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Former teachers, students and locals rallied at Wishart Reserve urging funding to transform the long-vacant Wonthaggi Tech School site into a regional arts and community hub.

OUTGUNNED!

- Bail bids fail for accused Wonthaggi shooters

BOTH of the Wonthaggi men charged in relation to the allegedly mistaken shooting of local father of two, Kevin McLean, 43, in January this year, were denied bail in the Melbourne Magistrate Court last Friday. It didn't help that one of the men, 29-year-old Rhys Wilson, was proposing to spend his time on bail at a family member's home where police reported there

was a cache of nine guns in the garage, secured in a gun safe, on the property. But it was a detail about Wilson's application that didn't pass muster with Magistrate Nick Goodenough, who otherwise acknowledged the supportive submission by Wilson's mother, her willingness to put her house up as a surety, and his prospects of immediately stepping back into

work as a plumber on release. "Mr Wilson does have other matters as well as the shooting and driving offences, which is a very serious offence, and the fact that there will be nine firearms at the address is of great concern to me," said Mr Goodenough.

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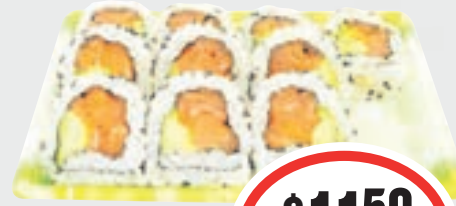
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Last month's Phillip Island MotoGP attracted 91,245 attendees, a 28 per cent increase on 2023, but it wasn't enough to end speculation about the race's future beyond 2026, it didn't help that Aussie favourite Jack Miller slid out at Siberia on Lap Five of the big race.

How Island tourism is chasing MotoGP renewal

DESTINATION Phillip Island has announced that it is continuing its strong advocacy for a new contract to secure the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island beyond 2026.

Its efforts come after wide speculation that the contract at the world-famous Phillip Island GP Circuit will not be renewed after 2026, meaning the next event on October 23 to 25 next year could be the last.

It has been reported that the issue for series promoter Dorna Sports (Liberty Media Corporation) and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) is "the circuit's chronic lack of significant investment in infrastructure and facilities over the last decade" fuelling speculation they are looking for another venue, not necessarily in Victoria.

The staging of the event in one of the traditionally wettest months of the year hasn't helped either.

Destination Phillip Island issued the following statement this week:

"The MotoGP, along with our broader major events calendar, plays a critical role in supporting the tourism sector and the wider economy across

Phillip Island, Bass Coast and Victoria," said DPI Executive Officer Kim Storey.

DPI listed the economic and tourism benefits:

- The 2023 economic impact study by Ernst & Young reported a total economic impact of \$54.6 million for the region, supporting 284 full-time equivalent jobs, based on attendance of 71,387 across the event period.
- Global exposure remains a powerful driver of visitation. In 2023, 10,301 media items were recorded worldwide, generating an Advertising Value Equivalency of \$37.1 million.
- The 2025 event, held last month, drew an estimated 91,245 attendees – the highest since 2012 and a 28 per cent increase on 2023.

Long reach of event spending:

- The economic uplift extends well beyond race weekend, covering accommodation and hospitality demand during event set-up and pack-down periods.
- Temporary staff, contractors and event suppliers rely on local accommodation, food, retail and services throughout this period, adding important value to local businesses.

Ongoing advocacy and engagement

"Destination Phillip Island Board members and the General Manager continue to meet with the Minister and the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions to highlight the importance of securing Australia's largest regional event for the long term.

"Productive discussions were also held with Australian Grand Prix Corporation Chair the Hon Martin Pakula and CEO Travis Auld during last month's event."

Board chair of Destination Phillip Island, Jeff Webb said retaining the MotoGP was critical.

"We are actively raising this matter with the Minister's office because we know just how critical the MotoGP is for our local operators and our visitor economy," said Mr Webb.

"With over \$500 million in new investments occurring in our region, securing the event beyond 2026 remains one of our highest priorities, and we will continue to advocate strongly on behalf of our community," he said.

"Phillip Island's long-standing relationship with the MotoGP delivers significant economic, social and promotional benefits. Ensuring this event remains on the Island beyond 2026 is essential for the strength and stability of our visitor economy."

Outgunned: Bailbids fail for accused Wonthaggi shooters

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"Anything involving a firearm is serious, and in this case very serious," he said of the shooting in a residential street in Wonthaggi in the early hours of Sunday morning, January 12, 2025, out of which his charges arose.

Wilson's co-accused, a New Zealand national, Daniel Baigent, aged 24, who has lived in Australia since the age of six, also had his application denied by Magistrate Goodenough, despite the court hearing that Mr Baigent was "in considerable pain" and booked in for an immediate hip replacement operation due to a serious case of articular sclerosis.

Mr Goodenough acknowledged that Baigent had certificates to say he had used his time in prison productively, that he had provided clean screens, had a job available and a stable address should he be released, but he also had numerous breaches of court orders on his record and given the circumstances around the alleged offending, would not be granted bail.

Both applicants were assessed as having met the "compelling circumstances" test for release, but the magistrate accepted the submissions of police and the Department of Public Prosecutions that bail conditions could not ameliorate the risks to the community if the men were allowed out ahead of the planned trial.

This was despite the lawyer for Rhys Wilson, Grace Morgan, arguing the case might not get to trial until late 2026 at the earliest, putting her client in the position of spending more time on remand than he would receive as a penalty.

Lawyer for the DPP, Martin Radzaj, speaking about the submission made by Mr Baigent's lawyer, Ran Zayden, claimed the homemade gun used in the commission of the offence was found in the possession of Baigent the day after the incident and that he had demonstrated poor compliance with court orders in the past.

He submitted there were no bail conditions that could remove the risk posed to the community and "any time in custody will not exceed the ultimate sentence", he said.

In the early hours of Sunday, January 12 this year, emergency services were called to a residential street in Wonthaggi after reports that a man had

been shot following a verbal altercation in Fahey Street at about 2am. A 10-year-old girl was reportedly asleep inside the house at the time.

The alleged offenders escaped, one on a motorbike and the other in a utility vehicle, which crashed into several of the neighbour's cars parked nearby. CCTV video footage provided by community members forms a significant part of the prosecution's case.

Rhys Wilson is facing eight charges in relation to incidents on January 12 and 14, 2025, including:

- Recklessly engage in conduct, namely drive in a manner dangerous that may have placed persons in danger of death
- Recklessly cause serious injury to Kevin McLean
- Prohibited person using a firearm
- Drive while disqualified
- Possess cannabis
- Possess butanediol

Daniel Baigent is facing nine charges in relation to incidents on January 12 and 14 including:

- Drive unlicensed
- Deal in the proceeds of crime (\$788.10) while being negligent as to whether or not it is the proceeds of crimes
- Traffic methyl amphetamine
- Traffic butanediol
- Possess prohibited weapon (double-edged machete)
- Possess prohibited weapon (knuckle dusters)
- Possess cartridge ammunition
- Possess cannabis
- Prohibited person in possession of a firearm

The matters associated with the Wonthaggi shooting on January 12, 2025, are listed in the Melbourne County Court on December 15, 2025, for a directions' hearing with the date for the trial yet to be fixed.

In the meantime, Rhys Wilson is due to face the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court on Tuesday, November 25 on an equally long list of unrelated matters, in Wonthaggi in March last year including trafficking cannabis, and possession of an array of illicit drugs including methyl amphetamine, ecstasy, MDMA, morphine, and psilocybin (mushrooms), and possession of an extendable baton.

He has also been charged with stealing \$5000 worth of copper cable from a business premises in The Gurdies in August last year. He has already entered pleas of guilty in relation to the 2024 offences.

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IN BRIEF

Appeal for witnesses

DETECTIVES attached to Baw Baw Family Violence Unit are investigating an historical Family Violence incident which occurred on March 1, 2024, at approximately 5pm.

The incident occurred on Buckingham and Fowler Road, Koonwarra, alongside the Great Southern Rail Trail, involving a male and female next to a White Toyota LandCruiser Single Cab Ute.

Detectives are particularly interested in speaking to two females aged approximately in their 60s, who may have been walking along the rail trail at the time of the incident.

Can witnesses please contact Baw Baw Family Violence Unit on 5622 7111.

Lively debate expected on BURT review

IN SEPTEMBER this year, Island Ward Councillor Tim O'Brien declared the Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism (BURT) Strategy "pleased almost no-one".

He called for a review of the 2023 strategy and received the unanimous support of his colleagues declaring that it was at odds with the protective intent of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes policy.

At this week's council meeting, officers will provide a review of the BURT, which uncovered few, if any, of the fearful outcomes such as prioritising large-scale tourism projects.

The issue is likely to be well debated, if not at the council meeting at 1pm this Wednesday, then in the closed briefing session before the public session.

According to shire officers, the current Bass Coast Planning Scheme is not delivering the desired outcomes for Rural Tourism in Bass Coast consistent with Council's Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategies, recommending the funding of a new Rural Land Use Strategy in a future budget to further this work.

Landslip Rail Trail under investigation

BASS Coast Shire Council is assessing the impact of a recent landslip that occurred adjacent to the Nyora-Wonthaggi Rail Trail at Kilcunda, following significant sand dune erosion in the area.

In recent weeks, storms and high tides have caused substantial erosion near the Lionel Rose carpark. As a result, the beach access stairs were washed away, and access to Kilcunda Surf Beach is now very limited. For community safety, security fencing has been installed to prevent access to the damaged area.

Council has engaged geo-technical engineers to undertake assessments; investigations and surveys are expected to take approximately two weeks.

Cr Morgan into bat for Neighbourhood Houses

NEIGHBOURHOOD Houses Victoria is in desperate need of State Government funding, according to Cr Mat Morgan, and we've seen the fallout of this funding crisis locally.

At this Wednesday's council meeting Cr Morgan will be calling on his fellow councillors to support an advocacy initiative to the State Government.

He has given notice of a call to support the 'Keep Our Doors Open' by writing to the Minister for Carers and Volunteers, Ros Spence, asking the State Government to restore funding of local neighbourhood houses to historical levels, with a 25 per cent funding increase and to boost Neighbourhood Houses Victoria's core funding from \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually.

He claims the state's 200 neighbourhood houses are at risk of closure.

"Neighbourhood houses are experiencing rising costs, growing community demand, and eroded core funding. Bass Coast's neighbourhood houses are the core of our community. They provide services and support for our most vulnerable community members. Neighbourhood Houses Victoria deserve council's support they fight to keep the doors open at these vital community assets," he said.

Bass Coast proposes farm rate relief

TRUE to its word, the Bass Coast Shire Council is conducting a review of its rating strategy and will vote this week on putting the options out for public consideration.

A feature of the review will be an increase in the farm rate differential from 80 per cent of the general rate to a low point in the three options of 65 per cent but as identified by Bass VFF Branch president Bill Cleeland, even the lowest option doesn't improve the position for all farmers because of plans to remove the Land Management Rebate at the same time.

"It's pretty complicated to work it out because everyone's situation is different because the Land Management Rebate is based on farming property size," said Mr Cleeland this week.

"We'll have to get the VFF's policy advisor in Melbourne to look at it before we can respond," he said.

After a long stint at the

helm, Bill Cleeland is standing down as president at the group's AGM this Wednesday night.

As revealed by council this week, ahead of its own meeting on Wednesday, even the lowest proposed differential option only 64 per cent of farm ratepayers would be better off.

Option 1 - Maximum farmer subsidy increase:

- Farm rate reduced to 65 per cent (a 35 per cent discount to one of the lowest in Victoria)
- Vacant land increased to 200 per cent to strongly encourage development
- Land Management Rebate removed (saving \$650,000/year)
- Result: 64 per cent of farms better off or break even, strong incentive to develop vacant land, minimal impact on residential ratepayers, budget savings available for other priorities.

The council is also proposing two other options for community consultation.

Carnival Cruise Ships sail into Rhyll before Christmas

ON Tuesday, December 23, from 8am to 11pm, the Noor-dam cruise ship will dock at Rhyll with up to 1972 passengers coming from Sydney and sailing to Burnie, Tasmania.

Then, into the new year, on Thursday, January 1, the Seven Seas Explorer will port in Rhyll with up to 750 passengers coming from Sydney and sailing to Burnie, Tasmania.

Followed on Saturday, April 4, by the Carnival Adventure, with a capacity of up to 2636 passengers, which will come in from Sydney to Phillip Island and return on a five-day cruise experience, from 8am to 5pm.

Shore excursions are curated by the Shore Excursion agent, in this case Bob Wood and InterCruises for the Seven Seas Explorer.

No money yet for Wimbledon Heights pedestrian crossing

DESPITE what local residents have described as a desperate need for a pedestrian crossing on Phillip Island Road at Wimbledon Heights, funding for the crossing remains unresolved.

The Wimbledon Heights community has long advocated for improved safety at the pedestrian crossing point on Phillip Island Road near Gap Road with the current informal crossing point connected by a gravel track in an 80km/h speed zone.

At least 64 students cross the road twice a day to go to school with many relying on

parents for transport due to the risks posed by the existing crossing. A pedestrian upgrade has been strongly supported by Cowes Primary School, Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School and Newhaven College.

Preliminary cost estimates for the detailed design and construction of the crossing are between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Bass Coast Council will vote this week to expedite grant applications to secure funding.

Bass Council to vote for mayor

FIRST item of business for the Bass Coast Shire Council at its meeting this Wednesday, November 19, will be to vote on extending the reign of Cr Rochell Halstead as mayor or to find a new one.

It is understood that Cr Halstead will be seeking another term, but it is not known whether there will be any challengers.

Cr Halstead has declined to comment at this stage.

Council will also vote on raising the mayor's allowance by almost \$3000 to \$118,303 annually. They will also vote on the term of mayor, the position of deputy mayor and raising the deputy's allowance by \$1500 to \$59,152 annually.

Prom Country Cheese awarded best in Australia for Inverloch Blue

PROM Country Cheese were awarded the 2025 Grand Champion Cheese and Champion Blue Cheese for their Inverloch Blue - crafted with certified organic milk from their very own Glen Moidart farm in South Gippsland.

The judging took place in Brisbane in October, before winners were announced on November 13 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Grand Diary Awards celebrate the best of the best, recognising top-quality local products and showcasing the skill and artistry behind dairy in Australia.

Prom Country Cheese, Inverloch Blue, is renowned for a bold yet refined flavour.

Young dolphin dead at Kilcunda

ALWAYS a sad scene to see large sea creatures such as whales, seals and dolphins dead on the beach.

One Sentinel-Times contributor saw a baby dolphin dead on the beach at Kilcunda Bay last Friday, November 14, located on the high-water line.

Rangers from Phillip Island Nature Parks and Parks Vic were advised. No idea of cause of death.



VBSLSC president Kimberley Gee accepts the award from Surf Lifesaving Australia representatives.

Venus Bay rescue stations receive major national award

THE Public Rescue Equipment station initiative at Venus Bay has been named the national Innovation of the Year at the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence.

The PRE stations were installed along Venus Bay beaches as part of a trial to prevent drownings and address incidents where bystanders attempting rescues tragically become victims themselves.

The stations are equipped with a lifesaving rescue tube, 000 emergency call button, location information to guide emergency services and QR codes to offer multilingual instructions and support for safe rescues.

Within weeks of their launch in December, the stations were

activated for two rescues, saving six lives in just eight days.

“This project has truly shown what’s possible when a small community comes together to solve a big problem and with a shared commitment to safety,” said Venus Bay SLSC president Kimberley Gee.

“We’re incredibly proud that what started as a local idea has now been recognised nationally – but the greatest reward is knowing that lives have already been saved.”

The national award comes after the PRE station initiative took out the Dr Nigel Taylor ESM Innovation Award at Life Saving Victoria’s Awards of Excellence held earlier this year.

The PRE stations are a partnership between Venus Bay

Surf Life Saving Club and Life Saving Victoria, in collaboration with South Gippsland Shire Council and local community groups.

Venus Bay’s initiative is now being looked to as a model for coastal communities across Australia, demonstrating how innovation, research, and community collaboration can transform adversity into progress.

Fourteen volunteer lifesavers, lifesaving clubs and lifesaving sport teams from across Victoria were finalists for national honours at Saturday’s awards night on November 8, held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel.

The annual Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence recognises Australia’s top

volunteer lifesavers and paid lifeguards for their dedication, skill and selflessness in their service to the lifesaving movement and the community.

Life Saving Victoria General Manager – Member Engagement and Sport Simon Rickard congratulated all members who were recognised on the night.

“Our people give their time and energy freely and enthusiastically to keep our community safe in the water,” Mr. Rickard said.

“To be recognised among the very best lifesavers and lifeguards across the country is an incredible achievement, and testament to everyone who saves lives and empowers communities to safely enjoy water here in Victoria.”

Inaugural Chief Executive of Bayside Health appointed

THE Designate Board of Bayside Health has announced the appointment of Adjunct Professor Adam Horsburgh as the inaugural chief executive of the new Bayside Health.

Currently, chief executive of Alfred Health, Prof Horsburgh brings extensive leadership in Victoria’s public health system to this new role. Prof Horsburgh was previously chief executive of Austin Health and served as interim chief executive of Melbourne Health.

The appointment marks a significant milestone in establishing Bayside Health, which will unite five existing health services into a single, integrated health service from January 1, 2026.

The merger brings together Alfred Health, Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health, Kooweerup Regional Health Service and Peninsula Health.

Chair of the Designate



Adjunct Prof Adam Horsburgh appointed inaugural chief executive of Bayside Health.

Board, the Hon Martin Foley, said Prof Horsburgh’s appointment reflects a commitment to strong, experienced system leadership during a time of transformation.

“Our goal is to better connect quality care for the 1.2 million Victorians living across this health service community, and

to do so through collaboration,” Mr Foley said.

Prof Horsburgh said he was delighted to accept the new role, which will start from January 1 when Bayside Health is officially formed.

“In the coming weeks, I will meet with many employees and community members,”

Prof Horsburgh said.

“It will be an opportunity to listen to their experiences and learn more about their priorities for healthcare.

“Already, we can see benefits emerging of how we can make access to quality care even easier and more convenient for many in our community.”

Associate Professor Simone Alexander, interim chief executive officer of Bass Coast Health, said this chief executive appointment is great news for our new health service.

“With Prof Horsburgh at the helm, we are in safe hands as we work through our transformation into Bayside Health. His broad experience across multiple health services will position Bayside Health as a leading health service across metropolitan, suburban and regional areas. He is a strong advocate for health equity, no matter where people live, as well as easy access to high-quality care. That is our goal.”

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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead



AS the Mayoral election approaches, I've taken time to reflect on what has been an incredibly rewarding and productive year for Bass Coast. Serving as Mayor has been both an honour and a privilege – a role that has allowed me to witness firsthand the passion, generosity and community spirit that make Bass Coast so special.

This year has been one of vision and momentum. Together with our community, we've shaped the Council Plan 2025–2029 and Community Vision 2045 – two cornerstone documents that set a clear direction for the years ahead.

They reflect our shared aspirations for a connected, sustainable and thriving Bass Coast where everyone has the opportunity to belong and participate.

Our Community Panel played a vital role in shaping these plans, offering thoughtful and forward-looking insights that will guide decision-making for years to come. I want to sincerely thank every person who contributed – through workshops, surveys or community conversations – for helping ensure these plans truly reflect our community's voice.

We've also adopted several key strategies that support this vision, including the Healthy, Safe and Resilient Bass Coast Plan, Disability Action Plan, Domestic Animal Management Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan. Each reflects the values and priorities of our community and reinforces the importance of meaningful engagement in shaping the decisions that affect our future.

Advocacy has remained at the heart of Council's work. We continue to champion major priorities such as the former Wonthaggi Secondary College site, a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Our push for modern aquatic facilities in both Wonthaggi and Phillip Island also remains strong, ensuring our growing community has access to safe, inclusive and contemporary recreation spaces.

One of the greatest privileges of this role has been working alongside a dedicated and capable team of Councillors. We don't always agree – and that's the beauty of good local democracy – but we share deep respect for one another and a genuine commitment to doing what's best for our community. Decisions are often difficult, balancing priorities and working within the current financial environment can be challenging. As a group, we remain focused on delivering the best outcomes possible for Bass Coast.

To our community – thank you for your energy, ideas and belief in what we can achieve together. I encourage everyone to stay involved and keep shaping the future of Bass Coast.



Council and community members gathered at the Country Universities Centre Bass Coast to celebrate their ongoing partnership. W01_4625

Council visits Wonthaggi hub helping students study closer to home

BASS Coast Shire Councillors dropped into the Country Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast on Wednesday, November 12, and left with a clear message: the campus is quietly changing lives, all while gearing up for its next chapter.

Centre manager Sarah Bourke used the visit to brief councillors on how the Wonthaggi hub is lifting local aspirations and smoothing the path to higher education.

"The work we're doing in schools is making sure young people know this facility is here," Ms Bourke said.

"But we wouldn't be here without the support of Bass Coast Council."

Housed in a council facility that opened in March 2021 under the Australian Government Department of Education's Regional University Study Hubs (RUSH) Program, CUC Bass Coast has already supported more than 500 local students to study closer to home. The model is simple and powerful: students enrolled with universities across Australia can access quiet study spaces, dual-screen computers, high-speed tech, academic mentoring and, perhaps

most valuably, a community of peers.

Deputy Mayor Brett Tessari, who helped drive the project in its early days, said the hub was born from unfortunate regional realities.

"We'd been trying to get a university, but it just wasn't viable," he told the gathering.

"It's the proudest thing I've done in my three terms as councillor – this building right here."

Cr Tessari recalled the barriers that once pushed local students to cram a week's worth of classes into a single long day in Melbourne, with risky late-night drives home and high dropout rates to match. The pitch for a purpose-built local study hub, underpinned by government funding, followed.

Today, the numbers tell a story of momentum. There are 208 students currently using the centre, up by 50 compared to this time last year. The growth is undeniable, but it brings a challenge: three-year funding cycles mean resources may not always keep pace with growing demand.

"We can be doing more work and growing, but still working

with the same amount of money," Ms Bourke said.

The visit doubled as a chance to talk jobs. With Bass Coast among Victoria's fastest-growing coastal regions, the pipeline from study to local employment is front of mind.

"A big part of our strategic vision, as we become a more established higher education centre, is that pathway into graduate employment outcomes," Ms Bourke said.

"We've got the opportunity for local people to remain local and study and build their skills, and the next step is linking them with local employment pathways."

Healthcare was the headline example. CUC Bass Coast counts nearly 78 nurses studying with a connection to Bass Coast Health, and 37 staff from the health service have graduated since 2021.

"That's workforce in waiting," Ms Bourke said, a tangible return for a region that needs nurses and allied health professionals to keep pace with population growth.

Council's ties to the centre remain strong, with ongoing board representation and alignment to broader

goals around participation and a pipeline for future local professionals. Council CEO and CUC Board Director Greg Box has previously framed the hub as essential infrastructure: if you want to "shift the dial on learning", you start by providing access.

Students say the access is real. In a short film screened during the visit, CUC student Kasey described the practical lift that comes from "a dedicated space for study", while another student, Grace, spoke about finding community in the otherwise isolating world of remote learning. "CUC has been a game-changer for me," she said.

"It lets me have a community and an environment to study and be myself."

The hub's school outreach is steadily widening too.

"It's about raising aspirations and getting students thinking about what comes after school earlier," Ms Bourke said, an approach that sees staff in classrooms demystifying university and showing that a viable path can start a lot closer to home. On Baillieu Street East to be exact.

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Washaway another hiccup for \$7.7 million shared pathway

THE staggering cost of the \$7.7 million shared pathway from Wonthaggi to Inverloch continues to raise local concerns following deep washaways after recent heavy rain.

Rod O'Neill from the Inverloch Glamping Company, which is located on Drowleys Road, Inverloch, said the shared pathway was built on the wrong side of the road.

"Water pouring out of local properties after recent rain has gouged deep washaways into the pathway and may require major remediation works," said Mr O'Neill.

"It's just a mess, it's dangerous," he said.

Although pleased that the pathway will provide a valuable link between Wonthaggi and Inverloch for local cyclists and tourists, Mr O'Neill is not happy with how it's being done.

After only six months of consultation, work started on the project 12 months ago, and the pathway will soon extend down Goroke Street to the Inverloch surf beach carpark.

Mr O'Neill wonders how long it will take.

"They've still got to do all the road crossings," he said.

"The pathway will become a maintenance nightmare."

According to Mr O'Neill, the washaways were absolutely predictable and avoidable.

"With weeds and washaways, they'll have to end up asphaltting it."



Rod O'Neill from the Inverloch Glamping Company is dismayed by deep washaways on the Wonthaggi to Inverloch shared pathway after recent heavy rain. B26_4625

Mr O'Neill said the fall of the land adjacent to the pathway is 30 metres over 400 metres, and water just gushes to the lowest point.

"It's built on the wrong side of the drain; there's nothing to intercept the water before it hits the path."

Currently crossing six driveways in Drowleys Road, Mr O'Neill said the pathway would only have crossed two driveways on the other side of the road.

"I'm disappointed it wasn't

done to a better specification and built to last."

"Every time it rains, there will be another washout."

Despite being 100 per cent behind the project, Mr O'Neill said he was disappointed by the quality of what is going to be dished up.

"It will be critical for bike hires, leading to more overnight stays."

"The pathway needs major drainage work, but that may be difficult," said Mr O'Neill.

"We want to promote bike

hire for our guests."

"It could have been so simple."

"A lot of vegetation has been removed, and the local koalas have disappeared."

Another local resident suggested a boardwalk for this section.

"Every time contractors lay down track, it is washed away."

"The overflow runs right through where they are putting in the track," she said.

"Do it once and do it properly," said another.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the pathway was not finished and not yet open.

"The section has not been properly compacted as we are waiting for the utility pit to be lifted to the new path height, then we can compact."

Supporters of the project agreed with Bass Coast Council.

"Once it's actually finished and operational, it will be wonderful. Not supposed to be complete for many months yet. Easy to knock the council, let's wait until it's complete."

A local farmer said the gravel looked like the material that is used for farm tracks all around South Gippsland."

"I have used it myself. It can get very sloshy with rain till it compacts, but then, after, forms a very solid surface."

Bass Coast Shire said project managers were available to discuss public concerns.

Adult time for violent crime

ALL children 14 and above committing violent crimes – like invading someone's home or injuring someone with a machete in a sickening act of violence – will face adult sentences in adult courts, under Adult Time for Violent Crime.

Premier Jacinta Allan joined Attorney-General Sonya Kilkenny on Wednesday, November 12 to announce that a Bill will be introduced to Parliament this year.

Adult Time for Violent Crime will deliver serious consequences for children committing brazen, violent crimes that hurt victims and the community. It will change the status quo of youth sentencing in Victoria in two main ways:

1. It significantly increases the likelihood of a jail sentence. Currently, in the Children's Court, 34 per cent of children and young people sentenced for aggravated home invasion or aggravated carjacking offences go to jail. But when they are sentenced for the same crimes in an adult court, 97 per cent go to jail. Right now, few children face an adult court with a jury – only a judge makes the call. Under Adult Time for Violent Crime, children 14 and above must face adult sentencing in an adult court (the County Court) for the violent crime. Adult courts put more emphasis on community safety and victims, and sentencing outcomes show it: whenever child offenders are sentenced for a violent crime in an adult court, most go to jail.

2. It significantly increases the maximum length of jail sentences. The maximum length of a jail sentence that can be imposed in the Children's Court is three years – for any offence. But the County Court can currently impose a jail sentence of up to 25 years for aggravated home invasion and aggravated carjacking, and up to 20 years for intentionally causing serious injury through gross violence.

As part of this plan, the Government will further increase the maximum jail sentence for aggravated home invasion and aggravated carjacking.

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Pothole pain shows the cost of neglect

AN 83-year-old Wonthaggi man says Victoria's crumbling roads are costing regional drivers thousands of dollars and leaving country people to "fend for themselves".

Alan Wilson has spent about \$1500 in the past 18 months repairing damage he says was caused by potholes on major routes in rural areas.

"Two years ago, I hit a pothole over at Bunyip and it damaged the handbrake mechanism on my car. That was \$1300 to get repaired," Mr Wilson said.

He said he sent the repair invoice to Cardinia Shire but never heard back.

"There was no sign or sound from them. I sort of gave it away as a bad job, but ever since then I've done a bit of travelling and the whole road network in Victoria is just riddled with some terrible, life-threatening potholes," he said.

"I feel like if a politician's family member was involved in some kind of accident, that's the only time they may do something about it."

Mr Wilson, who worked in the bus industry for 25 years before retiring, said he now relies on mechanics and dealerships because he can no longer do his own repairs.

"About \$1500 I've spent in the last 18 months, over two separate incidents. One at Bunyip and one near Warragul," he said.

"I've just put nice new tyres on the car and I don't want to ruin any of those."

Mr Wilson said driving has gone from routine to stressful as he worries about what condition he'll find the road in each time he leaves home.

"You have to be very cautious when you're going somewhere you haven't been for quite some time," he said.

"The worrying part is that if you have to go and do something, you have to worry about the condition of the road. Years ago, you wouldn't have a worry in the world. If a pothole developed, it was fixed overnight almost. The councils had a patrol truck that went around and fixed



Wonthaggi local Alan Wilson fears worsening road conditions are putting regional drivers at risk, after multiple costly repairs to his own vehicle. W04_4625

all these issues, but now no one wants to do anything."

He said the deterioration was obvious when he compared his years on the buses to now.

"I've been retired for about 17 years, and I'll be 84 in a couple of weeks. When I was on the buses, we rarely saw any potholes, but if you did, you'd report it to the boss, he'd take it up with the relevant shire and it would be fixed before you got home to the kids that night."

The state of the roads, he said, is even affecting how often he sees his loved ones.

"My family lives in Drouin and they don't want to drive down here because they don't know what they're going to find. This is fracturing families as well."

Mr Wilson's frustration comes in the same week more than 20 cars were damaged by a deep pothole on the Princes Freeway near Nar Nar Goon, east of Melbourne. Drivers reported blown tyres and undercarriage damage after hitting the water-filled hole during heavy rain, with many forced into the emergency lane

to wait for help as tow trucks and roadside assistance tried to clear the backlog.

In that case, the pothole was patched over the weekend and the Department of Transport and Planning said crews returned to complete the repairs, but affected motorists now face large repair bills.

The incident has intensified calls for more preventative maintenance.

Closer to home, a notorious and stubborn stretch of potholes in McKenzie Street/Bass Highway, Wonthaggi, re-emerged after recent rain before being patched again on Wednesday, November 12. Locals say it is one of several spots in town that repeatedly break up after wet weather, forcing drivers to slow suddenly or swerve around fresh damage.

Mr Wilson said he believes regional roads simply do not receive the same attention as city infrastructure.

"Get your act together. Stop spending money in Melbourne and start to think about the country people," he said.

"We've got a right to live with decent roads and other infrastructure just as much as city people. Is the new tunnel going to open in Melbourne with its share of potholes? I bet it doesn't. Anything down there would be fixed almost straight away. They're too city-centric in my opinion, and the country people are left to fend for themselves."

He worries that if something doesn't change, it won't just be private motorists footing the bill.

"It's only got to get to a point where V/Line services start to have serious problems with tyres and need to increase their contracts because the potholes are causing them serious problems," he said.

"I have 25 years in the bus industry, so I know what I'm talking about."

Mr Wilson said he would like to see longer-lasting repairs and more attention paid to regional routes before more people are hurt or pushed into financial hardship.

See online at sgst.com.au for Department of Transport and Planning response.

Federal review puts regional road speeds under the spotlight

RECENT conversations out of Canberra have discussed dropping rural speed limits, and not everyone's happy about it. The Federal Government has been gathering feedback on whether to lower the 100km/h default speed limit on rural and unsealed roads outside of built-up areas to between 70 and 90km/h.

It's all part of a road-safety review. In 2024, 1294 people died in crashes across Australia, and more than 30,000 were seriously injured. They aim to reduce this number, and the government says people driving outside the cities on regional or remote roads are about 11 times more likely to die in a road accident. If it goes ahead, states will decide whether to adopt it, which locals are keeping a close eye on.

Out on the backroads, some conditions already keep most drivers in check. Many stretches are narrow, uneven, or riddled with potholes, the kind of surfaces that force you to slow down whether you want to or not.

Many believe this is just another example of decision-makers in Canberra misunderstanding what it's actually like to drive on rural roads and the potential consequences.

Federal Member for Monash, Mary Aldred MP, said the Federal Government's consultation was a slapdash process, leaving insufficient time for regional Australians to submit their feedback.

"The Government should invest in fixing regional roads instead of slowing them down. People in Bass Coast and South Gippsland want safer and better roads. Lowering speed limits will make travelling to work and school less safe and more difficult. It will make transporting our products to market less efficient and more expensive."

