



FARMERS SLUGGED

Rates must be adjusted for farm values, they say

The Victorian Farmers Federation has laid bare the ineffectiveness of the Victorian Government's rate-capping policy to protect farmers from constantly increasing rates.

The situation is of particular concern in coastal areas where speculative purchases of well-located farms are driving up prices beyond their commercial value.

VFF President Emma Germano, who operates a farm at Mirboo North, said rate capping had failed to stop some regional councils from forcing rate increases onto farms well in excess of what is reasonable or sustainable.

"Councils are failing to use their differential rating power to equalise rate increases across different classes of land. The burden of funding local government is shifting more and more onto the agri-

cultural sector," Ms Germano said.

"These tax hikes show that Victoria's rate capping system is broken.

"It is completely unfair to have rate increases exorbitantly high for one group of ratepayers, but have no increase or even a reduction in rates for others."

VFF analysis of all council budgets for the year 2024/2025 shows 19 regional councils increasing farm rates well above the state government rate cap of 2.75 per cent, whilst residential rate increases remain at or below the cap.

Among them are several Gippsland councils including Bass Coast (average residential increase 2.21 per cent, average farming increase 6.21 per cent), South Gippsland (residential increase 0.05 per cent, farming 10.14 per cent) and Wellington (residential 2.86 per cent, farming 5.36 per cent).

The statement from VFF head office is nothing new to Bass Coast VFF President Bill Cleeland who was one of only eight people to make a submission to the recent Bass Coast Budget process.

"We got a 20 per cent differential in place some years ago but with continual increases in rates, even at the rate cap level of 2.75 per cent, that has been completely eroded," Mr Cleeland said.

"You need a lot of property these days to be able to make a commercial go of farming. It's an income-creating asset but we're getting taxed for it. It would be like taxing Harvey Norman for the number of refrigerators they have on the floor."

"It's simply unfair to be taxing farmers on their capacity to make a living simply because someone down the road sold their property for an increased amount."

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Long-time farm rates campaigner, Bill Cleeland of Phillip Island, is disappointed Bass Coast farmers will have to wait until after the council elections to have the farm rate reviewed.

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Photos posted online of Inverloch crime spree

VICTORIA Police Chief Commissioner Shane Patton absolutely nailed it in the city media recently when he claimed the rise in youth crime, especially the aggravated burglaries associated with car theft and joyriding was often linked to a fearful increase in the posting of "hero" photos of the incidents online.

That was the chilling experience in Inverloch last week, during a devastating week of crime across South Gippsland starting with the theft of cars from residential streets in Inverloch on Wednesday, extending to burglaries targeting cigarettes at three local petrol stations on Thursday; in Korumburra, Inverloch and Grantville and finishing with a shocking incident at the Yarram Plaza Hot Bread in Yarram on Friday morning (see details elsewhere).

It is not suggested that the crimes are connected but police are appealing for dashcam and CCTV footage to assist them with their investigations.

In the incident at Yarram, shortly after 4am last Friday, two offenders,

a male and a female, held three staff at the gunpoint, tying them up while they attempted to steal money from the cash register and the ATM but ultimately left taking two pies.

The offenders are still at large.

In the incident at Inverloch, it has been reported that a group of youths, allegedly staying at a local Airbnb house stole several cars in the town on Wednesday night, took them for joyrides and then posted photos of their exploits online.

But the incident took on an even more sinister effect when the offenders broke into some of the houses in the town, stealing a variety of goods while they ransacked the homes allegedly looking for car keys and other valuables.

It has been reported that upwards of four cars were stolen in the crime spree, all of which have reportedly been located in the town, or nearby.

In a separate incident, two vehicles were stolen in North Wonthaggi in the early hours of Monday (June 15). Investigations continue with Bass Coast

Crime Investigation police appealing for dashcam and CCTV footage from the area.

When speaking about the rise in youth crime on ABC Radio Melbourne recently, the Chief Commissioner stopped short of calling it a crime wave but acknowledged the increase was nonetheless concerning.

"Victoria is largely a very safe state but we have got significant issues with child offending," he said.

"A lot of it is to do with the notoriety. The 'look at me', trying to make themselves out as being special," he said pointing to social media as a major factor.

Chief Commissioner Patton said he was particularly worried about the number of incidents involving youths breaking in to houses to steal car keys.

He said those crimes were often "about notoriety and social media" rather than financial gain from stolen cars.

"We recovered 94 per cent of those cars very, very quickly so it's just being used for [the thrill]," he said.

Never should have happened, says Duscher

CHAIR of the committee seeking justice for 627 homeowners and building block owners in Wonthaggi, after planning overlays were retrospectively imposed on their properties has welcomed the official end of the fiasco.

John Duscher, himself a Wonthaggi North resident, but unaffected by the incident, has nonetheless said the shock imposition of the Environmental Audit Overlays, long after many people had built their homes and settled in, had "really affected people" and the town as a whole.

"Our main objective was to have blight on people's titles removed and the fact that we were able to do that in two months instead of 12 or more is a testament to people power," Mr Duscher said. "And not just those directly affected. "Other people in the town realised how unfair it was and they really got behind us. If there's one good thing that's come out of this, it's to strengthen the community of Wonthaggi.

