by Michael Giles’.

Michael Giles in receiving this award, has been recognised for his excellent investigative reporting by ‘digging for the truth’ and determination to hold decision-makers to account when handling ratepayers’ hard-earned money.

Michael Giles report, headed ‘Another Bass Coast fiasco looms’ published in July 2024. Investigative journalism is an art Michael Giles has. This award clearly sets a high reporting standard, which we need a lot more of.

Congratulations Michael Giles, you are an outstanding journalist.

Well done. We are waiting for your next weekly reports.

Gay and Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai

There is a place for the Lord’s Prayer

FIRST, let me say at the outset that the Christian tradition is undoubtedly the foundation of modern Australia, and it has given Australia institutions that are the envy of the world.

Our commitment to the rule of law and

the stability that flows from this, together with our quality of life, much of it built on our ethical framework drawn from our Christian heritage, is one that attracts migrants from all over the world.

In my former Council, the very diverse City of Greater Dandenong, it was the practice that the various faith leaders took turns to read a blessing before Council meetings on a roster agreed to by that city’s Interfaith Network.

That said, simple democratic principles would suggest that, as well over one third of the residents of Bass Coast identify as Christian, the Lord’s Prayer ought to feature as the blessing at the start of Council at least one third of the time.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

Time to focus on taxes

IN THE 28 October edition, there were four articles, all of which were related in a manner left undiscussed.

“Struggle Street – How Our Neighbourhood Houses Are Being Squeezed”, “South Gippsland Community Conditioned for Tough Decisions”, “Funding Cuts Leave Local Police Stations in the Dark”, and “Wait for Station Upgrades at Foster and Mirboo North Continues 10 Years On”.

These reports all reflect a lack of resources at the state and local level. We lack these resources because multinational corporations (Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, Google, etc.) are not paying their fair share of taxes in Australia, instead they use accounting tricks to shift income overseas to low- or no-tax countries (the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Ireland, to name but a few). This lowers their taxable income here.

The multinational gas corporations do the same thing, in addition to paying no royalties for the gas they take from our offshore gas fields. This leaves the Commonwealth with less money to spend on hospitals and schools, which leaves the states with less money for police and local resources.

As a result, we see greater pressure on local councils to pay more for school-crossing guards, surf lifesaving club services, neighbourhood houses and community social programs. We need to tax these multinational, corporate tax bludgers or we will continue to see our communities suffer.

Jon Green

Youth crime conundrum

THE current youth crime wave and the culture of impunity that seems to be accompanying it is particularly worrying because it gives us an indicative snapshot of not just the state of adult governance of children, but responsible adult governance more generally.

The twenty-first century has given us some quite dire warning about

governance, whether it be about education standards and discipline in schools, the self-perpetuating and defeating dysfunctions within the welfare sector, the blind greed and lack of integrity within financial services industries, and the willingness of fossil fuel industries to systematically fund and organise disinformation campaigns that have successfully thwarted rational climate change policy aimed at saving not just future generations of our species, but the biosphere as a whole.

We are focusing today on youth crime, but the unease about it reflects a much deeper disorder that goes across all sectors and levels of economic and social life. And that is on top of what seems to be a collapse of the post-WWII democratic consensus, the rise of sectarian extremism and the decline of the US that underwrote ‘the long peace’ that gave us no global war since 1945.

The problems we are facing are long-standing ones that go back to changes in our economy and culture that started in the 1960s and rolled out at scale in the ‘70s. The deregulation and privatisation moves of the period didn’t just happen in the way the economy was organised. It happened in the social culture as well, although it was characterised as ‘liberating ourselves from the repressive authoritarianism of the past’ and ‘pushing the boundaries’ of acceptable behaviour. Individual entitlement and private sectional interest trumped the social commons that held up our social infrastructure.

Fifty to sixty years and three generations later, there is no authority/responsible adult agency/framework of discipline and enforced boundaries left to push. Anything goes because anything does. The old infrastructure of social governance gradually eroded away and was replaced by the perpetual voices in our heads, brought to us by the proud sponsors, who were not just the organisers of the economic system, but the ascendancy that controlled (and controls) the means of social reproduction and administration, whose institutional power and influence lies largely outside the architecture of democratic conversation.

We are going to be forced to re-regulate our social system, re-entrench responsible adult agency and deprivatise moral accountability so that individuals become more accountable to their communities, with fewer excuses for poor behavior and more determined, rigorous and consistent enforcement of the collective good... and not just with young people... like parents being made responsible for their children’s poor behavior in ways that would focus the collective mind about governance.

I am not holding my breath on this, any more than I am for that moment of panic when adverse climate change can no longer be ignored or put off... when, of course, it is altogether too late.

Christopher Nagle, Grantville

Time to face the facts

THE authorities and public need to face the facts of life. As King Canute, 1016 to 1035, showed time and tide waits for no man. Today, this is not actually correct. While, tide has not changed, time has. In King Canute's era the time line, was the background rate of change, the global slowly changing over many thousands of years or hundreds of human generations, so was almost imperceptible over a decade.

This is not the case now, human exploitation of sequestered energy has had the effect of compressing millions of years into about 250 years. Ameliorating these changes is not possible, the consequences of our lack of action is inevitable. This fact needs to be considered like a "War Battle", you hold the fronts you can hold and fall back where you cannot. Nobody can defend the undefendable, you have to manage the circumstances. We have to have the old battle plan – retreat to higher ground.

Our global leader's failure in leadership and the apathy of the majority of the populations globally, who gave them their vote and trusted have been let down. Populations simply striving for personal sustainability, should not have to be concerned with such leadership matters, unlike King Canute, who laid out the path and trod that path for the betterment of his subjects. This is what leaders should do if only we had some.

Public servants and committees of coastal management should not be held accountable for leadership failure, public tribalism and apathy. We need to, as they say, "bite the bullet", we have and continue to damage the global ecosystems. Now it is making its own changes, despite our simplistic efforts to put a band-aid on the problem.

Look at Google maps and track sea level changes, within some 50 years, you could see Pakenham as a seaside town. Bass Highway will be underwater, Phillip Island isolated requiring more bridges, etc. Fortunately, Western Port and Port Phillip Bays have coastal high land forms that readily allow for the construction of lochs to protect the communities that surround the bays. This will see both bays become freshwater lakes, where like in Holland water levels behind the dykes are managed with very large pumps.

If humans are not like the "emu with its head in the sand" we will rethink the future path and our priorities. The inept over taxing sycophantic government we have suffered for some 200 years, needs to change to: reality, honesty and leadership. Global forests are now carbon dioxide generators not sinks. Tokenistic greening our cities with 1788 tree species selections, will not cut the mustard to save us. We need to listen to people of the lands that are still connected to their land and its historic rhythms. Scientific modelling can demonstrate what the Laws of Physics will impose on us. We know as fact not faith that this law means you cannot make or destroy anything you can only change its properties.

Then there is the other saying, "You cannot put the genie back in the bottle". Thus, we need to face the challenges of conditions we have created and the inevitable follow-up.

Governments and the wealthy self-interest have brought this upon themselves and imposed upon the less fortunate majority. The societies that have, for the reasons articulated earlier, created this catastrophe will have to pick up the tab.

Globally we need to focus on our life support system our, "Sustainable Human Environment" – SHE. Archaeology, history and tourism show us past civilisations. Will this current iteration of society be just another iteration on a tourist's journey? God save the King Canute and that famous Australian Rum-pole of the Bailey who said "SHE must be obeyed".

Nicholas Rivett, Glen Forbes

Only a temporary fix

IN INVERLOCH, there is no more pressing conservation disaster than the continuing dramatic erosion of the Inverloch foreshore. As our local MP has said, "We have all watched with alarm the changes to the Inverloch surf beach over the past ten years". This has happened under the watch of the so-called South Gippsland Conservation Society, and it is with concern I read in your paper last week that the president of that organisation and one of his mates extolled the virtues of what the Government has announced it now plans to do. The proposed works are nothing but a temporary measure which will lead to a scandalous waste of taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Prior to Christmas, their plan is to replace the rotting sandbags in front of the threatened Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse. These new sandbags will replace those now broken down and rotting, even though they were installed only five years ago. They also plan to install a wing of new sandbags on each side of the Clubhouse. This is a proven temporary measure, as we know from the sandbags which were placed in front of the Clubhouse five years ago, they quickly rot away.

Worse, the Government has announced that in February next year, they plan to pump up sand costing millions of dollars on a relatively small section of foreshore compared to the length of foreshore which has been lost, and there will be no form of protection placed in front of it.

This sand will be only one twentieth of what has been lost over the past 10 years. This freshly pumped sand will start to be lost the day it is placed there, and we know this for fact from the works the Bass Coast Shire Council have been undertaking for some years now.

Replacement sand placed in front of the Clubhouse, often daily, is usually lost within hours or days. Locals have seen all this with their own eyes and know it for fact.

Fortunately, through the work of the Inverloch Foreshore Action Group, the public is becoming increasingly aware of the unfolding scandal involving the outrageous waste of their money and the fact that the now proposed works are a temporary, band-aid fix which won't last. The local so-called Conservation Society support the government's proposal all the way, and I have been asked by many, why are they, in the face of such damning evidence? The answer is straightforward, the leadership under control of the current president has been working hand in glove with the Government Cape to Cape Resilience Project established five years ago, which outrageously has still not released its report. They have been on that committee, all that time. That committee is now a back-slapping small group of apologists for the Government who will back everything the Government wants and says. They have become apologists for the Government, and the word conservation should be removed from the name of their organisation locally.

One of their number is even going around local community organisations extolling the virtues of the government's temporary band-aid, wasteful fix, which is doomed to failure.

With what is planned, the remaining 20 per cent of our dunes will again be under threat in the short term, the Clubhouse and roads in the medium term and hundreds of Inverloch homes in the long term. Fortunately, through the work of the Action Group, two public meetings have been held this year, attended collectively by over 1000 people. The first, held on the beach in front of the Lifesaving Clubhouse, unanimously called for permanent protective works which will save the foreshore, clubhouse, roads and houses. In other words, a total rejection of the woke temporary wasteful fix, being promoted by the leadership of our local Conservation Society.

Alan Brown, Wattle Bank



With Christmas just around the corner, Sian Evans of Croydon had some good ideas for the Christmas table at her stall at the Foster market on Sunday.

The original Prom Market still the best

THE summer market season is officially up and running with the first Prom Produce and Craft Market of the year at the Foster Showgrounds on Sunday of the Melbourne Cup Weekend.

According to the bookings officer for the Foster Rotary and Lions Clubs, which run the event, Birgit Senior, there were 130 stalls booked for the first market of the new season and the weather was superb.

"We've had a great market today with lots of new stalls and a great variety on offer which sets us up well for a successful year," said Ms Senior.

"We've got a couple of our biggest markets coming up, on Sunday, December 7, our pre-Christmas market and our holiday market on Sunday, December 28."

Other markets will follow on Sunday, January 25, Sunday, March 8 and the Easter Sunday Market on April 5.

Of course, across South Gippsland and Bass Coast, the market season never really stops with one event or more on most Saturdays and Sundays.



Arif Sadath of Melbourne, formerly of Afghanistan, had a fine array of rugs and handicrafts on sale at the Foster market on Sunday.



Prom Produce Market bookings officer Birgit Senior chats with Vicki Edwards of Wonthaggi's Townsends Nursery at Sunday's first market of the season at the Foster Showgrounds.



Photo: Friends of the State Coal Mine

Halloween haunts at coal mine

THE State Coal Mine was a hive of Halloween activity on Friday evening as witches, skeletons, ghosts, pumpkins, and horror film characters of every kind came to life for a spook-tacular community night.

This scribe was surprised to see most youngsters opt for costumes on the spooky side, which added to the wonderful display

and vibrant atmosphere put on by Friends of the State Coal Mine.

There was plenty to enjoy from popcorn, lollies, and games to face painting, graveyards and costumes on display, including the haunted carriage, which kept young and old alike busy. Wonthaggi Fire Brigade and the Coal Mine Café joined in the fun, with hoses at the ready and

truck tours, the latter serving up food and drinks.

And it wouldn't be a community event without a sausage sizzle, which proved to be a crowd favourite and well exceeded expectations.

With hundreds of local families coming through the gates, it's hopefully the first of many more Halloween events to come in the future.

Fashion scholarship sponsored by Martin Carlson Foundation

LYRIC Theatre backstage manager Pete Clarkson has been awarded a two-year scholarship by the Martin Carlson Foundation to undertake a Certificate IV in Apparel and Fashion at Holmesglen Institute of TAFE.

Pete's theatre experience began in Leongatha with the Lyric Theatre production of Kinky Boots as an ensemble member. Pete has since worked backstage with the set crews of both the Leongatha and Wonthaggi theatre companies.

In 2025, Pete broadened his work with Lyric by joining the committee and wardrobe team, enjoying every aspect of working backstage and behind the scenes for the acclaimed Lyric Theatre production of Footloose. Pete has now commenced his full-time studies.

Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach said Pete had also commenced a wonderful project for the Lyric Wardrobe cataloguing Lyric Theatre's costumes on an app so the theatre group could set up a formal hire process to provide another small income stream.

"We have an incredible resource sitting there, but have not had the time to develop this project until Pete offered," said Bron.

"Lyric Theatre is grateful for the continued support of the Martin Carlson Foundation."

Working backstage on most shows, Pete was described as a hard-working volunteer.

Trustees Gary Brittle, Darren Polglaise and Dennis Halloran said that the Korumburra-based Foundation was increasing its initiatives within the South Gippsland region and recognised the scholarship for Pete Clarkson as another fantastic opportunity to support the local area, its youth and community organisations.

"The Lyric Theatre is vital for local communities and young people, encouraging confidence and providing opportunities for all," said Gary.

The Martin Carlson Foundation also recognised the incredible hard work of Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach and what the volunteers do to make the shows and events happen, bringing together local residents and local communities.

Peter FitzSimons brings history to life in his new book

ACCLAIMED Australian author, historian, and journalist Peter FitzSimons AM is visiting Phillip Island Library on Thursday, November 13, at 10.30am to discuss his new book, *The Courageous Life of Weary Dunlop*.

The book tells the story of one of Australia's most remarkable figures, highlighting Dunlop's bravery, leadership, and determination. Peter's engaging style brings history to life for readers interested in Australia's inspiring stories.

"I want to bring forgotten Australian stories to life," said Peter. "My goal is to make history read like a novel, allowing readers to truly understand the experiences of remarkable individuals like Weary Dunlop."

Drawing from extensive research, Peter makes the historical stories breathe life again.

"I want readers to feel like they're right there in the moment."

Weary was a gentle giant of a man. A boxer and former Wallaby, he could have been an elite sportsman but chose a different path – one that led him from

rural Victoria to training as a pharmacist and then to medical school.

"Initially, I was fascinated by his athleticism, then what drew me to him was my parents, who both served in the Second World War with the Australian Army – my mother, a physiotherapist and nurse, and my father was at the Battle of El Alamein in New Guinea," said Peter.

"So, in our household, growing up, his name was spoken with some reverence, and I associated the name with a serious hero of the Second World War."

In September 1939, young Australian surgeon Edward 'Weary' Dunlop was working in London when the dogs of war were unleashed. Signing up, he was commissioned a captain in the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) and sent to the Middle East, serving in Palestine, Greece, Crete, Egypt and Tobruk.

As the European war dragged on, an emboldened Japanese force captured Singapore and marched closer to Australian shores. Weary and

over 3000 others sailed back to Java to fight this new enemy.

At the No. 1 Allied General Hospital in Bandoeng, the Japanese were ready to murder the bedridden when Weary put his body in front of the bayonets. From that moment, his leadership, ingenuity and selflessness became legend as Allied prisoners-of-war were sent to Singapore, Thailand and finally faced the hell of working as slave labour on the infamous Thai-Burma Railway.

In the POW camps, tropical diseases, malnutrition, and the brutal work regime imposed by their Japanese captors meant the death toll was horrific. And yet, with little to no medical supplies, under extreme physical pressure, Weary Dunlop took risks and beatings to defy the Japanese and keep his men alive in circumstances that tested the limits of human endurance.

World War II was the fire that fuelled this remarkable hero. His courageous leadership and calm endurance became beacons of hope to the POWs under



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his command. The talk with Peter FitzSimons will be held in the auditorium at Berninnet (91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes). Turn The Page Bookshop will be attending to sell copies of Peter's books, which will also be available for signing. Free tickets and more details are available at myli.au/pf1311 or call Phillip Island Library on 5952 2842 for more information.

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Melbourne Welsh Male Choir will perform on Saturday, December 6, at 2.30 pm at The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi.

Christmas special event featuring a splendid 40-voice ensemble

THE Melbourne Welsh Male Choir, made up of mainly Welsh and former miners, is returning to the old mining town of Wonthaggi on Saturday, December 6, at 2.30pm at The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi, for a traditional Christmas performance. This incredible 40-voice ensemble honours its Welsh roots and delivers a world-class program singing at least 25 per cent of its repertoire in the Welsh language, Europe's oldest living language.

However, the group now attracts a widely diverse audience as a proud multicultural Australian Welsh choir that believes

that good music is not limited to one language. Consequently, recent concerts have included Welsh, English, South African, Italian, Latin, Maori, Aboriginal and German songs.

Having accepted invitations to perform in the USA, Canada, and the UK, including the Royal Albert Hall and Wales's own Cardiff Arms Park, where they performed with Tom Jones and Dame Gwyneth Jones.