Nationals deputy leader Kevin Hogan didn't hold back either.

"Labor want to cut the default speed limits on regional roads from 100km/h down to 70km/h. Instead of actually fixing our roads, their answer is forcing us to drive slower. This move will have serious consequences for productivity and freight costs across regional communities," Mr Hogan said.

It's a view echoed by plenty of locals who spend much of their working life on the road. Local carpenter Miles Wrigley said the change could make a working day even longer for tradespeople who spend much of their time on the road.

"It would make things more frustrating for sure. For me, time is money, and I don't get paid to go from job to job, or to the hardware and back," he said. "If that was the case, it would potentially mean the job takes longer to get done."

At the moment, if there's no sign, the default is 100 kilometres an hour. There's nothing separate for gravel or dirt.

The idea behind the proposed change is simple enough: make those stretches safer. But not everyone's convinced. Critics say the real fix isn't a smaller number on a sign, it's better roads, more grading and proper maintenance. Otherwise, they argue, you're just slowing people down without solving the problem.

For now, it's all still talk. The government has just concluded asking for submissions, and it will now decide whether to continue down this road. It could be a bumpy one.

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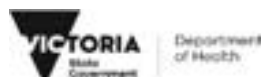
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These positions provide an exciting opportunity for persons with an interest in making a difference in the health sector and have the knowledge and skills for ensuring health care is delivered safely and effectively, with public money used to the benefit of all Victorians.

As a director you will be doing more than just contributing your time or knowledge. Being appointed to a hospital board places you in a position of trust. You will play an important role in providing leadership, accountability and integrity in the delivery of healthcare across Victoria.

Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of healthcare for the Victorian community. It is preferable that applicants reside in Victoria or, within the border community of those hospitals near the New South Wales and South Australian borders.

While Victorian public health boards are based on capabilities, boards are more effective when these capabilities also represent the richness of the diverse voices of Victorian communities. We encourage First Nations people, people living with a disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people who identify as LGBTIQ+, gender equality, and upholding human rights.

Applications close at **Midnight Sunday 23 November 2025.**

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply, please go to the following website: www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Last Chance to Have Your Say

Share your thoughts on three key documents by Friday 21 November. Providing feedback helps guide Council's plans and policies, ensuring our actions and vision aligns with our community. Have your say on the following:

Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy (2025-2029)

These documents guide how Council meaningfully engages with the South Gippsland community. Key changes include a stronger focus on closing the loop by reporting back on community feedback to better share residents' views across the region.

Draft Governance Rules

This document defines how Council meetings are run, and how

the public can participate. The review aims to improve and clarify processes, address previous inconsistencies, and strengthen good governance practices.

2026/27 Annual Budget

Share your ideas to help guide Council's investments within budget, building a safer, stronger South Gippsland. This year, we have brought the Budget consultation period forward to make sure your input informs decision-making from the very beginning.

For more information and to share your feedback, please visit:
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Meeniyah Hub Community Asset Committee



Council is pleased to announce that the Meeniyah Hub will soon be managed by a new Community Asset Committee. We are committed to ensuring the committee reflects a broad range of interests and views from across South Gippsland.

Joining the committee is a practical way to contribute to your local community by helping oversee the ongoing maintenance and management of this important facility.

For more information and to fill out a nomination form, please visit:
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Details will be available on Council's website:
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COMMUNITY IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Date: Tuesday 25 November

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RFT/452 – Design & Construction of All-Abilities Pontoon at the Port Welshpool Boating Facility

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The official ribbon cutting for the Korumburra and Leongatha Railway Precincts in Leongatha was attended to by Cr Brad Snell, Mayor John Schelling, Federal Senator for Victoria Jess Walsh, South Gippsland Shire executive director empowering communities Lucas Gardiner, Federal Member for Monash Mary Aldred MP, South Gippsland Shire executive director strategy and integrity Tony Peterson, South Gippsland Shire executive director infrastructure sustainability David Fice and Cr Nathan Hersey. C09_4625

Railway precincts officially opened

LEONGATHA Railway Precinct was buzzing on Friday, as sausages and onions filled the air for a special joint official opening of the Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts.

South Gippsland Shire Council executive director infrastructure sustainability, David Fice, opened proceedings, welcoming the crowd and federal ministers to one of the sites.

Federal Senator Jess Walsh – Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth was in attendance, so too Member for Monash, Mary Aldred MP, Mayor John Schelling, Cr Brad Snell and Cr Nathan Hersey, and representatives from Regional Development Australia Gippsland. Apologies were received by other councillors, ministers and of particular note, Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, who was called to a last-minute sitting for parliament.

"This is a fantastic little project," Senator Walsh exclaimed in her opening address, stepping in for colleague Minister for Infrastructure Hon Catherine King MP.

"The Commonwealth government has been really happy to be able to contribute \$3 million to this project as part of our Building Better Regions fund, and I am here today to congratulate everyone who has been a part of it."

Senator Walsh acknowledged the contributions by both state government (\$2 million – Regional Development Victoria's Regional Infrastructure Fund) and local council (\$1 million – Capital Works Program), and spoke about the different aspects of the precinct in front of her.

"I really want to thank the people who made it happen, which is the workforce... Congratulations to

the landscapers, trades, everyone who built this for the community," the Senator said, acknowledging the Parks and Recreation team, who were in attendance.

Ms Aldred followed Senator Walsh, acknowledging the hard work of all involved, particularly Mr O'Brien.

"I know how tenacious [Danny O'Brien] is about fighting for local amenities and services," Ms Aldred said.

"I've been to the railway market here in rain and shine, perhaps more rain over the winter than shine, but it is such a tremendous community asset, and I think for the retail precinct, just to be able to have staff and business owners come and have their lunch in a really lovely spot, for families looking for lovely open spaces with amenities to enjoy our wonderful community here. This is great. So from boots to suits, there are many people that have worked very hard to make this happen... Today is really special."

Mayor Schelling was incredibly proud to see both precincts opened, and as the Sentinel-Times later discovered in conversation with Mayor Schelling and Cr Snell, is wrapped to see a bridge back at the Leongatha precinct with many childhood memories of the old one.

"This \$6 million project has reinvigorated railway land in the heart of our towns to create more usable space for local communities," Mayor Schelling said.

Discussing the redevelopment and the added benefit of additional car parking for both towns, Mayor Schelling highlighted the success of Leongatha at last month's Eat, Drink, Play Gippsland event.

"It's also great to see the Leongatha Rail Trail Community

Market fill this area on the third Sunday of each month. A big thanks to all involved for taking the initiative to bring this well-attended market to Leongatha."

The market is a roaring success with president Neil Barrett later saying to the Sentinel-Times that they've had great support from the community.

"It's become an institution in this location with a big focus on local food. Where neighbours and friends meet.

"It's exceeded expectations. At the old site, we were lucky if we'd get 500 people; now we get close to 3000."

Not forgetting the official opening was in joint celebration of Leongatha and Korumburra, Cr Hersey highlighted Korumburra and the exciting future around the precinct.

"Korumburra's precinct is looking exceptionally well, helps to bring the town together, connects the town and shopping precinct, and we expect that there will be some longer term economic benefits and values from having more parking, better accessibility around the rail trail and a more connected community," he stated.

With plenty of scissors to hand, official delegates took to the red ribbon, with Senator Walsh given the honours of the large golden pair.

Leongatha Lions prepared a barbecue for after the official ribbon cutting, with delicious cupcakes also on offer.

Of side note, the Lions Club will be outside Bendigo Bank later this month selling their Christmas puddings and cakes, including gluten-free varieties, so pop along to support the fantastic local group, who jumped at the opportunity to help out on Friday for the opening.



South Gippsland Shire Parks and Gardens team, who helped create the space with Senator Jess Walsh, from left, Mat, Shaun, Julia, Cody and Sarah. C10_4625

Mayor's Message



South Gippsland
Shire Council



Cr John Schelling

AS my term as Mayor comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my fellow councillors for entrusting me with the privilege of serving South Gippsland Shire as Mayor over the past twelve months. It has been an honour and an exciting challenge to lead a new council group, working hard to meet the expectations of both councillors and our community.

I am deeply appreciative of the many kind words and congratulations I have received from residents across the Shire. Your encouragement and support have meant a great deal to me and have reinforced the importance of this role in representing our community.

The position of Mayor is not one you can undertake alone. I have been fortunate to receive unwavering support from my family, friends, and colleagues – who often bore the brunt of my absence – and I thank them sincerely for giving me the space to dedicate myself fully to this role.

I also want to acknowledge the incredible Council Officers behind the scenes. Their assistance with scheduling, messaging, governance, correspondence, and countless other tasks has been invaluable. Their professionalism and advice have helped me grow and learn so much throughout this journey.

Reflecting on the past year, I am proud of what we have achieved together. From appointing a new CEO and supporting a new leadership team, to advocating strongly at local, state, and national levels, we have laid the foundation for a stronger future. We've seen significant projects come to life – such as the revitalisation of the Leongatha and Korumburra Railway Precincts, streetscape improvements in Korumburra and Fish Creek, road upgrades in Poowong and Foster, and footpath extensions in Leongatha and Mirboo North. These initiatives, along with many others, make me proud to call South Gippsland my home.

The past twelve months have reaffirmed a simple truth: you can only truly succeed by working as a team. Thank you to everyone who has supported my time as Mayor. I wish our incoming Mayor every success and offer my full support as they take on this important role.

National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress

Last week I attended the Australian Local Government Association's National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress in Bendigo alongside Council's Manager

Infrastructure Delivery, Jar-eth Goss. The theme of the

conference was 'Productivity' which made for great conversations around how we can work together, across all levels of government to improve the delivery of local roads and infrastructure.

November Citizenship Ceremony

Deputy Mayor Gilligan, Councillor Rae, Councillor Finlay and myself, had the pleasure of attending our most recent citizenship ceremony. I always enjoy these nights where we get to celebrate the cultural fabric of not just the nation but more specifically South Gippsland. I want to congratulate all 17 conferees for receiving their citizenship. It makes me truly proud to be Australian.

Korumburra Sheep Dog Trials

Whilst on the topic of congratulations, I would also like to give a special mention to the South Eastern Victorian Sheep Dog Trails held in Korumburra a couple of weeks ago. This was the 70th year the event which has been ran by the Korumburra Agricultural and Pastoral Society - a huge milestone that deserves great recognition.

In-person Community Engagement Sessions

We recently wrapped up our community engagement tour of South Gippsland, visiting Leongatha, Korumburra, Foster and Tarwin Lower. These sessions were a great success, with Tawin Lower coming through with the largest turnout. It was great to hear directly from our community. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to attend and share their thoughts. You can still share your feedback online at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

Korumburra and Leongatha Railway Precincts Official Opening

On Friday we celebrated the official opening of the Railway Precincts Revitalisation Project. Celebrating both Korumburra and Leongatha, we gathered at the newly redeveloped Leongatha railway yards. I would like to share a special thanks to the Hon. Senator Jess Walsh - Minister for Early Childhood Education / Minister for Youth - and Ms Mary Aldred - Member for Monash - for coming along to celebrate with us. All of us Councillors – in particular Councillor Williams and I who have been involved from the beginning – were immensely proud to celebrate the achievement of this milestone – a goal we've eagerly anticipated throughout our time on Council.



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Deck the halls and storefronts for Bass Coast Festive Facades

IT'S beginning to look a lot like Christmas on the Bass Coast with the popular Festive Facades competition spreading holiday magic throughout our local towns and villages.

Bass Coast Shire Council has invited local businesses to turn their storefronts into a showcase of Christmas wonderment through November and December.

'Tis the season' with handy prizes are on offer for both businesses and voters.

Last year saw 42 businesses light up their windows and 395 community votes cast for their favourite displays.

Taking out top spot was the Inverloch Red Cross Shop after volunteers decorated the windows beautifully. They planned to use their prize voucher for a special team outing, which was a wonderful way to celebrate and thank the volunteers for their hard work and festive flair.

Festive Facades is a fun way to celebrate the season and local business, so dust off those decorations in storage and sleigh the display.

Businesses are encouraged to embrace sustainable decorating options, whether by re-using existing decorations or sourcing eco-friendly materials, and for a little extra cheer,



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead an early Christmas shopper enjoying Shop Eat Love Local and Bass Coast's Festive Facades competition.

businesses with the most community votes will win fantastic prizes.

By voting for your favourite display shoppers automatically become eligible to win one of two \$100 prizes. A merry bonus for shopping local.

Bass Coast Mayor Rochelle Halstead said she loves seeing the creativity and community spirit that comes to life at this time of year.

"I absolutely love Christmas, the lights, the laughter, and that wonderful energy around

town. It's a time to celebrate everything we have right here in Bass Coast. Whether you're shopping for gifts, grabbing a bite to eat, or planning a fresh, locally sourced Christmas lunch, there's no need to drive to the city."

The Shop, Eat, Love Local campaign encourages everyone to explore Bass Coast Shire to find unique gifts and experiences right here at home. Follow the festive trail and keep an eye out for the creative displays showcasing the Festive Facades

poster and QR code.

Winners will be announced in January 2026.

Businesses can spread the holiday cheer by registering their shopfront via basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacades. Local shoppers can stroll through each Bass Coast town and vote for their favourite shopfront by scanning the QR code in-store or by visiting basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacadesVoting

For more information about Festive Facades go to basscoast.vic.gov.au/FestiveFacades.



Year 1 students William Wales and Evelyn Sirianni show off some of the gifts already donated under Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree.

Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree welcomes donations

WARDY'S Newhaven College Christmas Tree has been a much-loved tradition of giving since 1999. This year, the College is once again inviting the community to help make Christmas special for local families. New, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages are welcome and can be placed under the tree in the main reception before Monday, December 8.

All donations will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul, who focus on sharing the spirit of Christmas and extending support throughout the local community.

Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree began 26 years ago when teacher and deputy principal John Ward (retired) called upon Newhaven College families to think of others at Christmas by donating a gift to families in need.

The number of families donating gifts increases each year, and members of the public are also welcome to come in and place gifts under the tree. The tree is located at Newhaven College's main reception, and the students visit regularly to see what has been donated.

"Learning about the giving tree encourages our students to think of others", John said.

"It is a living example of our College values of Respect, Empathy and Responsibility that they can relate to."

Linda Sparkes from St Vincent de Paul Cowes Conference appreciates the generosity of the College and wider community.

"Every year, gift donations under Newhaven College's Christmas Tree are greater than the year before. We are so grateful to all the families who give so generously so that all children across our community can enjoy Christmas."

Newhaven College thanks San Remo IGA and Aldi Cowes for their support, along with the College and broader communities. Every year, the College is overwhelmed by the generosity of families and community members who place gifts under the tree and thank you for your support.

Can't make it to the College? Donation trees are also available across South Gippsland and run in conjunction with other distribution channels, including Community Bank Grantville & District and Tree of Hope at Leongatha RSL.

The magic of Christmas lights in Wonthaggi

HYDE sisters Jessica and Kate Hyde have helped discover the spirit of Christmas in Wonthaggi. What started as a simple online Facebook post has grown into a community Christmas light competition, and they're asking the neighbourhood to join in on the tradition.

It all began in 2017, when Jessica posted the street names of decorated houses to help the community navigate where to travel throughout December.

"It never started as a competition; it was a simple way to locate those decorated homes," said Jessica.

Eight years on, and the Christmas Lights Wonthaggi Official page has become the host of an annual competition with Santa's Little Helper, Forty Winks, Melbourne Furnishing Co. and local businesses getting behind the initiative, with three prizes to be won!

"Forty Winks has generously



140 Reed Crescent, Wonthaggi always get in the spirit of Christmas.

donated a queen-size mattress with delivery and Melbourne Furnishing Co. a pillow," said Jessica.

"We're so grateful for the community support; it's a wonderful way to get everyone in the spirit of Christmas."

Jessica and Kate have always decorated their family home and they simply found a way to share their passion for Christmas with their neighbourhood.

"All you have to do is visit the Christmas Lights Wonthaggi Official page and register your street address, we'll update the page and you'll be in the draw to win."

"I moved out this year, it's my first time decorating in my own home and I need to buy more decorations," said Jessica.

"It's such a wonderful time of year, and we simply keep the lights and decorations in

storage and accumulate more and more over the years."

If you're looking for a list of homes to visit this Christmas, to share in the spirit with family and friends, visit Christmas Lights Wonthaggi Official page and take a drive around town this December, where the community comes together for the magic of Christmas. Visit facebook.com/ChristmasLightsWonthaggiOfficial to register.

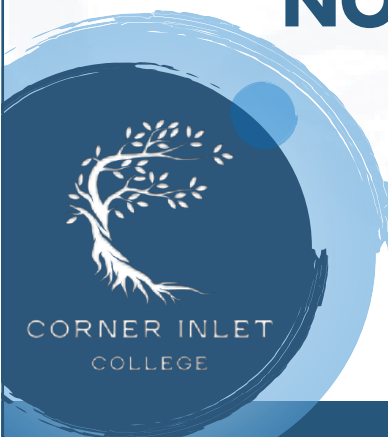
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Round three is open for Tiny Towns funding

TINY Towns Fund round three is now open, offering grants of up to \$50,000 to towns with fewer than 5000 residents.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said she is “looking forward to seeing the myriad of wonderful projects coming from community groups, organisations and councils” and encouraged them to put in an application.

“Within the electorate, it is just about every town, village, community except Clyde, Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch. Opportunities abound for projects that beautify, activate, accentuate and celebrate the local area and story.

“Public art, sculptural bike racks, themed street furniture, equipment in parks, plantings to colour up and green streetscapes, murals, basketball hoops, lights, even community hall upgrades and trails to name just a few”.

The past two rounds of the Tiny Towns Fund have delivered an incredible variety of community projects across the Bass electorate – supporting local pride, connection, and creativity.

In Coronet Bay, a new community garden shelter now provides a hub for learning and connection. Glen Alvie and Kernot strengthened their Community Centre’s role as a local hub, while Rhyll created an interactive wetlands soundscape and signage to enhance visitor engagement, and Smiths Beach received funds towards the upgrade of the Rescue Base to boost surf safety.

Archies Creek has enhanced their community hall, and Newhaven has added accessibility improvements.

Applications close on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. For more information or to apply, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund.

It never rains but it pours as local reservoirs start to fill

By Bruce Wardley

LEONGATHA may yet be saved from water restrictions later this year after heavy rain drenched South Gippsland catchments over the past two weeks.

South Gippsland Water had warned that Leongatha and Koonwarra were particularly vulnerable and asked residents to reduce their water use as low stream flows pointed to possible water restrictions.

The current capacity of Ruby Creek, which relies heavily on natural rainfall, remains low at 66 per cent capacity, but the total capacity of all South Gippsland Water reservoirs is moving closer to 75 per cent with Lance Creek at 73 per cent and smaller reservoirs at Deep Creek and Battery Creek at 100 per cent.

Managing director of South Gippsland Water, Rob Murphy remained cautious.

“Leongatha typically draws down gradually over summer and autumn and then recharges quickly in winter, but our storages have been drawn down more heavily this year due to the lack of rainfall.”

Mr Murphy added that only the Leongatha region had been impacted by low storage levels in the South Gippsland catchment area.

“There are no expectations of water restrictions in any other towns in South Gippsland or



The Candowie catchment has received 88.9mm of rainfall in November, noticeably boosting inflows into the reservoir, which is now at 60 per cent capacity and rising daily. B32_4525

Bass Coast in 2025,” said Mr Murphy.

Westernport Water reported Candowie Reservoir is currently 60 per cent full and climbing daily. This compares with 66.8 per cent at the same time last year.

Water demand has increased slightly compared to 2024, with customer consumption to the end of October at 1924ML, up from 1859ML last year. Year-to-date rainfall in the Candowie catchment was 489mm, which was significantly lower than both the five-year average of 729mm and the 587mm recorded over the same period last year.

Westernport Water said it would continue to monitor water resources carefully and

actively consider all options to manage demand in response to low rainfall and below-average inflows.

“While current water supplies are sufficient to meet demand, we remain mindful of the long-term outlook and may consider water restrictions if conditions require.”

Westernport Water was optimistic water restrictions could be avoided this summer, supported by the availability of alternative water sources, including the bulk entitlement from the Bass River and access to Victoria’s Water Grid.

“We have been able to lean on our connection to Victoria’s Water Grid to ensure storage levels continue to grow, giving us greater security and flexibility

in meeting demand.”

Following recent heavy rain, the Bass River is now meeting the flow requirements for Westernport Water to pump water from Bass River into Candowie Reservoir.

Westernport Water’s supply is also supported by the ongoing delivery of 50 billion litres of desalinated water this year from the Victorian Desalination Plant.

Rainfall for November has exceeded expectations right across the Bass Coast.

Wonthaggi recorded 117.8mm of rain for the first two weeks of November, well above the monthly average of 70.5mm. It was a similar story for Rhyll with 102.2mm so far this month compared to the monthly average of 60mm. Heavy rain was also recorded across South Gippsland with Yarram receiving 130.2mm compared to the monthly average of 70.9mm.

Wilson’s Promontory was yet another story with next to no rainfall recorded for November. The Bureau of Meteorology explained the Wilsons Promontory automatic weather station was recording and sending data, but it was possible wind gusts exceeding 100km/hr last week may have affected the rain gauge readings.

The current long-range forecast is a 60 per cent chance of above average rainfall from December to February and an 80 per cent chance of above average temperatures.

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Please contact us by 8 December 2025 at stakeholder@amplitudeenergy.com.au or call 61 8 8100 4900 if you would like further information or to be consulted on this EP.

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Energy diversification the new buzzword for renewables

A LITTLE jet lagged perhaps, but with plenty of fresh ideas for Gippsland Cr Nathan Hersey landed back in Leongatha from the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona with two new buzzwords for renewable energy. Representing the region as Chair of One Gippsland, Cr Hersey revealed the European Union (E.U.) has now adopted the terms energy diversification and new energy, along with clean energy.

With nuclear and hydrogen energy a part of the energy mix in Europe, Cr Hersey said Australia was lagging behind the E.U. in the race towards energy diversification.

Describing the congress as productive, Cr Hersey said good discussions were held on possible partnerships to support industry across the whole of Gippsland in the two key areas of energy and agri-food.

“We’re a lot further behind Europe on energy diversification and new energy,” he said.

“Hydrogen, offshore wind, solar batteries and nuclear energy are all part of the mix.”

Meeting for coordinated one-on-one discussions with regional representatives from Greece, Slovenia, Germany, Macedonia and Poland, Cr Hersey said Europe was very tech-savvy and using more advanced technology.

“Innovation is central to finding solutions.”

In the agri-food sector, Cr Hersey said it was clear Europe was looking for food that is in line with their customers’ desires for traceability and food that is produced in a clean,



South Gippsland Shire Cr Nathan Hersey admitted to being a little jet lagged after attending the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona as Chair of One Gippsland. B25_4625

sustainable way.

“There may be opportunities for Gippsland to collaborate on a food traceability and provenance branding project for our local produce to be better promoted and marketed domestically and globally.”

Cr Hersey also met with Australia trade representatives based in Europe.

Sponsored by the International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC), South Gippsland Shire endorsed Cr Hersey’s nomination to attend the Congress as Council’s representative and as Chair of One Gippsland.

The IURC is a European Union program promoting multi-city and region-to-region cooperation on sustainable urban

development, building partnerships between the E.U. and non-E.U. cities and regions.

The themes for the IURC program were Industrial Modernisation, Agri-Food, Clean Energy and the Blue Economy. Cr Hersey said the ultimate goal was to see if Gippsland could partner with a region in Europe to collaborate on agri-food and clean energy.

Travel, accommodation and conference costs were covered by the IURC.

Other expenses incurred during the trip, including incidentals, travel to the airport and parking, were covered by South Gippsland Shire to a maximum of \$500.

Accommodation costs outside the workshop dates, additional meals and hospitality expenses were met by Cr Hersey and will not be covered under Council’s Support and Expenses Policy, bringing council’s total contribution to a maximum of \$500. Cr Hersey will be required to provide a detailed report back to South Gippsland Shire and One Gippsland members.

The workshops were considered to be an opportunity to learn how other regions have managed the global challenges faced by Gippsland, including South Gippsland Shire.

Also attending the Smart City Congress along with Cr Hersey were Latrobe City Mayor Cr Dale Harriman, Vice Chancellor of Federation University Duncan Bentley and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Federation University Carolyn Chong.

Esso updates community on Barry Beach decommissioning

By Bruce Wardley

WITH most final environmental approvals in hand from State and Federal Government agencies, Esso is continuing early decommissioning work on 12 Bass Strait oil platforms.

The decommissioned oil platforms will be transferred to Barry Beach Marine Terminal in the fourth quarter of 2027 aboard giant, custom-built motorised barges.

Speaking at Leongatha and Foster as part of Esso’s quarterly consultation series, Esso decommissioning project manager Richard Perry said the quay wall at Barry Beach will be strengthened for the project rather than extended and deepened.

Mr Perry said a relatively constant workforce of between 50 and 60 will be employed at Barry Beach for the various stages of the project, including construction and receipt.

“There will be opportunities for workers with construction skills from early next year,” said Mr Perry.

“Once we move to receipt of the platforms, the need for locally sourced construction skills will switch to marine loading and shipping skills. Marine loading and shipping are a different specialty.”

The third stage of the project, the dismantling and recycling of the decommissioned oil platforms, is planned to take place from 2028 to 2030.

Mr Perry would not be drawn on the likely role for Barry Beach beyond 2030.

“Barry Beach Marine Terminal was established to support

the development and operation of the offshore oil and gas industry and has been part of South Gippsland’s industrial precinct for over five decades.”

Signing off on environmental safeguards, Esso said regulators had found no inputs that would require additional controls.

“There will be no impact on the Ramsar Wetlands,” said Mr Perry.

Esso supports Barry Beach being used for future gas production and wind project maintenance. Any plans to open up Barry Beach to potential offshore wind power operators have been put on hold due to the stalled State Government tender process.

Although the consultation session at Leongatha attracted only a small number of interested people, a similar session held earlier in the week at Foster attracted fourteen local residents.

According to Mr Perry, the main concerns expressed at Foster were firstly trying to understand what the decommissioning plans were and then to ensure any changes would not impact Corner Inlet.

“We avoided cutting down significant re-growth at Barry Beach by changing the loading vehicles from skidding to trailers, which avoids the need to impact vegetation.”

“The Esso consultation series will continue in 2026 and beyond to keep local communities informed and engaged,” said Mr Perry.



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Acting Sergeant Zane Maligeorgos and the Operation Pedester are out and about throughout November, including at school crossings. C23_4625

Stop and look twice this November

WITH students on the move across Bass Coast, police are sharpening their focus on school-zone safety as part of Operation Pedester, led by Acting Sergeant Zane Maligeorgos.

“We’ve seen an 84 per cent rise in pedestrian incidents in the past 12 months, with 15 of 35 collisions causing serious injuries,” Act Sgt Maligeorgos said.

“When vulnerable road users are involved, the stakes are high. Children, in particular, have little protection in a crash.”

The operation is targeting known high-risk spaces in the month-long operation, especially around schools, crossings and busy pick-up zones. Police want

motorists to slow down, put the phone away and actively look for children who may step out unexpectedly.

Students and parents are also urged to play their part by using crossings, obeying signals and avoiding distractions such as phones or earphones.

“Even at 30km/h, the risk of serious injury jumps significantly,” Act Sgt Maligeorgos said.

Throughout November, police patrols will be visible across school precincts, talking to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to boost awareness as well as enforce the rules.

“It’s up to everyone to share the roads safely,” Act Sgt Maligeorgos concluded.

Schoolies preparations underway on Phillip Island

IT’S unknown how many school leavers (schoolies) will head to Phillip Island this year, but if recent years are anything to go by, numbers are on the decline.

According to Acting Senior Sergeant Adrian Condron, recent trends suggest those who are choosing to participate in schoolies festivities are predominantly heading overseas and to the Gold Coast. This is most likely in response to accessibility, the cost of accommodation and weather considerations.

“The official schoolies period runs from November 21 to December 7,” Snr Sgt Condron explained.

“And although we are working alongside Bass Coast Shire Council and Red Frogs Australia to ensure those heading this way have a great, safe time, at this stage there are no specific schoolies organised events or entertainment as provided in other schoolies locations.”

The closest schoolies-specific festival will take place on the Mornington Peninsula in Rye, with Red Frogs Australia heading to 15 locations this year, including the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Rainbow Beach, Fraser Island, Byron Bay, Airlie Beach, Lorne, Torquay, South West WA, Bali, Fiji and Vanuatu, to ensure school leavers stay safe.

“Local residents can rest assured that although we will not be a main hive of activity, during the schoolies period we will have an extra 14 police members dedicated to the operation; this is on top of our regular local police presence on Phillip Island and across the Bass Coast Police Service Area.”

Though police will not tolerate



Public safety and not driving whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol remain the key focuses during schoolies this year. Pictured is Senior Sergeant Adrian Condron who is spearheading the Bass Coast police schoolies response. C24_4625

any inappropriate behaviour, their focus will be on public safety and traffic offending, particularly around intoxicated and drug-affected drivers.

“Residents around Cowes will also see the specialist CCTV trailer along The Esplanade.”

Operation Schoolies follows a highly successful operation over MotoGP, which saw no major incidents, either on the roads with traffic leaving the circuit and, particularly, around the entertainment precinct.

And although not linked to schoolies, the public are invited along to the Bass Coast Neighbourhood Policing Forum this Thursday at Berinnet from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

The forum will explore topics including current crime trends and crime prevention, family violence, young people, road policing, and drugs and drug related crime.

As in similar forums held in recent years, members of the public are encouraged to ask questions, with a new platform created for people to submit questions prior to the forum at app.sli.do/event/a9xs9hH4T5r5UjR3ix7SrD.

People are urged to register their attendance either via email at BASS-COAST-CLUSTER-O@police.vic.gov.au or via the QR code on the forum posters across the region.

Victoria Police panel members will include the divisional area commander superintendent, local inspector and senior sergeants, amongst others, who are all set to meet, greet and update the public.



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Last chance to drop green waste for free

BASS Coast residents are being urged to make the most of the Shire's fee-free green waste disposal period before it wraps up on Sunday, November 23.

The annual initiative gives locals the chance to drop off domestic loads of green waste at any of Council's four waste facilities: Grantville, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cowes, at no charge. It's designed to help the community prepare their properties ahead of summer and reduce potential fire hazards before conditions heat up.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the first two weekends of the program had been especially busy, with many residents taking advantage of the mild weather to clear branches, clippings and garden debris.

"The first two weekends have been busy across our four waste facilities, with many residents taking the chance to clean up after the recent weather," a Bass Coast Council spokesperson said.

"Weekdays tend to be a little quieter, so we're reminding people that there's still time to drop off green waste before the fee-free period ends on Sunday, November 23."

With the Fire Danger Period now in effect, as of November 17, Council is encouraging residents to use the remaining days to tidy up larger branches and other materials that don't fit in kerbside bins.

"It's a great opportunity to bring in larger branches or garden materials that don't fit in the kerbside bin, and a good reminder to get properties ready for the Fire Danger Period," Council added.

Mayor Rochelle Halstead said now is the perfect time for households to act.

"Bushfire hazards include fuel like leaf litter, plants and other debris. If left to build up, these materials can feed a fire and make it more dangerous," Cr Halstead said.

Council is also reminding residents that weeds, palm fronds and other non-mulchable plants aren't accepted during the fee-free period, but they can go in green-lidded organics bins as usual.

Locals planning a trip to the Cowes Recycling Bank should also be aware that large trucks and trailers (over 8' x 5') will be redirected to the Grantville Transfer Station to help manage traffic.

Those wanting to skip the queues might be best to visit midweek, when it's typically quieter.

Meanwhile, South Gippsland Shire's Green Waste Amnesty will continue until the end of December, giving residents more time to prepare their properties. The amnesty allows locals to dispose of green waste for free at any of the Shire's transfer stations.

For details on accepted materials, locations and opening hours, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/greenwaste or southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

French Island koala crisis

By Andrew Palocz

FRENCH Island's worst drought in 80 years and insufficient koala population control measures have led to a crisis situation with gum trees dying and koalas starving, locals desperate to see action from the Victorian Government.

That needs to come through Parks Victoria and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), those organisations responsible for managing the island's koalas.

"There has to be humane intervention with the koala population on French Island," Scott Coutts said, having been a long-term ranger on the island who was heavily involved in the koala management program there for over 35 years.

While he finished up as a ranger about four years ago, Scott now works for a private company as a tour guide, taking mostly overseas visitors, many of whom come specifically to see French Island's koalas.

"It's been evolving over the last two years," he said of the current dire situation, having noticed the worsening state of affairs while leading tours.