"There's still a debate in State Parliament to come, and we'll be meeting with the shire at the end of the month to wrap this up, but I would like to see the State Government issue a public apology. "It was quite clearly a monumental mistake and hopefully we have saved other homeowners, across the state, from a similar situation."

Last Friday, July 12, the Minister for Planning, Sonya Kilkenny, approved Amendment C168basc to the Bass Coast



Chair of the community seeking justice for Wonthaggi homeowners says the community deserves a full apology after what was a monumental planning mistake by the government.

Planning Scheme finally removing the highly restrictive impediment on established homes and building blocks in Wonthaggi's north-east housing precinct.

The news of the removal of the blight on titles, which had long since cleared all planning and building hurdles, has also been welcomed by affected residents.

"I just checked the property link and great news, the EAO has finally come off properties in Summerfields Estate, where I live. So relieved and extremely grateful to the committee and everyone involved in seeing this through. Way to go Wonthaggi residents!"

That was typical of the messages posted on social media, including on the Facebook page managed by the Wonthaggi

Residents Affected by the Environmental Audit Overlay.

The Bass Coast Shire Council issued a statement on Friday advising that the EAOS had been removed from all of the land in the Northern Views Estate, Summerfields Estate, Parklands Estate and Powlett Ridge Estate.

"A preliminary risk screen assessment (PRSA), completed pursuant to Part 8.3 of the Environment Protection Act 2017, shows it is unlikely there is contamination on site and that an environmental audit is not required."

To confirm whether the EAO has been removed from your property you can "Search for a Property Report" on the planning department's website.

Farmers slugged again

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"The farm rate on the Mornington Peninsula is 35 per cent of the general rate, I think, but they're still paying a lot of rates. We're seeing farm values around the coast, from Inverloch to Phillip Island, going the same way as farms on the Mornington Peninsula and we really need to be adjusting the differential we have here."

Mr Cleeland said he was pleased that the council at least acknowledged at budget time that there needed to be a review of the Bass Coast farm rate but he was disappointed it was scheduled to come after the elections.

Farming representative on the South Gippsland Council, Cr Scott Rae, acknowledged the increase in farm rates above the state's rate cap and would be happy to see the shire's farm rate reviewed.

Ms Germano said farmers shouldn't have to fight the same battle year after year.

"The fundamental principle should be that as the value of farmland increases, the differential rate is adjusted to reduce the rate in the dollar on farms so that the rate burden paid by the farm sector remains stable. This approach has been applied with great effect in the Ararat Rural City Council for the past seven years."

Driver takes guilty plea for 'causing death'

A 27-year-old Hampton Park man, who was described by toxicology expert Dr Jason Schreiber of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine as likely to have been "significantly impaired" when he crossed double lines and crashed into an oncoming vehicle near Korumburra in August 2022 has none the less avoided a serious conviction for culpable driving.

Instead, at a directions' hearing in the Victorian County Court on Monday this week, the original 10 charges against Jayden Colverd, in relation to an incident on the South Gippsland Highway at Jeetho on Thursday, August 11 when 19-year-old Noah Peacock of Poowong was killed, were reduced to two, one of "dangerous driving causing death" and two, "failing to render assistance" at the scene of the accident.

Mr Colverd, who appeared by video link, was called to enter a plea to the charges by Judicial Registrar Rosalind Avis.

"Are you Jayden Tyler Colverd," Registrar Avis asked the accused.

"Yes, I am," he said.

"The Director of Public Prosecutions charges that Jayden Tyler Colverd at Jeetho in Victoria on August 11, 2022 by driving a motor vehicle in a manner dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, caused the death of Noah Peacock," the Registrar said.

"How do you plead? Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty your honour," said Colverd.

He also pleaded guilty to failing to render assistance at the scene despite knowing, or reasonably should have known, that the collision caused the death of another driver.

Colverd will be required to return to the County Court in Melbourne at a later date for a plea hearing and sentencing.

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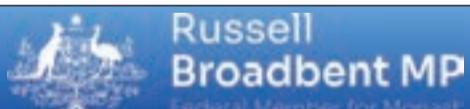
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WED | Jul 17

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Wind AM: Light
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THUR | Jul 18

Shower or two.

Wind AM: SW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

5° 12°



FRI | Jul 19

Showers.

Wind AM: W-NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: N-NW 20-30km/h

4° 13°



SAT | Jul 20

Showers.

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Wind PM: W 20-25km/h

5° 12°



SUN | Jul 21

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Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

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Surf Beach back on agenda

THE abandonment of the \$32 million Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay special charge scheme was one of the biggest policy failures of the present regime.

But it's the residents themselves who are putting it back on the agenda, piece by piece.

At this Wednesday's council meeting councillors will be asked to consider supporting an urban road and drainage project for Dunvegan Crescent in Surf Beach where 62 per cent of residents have demonstrated their support for such a scheme and that they are willing to financially contribute to the project.

The residents' request aligns with council's policy for upgrading roads and drainage in legacy housing estates.

\$24 million expansion at Lance Creek

KILCOY Global Foods Australia which recently took over the operation of an existing abattoir at Lance Creek, near Wonthaggi, has applied to the Bass Coast Shire Council for a \$24 million extension.