With their return to Wonthaggi, the Choir will be performing a range of Christmas songs, traditional Welsh songs, and poetry, and there will be audience participation if people wish to

sing along!

"The best choir I've heard in Australia... unique ability to engage and hold its audience." – Professor Jane Highfield of the Guildhall School of Music, London.

With a growing reputation for excellence, and back in Wonthaggi due to popular demand, The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir provide a warm and welcoming culture, whilst simply being a group of talented artists with varying musical experience.

Formed in 1984 by a group of Welsh migrants, the choir bring their own unique 'Australian'

sound, with their own patron, Alwyn Humphreys stating that "it's the best Welsh choir heard outside of Wales".

Tickets are still available via TryBooking Australia. Visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1340623. The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi, is located at 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Please arrive early to ensure you have time to find parking, scan your tickets, and purchase snacks and beverages. Accessible and wheelchair seating available.

To learn more about their story, visit melbournwelshchoir.com.au.



Meredith Freeman in her Kardella garden. A67_4425

Meredith Freeman's new book helps address modern dilemmas

By Andrew Palocz

KARDELLA local Meredith Freeman's new book 'Doing for Ourselves: From Self-Sufficiency to Resilience' provides suggestions on an array of challenging dilemmas in a world where self-sufficiency is a more complex matter than it once was.

"Nowadays, we know much more about how we each contribute to what has become a climate crisis, but we've come to rely so much on everything that we want coming to us from somewhere else, whenever we want it, that it's hard to decide what our day-to-day lives should look like," Meredith explained.

In her book, stories and reflections from one long life are used to explore questions such as how to manage water during summer, whether to use air conditioning, if it is worth getting your washing machine fixed, whether it is okay to travel overseas, and is knitting a useless old-lady thing?

"It's not about individuals; it's about community," Meredith said, contrasting that with the old style of self-sufficiency, applying just to an individual or household.

Meredith has a PhD in education and a Diploma in Permaculture. She and her husband Gil moved to Kardella in the 1990s after raising three sons, bringing a lifelong interest in conservation and the environment. They soon found themselves growing Australian native food plants, branching out into organic fruit and vegetables, starting the Prom Country Bushfoods Association, then Grow Lightly.

'A Garden of Useful Plants: Seasons in the Gippsland Hills' was Meredith's previous book, with Gil and their granddaughter doing the illustrations.

After setting the scene, the book is divided into parts focused on Sun, Soil, Water, and Air, the concluding section titled 'From Self-Sufficiency to Resilience'.

"In this time of so much choice, reasons for doing things for oneself are not always obvious," Meredith says in her introduction to the book, with her chief motivation for self-sufficiency being to reduce her environmental footprint.

"Doing this or that gives me satisfaction, stimulates me and keeps my brain active," Meredith said.



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Summer and Catriona Worthington of Seaford enjoy the Tarwin Lower Festival during a camping trip to Walkerville. A50_4425



Dianna Speed enjoys the Welshpool Spring Flower Show, belonging to the Focus on Gardening Group in Yarram that meets on the first Friday of the month at various gardens. A29_4425



Kathy and Cassandra McRae came to the Welshpool Spring Flower Show because Kathy likes to see the flowers on display, and the plants for sale out the back. A30_4425



Jenny Finlay and Steward Leonore Giliberto at the Welshpool Spring Flower Show. A31_4425



Jo and Craig Pearson check out the cars at the Tarwin Lower Festival after making the short trip from Venus Bay. A51_4425



Tarwin Lower local Michael and Ross of Foster get into the festival spirit. A52_4425

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Tarwin Lower Primary School centenary celebration, Tarwin Lower Festival and Welshpool Spring Flower Show.



Barbara Page of Yarram enjoys the blooms on show in Welshpool. A32_4425



Friends Bart Ruyter and Wendy Davidson attend the Welshpool Spring Flower Show. A33_4425



Cooper and Chris Eldred of Leongatha cool down at the Tarwin Lower Festival, Cooper's highlights being the military style tank and the ice cream. A53_4425



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Petrina Coulthard, Karen Cleland and Barbara van Nes stock up on hydrangeas at the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society nursery. A34_4425



Roslyn and Terry Shelly of the Venus Bay Angling Club help out at the Tarwin Lower Festival. A54_4425



Welshpool and District Horticultural Society members Ros McPherson, Kim Newby and Kate Crowl. A35_4425



Steve Finlay takes it easy at the Tarwin Lower Festival. A55_4425



Daniela and Milena of Melbourne at the tractor pull, part of the Tarwin Lower Festival. A56_4425



Kathleen and Gwenda Young at the Welshpool Spring Flower Show on Friday. A37_4425



Peter Smythe sets the Halloween vibe while volunteering at the Welshpool Spring Flower Show. A36_4425

Housing affordability crunch hits low-income workers

By Bruce Wardley

AN ALARMING report into housing affordability has revealed an unprecedented housing crisis for workers on low to moderate incomes on the Bass Coast. Sales assistants, farm workers, and aged and disability carers are struggling to find a place to live with just 16 per cent of low-income workers able to get affordable housing. Also grappling with the cost of local accommodation are carpenters and joiners, receptionists and chefs. Teachers and registered nurses are now among the few occupations where home ownership is still possible. Bass Coast has more households in lower income brackets and fewer households in high-income brackets than elsewhere in regional Victoria, with very low income earners accounting for 10.3 per cent of the population. According to research analysts, .idcommunity, four per cent of people on the Bass Coast are in desperate need of affordable housing with 8.5 per cent experiencing housing stress. Renters accounted for the majority of households under stress and lone-person households were found to be most in need of affordable housing. Less than four per cent of low-income households are able to buy a home. The median price for a house on the Bass Coast to June 2025 was \$700,000 compared to



Farm workers are among those hardest hit by the housing affordability crisis for low income workers in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast. B55_4425

\$590,000 for the rest of Victoria, and the median price for a unit was \$522,500. The average cost of renting a house on the Bass Coast is lower than some other regions at \$480/week, but of the 3200 households in private rentals, a third were found to be suffering rental stress. The average rental for a unit on the Bass Coast is currently \$418/week, which is \$18/week higher than most of regional Victoria. With fewer new housing approvals last financial year, and the population continuing to grow by 1.9 per cent year-on-

year, the outlook for housing affordability on the Bass Coast remains grim. People living in supported accommodation accounted for 43.9 per cent of people experiencing homelessness in Bass Coast Shire. Homeless people were found to be living in tents or sleeping out, staying temporarily with other households, staying in boarding houses or living with others in severely crowded dwellings. With an unmet demand of 600 households on the waiting list for affordable housing in Bass Coast, there seems little prospect

of relief for home buyers on low to moderate incomes, or singles looking for affordable rent. Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters, auspiced by the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, has called for an urgent building program of 100 new dwellings a year in Bass Coast with secure tenancies and rentals capped at 25 per cent of tenant income. "This will address years of neglect of new public housing builds," said Jessica. "At the moment, rents are unaffordable for anyone on low pay or a fixed income." In South Gippsland, it is farm

workers who have been hardest hit by the housing crisis. Buying a house is now considered out of reach for most livestock workers with only 12.3 per cent of farm workers in South Gippsland able to afford to buy a home. Housing affordability varied across South Gippsland with Foster the most affordable place to buy a home, and Fish Creek and Sandy Point the most unaffordable. When it came to renting, Foster was again the most affordable place to live with 60 per cent of rental homes in Foster within reach of those on low to moderate incomes. Leongatha, Fish Creek and Sandy Point were considered to be the least affordable. Of the relatively few people experiencing homelessness in South Gippsland Shire, the vast majority were found to be either staying temporarily with other households or living in supported accommodation. A report from the Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) assessed the ongoing challenges facing the housing system. The top priorities identified by VCOSS included a significant increase in the supply of social housing, a clear distinction between social housing and affordable housing, improved housing security, quality and affordability for renters, assuring renters' rights and meeting the housing needs and aspirations of Aboriginal Victorians.

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Lifestyle gem on the edge of town

IDEALLY situated just 1.5 kilometres from the Korumburra township, this neat three-acre lifestyle property is a real gem!

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The north-facing brick veneer home with recent updates has an open plan living, kitchen and dining area. The practical kitchen has a Smeg gas/electric oven, dishwasher with plenty of storage and is light and central within the living area.

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The shed is most worthy of consideration for those who love to tinker, trade, build, create and store, because it's all here with an 18m x 9m x 3.9m, concrete, power, electronic doors and water. In addition, there's plenty of sundry shedding with a tack room, woodshed, concrete dog pen, chook house and yard.

This here is an opportunity to enjoy country living without sacrificing on convenience with bitumen road frontage, just minutes' drive to the local supermarkets, shops and schools, towns' mains water, natural gas, NBN and bin collection, it really is a lovely three-acre gem!



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- Corner block with Shed

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LEONGATHA NORTH



- Lifestyle living at its best on 4.05ha / 10 flat acres with views
- Boasting an exceptionally built spacious home in perfect setting
- Impressive shed 47m x 20m x 5m so much opportunity with this!
- Magnificent established orchard & garden plus 3 paddocks
- Offering income capacity, lifestyle living & convenience, close to town

\$1,730,000

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BUFFALO



- Exceptional grazing property
- 276ac/112ha flat & undulating
- (8) paddocks, exc. water
- Stock yards, good access
- Rare opportunity here!

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dams supplying stock water to a network of troughs. A chance to secure well-regarded grazing country with genuine capacity for further development and ongoing productivity. Conveniently positioned seven kilometres* from Loch, 15 kilometres* from Korumburra, 41 kilometres* to

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Step inside to discover the warmth of in-floor heating, while double-glazed windows ensure extra warmth plus peace and quiet throughout the home. There is a separate family lounge room, and the inviting rumpus room provides additional space for relaxation or entertaining. The property has been crafted by a respected local builder, showcasing the finest in timber and mud brick construction for durability and charm.

For the avid hobbyist or car enthusiast, the spacious (8.4m x 7.0m) attached garage with undercover access to the home is fantastic, and is complemented by a lock-up Colorbond shed for extra storage, workshop or man cave. This property is designed for convenience and functionality with town water supply, and there is plenty of outside paddock space to create the hobby farm you've always thought about. Don't miss this rare opportunity to own a slice of paradise, just on the edge of town!

Contact Scott today to arrange your private inspection – 0427 552 898.

3 2 41.91ha

74 Stewarts Road, **Korumburra**
For Sale \$1,095,000
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Family home on ½ acre with great shedding

THIS charming residential house at 24 Brown Street offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience, situated on approximately half an acre on the south side of Wonthaggi.

Inside, you'll find three generous bedrooms, including a master with an ensuite, and multiple living zones that provide generous natural light and ample space for family gatherings. The kitchen, complete with a butler's pantry, is perfect for the home chef. Step outside to discover undercover decking overlooking the extensive yard that creates a serene outdoor space, ideal for relaxation or entertaining.

With a huge 20 metre x 9 metre shed to store the car, boat and caravan with plenty of room left over for your very own man cave or lady lair, this property is designed for versatility. A self-sufficient lifestyle awaits with veggie patches and a hothouse for year-round produce, solar panels, water tanks, and plenty of space for chickens.

3 2 42485m²

24 Brown Street, **Wonthaggi**
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LEONGATHA  42 Brumley Street • Spacious 3 bed 2 bath 2 living area home • Approx 1026 sqm block with studio & shed • Rear lane access, fruit trees/ veg garden \$820,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  23 Bridge Street • Grand Period home • Prime corner location • 3 bedroom, 3 living \$675,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	WOOLAMAI  470 Densley Road • 6 bedroom, 4 bathroom with garage • A bespoke hilltop estate with breathtaking 180° views Expression of Interest Contact: Grantville Office	KILCUNDA SOLD  2 Seaview Crescent • 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom • Open living • Spectacular ocean views SOLD Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  6 Hilton Court • 3 bedroom home with full renovation • Vehicle access to rear yard (space for shed) • Quiet court location \$595,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	KORUMBURRA  74 Stewarts Road • 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath, rural retreat • Double garage, 3 bay shed • Approx 5 acres, views \$1,095,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	CORONET BAY  14 Scenorama Road • 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom with garage • Perfect for downsizers, retirees or first-time coastal buyers \$549,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI SOLD  6 McLeod Street • 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom • Plenty of shedding • Close to the ton centre SOLD Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  8 Ella Court • Elevated block on top side of road • 768m² block with 21m frontage • Modern estate close to CBD \$325,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  5/6 Ruddville Avenue • Modern 1 bedroom apartment • Fully furnished • Nothing to spend \$375,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE PRICE REDUCTION  10 Malcolm Drive • 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, generous block • Prime shorefront opportunity on 890m² \$650,000 – PRICE DROP Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI SOLD  1 George Street • 2 bedroom brick home • Low maintenance yard • Open plan living SOLD Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  2/13 Hassett Street • 2 bed 1 bath unit in excellent condition • Open plan kitchen/living with natural light • Single lock up garage, private courtyard \$479,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  5 Coal Creek Road • 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick • Large 951m² flat block • Lock-up garage, workshop \$620,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	BASS  228 Lynche Road • Well-set up 104 acres • Ready for stock \$1,725,000 Contact: Grantville Office	GLEN ALVIE SOLD  1036 Glen Alvie Road • Approx. 5 acre property • Spectacular rural and sea views • 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms SOLD Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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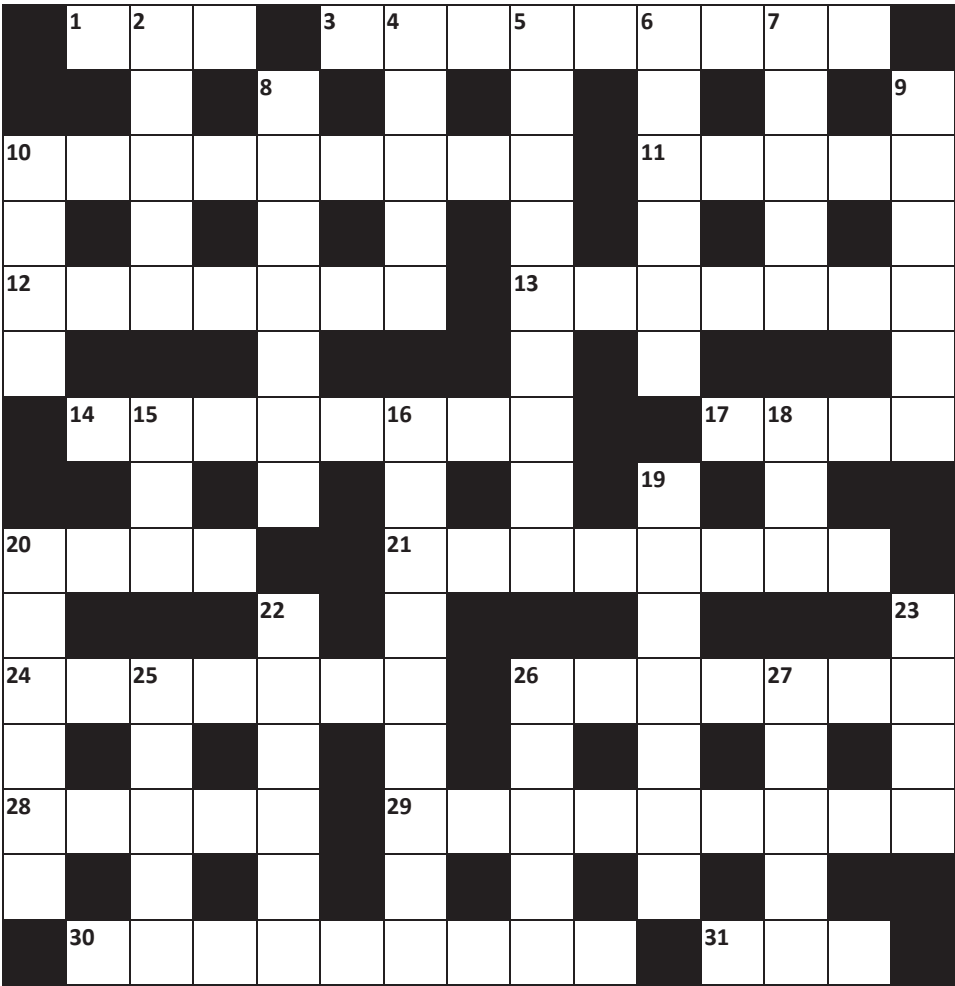
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ACROSS

- 1, 3-across Makeover halted, is girl in insignificant sacking? (3,9)
- 3 See 1-across
- 10 Pivot around supporter over right to show sign (9)
- 11 New electronic comms system, calling central Asian nation (5)
- 12 Most dreary time, following spies tailing three Brit kings (7)
- 13 Ray managed to follow peak union body's risk calculator... (7)
- 14 ...THEME: he made link, departing controversially? (8)
- 17 Odd error hounding knight was a THEME? (4)
- 20 Jack, wearing regular lovely little jumper (4)
- 21 Early-stage totals: 8 and 10 (8)
- 24 We'd back drink with cool bead (7)
- 26 Spooner has no hesitation in providing a piece of this... (7)
- 28 ...finally identifiable by its leaves (5)
- 29 Crush around Mae West bound to be easily upset (9)
- 30 Capital NC for Nice Cake? (9)
- 31, 9-down Leading actor in *The Piano Man*? (3,6)

DOWN

- 2 Large number sequence, in rough order (5)
- 4 Popular shot time in bar (5)
- 5 Spread's definition: in Spooner's reckoning, it's average of rulers (9)
- 6 Eaten slowly at first, salad was a THEME (6)
- 7 A Greek mountain area (5)
- 8 Thrown, mid-meal, by difficult choice (7)