That prompted him to write to various State Government ministers calling for action, but he remains frustrated that not enough is being done.

"There's just not the will by the government agencies involved to do what they should be doing," Scott argues.

While around 200 koalas a year used to be translocated to suitable habitat on the mainland, Scott explained that stopped around 2015.

"Then they went down the path of implanting the females with birth control hormones to control their breeding, but not enough of



A French Island koala sits in a gum tree stripped of all leaves.

that has been done," he said, explaining that with French Island koalas being disease-free, their population doubles every four years.

"While I was still working there (as a ranger), we achieved the 80 per cent mark of implanting females in the areas we caught from, which would have been 80 per cent private land, but they let that go," Scott said.

"Not enough has been done to remove them from the island or monitor the habitat destruction or koala health," he argued, having noted gum trees are now dying every day.

While acknowledging that not all translocated koalas survive, he points out the risk is preferable to starvation, translocation at least offering a chance.



Former French Island Ranger Scott Coutts is distressed by the current plight of the local koala population.

"There are thousands of hectares around Western Port Bay that are suitable, exactly the same sort of habitat as what they're destroying on French Island," Scott said of the availability of sites for translocation from the island.

He said the government agencies involved need to assess the situation, finding suitable locations to take large numbers of koalas, conceding that starving animals will unfortunately have to be euthanised.

Being an unincorporated territory, French Island has no local government, with everything managed by the State Government.

French Island Community Association resolved at its recent AGM to write to the State Government calling for action on the koala situation.

With many French Island koalas located on private land, property owners are devastated by the current situation and are lobbying for the government to manage the crisis.

A change.org petition from resident Kathryn Shain, headed 'Save koalas and their habitat on French Island' has so far attracted over 1500 signatures.

"Without decisive action from the Victorian Government, both the koala population and their fragile habitat face irreversible decline," she states.

She encourages people to sign the petition calling on DEECA to fund immediate humane solutions to avoid the starvation of French Island koalas and prevent the destruction of the island's fragile environment.

Get involved with koala research and habitat restoration

By Andrew Palocz

KOALA genetic studies and habitat restoration were key issues outlined in a lengthy but engaging presentation by Wildlife Ecologist Kelly Smith in Loch recently, the session organised by Loch Nyora Landcare Group.

Kelly focused particularly on the South Gippsland Koala, also known as the Strzelecki Koala, but having a presence further afield than the Strzelecki region.

The importance of volunteers was highlighted in relation to studying koala populations and for implementing habitat restoration initiatives, with many koalas located on private land.

Volunteers have been instrumental in the 'Great Victorian Koala Survey', collecting koala scat for genetic analysis.

The Survey, run by the Victorian Government's Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), involved the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, and Federation, Deakin, Melbourne and Queensland Universities.

Kelly stressed that without sufficient genetic information, koalas will not be protected adequately in Victoria.

In terms of habitat restoration, to establish successful wildlife corridors for koalas and other creatures, the support of sufficient private landowners is crucial, with isolated pockets of vegetation leaving animals vulnerable.



Loch Nyora Landcare Group president Malcolm Brown and Wildlife Ecologist Kelly Smith, who raised awareness of efforts to support koalas in the wild. A05_4625

Koalas travelling across large areas of open ground to reach suitable gum trees are vulnerable to attack by dogs and cattle, along with the ever-present danger of crossing roads.

Kelly explained that the aim in terms of habitat restoration is to revegetate private properties from the Mornington Peninsula to the Bass Coast, building on the work of the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group.

Kelly began working with koalas 10 years ago with Parks Victoria and has been involved in koala scat collection for genetic

research for the last five years, being part of the Federation University Koala Genetic Research Team.

She is the Koala Project Officer for the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation, working on the Koala Corridor Project.

Kelly explained that koalas in Victoria and South Australia generally have lower genetic diversity than those in Queensland, NSW and the ACT, with hunting in the 1800s a major factor in the lower diversity of much of the southern population of koalas.

While recognition in the 1900s that Victorian koalas were

endangered triggered a breeding program on French and Phillip Islands, that involved just a few animals, leading to inbreeding and associated health impacts, including genetic defects and susceptibility to disease.

The South Gippsland Koala population is an exception to the rule in Victoria, containing higher genetic diversity, with hopes that creating an adequate wildlife corridor can boost diversity through spreading the South Gippsland genome.

Kelly explained that it is important to understand the extent of this genome and if it reaches further into East and West Gippsland and whether there are other remnant populations existing across Victoria.

While the extent of the South Gippsland genome is currently recognised as ranging from Grantville to Sale, it is considered highly possible that remnant koalas exist beyond that boundary.

Kelly spoke of the issues of overpopulation in places such as French and Raymond Island and the fact many koalas are starving, but noted translocation is often unsuccessful.

Contact Kelly.smith@biosphere.org.au for more information or if keen to help.

You may also like to visit DEECA's website to learn about the 'Great Victorian Koala Survey', and check out biosphere.org.au to see details of the Koala Corridor Project.

Local arts community calls for action on Wonthaggi Technical School site

A PASSIONATE group of former teachers and pupils of the former Wonthaggi Secondary and Technical Schools joined local residents at Wishart Reserve to call for funding to develop an arts and community space on the abandoned site.

Local resident Ross Farnell said a picnic had been organised opposite the school because the site had laid vacant for six years.

“Something needs to happen,” Mr Farnell said.

“It’s such a wonderful spot.”

The gathering supported connecting the community with creative spaces.

“It’s a really big site and could have other community muses,” said Ross.

“We just want something to happen in one of the last locations in the CBD.”

Aissa Reed said it would be a wonderful initiative not only for artists but also for the whole community.

“It’s an underutilised space,” said Mrs Reed.

Former Secondary School teacher Marie Gullock said she would love to see a gallery and artists studio more than a residential development.



Warren and Aissa Reed, and Leanda Michelle voiced their support for an arts and community space at the site of the former Wonthaggi Technical School. B59_4625

“I want it to have a community focus; to preserve it would be wonderful.”

Ms Gullock said there were quite a few outstanding artists from the school who were shortlisted in graphic and visual arts for an exhibition at the National Gallery.

Paul Satchell said it was the perfect place for a regional gallery and library.

“Similar to the Bendigo Art Gallery, which has generated

\$113 million into the local economy since 2012,” said Mr Satchell.

“You’ll never get international exhibitions unless you have a proper display space.”

Wonthaggi could be on the list for the touring Archibald Prize, according to Mr Satchell.

“The Marilyn Monroe exhibition at the Bendigo Gallery generated \$13 million for the City of Bendigo.

“Wonthaggi already has the Robert Smith collection, which needs a permanent home.”

Bass Coast Cr Mat Morgan said, as we head into a state election, to win the seat of Bass, funding will be needed toward public infrastructure.

“The last thing we want to see is this beautiful building left to waste.”

“State and federal governments should fund the thing,” said Cr Morgan.

Among the suggested uses for the site were artist studios, a sound and media lab, spaces for learning and sharing, a café, bar and marketplace and creative businesses.

“The longer we delay, the less useful the existing buildings will be and the less likely something will happen in the short term,” said Mrs Reed.

Bass Coast Shire Council has committed \$350,000 in its 2025-26 budget for due diligence and to develop a feasibility study to put to the State Government.

The Shire has undertaken to update progress on the En-gage Bass Coast website.



The Wonthaggi View Club celebrated the 65th Birthday of the View Club of Australia with a performance from the Blues Sisters.

Blues sisters at Wonthaggi View Club

AT THE Wonthaggi View Club’s annual meeting recently, members celebrated the 65th birthday of the View Club of Australia, a fundraising branch of the Smith Family.

The Sapphire Blue Anniversary (65 years) led to a unique performance by the “Blues Sisters”, accompanied by a backing group of dancers, dressed in blue and mostly synchronised.

The View club exists for women to form friendships, have fun and raise money for the Smith Family. The Wonthaggi Branch is proud to support six Australian students throughout their schooling. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

For further information, please contact Ann on 0490 061 172.

Rose Spectacular shines with vibrant displays

LEONGATHA Rose Spectacular lived up to its name over the weekend, that coming as no surprise given the enthusiasm and knowledge of those in the Leongatha Horticultural Society, which runs the event.

Larger-than-life member Thelma Arnup opened the show, her natural style requiring no notes, mentioning this year’s theme of Alister Clark Roses, the renowned rose breeder’s varieties featuring prominently in her Outtrim garden.

While she won a first prize for her container of Alister Clark Roses, Nola Sweeney of Leongatha entered the Champion Rose, ‘The Prince’, a David Austin variety, Nola also having last year’s Champion Rose.

Wanda of Vision Australia again voted for the best perfumed rose, with Glenice Griggs triumphing in that category with ‘The Children’s Rose’, its gentle fragrance impressing.

Those from Morwell Centenary Rose Garden added to the spectacle of the event by contributing a rose display that featured on the Dakers



Thelma Arnup with her ‘Mrs Albert Nash’ Alister Clark Roses. A15_4625

Centre stage.

Rose Show Results 2025:

Champion Rose won by Nola Sweeney for ‘The Prince’ (Trophy donated by BRB Law).

Best Perfumed Rose won by Glenice Griggs for ‘The Children’s Rose’ (Trophy provided by Leongatha Horticultural Society).

Best Stem of David Austin won by Glenice Griggs for ‘Graham Thomas’ (Trophy donated by Harvest Laneway Nursery).

Best Exhibit of Delbard Rose won by Josie Rutherford

for ‘Red Intuition’ (Trophy donated by Mitre 10).

Best Novice Exhibit won by Maureen Benson for ‘Ian Thorpe’ (Trophy donated by Burra Garden Supplies).

Best Exhibit of Miniature Rose won by Fran Grylls for ‘Jeanne Lajoie’ (Trophy donated by Leongatha Newsagents).

Best Container of Roses won by Ralph Slaughter for ‘Bonica’ (Trophy donated by Leongatha RSL).

Best Container of Old Fashioned Roses won by Fran



Nola Sweeney with her Champion Rose on Saturday. Photo: Meryl Pyle.

Grylls for ‘Charles de Mills’ (Trophy donated by Leongatha Garden Supplies).

Best Container of David Austin Roses won by Wendy McDonald for mixed varieties (Trophy donated by McCartin Street Optometrists).

Best Exhibit in Cut Flowers won by Anne Larking for ‘Paeony’ (Trophy donated by McCartin Street Optometrists).

Container of Alister Clark Roses won by Thelma Arnup for ‘Mrs Albert Nash’ (Trophy donated by McCartin Street Optometrists).

Sally Hepworth draws a packed crowd to Meeniyan Hall

NEW York Times bestselling author, Sally Hepworth, was at Meeniyan Town Hall on November 7, where she drew in a crowd of 170 people from Phillip Island to Melbourne to Metung – making it a sold-out event – the first in Nice Stack of Books history.

Sally’s biggest fan was the lead interviewer, her aunt Rose Keaney, who was an absolute treat and a one-off occurrence.

Sally spoke about her writing process, having her books adapted to screen – The

Family Next Door is now showing on ABC, the highest recorded commissioned drama in ABC iview’s history – and divulged some secret information about more adaptations in the works, including a second season of The Family Next Door.

Sally discussed her newest novel, Mad Mabel, her inspiration and research into child killers and how she turned this into a story about friendship.

Emma Trotman of Nice Stack of Books said readers

had their photos taken and books signed.

“The supper following the event was provided by my own Auntie Nettie and family, and Brent Sinclair Catering. Auntie Jo and friends served up hot drinks,” said Emma.

“It was a true family affair.”

RIGHT: Sally Hepworth, New York Times bestselling author (right), with her aunt Rose Keaney (left), who led the interview on Sally’s newest novel, Mad Mabel at Meeniyan Town Hall.





Tarwin Lower Festival Car Show



Mike and Dot Devine from Fish Creek proudly displaying their Morgan 4/4 Series 170 Sports Car at Tarwin Lower on Festival Day. B03_4525



Barry Andrews and Ruth Allcorn from Leongatha enjoying the sunshine at the Tarwin Lower Festival with a magnificently restored '34 Ford 4-door sedan. B04_4525



Peter Scarce of Wonthaggi with his much loved 1968 Jaguar Mark II sports saloon at the Tarwin Lower Festival. B06_4525

Monster trucks monster action at the Korumburra showgrounds

THE ROAR of big Chevy engines and the thrills and spills of monster truck racing had a capacity crowd of over 5000 monster truck fans on their feet for the Monster X Tour at the Korumburra Showgrounds.

All the big drivers were there Pat Paquet better known as PsychoPAT, driving MonstaTron, Kevin King in Moonshine Madness, South Coast Monster Trucks owner Simon O'Neill, Jarryd Xuereb and Ryan Cizek.

"They came from all over Gippsland and Melbourne," said Monster X Tour promoter Tracey Mitchell, who has been running Monster trucks with Simon O'Neill for ten years.

"MonstaTron, Bush Ranger and Moonshine Madness all belong to us," said Tracey.

Based in Korumburra, the Monster X Tour takes Simon and Tracey to Cairns, Darwin and Perth as well as small country towns in Victoria and New South Wales.

"We just love the power, energy and excitement of it all."

For Simon, it's about making a noise jumping over shipping containers and cars.

Running 8-71 superchargers on methanol drag racing fuel, the big block Chevy V8s in the monster trucks produce 1500 Hp delivered to 66 inch wide tyres via a two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission or two-speed Turbo 400 gearbox.

"The trucks are valued at close to half a million dollars each," said Simon.

Bush Ranger was imported, but South Coast Monster Trucks builds and modifies its own trucks from a small, unassuming shed in Korumburra.

"We change over engines and beef up the gearboxes."

Monster truck engines only last about 30 hours before they need to be pulled apart.

Kevin King in Moonshine Madness has been driving monster trucks for 20 years.

"I enjoy driving," said Kevin.

"The fans let me know, they go crazy."

The noise is what attracts monster truck fans.

"Loud and fast," said Kevin.

"It adds to the excitement. Monster trucks are huge in America."

Based in Georgia, Kevin King said monster trucks regularly attract 60,000 to 70,000 diehard fans, the biggest crowd was 1.2 million near Shanghai in China.

Flips and hitting containers hard and lifting over them are part of the game. And that didn't stop a couple of hiccups early on when the early madness and bone-crushing power saw pieces of the trucks fly across the grounds.

"Caravans and cars, not a problem," said King.

"This is relatively small to what we can get in America."



PsychoPAT (Pat Paquet) was behind the wheel of MonstaTron and took to the skies from the shipping container. Photo: Paul Robinson of Poowong.



Monster truck drivers Pat Paquet better known as PsychoPAT, Jarryd Xuereb, Ryan Cizek and Kevin King, ready for action in the Monster X Tour at the Korumburra Showgrounds. B43_4625



Nate Coffey and Matt Husch from Leongatha in the pits for the Monster X Tour at the Korumburra Showgrounds. B44_4625

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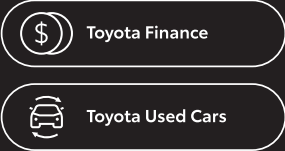
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Greg Dell from Wonthaggi and his '72 Norton Commando Roadster judged Best Vintage Bike pre-'65. B71_4625



Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club secretary Brian Asbury (centre) with award presenters Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP and Bass Coast Cr Jon Temby. C12_4625



The 'Made In America' Dave Trotter Memorial Best Original was received by Rob Wedlock for his 1963 Chevrolet Impala. Presenting the award was Bass Coast Cr Jon Temby. C20_4625



Tarwin's Kevin Cunningham secured the 'Made In America' Dave Trotter Memorial Best Presented for his red 1964 Ford Mustang. C22_4625



Dean White received the Best Paint – Car award for his 1976 Holden HX Panel Van from AutoPro's Peter Phillips. C14_4625



Wonthaggi's Paul Kennedy took home the Best Pick Up for his 1946 Ford Jailbar. Pictured with AutoPro Wonthaggi/Cowes Peter Phillips. C15_4625

Rain and shine for the Bass Coast Auto Club show and shine

HUNDREDS of motoring enthusiasts came from all over Gippsland for the Bass Coast Historical Automotive Club Show & Shine at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

The aim three years ago was to create a relaxed, family-friendly event and this year's Show & Shine did not disappoint. An incredible display of cars and bikes drew a large crowd and with more than 19 awards up for grabs the competition was fierce.

Among the categories were Best Engine, Best Original, Best Muscle Car, Best Paint, and Best Overall Motorcycle with local Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP, and Bass Coast Councillor Jon Temby both on hand

to help present the prizes.

Prizes were awarded to Greg Dell ('72 Norton Commando Roadster) Oldest Motor Bike, Brett Hall ('82 Honda 250 JZ) Overall Motor Bike, Daniel Gheller (2007 Harley Davidson Softail Custom) Paint Motor Bike, Robert Thompson ('66 HR Holden) Best Interior, Dean White ('76 Holden HX Panel Van) Best Paint, Paul Kennedy ('67 HR Holden) Engine Bay and ('46 Ford Jailbar Pickup) Best Pick Up, Don Burton ('28 Model A Roadster) Best Hot Rod, Alan Pullar ('78 Holden Premier HZ) Best Original, Glenn Taylor ('84 VK Holden) Best Muscle Car, Kevin Cunningham ('64 Ford

Mustang) Made In America Dave Trotter Memorial Best Presented, Rob Wedlock ('63 Chevrolet Impala) Made In America Dave Trotter Memorial Best Presented Original and Dan Huther ('50 Buick Special Sedan) Made In America Dave Trotter Memorial Oldest Original.

The Bass Coast Historical Automotive Club Show & Shine was supported by Wonthaggi Toyota and Kia Motors Wonthaggi, Tyrepower Wonthaggi, Wonthaggi Workmens Club, San Remo Bendigo Bank, AutoPro Wonthaggi, Alex Scott and Staff, RACV and Bass Coast Shire Council.

The Bass Coast Historical Automotive Club can be found on Facebook.



San Remo CFA volunteers Ric Pearce and Mark Thiele will hit the road in 2026 for the Shitbox Rally – raising funds for Cancer Council – in their \$500 2009 Ford Focus.

CFA volunteers rally for Cancer Council in 2026 Shitbox Rally

ON SATURDAY, November 22, San Remo CFA volunteers Ric Pearce and Mark Thiele will host a sausage sizzle fundraiser in front of the San Remo IGA from 10am until 2pm. While cooking for the community, they'll share vital information about summer fire season preparedness and raise funds for their 2026 Shitbox Rally for Cancer Council.

Their trusty companion for this journey is a 2009 Ford Focus, purchased for just \$500, which they've prepared for the rally. With an ambitious fundraising goal of \$25,000, Ric and Mark have already raised nearly \$4000.

"For us, this rally is about making a difference, raising awareness and supporting critical cancer research," said Mark.

"The rally, scheduled for June

2026, requires each team to raise a minimum of \$5000 – and we're almost there."

Ric and Mark have joined the 2026 rally in honour of Ric's wife and Mark's sister, Karen, who was a passionate traveller, adventurer and educator. Her mantra, Family, Adventure, Life, is with us every day.

"After an eight-month fight, Karen lost her battle to cancer in 2022," said Ric.

"We know she would love that Mark and I are taking on the 2026 Winter Shitbox Rally together in her memory."

The duo will take the road in June and drive from Phillip Island to Mildura, where the rally will begin.

"We'll then drive from Mildura to Townsville in seven days through some of Australia's most stunning

and rugged landscapes," said Mark.

The Shitbox Rally is not a race; it's a challenge – teams drive cars worth no more than \$1500.

"We've only spent \$180 on the Ford Focus so far, totalling \$680."

Teams will travel in small groups, helping each other on the way, and this event brings people together who have been impacted by cancer in different ways. Together, Ric and Mark will make memories in honour of Karen and help support cancer research on the way.

Join Ric and Mark at San Remo IGA on November 22 and help them drive hope forward.

Visit facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581343610781 to follow their journey and winter2026.shitboxrally.com.au/bass-straightbandits to donate.

Young voices heard at Wonthaggi Rotary speaking competition

STUDENTS from eight local schools took to the stage for the 25th annual Wonthaggi Rotary Primary School Speaking Competition, the Wonthaggi Secondary College auditorium filled with excitement and applause.

The event, now a much-loved tradition on the local calendar, showcased the confidence, creativity, and communication skills of the region's youngest public speakers, competitors being from grade 6 across the Bass Coast.

Each school selected its most promising speakers to represent it, with students delivering speeches on a range of topics, those including what change they would make as Prime Minister for the day, and who they identify as a Bass Coast hero.

Wonthaggi Rotary Club Secretary Ash Lamers opened the evening, commending the participants for their courage and preparation.

"Standing up and sharing your ideas in front of an audience is no small task," Ash said, noting that the students' confidence and passion are qualities that will serve them



Flynn Wright from Newhaven College displays his winner's trophy and an example of the lifechanging work of Mat Bowtell from 'Free 3D Hands', Flynn's speech having focused on Mat as his Bass Coast hero.

well in life.

The judges were impressed by the high standard of presentations, noting the students' clear articulation, strong eye contact, and passion for the topics selected.

After a close competition, Flynn Wright from Newhaven

getting a medallion and words of encouragement from the judges who reminded the students that public speaking is a lifelong skill that builds leadership and self-belief.

Wonthaggi Rotary Club extended its congratulations to all speakers for their courage and conviction.

The club also thanked the teachers, families, and schools involved, and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting youth development and education across the Bass Coast community.

The support of Wonthaggi Secondary College was acknowledged.

There are ambitious plans for the event's future.

"Next year we would love to expand the competition and roll it out through not only Bass Coast but into South Gipps Shire as well," Wonthaggi Rotary Club president Leah Montebello said, keen to give more young people across the region the chance to express their thoughts and develop important skills.

If you would like to be involved next year, reach out to rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com.

Foster awarded through Victoria Remembers Grants Program

MINISTER for Veterans Natalie Suleyman announced last Tuesday, Remembrance Day, the recipients of this year's Anzac Day Proceeds Fund and Victoria Remembers programs – providing more than \$1.5 million in funding to deliver vital support to veterans and their families across the state.

More than \$410,000 provided through the Victoria Remembers Grant Program will fund 27 projects with grants of up to \$30,000 to support commemorative events, new memorials and education projects.

Amongst this year's recipients is Foster RSL Sub-Branch who will receive \$1785 for their Vietnam War Education Program.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Living sustainably

By author Claire Chitty

I FEEL incredibly grateful to live where I do. I've met numerous people searching for and creating small groups of connection through participation, to share knowledge and experiences beyond the daily grind of city chaos.

Over the weekend, I led the CB Women's Sacred Circle, facilitating the journey of women to help rediscover inner peace and self-worth. Then it was onto The Gurdies Winery for a delightful afternoon, where we danced our Lindy Hop Swing moves to the talented 'Vintage Veterans' trio.

We considered attending the monthly rock and roll charity event in Pakenham but due to the inclement weather causing havoc with fallen branches and relentless rain, we decided to take a raincheck, knowing our weekly ritual at the Westernport Pub at San Remo on Sunday 5pm, would be the next music event. As always, this venue never disappoints with its fabulous food, free entertainment and making new acquaintances.

On Sunday morning, we attended a Living Sustainably workshop at Coronet Bay Community Garden, led by Harriet, who demonstrates these practices on her successful farm.

Under the shelter of the newly constructed 'Garden Room' aka shed, the 'Container Garden' workshop provided valuable insights and alternative ways to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables from olive oil tins, honey pots, gumboots, colanders, buckets and larger containers that can be moved around the garden to attract bees and beneficial pollinators.

If you're interested, the Living Sustainably Bass Coast Program, a free community initiative by the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils in conjunction with Bass Coast Adult Learning, Renew, Gippsland Beekeepers, Inverloch Community House, South Gippsland Beekeepers, Wonthaggi Men's Shed, Wonthaggi Library and eight community gardens across the region, runs throughout the year.

Whether you're a novice, experienced or community gardener, there's always something new to unpack. We're enjoyed garden gems, healthy soils, future food, attracting bees and pollinators, and other classes gaining knowledge on practical skills, ecofriendly practices, recycling, composting and most importantly, connection.

My cup is full of gratitude knowing that small groups and opportunities are available to support people with social interactions, continued learning and more importantly, mental and physical wellbeing.



Volunteer models showed off some eye-catching clothes from St Peter's Op Shop, along with entertaining moves. A18_4625

Fashion show shines for St Peter's in Leongatha

ATTENDEES at St Peter's Anglican Church in Leongatha enjoyed an energetic and entertaining fashion show on Wednesday evening, with well over an hour of varied and themed action for just \$5.

St Peter's Ladies Guild and Op Shop combined to run the successful event that is becoming an annual tradition, with over \$700 in sales for the night, people inspired to buy items that caught their eye as over 20 models showed off an array of outfits.

Months of work went into preparing the show, collecting suitable clothing items, organising models and arranging their outfits in the weeks leading up to the performance, and selecting appropriate themes and music.

"We're inspired by what comes in," Coral Johnston said, being involved with both the Guild and the Op Shop.

This year, an array of masks suited to a ball were received, sparking a Phantom of the Opera section to the show in which stunning eveningwear featured, while a collection of cowboy hats and sparkly boots led to a Rhinestone

Cowboy segment.

Two hours flew by with categories including casual attire, 'If you're going to San Francisco', Colour my World, race wear and 'Christmas'.

Donated Christmas head decorations and the time of year ensured there was a festive component to the evening.

Engagement between models and audience members added to the fun; the amateur models successfully accomplished many quick costume changes to keep the action flowing.

Ariane 'Kiki' Joseph and her daughter, Ella, showed their versatility, taking a pause from their modelling exploits to sing.

During the evening, Op Shop manager Kaye Littlejohn supervised proceedings, assistant manager Coral Johnston arranged the music and the timing for the models, Heather Scott made the announcements, and Marion Dewar welcomed the guests.

After the show, participants and spectators enjoyed supper and a bit of banter over the shenanigans that took place.



It was a fashion-filled evening in Leongatha on Wednesday, with St Peter's church filled to the rafters.



'Kiki' Joseph follows her daughter Ella. A22_4625



Summer fashion inspiration was on show at St Peter's. A21_4625



Umbrellas were up, with the services proceeding as planned.

Rain no match for community as residents gather in reflection of Armistice

ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025, the community of Leongatha and surrounds came together to commemorate Remembrance Day with a solemn service at the Cenotaph. Despite inclement weather, approximately 70 attendees participated in this heartfelt event, which was graciously hosted by Greg Nugent, general manager of Leongatha RSL, and Bill Verboon, president of Leongatha RSL.

Retired Lt. Colonel John Blunt served as the guest speaker, reflecting on the history of Remembrance Day. Following his address, Greg Nugent delivered a poignant reading of the poem "The Poppy."

Wreaths were laid by representatives from various organisations, including the RSL, TPI, Legacy, Emergency Services, the Council, and members of the public, followed by Bill Verboon's recital of the Ode of Remembrance.

The service featured musical accompaniment from approximately ten members of The South Gippsland Brass Band, culminating in moving renditions of "The Rouse" and "The Last Post" performed by bugler Natalie Stewart.

Following the ceremony, attendees gathered at the Leongatha RSL for light refreshments, providing an opportunity to reconnect and reflect.



Commemorations continue under solid roof

SOUTH Gippsland Legatee Gaye Carias lays a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Phillip Island San Remo Legacy Club at the San Remo Remembrance Day commemoration last Tuesday.

The task was previously undertaken by club president Marian Brennan, but sadly, Marian passed away recently.

Because of the unpredictable weather, the commemoration was held in the Westernport Hotel, with the San Remo Hotel hosting morning tea.

Vietnam veteran Maurie Benson was guest speaker, with fellow veteran John Methven OAM acting as MC.

State Coal Mine whistle blows for Remembrance Day

THREE short blasts from the State Coal Mine whistle and The Last Post was heard on Wonthaggi's PA system to mark the start of a minute silence for Remembrance Day.

Hundreds braved somewhat inclement weather at the start of the service to be rewarded with bright sunshine by the conclusion of the day's proceedings.

The service began with a welcoming address by Wonthaggi RSL sub-branch president Kev-in Walsh and the Australian National Anthem sung by the U3A choir.

Commander Jason Grivas of HMAS Cerberus delivered the keynote address, paying tribute to the 60 local men who served overseas during WWI and WWII.

"Neighbours, fathers, sons and mates from this lovely town."

Of the 330,000 Australians who served overseas during the four years of World War I 60,000 died, 152,000 were wounded and more than 4000 were taken prisoner.

Commander Grivas said this year marked a number of major events, including the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, the end of the Vietnam War and the 50th anniversary of the invasion of East Timor.

"Remembrance Day honours not only those who served in WWI but all who have served their country since," said Cmdr. Grivas.

Many men who were miners in Wonthaggi at the time also served, including Private James Richard Holloway, a miner from Wonthaggi who enlisted in January 1915 and was killed in Gallipoli in August of the same year.

Private Holloway, along with many other Australians missing across Europe, has no identifiable grave, yet his name is eternally inscribed on the Menin Gate Memorial in West Flanders, Belgium.

Special mention was made of



Prior to a minute silence for Remembrance Day three short blasts were heard from the State Coal Mine whistle in Wonthaggi for the first time in decades with the help of retired SCM coal miner Reg Wilson, Garry (Moz) Wilson president of the Friends of the State Coal Mine, Michael Boham a volunteer who was involved in the restoration of the mine whistle and retired SCM coal miner Danny Carr.

the Tunnellers 27 group from Wonthaggi, which was part of the Australian Engineering and Mining and Electrical Brigade Company (AEMMBC), which dug tunnels to place mines beneath enemy trenches on the Western Front.

The tunnellers were Sapper Frank Allan, Sapper John Binney, Sapper John Boyd, Lieutenant John Broome, Sapper Richard Clyde, Sapper John Coade, Sapper James Corckran, Sapper Arthur Elliot, Sapper Robert Duvall, Sapper Henry Hallett, Sapper Aubrey Houghton, Sapper Martin Haward, Sapper Robert Lee, Sapper Roy Lee, Sapper David Jenkins, Corporal Robert Mathieson, Sapper Thomas Mathieson, Sapper Joseph McMaster, Sergeant David Morgan, Sapper Ellis Neale, Sapper Leonard Radburn, Sapper William Sands, Sapper Augustus Smith, Sergeant Henry Somerset, Sapper Henry Spargo, Sapper William Spence and Sapper Edward Thompson.

The service continued with a bible reading and prayer by Wonthaggi RSL Chaplain Graeme Liersch, The Last Anzac sung by a choir from Wonthaggi Primary School, and the hymn Abide with Me sung by the U3A choir before the presentation of wreaths.



Imogen, Matilda, Shay, Tayte, Nova, Shayna, Lilly-Lee, Arli, Rahni, Amelie, Cameron, Emma, Indi, Stuart, Ruby, Ryder, Matilda, Daisy, Jacob, Hannah and Isla from Wonthaggi Primary School singing The Last Anzac on Remembrance Day. B15_4625



Reg Wilson from Friends of the State Coal Mine laid a wreath at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. B19_4625

Cadets sell out of Remembrance Poppies

You can't deny a man in uniform, or so it seems, with cadets from the Australian Army Cadets Wonthaggi Division selling out their allocation of poppies for service personnel welfare, ahead of Remembrance Day, at a stall outside the Cowes Post Office.

Manning the Remembrance Day badges stall were Cadet Lance Corporal Walls, Cadet Lance Corporal Bland, Cadet Corporal Messerer and Lieutenant Michael Crump.



Plaque to mark the grave of WWI veteran William (Bill) Abraham Matthews

By Bruce Wardley

FAMILY, friends and members of the Phillip Island sub-branch of the RSL gathered at the Wonthaggi Cemetery to unveil a plaque at what was the previously unmarked grave of (P) William (Bill) Abraham Matthews.

Born in Inglewood, Victoria, Private Bill Matthews was repatriated to his home in Wonthaggi after suffering a serious shrapnel wound in the Battle of Bullecourt in France.

William (Bill) Abraham Matthews was to die just three years later after a rock-fall at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi. The Powlett Express recorded the death of Private Matthews with an explanation of how the accident occurred.

'At about 10.30pm on Tuesday night, a fall of top stone occurred. Bill and his father were badly knocked about and were removed to the Wonthaggi Hospital. His injuries proving fatal, Bill died peacefully leaving a wife Emily and three young children Ronald, Douglas and Norma Matthews.'

Among those paying their respects to Private Matthews at the Wonthaggi Cemetery were family members great-grandson Tony Matthews, great-nephew Geoff Lee and great-niece Angela Matthews.

Representing the Phillip Island RSL was president Peter Paul, Lawrence Buck, Michael Reardon and Michael Crump resplendent in WWI uniforms.

The grave of William Matthews was left unmarked for many years after the removal of wooden crosses at the Wonthaggi Cemetery and many graves were destroyed.