The application is for building and works in association with an existing Abattoir (Amenities, Hanging Chillers, Freezer and Dry store building and reduction in carparking) in the Farming Zone.

But, as explained by council, the majority of the built form is already on site.

"The ancillary works proposed, pertain to staff amenities, hanging chillers, freezer, and a dry store building. The onsite 300 car parking spaces had already been approved."

It has been recommended to council that it issue planning approval subject to a list of conditions.

Vote on \$5 million road works

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is getting set to award contracts for more than \$5 million road works.

At its council meeting this week it is set to vote to delegate responsibility to the CEO Greg Box to award the following contracts:

- Berrys Beach Road, Ventnor - Stage 3 between Ventnor Rd and Ventnor Beach Rd - Pavement Reconstruction and Culvert Renewal up to a value of \$1,223,666.

- Grantville Glen Alvie Road from Loch Kernot Road to Loch Wonthaggi Road, Almurga up to a value of \$3,800,000.

Our roads OK, they say

IN A REPORT to the Bass Coast Shire Council this week it is revealed that, contrary to the doom and gloom around the condition of roads, 75 per cent of all sealed road surfaces in the shire are in good and very good condition.

Whether the report is still relevant after the recent wet conditions only time will tell.

"Sealed road pavements are in even better condition, with 88 per cent rated as good and very good. Unsealed road pavements are also in good shape, with 79 per cent in good and very good condition. In comparison, only 41 per cent of kerb assets are in good and very good condition, while 58 per cent are in poor condition.

The report will be considered by council as it prepares to adopt its Road Asset Management Plan 2024-2028.

Introduction to Permaculture

RICK COLEMAN will present the last of four Garden Gems workshops on Wednesday, July 17 between 10am and 11.30am at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden.

The workshop is free, but bookings are appreciated and available online, visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1208901

For more information call Jessica: 0438 174 029.

Don't delay, enrol now!

LOCAL council elections will be held in Victoria by post this October 2024 for all councils except Moira Shire Council in the state's south-west.

But you can't vote if you're not on the electoral roll and you're fast running out of time to enrol.

If you haven't changed your address and you voted here in the last State Election, chances are you will already be

enrolled to vote here in the local government elections, but you can check your enrolment status online at vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2024-local-council-elections/bass-coast-shire-council.

Key dates ahead of the election are already coming up fast, with just a couple of weeks left for you to enrol by the closing date of 4pm on Wednesday, August 7.

If, however your enrolment is not straightforward, and you are applying to vote as an absentee owner of property in Bass Coast or South Gippsland or you are a representative of a property-owning corporation, you may have less time than that to get on the roll. You may need to fill out a form signed by your local council to qualify to vote.

Key dates

- Wednesday, August 7: Roll closes at 4 pm
- Monday, September 9: Candidate nominations open at 9am
- Tuesday, September 17: Nominations, candidate statements, photographs, and questionnaires close at 12noon
- Wednesday, September 18: Ballot draw
- Monday, October 7: Ballot pack mail out begins
- Friday, October 25: Voting closes at 6 pm
- Friday, November 15: All election results declared

Your vote matters. Local council elections are your chance to choose who you want to represent your community on the issues that you care about.

Enrol or update your enrolment by 4pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

Mobile Service Centre Blue Gum visits towns

SERVICES Australia's Mobile Service Centre Blue Gum is visiting towns in the Bass Coast Shire offering locals easy access to Centrelink, Medicare, National Disability Insurance Scheme and Department of Veterans' Affairs services.

Blue Gum will visit:

Lang Lang on Thursday, July 18, opposite IGA, Westernport Road (9am to 4pm)

Grantville on Friday, July 19, in the Grantville Transaction Centre car park, Bass Highway

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Cowes on Monday, July 22 near the Phillip Island Hotel, The Esplanade (9am to 4pm)

San Remo on Tuesday, July 23, in the Foreshore car park, Marine Parade (9am to 4pm)

Corinella on Wednesday, July 24, in the Corinella Community Centre car park, Smythe Street (9am to 4pm)

How you can build and where

IN A long-awaited moment for the present Bass Coast Shire Council, they are set to adopt three key planning documents at the council meeting this week.

They include:

- * The Bass Coast Neighbourhood Character Study
- * Bass Coast Housing Strategy, and
- * Bass Coast Residential Canopy Cover Improvement Strategy

The adoption of these three documents is the next step in the preparation of the Residential Development Framework and major changes to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, among other things dictating what sort of dwellings can be built and where.

Bass Coast Shire Council is one of Victoria's fastest growing regional municipalities, with the area forecast to have a population of 47,408 residents by 2036.

The population growth will result in demand for close to 10,000 additional dwellings, and according to council, "having a plan in place to manage population growth is essential to ensure the valued attributes within our townships are not lost and that development is directed to areas that can be well serviced, meet community needs and are resilient to a changing environment".

Council yes to LGBTIQA+

RATED as a progressive council in the LGBTIQA+ space, the Bass Coast Shire Council looks set to extend its commitment to developing a healthier, resilient, connected and inclusive community by agreeing to several of the initiatives put forward in a recent petition.


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Erin Patterson back in court

THE woman charged with the murders of three Korumburra people, her in-laws Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson, allegedly by mushroom poisoning at Leongatha on July 29, 2023, Erin Patterson, appeared by video link in the Melbourne Supreme Court on Monday this week.