- 9 See 31-across
- 10, 26-down, 20-down Two were both a THEME, reporting 15-down, caught over tests (4,5,6)
- 15 Rush hour, with one terrible end (3)
- 16 Starters at pits, on a break (9)
- 18 Big Age centrepiece on... (3)
- 19 ...THEME, parleying with Mal? (7)
- 20 See 10-down
- 22 Rubber-head goes, to next character,
- "THEME!" (6)
- 23 Nurse shark playing chase ♥♥ (4)
- 25 Use scales for strained dairy (5)
- 26 See 10-down
- 27 'Top echelon' or 'Top echelon, less complex'? (5)

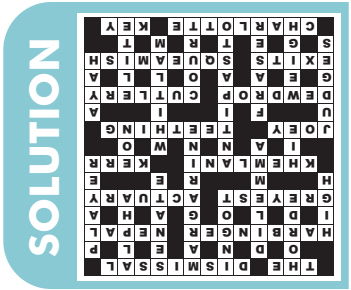
STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1, 3-across Popular label for a significant historical political 'sacking' (3,9)
- 3 See 1-across
- 10 Sign, portent (9)
- 11 A central Asian nation (5)
- 12 Most dreary (7)
- 13 Qualified risk assessor (7)
- 14 A 31-across, 9-down in 1-across, 3-across, Tirath____ (8)
- 17 A 31-across, 9-down in 1-across, 3-across, Sir John____ (4)
- 20 Little kangaroo (4)
- 21 Early-stage, as in problem (8)
- 24 Bead of moisture from cool atmosphere (7)
- 26 A spoon is a piece of this (7)
- 28 Leaves, goes out of (5)
- 29 Easily upset, made uncomfortable (9)
- 30 Capital of North Carolina; also, a type of cake (9)
- 31, 9-down A leading participant (also, a pianist?) (3,6)

DOWN

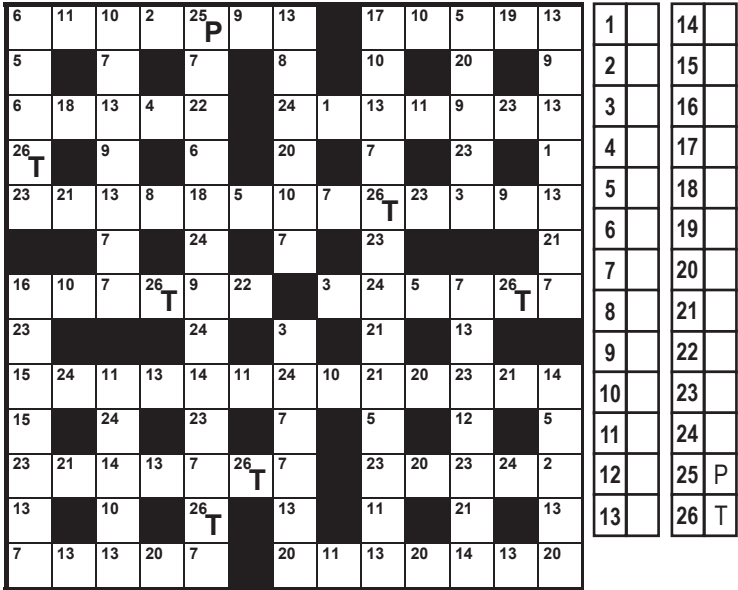
- 2 Large number (5)
- 4 Bar of metal, e.g. gold (5)
- 5 Vegetable spread (9)
- 6 A 31-across, 9-down in 1-across, 3-across, a house of parliament (6)
- 7 'A' in Greek (5)
- 8 Difficult choice (7)
- 9 See 31-across
- 10, 26-down, 20-down Two 31-across, 9-downs in 1-across, 3-across, providing legal opinions (4,5,6)
- 15 Rush, hurry (3)
- 16 Starters in an Italian meal (9)
- 18 A big age (3)
- 19 A 31-across, 9-down in 1-across, 3-across, Gough____ (7)
- 20 See 10-down
- 22 A 31-across, 9-down in 1-across, 3-across, Malcolm____ (6)
- 23 Indian nurse (4)
- 25 Use scales (5)
- 26 See 10-down
- 27 Top echelon (5)



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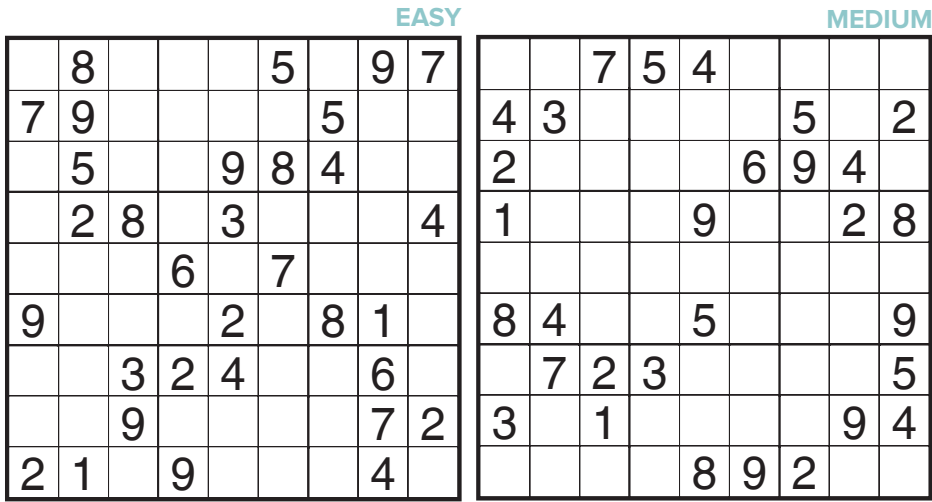
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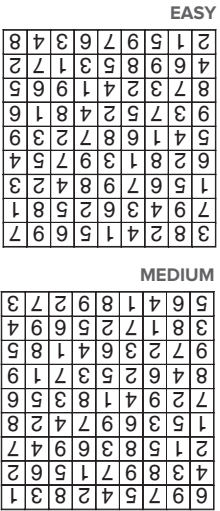
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. Linen is made from the cellulose fibres of which plant?
2. How many points is the letter Y worth in a game of Scrabble?
3. Frangipane is made primarily from what ingredient?
4. *Cannery Row* is a 1945 novel by which American author?
5. The nicknames 'Satchmo', 'Satch' and 'Pops' belonged to which influential Jazz singer and trumpeter?
6. Morel, lion's mane, oyster and enoki are all types of what?
7. What spirit is used to make Irish coffee?
8. On February 3, 1959, which three American musicians were killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa?
9. In what year did Ireland join the European Union?
10. What was Amy Winehouse's (pictured) last studio recording before her death in 2011?



WORD SEARCH

No. 215

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- A MERMAID
- ALCHEMY
- BLUE POLES
- DANCE CLASS
- DIEGO AND I
- GUERNICA
- HENRI'S ARMCHAIR
- IRISES
- MONA LISA
- NOCTURNE
- PARADISE
- SPRING FROST
- THE CAT
- THE HARVESTERS
- THE KISS
- THE LOVERS
- THE NIGHT WATCH
- THE PIONEER
- THE SIESTA
- THE SWING
- THE TRIAL
- WATER LILIES
- WHEAT FIELD

SECRET MESSAGE: Appreciating the works of masters

ANSWERS: 1. Flax 2. Four 3. Almond flour 4. John Steinbeck 5. 1973 6. Louis Armstrong 7. Whiskey 8. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and 'The Big Bopper' (J.P. Richardson) 9. 1973 10. Body and Soul; a duet with Tony Bennett



Nutrien auctioneers James Roberts and Jack Ginnane field the offers at an excellent clearing sale on the property at Wares Road, Inverloch, last Friday.

Bargain city at Inverloch farmer's clearing sale

COLLECTORS of old wooden tools, firewood enthusiasts, farmers, gardeners, just about anyone...

If you didn't turn out at a genuinely good (great) clearing sale opportunity at 407 Wares Road, Inverloch, last Friday, October 31, you really missed it!

There were some fantastic pieces on offer to interest the handyman, gardener, collector and farmer, most of it in excellent order with the vendor Grahame Clarke looking to move back to NSW after running a quiet grazing operation at the location for 40 years.

Originally from the exclusive Southern Highlands area, around Bowral, Grahame is moving back to Bargo, handily located 100 kilometre south-west of Sydney between Campbeltown and Bowral, and everything had to go.

And go it did, often at bargain rates, pleasing the 50-60 people who

got the memo and answered it.

But sandwiched in between some rainy days last week, some fine weather over the weekend, and more wet weather predicted during this week, local farmers were madly engaged doing silage and expected numbers were down.

Brendan Fletcher and Noel Owen took the opportunity to buy some collectable old tools at bargain basement prices, an as-new Miller's 30-tonne hydraulic log splitter (worth \$2500) was well bought at \$850, an Ozark four-wheel motor-bike attracted spirited bidding before being driven away for \$1900 and a handy branch chipper, in good working order, went for just \$200.

Not that Nutrien auctioneer James Roberts didn't give all lots a good build-up. He did.

"Here's a good old hot water service with plenty of copper, what am I bid?" he asked, knocking it down

for just \$10.

"Two old eskies, the pair \$10, cement mixer does go (\$10), and a generous spool of fencing wire also for \$10."

There was lots of great stuff, including a 5500-watt all-purpose generator for \$50, a set of shovels, crow-bars and other useful implements for \$15 and a wooden step ladder with five heritage handsaws, bought by local identity Noel Owen for just \$2... bargain of the day.

They were still going when the Sentinel-Times left with a fine-looking John Deere 5280 tractor that looked like it hadn't done much hard work, and a Massey Ferguson multi-power 165 tractor in good order still to be sold.

Those in the market for a good clearing sale would do well to watch the pages of the Sentinel-Times or the Nutrien website when these opportunities knock.



Taking an interest in some of the items up for sale at a clearing sale at Inverloch were Richard Heazlewood and Frank and Brenda Stahl.



Looking for a bargain or two at last Friday's Inverloch clearing sale were Richard Kirton with sons John and Joshua and Garry Wrench.



Inverloch beef producer Grahame Clarke with Kathy Taylor, has operated the 88-acre grazing property on Wares Road for 40 years but is headed back to NSW after selling the property and its 15-year-old house.



Brendan Fletcher picked up a stash of old tools for \$15 from a clearing sale at Inverloch last Friday.



Noel Owen bought five old handsaws for just \$2 at a clearing sale at Inverloch last Friday.



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Book launch celebrates 30 years of Landcare in South Gippsland

THIS year marks 30 years of the South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) and to celebrate, SGLN has recognised the extraordinary work of its members with the publication of a book featuring local Landcarers and their wonderful contribution to the unique environment of South Gippsland.

The book, *Our Quiet Achievers*, authored by SGLN Chair Jillian Staton, was launched by MP and Group Secretary of the Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Landcare, Tom McIntosh, at SGLN's 2025 Annual General Meeting.

The book highlights the Landcare journeys of twenty-nine SGLN Landcare members, some of whom attended the inaugural Landcare meetings 30 years ago and who have dedicated their time and land to improving and protecting the environment.

The meeting also featured a presentation from Landcare Victoria Inc. CEO Claire Hetzel. Ms Hetzel highlighted the strategic approach taken by SGLN in the development of the South Gippsland Biodiversity Protection Plan, which places SGLN as leaders in the State in a landscape-scale approach to environmental management and protection.

In delivering the SGLN Annual Report (available at sgln.net.au), Chair Jillian Staton described the extensive work being done by SGLN through projects ranging across a range of areas, including sustainable agriculture, climate change resilience, ecological restoration and biodiversity conservation.

A particular highlight is



SGLN Board members, LVI CEO Claire Hetzel, Melina Bath, Shadow MP, Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria and Tom McIntosh MP, Labour Member Victorian Legislative Council, gather at SGLN 2025 AGM and Book Launch at Fleet Wines. Photo: Karli Duckett, The Good Side Photography.

the work being achieved in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council as part of a Memorandum of Understanding, which continues to deliver benefits for the environment and the community.

The Executive Officer of the South Gippsland Landcare Fund (sgln.net.au/2024/10/12/fund), Belinda Brennan, detailed the support provided by the Fund, which raised over \$58,000 in 2024-25 to support Koala Habitat and the development of the South Gippsland Biolinks Map (sgln.net.au/biolinks-map). Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Fund via Give Now (see sgln.net.au and click Donate) or by contacting Belinda at fund@sgln.net.au.

Belinda also held the elections for SGLN. Nine board positions were filled with new board members, Declan McDonald (Arawata Landcare Group), Jim Forbes (Mt Lyall Landcare Group) and Peter Debrecey (SGLN secretary) being warmly welcomed. Re-elected members are Jillian Staton (Chair), Sam Stringer (vice-president), Luke Thornton (treasurer), Jen Layton, Graham Ross and Herb Wildes.

To purchase a copy of the *Our Quiet Achievers* publication, please email jane@sgln.net.au.

Jillian Staton, SGLN Chair, said it was a very special event, not only celebrating another successful year, but

also SGLN's 30-year anniversary. "We had a broad range of guests, and having both state Labor member, Tom McIntosh, who launched *Our Quiet Achievers* book and shadow minister Melina Bath in the room sent a positive signal about the bipartisan nature of Landcare. We're looking forward to another year of collaboration across the Network."

Sam Stringer, SGLN vice chair, it's great to see the continued momentum and success of the network.

"Collaborating with partners across the community, such as South Gippsland Shire Council and HVP, continues to build strength and deliver on our strategic plan."

MARKET REPORT

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Stores lift after rains

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another good offering of 2700 cattle at this week's VLE Leongatha store sale.

A large crowd of local agents and graziers along with the regular feedlot and processor buyers attended in a very strong market boosted by very good rains over the weekend and potential falls forecasted for next week.

Prices for heavy steers were 10 cents dearer and 10-20 cents dearer for the medium weights for both Angus and coloured cattle with some excellent pens on offer.

Weaner steers lifted considerably by 20-50 cents with some lighter and younger types rising even more on some sales with plenty of calves making over \$6.00 and to a top of \$6.59.

The heifer run was good with prices from firm to 20 cents dearer. Xbred and dairy types along with cows and calves all attracted strong competition to be all dearer.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025

Steers

The Camp Pastoral 21 Hereford	613kg	\$4.84	\$2970
JD & JA Kay 14 Angus	612kg	\$4.80	\$2940
A Lester 14 Angus	607kg	\$4.84	\$2940
Pr & Rm Fairey 12 Angus	604kg	\$4.80	\$2900
The Camp Pastoral 23 Hereford	599kg	\$4.95	\$2970
The Camp Pastoral 18 Hereford	571kg	\$5.14	\$2940
The Camp Pastoral 12 Hereford	543kg	\$5.13	\$2790
Hine Vegetables 11 Char	543kg	\$4.86	\$2640
Mr Arrarat 29 Angus	541kg	\$5.12	\$2770
Hine Vegetables 18 Hereford	514kg	\$4.82	\$2480
Hine Vegetables 5 Angus	511kg	\$5.18	\$2650
Hine Vegetables 20 BB	504kg	\$4.86	\$2450
J & C Triantafyllou 21 Hereford	499kg	\$4.98	\$2490
Crighton Lodge 16 Angus	491kg	\$5.31	\$2610
Jeff Gibson 13 Angus	489kg	\$4.96	\$2430
DL Schmidt 12 Angus	476kg	\$5.33	\$2540
Hine Vegetables 20 Hereford	475kg	\$5.15	\$2450
Hine Vegetables 19 Hereford	475kg	\$5.36	\$2550
Jeff Gibson 22 Angus	468kg	\$5.38	\$2520
Hine Vegetables 14 Hereford	468kg	\$5.12	\$2400
Hine Vegetables 18 Hereford	433kg	\$5.05	\$2190
B & S Phillips 14 Angus	404kg	\$5.59	\$2260
M Triantafyllou 20 BB	400kg	\$5.52	\$2210
S Langley 11 Angus	386kg	\$5.44	\$2100
M Triantafyllou 11 Angus	358kg	\$5.02	\$1800
Wheller Logging 16 Angus	339kg	\$4.98	\$1690
CM Bye 15 Angus	326kg	\$4.75	\$1550
TC & M Hulls 22 Angus	309kg	\$5.85	\$1810
S Langley 12 Angus	302kg	\$5.13	\$1550
A & G Simonis 15 Angus	292kg	\$5.37	\$1570
TC & M Hulls 26 Angus	290kg	\$6.10	\$1770
TC & M Hulls 26 Angus	285kg	\$6.28	\$1790
TC & M Hulls 22 Angus	283kg	\$6.25	\$1770
Sandy Creek Pastoral 25 Ags	276kg	\$6.23	\$1720
Sandy Creek Pastoral 18 Ags	234kg	\$6.58	\$1540

Heifers

Keska Management 18 Angus	519kg	\$4.37	\$2270
Keska Management 18 Angus	509kg	\$4.32	\$2200
J & C Triantafyllou 14 Hereford	490kg	\$4.28	\$2100
Keska Management 20 Angus	466kg	\$4.72	\$2200
D Young 17 Hereford	459kg	\$4.88	\$2240
D Young 13 Hereford	422kg	\$4.76	\$2010
Lavinia Park 10 Angus	408kg	\$4.28	\$1750
J & C Triantafyllou 12 Hereford	407kg	\$4.42	\$1800
RP & PJ Hollonds 14 Angus	365kg	\$4.38	\$1600
Glenshiel Pastoral 15 Char	357kg	\$4.87	\$1740
M Triantafyllou 10 Angus	353kg	\$4.53	\$1600
Glenshiel Pastoral 15 Char	342kg	\$5.08	\$1740
Glenshiel Pastoral 25 Char	322kg	\$4.81	\$1550
GB & SC Wiggins 12 Angus	313kg	\$4.63	\$1450
Glenshiel Pastoral 15 Char	287kg	\$5.40	\$1550
Sandy Creek Pastoral 15 Ang	265kg	\$5.09	\$1350
Sandy Creek Pastoral 15 Ang	231kg	\$5.19	\$1200

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, October 27, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$12 to \$90
Friesian Bulls	\$38 to \$90
Beef Bulls	\$45 to \$370
Beef Heifers	\$41 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	\$35 to \$160
Number of Calves:	156
Number purchased to rear:	67

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		Brian Vuillermin	0429 436 040
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Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
Jack Curtis	0427 762 670	David Holden	0428 749 390
		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
WARRAGUL		PAKENHAM	
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Tim Gibson	0420 306 599
Georgie Snell	0417 100 657	Imogen Price	0417 225 498

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA		MELBOURNE LAND	
Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	Matt Koster	0474 781 711
		Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244		
WONTHAGGI		Emily Hillberg	0422 622 299	COWES	
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	Tony Giles	0407 528 192	Greg Price	0419 337 441
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	Dan Huther	0418 334 801	Brian Silver	0407 347 509
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783			Chase Watters	0423 272 819
GRANTVILLE		WARRAGUL		VENUS BAY	
Angus Hall	0466 326 487	Alan Steenholdt	0409 423 822	Daniel Lawrie	0417 631 252
INVERLOCH		PAKENHAM		Sue Lawrie	0419 885 489
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Impressive prices at Leongatha Store Sale

By Andrew Paloczi

WHILE there were only around 2700 cattle available at Thursday's Store Sale, there was a busy vibe, with plenty of people about.