Great-nephew Geoff Lee said Billy deserved better than that.



Lawrence Buck, Michael Reardon and Michael Crump from the Phillip Island RSL sub-branch with Tony Matthews, Geoff Lee and Angela Matthews at the grave of (P) William (Bill) Abraham Matthews in the Wonthaggi Cemetery. B39_4625

Great-niece Angela Matthews said she was proud to be part of the family.

"I am honoured and delighted that he has been recognised for his sacrifice."

Melina Bath MP, National Party Member for Eastern Victoria, said Billy came here (to the cemetery) far too early.

"It is so good to see people so passionate about remembrance."

"He was like many young men of the time."

"They were brave, showing relentless courage and sacrifice."

Mr Paul said it was important that we keep looking for and respecting our fallen.

"It's lovely to be able to find them and recognise them."

Offering a moving homily and prayer at the graveside, The Reverent Glenn Mercer's proceedings concluded with the Lord's Prayer followed by the national anthems of New Zealand, Great Britain and Australia.



Plaque marking the grave of WWI veteran (P) William (Bill) Abraham Matthews, who died in a mining accident at the State Coal Mine aged 28 after suffering a serious head wound in the Battle of Bullecourt in France.



Private William Abraham Matthews suffered a serious head wound in the Battle of Bullecourt in France before returning to Wonthaggi to work in the State Coal Mine.



Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath MP and Geoff Lee from the Matthews family paid tribute to WWI veteran (P) William (Bill) Abraham Matthews. B40_4625

Rain can't hinder respect as Korumburra remembers

LOCALS characteristically shrugged off the rain to pay their respects at the Korumburra Cenotaph this morning for Remembrance Day, 100-year-old Avis Tilley one of those unconcerned by the eight-degree temperature and the wet.

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson conducted the short but poignant service, Phil Richards playing The Last Post.

"The First World War was, in its time, the most destructive conflict yet experienced by humanity," David said, noting more than 60,000 Australians lost their lives, with some 10 million military personnel dying in what was then called the Great War.

By Andrew Paloczi

Wreath laying and the Ode of Remembrance added to the sense of occasion, the rain getting heavier as the service neared its conclusion.

Clothing emblazoned with poppies and umbrellas stood out in the wintry conditions.

While David touched on the hopes at the time that WWI would be the war to end all wars, conflicts have sadly continued to the current day, with countless sacrifices made in various theatres of war and through peacekeeping missions.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.



Amanda Ford and Avis Tilley of Korumburra Legacy are unconcerned by the wet and cold conditions, coming to pay their respects at the town's Cenotaph. A28_4625



Bonny Brydon of the Cowes Primary School and Phillip Island RSL volunteer Cheryl Overton combined to read a moving poem at the end of last week's Remembrance Day service in Cowes, being congratulated on their efforts by RSL President Peter Paul and primary school principal, Rod McKenzie.

Their blood, our tears as Phillip Island remembers

THE rain cleared for a sunny start to the Phillip Island Remembrance Day observance last Tuesday, November 11 at the Cowes cenotaph.

But the blustery wind blew over the table holding a chrome bowl meant for the poppies and sent the white, plastic chairs flying as the guests and participants started to arrive, including a team of HMAS Cerberus sailors practising their marching drills, resplendent in their white dress uniforms.

But inevitably the showers returned, especially heavy during the minutes' silence as everyone stood stoically to attention, with Craig Marinus playing mournfully on the bugle, reminded of the mud, the blood, the showers and the tears on the horrific Western Front, and in Flanders fields where the red poppies grow.

The rain came and went, stopping just as wreaths were being laid but threatening again after and finally forcing the cancellation of a hoped-for flyover.

The turnout didn't rival the iconic Anzac Day dawn service, by the lapping waters of Cowes cove, but there was a strong response all the

same and particularly noticeable that a lot of ex-service personnel were there, among them Warrant Officer Trevor McFarlane who was a supply officer in the air force serving in a number of locations including overseas in Malaysia or Malaya as it was then, and Vietnam Veteran Laurie Jones.

Phillip Island RSL president Peter Paul offered the welcome, saying on a number of occasions, how pleasing it was to see so many people come along despite the inclement weather, but on a workday, he said he felt sure that businesses and schools across the Island would be joining the official gathering in a minutes' silence.

Retired Captain Paul Scott gave the keynote address, Cowes Primary School student Bonnie Brydon and RSL volunteer Cheryl Overton read out a special poem, Rev Ruth Hanlan said the prayer, Natasha Crestani sang the anthem and Bass Coast Shire Councillors Ron Bauer, Tim O'Brien and Tracy Bell were among those laying wreaths.

More details and photos on the Sentinel-Times' website at sgst.com.au.



Vietnam Veteran Laurie Jones laid a wreath on Remembrance Day in Cowes, a commemoration that was well attended by service personnel this year.

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The people are watching

NOT interested in politics? Think again!

At a local government level in particular, the closest level of authority to the people, interest has never been higher.

And it's not surprising with local government responsible for everything from pets and animal management, to footpath maintenance, building and planning approvals, rubbish collection, kindergarten and family services, road maintenance, streets and drainage, community and business support, not to mention their own financial management and a whole lot more.

Local ratepayers and residents might find that most of their time is taken up with the general business of life; working, running the kids around, tidying up around the house, looking after older relatives, meeting friends, keeping fit and paying the bills.

But they are keeping a weather eye on the performance of their local council, and the decisions they make as evidenced by the number of people who engaged in an online conversation last week on the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times' Facebook page about the \$7.7 million Inverloch to Wonthaggi shared pathway.

In fact, for a non-video post, it attracted a phenomenal 221,345 views, 1009 interactions, 618 likes, 47 shares and 334 comments, varying widely from outright criticism of the shire for wasting money, to glowing endorsement of its tracks and trails development policy, together with well-reasoned suggestions on how to do it better and encouragement for using local contractors where possible.

It was a positive, if lively discussion and good to see the shire's communications' team weighing in too and providing some useful feedback about the progress of works.

But the fact is, the community takes a keen, if at times, a passive interest in how the shire is managing its affairs and how it is delivering for the people and while we only get a chance once every four years to pass ultimate judgement, in the ballot box, we want the opportunity to have our say on all council's policy settings, especially community priorities for works and services.

But one area that remains a mystery to us all is the state of the shire's finances and the percentage of revenue that is being converted into benefits for the community.

The latest quarterly statement by the Bass Coast Shire Council reveals we are headed for an underlying deficit of \$11.5 million, which is \$1.5 million worse than budgeted. We're told not to worry, that the shire is paying off \$2.1 million more of its borrowings than anticipated and that our ability to pay existing debts remains within the Victorian Auditor General's low risk category.

But the underlying debt position remains firmly in the high-risk category, and it needs to be clearly explained why this is OK.

Are we spending more and more on staff wages and less and less on community-facing, community-endorsed capital works? Can savings be made in shire operations, starting with a full review of the cost of operations at Berninnet where two paying customers emerged last week from a screening of the worthy Dwayne Johnson film 'The Smashing Machine'? Are we doing everything right there?

The community is watching (or in this case, not watching)!

Vox Pop

Are local roads getting better or worse?



Trudy Walter

"Roads are ten times worse in a short period of time."



Shaharna McDonald

"Getting busier with lots of potholes on the road between Wonthaggi and Inverloch."



Paul Andrews

"Worse than ever, especially on the Wonthaggi to Cape Paterson Road, with potholes all the way."



Brett Goodwin

"Roads are worse, more potholes and more congestion."

Even pets are not safe from Labor's tax hikes

GIPPSLAND pet owners are set to pay more next year with the Allan Labor Government almost doubling its charge on pet registrations.

Like the infamous emergency services tax, councils will be forced to collect the extra tax through pet registration fees and pass it directly to state coffers.

At a time when the Allan Labor Government should be focused on easing cost-of-living pressures, it is instead coming up with new ways to cash-in on the family pet.

This is yet another example of Labor's appetite for revenue collection, hitting hardworking families across our region.

Labor can't manage money, and pet owners are the latest in a long line being asked to pay the price.

Only The Nationals in government will scrap Labor's emergency services tax and reduce the cost of living for Gippslanders.

Danny O'Brien, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South

Turn on a light and high vis, please

COULD cyclists please throw a light or two! With regard to a very dangerous road safety concern. Black clothing – black bike and no lights!

An intriguing and convincing explanation (justification) for this incomprehensible behaviour would be appreciated, to say the least.

John Hennessy, Inverloch

No need to overhaul honours

THE Albanese Government's mean-spirited plan to overhaul the honours and awards appeal system is a betrayal of our veterans and their families.

The Labor Party's legislation takes away long-standing rights to appeal Defence decisions and would impose a 20-year time limit on applications for review. In practice, that means Australian Defence Force personnel, veterans and their families would be silenced, with no avenue to challenge Defence decisions on medal entitlements or recognition of service.

The Bill is an attack on the independence of the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal, a body that was established to stand apart from Defence and ensure fairness in recognising our nation's heroes.

The Tribunal's independence has allowed cases like Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean VC and Private Richard Norden VC to finally receive the recognition they deserved. Under Labor's changes, these heroes would never have been recognised for their bravery because their actions occurred more than 20 years ago.

Even worse, the Department of Defence admitted during Senate hearings that it failed to consult either the Tribunal or the ex-service community before drafting the Bill.

Veterans across the country have lined up to condemn the legislation. The RSL of New South Wales called it "disgraceful" and warned that it would harm the physical and mental wellbeing of veterans and their families. The Tribunal itself has said the Bill would remove existing rights and work to the "very

significant disadvantage" of those who have served.

This is not a minor administrative reform; it's a fundamental weakening of transparency and oversight by a Labor Party which hates being held to account.

The Coalition is working with the crossbench in the Senate to defeat the Bill, but we need your help.

If you live in a Labor Party electorate, write to your Member of Parliament and tell them to oppose this plan, which puts a time limit on 'We Will Remember Them'.

Darren Chester, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Editor's Note: Federal Member for Monash Mary Aldred MP fully supports Mr Chester's position and has spoken with many local veterans who are deeply concerned about the Government's proposed changes. Ms Aldred is encouraging people to write to their Labor MPs.

Memories of a life in Bass Coast

I AM writing as a sentimental, lively 94-year-old man who has very happy memories of life in and around Wonthaggi and Phillip Island.

My three sons also have memories having married a Miss Phillip Island in a National Beauty Contest. The island was the place to live. We had a house built in French Court.

It was not long before I realised painting small poster water colour pictures on the island became "boring", so my wife decided to move to the mainland, Glen Alvie was our destination.

With one hundred acres and three hundred Angora goats, we weren't to know Angora goats suffer from foot rot, so that was disappointing, and I had to find other work due to the wet conditions.

The textile mill in Wonthaggi was a gift for all looking for work, and entertaining was another, so I joined Breenies Musical Company and made some money, and lived happily.

Also remember two very large sharks who roamed the Island and were known to local fishermen. The children who jumped into the water from the wharf never jumped again as I showed them the jaws of a shark caught off the wharf. One idiot came down and caught the two huge sharks, end of story.

Reg Glover, NSW

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.



Young fans go wild for monster truck mayhem

PACKS of excited young locals staked out front-row spots at Saturday's monster truck showdown, waving their flags and cheering as the drivers roared past. We asked where you were on Saturday, and this is just some of the fantastic photos and responses we received on social media. Shout out to Craig who attended the speedcube competition in Newborough.



Commander Andy Forster and Ken Barnes attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph. B14_4625



PISRA editor Eleanor McKay, BCSC marketing and audience development coordinator Laura A'Bell and visual artist Annette Marshall caught up at the creative workshop. C01_4625



Karen Skinner and Trish Oostendarp took a lot away from the creative marketing workshop last Wednesday at Berninneit. C02_4625



Multitalented performer and MC Jessica Songbird and author Jacinta Hudson made plenty of notes at Berninneit during the creative marketing workshop. C03_4625



Tarwin's Andrew Guymer and Shaun Roffee of Foster enjoy the Quirky Bar experience. A11_4525



Workmates Andrew Newton, Kerry Zuidema and Shai Rose check out the new bar in town. A12_4525



Peter McAlpine, Fergus Warren and Alia Fehring find a comfortable spot at Quirky Bar. A13_4525



Sue and Jol Dutton and Sue Fleming take it easy at Quirky Bar. A14_4525



Amy Watkins and Bub Clark are ready to enjoy the hospitality at Quirky Bar. A16_4525



Pictures of you and your friends at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Wonthaggi, Quirky Bar opening night, Bass Coast Shire Creative Industries Marketing Workshop and South Gippsland Rail Precinct Openings.



Claire Phillips, Cheryl Bertrand and Jan Watson with Chloe, Riley, Mali and Evie from the Wonthaggi Girl Guides at the Remembrance Day service in Wonthaggi. B13_4625



Jenny Goss, Dianne Schelling and Cara Carter showed their support at the opening of the rail precincts in Leongatha last Friday. C04_4625



A delicious barbecue was on offer at the opening, thanks to Leongatha Lions volunteers Grant McMahon, Tania Allcorn and Les Byrne. You can catch the Lions at next month's Foster Market.



Regional Development Australia's Gippsland chair Kellie O'Callaghan and regional director Sara Rhodes-Ward, showed their support at Friday's opening. C06_4625



South Gippsland Shire's executive director's David Fice, Lucas Gardiner and Tony Peterson were excited for the future of the precincts at Friday's opening. C07_4625



Hiromi Hagi, Rail Trail Australia's Damian McCrohan and Rail Trail Community Market Leongatha president Neil Barrett highlighted the impact the precinct has already had.

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Julie and Jeremy Curtis at Quirky Bar. A17_4525



Anthony and Kristie Walls at Quirky Bar. A18_4525

Ribbon sandwiches with seafood

By Meg Viney



RAINBOW sandwiches seem to be popular again.

There are so many different fillings – best to consider flavour and colour when deciding – and avoid tomato because it goes soggy quickly. Use sandwich-cut bread. Best to cut the crusts off for ease of handling and eating.

Ingredients

- A loaf of white or wholemeal bread, sandwich sliced
- Slices of smoked salmon
- 250 gm cream cheese
- 100 gm green olives, chopped finely
- Mayonnaise
- 100 gm cooked prawns, chopped finely
- Lemon juice

Method

Mix the cream cheese with a little mayonnaise so it is spreadable, and add the chopped olives.

Add the smoked salmon slices.

Mix the chopped prawns with some mayonnaise and lemon juice so it is spreadable.

Spread the fillings onto the bread, with the cream cheese/olive spread in the middle.

Remove the crusts and cut into ribbons

Place on a platter and cover with a damp tea towel to keep moist.

Voodoo Surf Gods return to Riverview Hotel this November

THE Riverview Hotel in Tarwin Lower is gearing up for one of its biggest nights of the year, with the Voodoo Surf Gods set to return on Saturday, November 29, 2025. Back by popular demand, Australia's definitive '90s grunge act is ready to bring the noise, the nostalgia and the energy that made last year's show a sell-out.

For long-time locals, the Surf Gods' second annual return is a homecoming. In the early to mid-90s, the band was a regular fixture at the Riverview, helping ignite the grunge-rock movement across South Gippsland. Their early years at the venue are still remembered fondly by fans who packed the pub to witness their high-octane sets and see a band that always gave everything to the room.

Fast-forward to today, and the Voodoo Surf Gods remain a powerhouse live act. Their setlist dives deep into the golden era of alternative rock, blending classics from the 90s and 2000s with fan-favourite modern additions. Expect big guitars, big vocals and a playlist built for moshing, shouting along and reliving the era when Stussy tees, 26 Reds and Dunlop Volleys ruled the scene.



Don't miss your chance to see the Voodoo Surf Gods return on November 29 to Riverview Hotel, Tarwin Lower – tickets on sale now from Oztix.

Known for their crowd-focused shows, the Surf Gods have built a reputation for performances that feel more like a shared experience than a standard gig. Their energy on stage and their connection with the audience have kept them one of the most in-demand live acts around Melbourne for decades.

This will be the band's final show for 2025, making it an exclusive chance for fans old and new to catch them before the year wraps up.

Tickets are on sale now

through Oztix – book early and get ready to relive the glory days of grunge at the Riverview Hotel.

If you're looking for a gig this weekend, then kick it off with Dublin-born singer-songwriter Gallie at Archies Creek Hotel on November 21.

Gallie's performances are strikingly atmospheric. His performance can move from a lonesome whistling entrance sounding like a miner in the Klondike, through to a wild folk guitar crescendo, and

gorgeous baritone voice giving the grittiest performance of his life. It's this magnetic style that has earned him opportunities to support global names including Damien Rice, Lisa Hannigan, KT Tunstall, Glen Hansard, Newton Faulkner and Squeeze, as well as share stages with icons like Santana, Chris Isaak and Jimmy Cliff.

A true troubadour, he spent more than 15 years travelling the world, but has now been based in Australia for over a decade.

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SAT 22/11	BEN OTTERWELL & IAN BALL (UK) • SOLD OUT
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FRI 28/11	QUIZ NIGHT w/ JON VON GOES & CELIA CHURCH
SAT 29/11	MISS EILEEN & KING LEAR ALBUM LAUNCH
SUN 30/11	TEX PERKINS & MATT WALKER • SOLD OUT

December

FRI 5/12	KEVIN BENNETT & THE FLOOD
SAT 6/12	FLORIST (US)
SUN 7/12	THE AUDREYS
SUN 14/12	THE STETSON FAMILY
SAT 20/12	MAGIC DIRT
SUN 21/12	LOST RAQAS & SILVERSOUND

January

THU 1/1	MICK THOMAS' ROVING COMMISSION NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOW w/ HANNA & JESSIE LEE'S BAD HABITS, DANNY WALSH BANNED & QUEEN OF HEARTS MARIACHI BAND
SAT 10/1	THE BLACK SORROWS
SUN 11/1	THE BLACK SORROWS

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Noah's Gift and Cease and Desist have once again teamed up to continue raising important funds for the Royal Children's Hospital with a gig to be held on November 28. Pictured back from left, Nathan Jones, Augie Parker, Darren Parker, Jeff Jones, front from left, Tracey Jones, Emma Jones and Terra Plumb.

Music backs Royal Children's Hospital

GREAT music and great company will help to raise more funds for the Royal Children's Hospital on November 28.

Local band Cease and Desist – along with Leigh, Mauz, Captain Tasty and the Filthy Horns – have once again partnered with Noah's Gift to ensure more money is donated to the Royal Children's Hospital's (RCH) cardiac ward.

This will be the third annual fundraising gig and Cease and Desist's Darren Parker said the band is thrilled to be part of it.

"We're very excited. (Noah's Gift founders) Emma and Nathan (Jones) do fantastic work," he said.

"We're rapt this has become an annual event for such a great cause. It's a great night to come and relax, enjoy

some music and look after the kids."

Noah's Gift was established in 2017 in honour of Noah Jones.

Darren said Cease and Desist had always played music for fun, but the side benefit of championing the work of Noah's Gift and RCH was a wonderful thing to be involved in.

"Anything we can do to contribute in a positive way is great. Emma and Nathan are wonderful role models in overcoming grief and contributing positively to others," he said.

"We hope to get over 100 people there. It's a great way to celebrate the end of the year and would be the perfect place for something like a work break-up. It just has a really nice community feel

and it's a great place to be."

After the event, Emma and Nathan will look at what grants are available through the RCH to decide where the money will be allocated.

Noah's Gift will be donating the money from the gig, as well as money raised throughout the year from the sale of beanies made by Tracey Jones.

Emma said Cease and Desist approached Noah's Gift to run the gig this year, and the organisation of the event has been largely community-led.

"We are very grateful to everyone who has been involved. We didn't expect to do this again. Between our family and work commitments, we have been time poor, but there has been massive support to keep this

event going and organise the raffle. Cease and Desist have taken it upon themselves to do a lot of the organising and go above and beyond to make this event possible. It means a lot to us," she said.

Local businesses have rallied to provide prizes for the raffle winners on the night.

"It's fantastic to have so many people on board. We're grateful that people are always thinking of us and want to support the people still utilising the care of RCH," Emma said.

The gig will be held on November 28 from 8pm at The Clubhouse in Wonthaggi.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 per head.

Be sure to come along, enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment and support the ongoing work of Noah's Gift.



Visit **Paperplay Inverloch** on **Saturday, November 29**, for an author meet and greet with **Kate Mildenhall** at 3.30pm.

Author meet and greet at with Kate Mildenhall and Toni Jordan

ON Saturday, November 29, Paperplay Inverloch are hosting a free in-store author meet and greet featuring two outstanding writers: Kate Mildenhall and Toni Jordan, at 3.30pm.

Guests are invited to join Paperplay Inverloch for a relaxed afternoon with a glass (or two!) of bubbles while meeting the authors, enjoying an informal chat about their writing, and getting books signed.

Kate Mildenhall is the author of *The Mother Fault*, *The Hummingbird Effect*, *Skylarking*, and the children's book *To Stir With Love*. Her brand-new novel, *The Hiding Place* (released October 28), is a razor-sharp literary thriller about deception, self-deception, and the lengths people go to protect what they believe is theirs.

Toni Jordan is the author of the international bestseller *Addition*, which was long-listed for the Miles Franklin Award and adapted into a feature film, in cinemas in 2026. Her novel *Nine Days* was awarded Best Fiction at the 2012 Indie Awards; *Our Tiny*, *Useless Hearts* was longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award; and her two Schnabel family novels, *Dinner with the Schnabels* and *Prettier if She Smiled More*, were critically acclaimed. Toni holds a Bachelor of Science in physiology and a PhD in Creative Arts and lives in Melbourne. Her latest novel is *Tenderfoot*.

Paperplay Inverloch is located at Shops E & F, 10 ABeckett Street, Inverloch.

What's on around town...

Community Lunch

Wednesdays, 12.30pm
Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House

Gallie

November 21, Doors 8pm
Archies Creek Hotel

Shitbox Rally Fundraiser with San Remo CFA Fire Chats

November 22, 10.30am to 2pm
San Remo IGA

Island Magic

November 22
Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

Scarecrow – The Mellencamp Show

November 22, Show 9pm
Austral Hotel, Korumburra

Kongwak Retro Vintage Market

November 23, 10am to 2pm
Kongwak

Op Shopping West Gippsland

November 25, 9am to 3.30pm
Leongatha Community House

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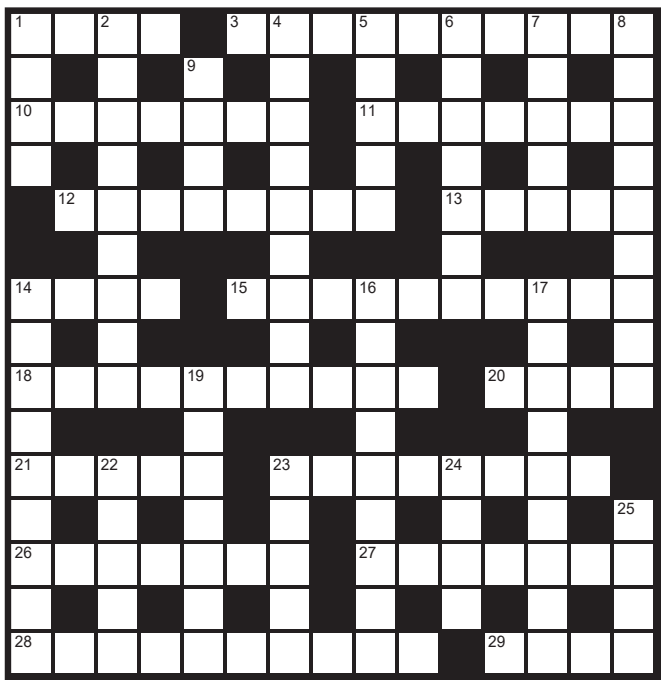
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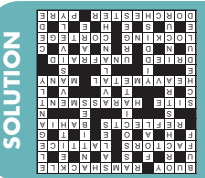
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- 2 Big classical music ensemble (9)
- 4 Partner; colleague (9)
- 5 Public auctions (5)
- 6 French resort town (7)
- 7 Musician, – Urban (5)
- 8 Gracefully (9)
- 9 Young horse (4)
- 14 Planned (9)
- 16 Flood (9)
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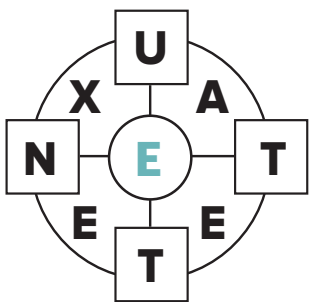


9-LETTER

No. 307

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in 's'.

- Today's Aim:
- 7 words: Good
- 11 words: Very good
- 15 words: Excellent

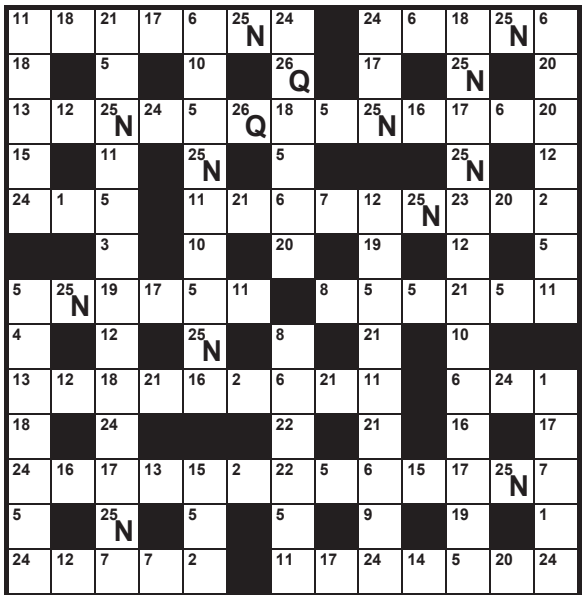


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ante, attune, eaten,

CODEWORD

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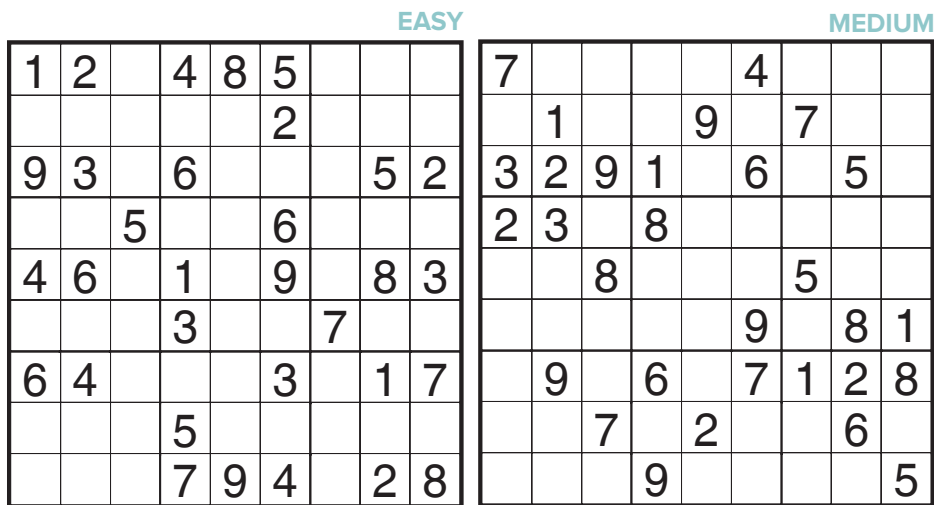
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



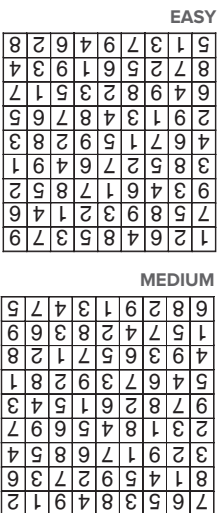
SUDOKU

No. 306

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.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. What is the birthstone for the month of May?

2. Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas (pictured) is married to which Jonas brother?

3. If something is squamous, what is it covered with?

4. What do the letters of the company IBM stand for?

5. Which is closer to Australia: the Tropic of Cancer or the Tropic of Capricorn?
6. Is a brouhaha a laugh, drink or an uproar?

7. In Greek mythology, what was the name of Jason's ship?

8. By what modern name is the Victorian era 'snap dog' known?

9. Leopold Bloom is the protagonist of which 20th-century novel?

10. What nationality was the folk hero William Tell?



ANSWERS: 1. Emerald 2. Nick Jonas 3. Scales 4. International Business Machines 5. Tropic of Capricorn 6. Uproar 7. Argo 8. Whippet 9. Ulysses by James Joyce 10. Swiss

WORD SEARCH

No. 217

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- BOWERBIRD JAY RHEA
- BROADBILL KIWI ROSELLA
- BROLGA KOOKABURRA SHAG
- CATBIRD LARK STORK
- DUCK MACAW SWALLOW
- EAGLE MAKAIN SWAN
- EMU NIGHTJAR SWIFT
- GOOSE OWL THRUSH
- GREBE OYSTERCATCHER TOUCAN
- GROUSE PETREL WOODCOCK
- HERON PLOVER WOODPECKER
- HUMMINGBIRD QUAIL WREN

SECRET MESSAGE: Our many fine feathered friends

FROM the CLASSROOM



Leongatha Primary School's 2026 student leaders look forward to the challenges of their new roles.

Leongatha Primary excited to announce leaders for 2026

LEONGATHA Primary School Principal Warwick Ford looks forward to the newly installed 2026 student leaders helping guide and inspire the school community. He described the leaders as talented and dedicated individuals, each bringing their own unique strengths and passion to their roles.

The 2026 School Captains are Dalzeil Scott, Sadie Rendlen, Nicola Davies and Annabelle Macey, all of whom have shown outstanding leadership potential. House Captains, who will play a key role in fostering team spirit and organising House events across the year are:

- Coghlan – Abbie Saario and Indie Thomson
- Johnston – Archer Trease and Ava Dimo
- Herrald – Halle Whitten and Hudson Cooper

- Wightman – Prisca Mwiinga and Jai Burge
 - Specialist Role Leaders, who will help create a vibrant and engaging learning environment for all are:
 - Performing Arts – Isla Holm and Pippa Hockett
 - Visual Art – Enidan Cashmore and Amelia Norman
 - Library – Lana Verboon and Indi Brydon
 - Sustainability – Paige Gardner and Oliver Ramsbottom
 - STEM/ICT – William Buckley and Harvey Dent
 - Auslan – Elise Evans and Peyton Batterham
- "We are incredibly proud of all our new leaders and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have in their roles," principal Ford said.



The annual Wonthaggi North Primary School was an overwhelming success, with students putting on an incredibly colourful display in a variety of mediums.

Students shine in Wonthaggi North art show

WONTHAGGI North Primary School held its annual Art Show last week, welcoming families, friends, and community members to celebrate the creativity of their students.

The event ran over two nights and featured a wide range of student artwork. Each piece showed the effort and imagination of all of their students. Visitors were encouraged to take their time, enjoy the displays, and talk with students and staff about the work.

Special guests included local MP Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast Mayor Rochelle Halstead, who came to support the school community and officially open the exhibition.

The school would like to thank everyone for attending and give a huge shout-out to the amazing art teacher, Miss Mac, for her hard work in preparing the show. A big thank you also goes to TheirCare for running a free sausage sizzle.

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Final fling for Phillip Island's 'Block' houses

THERE'S no doubt about it, Phillip Island's visitor economy received a mega-boost of publicity for hosting Channel Nine's hit home renovation show, The Block, in 2024.

And the region received one final sugar hit last Saturday night when the man dubbed 'Lambo Guy' by the series for his auction antics, Adrian Portelli, gave away the five houses he bought in the Justice Road resort last year, for a cool \$15 million, to five lucky winners through his lottery and raffle company LMCT+.

The raffle draw was broadcast late and live on social media, but still managed a live audience of 20,000 and several hundred on site.

However, while the last hurrah garnered more eyeballs for Phillip Island, none of the houses were won locally, going to instant millionaires in NSW, South Australia, Western Australia and regional Victoria.

The raffle draw marks the final public chapter in the much-watched saga with the homes and its renovated resort now going into private hands.

But it's likely that some visitors to the Island will still take a turn down Justice Road on the outskirts of Cowes just to see what the fuss was all about.

Interest might now fall on any resale of the high-profile



Dubbed the 'Lambo Guy' for his auction exploits on Channel Nine's The Block, Adrian Portelli and business partner Troy Williams hosted the final raffle draw for the Phillip Island Block houses last Saturday night.

properties where true market value is likely to be revealed for the first time, but it's unlikely to be anywhere near Portelli's winning bid of \$3.5 million for Maddy and Charlotte's house in the 2024 show.

Adrian Portelli was on site in Phillip Island for the giveaway

Although Portelli initially said he was considering keeping the houses, he soon pivoted to offering them as a prize through his company LMCT+.