Ms Patterson has also been charged with five counts of attempted murder relating to her former husband Simon Patterson and the husband of Ms Wilkinson, Korumburra Baptist pastor Ian Wilkinson.

Mr Wilkinson survived the allegedly poisoned family meal while Simon Patterson did not attend the lunch on July 29 last year.

The attempted murder charges where Mr Patterson is named as the victim relate to historic incidents.

The pre-trial application hearing was heard by Justice Jane Dixon with the Department of Public Prosecution represented by Kerri Judd KC and Ms Patterson by Colin Mandy SC with Sophie Stafford.

Pre-trial application hearings are covered by section 3(1)(c) of the Judicial Proceedings Reports Act 1958 (Vic) which restricts what can be reported.

Ms Patterson was remanded to appear at a later date.



POLICE BRIEFS

Leongatha teenager robbed

ON JULY 5, a 16-year-old in Leongatha was robbed by an offender estimated to be between 16-17 years old. The suspect, masked and on a bike, initially demanded the victim's puffer jacket, which was handed over. The suspect then returned shortly after, returned the jacket, and demanded the victim's phone. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact Leongatha Police at 5662 2285.

Burglars strike two BP stations

EARLY Thursday morning (July 11), burglars targeted three petrol stations in South Gippsland stealing cigarettes. The spree began with a ram-raid at the Korumburra petrol station at 2.30am followed swiftly by a similar incident at the Inverloch BP at 3.00am.

Authorities suspect the two burglaries may be connected with two offenders believed to be involved. Police urge anyone with relevant information, including CCTV or dash cam footage, to contact the Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit at 5671 4100 or

Community continues fight to save Newhaven Jetty

THE BASS Coast community remains steadfast in its efforts to save the Newhaven Jetty, despite a lack of constructive action or transparency from Government according to the Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath.

"The Newhaven Jetty is a crucial community asset, and locals are determined not to allow it to rot due to state government inaction," says Melina Bath.

"The Bass Coast community deserves more than lip service."

"The sudden closure of the Newhaven Jetty demands real answers."

Ms Bath said if Labor wanted to understand the importance of land-based fishing in Newhaven it needed only to look to the Newhaven boat ramp that has been brimming with land-based fishers over the school holidays.

"Residents who rely on the jetty socially and economically deserve to know why it was closed and the state government's plan for its restoration and reopening."

Ms Bath criticised the government's handling of the Newhaven Jetty closure highlighting the Government's penchant for secrecy.

"Critical questions about the jetty's condition, engineering assessments and funding priorities remain unanswered."

Recent findings from a survey by Victorian recreational fisher's advocacy group VRFish found seventy per cent of recreational fishers participate in land-based fishing highlighting the importance of safe and accessible piers and jetties.

The VRFish advocacy priorities survey received a record-breaking response from nearly 5000 recreational fishers.

Melina Bath claims Parks Victoria's only stakeholder meeting to date regarding the



Newhaven jetty remains closed to the public.

Newhaven jetty occurred after Ms Bath took the Allan Labor Government to task in State Parliament for kicking the tin down the road.

To support the Bass Coast community Ms Bath has initiated a Freedom of Information request to uncover the truth about the Newhaven Jetty closure.

A petition which Melina Bath will table in parliament later this year is also gathering momentum.

"Bass Coast residents deserve transparency," says Ms Bath. "They need to see the engineering assessments and understand if the government neglected its duty to maintain this vital structure."

"Concrete answers, funding and a timeline must be committed to repair and reopen the jetty."

Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

An additional burglary occurred on the same evening at Endeavour Petrol Station in Grantville at 12.45am with offenders smashing their way into the premises to steal cigarettes. It's believed this burglary is separate to the BP thefts with a similar vehicle under investigation for burglaries in the Southern Metro Region earlier in the evening. Anyone with information contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Yarram Plaza armed robbery

POLICE are investigating an armed robbery in Yarram on Friday, 12 July.

Officers have been told an unknown male and female entered a business on James Street about 4.15am. It is believed both offenders, who were armed with firearms, attempted to steal an ATM and tills but were unsuccessful and fled the scene.

There were three staff members present during the incident, but no one was physically injured.

Online Yarram Plaza Hot Bread have requested customers be kind and patient with staff as they recover.

"They have been through a lot and they have a lot of cleaning to do."

"We would like to personally thank everyone for messages and calls of concern."

"Our staff and the plaza cleaner were held up at gun point at 4am this morning."

"The offenders were after money from the ATM machine and our registers. They tied our staff and the cleaner up and left. They only took two pies, but they have scared our staff for life."

"Our heartfelt thanks go out to Kerri and Elijah (and the cleaner, sorry we don't know his name) for everything they have been through."

On ABC Gippsland Breakfast on Monday the report went further to state,

"Tied up and sitting on the floor, one woman raised the alarm with police through the SOS alert button on her smart watch."

It's understood the woman who raised the alarm was the pastry chef with all three victims offered trauma support and counselling.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has dashcam or CCTV footage, are urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
Le Serve

I am delighted to reflect on the vibrant celebrations of NAIDOC Week 2024 in our region, where we have once again come together to honor and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This year, building on past successes, our NAIDOC Week festivities expanded with a diverse array of activities tailored for our community members and visitors. The national theme for 2024, "Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud", resonated deeply as we embraced its spirit throughout our celebrations.