MLA market reporter Brendan Fletcher responded to this scribe's observation on the turnout, remarking, "A bit of rain, a bit more interest".

That extra interest delivered some impressive prices, particularly in terms of lightweight weaners, with Brendan's report indicating averages were up to \$200 a head or 60 to 80 cents a kilo dearer for some calves.

Some excellent prices were achieved for young steers under 300 kilos, with pens of Angus steers from TC & M Hulls fetching up to \$6.59 per kilo on a pen of 22 animals weighing an average of 261 kilos.

Another pen of 19 TC & M Hulls steers went for \$1670 a head, weighing 258 kilos on average and equating to \$6.47 a kilo, with all five pens of Hulls steers making over \$6 a kilo.



John and Wayne Luke with Karli Dipaola came to buy cattle, with some strong competition on the day. A48_4425

Wonthaggi farmer Adrian Edwards, who runs about 200 Angus steers, had heard the market was softening and arrived at the saleyards with hopes of doing some buying, but said prices were pretty good from a seller's perspective, remarking he missed out on a pen of Angus steers that went for \$6.10 a kilo.

Wayne Luke, who farms in Glen Alvie, succeeded in buying some steers, replacing some heavier ones sold on Tuesday, but commented there was a lot of

competition on Thursday from feedlotter, with Radfords Butchers also active.

In his market report, MLA's Brendan noted the high quality of cattle available and the fact that there was a larger selection of lightweight weaners and a smaller proportion of heavy weaners and yearlings.

"Competition from lot feeders and graziers saw prices for heavy grades improve around 15 cents a kilo, or \$50 to \$80 a head," he said.



Stakeholder representatives from the South Gippsland Biodiversity Protection Plan meet at Greenfleet's Wurneet Laang Laang Forest in South Gippsland.

Collaboration flourishes in first year plan

THE mood was buoyant as key partners in the South Gippsland Biodiversity Protection Plan (BPP) gathered last week to review its first-year outcomes.

Representatives from South Gippsland Shire Council, Parks Victoria, HVP Plantations, Greenfleet, South Gippsland Water, Prom Coast Ecolink, and the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group met at a Greenfleet reforestation site in the Strzelecki Ranges.

The meeting was chaired by South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) Projects and Education Coordinator Cassie Wright. SGLN initiated the development of the BPP, which was launched in October 2024 following extensive consultation with major land managers and the broader Landcare community.

Participants highlighted the increased collaboration and coordination that the BPP has inspired across the region, resulting in "better projects and outcomes" and stronger connections between land managers.

Key achievements over the past year include the development of a South Gippsland Biolinks Map, an integrated management plan for the Tarwin River, extensive revegetation, pest and weed control projects on both public and private land, and comprehensive flora and fauna surveys.

Participants also noted the large number of successful Victorian Landcare Grant applications linked to the BPP, which will be delivered over the next 12 months.

The day concluded with a walk around the Wurneet Laang Laang property

led by Greenfleet CEO Wayne Wescott and Deputy CEO Annabel O'Neill. Participants viewed the extensive plantings and heard about Greenfleet's plans to incorporate regenerative farming into its Gippsland operations.

"The Biodiversity Protection Plan has really brought people together," said Cassie Wright, SGLN project officer.

"It's a ten-year plan, so seeing more coordinated action and real on-ground results for biodiversity in South Gippsland after just twelve months is incredibly encouraging."

The first year of the Biodiversity Protection Plan demonstrates the power of collaboration to protect and restore South Gippsland's unique natural landscapes.

More information about the BPP is available at sgln.net.au.

Women in Dairy Lunch celebrates change-makers

WOMEN across Gippsland's dairy industry will come together to hear from trailblazing women from across agriculture at the 2025 Women in Dairy Gippsland Ladies' Lunch.

The annual event, now in its fourth year, will be held on November 14 at the All Occasions Wedding and Function Centre in Traralgon, with festivities kicking off at 10am.

The theme for this year's lunch is Trailblazers in gumboots: Women who drive change.

Women in Dairy Working Committee founder and Poowong North farmer Allison Potter will host a panel of pioneering women in agriculture, including Australian Livestock and Property Agents southern young auctioneer finalist Carley Einseidel, senior research scientist at Ellinbank Smart Farm Anna Thompson, and founder and head

veterinarian of Veterinary Support Services Becky Dickinson.

GippsDairy's regional manager Karen McLennan said the lunch was an opportunity for women in dairy to get together and hear from some incredible women driving change in agriculture.

"It has been a challenging season for many farmers, with drier conditions across much of Gippsland, and this event is a chance to unwind and reconnect with fellow dairy women," Karen said.

"The lunch is also a fantastic opportunity to come together to network, share ideas, and learn from other inspiring women who are leading the way in agriculture."

Tickets are free for dairy farmers, and available for a price of \$50 for service providers – available on the Dairy Australia Gippsland website.

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A/c Blackwood Grazing, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
150 Angus steers, 14 mths, predominantly Pathfinder blood, NE Accred, 1st dose Bovilis Mh Ibr 5/10

A/c Hopfields P/L, Dutson (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus & Angus Shorthorn X steers, 14 mths, Sprys & Mawarra blood

A/c BJ & LE Neumann, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 22-24 mths, Innesdale blood, NE Accred

A/c Cheeky Chilli, Toora (SEJ)
32 Angus steers, 18 mths, Dunoon & Harris Farms blood

A/c Matthew Hyland Racing, Officer South (PHC)
17 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, Dargo District bred (D Cameron), Sparta blood

A/c M & A Lyon, Athlone (NUTRIEN)
16 Red Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 15-18 mths, NE Accred

A/c T & M Neesham, French Island (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 16-17 mths

A/c Bannah Beef, Fernbank (SEJ)
14 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, Pinora blood, NE Accred, very quiet

A/c R & L Kyle, Goon Nure (SEJ)
12 Angus X Charolais steers, 16-17 mths, East Gippsland Bred

A/c House & Burns, Bundalaguah (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus & BB steers, 20 mths

A/c K & L Holmes, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
3 Hereford steers, 18 mths, Multimin & Cydectin 21/10, Mawarra blood

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c R Jones, Foster (SEJ)
35 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, VB, GF, ABF, Yancowinna blood

A/c RN & MH McInness, Dutson (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus heifers, 13 mths, Innesdale blood

A/c JW & B Dunbar, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus heifers, 14 mths, Leawood & Absolute Angus blood, NE Accred, Ideal Future Breeders, VQ, Ivomec & Multimin Drenched, 2x5in1

A/c T & M Neesham, French Island (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus heifers, 16-17 mths

A/c DC Farming, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus heifers, 13-14 mths, By Absolute Angus Bulls, NE Accred

WEANERS

A/c Randall & Weston, Welshpool (SEJ)
80 Angus mixed sex weaners, 6-7mths, Leawood & Innesdale blood, property sold

A/c Joraka, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus mixed sex, 12-13 mths

A/c Dave Harris Earthmoving, Tarwin (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

A/c RA Jones, Glen Forbes (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex calves, weaned 4 weeks

A/c Hiho, Hedley (SEJ)
38 Angus & Hereford/Shorthorn mix sexes, 7-8 mths, weaned, GF & ABF, NE Accred, 2 X 5in1, Dunoon & Vuillermine blood

A/c M & N Gleeson, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus X mixed sex, 12-18 mths
14 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths

A/c D Lewis, Rosedale (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus & Angus Hereford X mixed sex weaners, 12-14 mths

A/c MA O'Brien, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c P & H Norman, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex calves, 8-9 mths, By Fernleigh Stud bulls, yard weaned

A/c A Pocklington, Mirboo (SEJ)
10 Hereford Angus X steers, 12 mths
9 Angus heifers, 12 mths
VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

A/c JLR Holdings, Dalyston (SEJ)
12 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, VB, GF, ABF, Banquet Sires

A/c R & C Wilson, Neerim Sth (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford mixed sex, 10-12 mths

A/c Brackenhurst Trust, Walkerville (SEJ)
11 Angus Heifers, 12 mths, Paringa blood, 2 x 5 in 1, Drenched 1 mth

A/c K & L Holmes, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
8 Hereford steers, 12 mths, Multimin & Cydectin 21/10, Mawarra blood

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c DJ & JE Bowler, Woodleigh (Nutrien)
40 Angus Friesian X mixed sex, 10 mths

A/c DP Pearce, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus X mixed sex, 13-15 mths

A/c L Love, Narracan (NUTRIEN)
16 Speckled X steers, 8 mths
2 Speckled X heifers, 8 mths

Cows & Calves

A/c A & L Sage, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
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3x3 Angus X heifers
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“As I walk through my life without my Sister, I take comfort in knowing she is now resting in peace”

DEATHS

DONALDSON, Ewen Morgan:

12.07.1935 - 27.10.2025

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Father in-law of Brett (dec.), Andy (dec.), and Wayne.

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Great Grandpa to 15.

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DEATHS

HEIDE, Rosemary Phyllis:

In Loving Memory of Rosemary Heide (1944-2025)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Rosemary, who left us peacefully after a courageous two-year battle with illness. Throughout her journey, Rosemary displayed remarkable strength, grace, and resilience, inspiring all who knew her.

DEATHS

Rosemary was a beloved wife, mother, aunty and friend. Her warmth, kindness, and bright spirit touched the lives of many.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff at Leongatha Hospital, the district nurses, Dr. Chris Perry, and the compassionate team at Koorooman House. Your care, support, and kindness brought comfort to Rosemary and our family during the most difficult times.

DEATHS

JACOBSON (nee Furphy), Pauline:

Pauline passed away peacefully at Pambula Nursing Home N.S.W on 23.10.2025. Aged 76 years.

Loving daughter of Lloyds and June Furphy (both dec.). Special sister to Ros, Colin, Julie, and Graeme (dec.). and all their families.

Much loved by all.

DEATHS

JACOBSON (nee Furphy), Pauline:

Thanks for many years of friendship.

I will miss our phone calls with a glass of wine in hand!!

Loving sister of Ros, fond sister-in-law to Dave, fun loving aunty to Jodie, Kylie, Shelley and their families.

You can now rest in peace.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at the Meeniyar hotel on Friday November 28, at 2pm. All welcome.

DEATHS

NG, Chi To (Victor):

Born in Hong Kong, passed away in Leongatha on October 28, 2025 aged 44 years.

Loved husband of Mimmie, father of Macy.

Thank you to all our family, friends, and medical professionals, who walked Victor's last few weeks with us, bringing us joy and peace in such a difficult and unexpected time.

DEATHS

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Victor Ng will be held at Leongatha Uniting Church, Friday, November 21, commencing at 2pm.

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DEATHS

NG, Victor:

Beloved co-worker.

Everyone who had the privilege of knowing or working with Victor was greeted by his warm smile and cheerful spirit.

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DEATHS

TURNER (Edney), Glenda Muriel:

26.06.1943 - 29.10.2025
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BROWN:

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FUNERALS

DONALDSON:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. Ewen Morgan Donaldson will be held at Leongatha RSL, Crn Smith St and Michael Pl on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, commencing at 1pm.

Ewen's service will be recorded and posted as soon as possible after the service.

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FUNERALS

HEIDE:

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TURNER:

A Service to celebrate the life of Glenda Turner will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, 3 Queen Street, Korumburra on Thursday, November 6 at 11am.

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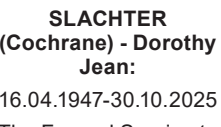
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SLACHTER (Cochrane) - Dorothy Jean:

16.04.1947-30.10.2025

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Mayonnaise

By Meg Viney

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Ingredients

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- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
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- Salt to taste
- Balsamic vinegar

Method

In a clean, dry bowl, beat the yolk with the mustard. Using electric beaters on low or a hand whisk, beat until they are creamy (you are forming an emulsion). Start pouring in the oil, drop by drop, beating all the time, until you have a thick emulsion. Now you can pour a little faster, maintaining the thick texture. When the vegetable oil is in, start pouring in the chosen oil, and finally whisk in the vinegar. You will need to taste for salt and vinegar until you are happy with the flavour, but you will need up to two tablespoons of vinegar. You can also use lemon juice if preferred. This is used in many dishes, with additions such as tomato paste to go over a pasta salad.

Celebrating the WNPS restorative approach

THIS term, the teaching staff are highlighting what makes Wonthaggi North Primary School a great place to learn, starting with their restorative practices and community connections. At their last assembly, the Deadly Koori Kids Club shared their beautiful artwork, ‘Country’. This artwork was made using local ochre, shells, and natural materials from Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country by artists Isla Lewis-Hamilton, Harmony Piper-Winning, Dakota Riley-Parrott, Logan Shawcroft, Elena Lee and Marcus Walsh. It features hand and footprints, the hills, sand, and ocean – showing their connection to the beautiful land on which they live, eat and play. Big thanks to Sonya and Khiara, the Koori Engagement Support Officers, for leading this special project. Stay tuned for more celebrations in term four.

Korumburra South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials on from Saturday

By Andrew Palocz

DOGS and handlers will work in synergy, combining instinct, skill and patience as they contend with often-uncooperative sheep at this weekend’s South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials at the Korumburra Showgrounds, with everyone invited to enjoy the action for just a gold coin donation. In its 70-year history in Korumburra, the event has been cancelled only once, due to the pandemic, with this year’s field of 120 dogs the biggest ever, those being managed by 44 handlers. Local Border Collies Ruby and Mumu, owned by Sean and Jinyan O’Leary who train the pair on their Berrys Creek farm, will again be in action. Others from the Gippsland region, such as Churchill’s Mary Macalister, Camille Shaw of Maffra and Glengarry’s Evette Jefferies also have dogs competing. A couple of people from NSW have entered dogs, as well as one from Tasmania, the bulk of competitors coming from Victoria’s Western District, some of the handlers and dogs from that region being at the



Korumburra’s Sean O’Leary with dog Ruby, the sister of Mumu who won the novice section of competition last year. A36_4624

top level of competition. Each dog must work three sheep at a time around a course consisting of four obstacles designed to replicate a farm situation. The trials work on a points-based system, competitors starting with 100 points and

having points deducted if dogs go off course or are unable to navigate the sheep through the obstacles within the 15-minute limit. The Korumburra Agricultural and Pastoral Society runs the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trials, with gates

opening at 7.30am on Saturday, November 8 and the event continuing Sunday and Monday with the same gate opening time. “We will probably run into the night on Sunday because we have way exceeded our entries from past years,” Louise Rielly, secretary of the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trial committee said. In addition to the trials action, a sponsors’ dinner on Saturday will be a further highlight, with that costing \$25 and bookings available through Louise on 0409 170 964. Dinner attendees will hear from Mansfield’s Rod Manning who is bringing seven dogs to compete. As well as expressing her appreciation of all the volunteers and sponsors who make the event possible, Louise gave a special mention to Thorpdale’s Max Morrison who sources all the sheep used at the Korumburra Trials. This year, he has organised for 225 sheep to come from French Island, with another 400 from Bairnsdale. Sheep Dog Trials began in the 1930s and over time interest has grown, with about 30 competitions held annually in Victoria.

How cool was that? Ross Wilson back at Archies Creek



Ross Wilson was back at the Archies Creek Hotel last Sunday for a sold-out show on his 50 Years Of Hits tour to more than 150 venues, big and small, all around Australia. Photo: Scott Sheedy.