The first attempt to give away the resort failed when Portelli gave the winner of his Boxing Day raffle the

choice between pocketing \$8 million cash or the five renovated properties. The winner, Holly from Ballarat, took the money.

The controversial billionaire shelled out more than \$15.03 million to scoop up all five houses at the 2024 Block auctions. The combined total of \$5.43 million in winnings also made it the most lucrative auction day for contestants in the show's history.

He splurged the most money on Maddy and Charlotte's house, his \$3.5 million winning bid – a knockout \$1 million raise – making the sisters the youngest-ever winners of The Block.

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AUCTION

Saturday, December 6 at 2pm on site
32 Forrest Avenue, Newhaven



This magnificent property on SOUGHT AFTER FORREST AVENUE is an absolute piece of blue-chip real estate, where the calibre of the home matches its irreplaceable location. Commanding a front-row position on a large, level allotment, this residence enjoys breathtaking, uninterrupted views across the sparkling waters of Western Port Bay and the Newhaven Marine. Inspection will truly impress, as this home is a masterpiece designed to capitalise on its stunning outlook. The property is defined by its expansive, three living areas, where huge bay windows draw the dramatic scenery indoors, making the water view the centrepiece of your everyday life.

CONTACT COWES:

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Connect with nature in a pristine coastal location

NESTLED amongst the treetops at the end of a quiet court opposite the coastal park, this stylish retreat is surrounded by lush greenery and offers the ultimate lifestyle close to nature. From here, you can wander through the bushland and native rainforest to reach the stunning beach.

Recently updated for effortless living, the home offers a relaxed coastal escape with an open plan layout that flows to a covered entertaining deck. Complete with a built-in BBQ and fridge, the deck overlooks the private gardens and a cosy fire pit area.

Every window enjoys views over the lush surroundings, creating a sense of peace and tranquillity, enhanced by the simple, low-maintenance features, natural materials, and a soothing colour palette. Soak up the sun, listen to the birdsong and wind in the trees, light the wood heater and settle in on a rainy day, or cook up a storm in the stylish brand-new kitchen.

There are three bedrooms, each with robes, serviced by a stunning modern bathroom where you can soak in the luxury under the rain head shower, or shower outside if the mood takes you! A practical laundry space includes separate w.c. and external access.

Set on a flat block of approximately 730m2 with space to park a boat, van or jet skis, there is also potential to create additional storage or a family room underneath the house. If you're seeking an escape, a return to a fondly remembered childhood beach holiday location or to enjoy this enviable lifestyle every day, call to arrange an inspection of this special property.



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730m²

9 Macneil Court, **Walkerville**
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TOORA



- 3 bed 1 bath, 4 car
 - Immaculate home + 1/4 acre
 - Double carport/ lock up garage
 - Spacious fitted bedrooms
 - Short walk to town & rail trail
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BUFFALO



- Situated in one of Victorias prime cattle regions
 - Featuring 276 acres / 112 ha (approx.) flat to undulating
 - Trad. strong messmate country with heavy black soils
 - Exc. Fencing (8) paddocks with native tree shelter belts
 - Water security with great catchment dams & rainfall
 - Undercover stock yards, b-double access & hayshed
- \$3,850,000**
Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

TOORA



- Italian-style café and deli
 - Well established branding
 - Equipment and training
 - 3x3 lease in the heart of town
- Business only \$150,000**
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LEONGATHA



- Great central location
 - Walk to shops & sporting
 - 3 bed, 1 bath, 1 car
 - Low maintenance block
 - Dual access driveways
- \$490,000**
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KORUMBURRA



- Lifestyle gem on the edge of town is ideal country living!
 - A convenient easy 1.5km from the heart of Korumburra township
 - Neat B/V 3 bed, 1 bath, north facing home with entertaining deck
 - Modern new bathroom, great storage, low maintenance home
 - Great shedding including a magnificent 18mx9mx3.9m shed
 - Beautifully set up for horses/cattle, (5) paddocks, water & shelter
- \$935,000**
Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

NERRENA



- Just minutes from town
 - Beautiful set with expansive views
 - 20ha/50ac, highly productive
 - 4 bed, 2 bath, spacious B/V home
 - Rural living at its best here
- \$1,900,000**
Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

‘Well 63 East’ – Highly desirable 251 acres

ELDERS Real Estate is proud to present ‘Well 63 East’, a picturesque and highly productive 251-acre property located in the tightly held region of Koonwarra, South Gippsland. Beautifully balanced and well sheltered, this outstanding holding features a year-old Kialla-built home, excellent infrastructure, reliable water and fertile undulating land, perfectly suited to cattle breeding and fattening, horses, or mixed farming pursuits. Set in a private and tranquil location, ‘Well 63 East’ offers the best of both farming and lifestyle.

The property spans 251 acres of fertile, undulating land with an excellent fertiliser history, making it highly suitable for grazing or mixed farming pursuits. The land is divided into 19 well-fenced paddocks, serviced by a central laneway system, and enhanced by established treed plantations that provide shelter, attract birdlife, and add to the property’s natural beauty. Infrastructure includes good cattle yards complete with an undercover heavy-duty crush, two machinery sheds, two hay sheds, a disused dairy and additional shedding. Water security is a standout feature, with 11 dams, including a large dam with an electric pump, frontage to ‘Small Creek’, and an annual rainfall of approximately 40 inches.

At the heart of the property is a modern Kialla-built home, offering four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The home includes a stunning kitchen with dual electric ovens, gas cooktop, walk-in pantry, and ample storage. Open-plan living is complemented by a second lounge area, radiant wood heater, and a split-system reverse cycle for year-round comfort. A bright study area provides a flexible space for remote work or quiet retreat, while a spacious laundry and mudroom with generous storage adds to the practicality. The home is further enhanced with an 8.6kW solar system and inverter, two large water tanks, and a three-bay carport.

Ideally located within easy reach of Koonwarra Selling Centre – five minutes, nine minutes to Meenyan, 10 minutes to Leongatha, 20 minutes to Inverloch, and just under two hours from Melbourne CBD. ‘Well 63 East’ presents an exceptional opportunity to secure a high-quality grazing property in one of South Gippsland’s most sought-after districts.



4 2 6 251 Acres

5 Darshan Lane, **Koonwarra**
For Sale \$13,800 – \$15,000 per acre
Agent Elders
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083
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Sharon Turton 0447 604 796

Real Estate

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Korumburra 882m²
Beautifully Renovated 3-Bed Home

- 3-beds, 2-baths, offering modern comfort
- Master bedroom with WIR & ensuite
- Open living with access to back deck

Web ID: 300P187557 **\$580,000**

Leongatha 211m²
Well-Maintained 2 Bedroom Unit

- 2 bedrooms with new carpet
- Spacious kitchen & open plan living
- Single garage with internal access

Web ID: 300P188126 **\$450,000**

Korumburra 149 Acres
Lifestyle & Grazing Opportunity

- Undulating to rolling hill country
- 17 paddocks accessed via central laneway
- Solid 3-bedroom brick home

Web ID: 300P186087 **\$2.0 Million**

Bass 378 Acres
Bass Coast Opportunity

- 3 certificate of titles
- Suited for cattle or crop production
- Multiple catchment dams

Web ID: 300P176150 **\$5.67 Million**

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Victorian elegance with stunning outlook



SET amid the rolling hills of Stony Creek, this beautifully restored Victorian residence combines timeless character with modern comfort, all while capturing spectacular rural views. Occupying approximately 4.05 acres in a peaceful setting just five minutes from Meeniyans vibrant town centre, the property offers a rare opportunity to enjoy space, style and serenity.

Showcasing all the hallmarks of its era, the home features soaring 12ft ceilings, ornate cornices and double-glazed windows adorned with ornamental awnings. Freshly painted on the exterior, it welcomes you with a new verandah that perfectly frames the stunning outlook. Inside, the open-plan kitchen, living and dining zone creates a warm and inviting heart of the home, enhanced by a gas log heater and sliding doors that flow to the verandah for easy indoor-outdoor living. The kitchen impresses with Caesarstone benchtops, a double farmhouse sink, electric oven and gas cooktop.

A formal dining room or second living area provides additional space to relax or host guests, complete with an open fireplace and a beautiful King Billy Pine mantle. The accommodation includes three bedrooms with the master featuring a walk-in robe and ensuite with a bath, shower, toilet and Caesarstone vanity. The second bedroom offers built-in robes and ensuite-style access to the main bathroom, while the third bedroom also includes a built-in robe. Comfort is ensured year-round with ducted reverse-cycle air conditioning and a ducted vacuum system.

Outside, the property continues to impress with an undercover patio for alfresco dining, surrounded by established gardens dotted with fruit trees. The excellent infrastructure includes a double garage, four-bay hayshed, large workshop with an adjoining insulated workshop/storage area, plus two water tanks supplying 100,000L and 22,500L.

Offering a wonderful balance of country charm and modern ease, this picturesque retreat is privately positioned yet conveniently close to Meeniyans restaurants, boutique shops and just a short drive to the natural wonders of Wilsons Promontory.



3 2 2 4.05 Acres*

25 Moyes Road, **Stony Creek**
For Sale: \$1,400,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Michael Hanily 0417 311 756
**Approximately*

Fisherman's dream surrounded by nature

TUCKED away at the end of a no-through road in beautiful Heathlands Estate is a newly built three-bedroom home on 861m2 of flat land.

The main living area has high vaulted ceilings allowing the light to flow into the open plan kitchen, dining and living area. The kitchen has all modern appliances, an inducted cooktop, dishwasher, island bench and loads of cupboard space.

All bedrooms are large and have built-in robes, the master bedroom has a walk-in robe and an ensuite. The second bathroom is centrally located with a separate toilet and laundry, and ample cupboard space and access outside.

A large deck looking over the bushlands setting with ceiling fans above and heaps of room to barbecue, relax and enjoy the natural surroundings and the fully landscaped gardens. The large 9x12m high-roofed barn is fully concreted with two large roller doors, power, water and a mezzanine floor for extra storage and still heaps of room for a boat or caravan.

Fully fenced with paths all around, making this a very low-maintenance home. There is no work to do at all on this near-new home set in nature, but still close enough to walk to the beach and everything Port Welshpool has to offer.

This house is presently leased out until April 2026 at \$2210 per month, with the option to keep the tenants in place or wait until April and enjoy this fantastic property yourself.

For more information or to arrange a private inspection, please contact David County at Ray White Foster.

Inspections are strictly by appointment.



3 2 4 861m²

21 Heathlands Drive, **Port Welshpool**
For Sale: \$750,000
Agent Ray White Foster
David County 0417 397 650



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6 Minns Road, **Koonwarra**

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- Perfect rural retreat on approx 10.30 picturesque acres
 - Freshly painted inside & out
 - Brand new kitchen & bathroom
 - Secure grazing paddocks ideal for hobby farming or livestock
 - 3x dams & a productive vegetable garden
 - Close to Leongatha & Meeniyan townships with Great Southern Rail Trail directly opposite
- Auction Friday, November 21 at 11am**

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Kasey Bowman
0439 207 196
Contact Agent

For Sale

167 South Gippsland Hwy, **Leongatha**

PRIME DEVELOPMENT SITE

- 22.31 acres directly fronting the Highway
- Potential rezoning to General Residential 1 (GRZ1) & Business Zone (STCA)
- Only moments from the town centre

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$2,500,000

3 1/2, 1 2 1/2

For Sale

335 Harveys Road, **Ruby**

PRIVACY, CHARM & CONVENIENCE

- 6 acres of outstanding lifestyle property
- Multiple living areas
- Separate versatile bungalow
- 2 machinery sheds, hay sheds & hot house

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,195,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2 4 1/2

For Sale

7 Ritchie Street, **Leongatha**

TIMELESS CHARM, MODERN COMFORT

- Spacious open plan
- Separate bungalow
- Large undercover entertaining
- Rear lane access to powered garage

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$639,000

5 1/2, 2 2 1/2 1 1/2

For Sale

Lots 2 & 3/61-63 Whitelaw St, **Meeniyan**

SECURE YOUR SLICE OF MEENIYAN

- 2x vacant blocks with available services
- Titles expected early 2026
- Easy access to popular cafes, boutique shops, primary school and the GSRT

David Trotman 0418 589 805

\$230,000 - \$250,000

Land

For Sale

50 Farmers Road, **Dumbalk**

TIME FOR A CHANGE

- Set on 11.7 superb acres
- Fully renovated kitchen
- 2 paddocks & a huge central dam
- Vegie garden, orchard and chook pen

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$799,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2 2 1/2

For Sale

5 James Court, **Leongatha**

QUIET COURT SETTING

- Spacious open plan living
- Well equipped kitchen, electric cooking
- Undercover alfresco with natural gas
- Easy walking to schools and town centre

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$624,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2 4 1/2

For Sale

6 Blackwood Drive, **Foster**

BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED

- Open plan kitchen lounge and dining
- Main BR at rear with ensuite and WIR
- Secure side access for caravan and boat
- Beautiful garden and close to town

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$715,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2 2 1/2

For Sale

9 Power Street, **Foster**

HUGE FLAT BLOCK

- Recently renovated brick home
- 1484m² block with 12m x 8m shed
- Solar panels with battery
- Fully fenced, low maintenance gardens

David County 0417 397 650

\$640,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2 4 1/2

For Sale

44 Davis Road, **Foster**

EDGE OF TOWN ACREAGE!

- Craftsman built home with recent updates
- Landscaped gardens with ornamental dam
- 4.4 acres approx. ideal for hobby farming
- 12m x 16m shed with office & mezzanine

Dave County 0417 397 650

\$1,395,000

4 1/2, 2 2 1/2 2 1/2

For Sale

1/1 Victory Avenue, **Foster**

FIRST HOME BUYERS/INVESTORS!

- Short walk to the shops
- Open plan kitchen dining and living
- 2 generous bedrooms
- Currently tenanted returning \$330pw

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

\$330,000

2 1/2, 1 2 1/2 1 1/2

For Sale

4420 South Gippsland Hwy, **Foster**

HISTORICAL GEM WITH VIEWS

- Built in 1908 on small acreage
- Original features throughout
- Two living spaces
- Views to Corner Inlet and Prom

David County 0417 397 650

\$895,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2 2 1/2

For Sale

47 Townsend St, **Port Welshpool**

BIG SHED, GREAT LOCATION

- 3 Bay shed with bathroom & mezzanine
- Undercover deck, built in BBQ, cafe blinds
- Low maintenance 966m² block
- Open plan home, 2 living spaces

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$799,000

4 1/2, 3 2 1/2 5 1/2

For Sale

10 Main Street, **Welshpool**

“CARN BRAE”, A FEDERATION BEAUTY

- Fully renovated for today's comfort
- Maintains original period detail
- Fully fenced, rear access to rail trail
- Solar panels, shedding and more

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$625,000

4 1/2, 1 2 1/2 4 1/2

For Sale

3 Banksia Rise, **Foster**

BE THE FIRST TO LIVE HERE!

- 7 Star energy rated
- Views across town to Hoddle ranges
- Fully landscaped
- 1st home owner or investor incentives

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$639,000

3 1/2, 2 2 1/2 2 1/2



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1.62ha

6 Davis Court, **Leongatha South**
For Sale \$1,380,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
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Tony Giles 0407 528 192
Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299

One of Leongatha’s best on 4 acres

SITUATED in a quiet court on four magic acres on the edge of Leongatha, and surrounded by beautiful properties, this fantastic family residence has been meticulously maintained and is ready for its new owners to move in and enjoy. If you are looking for a property with beautiful gardens and privacy, this one is a must-see.

From the moment you arrive at the entrance, you are greeted by a meandering driveway that sets the tone for the property, with sprawling park-like lawns and easy-maintenance garden beds filled with a range of native trees and shrubs. The stunning four-bedroom (plus study) home starts off with new feature exposed concrete and timber post verandah with ornamental vine, the perfect formal entrance which draws you into the large open plan living.

The main lounge/family room features impressive Jarrah flooring and stunning vaulted ceilings, which create a great sense of space. This large room opens onto the formal dining and chef’s kitchen. The area is warmed by a cosy wood heater as well as a reverse cycle air conditioner. The kitchen has an expansive food preparation area with stunning stone bench tops, gas cooktop and electric oven, dishwasher, walk-in pantry and topped off with an amazing feature window across the gardens.

The second lounge (or East Wing) is a fantastic area to sit back and relax, with high ceilings, feature brick wall, and open fireplace. This room also opens onto the home office as well as the master suite. The master bedroom features a walk-in robe and ensuite with shower and toilet.

The large glass panels in the master bedroom are a real feature of this home, with an oasis of garden views to wake up to every morning. The ground level of the home also offers a second bedroom and recently renovated bathroom with shower and bath (as well as a separate second toilet), and the laundry, which gives you direct access to the large double garage.

Upstairs is home to the third and fourth bedrooms, which both have their own access to the undercover deck. The views from up here take in the property as well as the luscious green farmland in the distance.

The formal dining area flows seamlessly onto the large timber feature, an undercover outdoor BBQ area. This area is perfect for family and social gatherings, with plenty of space to spread out and enjoy the serenity.

These are just a few of the features of the home, and you need to see it to take in what is on offer.

Outside, you will love the gardens, which offer unique spaces to relax and take in the surrounds. There is a lock-up paddock for grazing stock or horses (woodshed with a trailer loading race), as well as two lock-up sheds for the big toys.

This truly is a fantastic locally built custom family home and you will be impressed from the moment you arrive.

For more details, contact the team at Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha to arrange a private viewing, we’d love to show it to you. Andrew Newton 0402 940 320 Dan Huther 0418 334 801 Tony Giles 0407 528 192 Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299.

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Si.Co Contracting ready to roll

AFTER a lean September and October with empty dams and not much moisture about, recent rainfall has swung the mood for hay and silage locally from cautious to confident, according to Si.Co Contracting owner Jake Seuren.

"I'm pretty happy and positive about the rest of the season now. The rain has been perfect timing really," Jake said.

"It's been positive for the regrowth, and the hay crop should be pretty thick, so it should be good."

Based out of Lang Lang, Si.Co Contracting provides a

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While many were bracing for a tough year, the shift in the weather has changed the picture.

"To be honest, it's been quite dry, but we're getting a bit of rain now which is fantastic,"

Jake said.

The turnaround seems to have lifted confidence: "Yeah, the outlook is pretty positive now with the rain that we've had. It was negative throughout September and October when we weren't sure if we were going to get rain. It was pretty dry and the dams were empty. We're not too sure what the rest of the season is going to do," he added, noting that Mother Nature still has the final say.

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CHAPMAN Machinery Service has the equipment to make long days of hay and silage work less demanding and more pleasant, with excellent deals available.

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Chapman Machinery Service also has impressive deals on other Krone hay tools, including rakes, mowers and tedders, with mower conditioners proving popular recently with help from Krone clearing out selected stock.

Cameron highlighted the extra confidence everyone has after recent rain, with people taking the chance to get hay and silage equipment serviced or replaced before the next round of cutting.

“You can’t do much when it’s bucketing rain,” he said, explaining there’s plenty happening in the workshop to ensure everyone is ready when things dry out a little.

For those in the market for a tractor, Chapman’s is offering demonstrations of the Valtra T175 that delivers 175 horsepower.

Massey Ferguson has some run-out stock ahead of the arrival of new model large tractors, with those



Tom Peters, Cameron Chapman and Gavan Stewart of Chapman Machinery Service are keen to provide advice on hay and silage equipment, including the Krone VariPack Baler. A01_3825

specials applying to the 8S model that is available in 205 to 305 horsepower, as well as the 8700 Series that ranges from 270 to 405 horsepower.

“They’ve got an aggressive finance rate and an extended four-year warranty along with big price cuts,” Cameron said.

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Cameron expects recent rain to boost hay and silage yields.

“We just need some sunny windows to get some growth.”



McNaughton’s making hay and silage when the sun shines

AFTER a drier than normal winter, the recent heavy rain across South Gippsland has been more than welcomed by farmers looking to fill dams and feed livestock.

For hay and silage contractors, it has been a challenge waiting for sunny days.

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Having lived in the hills of South Gippsland all his life, Phil brings a wealth of experience to his agricultural contracting business.

“We do fencing, silage, and round and small square hay bales,” said Phil.

Conditions were just right earlier in the season when it started dry.

“But it’s the wettest November I’ve seen,” he said.

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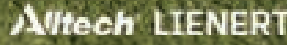
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SILAGE yields are up, with quality slightly down, while an excellent hay season lies ahead, Shane Manks of Manks Rural Contractors said.

"We've probably done about a third of the silage we've got to get through this season," he remarked, explaining that even though the season started early, it's going to be a late finish because there is so much ground moisture.

Recent rain has changed the outlook for the start of the hay season.

"If you'd asked me six weeks ago, I would have said it's going to be a really early hay season," Shane said, adding it's now likely to get underway at a more customary time in the second or third week of December.

He commented that recent rain has farmers smiling like Cheshire cats, with dams filling, contrasting that with six weeks ago when farmers were really nervous about water security.

On the grass front, a tough Autumn sparked concern, but growth since has impressed.

"We've had favourable late Spring rains, cattle prices



are strong, so people have got confidence to conserve a fair bit of hay and silage," Shane said, predicting the late rain that has occurred will promote excellent hay crops this season.

While Manks Rural Contractors is ready to handle your hay and silage needs, the Woodleigh-based business offers a broader service for farmers, with Shane a qualified agronomist.

Recently, he's been busy planting summer crops for clients, with farmers going ahead with those to ensure they have plenty of feed and don't get caught short again having to buy it in at expensive prices.

"This year, we've been putting in chicory, multi-species summer crops, turnips, preparing ground for maize, and putting in a

reasonable amount of fodder beet," Shane said, with ground currently being prepared for millet and clover intended for summer silage.

Manks Rural Contractors can take care of spraying, fertilising, sowing and cultivation and is available to provide agronomic advice to clients, whether that's growing the crop or planting it, or selection of paddocks.

As for fodder conservation, Manks handles the complete process from cutting through to wrapping silage and baling hay, the latter being able to be turned into small or large square bales or round ones.

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Lardner Park Steer Trial, a benchmarking opportunity

By Andrew Palocz

FRIDAY was the final weigh-in for the 100 animals entered in this year's Lardner Park Steer Trial, the only grass-fed steer trial in Australia, with 2025 marking the event's 50th anniversary.

The trial provides an excellent opportunity for entrants to benchmark their cattle and meat against others, enabling them to determine strategies for improved genetics.

Competing cattle will now be processed through the Coles Graze Program, having spent six months at Lardner Park under the care of its property manager Anthony Willems.

While South Gippsland was well represented in the Trial, competing cattle came from all over Victoria.

Anthony explained that with many other carcass competitions, the competing animals are not in the same environment prior to kill, with variable elements.

"This is unique in that they are in the same conditions six months prior, getting the same feed, eating the same grass in the same weather conditions, so when the results come back on the carcass or live weights, it's comparative," he said.

"It's the ideal situation to compare your genetics and breed against others on a level playing field."

Anthony pointed out that as well as the chance for comparison, the Trial is a great opportunity for networking and to learn from the ideas its sponsors bring.

Along with the knowledge gained, doing well in the competition is advantageous for breeders, being a great promotion for those selling bulls, illustrating their cattle are proven.

During Friday's Lardner Park Beef Day, attendees heard from a couple of long-term Trial participants about their experiences and how the event has influenced their cattle operations.

One of those, Trevor Hatch, who runs cattle at Athlone, began his association with the event in 1991, starting with



Peter Lennox of Yan Yean near Whittlesea and Paul Whinney of Marcus Hill on the Bellarine Peninsula visit their steers at Lardner Park after the final weigh-in. A11_4625



Experienced Lardner Park Steer Trial entrants Tim Wilson and Trevor Hatch speak about how the event has influenced their breeding programs. A07_4625

Simmental steers.

"We entered two steers and they blew the weight gain out of the water; one had put on 100 kilos in 30 days and the other one wasn't far behind and I thought, well we're in with a chance here," Trevor said of that initial experience.

However, on the final day of that Trial, Rob Radford of Radford's Abattoir put a dent in that confidence, saying, "They're beautiful steers, but they're not going to make the fat."

Trevor conceded that "When

the carcass results came back, he was dead right," that being the start of a long learning curve.

To get more fat into the animals, Herefords were introduced to Trevor's breeding program, proving reasonably successful, albeit such adjustments take time.

He subsequently introduced Red Angus cattle and while that was successful, Trevor gave in to market forces around the turn of the century, establishing a Black Angus stud.

His experience with the Lardner Park Steer Trial over the years has highlighted the fact people can achieve success with a range of cattle breeds, including Herefords, Short-horns, Angus and others, although the weight of numbers favours Angus.

Tim Wilson, who runs cattle in Labertouche, had been selling direct to feedlots and had no knowledge of how his animals compared to those of anybody else in the industry.

The Trial presented itself as an ideal way to benchmark the genetics of his cattle against others.

He quickly discovered from carcass data that his cattle had a lower Intramuscular Fat reading than some, enabling him to tailor his breeding approach by buying bulls with traits to improve that situation, eventually winning the Trial.

With competing animals in the Lardner Park Steer Trial going into the Coles Graze Program, the aim is to meet exacting standards.

"Consistency is the key," Steve Rennie of Coles explained, with customers demanding that.

Omega-3 fats in diet may improve cow longevity

NEW research shows that fats – especially omega-3 – are critical to cow ageing and survival, opening opportunities to optimise cow longevity through nutrition.

Dairy UP researcher David Sheedy will present the findings from his PhD studies at the 2025 Dairy Research Foundation Symposium to be held at Wollongong on November 26 and 27.

"With each additional lactation, the likelihood of reproductive and health problems increases. Under current management systems, farmers try to avoid these issues by

selling cows at a younger age than may otherwise be optimal," Mr Sheedy said.

"If we can reduce the metabolic issues that occur with increasing age, producers could run herds that are more flexible, resilient and profitable. We found that omega-3 fatty acid metabolism may have a role in improving reproduction and health outcomes in older cattle, ultimately increasing longevity."

David's research investigated metabolic and fat markers associated with longevity in dairy cows and took about 2000 blood samples from 29 Australian dairy herds.

The study found that blood levels of omega-3 fats declined substantially with increased age.

"If we can boost omega-3 levels through supplementation and meaningfully improve survival, the potential gains for herd longevity are substantial," Mr Sheedy said.

Following these findings, the Dairy UP team is now exploring omega-3 supplementation strategies, potentially through marine-sourced products high in omega-3 fatty acids, to test the long-term impacts on cattle health, reproduction and survival under Australian conditions.



David Sheedy's research has highlighted the importance of the fat profile of cow diets in longevity.

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Record high cattle prices expected

By Andrew Paloczi

SUSTAINABLE high cattle prices are anticipated by Simon Guilty, the meat and livestock analyst from Global AgriTrends tipping \$7.50 per kilo for Angus feeder steers by next November and urging local cattle producers at Lardner Park on Friday to say, “Thank you, Donald Trump.”

He remarked that while US tariffs have driven up beef prices for American consumers, they haven’t slowed demand, helping lift the prices Australia gets for its beef in other markets.

“For Korea and Japan to buy the beef, they have to buy it away from Mrs housewife in America at higher prices,” Simon said.

With beef prices globally already at record levels, tightening beef supplies out of Australia, America and Brazil and strong world demand, the situation is expected to drive record cattle prices in Australia.

“For the first time in my life, three major suppliers in the world are in sync on their cycle; we will all be rebuilding in 2026, which will lead to a tightening globally like I don’t think we’ve seen before,” Simon said.

He spoke of the huge impact dry conditions in Australia’s southern states have had on herd numbers, with the highest ever ratio of female cattle in terms of overall kill figures.

“In May this year, we saw that ratio get to 67.4 per cent,” he said, much of that being at the premium end of the market with many of those animals being Angus.

“We have truly decimated South Australia, the Western District, Central Victoria, they were all shocking,” Simon stressed.



Simon Guilty speaks at the Lardner Park Beef Day. A06_4625

On the positive side, he highlighted the impact of Donald Trump’s “Tirade in March”, noting it has resulted in America not being able to ship beef into China for near on seven months after China refused to renew licences for it to do so in retribution for high tariffs.

That has been a big win for Australia as it helps make up the shortfall.

“They pivoted to us to fill the void for grain-fed beef,” Simon said, highlighting a 40 per cent jump in Australian beef exports to China.

Hefty American tariffs on Brazilian beef have seen an escalation in US demand for Australian lean beef.

“Once again, thank you, Donald Trump,” Simon said, describing his contribution to the Australian beef industry as “remarkable”.

He contrasted the record prices he anticipates in 2026 with those of March 2022, outlining reasons why that earlier boom was unsustainable, with that coming at the tail end of the pandemic, when there was a lot of stimulus money across

the world.

That drove price rises, with people being able to afford more for beef and other commodities.

“Then it ran out; the government said ‘enough,’” Simon said, with that being a major factor in prices then dropping.

Built-up inventories of beef caused by supply chain issues ultimately created an oversupply, driving prices down.

“Prices didn’t just fall, they crashed,” Simon said of the 2022 dive.

Beyond that, issues of labour short supply began to bite, resulting from overseas workers being sent home during the pandemic, with a lack of people to process cattle.

Worker numbers have since greatly improved, giving Simon confidence that processing demand can be met.

While predicting price rises across the board for Australian cattle, Simon spoke specifically about feeder steers.

“We are backfilling everywhere at higher prices because America cannot deliver,” he said, pointing to record

numbers of cattle on feed in Australia.

“Feeder steers will continue to move higher (in price) because we’re expanding our feedlot sector and they are servicing markets that America can’t.”

Simon rates heifers as the most valuable and under-priced cattle, tipping a potential upside of 50 to 60 per cent higher in price, Angus feeder steers potentially another 35 to 40 per cent in price, with that figure for cows being between 30 and 40 per cent and heavy steers 20 to 30 per cent.

While forecasting next year as “a trader’s delight”, he said those with a stronger focus on trading than breeding would be advised to shift that approach.

“If you’re 70 per cent trading and 30 per cent breeding, by the time you get to 2027 you want to be the reverse, if you can,” he said, explaining that it will become very expensive to buy cattle and will entail a lot of risk.

“You will sit there every day wondering if the market’s about to fall, and you’ll be a nervous Nellie, but breeders will have a field day,” Simon said.

While Simon foresees sustainable, strong prices, he doesn’t expect the record levels predicted for next year to be maintained indefinitely, with the forecast \$7.50 per kilo feeder steer price likely to drop back to between \$5.00 and \$5.50 a kilo by 2028.

“What happens in a rebuild is prices go up 30 per cent over a year and a half or so and then down 30 per cent,” he said.

While confident in his predictions, Simon cautioned, “I am not responsible for anything I’ve said today.”

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Store market steady

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 3500 head at this week’s VLE Leongatha store sale in another good offering with a big crowd of local agents, graziers and the regular buyers in attendance.

Numbers were less than the original draw of 4300 with some cattle unable to make it due to heavy rains on Monday night and Tuesday affecting trucking.

Prices were generally around firm on last week’s strong gains, with the exception of a few lines of outstanding Angus heifers penned, which were purchased for breeding, commanding a premium.

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I & L & A & J Savige	10 Angus	302kg	\$5.33	\$1610
The Ridge Pastoral	25 Angus	296kg	\$6.08	\$1800
The Ridge Pastoral	22 Angus	290kg	\$5.41	\$1570
TC & M Hulls	22 Angus	270kg	\$6.29	\$1700
TC & M Hulls	22 Angus	262kg	\$6.10	\$1600
TC & M Hulls	23 Angus	246kg	\$6.01	\$1480
Deep Creek Farm	18 Hereford	228kg	\$6.09	\$1390
TC & M Hulls	10 Angus	227kg	\$5.59	\$1270

Heifers:

D Young	13 Hereford	428kg	\$4.74	\$2030
S Langley	18 Angus	425kg	\$4.70	\$2000
Bayrook Pastoral	20 Hereford	410kg	\$4.92	\$2020
Leathorn Dairies	11 Angus	406kg	\$4.53	\$1840
Sw & Sh Storr	14 Angus	383kg	\$4.88	\$1870
The Ridge Pastoral	16 Angus	364kg	\$4.94	\$1800
Bayrook Pastoral	20 Hfd	362kg	\$4.86	\$1760
B & S Phillips	12 Angus	352kg	\$4.94	\$1740
Conargo Ridge	10 Angus	356kg	\$4.91	\$1750
The Ridge Pastoral	22 Angus	354kg	\$4.94	\$1750
S Langley	24 Angus	350kg	\$5.05	\$1770
S Langley	13 Angus	347kg	\$5.01	\$1740
I & L & A & J Savige	15 Angus	338kg	\$5.02	\$1700
The Ridge Pastoral	16 Angus	324kg	\$4.96	\$1610
S Langley	15 Angus	322kg	\$5.21	\$1680
The Ridge Pastoral	20 Angus	317kg	\$5.01	\$1590
The Ridge Pastoral	20 Angus	310kg	\$5.19	\$1610
Noack Properties	14 Angus	308kg	\$5.00	\$1540
The Ridge Pastoral	16 Angus	305kg	\$4.91	\$1500
B & R Cashin	14 Angus	301kg	\$4.65	\$1400
The Ridge Pastoral	14 Angus	294kg	\$5.17	\$1520
The Ridge Pastoral	13 Angus	283kg	\$5.08	\$1440
Deep Creek Farm	14 Hereford	283kg	\$4.91	\$1390

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, November 11, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x\$24 to \$55
Friesian Bulls\$35 to \$75
Beef Bulls\$38 to \$520
Beef Heifers\$40 to \$300
Friesian Heifers\$80 to \$620

Number of Calves: **203**

Number purchased to rear: **105**

Steer & Heifer Store Sale

Steers\$340 to \$1100
Heifers\$350 to \$730
Cows\$1030 to \$1260

Number: **106**

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Andrew Chippendale of Radford's Abattoir details the process of breaking down a beef carcass. A12_4625

Engaging Beef Day at Lardner Park

IT WAS a busy program at Friday's Lardner Park Beef Day with the final weigh-in for cattle in the Steer Trial followed by informative talks on beef market trends, a boning demonstration and beef cooking tips.