Innovatively, we utilised our projectors to project NAIDOC images each evening at sundown, illuminating the walls outside Berninnett with the vibrant essence of this year's theme. Additionally, we proudly showcased the Bunurong Land Council's "Welcome to Country" video on our smart screens, ensuring all could appreciate and learn from the wisdom and traditions of our local traditional owners.

One of the highlights was the unforgettable performance by Kutch Edwards at Berninnett, which captivated a sold-out audience. Furthermore, we hosted First Nations films at Berninnett and the Wonthaggi Union Community and Arts Centre, offering a diverse selection that was enjoyed by many.

The Artspace in Wonthaggi also marked a significant collaboration with the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Reconciliation Group through an inspiring exhibition, showcasing the remarkable talents of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. I encourage you to visit before August 11th to experience firsthand the powerful stories and heritage woven into each piece.

Looking ahead, I invite you to secure your tickets for The Sunshine Club, a highly anticipated theatrical production returning to Berninnett on July 25th due to popular demand. This lively Australian musical promises an evening of entertainment featuring a live five-piece band and over 20 original songs. Tickets are available at www.basscoastculturalvenues.com, and I encourage you to join us for this extraordinary event.

As we reflect on the success of NAIDOC Week 2024, I extend my gratitude to all who participated and contributed to these meaningful celebrations. Together, we continue to foster a community where all cultures are respected and celebrated, paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

Is it a housing crisis or climate emergency?

HAVE you ever wondered why the Bass Coast Shire Council is preoccupied with its "Climate Emergency" and the need to "take immediate and urgent action to protect and prepare Bass Coast for the serious risk that climate change poses"?

Or why the shire has committed millions and millions of dollars of ratepayers' money to actions designed to address their climate emergency?

Because it's the number one priority in Bass Coast's 'Community Vision 2041' statement.

Developed in 2021 in consultation with a panel of 43 independently selected people who live, work or own property in Bass Coast, while also representing its diverse community, the Vision is coming up for its quadrennial review.

And you're being asked to comment on that and a couple of other key documents including the council's four-year plan.

Two consultation sessions were held during the week, at Dalyston and Grantville, and more will follow at:

- Cape Paterson Community Hall on Wednesday, July 17, 3pm to 4.30pm.
- Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre (Newhaven) Wednesday, July 17, 5.30pm to 7pm
- Corinella and District Community Centre Sunday, July 21, from 12 noon to 3pm
- Berninnett Library Cowes Tuesday, July 23, 11am to 2pm.

You can also fill out a survey at engage.



Local dairy farmer Andy Thomas chats with the Bass Coast community engagement officer Austin Cram at a community consultation session at Dalyston last Tuesday.

basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourbasscoastourfuture

Why would you bother?

Because, in the hierarchy of council's guiding principles, the Community Vision document is the most important.

It dictates terms for the compilation of another important council policy document, the Council Plan 2025-29 (soon to be prepared), its annual plan, budget and all the rest.

Only one member of the community turned out at the Dalyston session, local dairy farmer and vice president of the

Dalyston FNC Andy Thomas.

Mr Thomas was at pains to point out that there's very little reference to farming and agriculture in the shire Vision 41 document and not much elsewhere in shire policies.

In fact there are two references:

Farming: Priority 2.4 We support and attract industries that are environmentally sustainable and our farming practices are regenerative.

Agriculture: Drawing on our creativity, innovation and resilience we've created a thriving and diverse economy that supports sustainable agriculture and industry.

Business Awards finalists announced

BASS Coast Shire Council is delighted to announce the finalists for the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards. These awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of local businesses within our community.

Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve has expressed her support for this annual event.

"I would like to express our deepest congratulations to all the finalists and businesses involved. These businesses have demonstrated exceptional innovation, dedication, and community spirit," she said.

The winners of the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards will be announced at the upcoming Celebration Night, set to take place on Friday, August 23 at the RACV Resort in Inverloch.

Judges' Awards Finalists:

Access, Equity and Inclusion

- Brinnie T Design • Event Operations Group Australia Pty Ltd • Inverloch Healthcare

Business Innovation

- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage • Native Seed Box Pty Ltd • TerraLab

Environmental Sustainability

- ESI Solutions Pty Ltd • Native Seed Box Pty Ltd • Wildlife Coast Cruises

Event Excellence

- Ocean Sounds 2024 • Tidal Seafood Festival • Walk for the Kids (San Remo Hotel Motel)

Marketing and Communications

- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage
- NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park • Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre

New Business

- Empowered Lactation Consulting
- Made. By Bronte • Native Seed Box Pty Ltd

People's Choice Awards Finalists:

Accommodation and Tourism Attraction

- Anchor Belle Holiday Park • Maru Koala and Animal Park • NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park

Food and Beverage

- Harman Wines • The Haven Wave Café

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Wonthaggi Power Netball Club one in a million

WONTHAGGI Power Netball Club has been granted \$1million from the State Labor Government's Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund to build a new netball pavilion.

The total project cost is \$2,200,000 with the new netball pavilion to include change rooms, social space, umpires' room, meeting room and accessible toilets to meet Netball Victoria guidelines.