ROSS Wilson and his all-star band The Peaceniks are celebrating over 50 years of hits in the best possible way with more than 150 shows in an Australia-wide tour. And a sold-out crowd at the Archies Creek Hotel joined the party last Sunday with one of the best shows ever at the popular local venue... and that’s saying something. As promised, Wilson took fans through 50 years of iconic Aussie hits from Eagle Rock and Come Back Again through to Cool World, A Touch of Paradise, Bed of Nails, Summer of ’81 and a whole lot more, sending the crowd into raptures. You’ve got to act quickly to catch some of the big names headed Archies Creek’s way this summer, while there’s also a quality line-up of lesser-known but highly talented acts performing here over the next few months. Check it out at: archiescreekhotel.com.au.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Join our First Peoples Advisory Committee

Do you have strong community connections and a passion for local healthcare?

BCH is seeking applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join our First Peoples Advisory Committee to help BCH deliver culturally appropriate services.

You will work with Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander People and BCH staff to provide guidance towards Reconciliation, provide feedback to the Reconciliation Working Group, and advise BCH about the health and wellbeing needs of First Peoples.

The Committee is a platform for meaningful engagement and development to enhance access to culturally appropriate health services.

Please submit your application to Director Partnerships and Engagement
Kristen Yates-Matthews
(Kristen.Yates-Matthews@basscoasthealth.org.au).
For more details, phone Kristen, 0427 475 259.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Quotation

Bass Valley Primary School
Submissions are invited in accordance with the EOI documents for the:

Provision of cleaning services

For information contact:
Sheree Chasemore
Position Business Manager
on (03) 5678 0208 or email:
sheree.chasemore@education.vic.gov.au

Closing 5pm
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Interested parties can contact the school/website for a complete package of documents.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Annual General Meeting

Woorayl Lodge warmly invites all stakeholders, including staff, residents, families, volunteers, and community members to attend our Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5pm
Space 47, Leongatha
Light finger food provided

Please RSVP by Friday, November 21 to enquiries@woorayllodge.com.au for catering purposes.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing updates on the year’s achievements and future plans for Woorayl Lodge.

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Ian Latham drives a Fordson E1A petrol-kerosene dual-fuel tractor, which starts on petrol and runs on kerosene. A60_4425

Tarwin Lower Festival draws a crowd on a hot day

FINDING a parking spot was a challenge on Sunday as people flocked to the annual Tarwin Lower Festival, summer asserting its early arrival with the temperature around 30 degrees.

There was a stunning collection of cars to admire, owners happy to chat about their gleaming machines.

Korumburra's Frank Chizzoniti brought his 1960 Ford Zephyr Mark II, delighted his sons combined to reunite him with the vehicle years after he sold it, finding it in Queensland and buying it.

There was lots happening on the music front, with 13 acts across two stages.

Action was plentiful at the tractor pull, vintage machines working hard to pull the sled and some making plenty of noise in the process.

A 1938 Lanz Bulldog Model N tractor driven by Tim Brennan, and a late 1930s John Deere two-cylinder tractor with Brad Cummings in the driver's seat were a couple of examples of what spectators were treated to. Brennan also driving a 1951 two-seater Cropmaster with his daughter Tess along for the ride.

The focus was entirely on vintage tractors, not the modified type that features at the famous Quambatook Tractor Pull, but full of character and having once

By Andrew Paloczi

played their part on farms.

People also enjoyed checking out tractors on display, young Ulysses Davis looking the part atop an old Massey Ferguson 135, prompting childhood memories for his dad Dom.

"I grew up driving these," Dom said, recalling his dad feeding out hay while he took the driver's seat of a 135.

Back in the cars section, Tarwin Lower Auto and Machinery Club member Steven Baker was happy to pose with his 1967 Holden HR, which he bought from his boss three years ago.

"She just cruises along now," he said of the four-speed manual.

There were just over 200 cars and a few motorbikes on show.

Tarwin Lower Auto and Machinery Club president Graham praised all the volunteers who helped make the group's event a reality, saying "You can't run a festival without volunteers."

Members of the Tarwin Lower Football Netball Club, the local bowls club and the Venus Bay Angling Club pitched in.

Graham also noted the importance of all sponsors, welcoming Inverloch's Bendigo Bank as a new major sponsor this year.



Ulysses Davis familiarises himself with a Massey Ferguson 135, his dad Dom having driven that model as a youngster. A61_4425



Tim Brennan drives a 1938 Lanz Bulldog Model N tractor. A58_4425



Tarwin Lower Festival attendees got to appreciate old machinery in operation. A65_4425



Steven Baker with his 1967 Holden HR. A62_4425



Dean White and his 1976 Holden panel van. A63_4425

Forty-two wins for Gippsland swimmers



The captains, coaches, team managers and officials celebrate the Gippsland junior swimmer's 42nd consecutive win.



District 21 swimmers ready to race.



Swimmers from South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club competed at the Country Junior District Competition.



Warragul's representatives in District 21 squad.

IT WAS an exciting weekend of racing for 83 Gippsland junior swimmers as they represented Gippsland as District 21, racing at MSAC in the Country Junior District Competition.

Gippsland again led the way, retaining the title as most successful district, winning the competition for the 42nd year in a row after first winning it in 1983.

The district finished on 2631 points, with the second-placed district Central District on 941, highlighting the dominance of the region.

Captains Tahlia Maccubbin (Trl) and Hayden Rawson (Trl) led the team.

The meet was a great chance for many of the young swimmers to compete at their first state event, with the excitement of the big screen to see themselves and results on and the stands full of families watching on.

The swimmers did a fantastic job at containing their nerves and competing against the best swimmers from regional Victoria.

Gippsland coaches Trinity O'Keefe (SGB), Chelsea Spencer (Wgl), Dave Vercoe (Trl) and Lorri McKenzie (SGB) were on hand to help the swimmers with advice on racing and their efforts and team managers Josh Szkwarek (Trl), Brooke Said (Trl) and Sarah Packer (SGB) to help them make it to marshalling.

A huge thanks to the coaches and team managers for organising them all on the day and giving them the opportunity.

Their smiles in the team photos shows just how much these kids relished the opportunity.

Gippsland had outstanding results on the day, with most of the 83 swimmers finishing top 10 in an event, with some events having six to seven Gippsland swimmers in the top 10.

The event is a wonderful stepping stone for the young swimmers, with many of Gippsland's best swimmers starting off their major event racing career as a member of the District 21 team.

Many of the swimmers on the day gained personal bests, and several of the older swimmers gained qualifying times to allow them to come back and compete at the State Sprints Championship next month.

The team included: Ada Abrecht, Mia-Rose Albanese, Quinn Armstrong, Riley Bartlett, Ivy Bevis, Beau Bigham, Eliza Biorci, Max Blackwood, Zara Brewis, Mitchell Britton, Annika Brown, Camilla Brownlow, Mason Camm, Oakley Campbell, Zara Campbell, Chloe Coates, Jazmin Cox, Arian de Ligt, Dartanian de Ligt, Ted Deery. Ruby

Demetrios, Otis Evans, Allie Fazzino, Leon Fernando, Sarah Franklin, Macey Fraser, Skylar Gibson, Cayden Gunn, Eliana Gunn, Scarlett Hutchinson, Eli Hutty, Fynn Hutty, Lachlan Hynd, Reece Jones, Holly Krejzlic, Milli Kyle, Charlotte Lee, Leo Lofgren, Poppi Loft, Lathan Lucas, Tahlia Maccubbin, Aibel MacPherson, Alfred Marriot-Smith, Wilbur Marriot-Smith, Winnie Miklosvary, Chloe Morris, Righardt Nel, Summer Netzer, Emily Odlum, Ziggy Olszanski Riley O'Mara, Willow Orchard, Courtney Packer, Mitchell Packer, Heidi Peters, Lucy Pirouet, Ruby Pirouet, Taylan Pocklington, Byron Ponton, Mae Rankine, Dylan Rawson, Hayden Rawson, Mya Richer, Julian Robinson, Hannah Rochstad-Lim, Ivy Ryan, Abbie Saario, Caitlin Saario, Baylin Said, Amelia Saxon, Quinn Southall, Ruby Stagg, Hudson Styles, Xander Szkwarek, Matthew Thornby, Ryan Thornby, Angus Turnbull, Neille van Aswegen, Patrick Wendt, Kye Whiteside, Evie Whittaker, Lila Whittaker and Isabella Williams.

Results - Girls:

50m Butterfly: Max Blackwood 8y 3rd; Lucy Pirouet 8y 4th; Poppi Loft 8y 5th; Skylar Gibson 8y 7th; Courtney Packer 8y 8th;

Ivy Ryan 9y 1st; Summer Netzer 9y 3rd; Chloe Coates 9y 5th; Charlotte Lee 9y 10th; Ruby Pirouet 10y 3rd; Ruby Stagg 10y 5th; Eliza Birch 10y 9th; Tahlia Maccubbin 11y 1st; Milli Kyle 11y 2nd; Aibel MacPherson 11y 3rd; Zara Campbell 11y 5th; Ruby Demetrios 11y 6th; Sarah Franklin 11y 9th.

50m Backstroke: Eliana Gunn 8y 2nd; Lucy Pirouet 8y 4th; Max Blackwood 8y 5th; Poppi Loft 8y 8th; Ivy Bevis 8y 10th; Ivy Ryan 9y 2nd; Taylan Pocklington 9y 3rd; Summer Netzer 9y 8th; Charlotte Lee 9y 9th; Macey Fraser 9y 10th; Eliza Birch 10y 3rd; Ruby Stagg 10y 6th; Ruby Pirouet 10y 8th; Tahlia Maccubbin 11y 1st; Aibel MacPherson 11y 2nd; Ruby Demetrios 11y 3rd; Milli Kyle 11y 5th; Annika Brown 11y 7th; Isabella Williams 11y 8th.

50m Breaststroke: Lucy Pirouet 8y 2nd; Poppi Loft 8y 4th; Max Blackwood 8y 5th; Eliana Gunn 8y 6th; Ivy Bevis 8y 10th; Lila Whittaker 9y 1st; Ivy Ryan 9y 4th; Zara Brewis 9y 9th; Ruby Pirouet 10y 4th; Ruby Stagg 10y 7th; Hannah 10y 10th; Tahlia Maccubbin 11y 1st; Emily Odlum 11y 2nd; Isabella Williams, 11y 4th; Aibel MacPherson 11y 5th; Ruby Demetrios 11y 8th.

50m Freestyle: Eliana Gunn 8y 2nd; Poppi Loft 8y 4th; Lucy Pirouet 8y 6th; Max Blackwood 8y 5th; Ivy Ryan

9y 1st; Charlotte Lee 9y 3rd; Caitlin Saario 9y 4th; Macey Fraser 9y 5th; Taylan Pocklington 9y 7th; Chloe Coates 9y 9th; Eliza Birch 10y 4th; Ruby Pirouet 10y 6th; Ruby Stagg 10y 9th; Tahlia Maccubbin 11y 1st; Aibel MacPherson 11y 2nd; Milli Kyle 11y 5th; Zara Campbell 11y 8th; Ruby Demetrios 11y 3rd.

Relays: Girls 8-9 200m Freestyle relay 1st; Girls 10y 200m Freestyle Relay 1st; Girls 10y 200m Medley Relay 1st; 11y 200m Freestyle relay 1st; 11y 200m Medley relay 1st.

Boys:

50m Butterfly: Ted Deery 9y 7th; Hudson Styles 9y 8th; Finn Hutty 9y 9th; Otis Evans 10y 1st ; Patrick Wendt 10y 2nd; Matther Thornby 10y 3rd; Baylin Said 10y 6th; Richardt Nel 10y 7th; Julian Robinson 10y 9th; Quinn Southall 10y 10th; Hayden Rawson 11y 1st; Xander Szkwarek 11y 4th; Eli Hutty 11y 8th; Mitchell Packer 11y 10th.

50m Backstroke: Ryan Thornby 8y 3rd; Wilbur Marriot-Smith 8y 4th; Dylan Rawson 8y 5th. Leon Fernando 8y 6th; Baylin Said 10y 1st; Patrick Wendt 10y 4th; Alfred Marriot - Smith 10y 5th; Richardt Nel 10y 7th; Ziggy Olszanski 10y 8th; Otis Evans 10y 9th; Hayden Rawson 11y 2nd; Angus Turnbull 11y 3rd; Cayden Gunn 11y 4th; Xander Szkwarek 11y 9th.

50m Breaststroke: Leon Fernando 8y 1st; Wilbur Marriot-Smith 8y 2nd; Darwinian de Ligt 8y 3rd; Ryan Thornby 8y 5th; Dylan Rawson 8y 6th; Oakley Campbell 9y 5th; Alfred Marriot-Smith 10y 1st; Patrick Wendt 10y 2nd; Richardt Nel 10y 4th; Otis Evans 10y 9th; Ziggy Olszanski 10y 5th; Baylin Said 10y 7th; Matthew Thornby 10y 8th; Quinn Southall 10y 9th; Hayden Rawson 11y 3rd; Cayden Gunn 11y 4th; Arian de Ligt 11y 6th; Neill Van Asagwan 11y 7th; Cayden Gunn 11y 8th; Angus Turnbull 11y 9th.

50m Freestyle: Wilbur Marriot-Smith 8y 2nd; Ryan Thornby 8y 3rd; Leon Fernando 8y 5th; Darwinian de Ligt 8y 6th; Dylan Rawson 8y 7th; Ted Deery 9y 6th; Baylin Said 10y 2nd; Patrick Wendt 10y 3rd; Otis Evans 10y 4th; Alfred Marriot-Smith 10y 5th; Quinn Southall 10y 9th; Matther Thornby 10y 10th; Hayden Rawson 11y 2nd; Cayden Gunn 11y 3rd; Angus Turnbull 11y 5th; Xander Szkwarek 11y 6th; Neille Van Aswegen 11y 7th.

Relays: 8-9 Boys Freestyle Relay- 3rd; 10 Boys Medley Relay 1st; 11 Boys Freestyle Relay 1st; 11 Boys Medley Relay 2nd.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY November 4

▼ 3.35am 0.74m
▲ 10.39am 1.33m
▼ 4.18pm 0.52m
▲ 11.43pm 1.44m

WEDNESDAY November 5

▼ 5.00am 0.78m
▲ 11.37am 1.36m
▼ 5.28pm 0.39m

THURSDAY November 6

▲ 12.49am 1.59m
▼ 6.18am 0.77m
▲ 12.33pm 1.41m
▼ 6.28pm 0.25m

FRIDAY November 7

▲ 1.46am 1.73m
▼ 7.18am 0.73m
▲ 1.26pm 1.46m
▼ 7.22pm 0.15m

SATURDAY November 8

▲ 2.39am 1.81m
▼ 8.08am 0.69m
▲ 2.15pm 1.51m
▼ 8.15pm 0.09m

SUNDAY November 9

▲ 3.28am 1.84m
▼ 8.55am 0.66m
▲ 3.03pm 1.54m
▼ 9.04pm 0.08m

MONDAY November 10

▲ 4.15am 1.82m
▼ 9.40am 0.63m
▲ 3.51pm 1.54m
▼ 9.54pm 0.12m

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BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT WAS another great day of bowls on Monday, with some new members coming to join the fun. The winners were Peter Grenville, Jenny Bakker and Gordon Peters. They went with +34 – a great score. Friday was a great day of bowls. The winners were Peter Morgan, Margaret Morgan and Peter Novak. They had a score of +25. See you all at the Cape Pater-son Community Hall.

FISH CREEK

THE week started with Tues-day Pennant at home, and Divi-sion 2 narrowly went down to San Remo 52/2 to 58/14. Division 4 was up against Inverloch and also ran second, scores being 28/2 to 38/8. Saturday Pennant resulted in a very enjoyable day with all three divi-sions at home against Inverloch. Good weather saw Fish Creek have three wins. Division 6 won 39/10 to 35/0 in a tight finish. Rob McLaughlin's rink won 17/14 and Kelvin Flanders won 22/21.

It was a great start to the sea-son for Division 6. Division 4 also had a good close tussle and came out on top 56/14 to 46/2. Paul Kerr's rink won 21/13, the Heywood's rink won 17/14 and Bron Williams' rink just missed out by one shot.

Division 4 is just starting to hit its straps. Division 2 recorded a convinc-ing win, 61/14 to 41/2. Scott Jennings' rink continued their good form with a strong 27/8 win. Rob Mortlock's rink won 19/14 whilst Bill Symmons went down narrowly 15/19.

Division 2 looks like it's going to be very tight each week, so keep up the good form. The final of the 100 Up was played on Friday, and a terrific game of bowls saw Bill Sym-mons just get past Ray Watkins, with both in the 90s before Bill got home. The draw for the Singles and Pairs Championship will be out this week.

This Sunday is the Bendigo Bank-sponsored Invitational Tri-ples, and all supporters are asked to come along for an enjoyable day. Don't forget the casserole teas this Friday – a monthly date not to miss.

FOSTER

JACK Attack last week was well attended with 12 teams. The evening's winners were Jontoss, Cheryl, Kevin and Hel-en, winning the weekly Chamber of Commerce vouchers spon-sored by Roosters Plumbing and Earthmoving. Runners up were BMF, Dion, Jen and Stu, winning the chocky prizes sponsored by Promontory Kitchens. It was Halloween dress-up night, but most forgot the memo, probably because the previous week's night got cancelled due to the weather. Everyone still had a great night and are looking for-ward to this week. There was lots of colour on the green last Thursday for the Ben-digo Bank Pairs event. The day involved three varia-tions of Pairs play. The first game was the usual sequence of 2x2x2x2. After lunch, the bowlers played

2x4x2, giving both players a good shuffle of positions – this one was great fun. The last game was three Bowl Pairs – another fun variation. Sixteen teams enjoyed the day under perfect weather conditions. As always, the club is very ap-preciative of the Bendigo Bank and its continued support with sponsorship of the club. Banking with them is a win-win situation, not only for the indi-vidual but the wider community. It is fantastic seeing them put-ting funds back into assisting community groups, sporting clubs and all other activities around the community. They are not called a 'commu-nity bank' for no reason. The winners for the day, win-ning all three of their games were Mark and Maureen Taylor. Also, with three wins but less points, the runners-up team were Nancy Parry and Phil Facey. Third went to the team of Kel-vin Park and Ian Park, and the encouragement prize went to Ivan and Heather Ray. A delightful afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and the raffle priz-es were shared all around, mak-ing for a very enjoyable day.