Audience members also heard an entertaining speech from former Essendon skipper and Leongatha identity Dyson Heppell, who has a strong connection to one of the other speakers, Rob Radford of Radford's Abattoir, through Rob's long-term sponsorship of Bomber players.

A delicious lunch highlighted the versatility of beef cheek, with that cut used in three different ways, being featured in a Massaman curry, a British-style pie, and braised and served on polenta in the Italian fashion.

The surge in demand for Halal meat was one of the interesting trends highlighted by Rob, with that now accounting for 35 per cent of domestic business for Radford's Abattoir, compared to only about two per cent five years ago.

An increasing number of butchers are moving away from carcass meat into boxed alternatives to reduce labour costs and wastage, Rob remarked.

Another change has been a significant increase in cattle going direct to abattoirs and wholesale operators, bypassing saleyards, with saleyards now accounting for only about 35 per cent of cattle arriving at Radford's.

Lachlan Jeffers of Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) spoke of the Meat Standards

By Andrew Paloczi

Australia (MSA) index, a measure of the predicted eating quality of a carcass.

He stressed the importance of beef producers knowing which levers to pull to get the best cattle outcomes, whether that be in terms of genetics, pasture, cropping or grazing timelines.

Lachlan noted MLA spends a lot of time working with individual producers to help them maximise the success of their cattle.

Andrew Chippendale of Radford's Abattoir gave a detailed demonstration of how to break down a beef carcass, taking part in a discussion with Steve Rennie of Coles and MasterChef runner-up and Coles development chef Michael Weldon.

As Andrew detailed various cuts, Michael highlighted ways in which they can be prepared in the kitchen.

"Beef's a big part of what I do at Coles," Michael said, having found his way into the food industry after a drunken dare to enter MasterChef, and loving the chance to visit farmers through his role with the supermarket chain.

He worked on the event's lunch menu with Alli Sheehan of Alimentos Catering, Lardner Park's catering partner, Alli having suggested beef cheek, the meat supplied by Radford's Abattoir.

Alli's suggestion hit the mark, attendees enjoying a tasty and varied lunch before hearing the detailed market forecast of meat and livestock analyst Simon Quilty, the subject of a separate Sentinel-Times article.



Lachlan Jeffers of Meat & Livestock Australia speaks at Friday's Lardner Park Beef Day. A13_4625



MasterChef runner-up Michael Weldon loves cooking beef and is passionate about his role as Coles development chef. A14_4625

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A/c Pearson Beef Meeniyani (SEJ)

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A/c Randall & Western Welshpool (SEJ)

35 Angus steers, 18 mths, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred, Leawood and Innesdale blood

A/c J Ball, Kyneton (NUTRIEN)

33 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, GF & ABF

A/c C & T McCaughan, Stony Creek (NUTRIEN)

23 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c Balas Holdings (NUTRIEN)

21 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, Ivomec Drenched 7/11

A/c C Wilde, Yanakie (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, South East District bred

A/c D & D Staley, Fish Creek (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, by AI Sires; Murdeduke Quarterback, TBA Brunswick and Sharinda Angus

A/c P Stephens, Moe (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus/Lim X steers, 15-17 mths

A/c Seanakem F/T, Fish Creek (NUTRIEN)

18 Angus steers, 16-17 mths

A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

18 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c BJ Silvey, Foster (SEJ)

15 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF, Harris Farm blood

A/c Fleming Holdings, Willung (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus steers, 14 mths

A/c P & K O'Neil, Waratah North (SEJ)

14 Angus steers, 18 mths, NE Accred, Pinora blood

A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus steers, 2 yo

8 Angus steers, 14 mths

By Black Spur Angus Bulls

A/c R & S Delray, Flinders (SEJ)

12 Angus Hereford X steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Hislop & Hillberg, Ruby (SEJ)

10 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c Elkenbrae Farm, Kongwak (Nutrien)

10 Angus steers, 2 yo, By Battersby Bulls

A/c R & A Thirkell, Darnum (NUTRIEN)

6 Angus steers, 15 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c BJ & LE Neumann, Perry Bridge (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus heifers, 20-22 mths, Innesdale blood, NE Accred

A/c Ross Lawson, Tanjil South (Nutrien)

40 Angus & BB heifers, 16 mths GF, ABF, VB & NE Accred

A/c Z Redpath, Waratah (SEJ)

30 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Alpine Angus blood

A/c Hollyridge Past Co. Bombala (NUTRIEN)

21 Hereford heifers, 14 mths, Bendoc Park blood

A/c Conisbee & Co, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus heifers, 13-14 mths, NE Accred

A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

18 Angus heifers, 16 mths

A/c Randall & Western, Welshpool (SEJ)

15 Angus heifers, 18 mths VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred, Leawood and Innesdale blood

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)

12 Angus heifers, 20 mths, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred, Mordallup and Harris Farms blood

A/c R & A Thirkell, Darnum (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus heifers, 15 mths

A/c P Stephens, Moe (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus/Lim X heifers, 15-17 mths

A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus heifers, 14 mths, By Black Spur Angus Bulls

WEANERS

A/c M & M Cattle Co, Powlett River (SEJ)

80 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, Battersby and Moorunga blood, Drenched, 2 x 5in1, copper & selenium injection, weaned, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c B & K Foat, Woodside (SEJ)

40 Angus steers

30 Angus heifers

10 mths, Leawood blood, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c J & C Brennan, Cape Liptrap (SEJ)

60 Angus X Angus X mixed sex, 12-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c P & A Chisholm, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, By Merlewood Stud Bulls, NE Accred

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 13-14 mths

A/c B & J Henwood, Bravington (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus steers

20 Angus heifers

12 mths, NE Accred

A/c G Wade, Willow Grove (SEJ)

30 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, weaned, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c MC Berry, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus Steer calves, 8-9 mths, By Bowman Stud Bulls, NE Accred

A/c R Whitehead, Shoreham (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus mixed sex weaners

A/c DR Hall, Fish Creek (SEJ)

20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Banquet Sires, VB, GF & ABF, weaned

A/c RA Jones, Glen Forbes (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus mixed sex calves, 9-10 mths, weaned 4 weeks

A/c Angels Run, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c W Caldwell, Yinnar Sth (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c N & P McMullin Yanakie (SEJ)

8 Angus steers

6 Angus heifers

10 mths, by Kunuma bulls, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred. very quiet

A/c R & C Kelly, Meeniyani (NUTRIEN)

13 Angus X steers, 12-13 mths, Multimin & Cydectin Platinum Drenched 9/11

A/c R & D Collins, Waratah North (SEJ)

10 Angus steers, 8-10 mths, By Harris Farms blood

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c D & R Dorling, Fish Creek (SEJ)

28 Angus X Friesian steers, 20-22 mths, bucket reared, very quiet

A/c JA Grant, Glen Alvie (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus Friesian X steers, 2 yo

A/c Foote Dairies, Fish Creek (SEJ)

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Local buyers active at Leongatha Store Sale

GRASS Fever is kicking in with local buyers featuring prominently at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, filling dams and thriving grass raising confidence and encouraging farmers to boost stock numbers.

Sentinel-Times saw Anthony Delaney of Elders sell a highly rated run of steers from The Ridge Pastoral in Rosedale, the cattle featuring Bowman Performance Genetics bloodlines and attracting strong prices, Anthony describing them as "impressively bred". Local agents featured prominently in buying those pens, with most of those steers set to remain in the area and enjoy the abundant grass.

One pen of 25 Bowman steers averaging 296 kilos went for

\$1800 a head, equating to \$6.08 per kilo, a slightly heavier pen of the same number of steers going for \$1990 each, a return of \$6.04 per kilo at an average weight of 329 kilos. Stepping up a little further in weight to an average of 344 kilos, a strong \$1970 a head was achieved, translating to \$5.72 per kilo.

Glenn Bowman described the cattle as being the first draft of the major run, with another draft to follow in about a month's time. All up, 312 of the Bowman cattle sold on Thursday, 177 of those steers and the balance heifers.

While the marketability of the cattle is already strong, it's boosted by a range of accreditations. That includes EU

accreditation, as well as being accredited under the JBS Farm Assurance Program, the Coles Graze Program and the Greenham Never Ever Beef Program.

Glenn described the sale as "quite buoyant", having been confident buyers would be lining up to restock their paddocks after recent major rainfall.

"There was a bit of caution leading up to that last rain event and now there's much more confidence," he said.

He contrasted the local demand for his steers with past experiences.

"In previous years, we've had northern buyers, feedlotters, and even Princess Royal Station in Burra, South Australia that buys them for its feedlot

system," Glenn said.

He was awaiting the heifer sale when Sentinel-Times chatted to him, confident his heifers would perform strongly.

"They're a beautiful line of heifers with natural doing ability; they've got all the genetics behind them and the accreditation, so they should sell well," he said.

His confidence proved well placed, Glenn declaring, "I was very happy with how the heifers sold," remarking he thinks they sold better than the steers.

One pen of 20 of his Angus heifers made \$5.19 a kilo at an average weight of 310 kilos, going for \$1610 per head, with a pen of 14 slightly lighter heifers, averaging 294 kilos, making \$5.17 per kilo at \$1520 each.



Glenn Bowman had an excellent day at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, both his steers and heifers achieving strong prices. A25_4625

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“Hope there’s paspalum in Heaven”

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Many thanks to all the Palliative care staff for the care given to Ian.

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peacefully at Dandenong Hospital following a short illness.

DEATHS

ROUGHEAD
(nèe Haywood),
Joanne Maree:

Born on August 7,
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Passed away
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Photographer Ted Grambeau was presented with the prestigious first-place award in the black and white subcategory of the HIPA photography contest.

International accolade for photographer Ted Grambeau

PHOTOGRAPHER Ted Grambeau was honoured to receive first place in the black and white subcategory of the highly prestigious HIPA International photography contest recently.

The 14th annual contest was themed 'Power' and inspired 87,000 images from 50,000 photographers around the world.

An awards ceremony was held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai on November 11.

Mr Grambeau's winning image was entitled 'Exploding Swell', depicting a wave break in Tahiti's reef Teahupo'o.

"With this year's theme being 'Power', I thought I would throw my hat in the ring. I feel the ocean is a fair representation of power," Mr Grambeau said.

"I submitted a couple of entries for selection, but I had no expectations." It wasn't until the tickets to Dubai arrived that it became real.

"The awards ceremony was very lavish in its execution. The event is sponsored by His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is a photographer himself. We were flown out to Dubai and treated like rockstars."

Mr Grambeau said the event was very formal and he was thrilled to receive his award.

Mr Grambeau grew up in Wonthaggi and Foster.

His tertiary education led him to RMIT, where he studied photography.

His family ties remain in Gippsland, and his connection to the local area helped develop his passion for surf photography.

Some of his career highlights include awards in categories of the Redbull Illume Image Quest, which is a sports action competition.

He has also been named Surf Photographer of the Year in Australia.

His professional career has taken him around the globe, resulting in work from top-tier national and international clients, and widespread representation through all forms of media.

Mr Grambeau said it was nice to be able to share his photography journey and this competition was a great opportunity to facilitate that.

"My journey has been made possible by my family and friends, who have always supported my passion," he said.

Ted Grambeau was among 50,000 photographers to submit entries into the HIPA photography contest and was named the first-place winner of the black and white subcategory.



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New Australian citizens are joined by South Gippsland Shire councillors and the council CEO after Wednesday's Citizenship Ceremony at Leongatha Memorial Hall. Front row – Councillor Steve Finlay, Virginia Greville, Mark Spencer, Sotherath Hout, Sandee Tan, Frician Binwag. Middle row – Chris Cronin, Helen Cronin, Pauline Tranchant, Thanh Do, Hanna Reesink, Johan Reesink Jnr, Johan Reesink, Anneke Reesink, Fiona Anders, Rachael Nicolson. Back row – Sam McConachy, Laura McConachy, Councillor Scott Rae, Chief Executive Officer Allison Jones, Mayor John Schelling, Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan. A31_4625

Welcoming new dinky di Aussies

SOUTH Gippsland's newest Australian citizens were officially welcomed at a Citizenship Ceremony held at Leongatha's Memorial Hall last Wednesday, New Zealand and the Netherlands strongly represented, with others from Cambodia, France, Singapore, Vietnam, the United Kingdom and the Philippines. Frician Binwag of Leongatha stood out in the national costume of the Philippines, featuring fabric from her own town. She's been in Australia

for 10 years and works as a nurse in aged care, initially attracted by the opportunities in the healthcare system and finding people warm and welcoming. While Australia often seems over-regulated, Johan and Anneke Reesink are glad to have moved their family here 13 years ago, the dairy farmers finding the paperwork required in dairy farming minimal compared to that in their homeland. Based in Tarwin Lower, the couple feel Australian, with

all their children now Aussies too. Johan Junior and Hanna joined their parents in taking that step on Wednesday, younger son Jack having been born here. Rachael Nicolson, from Cheshire in England, lives in Foster North, having moved to Australia 13 years ago, loving being on a farm raising highland cattle and revegetating native habitat, and working in emergency management. She might help bridge the gap between lovers of

Vegemite or Marmite, possibly being unique in enjoying both. The 17 conferees pledged their commitment to Australia in front of a warm crowd of family and friends. "Each citizenship ceremony reminds us of how fortunate we are to share this beautiful region with people from so many backgrounds, all contributing to the vibrant life of our country and more specifically, South Gippsland," South Gippsland Shire Mayor John Schelling said.



Cr Schelling reflects on time as Mayor

By Andrew Palocz

JOHN Schelling has enjoyed the challenge and accomplishments of being South Gippsland Shire Mayor during the first year of a new council term but is not running for the role at Wednesday's mayoral election, keen to spend more time with family. He and wife Dianne have four children and nine grandchildren, John continuing his long-term position at Evans Petroleum and having other responsibilities such as being a cricket umpire and president of the Leongatha & District Cricket Association. Now retired councillor Mohya Davies was the inspiration for Cr Schelling taking on the responsibility of Mayor, something he never expected to do. With his leadership background at local sporting clubs and having served a term on council, he realised he was ideally placed to provide the kind of guidance Ms Davies gave an otherwise inexperienced group of councillors.

Having served on council previously, she took on the responsibility of Mayor to lead an otherwise entirely new group of councillors, following South Gippsland Shire Council's emergence from a period of administration. "Her experience was essential in guiding us," Cr Schelling said of the then Cr Davies' leadership for the councillor group elected in 2021.

While the situation is different this time, with Councillors Sarah Gilligan, Scott Rae, Nathan Hersey and Clare Williams joining Cr Schelling for a second term, Councillors Brad Snell, Bron Beach, Steve Finlay and John Kennedy are new this term.

Having to play his part in the recruitment of a new council CEO came as a surprise early in Cr Schelling's time as Mayor when Kerryn Ellis departed for a new opportunity, and he reflected on his feelings when she announced her resignation. "I walked out thinking, how do I make this work, but there's such a good team in HR and in support of the council, it was a very easy process for me to follow," he said, adding that he enjoyed the experience of interviewing candidates, pleased with the outcome of Allison Jones being appointed to the CEO role.

The highlight has been doing his utmost to meet the expectations of the majority of the community, Cr Schelling noting the great support of council staff and other councillors.

Having surprised himself by putting up his hand to be Mayor, he made another bold decision in joining the Myli Library Board, thinking it would be embarrassing if South Gippsland Shire didn't have a councillor involved.

"I hadn't been to a library in my life, apart from a school library, and I knew nothing about them," he said, having since become part of the Myli team and helping recruit a new Myli CEO, another enjoyable experience.

Having worked for Stuart Evans for 35 years, John still finds his involvement with Evans Petroleum rewarding and it has been difficult maintaining momentum in the role with the extra time commitment being Mayor entails.

"There's an opportunity for another councillor to take on the reins," Cr Schelling said, not ruling out running as Mayor again in the future.

The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be determined at a 2pm meeting in the Council Chambers this Wednesday November 19, with this scribe tipping current Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan will be given the chance to show her leadership as Mayor.

Miracle Bella, the black cat with nine lives

By Bruce Wardley

NOTHING it seems can upset black cat Bella not even a seven centimetre sewing needle. Loving owner Elly Ton tells the story of her miracle cat with nine lives. "I was sitting at home in my favourite chair by the window with Bella by my side." Taking out her sewing kit, Elly carefully threaded up a regular sewing needle with just enough thread to complete the needlework she had prepared on a side table. "I enjoy my needlework," said Elly. "It's something I learned from my mother and craft-work at school." Leaving her needlework to prepare dinner, Elly returned a short time later to find the needle and thread and Bella missing. "I looked everywhere, but I couldn't find the needle." Bella returned to the side table while Elly looked fruitlessly for the needle. "I was terrified that Bella may have swallowed it." With Bella showing no discomfort, Elly threaded another needle and continued with her needlework while Bella prepared to go to bed. "She goes to bed at 6pm every evening, even with daylight saving." With Bella in bed Elly looked again for the needle and found one under a chair. "I thought I'd found it." Eleven-year-old Bella has always been a healthy cat, according to Elly. She was eating normally and seemed untroubled. No need to take her to the



Wonthaggi resident Elly Ton with her miracle cat Bella. B84_4625

vet, according to Elly. Three days later, Elly had the shock of her life when she went to change Bella's litter. "There was the needle, in the cat litter," said Elly. "It was a miracle, it could have been so much worse, it frightened me." Elly now keeps her sewing needles well away from Bella. "She means so much to me." Elly also has a seven-year-old tabby cat called Tabatha. "Tabatha has always been jealous of Bella," said Elly. Just turned 75, Elly says her two cats mean everything to her.

Bella came to her as an eight-week-old kitten and has quite a personality. "Cats are so loyal and loving, I took an instant liking to Bella." Elly says she couldn't live without her. "I've had cats all my life, I don't understand why people don't like cats. "They give you a lot of love. "Bella's never eaten anything like that before."

RIGHT: Bella swallowed a 7cm sewing needle without any sign of injury or discomfort. B85_4625





Graham Gargan pulled in this nice 79cm Snapper to take the lead in the 9th annual 'Snapper and Gummy Challenge' out of Port Welshpool last Saturday.

Snapper waiting for warmer weather

IT'S the ninth annual 'Snapper and Gummy Challenge' out of Port Welshpool this week for the South Gippsland Game Fishing Club, running through until this Saturday, November 22.

But neither the weather nor the fish have been cooperating to date, with a few notable exceptions.

On Saturday, club member Graham Gargan pulled in a nice 79cm Snapper to take the lead on the day.

While on Friday, Danny Tabone picked up a respectable 77cm Snapper, but according to SGGFC secretary, Steve Marland, fishing has been tough for many.

"We've had 160 entries to date, which is on a par with last year, but with good weather coming through from Wednesday onwards, we should see those numbers increase and hopefully the fish too," said Steve.

"The weather's been against us and the barometric pressure has been low too. We're thinking the season might be later this year with the water still a bit cold. Plus, they haven't been able to get offshore, but we're hoping that's about to change," he said.

There are certainly a lot of great prizes on offer to those that can hook up, plus some lucky prizes as well including Longest Snapper \$3000, Second Longest Snapper \$1000, Longest Gummy Shark \$1500, Second Longest Gummy Shark \$500 plus a major prize for the mystery snapper length, daily prizes and kids' prizes.

Every entry receives a shirt and brag mat, so hit up the website at sggfc.com.au and we'll see you out on the water.

Phillip Island Tenpin

RESULTS: 2's Company – week 14: first place King Pins on 26.5 points; second place Jail on 26 points; third place Pin Pushers on 26 points.

ABL – week 15: first place Just Bowl Al-ready on 185 points; second place Pin Pals on 180.5 points; third place Fairlanes on 171.5 points.

Phantom – week 11: first place Spin King on 277 points; second place Lala on 258 points; third place Cobalt on 228 points.

Business early – week six: first place NTC on 13 points; second place Woolly Balls on 13 points; third place Balls Deep on 12 points; fourth place Happy Hour on eight points.

Business late – week six: first place City Lights on 16 points; second place S & R Clarke Auto on nine points; third place Gym Rats on nine points; fourth place The Ex Men on eight points.

Top scores for this week across each league:

Men: Chris Chivers (205), Anthony Hancock (202) and Jason Bence (192).

Women: Mary Dardha (173), Jenny-Anne Sciore (160) and Penny Wolswinkel (158).

Inverloch's 'Off-Peak' Nippers Program makes a splash

By Kirk De Marchi

THE sand at Inverloch is seeing plenty of action this spring, but it isn't just the usual holiday crowd. Over 50 local children have donned the famous Nippers cap as part of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club's (ISLSC) highly successful "Off-Peak" program.

Running from October to December, this initiative was designed with a clear goal: to support local families. The club recognised that the traditional summer Nippers season is often too busy for residents to commit to or booked out by holidaymakers. This off-peak alternative gives children aged seven to 12 the chance to participate in a calmer, community-focused environment.

Club captain Holly Foster, who has been the driving force behind the program, believes the program is vital for building year-round water confidence in the town's youth.

"ISLSC created this program because our surf club exists to serve our local community, as it's in their backyard," said Holly.

"We recognised a gap in our local membership and realised we weren't always reaching the people who use our beach year-round. The Off-Peak program was our way of changing that and giving local kids and families the chance to build water



Age managers Michael Salt (left) and Sam Dimpoulous (right) with a group of Nippers on Inverloch's surf beach.

confidence and connect in a relaxed, community-focused setting."

It's certainly been a community effort, with a team of committed volunteers acting as age managers and water safety crew.

"I couldn't be prouder of everyone who's helped bring this program to life. And to the families who trusted us with their children and embraced something new, thank you," said Holly.

"Nippers" is an education program that teaches children

essential survival skills. Rather than just swimming laps, participants learn how to identify dangerous currents (rips), how to signal for help, and how to negotiate the waves safely.

The response from the community has been strong, with the program reaching capacity quickly.

"My children have loved being part of Inverloch's Off-Peak Nippers this year," says local parent Jess Stone.

"It's so convenient to get to after school, and they enjoy spend-

ing time with their friends while growing more confident in the water each week. Watching them progress from cautious waders to eager board riders has been wonderful. Their broad smiles are easy to spot from the beach. The sense of community is a real highlight too, and they especially look forward to sharing dinner at the club with their friends after each session," says Jess.

With over 50 smiles on the beach every week, the success of the Off-Peak Nippers proves that water safety is a priority in Inverloch, no matter the season.

SGB race outdoors at the GSI 7 Warragul

IT WAS a great day of racing at GSI 7 Warragul on Sunday, November 17, with 40 South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers competing in the outdoor pool under brilliant sunshine.

Plenty of smiles from swimmers as they adjusted to the outdoors, with great times coming through and plenty of personal bests (PBs). There was great excitement in some of the 50 metre events as swimmers used their last chance to snag a race at State Sprints in two weeks.

For many of the new swimmers, racing outdoors was a whole new experience, especially as some of the clubs only train indoors, but they overcame the challenges of wind, clouds, sun and the ducks to enjoy themselves.

It was like a mini reunion with several of the more senior SGB Swimmers returning to racing after time off for travel, work and study. The swimmers are excited to race in several events in the coming months.

Thank you, Gippsland Swimming officials, volunteers and Warragul Swimming Club for a fantastic swim meet.



South Gippsland Bass (SGB) senior swimmers reunited at the GST 7 Warragul on Sunday, November 17.

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 18
▼ 4.24am 0.84m
▲ 10.58am 1.29m
▼ 5.09pm 0.51m

WEDNESDAY
November 19
▲ 12.19am 1.43m
▼ 5.41am 0.85m
▲ 11.47am 1.29m
▼ 6.00pm 0.44m

THURSDAY
November 20
▲ 1.10am 1.51m
▼ 6.42am 0.83m
▲ 12.32pm 1.30m
▼ 6.44pm 0.38m

FRIDAY
November 21
▲ 1.53am 1.59m
▼ 7.27am 0.80m
▲ 1.14pm 1.33m
▼ 7.24pm 0.33m

SATURDAY
November 22
▲ 2.29am 1.64m
▼ 8.04am 0.76m
▲ 1.53pm 1.36m
▼ 8.01pm 0.30m

SUNDAY
November 23
▲ 3.01am 1.67m
▼ 8.40am 0.72m
▲ 2.31pm 1.38m
▼ 8.39pm 0.29m

MONDAY
November 24
▲ 3.33am 1.68m
▼ 9.15am 0.69m
▲ 3.09pm 1.40m
▼ 9.14pm 0.29m

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Bena Tennis Club awards Lyn Leppin Life Membership

By Noelene Cosson

LYN Leppin's connection with the Bena Tennis Club, which began in 1996 when her children joined the junior competition, has been recognised with Life Membership.

In 1999, Lyn kindly stepped up to take on the role of secretary, a position she still holds.

In 2003, she joined the Mid-week Ladies competition as a player, representing Bena in many final series and only recently decided to hang up her racquet.

Over all these years, Lyn has been a valuable member of the Bena Tennis Club.

Her organisation, dedication, and incredible attention to detail have kept everything running smoothly.

Her knowledge and efficiency have made her an absolute pleasure to work with, and her record keeping is second to none, clear, precise, and full of detail and humour.

Throughout her time as secretary, Lyn has led and supported many important improvements for the club. A few highlights include:

- 2005 – Lyn oversaw the transfer of the club's title from the original trustees to the incorporated club, a huge and complex task that took more than two years to complete. Some of the trustees had passed away, so she had to track down descendants and obtain the necessary documents, with



Lyn Leppin is delighted to receive Life Membership of the Bena Tennis Club, and is accompanied by re-elected president Ronda Castle and recent treasurer Wendy Green.

her legal background and persistence proving invaluable.

- 2009 – A new constitution was adopted to support the club's incorporation.
- 2012 – A retaining wall was erected at the back of the courts, and the club adopted new model rules to stay up to date with best practices.
- 2017 – Sealing at the back of the courts was financed through local crowdfunding and a shire grant.

To help boost membership, Lyn organised Friday social hits for local residents that brought new members and helped strengthen the club.

Her efforts to secure funding for improvements have left a lasting mark, improvements including those outlined above and repair of the back verandah of the club-rooms.

Lyn has been a tireless advocate for small rural clubs like Bena.

She has adapted to change such as upgrades to Tennis Victoria's system, ensuring the club continued to run smoothly.

Her commitment, humour, and generosity have helped shape the Bena Tennis Club into what it is today.

Everyone at the club thanks Lyn for her years of service, friendship, and unwavering dedication and is proud to celebrate her Life Membership with her.

Wonthaggi retains Twin 'W' Shield in thrilling finish

THE Twin 'W' Shield doubles tournament is held between Warragul and Wonthaggi on the Saturday following Cup Day each year.

This year, the event was hosted by Warragul and four pairs from each club vied for the coveted Shield.

The weather, unfortunately, was quite atrocious, but nevertheless, great croquet was played, and much fun was experienced. Going into the last round of four games Warragul was leading seven games to five, but Wonthaggi rallied and won all of the four games in the round, with the final result being nine games to seven in Wonthaggi's favour.

A barbecue lunch broke up day and despite the inclement weather, Warragul hosted a fantastic day.

On the weekend, November 1 and 2, Tom Lacey competed in the Victorian Golf Singles Handicap Tournament (three-nine handicap range) at Cairnlea, managing to win two games against some very stiff competition.

That same weekend, four of the members travelled to Morwell to compete in their level play doubles event.

Marj Prendergast and Sue Cartwright won one game in Section 1 and Kathy Ross and Terry Nash (Korumburra and Wonthaggi Associate member), competing in



The winner of the Twin 'W' Shield was the Wonthaggi team of Tom Lacey, Paul Andrews, Kathy Ross, Bert Orr, Sue Baker, Marj Prendergast, Gerry Kool and Sue Cartwright.

Section 2, won five games and won that section.

Tom Lacey and Sue Baker ventured up to Terang for a four-day tournament, held from November 11 to 13 inclusive, comprising two days of singles and two days of doubles.

Competing in Block A in the singles, Tom won two games whilst Sue, competing in Block B, won six games.

This put her equal on games won with three other players, but was unfortunately relegated to third place on hoops difference. A great effort all the same.

In the doubles, competing in Section A, Tom and Sue won three games.

Well played to all members who ventured far and wide.

Sponsored by the Wonthaggi Workmens Club,

Wonthaggi will be hosting an Open Level Play Singles tournament on the weekend of November 22 to 23.

Held in two sections, this event boasts a number of top players from throughout Victoria and members of the public are invited to come along and watch this great game in action.

Play starts at 8.30am each day.

LEONGATHA SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

RESULTS: 2025: 20m Bench Pennant – Section B. Round eight: Brunswick 599.22 defeated Leongatha A 596.29.

Christopher Sargent 199.12; Kenneth Hart 199.09; Bradley Hall 198.08; Peter Gallus 198.07.

Ladder: Leongatha A 24; Brunswick 20; Oakleigh A 20; Hamilton A 16; BERC A 16; Frankston B 0.

2025: 20m Bench Pennant – Section G. Round eight: Leongatha B 587.14 (bye).

Jack Sargent 196.06; Robert Clements 196.05; John Cafarella 195.03; Robert Spratt 194.00.

Ladder: Sale D 32; Leongatha B 24; Frankston D 16; Fairfield B 12; Sale C 12.

2025: 20m Bench Pennant – Section H. Round eight: Portland 581.10 defeated Leongatha C 574.09.

Allan Ross C 195.05; William Ross C 191.03; Cameron Davidson C 188.01.

Warburton C 581.14 defeated Leongatha D 580.09.

Hannah Hengstberger D 194.05; Brianna Kelly D 194.02; Leah Considine D 192.02; Iesha Considine D 189.01; Agan Hengstberger Dx 190.04 (x - not nominated).

Ladder: Shepparton 32; Leongatha D 24; Portland 20; Leongatha C 12; Warburton C 8.

The club shoots on Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 0400 360 505.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ROUND six results: Section 1 doubles: Warragul 2 – 30 defeated by Neerim District 7 – 51; Drouin Gold 4 – 39 defeated by Moe 5 – 42; Drouin Maroon – bye.

Ladder: Moe 45; Neerim District 39.5; Drouin Gold 29; Drouin Maroon 27; Warragul 19.

Section 1/2 singles: Moe Blue 3 – 33 defeated by Trafalgar Red 3 – 35; Drouin Maroon 0 – 19 defeated by Trafalgar White 6 – 48; Warragul 1 – 26 defeated by Moe White 5 – 47; Drouin Gold – bye.

Ladder: Moe White 32; Trafalgar White 28; Trafalgar Red 26; Warragul 20; Drouin Maroon 12; Moe Blue 10; Drouin Gold 10.

Section 2 doubles: Neerim District 6 – 45 defeated Poowong 3 – 22; Warragul 4 – 38 defeated by Trafalgar 5 – 44; Drouin 4 – 38 defeated by Hallora 5 – 41.

Ladder: Hallora 42.5; Neerim District 41.5; Warragul 38.5; Drouin 31.5; Trafalgar 26.5; Poowong 17.5

ALLAMBEE MIRBOO AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOC.

SECTION 1 results: Koonwarra 8.49 defeated Westernport Red 0.21; Korumburra 7.45 defeated Westernport White 1.17; Leongatha 8.48 defeated Outtrim 0.15.

Ladder: Leongatha 41; Koonwarra 27; Westernport Red 26; Westernport White 26; Korumburra 20; Outtrim 10.

Section 2 results: Leongatha 7.46 defeated Outtrim 1.17; Baromi 5.49 defeated Korumburra 3.41.