Netball Operations Manager Abby Tranter described the news of the grant as amazing.

"Very much looking forward to the new pavilion."

Wonthaggi Power Netball Club will contribute \$25,000 to the project.

"Very good to have new facilities and nice to have a shower afterwards," said Abby.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP says the electorate of Bass will share in more than \$20,000,000 to make local facilities even better.

Wonthaggi Power Netball Club may be the biggest winner from the latest round of grants, but Phillip Island District Cricket Club also received over a quarter of a million dollars to construct a new four bay cricket training facility including two publicly accessible lanes at the Cowes Recreational Reserve. The total cost of the Phillip Island project is \$346,000 in partnership with the Phillip Island District Cricket Club and Bass Coast Shire Council.

"This most welcomed regional funding coming to our Bass Coast area means these two wonderful family friendly clubs can have the quality facilities they deserve to enjoy their respective sports, grow their membership, strengthen the training and competition programs they run for years to come," said Ms Crugnale.

The Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund builds on the more than twenty-three million dollars announced in the 2024-25 Victorian Budget to provide



Jordan Crugnale MP, Eva Brown, Courtney Brann, Jemma Gilmour, Abby Tranter and Mayor Clare Le Serve.

world class community sports infrastructure and initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sport.

From new sporting hubs to improved facilities, pavilions, courts, cricket nets and playground redevelopments investments like these provide high-quality and accessible places for Victorians to reap the benefits of sport and active recreation.

These projects are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

"I am thrilled to acknowledge these significant grants from the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund," Mayor Le Serve said. "The Wonthaggi Power Netball Club grant will deliver much-needed facilities, fostering gender equity and encouraging greater participation in sport while the grant for Phillip Island District Cricket Club will upgrade our local cricket facilities, benefiting both players and the broader community.

We are grateful to the Victorian Government for supporting these exciting projects. These projects will enhance the health and wellbeing of our residents and generate employment during construction. I look forward to seeing the ongoing positive impact these projects will have on our community."

Since 2014 the Labor Government has invested more than one point nine billion dollars in community sport and recreation.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the clubs for being active in their quest for funding, the extraordinary work their committees, volunteers and members do to support players and their families and to the significant financial contribution Council have made to ensure the facilities are delivered in partnership to benefit our community for years to come," said Ms Crugnale.

The second round of the fund is set to open later this year. For more information about the Fund and successful projects visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Water fountain a boon for beach

THE SOUTH Coast Water Partnership has teamed up with the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club to make it easier for residents, visitors and their furry friends to choose tap water over bottled, with the installation of a new water fountain.

The fountain features a water bubbler, bottle refill tap, a dog water bowl, solar lighting and a digital water meter – which shows how many plastic bottles have been saved from landfill and CO2 emissions saved from producing these.

"We really appreciate the support from South Gippsland Water and Bass Coast Council in installing the new water fountain, it will be well utilised by both residents and visitors to Cape Paterson First Surf Beach, especially over the warm summer months," said Kate McLoughlin Director of Commercial Operations for Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

The new fountains mean people can stay hydrated with free drinking water when they're visiting the beach, enhancing the usability of the area as well as helping to protect the waterways and beaches while reducing landfill.

Choosing tap water over single-use plastic bottled water can have a positive environmental impact, as 80 per cent of single-use water bottles end up in landfill or waterways; and people can also save money while helping the environment.

Less than 20 per cent of plastic gets recycled in Australia, 85 per cent of Australian seabirds are affected by plastic pollution and scientists predict there will be more plastics in the ocean than fish by 2050.

Since January 2024 over 198,637,277 single-use plastic bottles have been sent to landfill. These bottles join the 130 kilograms of single-use plastic that an average Australian consumes every year.

The new water fountain is located at the new public toilet block and South Gippsland Water stated they are proud to support clubs and community groups like Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club wherever they can.

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An elderly pedestrian fell victim to a non-slip street crossing.

Watch your step at road crossings

A SECOND pedestrian fall at the same location in Graham Street, Wonthaggi on Thursday (July 11) stopping traffic as emergency services and bystanders went to the elderly woman's aid.

"The same thing happened here two weeks ago," according to a local shopkeeper.

Tactile ground surface indicators or pedestrian ramps are installed in a raised grid pattern of studs or 'dots'.

Another similar non-slip crossing at the corner of James Street and White Road in North Wonthaggi was responsible for an elderly pedestrian falling face-down on the road.

Victoria Walks along with Vision Australia and Guide Dogs Victoria suggest

people who are blind or have impaired vision rely on tactile kerbs to indicate where the footpath ends, and the road begins.

Kerb ramps sometimes called pram ramps or pram crossings are important for seniors, those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters, and children riding bicycles legally on the footpath advises Victoria Walks.

Victoria Walks warns however that kerb ramps should not be so steep as to cause a tripping hazard or be difficult to negotiate for someone unsteady on their feet.

VicRoads which is responsible for pedestrian ramps on major roads advises that tactile ground surface indicator tiles should not be cut into existing surfaces.



Four roads in Woolamai currently zoned at 100km/hr are set to drop, with one dropping to half of that.