INVERLOCH

ON A stunning October spring day, with the temperature reach-ing a pleasant 22 degrees and barely a breeze in the air, 35 bowlers gathered to enjoy per-fect conditions on the green. The competition for the day featured 10 teams, comprised of five teams of fours and five teams of triples. Each team played a single game of 10 ends before breaking for lunch, followed by a second game of 10 ends in the afternoon. The scoring system for the event awarded 10 points for a win, five points for a draw, and one point for each end won. At the conclusion of play, there was only one team that managed to secure two wins. Three other teams finished with a win and a draw each, highlighting the competitive spirit and evenly matched play throughout the day. The day's competition saw some closely contested matches, with several teams finishing on similar points. The team led by Keith Cousens as skip, supported by Yvonne Kee (third), Sue Floyd (second), and Liz Jacobs (lead), were the hard luck story of the day. They achieved one win and one draw, amassing a commendable total of 26 points. Finishing just ahead as run-ners-up, with a win, a draw, and 27 points, was the team com-prising Martin Hannaford (skip), Nancy Stevens (third), and John Cook (lead). Their consistent performance throughout both games made them standout competitors. The overall winners, with two wins and a total of 33 points, were the team of Karen Orford (skip), Rob Howard (third), and Steve Snelling (lead). Their strong showing across both sessions earned them top honours for the event. Looking ahead, the special Melbourne Cup bowls event will take place on November 4. Following this, the regular so-cial bowls competition will re-sume on November 6. Participants are reminded to have their names on the list by 9am, with play starting at 10.30am.

KORUMBURRA

THE week started off with the division travelling to Phillip Is-land on Tuesday, but did not have any luck. Grumpy went down 31 shots to 11, Katrina Evans went down 19 shots to 12, and Ben Peachey went down 26 shots to 14. Division 2 travelled to Wont-haggi. Jim Garnham won 21 shots to 14, Cheryl Moore lost 29 shots to 12 and Peter Hearn also lost 14 shots to 19 – not good results. On Saturday, Division 1 trav-elled to Inverloch and did not have the best of days. Shane O'Loughlin won 22 shots to 20, Rob Cosson went down 24 shots to 15 and Charlie Edgarton lost 15 shots to 22. Division 3 hosted Port Welsh-pool and had a mixed day. Grumpy had a good win, get-ting up 25 shots to 17, Garry Dorling had a 23 all draw while Rob Sund went down 11 shots to 28 an overall nine-shot loss. Division 4 hosted Tarwin Low-er in another tight contest. Jim Garnham won 20 shots to 15, Mike Gallagher won 17 shots to 15 and Peter Hearn had a 23 all draw – well done to all concerned. Division 6 travelled to Toora, all to no avail. Jo Lomagno went down 22 shots to 16 and Judith Nicholl had 14 shots to 24 loss – a long trip for a loss.

LEONGATHA

WOW, what a week at Leon-gatha Lawn Bowls Club has had. Twenty teams from around the area came on a foggy Thursday morning to play in the Invitation Fours Day sponsored by Hand-ley Funeral Services. After the fog lifted, a sunny day broke through the clouds which, with the background music play-ing great old songs, it was most pleasant being outside. Two games of 10 ends were played before lunch, after which 80 hungry players were greeted with a beautiful leafy chicken salad. A big thank you to the cater-ing volunteers who gave up their time to make this happen and the legend who fixed up the dish-washer – bless you. One game was played after lunch then a sweet-filled after-noon tea was served. Sponsor Handley Funeral Ser-vices presented the winners their prizes. Jenny, Sue, Dot and Jan with three wins plus 34 had a good day and took home the chocolates. Runners-up were the Meeniyau team Darryllyn, De, Jenny and Rita – well done. Best last game with plus 28 were Claire, Joy, Pat and Jade. Winner of the chocolates for close-st to the jack was Ruth Partridge. A great day was had by all. Tuesday pennant: Division 1, which is just outside the four at the moment, had a good win over Wonthaggi 68 to 60. Division 4 went down to Toora 27 to 54. Wednesday saw heaps of so-cial bowler turn up on yet again a sunny afternoon winners were Ollie, Sue and Rod. Runners-up were Maureen, Veto and Sue C. It was pleasing to see some of the Pennant players bowling on a social day and helping the newer bowlers. Don't forget the club has coach-ing sessions on Thursdays.

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Monday's winners at Breakaway Bowls were Peter Grenville, Jenny Bakker and Gordon Peters.



The weekly winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Luke Monckton (S), Max Summers (2), Rob Jeffries (3) and Lou Capsalis (L).



Vern Elliott (S), Aggie Gratton (2), Peter Taylor (L) and Laurie Bell (3) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



The Bendigo Bank Pairs Day winners at the Foster Bowls Club were Mark and Maureen Taylor.



Foster Bowls Club's Jack Attack winner was Jontoss – Cheryl, Kevin and Helen.



Pam Russell, Sylvia Mattock, Paul Holmes and Jenny Bakker were the Tuesday winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.

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Saturday Pennant:
Division 1 is standing fifth on the ladder at this stage, but unfortunately lost to Tarwin 60 to 44.
Division 2 won 71 to 48.
Division 5 also had a win over Loch 71 to 51.
See you on the green.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a beautiful day it was at Lang Lang on Thursday as the family of bowlers turned up to fight it out for team of the week.

The bowlers were welcomed to the club by Bev and John as Vern was kept busy preparing the actual teams.

Once the bowlers were told their teams and went to the green, the fun started.

As usual, there was lots of laughter and plenty of friendly banter as friend challenged friend for superiority on the green.

There was one or two wrong bias shots on the day.

A big thank you to these selfless players for their donation to the Royal Children's Hospital.

As the day passed, it was clear that the weather was not in any way going to deteriorate.

It was such a beautiful day on such a beautiful green.

The bowlers can only thank the hosts for such a magnificent day overall.

The winners on a score of 36 were Luke Monckton (S), Max Summers (2), Rob Jeffries (3) and Lou Capsalis (L).

Runners up on a score of 32 were Frank Verco (L), David Talbot (S) and Michael Saunders (3).

Best one game winners with a score of 20 were Vern Elliott (S), Aggie Gratton (2), Peter Taylor (L) and Laurie Bell (3).

A big thank you to Alex and Laurie along with some help from Frank for setting up the green.

Also, a big thank you to Marianne along with some help from Colin for looking after the thirsty bowlers.

Let's not forget Marianne, Diane and Laurie for cleaning up the kitchen along with the hall tables once the day came to an end.

Also, let's not forget the marvelous bowlers, who make the weekly challenge so much fun each and every week.

Next week, the club will be meeting at Loch and District Bowls Club to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Please be on site by 10am to allow time to prepare the teams.

Unfortunately, with numbers generally reaching capacity, the club will have to be strict on a 10am cut off time.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another good week at the club.

Tuesday saw Division 1 travel to Leongatha looking for a win.

All rinks had close matches all day, just going down at the end of the day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 60, Leongatha 68.

Division 2 played host to Korumburra at Wonthaggi on a fine day with a strong breeze from the east down the green.

All rinks had a battle all day but were able to record their first win of the year.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 62, Korumburra 47.

Division 3 ventured to Port Welshpool.

Some Wonthaggi bowlers having their first visit found the conditions a little difficult.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 44, Port Welshpool 74.

Thursday morning social bowls went off well in fine sunny conditions.

Thursday 1pm afternoon social bowls saw 30 bowlers take advantage of the perfect conditions.

There were three teams that were two-game winners, with the unlucky team being the Roger Lee team.

The runners-up were Trevor Teer, Joy Phillips and Fred Kellow with a score of two wins and 31 points and seven shots up. The winners were David Harrison, Dot Stein and George Stein with a score of two wins and 31 points but 12 shots up to win on count-back.

Friday night was a good night with a good number of people enjoying the evening.

The members' draw went off with Norm Evans collecting \$60.

Michael Raman took home the meat tray, Donna the chicken tray, and Allan and Tony each won a brekky pack.

Other winners were John, Howard and Mike.

Saturday saw a fine sunny day with Division 1 playing host to Phillip Island at Wonthaggi.

After a loss last week, Wonthaggi was looking for a win.

All rinks had close matches all day but just fell short at the end of the day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 58, Phillip Island 63.

Division 2 travelled to Leongatha looking for a win.

All rinks played well but went down to a better team on the day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 48, Leongatha 71.

Division 4(3) played host to Phillip Island at Wonthaggi.

In perfect conditions, Wonthaggi was able to record a solid win.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 85, Phillip Island 36.

Division 4(4) travelled to Foster looking for a win.

All rinks played well but just fell short at the end of the day.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 44, Foster 62.

Division 6 had a bye.

Bowls this week:

Tuesday: Cup Day social bowls at 10am, followed by a barbecue and watching the Cup.

Wednesday: Turkey Triples Day.

Thursday: Social bowls at 9.30am and 1pm.

Friday: Coaching at 10am.

Saturday: Pennant.

Don't forget Friday night with the members' draw being \$50, plus meat trays and other prizes to win.

Saturday night is the Basket Cabaret starting at 7pm until late with a live band and great music.

Only \$10 per head – a great night out.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, the club had a total of 45 bowlers.

Tuesday's winners with +16 (two games) were Paul Holmes, Jenny Bakker, Sylvia Mattock and Pam Russell.

Runners up on a close second with +15 (two games) were Jeanie Slocombe, Judy Sweetnam, Ray McCurrie and Philip Fowler.

On Friday, the winning team consisted of John Rook, Jan Milkins and Teresa Ireland with +20 (two games).

Runners up were Fred Demenech, Judy Sweetnam, Jeanie Slocombe and Glenda Binch on +11 (one game).

The club will be bowling as normal on Cup Day so wear your finery for a great day.



Russell Hodgson, Allan Johnson, Kevin Michael and Colin Bear enjoy a round in the sunshine as they support the 'Doing it for Jarrod' golf day at Leongatha Golf Club. A10_4425

Golfers do it for Jarrod in Leongatha

SPECTACULAR weather played its part in a great 'Doing it for Jarrod' golf day at Leongatha Golf Club on Thursday, over 100 players taking to the course and raising funds for Challenge, which supports kids with cancer.

Doing it for Jarrod is an Australia-wide golf day supported by many clubs, in memory of professional player Jarrod Lyle, who was an ambassador for Challenge and sadly passed away in August 2018 after his own battle with cancer.

"I really like that all the golfers get involved and support it; there are full fields, and they all wear yellow," Leongatha Golf Club General Manager Kate Rowe said of the event, one of at least eight annual golf fundraising days at the club.

Green fees were waived on Thursday, with players each contributing \$10, all of which went directly to Challenge, with many making additional donations to the cause.

The club also bought Challenge merchandise for prizes, that boosting the fundraising total.

Leongatha Golf Club Board members and captains were among those hitting the course.

There were plenty of visitors from other clubs, Russell Hodgson and Allan Johnson venturing to the course from Toongabbie near Traralgon, playing with Leongatha's Kevin Michael and Colin Bear, the group happy for the Sentinel-Times to snap some shots of them in action.

A golfer even travelled from

By Andrew Paloczi

Mallacoota, over five hours away, to play and support the cause, while there were visitors from closer localities such as Meeniyan and Cowes.

The day got underway with a shotgun start, ensuring there was immediate action around the course, the competition following the Gentsome four-ball format, a hybrid of Ambrose and Stableford, with each group of four players combining as a team.

The daffodil-inspired headwear of Leongatha Golf Club member Robin Smith stood out, being a reward for her fundraising accomplishments in 'The Daffodil Dip'.

It wasn't only golfers getting into the spirit of the glorious day, an echidna was sighted in the rough between fairways, suggesting golf offers a blend of human leisure and wildlife habitat.

As for the day's cause, Challenge is a not-for-profit organisation that supports children and families living with cancer, that support being free and immediate.

It runs programs for children, including camps, hospital support and activity days, music therapy and massage therapy.

Programs for families include lunches and weekends away, home help, transportation and financial assistance.

The organisation also offers scholarships, trusts and bereavement services.



Leongatha Golf Club General Manager Kate Rowe shows off Leuk the Duck, Challenge's driver cover. A16_4425



Robin Smith advances down the fairway, looking the part for the 'Doing it for Jarrod' golf day in her daffodil hat. A15_4425



David Mock, Stephen Lacy, Sue Phillips and Jeff White on the 10th hole. A13_4425



Anne Walker, Bev Sloan and Marg Ryan were the daily winners at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Woorayl Golf Club's A Grade winner Elly Berryman, B Grade winner Ann Grist and C Grade Bev Bridge.



The winner of the Pink Day event held at Woorayl Golf Club was the team from Meeniyán, consisting of Lyn Jennison, Louise Vuillermin, Gail Boag and Heather Poletti.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 28.
Stableford: 31 players.
Winner: A Grade Rob Gallagher 39 points.
Winner: B Grade Joseph Salvatore 33 points.
NTPs: first David Sorrell, seventh Shane Harland and 13th Shane Harland.
Thursday, October 30:
Stableford: 19 players.
Winner: Paul Hopkins 37 points.
NTPs: first Mick Belvedere and 13th Tim Morgan.
Saturday, November 1:
Sponsors: Alex Scott and Staff.
Monthly Medal Stroke: 50 players.
Medal winner and A Grade: Greg Wilson 65 net.
B Grade winner: Iain Riddell 71 net C/B.
C Grade winner: Terry Maskell 70 net.
Gross winner: Greg Wilson 79.
NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh Clint Newcombe, 10th John Kerr and 13th Terry Maskell.

Ladies

THERE have been various events played by the members this last week.
On Wednesday, Jenny Blackmore (25) had good round to win with 36 points.
Runner-up was Trudi Mantell (25), with 30 points.
BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (23), 29 points and Karen Sorrell (36), 28 points on a c/b from Beryl Brown (29).
Lynette McIvor won the Kelly's Bakery voucher with her NTP on the first hole.
There were also many pairings continuing their games in the Singles Match-play Knock-out.
Last Friday, the club had three women play in Woorayl's Pink Day and all enjoyed the event, and, in particular, the delicious salads.
Korumburra was also represented by three of the members who travelled to play in the Wodonga Tournament on Thursday and Friday.
More had planned to participate, but unfortunately, various circumstances prevented their attendance this year.
The trio who participated enjoyed the great weather and had a wonderful time there.
Well done to Sherrin Solly (26), who was awarded the Luscious Café voucher on winning Saturday's RB Medal, with 72 net. Runner up was Lynette McIvor (24), 73 net and BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (23) and Judy Webb (26), both with 74 net.

NTPs went to Deb Wrigley first (Kelly's Bakery voucher), Julie Hillberg 10th and Jennie Loughnan, on both the seventh and 13th greens.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 28: Stableford.
Tuesday's Stableford round had 59 members/guests entering the competition on a pleasant day on course.
Overall winner: Tom Hanily (6) with the high score of the day with 38 points, and welcome home during a break from his Sydney Swans commitments.
A Grade winner: Tom Hanily (6) with 38 points.
A Grade runner-up: Chad Clabby (6) with 37 points.
B Grade winner: Gordon Allan (18) with 36 points on a count-back.
B Grade runner-up: Wayne Keen (18) with 36 points.
NTP fifth second shot: Peter Hardigan (23) at 1.90m.
NTP 14th: John Ryan (10) at 2.02m.
NTP 16th: Craig Hutchinson (9) at 1.12m.
Thursday, October 30: Doing It For Jarrod Gentsomes Event.
Thursday was a special fundraising day for cancer research in memory of local golfing identity Jarrod Lyle with an excellent turnout of 107 members/guests hitting off with a shotgun start playing in an Irish Team Stableford and an individual Stableford event.
Team event placegetters:
1. Karen De Groot, Josh De Groot, Allen Buckthought and John Ryan with a score of 101 points.
2. Paul Luck, Dylan Clark, Bruce Clark and Alan Briggs with 100 points.
Individual Stableford placegetters – well done ladies:
1. Delia Clark (38) with 50 points.
2. Karen De Groot (36) with 48 points.
NTP fifth second shot: Alan Starkey (5) at 1.82m.
NTP 14th: Grant Maggs (20) at 1.71m.
NTP 16th: Steve Foster (9) at .90m.
Saturday, November 1: Monthly Medal Stroke Event.
Saturday was at the start of the month the usual challenging Monthly Medal Stroke event played in supreme spring weather, with a field 74 members/guests entering the competition.
Overall winner: Bryan Roylance (19) with a score of -1.
A Grade winner: Tony Morganti (10) with a score of E on a countback.
A Grade runner-up: Rebecca

Brown (10) with a score of E.
B Grade winner: Martin Fuller (16) with a score of E.
B Grade runner-up: Ray Matthews (14) with a score of +2 on a countback.
C Grade winner: Bryan Roylance (19) with a score of -1.
C Grade runner-up: Peter Read (19) with a score of E on a count-back.
Great score with Michael Thomas hitting an eagle on the 18th hole.
NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes (16) at 3.03m.
NTP 14th: Craig Hutchison (9) at 2.02m.
NTP 16th: Christopher Leaver (9) at 1.20m.