Ladder: Leongatha 36; Baromi 26; Korumburra 23; Outtrim 15.

In Section 1 this week, matches were quite one-sided with Koonwarra, Leongatha and Korumburra all having good wins to help their ladder position.

While some teams may not be winning a lot of sets or matches, it is still great to see new people in the association and the section having a go.

Every team helps the association stay alive, and the challenges all make for better tennis players.

Korumburra and Baromi had the match of the round in Section 2 this week.

There were four tiebreakers – two each way – and a 7/5, so both teams definitely got their money's worth.

Baromi won the match by eight games.

Leongatha was the big winner over Outtrim. Nicole de Longville should have changed her name for the day, surrounded by Langstaffs.

It was great to see Neil and Judy Langstaff playing and helping the Leongatha side to a win.



The Breakaway Bowls winners on Friday were Ken Webb, Helen Gladstone, Janet Ellsworth and Margaret Morgan.



Foster Bowls Club's winning Triples team included Ian McLeod, and Ray and Judy Prain.



Jeannie Slocombe, John Postlethwaite and Fred Demenech were the winning team at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Tuesday.



John Nicholson (S), Steve Edge (3) and Frank Verco (L) were this week's South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Peter Taylor (L), Aggie Gratton (2), Michael Saunders (3) and Louis Magri (S).



John Cook, Joy Brown and Rob Howard were the overall winners at the Inverloch Bowling Club on Thursday.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

ANOTHER day of bowls was enjoyed by all concerned. All members who attended had a great day of fellowship and a great day of fun. The winners were Brian Newman, Liz Low and Graeme McAlpine. They had a total of +12. Another great day of bowls was had on Friday. Everyone had a fantastic time, and another great afternoon tea was the bonus. The winners were Ken Webb, Helen Gladstone, Janet Ellsworth and Margaret Morgan. They had a very respectable +11. Make sure to get together on Mondays and Fridays to enjoy another day of bowls and fellowship at the Cape Paterson Community Hall from 1pm.

FISH CREEK

WET weather continues to hamper the bowls season with last Tuesday's pennant being washed out. Saturday's Pennant resulted in two excellent wins for the Division 2 and 4 sides. Division 6 had the bye. Division 2 played Leongatha and had a very tough, close battle before winning 50/14 to 46/2. Dave Christie's rink won 14 to 13 with Dave taking the winning shot on the last bowl of the day. Bruce Cooper's rink bowled very well to secure a 20 to 15 victory, whilst Scott Jennings team fought back late but lost narrowly 16 to 18. Fish Creek sits on top of the table but have some hard games to come. Division 4 is starting to hit its straps and defeated Foster 59/14 to 45/2. The Heywood rink plus Mark recorded a great win 27 shots to seven. Rob Poletti's rink won 18 to 17 whilst Peter Poletti's team lost by seven shots. Division 4 has also moved into the top four. The Singles and Pairs Championships have started with some good games played to date. A reminder that all games need to be completed by the due dates. Good bowling next week.

FOSTER

THE Jack Attack competition is going great guns with a full house once again. The winners for the night were the BMF'S, Jen, Dion and Stu, winning the Chamber of Commerce vouchers, sponsored by Roosters Plumbing and Earthmoving. Runners-up were Harriet's of Fire, Harriet, Amy and Travis. They won the chocolate prizes sponsored by Promontory Kitchens. All the usual fun and entertainment was enjoyed by all. A big thanks to all the night's sponsors. Everyone is ready and keen for the coming weeks. Last Thursday was the regular monthly Triples. The green was awash with colour this month with 20 teams entered. The sponsor for the day was the Exchange Hotel Foster. There was one team winning all their four games. The winners were the Foster team of Ian McLeod, Ray Prain and Judy Prain. Runners-up were another Foster team of Brian Roffey, Andrew

Kent and Frank Raiti. The wine prizes for 'best game' sponsored by Foster IGA were won by the Foster team of Charlie and Bev Tyers and Rab Best. The encouragement prizes of a drink voucher for the club was won by the Yarram team of Ken Hansen, Wendy Helms and Pat Kiely. It was a great day with perfect weather conditions. Everyone had a good time. A big shout out and thank you to all the sponsors for the day. The club looks forward to next month's event.

INVERLOCH

ON A typical November spring day, with temperatures struggling to reach 19°C and a cool but moderate westerly breeze adding an extra challenge, 34 bowlers gathered at the Inverloch Bowling Club for a day of friendly competition. The conditions made play more interesting, requiring bowlers to adjust their strategies to account for the weather. The competition format consisted of 10 teams: four teams of four players (fours) and six teams of three players (triples). Each team participated in two games, each of 10 ends. The first match took place in the morning, followed by a break for lunch, and then the second match was played in the afternoon. Scoring for the event was as follows: teams received 10 points for a win, five points for a draw, and one point for each end won. At the conclusion of all games, only two teams managed to secure victories in both of their matches, and notably, both were triples teams. The team finishing as runners-up, with two wins and a total of 33 points, consisted of Terry Orford (skip), Phil Price (third), and Patrick Bowd (lead). The overall winners of the competition, achieving two wins and accumulating 34 points, were Joy Brown (skip), Rob Howard (third), and John Cook (lead). Looking ahead, the finals of the Club Championship Men's and Ladies Singles are scheduled for Friday, November 28, with play starting at 9.30am. Spectators are invited to watch the action from the balcony of the newly renovated upstairs lounge, which will be open for the first time since the renovations. For further details on upcoming events, please visit the "What's On" section of the website at invy-bowls.org.au.

KORUMBURRA

ONCE again, weather played a big part in bowls with all midweek games being washed out. On Saturday, a depleted Division 1 hosted Wonthaggi amid the noise and smoke of the Monster Trucks. Robert Cosson had a 22 all draw, Shane O'Loughlin went down 12 shots to 16 and Charlie Edgerton lost 12 shots to 23. Division 3 travelled to Phillip Island and also had a tough day. Gary Dorling had a 20-shot draw, Rob Sund went down 15 shots to 25 and Grumpy lost 15 shots to 35. Division 4 hosted Phillip Island. Jim Garnham lost 19 shots to 20, Peter Hearn lost 20 shots to 22 and Cheryl Moor lost 29 shots to 10. Division 6 travelled to Mirboo North and had a good win. Roger Balment won 30 shots to 11 and Hayden Rees won 24 shots to 16. The Selectors would like to

thank all who helped out this weekend with some 12 players unavailable.

LEONGATHA

YOU wouldn't think that summer is only three weeks away. This rain has been relentless – another Tuesday pennant game was cancelled, so no results. Leongatha's first barefoot bowls started on Tuesday night. Unfortunately, again, the weather was not on side and a few of the teams didn't turn up, but the club soldiered on, and the games went ahead. Everyone there had a lot of fun. Wednesday social bowls seems to be the only day at the moment the sun wants to pop its head out. Although the wind was freezing, 30 bowlers turned up willing to play in those conditions, which is not a bad turnout. Winners of the pairs were Ollie and Moxey. Winners of the triples were Scotty, Jim – good to see you back – and Darren. Raffle winners were Michael O'Rafferty and Bill Fisher. Sunday was the last day of the Women's Club Championship for 2025/2026 – good luck, girls. Monthly Triples is on Wednesday, November 26 – get your teams in and enjoy Leongatha's hospitality, plus the prize money has gone up, so that's something to look forward to. Saturday Pennant: Division 1 won 76 to Corinella 39. Division 2 travelled to Fish Creek but went down to the home side 50 to 46 – a pretty close game. Division 5 at home won 62 to 42. Early days, keep it going Gatha.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

FORTY-NINE bowlers turned up at Corinella Bowls Club for the weekly challenge. They were signed in by John Nicholson while Bev and Vern Elliott arranged the teams for the day. Once the teams were organised, the players went out onto the green to be treated to a fine, although very challenging, windy day. The conditions proved difficult for some, but generally, the bowling was of a high standard. As a result, a few wrong bias bowls contributed to the Royal Children's Hospital tin. As usual, not everyone can be a winner. Thursday's winners on a score of 36 were John Nicholson (S), Steve Edge (3) and Frank Verco (L). Runners-up on a score of 35 were Vern Elliott (S), Ken Barnes (L), Sue Wright (2) and Tony Heppleston (3). Best one game on a score of 18 was won by Peter Taylor (L), Aggie Gratton (2), Michael Saunders (3) and Louis Magri (S). A big thank you to the Corinella members for all their efforts in the kitchen, preparing the morning tea and cleaning up afterwards and to Phil Wright for setting up the green. Also, thanks to Amanda Bozelle and Steve Bray for their very important work behind the bar. Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo Bowls Club for the weekly challenge. 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. Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Thursday social bowls winners were Paul Holmes and Hans Bischofberger.



Foster Bowls Club's Jack Attack winners were BMF's Jen, Dion and Stu.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER week with very different weather.

Tuesday Pennant was a washout after more rain from a wet weekend.

Tuesday night saw the return of Barefoot Bowls, with the weather being fine but cold.

A good number of bowlers enjoyed being back on the greens.

The night went off well with a great barbecue, and the clubhouse was warm and cosy after bowls.

The club is looking forward to next week and better weather.

Thursday saw the 9.30am social bowls go well, with a happy group enjoying a game of bowls and a catch-up.

Thursday social bowls at 1pm had numbers down a little, with Turkey Triples at Phillip Island.

The club still had 20 bowlers on the greens on a fine sunny day.

Pairs were the order of the day, with only two teams being two-game winners.

The winners were Hans Bischofberger and Paul Holmes with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners-up were Peter Miller and Bryan Donohue with a score of two wins and 31 points.

Friday night was once again a success.

A good number of people were in attendance, with the members' draw not going off.

Next week it will be \$70.

Dennis was the happy winner of the meat tray.

Adam collected the chicken tray.

Brekky pack winners were Carol and Steve.

All meat was supplied by Wonthaggi Meat Supply.

Other winners were Brad, Stan, and John.

Saturday saw Division 1 travel to Korumburra looking for a win.

On a fine sunny day, all rinks played well to record a good victory.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 61, Korumburra 46.

Division 2 played host to Toora at Wonthaggi, needing a win to kick-start its season.

In good conditions, all rinks played well to record a solid win.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 72,

Toora 41.

In Division 4, Wonthaggi (3) and Wonthaggi (4) played each other at Wonthaggi.

In a close match all day, (3) were able to get the win.

The final scores were Wonthaggi (3) 68, Wonthaggi (4) 60.

Division 6 played host to Toora at Wonthaggi.

With a few bowlers out, they were still able to put a very good team on the park and record a good win.

The final scores were Wonthaggi 56, Toora 30.

Bowls this week:

Tuesday: Pennant.

Tuesday night from 4pm: Barefoot bowls.

Bowls start at 6pm.

Thursday: Social bowls at 9.30am; social bowls again at 1pm.

Friday: Coaching at 10am.

Saturday: Pennant.

Friday night members' draw this week is \$70, plus meat trays and other prizes.

Don't forget the Christmas Lunch on Sunday, December 7, at the Wonthaggi Club.

There is a list in the clubhouse, so put your name or names down for a good day out.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ON TUESDAY, the team that came out on top were Jeannie Slocombe, John Postlethwaite and Fred Demenech with +13 (two games).

The runners-up were Judy Sweetnam, Allan Ireland, Robert McLaren and Ian Bice with +12 (two games).

On Friday, the games were even closer with the winners being declared on countback of ends.

They were Paul Holmes, John Ferguson, Jan Milkins and Jean Wilde.

Runners-up were Robert McLaren, Laurie Culph, Judy Sweetnam and John Postlethwaite.

The scores were +14 (two games) for both teams.

Well done to all.

Anyone interested in coming to see if they would like to play and enjoy the company would be very welcome.

Coaching is available for those who may not have played before.

Roll-up for fun, skills and companionship

LEONGATHA Bowls Club provides a welcoming environment for all, whether you are an experienced bowler or new to the sport, with free Monday morning roll-up sessions including expert guidance from Bowls Victoria certified coach Alan Center.

Those who are working or have other commitments on Monday are encouraged to phone the club and make a one-on-one appointment with an experienced bowler who will give them a hand.

Monday action starts at 10am, usually running until about 11.30am.

While Alan works with those competing in Tuesday Pennant competition, he is happy to see others at the roll-ups, including new bowlers, and offer friendly advice.

"People love drills and getting a bit of guidance," Alan said, that applying to beginners and experienced bowlers.

Drills include honing players' ability to put themselves in a position to win each end while ensuring they don't concede too much of a score to their opponents if that doesn't occur.



Certified coach Alan Center, Jeff Pendergast and Bill Harry are among the welcoming faces at Leongatha Bowls Club. A01_4625

Alan loves that bowls maintains a strong social vibe while giving everyone a chance, men, women, those with disabilities and people of all ages able to compete at an equal level.

Along with Alan's coaching, other experienced bowlers at the club are happy to give new players a hand getting started.

"New people have found everybody at the club very welcoming," barefoot bowls committee member John O'Connor said, noting the abundance of positive feedback to that effect.



Jeff Pendergast bowls, his shot on the money despite having long used a 'bowling arm'. A03_4625



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Else Gedye was the runner-up in the Par event at the Leongatha Golf Club.



Korumburra's Wednesday Stableford winner Julie Hillberg with 40 points.



The winners of the men's Two-Man Ambrose Championships were Rob Gallagher and Shayne Harland at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Korumburra's 2025 RB Saturday Medallist Merrissa Cosson.



Jenny McRae was Wonthaggi Golf Club's winners at the Gippsland Classic and represented the club as the Silver Spoon Finalist in the State playoff at Gardiners Run Golf Club.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, November 11.
Too wet, no golf.
Thursday, November 13:
Stableford: four players.
Winner: Peter Van Agtmaal 32 points.
NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmaal.
Saturday, November 15:
Sponsors: Greg Wilson and Mick Bull.
Two Person Ambrose Championship: 44 players.
Winners: Shayne Harland and Rob Gallagher 62.25 net.
NTPs: first Iain Riddell, seventh Malcom Garnham, 10th Clint Newcombe and 13th Ian Morris.
Sunday, November 15:
Sponsors: Greg Wilson and Mick Bull.
Two Person Ambrose Championship: 14 players.
Winners: Shayne Harland and Rob Gallagher 61.25.
Two Person Ambrose Champions: Scratch.
Winners: Shayne Harland and Rob Gallagher 65 and 64 –total 129.
NTPs: 10th Matt Burns.

Ladies

SEVEN women played a Stableford game with a twist last Wednesday.
Tree maintenance works were in progress taking out the 17th and 18th fairways, so the ladies played the eighth and ninth twice.
Even though the course is very heavy in places, the greens and surrounds are starting to dry out, they had some great scores come in.
Congratulations to Julie Hillberg (23) smashing it again, winning with a fabulous 40 points.
Runner-up, also with a great score of 39 points, was Lyn McIvor (24).
BDTL went to Shelley Snooks (17) with another nice score of 38 points.
NTPs: first Merrissa Cosson (Kelly's Bakery), seventh (second shot) chip-in was Shelley and closest on the 10th green Julie Hillberg.
On Saturday, 10 women played a Stroke game with six players involved in the RB Medal Playoff final.
The RB Medal finalists are those who have won a Sat RB Monthly Medal throughout the season.
Congratulations to the 2025 RB Sat Medallist Merrissa Cosson (12), winning with a score of 73 net.
The daily competition winner was Julie Hillberg (23) 70net.
Runner-up was Merrissa (12) 73net.
BDTL went to Shelley Snooks (17) with 75net.
NTPs: first Merrissa (Kelly's Bakery), seventh (second shot) Merrissa and 13th green Shelley.

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TUESDAY, November 11: a wash out.
Thursday, November 13: Two Person Ambrose Event.
Thursday had a turnout of 76 members/guests, hitting off with a shotgun start and playing a two-person

Ambrose event on a very pleasant day for golf.
Overall winners:
1. Richard Luykx (32) and Callum McCaughan (10) from the Meeniyen Golf Club with a score of 62.5.
2. Norman Hughes (15) and Renato Monacella (14) with 63.75.
3. Russell Williams (7) and Barry Attwood (16) with 65.25.
NTP fifth second shot: Simon Kaiserman (29) at 1.89m.
NTP 14th: Steve Foster (14) at 1.07m.
NTP 16th: Josh de Groot (12) at 1.76m.
Saturday, November 15: Par.

Saturday was a great day on the course, with an excellent field of 100 members/guests entering the Par competition.
Overall winner: Wayne Kean (18) with the high score of the day of +5.
A Grade winner: Rebecca Brown (10) with +3 on a countback.
A Grade runner-up: Jason Dennerley (13) with +3.
B Grade winner: Jacob Griffiths from the Rosanna Golf Club (16) with +1.
B Grade runner-up: Martin Fuller (14) with 0 on a countback.
C Grade winner: Wayne Kean (18) with +5.
C Grade runner-up: Peter Read (18) with +1.
D Grade winner: Alison Strong (34) with +4.
D Grade runner-up: Dot Stubbs (27) with 0.
NTP fifth second shot: Michael O'Rafferty (13) at 1.69m.
NTP 14th: Mark Lafferty (4) at 3.01m.
NTP 16th: Rebecca Brown (10) at 1.10m.

Ladies

DESPITE the recent deluges, the course was in pretty good condition for the favourite event, Par.
The bunkers were a bit of a challenge.
Three players completed the day finishing square – Debbie Miller, Else Gedye and Michelle Roberts.
Debbie Miller won the day on a countback and Else Gedye was runner-up.
Balls down the went to -2: Michelle Roberts, Anna de Bondt, Karen Bear, Cheryl Borg, Glenyce McRobert, Rebecca Wilson and Melina Wilder.
Fay Guilford won the nine-hole competition with 17 points and Libby Sebeck earned a ball down the line.
Nearest the pin on the fifth was Rebecca Wilson.
The women's captain Janet Monk congratulated Jo McNaughton and Leanne Costello for their win at the Wonthaggi Classic last week.

MIRBOO NORTH

SATURDAY, November 15: Stroke R2 Championship.
A Grade: Tim Traill (5) 64 net (69 equal club record).
B Grade: S. Evison (22) 69 net.

DTL: S. McInnes 69, J. Robbins, T. Bradshaw, S. Hill-Smith 70 and M. Payne 71 c/b.
NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth M. Payne, 13th J. McFarlane and 16th F. Fernandez.
Birdies: sixth M. Payne and S. McInnes, and 16th S. McInnes.
Lowest putts: J. Robbins 26 c/b.
Championship leaderboard:
A Grade scratch: Tim Traill 146 and T. Bradshaw 159.
A Grade HCP: Tim Traill 134 and T. Bradshaw 139.
B Grade: A. Llebel 174 and J. Robbins 174.
B Grade HCP: S. Hill-Smith 144 and J. Smeriglio 146.
C Grade: S. Evison 191 and D. Taylor 201.
C Grade HCP: S. Evison 147 and D. Taylor 155.

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RESULTS: November 13.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
A Grade: Steve Kane 38.
B Grade: Graeme Crawford 33.
Balls DTL to 32: Keith Ridout 37, Glen Turner 37, Ian McNish 33, Messy Chand 33, Peter Brewster 32 and Garry O'Connor 32.
Results: November 13.
Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.
Winner: Bill Howard 20.
Ball DTL: Bob Cornelis 19.
Results: November 15, S.R 71.
A Grade: Stephen Kane 38.
B Grade: Keith Ridout 41.
C Grade: Rohan McRae 42.
Balls down the line to 36: Frank Huber 41, Darcy O'Halloran 39, Brendan Stapleton 39, Mark Nicholson 39, Russell Parker 38, Norm Burnes 37, Kevin Jamieson 37, Messy Chand 37, Tony Schipano 36, Frank Loughran 36, David Hynes 36, Paul Brusamarello 36, Phillip Studham 36, Alan Jones 36, Miles Foster 35, Kevin Bayley 35, Rod McBride 35 and Ian Baker 35.
NTPs: Max Aharrne second, Mat Johnson fourth, Craig Charles propin eighth, Eric Van Agtmaal 13th and Ian Baker money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a day without rain.
What a bonus for the small band of ladies ready to enjoy a dry round of golf.
The rest of the field were on a junket to Lakes Entrance playing in the Gippsland Classic event.
The winner was Jenny McRae (28) 36 points.
Wonthaggi Golf Club is wishing Jenny the best of luck as she is the Silver Spoon Finalist playing in the State playoff at Gardiners Run Golf Club on Monday.
BDL were issued to Marg Ryan 29 and Bev Sloan 28.
Lisa Brusamarello won the only NTP, claimed on the eighth.



Paul Cordett tees off to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Phillip Island Golf Club. B78_4625



David Beales tees off as the Phillip Island Golf Club celebrates its 75th Anniversary. B79_4625

Sir Frank Sedgman AO Phillip Island Golf Club champion

INDUCTED into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame in 1966, Sir Frank Sedgman AO has one small trophy in his cabinet which may have gone almost unnoticed.

Alongside his major tennis trophies as Australian Singles Champion 1949-1950; Wimbledon 1952; United States Open 1951-1952, Australian Doubles Champion 1951-1952; French Open 1951-1952; Wimbledon 1948, 1951-1952; United States Open 1950-1951, Australian Mixed Doubles Champion 1949-1950; French Open 1951-1952; Wimbledon 1951-1952; United States Open 1951-1952 and Davis Cup team member 1949-1952, Sir Frank was also Club Champion of the Phillip Island Golf Club.

Sedgman was a near-scratch golfer with a handicap of one.

Still retaining his rock-hard, firm tennis grip, the 98-year-old tennis legend was accompanied to Cowes to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Phillip Island Golf Club by his wife Jean and daughters Kaye and Roxanne and their husbands.

"I first won the club championship in 1952, the year I won Wimbledon," said Sir Frank.

"I think I may have won the club championship several times.

"They were early days, we used to gather here at the club.

"It's nice to come back and see all the changes that they've made.

"My favourite hole was the double birdie."

Having scored three hole-in-ones during his lifetime, his best remembered was at Phillip Island, followed by holes-in-one at Royal Melbourne and the Pennard Golf Club in Wales.

Paying tribute to Sir Frank Sedgman AO, Phillip Island Golf Club Heritage Committee member Gerard Ferrari said although the tennis great had won six Grand Slam singles titles, nine Grand Slam doubles titles, and eight Grand Slam mixed titles, surely his most coveted trophy would be winning back-to-back A.J. Jones Mixed Foursomes Championships at the Phillip Island Golf Club in 1968/69.

Sir Frank had some encouraging words for young tennis players.

"Practice a lot and do some gym work, you have to be as fit as you can."

As a 10-year-old, Frank admitted to being a sportsman more than a scholar.

"Stay on top of your game," was Sir Frank's best advice for aspiring young champions.

Another sporting celebrity to attend the 75th anniversary afternoon was the first Australian woman to play basketball in the United States, Janice Baker.



Former world number one Australian tennis player and long-time golfer Sir Frank Sedgman AO with his wife Jean at the 75th Anniversary of the Phillip Island Golf Club. B80_4625



Gerard Ferrari with a showcase of Phillip Island Golf Club trophies and memorabilia on display for the club's 75th anniversary. B76_4625

Wet weather was not a problem for Grand Ridge Rail Trail Parkrun

THE RAIN was heavy early in the morning on Saturday, but as predicted, it finished by the time 'ready, set, parkrun' was announced, 32 participants enjoying the wet Grand Ridge Rail Trail course, with one first timer and a handful of guests from Hastings, and Emerald.

Suzanne Parkinson completed her 222nd Parkrun, a great reminder that this Saturday is November 22 and many parkrun fans will be seen wearing a tutu!

Stacey and Paul Krausz completed their 25th

milestone without the volunteer team realising, but they can wear the purple cape next time.

The efforts of volunteers, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Carmel and Steve Quirk, Greg and Val Smith, and Linda Zhang are appreciated, with special mention to Duncan Parkinson, a visiting volunteer and Dale Ingleton, who returned to the area to visit where he grew up.

RIGHT: The park walking crew take it easy on Saturday.



Koonwarra L/RSL's Riley Collier eyes lit up when batting for Koonwarra L/RSL. Photo: Jodie Arnup.

Sharks' tail denies Cougars U17s victory

THE U17s side faced off against Phillip Island on Saturday morning.

Winning the toss, the boys headed out for a bat first.

Tyson Lund (0) and Frazer Livingstone (10 retired not out) started off as the openers.

Losing Tyson early, the Cougars needed to get out there and steady the ship.

Eamon Berryman (20 retired not out) did just that.

Sharp bowling from the Sharks limited the Cougars to 2-64.

Ryan Jorgensen (14 retired not out) also getting amongst it.

On the bowling side of the game, the Cougars were put under the pump with the low score to defend.

However, the bowlers showed discipline and skill to barely miss out on getting them over the line.

Having them in a position of 5-19, we were looking on track to hold off the Sharks.

Louis Read (3/5 off four overs) took the best figures for the day, followed by Noah McLennan (2/7 off three overs).

Having them 7-49, the Cougars looked like they were going to get there.

However, Sharks batter Jobe Williams (28*) dragged them over the line.

The game was tied at 9-64 at 19.1 overs, but Jobe hit the winning runs to get the Sharks a well-fought win.

Congratulations to Phillip Island for the result in a close game.

Koonwarra L/RSL has the bye in the next round, thus the boys won't play until December 6 against Korumburra.

The U15s rocked up to McMahon Reserve early Saturday morning to face off against Wonthaggi/Glen Alvie.

Captain Reggie Read won the toss and elected to bat.

Openers Josh Allen (4) and Tyeson Helms (0) started off shaky against strong bowlers.

Reggie Read (11 retired not out) came in to steady the ship.

Both Clancee Salmon (nine retired not out) and Lachlan Burge (10 retired not out) batted well, departing before building into a strong innings.

It was Dihen Yuthmika who came in late to score the crucial runs, finishing 11 not out off 14 balls leading the Cougars to 4-68.

The Cougars headed out to bowl with a modest total on the board.

The opposition have a very strong batting side, so to bowl out Jed Caddy early was very handy.

Reggie Read (1/11 off three overs) opened well alongside Shem Hickey (0/14 off three overs), Josh Allen also picked up a wicket taking 1/11 off his three overs.

Blake Ton came out smashing the ball, making 33 runs off just 14 balls.

The game finished early as they had already passed the Cougar's score (2-93 off 15 overs).

The boys would have learned a lot from this game, Wonthaggi/Glen Alvie showed great skill amongst their ranks, much to look up to.

Congratulations to the opposition, the club looks forward to the competitive matches later on in the year.

Koonwarra L/RSL has the bye for the next round, so the next game won't be until December 6 against OMK.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB

JEAN Barbour and Greg Nicholson, competing with a field of 11 pairs, continued their winning ways at Monday's Duplicate Bridge scoring 65.42 per cent.

Runners-up were Caroline Shaw and Ann Hodgson on 63.89 per cent.

At Wednesday's Nationwide event, nine pairs competed, with Lorrie Read and Janus Wolnik winning the day, with an impressive 69.44 per cent.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

RUTH Stevenson and Kathy Dowd topped four tables on Monday with 62.50, then Susan Ruffin and Clive Hope 57.74, Mary Brewis and Neville Chapman 54.17, Linda and Grant Austen 49.4.

The club played on Friday despite the outage and N/S was led by Alan Johnston and Clive Hope with 63.43, Philip and Neville Chapman 58.33, Sean Munley and Bruce Higgs 55.56, Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 52.78, and Ruth Harvey and Deb Anglim 52.08.

In E/W, visitors Amanda Stewart and Adam Trumble topped with 64.58, Chris Beckingsale and John Durie 53.47, Denise Allitt and Tom Kudelka 52.78, Anne Ferrari and Wendy McKergow 51.39, and Jenny Jacob and Doug McIntosh also 51.39.

All figures are percentages of total points available.

Anyone wanting to learn the game or join the club, please contact president Mary on 0427 338 598 or secretary Kathy on 0438 859 561.

WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS

NITTAKU defeated Stiga three to two.

Stiga was hot out the blocks when Tim swept Jake to kick off the preliminary final.

Nittaku's Braden dialled up to peak beast mode against Trish to square the match.

Hence the doubles were crucial.

When the Commissioner of the USA Patents Office in 1903 allegedly said, "Everything that can be invented has been invented", he obviously didn't foretell Nittaku's Braden's inventive ferocious forehand.

It starts with a crouch like a preying tiger, launches like a spitting cobra and snaps like a salty saltie.

At one point, the slap was so fierce, the white ball split open and waved the white flag.

This makes Stiga's doubles effort rather remarkable.

Despite Braden and Jake's primal onslaught, Tim and Trish displayed combative counterpunch, part guile and part preservation to win a sizzling, epic seven-setter.

Back to the singles, Braden doubled down on the tiger, snake and croc routine to devour Tim.

This left Nittaku's Jake to cross paddles with Trish, Animal Planet versus wiliness.

Jake found his own menagerie to carry Nittaku to the grand final in a very exciting and tense six-setter.

Now Double Fish awaits.

Nyora features galore



N17. Jaylen Knight – Junior New Stars competitor sped to the win in the 1200s.



N56. Harry Cecil – JP Ashphalting Extreme Sports Sedans Series back-to-back winner.



N36. Ally Morrison – Ladies Shake and Bake Feature Round. Photos: Napier Photography.

By TM Media

WHAT was going to be a big meeting surely laid out some spectacular racing. We had over 95 cars turn up for this meeting, coming from all over the state. We had racers from the age of 10 and upwards.

The racing was fast and hard. We had a few new drivers to the sport and they took like a duck to water Amelia "Milly" Henskens N 38, she is going to be an upcoming champion in our sport. She drove perfectly for her first meet in a race car.

Juniors – 1200s, Top Stars and New Stars: A massive turnout across all junior classes – the future of speedway is looking bright!

Winners on the night were as follows:

- 1200s: Jaylen Knight – competing in two classes and proving once again why she's one of the standout juniors.
- Top Stars: Will Fallon – his final race in Juniors, and the praise from officials and stewards spoke volumes. Well done, Will!
- New Stars: Chase Davey fantastic driving from him and that smile every time he hops out makes it all worthwhile.

This weekend saw a couple of features happening, we had the Shake' n Bake Round 1 Diva series for Standard ladies happening with our local lady racer Ally Morrison taking out this title for the weekend, driving her N36 Ford, followed home in second by Bree Walker RD50 from Rosedale Speedway and coming home in third was local Drouin lady driver Ella Sheedy DS21.

Our other series on the night was the Street Stocks Round 1 Coastal Series. These guys haven't been to the track for a long time, so it was good to see them return. Local member Maurice "Oggie" Ahearn took the honours on the night with a few victories and a win in the final. Coming home in second was Mitch Viney, and third was Nathan Fawns.

Amcas returned to Nyora for the first time this season, and they didn't disappoint. The thundering sound of the cars made the ground shake, with a field of eight cars. We ran two heats and a final.

Both heats saw two different winners. Stephen Hopkins took out the first heat, then Mick Kirally took the next one. This would see them both start on the front row of the grid for the final, in which Mick was the victor with a winning time of 3:26.052, and his fastest lap was 16.786, followed home by Brydon Bradley and Dean Hesletine.

Sports sedans were also another feature of the night with a massive 44 cars. With the massive field, we had to split them into four heats over three rounds.

They didn't disappoint the crowd with their display of racing, a little bit of rubbing was had with panels coming off and bumpers dragging. We also unfortunately had a roll over with Ian Thomson taking a big spill in turns one and two spinning on his side and nose which saw the crowd rise to their feet, Ian hopped out with no injuries thanks to the great safety gear we all have to run.

We also had pole shuffle, which saw eight contenders try and fight their way to the front some good battles, but it came down to the last two, in which the two Miller brothers battled it out.

Damien fought his way through to have it out with his brother to see who could start on pole. It was a good start, but Brendan was to go on and take the win to have the honour of starting on pole in the JP Asphalting series round two Final.

The B-main for the sports would also be a hard-fought battle in which the top four would progress to the A-main. The winner of this was Matt Shankland.

The final would be run over 30 laps, lots of battles throughout the field, a few stoppages; race time was 12-53 minutes long. The victor was our local member, Harry Cecil, who has now taken out both rounds of this series. Harry had a winning margin of 1.720 seconds over Damien Miller and Brad Warren. Out of the 22 starters, we had 18 finish. The fastest racer in the final was Dale Smith in his AX64 machine with a time of 17.187 seconds.

We all hope everyone had a good night, and we hope to see you back here on December 13 for the Christmas meet, where Santa will pay a visit.

Phillip Island Darts League heats up in round 10 thriller



The team of Bob, Ian, and Meredith held their nerve to win round 10 of the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League spring competition.

THE tension was palpable last week as 27 enthusiastic darters converged for round 10 of the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League spring competition.

With only two weeks left in the season, players were aiming for precision, and the night delivered a sensational dose of high-stakes drama.