Take the foot off near Mitre 10

FROM July 1, speed fines across Victoria increased, coinciding with new speed limits implemented in several areas across South Gippsland and Bass Coast to enhance road safety. Key changes include reductions on Billson Street in Wonthaggi, Cape Paterson Road and Settlement Road in Silverleaves.

The speed limit on Settlement Road (East) in Silverleaves, where there are only a few residences, recently dropped from 60 km/hr to 40 km/hr.

In Woolamai, proposed speed reductions have been submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) by the Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) for four roads currently set at 100 km/hr. Edward Court, a small rural street, is proposed to drop to 50 km/hr. Woolamai Road has a proposed reduction to 60 km/hr. Similarly, Turnbull-Woolamai Road is proposed to have a speed limit of 60 km/hr. Trew Road, a continuation of Turnbull-Woolamai Road running through farmland, is set to drop to 80 km/hr.

In Wonthaggi, Billson Street near Wonthaggi Primary School is no longer limited by school hour restrictions with the strip permanently 40km/hr.

South Dudley Road will also see speed reductions in the coming months from 80km/hr to 60km/hr.

The speed limit on Mill Road in Archies Creek has reduced from 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr, despite it being a rural road running through farmland. The council cited road safety concerns and a history of crashes involving vehicles running off the road as reasons for the change. They are also planning road sealing works to further enhance safety.

These changes come alongside new speed fines for full licence holders introduced at the start of the new financial year. The new penalties for speeding offences (except for heavy vehicles) are as follows:

Exceeding the speed limit by less than 10 km/h: \$247 fine, one demerit point, no automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 10 km/h-24 km/h: \$395 fine, three demerit points, no automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 25 km/h-29 km/h: \$543 fine, three-month automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 30 km/h-34 km/h: \$642 fine, three-month automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 35 km/h-39 km/h: \$741 fine, six-month automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 40 km/h-44 km/h: \$840 fine, six-month automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 45 km/h or more: \$988 fine, twelve-month automatic licence suspension.

Exceeding the speed limit by 20 km/h-24 km/h in a 110 km/h zone: \$395 fine, three-month automatic licence suspension.

Bass Coast Highway Patrol noted that whilst some of these speed reductions are welcomed and crucial, drivers are reminded not to become complacent in areas that they regularly drive through and to adhere to the new limits.

"We recently attended a crash along South Gippsland Highway at the Victoria Road intersection. The driver (along South Gippsland Highway) had slowed to 80km/hr which resulted in the driver of the other vehicle incurring only minor injuries. Had the intersection still been 100km/hr it would have been a very different situation," a spokesperson for Bass Coast Highway Patrol said.

"However, we are continuously seeing drivers continue through this intersection at 100km/hr.

"We would like to remind drivers to drive to the conditions of the road and weather, the mornings and nights are cold with frost and ice on the roads."

Shire to boost women's sport

FACILITIES to support the increasing and more diverse participation by women in sports, in the Bass Coast Shire, are not up to scratch, according to Cr Brett Tessari, who is also the Operations Manager for the West Gippsland Football Netball League.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times ahead of the tabling of Bass Coast's Fair Access Policy at council on Wednesday, Cr Tessari said there was still a lot to be done.

"Certainly, the changerooms situation for women is appalling," said Cr Tessari. "I know before we opened the new soccer rooms at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, the girls were coming to the game already dressed or changing in their cars and that's still the case at a lot of the places you go."

"I don't know what the female footballers do at Wonthaggi for example, and at a lot of the other clubs."

"We need to be encouraging the participation of girls and women in a wide range of sports and this policy is a step along the way," Cr Tessari said.

As background, the Council has explained the need for the new policy:

"Council's Fair Access Policy and Action Plan 2024 has come about as a result of the State Government's new Fair Access requirements. These requirements aim to develop a statewide foundation to improve the access to and use of community infrastructure such

as sport and recreational facilities for women, girls and gender diverse people.

"From July 1, 2024, all Victorian LGAs (councils) must have a gender equitable access and use policy in place to be eligible to receive infrastructure funding from the State Government. These policies will ensure that women, girls and gender diverse people, can fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of community sport, with fair opportunity and access to their local facilities."

Currently, Bass Coast Shire Council has applications for \$1.734 million submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria for grants for recreational infrastructure across the shire.

Without a Fair Access Policy and Action Plan they will not be eligible to receive funds.

Development of the policy has undergone significant community consultation, according to the council.

It included a comprehensive online survey and four drop-in sessions (one in each ward plus one on-line). This allowed shire officers to chat to clubs and the community about the local issues they face.

"The community response was strong with 77 surveys completed, three written responses and 15 people attending the drops," said Council.

Following consultation, the updated draft was circulated to the Office of Women in Sport and GippSport for their final feedback.

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Wonthaggi SES Unit Controller Jarrod Hargreaves celebrates the official opening of the new SES unit with the support of unit crew, SES officials, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast Shire officials. Z18_2924

Wonthaggi SES unveils state-of-the-art facility

FORTY-EIGHT years after the establishment of the Wonthaggi SES unit, unit controller Jarrod Hargreaves and his fellow volunteers officially opened the doors to their exceptional new facility on White Road.

The new Wonthaggi unit consists of a four-bay motor room, modern training and meeting facilities with a fully equipped kitchen, a communications operations area, and an expansive turnout area.