Ladies

THE annual Spring Fiesta Open Mixed was played in superb weather last week.
This event has been sponsored by life member Pat West for many years.
Players could elect to play from any of the four tee markers, blue, red, yellow or pink: hence the name, Choose Your Own Adventure.
Even the floral arrangements provided by Colleen Touzel kept to the same theme.
The newly formed women's group, Birdie Bunch provided a sumptuous afternoon tea.
The overall top score of the day went to Alison Strong with 41 points.
Alison elected to play from the yellow tees and was also the B Grade winner.
Leanne Costello was the runner-up in B Grade with 39 points.
John Moor won A Grade with 35 points, playing from the red tees.
Balls down the went to 31: Maryanne Gartner, Kevin Michael, Michelle Roberts, Cheryl Borg, Neale Gillin, Nan Meagher, Alan Briggs, Karen Castledine Briggs and Karen de Groot.
Nearest the pin on the 16th was Jo McNaughton and Ian Barlow was the closest on the 14th.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, October 28: Stableford.
A Grade: T. Makepeace 38.
B Grade: G. Gunn 31 c/b.
DTL: E. Smith, J. Winters, and T. Whitelaw 35, and M. Grist 34.
NTP: fourth D. Taylor, sixth D. Taylor and 16th M. Grist.
Birdie: fourth S. McKenzie and sixth D. Taylor.
Saturday, November 1: Stroke.
A Grade: T. Bradshaw 69 net.
B Grade: J. Smeriglio, 72 net c/b.
DTL: Tim Traill 71, C.

Bracecamp, A. Liebe 72, and C. Bourne and N. Bickerton 73.
NTP: fourth M. Cunningham, sixth T. Bradshaw, 13th B. Bradshaw and 16th S. Evison.
Birdies: fourth A. Lappin.
Lowest putts: Tim Traill 27 c/b.

MEENIYAN

UNDER a perfect sky, the ladies ventured back onto the back nine for the Stableford round.
The winner was Susan Straw with 32 points, and the runner-up was Irene Holm on 29 points.
Heather Poletti received a DLB for her 27 points.
A big thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work getting the course mowed and presented in fantastic shape. Congratulations to the team of Heather Poletti, Lyn Jennison, Gail Browns and Louise Vuillermin on winning the event held at Woorayl's Pink Day on Friday.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND GOLF INC

THE South Gippsland Golf Inc board have subsidised clinics for many levels of handicaps over the past two years.
This time it was the top end of the players in South Gippsland – those under 20 handicap.
Melissa Taylor has been hired to help these girls improve their game even more.
This has many aims including Country teams, Pennant golf and generally enjoyment of the game.
Hopefully the board will agree to run another clinic early next year.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: October 30.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Frank Huber 39.
Runner-up: Craig Charles 38.
Balls DTL: Glenn Hewlett 34, Ian Johnson 34, Neil Beer 34, Philip McCrimmon 33 and Tony Schipano 32.
Results: October 30.
Competition: Stableford back nine-hole.
Winner: Kevin Bayley 19.
Ball DTL: Mark Nicholson 18.
Results: November 1.
Competition: Monthly Medal Stroke and putting.
Monthly Medal: Bill Howard 60.
A Grade: Blake Cornelis 69.
B Grade: Peter Hanley 69.
C Grade: Gary Youtlen 69.
BDTL to 72.
Ball sweep: Rohan Todd 69, Alan Jones 70, Peter Ali 70, Russell Parker 70, Garry O'Connor 71, Ian Johnson 71, Graeme Campbell 71, Secondo Tiziani 72, Kevin Bayley 72 and Alan

Cubbon 72.
Eagle: Ian Baker 11th.
NTPs: Alan McLean second, not claimed fourth, Daniel Crelin propin eighth, Brad Pinal 13th, and Beau Van Agtmaal money hole 17th.
Putting: Kevin Jamieson 26 putts C/B.
November 9: Wonthaggi Hospital Charity Day.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 26 players having the best of both things to play golf-perfect weather, and a course in great condition, even after the drenching on Sunday.
The game was Par, and the daily winners were A Grade Bev Sloan (18)-3 on c/b Marg Johnson, B Grade and the round of the day Anne Walker (21) +2, and C Grade winner Marg Ryan (32)-4.
NTP on second was Catherine Bolding and eighth Jan Beaumont.
BDL went to Jenny McRae +1, Simone Lindsay -2, Geraldine Prentice-3, Marg Johnson -3, Robyn Wilkinson -4 and Kaylene Hodgetts -4.

WOORAYL

THE ladies played the first round of the Club Championships on Wednesday, sponsored by Leongatha Photographs and Electrics.
The A Grade winner was Elly Berryman 16.91, 75net.
B Grade's winner was Ann Grist 25, 100, 75net.
The C Grade winner was Bev Bridge 32, 107, 75net.
BDL: Heather Sullivan 79net, Jenny Riseley 80net and Joan Smith 82net.
NTPs: eighth Elly Berryman, 11th Linda Forrester and 17th Ann Grist.
Pink Day was held at Woorayl Golf Club on Friday, October 31, sponsored with thanks by A.W. Smith & Sons.
The club had a full field of 72, and the Format was Drop out Ambrose.
The winning team with 62.25 was Meeniyán, Louise Vuillermin, Heather Poletti, Gail Brown, Lyn Jennison.
Runners-up were Leongatha 64.37, Jo McNaughton, Marianne Lever, Jenny Fraser, Jenny Boag.
BDL: combined team, Woorayl, Foster, Mirboo North 65.25; Wonthaggi 67.12; combined team Woorayl, Mirboo North 67.25; Leongatha 67.25.
NTPs: eighth Heather Poletti (Meeniyán) and 17th Ann Grist (Woorayl).
A wonderful day was had by all.

Double Fish earns its way into the grand final

SECOND semi-final results
Wonthaggi Table Tennis:
Double Fish defeated Stiga three to one.

When Stiga's number one Tim, bludgeoned a forehand for a thought to be winner, Double Fish's number two Lee Lee raised her paddle as a face mask for the sole purpose of protecting her cherub cheeks.

The ball crashed the paddle and fluked a loop back over the net.

Tim was unsuspecting and unsighted, prancing victoriously until the Halloween shock of realising he had just lost an unlosable point.

Tim recovered to win the match but knew Lee Lee's form loomed.

Lee Lee caught fire. Extinguishers were tested and CFA put on standby as Lee Lee set the humble hall ablaze with an array of winners in both doubles and singles, overwhelming a gritty Trish to land Double Fish into the grand final.

First semi-final:
Nittaku defeated Donic three to one.

After losing its first five games of the season, Donic brilliantly came back with cohesion and doggedness to secure a finals berth.

However, these traits alone won't get you past Braden's swagger and Jake's flash.

Braden flexed his wingspan and led Nittaku to victory.

The doubles was an entertaining match that saw Nittaku outslug Donic's Charley and Michael in a six-set slugfest.

Now Stiga will confront Nittaku in the preliminary final, where the confounded audience wonders if Lee Lee's loopy lob is still orbiting the hall.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

RESULTS: 2's Company – week 13: first place Jail on 25 points; second King Pins place on 24 points; third place Pin Pushers on 24 points.

ABL – week 13: first place Just Bowl Already on 163 points; second place Pin Pals on 154.5 points; third place Fairlanes on 148.5 points.

Phantom – week 11: first place Spin King on 277 points; second place Lala on 258 points; third place Co-balt on 228 points.

Business early – week four: first place Woolly Balls on 10 points; second place Balls Deep on nine points; third place NTC on seven points; fourth place Happy Hour on six points.

Business late – week four: first place City Lights on 10 points; second place Gym Rats on seven points; third place The Ex Men on six points; fourth place S & R Clarke Auto on five points.

Top scores for this week across each league:

Men: Jason Bence (232), Geoff Watson (221) and Justin Porthouse (196).

Women: Karen Klym (198), Penny Wolswinkle (183) and Kerri Lambert (164).



Kathy Perry of Basketball Victoria, Anne Parkes, Karyn Calvert, Emma Parkes, organiser Corie Blackley and Paul Lewis are ready for some Walking Basketball action. A01_4425

Walking Basketball tips off at Leongatha Splash

WALKING Basketball got off to a successful start in Leongatha on Tuesday morning, offering exercise and social opportunities for everyone, including those with limited mobility.

While participants are divided into teams, designated by bib colour, the emphasis is on fun rather than competition.

The sessions at Splash stadium are free for the first three months, with a small playing fee thereafter.

Organiser Corie Blackley, of Korumburra, is an avid basketballer and got into the walking version of the game after a knee

injury, playing in various locations.

He prefers to get his exercise playing sport rather than going for a walk or to gym.

That sentiment is shared by Anne Parkes of Mount Eccles, who enjoys exercising in a team environment and decided to give Walking Basketball a go after seeing it promoted in the Sentinel-Times.

She credits her military background and history of playing numerous sports for her love of a team environment.

"It was always team in the military; you're only as good as your

weakest link," Anne said.

Her daughter Emma and grandson Jaxen also took the court for Tuesday's session.

Kathy Perry of Basketball Victoria said the slower version of the game began about five years ago in metropolitan locations and has since spread to country areas, including Maryborough, the hometown of famous Australian basketballer Matthew Dellavedova.

"For those people attending, it was really about the connection to community, and the cup of tea afterwards is as important as the activity on the court," Kathy said.

"There are some people who have played basketball for many years and then not been able to play, so to get back into the game at a pace that suited them was really important to them," she added, noting the significance of making friendships and catching up with mates.

Kathy looks forward to Leongatha Walking Basketball participants becoming a real community.

For those keen to join in, sessions get underway at 10.30am each Tuesday at Splash, Leongatha, excluding today (Melbourne Cup).

Coasters give ladder-leaders a Halloween scare

IN TRUE Halloween spirit, Wonthaggi gave ladder-leaders Warragul one hell of a fright on Friday, October 31, falling just short in a 94-91 thriller at the Warragul Leisure Centre.

Coming in, the Warriors looked just about untouchable, sitting comfortably atop the ladder at 6-1 and boasting one of the league's most dangerous offences. But the Coasters clearly hadn't read the script. From the opening tip, they came out hungry. Their defensive pressure was the best they'd shown all season.

Despite early foul trouble for starting forward Tristan Lloyd, who picked up two quick ones in the opening minutes, the Coasters consistently found open looks inside and the ladder-leaders were struggling to keep up. By halftime, the lead was 47-31 and would've been more if not for a great contested three from Warragul's big man Xavier Adams at the halftime buzzer.

But momentum began to swing. The second half saw Warragul catch fire from deep, draining shot after shot while Wonthaggi's perimeter looks refused to fall. The Coasters managed just one three-pointer all night, a corner make from Trent Westaway late in the first quarter, off a slick feed from Zac Mabilia.



Wonthaggi's Zac Mabilia has been impressive all season, averaging 21.7 points per game while consistently finding his teammates for open looks. Photo: Sharon Freeman – Basketball Victoria.

Coaster Vincent Monaghan was an absolute menace, scoring at will. He bullied his way to 32 points, all of them coming from inside the arc or at the line. He was relentless in his attack and kept Wonthaggi's

hopes alive during the match with his consistent scoring and rebounding.

Backing him up was the ever-reliable Zac Mabilia, who finished with 22 points and more than a handful of pinpoint

assists. Jack Gaze chipped in 14 in another consistent outing, while Lloyd, battling foul trouble all night, still found ways to contribute with 11 hard-earned points.

But as the minutes ticked away, Warragul found their groove. The Warriors erupted for 66 second-half points, their shooters red-hot and their confidence rising with every possession. Wonthaggi's defence, though airtight early, began to loosen just enough for the home side to slip through, and in the dying moments, they did just that.

It was heartbreak for the Coasters, but head coach Michael Bell was able to find the silver lining.

"We've been building," Bell said after the game.

"We've taken steps the past few weeks, and we took another one tonight. They're the top team, and we were right there with them."

And he wasn't wrong. On a night meant for scares, Wonthaggi came within inches of pulling off a monster upset.

The result leaves Wonthaggi with a 4-3 record as the season passes the halfway mark. With four games left, the Coasters will likely need to win out to stay in finals contention.

They'll have a bye this weekend before returning to the court on Sunday, November 16, for a home clash against Bairnsdale.

The annual Coronet Bay Fun Run raises awareness for Pancreatic Cancer

CORONET Bay welcomed over 50 runners for the Coronet Bay Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, November 2, with runners, walkers, children and pets taking part in the three- or five-kilometre run.

An annual event organised by the Coronet Bay Community Association Committee, where John (secretary) and Christian (treasurer) were an integral part of bringing it all together.

Councillor Jan Thompson opened the Fun Run and asked all participants and volunteers to take a moment to honour and celebrate the life and contribution of the late Ian Cole, who had coordinated the Fun Run from 2014 until 2024.

"Ian's dedication reflected what this event is really about – participation, connection and pride in our community," said Jan.

Before Ian's long commitment to organising the Fun Run, Laurie Black ran it for 16 years and started the event.

This year, the Fun Run event was supported by the Dare to Hope Foundation to raise awareness for Pancreatic Cancer.

"Fun Run participants had the option to donate directly to the worthwhile organisation," said John.

"The weather was warm, and the Fun Run ran smoothly thanks to the help of the many volunteers. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!"



The Coronet Bay Community Association Committee took a moment to reflect and honour the late Ian Cole, who had coordinated the annual Fun Run for over a decade.



Coronet Bay saw over 50 participants run through the finish line of the 2025 Fun Run event.



The Coronet Bay Community Association Committee volunteers coordinate the entire Coronet Bay Fun Run event each year.

Colour Run a stunning success at Leongatha Primary

LEONGATHA Primary School held its highly anticipated 2025 Colour Run recently, and what a spectacular day it was!

Bursting with colour, laughter, and community spirit, the event brought together students, families, and friends for a fun-filled day in support of an important cause.

"Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local community, we are thrilled to announce that we raised just over \$22,000, and these funds will go directly towards making our classrooms more comfortable," principal Warwick Ford said.

The rooms will be cooler in summer, warmer in winter, and quieter during instruc-

tional time, ensuring every student can learn in the best possible environment.

"We are deeply grateful for the support of our families, sponsors, and local businesses who made this day possible; your involvement truly highlights the strength and spirit of our wonderful Leongatha community," Warwick said.

The day was vibrant, joyful, and a wonderful celebration of teamwork and community pride.

"We look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships as we work together to make Leongatha Primary School the best it can be," Warwick said.



Students are happy to be doused in colour, with staff ready to oblige.

Darts leaders on notice as competition closes in across league

THE Phillip Island and Districts Darts League is heating up as 26 sharp-shooters turned out for a fantastic night of action in round eight of the Spring Series.

The energy was high, but the team of Marilyn, Paul, and Vince stole the show, firing their way to a dominant six-to-one victory.

Their impressive performance proves that teamwork makes the dream work as the competition enters its most crucial stage.

It was a truly memorable night for vice president Vince Palladino, who, after contributing significantly to his team's big win, stepped up and walked away with the magnificent San Remo

Butchers meat tray raffle prize.

Congratulations to Vinnie on a well-deserved double victory.

In the individual standings, the tension is palpable.

The race for the top is now tighter than ever.

Bob managed to hold his lead, breaking the 50-point half-century barrier with 50 points.

However, he can't afford to miss a beat, as Paul is breathing down his neck, just one point behind on 49 points.

Holding strong in third place is David Healey with 41 points.

With the gaps so small, every match counts, and any of the top players could lead by next week.

The excitement doesn't stop for the long weekend.

The darts action continues this coming Monday night, and players are urged to practice hard during the week.

This is the perfect opportunity to peg back the leaders, Bob and Paul, and shake up that leaderboard.

Make sure you turn up and be a part of the fun.

RIGHT: After helping his team to victory in round eight of Phillip Island and Districts Darts League's Spring Series, Vince Palladino also won the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle.



PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB

THE Phillip Island Bridge Club enjoyed another lively week at the tables, with both newcomers and seasoned players taking part in a full schedule of lessons and competition.

The club launched its free beginners' lessons on Tuesday, October 28, with an excellent turnout.

Participants arrived from 9.45am for a 10am start, and enthusiasm was high among those eager to learn the game.

Lesson two will take place on Tuesday, November 11, continuing weekly every Tuesday right up until Christmas.

In Monday's competition, first place among five tables was shared by the pairs Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour, and Caroline Shaw and Janusz Wolnik, both scoring an impressive 63.43 per cent.

Shaw and Wolnik continued their fine form midweek, taking first place again on Wednesday with a 60.65 per cent score across five and a half tables – a strong follow-up performance that solidifies their reputation as a consistent and well-matched partnership.

The club looks forward to welcoming both new learners and regular players in the coming weeks as bridge activity builds toward the festive season.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

LAST Monday in Inverloch, Susan Ruffin and Clive Hope dominated with 66.27 per cent, Ann Marie Tyler and Fred Meiseloach 56.55, Julie and Ian McPhee 54.53, and Sean Munley and Bruce Higgs 52.68 per cent.

Ruth Stevenson and Penny Lanser just managed to topple the invariable Tuesday leaders, with 61.48 per cent, then Lois Dwyer and Alan Johnston 61.11, Faye Rowlands and Doug McIntosh 55.19, Bron Sund and Michael Dooley also 55.19, Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles with 53.70, Marie Sands and Ken McKenzie 52.59 per cent.