In a stunning display of competitive spirit, three teams ended the night with an identical five-to-two winning result.

This nail-biting deadlock forced a sudden-death throw-off: closest to the bullseye.

The victorious trio of Bob, Ian, and Meredith held their nerve under immense pressure, hitting their target to secure the win and take home the coveted 'chocolates' prize.

The excitement didn't stop there.

In an astonishing feat of luck, local legend Alby continued his hot streak, winning the prestigious San Remo Butchers tray raffle for the second week running – great work, Alby.

The race for the top individual spot remains fiercely contested.

After 10 rounds, the points tally is razor-thin: Paul Gleeson maintains a slim lead on 63 points, with Bob Hee breathing down his neck in second place on 61 points.

David Healey rounds out the top three with 47 points.

With the season finale fast approaching, it's time for players to look ahead.

The next competition traditionally begins in late February and runs through to June/July. More details on team entries will be announced soon.

MDU

MDU went up against Nyora on the weekend in A2, with Nyora coming away with the points. Playing at the Nyora Recreation Reserve, the home team won the toss and chose to bat first.

Nyora set the target with 270 with great scores recorded by the top order batsmen. Jy Hull top scored with 74 not out.

MDU's highlights were Mark Cantwell taking 2/57 off eight overs, Jake Palmer 1/40 off 4.3 overs and Mitch McGrath 1/27 off three overs.

MDU replied with 100 and conceded defeat. Semba Lakshan made 24 off 28, Wayne Prosser 22 off 29 and Tharindu Nuwan 14 off 24.

Nyora's best bowler was Aaron Thompson with 3/29, with Reece Cordeux and Jona Watts taking two wickets each.

MDU will take on Glen Alvie this weekend.

Kilcunda Bass

KILCUNDA Bass hosted Korumburra in the A2 match on Saturday.

Korumburra won the toss and sent Kilcunda Bass in to bat.

The Cobras started strongly with Kilcunda Bass stumbling to 3/13 in the fifth over.

Steve Oates (30) joined Matt Grayson (80) at the crease to steady the ship, with both batting positively to keep the scoreboard moving.

Kilcunda Bass lost Oates in the 24th over, bringing Todd Smith (33* not out) to the middle.

Grayson and Smith added a solid 70-run partnership before Grayson fell in the 37th over.

Bass batted out the remaining three overs to finish at 6/181 from their 40 overs.

With the ball, Bass knew early wickets were crucial against Korumburra's in-form top order.

Cam Davidson (1/17) struck early, dismissing Rangana in the third over, while Smith contributed with both bat and ball taking 1/16 off his five overs.

Ryan Brown (2/36) then claimed two key wickets to put Bass in a strong position with Korumburra at 4/58.

From there, Harrison Berry (3/13) took control before Grayson (3/4) closed out the innings, securing the remaining wickets with Korumburra all out for 94. Kilcunda Bass, now sitting three-one for the season, will take plenty of confidence into next week's clash against top-of-the-table Koonwarra.

Glen Alvie B2 hosted Bass at Glen Alvie in perfect conditions for cricket.

Bass won the toss and elected to bat.

Bass set Glen Alvie a target of 197 thanks to some aggressive batting from Vijai Gopal (70).

He was backed up by Joel Dickson (38) in a partnership of (99), which set the game up for the Sharks.

Zac Crow ensured Bass finished the innings strong with a run-a-ball 34.

Tight early bowling ensured Bass were in control from early in the second innings with Glen Alvie eventually falling three runs short of the target.

The pick of the bowlers were the two openers, James Papworth (1/28) and Alister McBride (2/35) off their eight overs.



Opening for Korumburra captain Phil Richards blocks again. B46_4625

Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie enjoyed success over the weekend.

In A2, Glen Alvie successfully chased down Foster's total of 114.

Glen Alvie's line-up included Ned Brown, who was stepping up to play his first A Grade game of the 2025/26 season.

"Playing in A Grade is really helpful for his game. He has played A Grade before, but this was the first time this season," club president David Hynes said.

"He took three wickets, which was great to see."

Vice captain Matthew Dakin also claimed three wickets, and the pick of the batsmen were Wayne Luke (47) and Dakin (36*).

In B Grade, Glen Alvie fell short against Kilcunda Bass, but was thrilled to celebrate the success of Darcy Tiziani.

Batting fifth in the order, Tiziani pushed Glen Alvie up to the respectable score of 164 with 70 not out.

"Tiziani has played at our club for a long time, and it was great to watch him bat extremely well. He is certainly a player who deserves it," Hynes said.

Steven Smith opened with 57 runs and Glen Alvie's best bowlers were Lachlan McRae and Jack Brown with two wickets each.

In C Grade, Glen Alvie looked to be in trouble against OMK.

Wickets were falling quickly and Glen Alvie lost its top batsmen, captain Ian Thorn for 12 runs.

Owen Luff stepped up to the crease and steadied the ship, recording 20 not out and securing the game.

"Luff played a pivotal role in a low-scoring game. We lost quite a few early wickets, so it was great to have Luff step up and get us the win," Hynes said.

Luff also took control of the bowling, taking 4/13.

Wickets were also shared between Grace Luff, Pieter Loos and vice captain Charlie Andersen.

The Imperials/Nyora

IT WAS anybody's game, but ultimately Nyora was victorious over the Imperials in B2 on Saturday.

The ground at Leongatha's East Campus was in good condition as the away side won the toss and chose to bat.

The Imperials bowled well but couldn't convert that same strong performance into the batting.

"Nyora's score of 169 was really good. Once again, we were doing it easy with the bat at first, but we lost a few key wickets through the middle and it slipped away from us," Imperials president Kristian Gray said.

Jake Cochrane was the Imperials' best bowler, taking three wickets.

Noah McLennan and James Jeffery also bowled well, without success.

For Nyora, Daniel Blackney took control and showcased his talents as an all-rounder.

Blackney top-scored with 39 runs.

"It was a good game that could've gone either way. Jaylen Waixel played an integral role, taking three crucial wickets, and Daniel Blackney was good with the bat and ball. It was a good team effort," Nyora's Adam White said.

During the Imperials' innings, the partnership of captain Sam Vagg and Cochrane delivered excellent results, and Lucas Anderson and Jordan Nagel offered a strong finish.

However, it wasn't enough to chase Nyora's tally.

"We batted well enough to be in with a chance to win. It just came down to the last over," Gray said.

Waixel took three wickets - including two ducks - while Ryan White, Viraj Peiris and Lincoln Brock claimed two wickets each.

"Waixel's wickets turned the game back our way and stopped the Imps from getting back in it," White said.

Next week, the Imperials' B Grade side will play Kilcunda-Bass and A Grade will play Nerrena.

These will both be big games, with the Imperials looking to get a few wins on the board.

Nyora will be playing Koonwarra L/RSL in B Grade, Korumburra in A Grade, and is looking forward to launching its Woolworths Blast program on Thursday.

Koonwarra L/RSL

B GRADE had its face off against Meeniyana on Saturday morning.

The top of the ladder, Demons were always going to be a challenge, which would make Nigel Grimes' 350th game one to remember.

Starting well, "Ando" won the toss, and the Cougars headed out for a bowl.

Striking early, Louis Read would remove both the openers putting the Demons in a position of 2/3, serving as the catalyst for

a great day's play.

Saj at the other end bowled exceptionally, finishing his figures 1/20 off eight overs.

Cambell Riseley (2/35 off eight overs) also bowled well, taking crucial wickets, alongside Ryder Pedlow (2/7 off three overs), who showed his continued growth.

It was Louis Read who would take out the top bowling figures.

After coming on for his second spell, Louis finished with 4/13 off 7.1 overs to help the Cougars bowl out the opposition for just 92 runs.

On the batting side of the day, Sam Hughes (1) and Kevin Thorne (5) would be at the forefront of the batting.

Despite losing these two early and being in a position of 2/15, Brett Pedlow (48) rocketed the team early, looking a force to be reckoned with before straining his calf.

It was the miracle combo to finish off, as Nick Arnup (5*) and Mr. 350 himself Nigel Grimes (14*) got the Cougars over the line to finish 4/94 off 25.1 overs.

It was a great day for the Cougars, led by consistency in bowling to tight areas.

Congratulations to Louis on his four-wicket haul and to Nigel Grimes on his 350th done right.

B Grade's next game will be against Nyora out at Mary MacKillop.

It will be de ja vu as Nyora have now slotted themselves into the top spot.

C Grade faced off against the Town Scorpions Saturday afternoon.

Also winning themselves the toss the Cougars followed the trend and headed out for a bowl.

Glenn Boxall (3/15 off five overs) and Spencer Chadwick(0/21 off six overs) headed the bowling for the Cougars on Saturday.

Glenn took the first three wickets, the Scorpions were put in a position of 3/32 to start the day.

Damian Burge (75) batted well, making over half of the team's runs before the Cougars bowled them out for 143.

Steven Anderson (2/7 off 1.1 overs) picked up a few, as well as Jack Hawkins (2/16 off three overs), who also picked up the big wicket of Damian Burge via bowled.

On the batting side of the day, Ashley Boxall (23) and Mick Caruana (0) opened up the batting.

The Cougars lost Mick early via lbw and Nicolas Botha (1) not long after.

In a position of 2/6, the Cougars looked shaky, but Glenn Matthies had other plans for the day.

He and Ash put on another 49 runs before Ash departed from the crease.

As the saying goes, lose won Boxall, in comes another.

It was the Glenn show out in the middle, as the two dragged us over the line smashing 3-144 off 24.1 overs.

Glenn Matthies finished 68 not out to be our leading run-scorer, alongside Glenn Boxall (49*).

It was a comprehensive win by the boys, as they creep up the ladder into fourth position.

They can rest in their work now as they have the bye next week.

Wonthaggi Club

WONTHAGGI Club's rising stars led the C2 team to victory against Nyora on Saturday.

Playing at McMahon Reserve in Wonthaggi, Nyora won the toss and chose to bowl.

Club's road to victory was paved by the partnership between 13-year-old Heath Crump and 14-year-old Blake Ton.

The partnership recorded more than 100 runs, with Crump making 46 and Ton making 74.

"It's fantastic to see these guys playing at this level. They've got a big future," Club president Luke McGuirk said.

"Once we got underway, our win was very much led by the young guys on the team."

Archie Dynes and Brian Osborne finished off the innings with 24 and 33 runs respectively.

Nyora's bowling efforts were shared between Keith Maclure, Elijah Le Serve and Benson Layton.

Nyora started its innings strong with Maclure and Craig Robertson making 61 and 26 respectively.

Three wickets claimed by Brendan Pentland ensured the game stayed in Club's favour.

"Pentland took three wickets at a crucial time. Nyora's top order was batting well, and Pentland took the game from them," McGuirk said.

Ollie Donohue, Crump and Jatin Shannon took two wickets each.

Club will face Leongatha Town next week.

"This will be a test for us. We're sitting undefeated on top of the ladder, but Town was in C1 last season, so it will be interesting to see how we go against a tough opponent."

Club is also looking forward to its trivia night, which will take place on Saturday from 7pm at McMahon Reserve.

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A2: Matthew Grayson (K-Bass) 80 ; Matthew Grayson (K-Bass) 3/4

B1: James McNamara (Inverloch) 62* ; Justin Greenwood (OMK) 4/4

B2: Darcy Tiziani (Glen Alvie) 70* ; Louis Read (Koon L/RSL) 4/13

C1: Adam Balfour (Korumburra) 34 ; Robert Blackney (K-Bass) 3/4

C2: Damian Burge (Town) 75 ; Owen Luff (Glen Alvie) 4/13



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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	60	1.224	Koonwarra L/RSL	48	2.214
Nerrena	36	1.259	Nyora	48	1.494
Phillip Island	36	1.067	Kilcunda Bass	36	1.705
Club	24	1.132	Korumburra	24	0.932
Inverloch	12	0.887	MDU	12	0.908
Town	12	0.772	Glen Alvie	0	0.581
Imperials	0	0.700	Foster	0	0.195

B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	42	8.295	Nyora	42	1.477
Club	42	3.656	Kilcunda Bass	42	1.058
Nerrena	42	1.955	MDU	42	0.906
Inverloch	24	1.302	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	1.029
Phillip Island	18	0.432	Glen Alvie	18	1.085
Town	6	0.278	Imperials	6	0.607
Korumburra	6	0.170			

LADDERSRD 6

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	42	0.955	Club	48	2.418
Nerrena	36	1.547	Glen Alvie	42	0.970
Club	36	1.383	Inverloch	36	1.760
Kilcunda Bass	36	1.116	Koonwarra L/RSL	36	1.544
MDU	24	0.745	Town	30	0.708
Phillip Island	18	0.521	OMK	12	0.400
Korumburra	12	0.561	Nyora	12	0.282

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 6 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (DAY 1)

A GRADE, Division 1		
Inverloch v P-Island	Inverloch Turf	Ken Scrimshaw
Club v Town	Wonthaggi Turf	Shane Moore
Nerrena v Imperials	Leongatha Turf	Ashleigh Stride
OMK - BYE		
A Grade, Division 2		
MDU v Glen Alvie	Meeniyana	Michael Thomas
Koon L/RSL v K-Bass	Koonwarra	John Schelling
Korumburra v Nyora	Korumburra	Brad Phillips
Foster - BYE		
B GRADE, Division 1		
Town v Club	Scorpion Pk 1	Graham Wightman
OMK v Nerrena	Outtrim	Les White
P-Island v Inverloch	Cowes	Geoffrey Parkinson
Korumburra - BYE		
B GRADE, Division 2		
K-Bass v Imperials	Bass 1	TBA
Koon L/RSL v Nyora	Mary Mac	Tyson Tootel
MDU v Glen Alive	Dumbalk	Geoff Birnie

ROUND 7 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

C GRADE, Division 1		
OMK v Korumburra	Digger Park	TBA
Club v MDU	McMahon	TBA
P-Island v Nerrena	Rhyll	TBA
Kilcunda Bass - BYE		
C GRADE, Division 2		
Town v Club	Scorpion Pk 2	TBA
Nyora v OMK	Poowong	TBA
Glen Alvie v Inverloch	Glen Alvie	TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE		

Subject to Confirmation.
Any prospective umpires can contact
Ash Stride 0432 350 944 or Ken Scrimshaw 0433 297 421

Boden blitz leads Cougars to win

• WOMENS CRICKET

KOONWARRA L/RSL faced off against the Kilcunda Bass Hammerheads on Sunday morning. Winning the toss, captain Mel Gheller sent the Hammerheads in for a bat.

The girls shared the ball around as they always do, but when it came Taryn Boden's time to bowl, she shone.

Taking 3/3 off her two overs, she took the best figures of the day closely followed by Kim Peters (2/5 off 2 overs) and Darlene Jones (1/3 off her one over).

Wonderful work from the Cougars kept the Hammerheads to a total of 83.

As the Cougars went into bat, Mel Gheller (11) and Carmen Dettmer (6) started well.

However, the team struggled to push the score too aggressively until Kathy Zacharopoulos (27) came in to finish the job. Although extras were the highest scorer (47) and the penalty runs from the Hammerhead's wickets (21) helped as well, the Cougars still had to make the most of the situation which they showed they could, finishing on a total of 114 with only one wicket lost via run-out.

Good to see the team is still in form after almost a month off.

The next match will be against Wonthaggi Club on November 30, out at McMahon Reserve.

Scorpions strike hard

LEONGATHA won the toss and elected to bowl, and the Scorpions made the most of the dry window before the weather moved in.

The fielding effort was outstanding from the outset, with Kath Stewart leading the charge through a stand-out performance – taking two wickets and pulling off a sharp run-out.

She was well supported by Alyssa Edwards and Chiara Marinou, who each picked up a wicket of their own. Kilcunda-Bass finished on 67, with

Kathy Zacharopoulos gave a solid batting performance for Koonwarra L/RSL. Photo: Jodie Arnup.

a further three runs added from a wicket during Town's innings.

As Leongatha stepped out to bat, the weather took a turn – but the Scorpis showed great resilience, with every partnership contributing valuable runs.

The innings was highlighted by strong performances from Nat Challis (41), Sarah Knox (26), Kate Oates (20) and Kath Stewart (16), helping Town reach a commanding 184.

A committed effort with both bat and ball in tricky conditions, with plenty of positives across the board for the Scorpions. Full credit to the Kilcunda-Bass Great Whites, who competed with great spirit and intensity in the wet, fielding bravely and pushing hard right to the end despite the challenging conditions.

Luff leads Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie recorded its first win of the season against Wonthaggi Club on Sunday.

Playing at home, Glen Alvie won the toss and chose to bowl first.

Grace Luff bowled impressively, taking three wickets early in

the piece.

Ella Cargill and Lauren Sinclair were also wicket takers on the day, taking two each.

For Wonthaggi Club, vice captain Amanda Goodsell led the charge with eight runs, and captain Elizabeth Crump contributed seven.

Club made 74 runs and, with the weather threatening to turn, Glen Alvie took its turn at bat.

The partnership of Marion Bals and Grace Luff had Glen Alvie off to a good start with five and eight runs, respectively.

Gaby Hynes made nine runs and Cargill recorded 10 runs despite the downpour.

Both teams decided to play through the rain and see the game to the finish.

Imogen Beaumont was Club's star bowler of the day, taking 1/11.

Glen Alvie made 99 at the end of their innings.

"The women's game was a highlight for the club this week. It was a great performance and everyone is really improving. It was good to get the win," club president David Hynes said.

Goannas prepare to compete at upcoming Nationals

• VETERANS CRICKET

THE weather again took a toll on Goannas matches at the weekend, with the Over 50 game v Geelong at Sale and the Over 70 game v South Gippsland at Traralgon West abandoned.

The latter may be played a little later in the season, while the next Over 50 game is scheduled to be a home game v 'Rupertwood Ranges' (formerly Sunbury/Macedon Ranges), on Sunday, November 23.

The Over 60s are next scheduled to play the Yarra Valley team, again a home game on November 23.

The Over 70 team travels to Essendon this coming Sunday to play Essendon.

Meanwhile, most of the National Championships are taking place in

November.

The Over 60s are currently playing in the Illawarra region, with Rob Taylor the only Goanna taking part.

He is in the Vic Blue team in Division 3 and made 33 no from 68 balls in the first game.

The Over 65's Championship is taking place in Christchurch, New Zealand from November 22, with Rino Metlikovec in the Vic Division 1 team, Bernie Symons and Peter Anton will also take part.

The Over 50 Nationals will be held in Brisbane from November 22, with Anthony Bloomfield in the Victorian Division 1 team, Craig O'Brien in Division 2 and Chris Anders selected in the Division 3 team.

The Over 55 Nationals will be held in the Bunbury/Busselton area of Western Australia from Sunday,

November 16. Brenton Howe and Graeme Rankin have been selected for the Vic team in Division 1, while Stephen Rogers and Gary Sauvarin will play in Vic 2.

John Daddo, Ken Hutchison and Steve Webley have all been selected in the Vic thirds team.

The Over 70 Championships were held on the Sunshine Coast in early September and have already been reported on.

Six Goannas took part in that event.

The first National Championships at the Over 75 level will take place from November 23 in the Albury area.

Gordon Cowling has been selected for the Victorian Division 1 team, while Phill Higgins and Fred Debono will represent Victoria in Over 80 matches.

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Nail-biting finish at Scorpion Park

• A GRADE, DIVISION 1

LOOKING out of the race halfway through the A1 match at Scorpion Park, Nereena knuckled down and took a narrow victory over Town, scoring the 215 runs needed for victory with just three overs to spare.

The Red Caps won the toss at Scorpion Park and chose to bowl.

For Town, the top score went to Jack Hume with 69 runs, with Sebastian Kyle making 41 runs.

Jarrold Hoy had a stand-out performance for Nerrena with four wickets claimed, and Mitchell Clarke claimed one wicket.

This was the start of Clarke's hero arc in his 200th game.

Town bowler Jack Hume claimed Billy Trotman's wicket early, which saw Mitchell

Clarke step up to the crease. Fittingly for his milestone game, he made the top score of 74 runs.

"Clarke stepped up after we lost an early wicket, and the partnership with James Kelly ensured we had the game; we just had to finish it off," Nerrena secretary Brian Gannon said.

Kelly made 49 runs, and captain Thomas Cameron added 25 runs.

The pick of Town's bowlers were Jack Hume, Rhett Hume and Luke Ashton with two wickets each.

"It went down to the wire," said retired sportswriter Don Livingstone, watching his young grandson, Frazer bowling for Leongatha Town.

With the ground still slightly damp after heavy rain, it was fast and furious cricket.

Nerrena will be taking on The Imperials in round six.



After the loss of early wickets Seb Kyle steadies for Leongatha Town. B49_4625

AROUND THE GROUNDS...

Korumburra

WITH last week's washout behind them, this week saw both A and B Grades take to the field for a one-day fixture.

The club was proud to celebrate a major milestone with A Grade vice captain Jacob Whiteside playing his 100th senior game.

Congratulations Jake.

A product of the Cobras junior program, Jake continues the strong tradition of developing outstanding all-round cricketers.

A powerful left-arm opening bowler and a classy top-order batsman, he embodies everything the club stands for.

The club also enjoyed a trip down memory lane with the return of Cobra legend Robert Francis, who pulled the pads back on in C Grade.

In a club first, the match featured three 300-game players on the field together – Rob joining Darren Scott and Glen Barrett in a special moment for the Cobras.

In A Grade, Korumburra 10/94 lost to Kilcunda Bass 6/181.

Bowling first, the Cobras had Killy Bass reeling early at 3/13, with young gun Rueben Foster striking twice in a brilliant opening spell.

Despite the hot start, the Cobras couldn't maintain the pressure, and two big middle-order partnerships allowed Kilcunda Bass to steady and finish the innings at 6/181.

Rueben was outstanding, finishing with 2/24, while 100-game milestone man Jacob Whiteside supported well with 2/35.

The batting innings never fully got going, with several starts but no one able to go on with a substantial score.

Mitch Young, stepping up in the unfamiliar role of opener, battled hard for 20 off 36, while Jason Richards added 14 off 20, but the Cobras ultimately fell short.

In B Grade, Korumburra 10/31 lost to OMK 1/33.

It was a tough day with the bat for the young and

inexperienced B Grade side, coming up against a well-drilled OMK outfit. The Cobras struggled to build meaningful partnerships, losing too many wickets cheaply.

Phil Richards showed great fight, grinding out eight off 74 balls as he tried to anchor the innings and hold things together.

Defending a small total, the Cobras couldn't have asked for a better start – Levi Gooch, returning after an extended injury layoff, struck with the first ball of the innings.

Unfortunately, that early breakthrough was the only real highlight, as OMK settled in and paced themselves comfortably to the win.

In C Grade, Korumburra 8/120 lost to Wonthaggi Club 3/121.

It was old school week in C Grade, with club favourites Rob Francis, Peter "Peachy" Edwards, and Adam Balfour returning for a run.

Peachy set the tone at the top of the order, showing all his trademark class before a brilliant one-handed grab in the deep ended what looked like a big innings in the making.

The veterans led the way with the bat – Adam Balfour (34 off 54) and Peter Edwards (32 off 32) piling on valuable runs. Matt Allen (12 off 46) and Tim Morrison (10 off 28) also contributed as the Cobras pushed towards a competitive total.

Unfortunately, the Cobras couldn't make early inroads into a strong Wonthaggi batting lineup.

They settled quickly and cruised to the target, passing the Cobras three down with eight overs to spare.

Bryce Riddell, Peter Edwards, and Darren Scott each claimed a wicket.

Leongatha Town

LEONGATHA Town and Nerrena played out a tight A Grade contest on Saturday, with the Scorpions posting a strong 6/212 before Nerrena chased it down in the final

stages to finish 6/215.

Town's innings was built on a superb knock from Jack Hume (69), who anchored the middle overs beautifully.

He was supported by Seb Kyle (41), who kept the scoreboard ticking, and Rory Gilliatte (39), adding valuable runs to push the total beyond 200.

Defending 212, Town fought hard with the ball. Jack Hume backed up his batting with 2/30, while Luke Ashton (2/44) and Rhett Hume (2/53) also chimed in.

Despite the pressure created in patches, Nerrena managed to hold their nerve, finishing just ahead in a well-fought match.

B Grade travelled to Inverloch and batted first, posting a competitive total of 129.

Ash Hickey once again showed his reliability at the top with 30, while Jack Aeschlimann (30) played a solid middle-order knock. Karl Aeschlimann (20) also contributed crucial runs to help build a defendable score.

When it was Leongatha's turn to bowl, the team applied pressure, but Inverloch's top order managed to steer the chase. Jack Aeschlimann picked up the only wicket, finishing with 1/15, as Inverloch reached 1/130 to snatch the win.

Though the result didn't go our way, there were plenty of positives: the batting showed real grit, and the bowlers held their nerve under pressure.

Koonwarra won the toss and sent Town in to bat, and openers Ray Edwards (26) and Nigel Hodges (9) laid a steady foundation.

A small cluster of wickets slowed momentum before Damian Burge (75) arrived at the crease and completely shifted the tempo.

Burge played a superb lone hand, lifting the run rate and keeping Town competitive while partners came and went.

With no other batter managing to settle, Town finished their innings on 143 all out.

Town started strongly with the ball, applying good early pressure.

Poly Joseph Kallookkaran

struck twice inside the first few overs, finishing with an excellent 2/12 from five, while Nijo Devassy claimed the other breakthrough with 1/21 off four.

Despite the disciplined start, Koonwarra regained control and chased down the total with 10 overs to spare, closing at 3/144.

A tough day on the scoreboard but highlighted by a standout innings from Burge and some disciplined early bowling from Kallookkaran and Devassy.

Leongatha Town Scorpions is hosting its annual Comedy Night fundraiser this Saturday, November 22, at the Daker Centre in Leongatha.

Check out the Facebook page for more information – the club would love to see you there for a night of laughs to support the club.

Phillip Island

PHILLIP Island cruised to a win over Wonthaggi Club on Saturday.

Club travelled to the Cowes Recreation Reserve, where it won the toss and chose to bat first.

The top order started well with opening batsmen Mitch Thomas and Alexander Geyer making 26 and 40 runs respectively.

Harry West and captain Joel Brann each added 22 runs.

Phillip Island bowler Jobe Williams took some important wickets through the middle, which slowed Club's momentum.

Williams took 4/37.

Brann returned the favour by wiping out Phillip Island's top order alongside Fraser West.

Captain Daniel Mock steadied the ship with Kohen Beaumont.

Beaumont made 49 runs, and the score had reached 5/121 by the time he was dismissed.

Mock and Thomas Niven saw out the rest of the innings, making 65 and 26 not out.

Phillip Island is currently sitting third on the ladder and will be looking to record another win against Inverloch next weekend.

LDCA - NOVEMBER 15 HIGHLIGHTS

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 5/171 d Club 9/167

Club Batting: A Geyer 40, M Thomas 26

Club Bowling: J Brann 3/21, F West 1/20

P I Batting: D Mock 65*, K Beaumont 49

P I Bowling: J Williams 4/37, K Lane 2/27

Town 6/212 lt Nerrena 6/215

Town Batting: J Hume, 69, S Kyle 41

Town Bowling: J Hume 2/30, L Ashton 2/44

Nerrena Batting: M Clark 74, J Kelly 49

Nerrena Bowling: J Hoy 4/36, M Clark 1/28

OMK 204 d Inverloch 9/181

OMK Batting: J Singh 60, J Lamers 42

OMK Bowling: J Singh 3/36, P Dell 2/20

Inverloch Batting: K Rotthier 43, R Newman 36

Inverloch Bowling: K Rotthier 2/34, L Rankin 2/53

Imperials – BYE

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

Nyora 5/270 d MDU 100

Nyora Batting: J Hull 74*, J Watts 42

Nyora Bowling: A Thompson 3/29, J Watts 2/9

MDU Batting: S C Lakshan 24, W Prosser 22

MDU Bowling: M Cartwell 2/57, M McGrath 1/27

Kilcunda Bass 6/181 d Korumburra 94

K-Bass Batting: M Grayson 80, T Smith 33*

K-Bass Bowling: M Grayson 3/4, H Berry 3/13

K'burra Batting: M Young 20, J Richards 14

K'burra Bowling: R Foster 2/24, J Whiteside 2/35

Glen Alvie 5/118 d Foster 114

Foster Batting: M Cooke 52, M Jones 23

Foster Bowling: A Pattie 2/10, M Cooke 2/39

G-Alvie Batting: W Luke 47, M Dakin 36*

G-Alvie Bowling: M Dakin 3/12, N Brown 3/21

Koonwarra L/RSL – BYE

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

Korumburra 31 lt OMK 1/33

K'burra Batting: P Richards 8, O Maskell 5*

K'burra Bowling: L Gooch 1/10, G Edwards 0/4

OMK Batting: D McMeekin 22*, M Sawyers 7*

OMK Bowling: J Greenwood 4/4, K Kerr 2/5

Inverloch 1/130 d Town 129

Town Batting: Jack Aeschlimann 30, A Hickey 30

Town Bowling: Jack Aeschlimann 1/15, C Bruce 0/11

Inv. Batting: J McNamara 62*, W Stewart 47*

Inv. Bowling: C O'Flynn 3/17, J McNamara 2/21

Nerrena 4/91 d Phillip Island 90

P-Island Batting: T Blackwell 38, D Homes 23

P-Island Bowling: H Arceo 2/10, B Marshall 1/9

Nerrena Batting: G Murphy 38, E Berryman 31*

Nerrena Bowling: D Symmons 3/18, T Harris 3/24

Club – BYE

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

Imperials 163 lt Nyora 6/169

Nyora Batting: D Blackney 39, C Knox 31

Nyora Bowling: J Waixel 3/17, L Brock 2/14

Imperials Batting: S Vagg 41, J Cochrane 33

Imperials Bowling: J Cochrane 3/25, K Gray 1/14

MDU 92 lt Koonwarra L/RSL 4/94

MDU Batting: M Murry 23, K Sinclair 17

MDU Bowling: S Brpwme 1/5, M Murray 1/10

Koon L/RSL Batting: B Pedlow 48, N Grimes 14*

Koon L/RSL Bowling: L Reed 4/13, R Pedlow 2/7

Glen Alvie 5/164 lt Kilcunda Bass 5/197

K-Bass Batting: V K Gopal 70, J Dickson 38

K-Bass Bowling: A McBride 2/35, A Leighton 1/22

G-Alvie Batting: D Tiziani 70*, S Smith 57

G-Alvie Bowling: J Brown 2/16, L McRae 2/36

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

Kilcunda Bass 7/104 lt OMK 130

OMK Batting: J Cuman 33, L Walker 31

OMK Bowling: S Loader 2/17, J Cuman 1/14

K-Bass Batting: C Bettles 21, D Bettles 17

K-Bass Bowling: R Blackney 3/4, S Tapscott 2/18

MDU v Phillip Island - Scores Pending
Match abandoned.

Korumburra 8/120 lt Club 3/121

K'burra Batting: A Balfour 34, P Edwards 32

K'burra Bowling: P Edwards 1/16, D Scott 1/18

Club Batting: J O'Reilly 26*, W Speed 21

Club Bowling: A Babu 2/15, S Liddle 2/18

Nerrena – BYE

C GRADE, DIVISION 2

Club 4/205 d Nyora 145

Club Batting: B Ton 74, H Crump 46

Club Bowling: B Pentland 3/13, J Shannon 2/0

Nyora Batting: K Maclure 61, C Robertson 26

Nyora Bowling: K Maclure 1/11, E Le Serve 1/28

OMK 9/87 lt Glen Alvie 6/88

OMK Batting: M Whiteside 20, J Battersby 16

OMK Bowling: M Greenwood 2/13, J Battersby 2/20

G-Alvie Batting: O Luff 20*, I Thorn 12

G-Alvie Bowling: O Luff 4/13, P Loos 1/10

Koonwarra L/RSL 3/144 d Town 143

Town Batting: D Burge 75, R Edwards 26

Town Bowling: P J Kallookkaran 2/12, N Devassy 1/21

Koon L/RSL Batting: G Matthies 68*, G Boxall 49*

Koon L/RSL Bowling: G Boxall 3/15, S Anderson 2/7

Inverloch – BYE



Monster mayhem roars into Korumburra

CARS lined the highway, side streets, factory parking spaces and every inch of the roads around Korumburra Showgrounds as local Simon O'Neill brought his Monster X Tour back home for the first time in a decade. And it didn't disappoint.

Flags were waved, kids cheered from the sidelines, FMX stunts entertained, and a jet car sent smoke billowing across Korumburra, and those were just on the sidelines, as PsychoPAT, Kevin King and the crew lined up the Monster Trucks and took to the arena. See story on page 20.



Psycho PAT passed on monster truck driving hints to Zayd from Wonthaggi. B45_4625



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