The room was split on Friday, with one competition for those holding more than 300 points (three tables) and the remainder of the room making a grand total of 11.5 tables.

Leading the regular competition Matti Shub and John Quayle with 62.5 per cent, Neville and Philip Chapman 54.17, Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 50.83, and Faye Rowlands and John Currier also 50.83 per cent.

The Australia-wide Restricted Pairs was topped in N/S by Anne Ferrari and Wendy McKergow 62.8, Judy Walker and Grant Austen 61.1, Bron Sund and Julie Periam 57.19, and Martin and Ruth Stevenson 56.55 per cent.

E/W Penny Lanser and Doug McIntosh 61.64, Lois Dwyer and Robyn Egan 56.35, Anne Somerville and Kathy Dowd 53.70, and Moya Crowley and Michael Doolley 52.91 per cent.

Just to note, Penny Lanser and Doug McIntosh came in 25th in the national competition, out of a field of more than 1160 pairs – kudos.

There will be no play on Cup Day.

Anyone wanting to learn the game or join the club please contact president Mary on 0427 338 598 or the secretary Kathy on 0438 859 561.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

2025: 20m Bench Pennant – Section B.

Round four: Leongatha A 598.27 defeated BERC A 594.22.

Christopher Sargent 200.11; Bradley Hall 199.08; Peter Gallus 199.08; Kenneth Hart 197.06.

Round five: Leongatha A 599.29 defeated Oakleigh A 597.22.

Bradley Hall 200.10; Peter Gallus 200.09; Christopher Sargent 199.10; Kenneth Hart 198.06.

Round six: Hamilton A 598.23 defeated Leongatha A 598.21.

Bradley Hall 200.10; Peter Gallus 200.05; Christopher Sargent 198.06; Kenneth Hart 197.05.

Ladder: Leongatha A 20; Brunswick 12; Oakleigh A 12; BERC A 12; Hamilton A 16; Frankston B 0.

2025: 20m Bench Pennant – Section G.

Round four: Leongatha B 585.09 defeated Frankston D 571.05.

Robert Spratt 196.05; Jack Sargent 196.02; John Cafarella 193.02.

Round five: Leongatha B 586.13 defeated Fairfield B 578.11.

Jack Sargent 197.06; Robert Spratt 195.04; John Cafarella 194.03.

Round six: Leongatha B 595.26 defeated Sale C 587.05.

Robert Spratt 200.09; Robert Clements 198.08; Jack Sargent 197.09; John Cafarella 188.02.

Ladder: Sale D 24; Leongatha B 20; Sale C 12; Fairfield B 8; Frankston D 8.

2025: 20m Prone Pennant – Section H.

Round four: Leongatha C 576.10 bye.

C Allan Ross 193.04; C Mathew Eldridge 192.03; C William Ross 191.03; C Cameron Davidson.

Shepparton 578.07 defeated Leongatha D 570.06.

D Brianna Kelly 193.02; D Hannah Hengstberger 192.03; D Iesha Considine 185.01; D Leah Considine 183.01; Dx Agan Hengstberger 187.01.

Round five: Shepparton 592.11 defeated Leongatha C 585.10.

C Cameron Davidson 197.03; C William Ross 195.06; C Allan Ross 193.01; C Mathew Eldridge 190.01.

Leongatha D 579.13 defeated Portland 574.10.

D Brianna Kelly 198.06; D Hannah Hengstberger; D Leah Considine 190.03; D Iesha Considine 189.03; Dx Agan Hengstberger 188.02.

Round six: Leongatha D 583.10 defeated Leongatha C 581.08.

C Allan Ross 196.01; C William Ross 193.04; C Cameron Davidson 192.03; C Mathew Eldridge 186.01; D Brianna Kelly 195.02; D Iesha Considine 194.05; D Hannah Hengstberger 194.03; D Leah Considine 189.02; Dx Agan Hengstberger 189.01.

Ladder: Leongatha D 20; Shepparton 24; Portland 16; Leongatha C 8; Warburton C 4.

The club shoots Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

Pink Ribbon success for Leongatha tennis

THE annual Leongatha Ladies Veterans Tennis Pink Ribbon fundraiser day was held on October 30.

A total of \$246.50 was raised from the raffle of donated prizes and a further \$500 from the weekly sale of preserves donated by wonderful club member Mavis Hogan.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon tea with delicious sponge cakes made by Jenny Stephenson.

BMX Racing at National Championship



FATHER and son, Peter and Charlie Moule, have been racing for over four years and recently competed at the 2025 GWM BMX Racing National Championship at the MacArthur BMX track in New South Wales.

Peter, competing in the 55-59 year-old category, secured an impressive seventh-place finish, showcasing that age is no barrier in competitive racing.

“I was focused on perfecting my start techniques,” said Peter.

“The first three motos were quite nerve-racking, and this decided whether I transferred into the final eight. Making the top eight at Nationals is what all BMX races strive for.

“My coach’s guidance paid off, and I was proud to finish in the top eight.”

Charlie, now in the 13-year-old boys 20-inch Cruiser

category, made his mark by reaching 24th in the Cruiser class, 25th in the 20-inch class and 15th in the Pump Track Championships. With these results, Charlie showed promising talent in the sport.

“I’m improving my starts and fitness and learning from Australia’s top BMX talent,” said Charlie.

Both racers now have their sights set on future challenges, training together in Knox, with Peter and Charlie both eyeing the World Championship in Brisbane in 2026.

RIGHT: Peter Moule recently competed in the 55-59-year-old category, securing an impressive seventh-place at the 2025 BMX Racing National Championship in New South Wales. Photo: Staggy photos.

Local community connections to cricket tragedy

CRICKET connections run deep, but it’s often only when tragedy strikes one of their own that cricketers find out how deep.

The Leongatha and District Cricket Association played in the ‘Provincial’ division of Melbourne Country Week this year with the eventual winners, the Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association.

The previous year, they played against them in the Pool games.

“We know some of the guys out there and we’ll be reaching out to them during the week,” said manager of the LDCA Country Week team Kristian Gray.

He’s also aware of a strong local connection with the young 17-year-old, Ben Austin, tragically killed in a training accident at the Walley Tew Reserve in Ferntree Gully during the week.

Former Australian, Victorian, South Australian and Wonthaggi cricketer, Darren Berry, is a director of coaching at the Rowville Sports Academy



Local cricketers are asked to put your ‘Bats Out for Benny’ after the passing of young Ferntree Gully cricketer Ben Austin.

attended by the promising young cricketer, and just as he has been credited with the development of the likes of Nathan Lyon and Travis Head, Darren was also helping Ben along the way too.

These connections bring

home how widely this tragedy will be felt and why there’s likely to be quite a few ‘Bats Out for Benny’ over the next few days, just as they did after the accident which killed Australian test cricketer Phil Hughes in 2014.

“Statistically speaking, cricket is one of the safest sports, even when you consider we play with a hard ball, but we’ll be reinforcing our safety procedures when we talk to the players this week, especially the juniors,” said Gray.

“We’ll be speaking to the kids tonight at training about what’s happened and the fact that he died doing what he loved most, but we’ll also be impressing on them that there’s nothing like sporting clubs, whether it’s cricket or footy or something else to get around each other when something goes wrong.

“They’ll make sure his memory lives on.”

Gray said the risks associated with playing cricket were relatively low when assessed against other sports and while precautions needed to be taken, it ranked below walking as a pastime likely to cause injury.

“We’ll be reinforcing those safety messages this week and doing our due diligence but it’s just a tragedy for something like this to happen.”

Wonthaggi beats undefeated Warragul in Pennant croquet showdown



Wonthaggi Croquet Club’s Mike Butterfield, Sue Priller, Marj Prendergast, Jo Butterfield, Terry Nash and Robin McKinnon competed in the Drouin Level Play Doubles recently.

SEVEN weeks into the Pennant season sees Wonthaggi sitting in third place in the West Gippsland division having just beaten Warragul eight games to six, who, up until then, were undefeated.

Warragul leads the pack with five wins, one loss and one draw followed by Drouin, Wonthaggi, Leongatha, and Korumburra, with Phillip Island bringing up the rear.

On the weekend of October 18 and 19, two of Wonthaggi’s regular travellers ventured to Howlong, 28 kilometres west of Albury on the Victorian side of the Murray.

Neil Warburton and Kathy Ross competed in the Green Block in their Handicap Doubles, but unfortunately could only manage to win one game.

That same weekend, four members and one associate member competed in the Drouin Level Play Doubles.

In Block 1, Marj Prendergast and Terry Nash won four

of their games, which was equal to the eventual winners, but put them in fourth place on hoop difference.

In Block 2, Sue Priller and Robin McKinnon (Leongatha) finished with four wins (third place), and Mike and Jo Butterfield finished runners-up with five wins.

Warragul Handicap Doubles was the next stop on the calendar on October 25 and 26 with Tom Lacey/Sue Baker winning two games, Sue Cartwright/Barbara Heesh one game and Kathy Ross/Philip Bool winning four games and finishing third. Philip is relatively new at this tournament

caper and is acquitting himself very well.

Please remember that all are welcome to come and try on any of the club days – Monday, Wednesday and Saturday – starting at 10am.

The club is situated on Wentworth Road near the sporting/pool complex.

Practice run for Premier at Mirboo North stadium

NO ONE is complaining about the unexpected visit by Premier Jacinta Allan to Mirboo North on Tuesday, October 21, or that she practiced shooting hoops with Belinda Snell, the town's much-loved Olympic hero.

And locals are hopeful that the practice run last week will be a precursor to a funding announcement by Premier Allan in the run-up to the next State Election in November next year, if not before.

The visit came at the initiative of Eastern Victoria Labor MP Tom McIntosh, who capitalised on a visit by Premier Allan to the Latrobe Valley to announce free travel on the newly refurbished Gippsland Line throughout November.

The Mirboo North Secondary College and Primary School posted its appreciation for the Premier's visit:

"Today we were visited by the Hon. Jacinta Allan Premier of Victoria, who was accompanied by Tom McIntosh MP Labor Minister for South East Victoria a very big supporter of ours and our community. Tom made his second visit to MNSC and MNPS with the Premier (which was a big surprise for us all), and her entourage in tow, to see how our gym 'really' looks first hand, and to highlight the long overdue need for an upgrade.

"No promises were made (yet) but we think Premier



The Premier Jacinta Allan made a surprise visit to Mirboo North recently to take a first-hand look at the town's failing basketball stadium. Locals are hopeful, after a long-running campaign, that they'll see a pre-election promise for a new stadium for a town that has already produced at least one Olympic basketballer.

Allan was more than impressed by our outstanding Primary School captains and some of our aspiring secondary college leaders, the grounds (which looked beautiful this morning) and our passionate sports teachers Ms Burke and Ms Hogg who have been lobbying for this facility.

"Ruth Rogan from the Mirboo North and District Foundation were also there to explain its important role in helping us get this project happening."

Ms Rogan said the visit by the Premier was a positive

sign for the town, which had already committed to co-funding the stadium project.

"There had been some talk about putting a new stadium up at the recreation reserve, but the community has decided that the school is the best place for it, where it will get the most use," said Ms Rogan.

Ms Allan was keenly interested in the town's recovery from the February 2024 storm and was left in no doubt, over morning tea with Mr McIntosh and staff members, that a replacement gym is much needed.

Gippsland South MP, Dany O'Brien, has also weighed in, thanking the Premier for her visit and for inspecting the old stadium.

"It's decidedly out of date, it doesn't meet requirements, it's the only stadium in town and we had nearly the entire town sign a petition a few years ago, that I took to Parliament, calling on the government to provide more funding," said Mr O'Brien.

"Great that you visited, but please now can you now send us a cheque and actually get a new stadium built in Mirboo North."

Goannas outplay the Wombats at Toongabbie

UNFORTUNATELY, due to the lousy weather, neither of the Goannas teams due to play on Sunday had a game.

This means the Over 50 team are yet to play this season, and the Over 60 team have just played the one game.

The next game for the Over 50s will be a home game against the Geelong Over 50 team, on Sunday, November 9.

Both the Over 60 team and the Over 70 team travelled to Geelong over the long weekend for a 'double-header' at the Leopold Cricket Club grounds.

On Tuesday, October 28, the Over 70 team welcomed the West Gippsland Wombats to the Village Green ground in Toongabbie.

The turf ground was still rather wet from the weekend's rain.

Winning the toss, the Goannas batted first with Donald Cameron and Neil Meredith opening the innings.

Both retired, for 16 and 29 respectively from their 30 balls.

Ian Gibson, 19, Ray Smith, 30, and Phill Higgins, 10, also retired after facing 30 balls.

The Goannas had reached 87 at the 20-over drinks break.

Murray Moore, 26 from 20, with a mighty six, also retired.

Ron Milnes six, Dick Noble



Andy Slevin plays off the back foot for the Gippsland Goannas.

one, and Andy Slevin five, were all out as the score mounted to 3/156 after 34 overs.

Bob Duljas 12x and Gordon Cowling 20x saw the Goannas reach 40 overs for the total of 187 runs.

Peter Anton had done a magnificent job for the teams, getting the ground ready for play and setting up the afternoon tea back at the main

clubhouse.

After tea, the Wombats started their innings slowly as Ian Southall, five overs eight runs, and Cowling, five overs 1/6, held the score to 1/14 after 10 overs.

Barrie Nunn and Milnes bowled the next 10 overs for 15 and 14 runs each as the Wombats reached 1/45 at drinks.

Meredith, five overs 1/5,

Noble three overs for 10, Slevin, five overs 1/9, Duljas, Higgins and Smith, two overs, 1/9, completed the innings as the Wombats reached 4/114 after their 40 overs.

Smith took a good catch at slip early, Gibson had a good stumping, and Cameron took a good catch at backward square leg, but the ground fielding of Southall, Moore and Duljas was spectacular.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 5 (DAY 1) - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

A GRADE, Division 1

Phillip Island v Club
COWES - Ken Scrimshaw
Town v Nerrena
SCORPION PARK 1 - Shane Moore
OMK v Inverloch
OUTTRIM - Ashleigh Stride
Imperials - BYE

A Grade, Division 2

Nyora v MDU
NYORA - Geoffrey Parkinson
Kilcunda Bass v Korumburra
BASS 1 - Michael Thomas
Glen Alvie v Foster
WONTHAGGI TURF - Ian Salmon
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

B GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v OMK
KORUMBURRA - Geoff Birnie
Inverloch v Town
INVERLOCH TURF - John Schelling (Day 1)
Nerrena v Phillip Island
LEONGATHA TURF - Tyson Tootel
Club - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Imperials v Nyora
EAST CAMPUS - TBA
MDU v Koonwarra L/RSL
MEENIYAN - TBA
Glen Alvie v Kilcunda Bass
Glen Alvie - TBA

ROUND 5 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

C GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Club
NERRENA - TBA
MDU v OMK
DUMBALK - TBA
Korumburra v Kilcunda Bass
POOWONG - TBA
Phillip Island - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Inverloch v Nyora
INVERLOCH FG - TBA
OMK v Town
DIGGER PARK - TBA
Club v Koonwarra L/RSL
McMAHON - TBA
Glen Alvie - BYE

Subject to Confirmation.
Any prospective umpires
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Ash Stride 0432 350 944 or
Ken Scrimshaw 0433 297 421



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

7.30PM START
STONY CREEK SOCIAL ROOMS

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:
BUSINESS ARISING, 2025 FINANCIALS,
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& APPOINTING 2026 COMMITTEE

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Kelpies select Mabilia

LOCAL netballer Zac Mabilia was recently selected in the Kelpies squad for the 2025/26 International Season.

The midcourt player was an invitation-al player for the Kelpies' selection camp during the 2023/24 season, and a re-serve for the side in the 2024/25 season.

Under new coach Jane Woodlands-Thompson, Mabilia will be starting a new training program and is looking ahead to January, as the Kelpies are already locked in for the South Africa Series.

Mabilia was thrilled to receive the news of his selection.

"We went through a selection camp, and then they rang the athletes to inform them of their decision," Mabilia said.

"It was a really exciting phone call. I was injured during the camp, so I didn't get to fully finish selection and I was surprised with the result."

Mabilia said it was an exciting time to be selected, as works are underway to establish the first men's World Cup in 2028.

Originally from Wonthaggi, Mabilia moved to New South Wales for university and has been playing with the state team.

Having now played for both Victoria and New South Wales, Mabilia feels confident going into his next challenge with the Kelpies.

"A lot of the Kelpies players are from Victoria and New South Wales, so I have

either played with them or against them in the M-League or Fast Fives," he said.

"The Kelpies are a step up in terms of intensity and it will be good to play alongside the top standard of Australian men's netballers."

A new training program is being set up for the newly selected squad, with all players expected to undergo satellite trainings and individual trainings in their respective states.

Mabilia is more than ready to take on this opportunity.

"It will be amazing to tour different countries, playing with and against the best players in men's netball," he said.

"The guys who are in the Kelpies are so talented and so smart, and it'll be exciting to learn from what they can do and be a bit more creative on the court."

Back in Wonthaggi, Mabilia has also been named Wonthaggi Power's new A and B Grade coach for 2026.

"I did a bit of coaching this year and now I'm coming back in the head coach role," he said.

"I was contacted by Ellie Bates to do a bit of coaching in Wonthaggi. I've done some coaching in Melbourne, and I've coached gymnastics and refereed basketball. I really enjoy coaching – it's changed the way I play and has helped me become a smarter player."



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