"It is designed from an operational services perspective," said Jarrod.

"We are now independently operated, which means the facility was built to withstand a level four disaster, that's why we have a delineation between our command, which is at the front of the facility and the rear of the facility that is designed for an operational response."

Addressing the official opening was SES Chief Executive Officer Greg Leach who shared, "This is a great addition to the SES network of facilities across rural and regional Victoria. It's only fitting that

we open a facility like this to support our amazing volunteers who do so much to support their local communities."

"I'd like to acknowledge Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and say thank you, not only for your continued support to the local community but as part of the government continues to support Victoria's state emergency services to build facilities like this across the state."

Mr Leach stated that it really is a collegiate network that supports the people of Victoria. "We know ourselves that our workload is supporting other agencies, including Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria."

Mr Leach acknowledged the growth workload for SES in the region and said, "That's why it's important to build facilities like these. It's a great step forward for SES."

Ms Crugnale addressed the audience on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, sharing her appreciation for the sheer determination and patience over a number of years to make

this day a reality.

"You now have a palatial, spacious, fit-for-purpose facility that enables you all to continue your incredible work servicing and supporting our community and surrounding areas during all manner of emergencies," she explained.

"All hours, all conditions, floods, storms, search and rescue and road rescue. We see you, we see your skill-set and your spirit of generosity, and you're all highly regarded and respected within your community."

Wonthaggi SES currently have 10 operationally active members and the team will track member numbers over time to help maintain suitable staffing levels for the new facility.

At the entrance of the new unit, there is a display of history to ensure that future generations will learn about the history of the Wonthaggi SES, a unit that endured 48 years of operation. This new facility will accommodate the SES volunteers for the next 50 years of service.

VICSES Gippsland volunteers' rescue capability bolstered

BY THE end of the month, 47 Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) – Road Crash Rescue (RCR) – accredited units will have received state-of-the-art battery-powered hydraulic tools, continuing to revolutionise the way volunteers respond to emergencies.

The hoseless Pentheon range of equipment is developed by Netherlands manufacturer Holmatro, with each kit valued at more than \$115,000. The new equipment allows volunteers to efficiently manage rescue-related emergencies without requiring an external hydraulic pump source through a nearby VICSES response vehicle or portable pump.

As a result, VICSES volunteers will have greater freedom and flexibility in accessing rescue incidents in hard-to-reach locations, with increased manoeuvrability a key consideration when adopting the untethered equipment.

In VICSES' Gippsland Region, five units are expected to be operating with the new battery-powered hydraulic equipment this month, with VICSES Leongatha and Sale Units recently receiving the upgraded suite of equipment.

VICSES Warragul, Bairn-

sdale and Morwell Units received their Pentheon kits earlier in the rollout process.

VICSES maintains the largest network of principal provider RCR emergency responders in Australia, with 104 VICSES Units across the state certified to utilise their technical skills and equipment at rescue incidents, with an additional 20 support units available.

This month's rollout concludes a four-year process to update RCR capacity at almost 50 key locations across Victoria, with each unit also re-trained in the use of the suite of Pentheon equipment.

So far this calendar year, VICSES volunteers have attended more than 1,500 rescue incidents, with five units having attended more than 50 rescue incidents each.

In VICSES' Gippsland Region, VICSES volunteers have attended more than 160 rescue-related incidents in that time frame, with Morwell, Warragul and Moe Units attending more than 15 each.

To find out more about VICSES' RCR capabilities, visit ses.vic.gov.au/join-us/volunteer-roles/road-crash-rescue.



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Tuesday, 30th July, Senior Building

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South Gippsland Shire Council News Exhibition Opportunity

Attention all South Gippsland creatives! Are you looking for the opportunity to showcase your work and share your talent with the South Gippsland community?

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals or collectives to exhibit at the Park in 2024 and 2025.

Coal Creek boasts two distinct exhibition spaces: the Entry Gallery and the Auditorium.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 July 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

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Don't miss out on the chance to exhibit your work for the whole region to see.

For more information and to register your Expression of Interest, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/exhibition-eoi

Applications close 11.59pm Friday 2 August 2024.

IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on Friday 5 July from Acacia Road, Walkerville.

Vehicle: Grey 2002 Ford sedan

Registration Number: 1VB1ZZ

Engine Number: 6FPAAJGSW2A20481

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

For enquiries, please contact the Community Safety Team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Mobile Service Centre



The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre will be in Nyora Thursday 25 July from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/404 – Dismantle and Removal of Freight Gate at Korumburra Rail Precinct

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 30 July 2024

RFT/406 – Geographical Information System Replacement

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 13 August 2024

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Long term plans for Coal Creek

COAL Creek's long-term survival appears assured with South Gippsland Shire Council releasing its draft Strategic Plan for the tourist park and museum, the document expressing confidence that the attraction can be adapted to broaden its appeal and ensure financial sustainability.

Councillors will vote on Wednesday on a recommendation to endorse the draft Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Strategic Plan for community engagement between July 18 and August 1, with the draft plan now available for viewing through council's website.

While acknowledging the importance of Coal Creek's heritage and historical collection, it is stressed that its displays are currently largely static and that much of its collection is hidden away from the public eye.

As well as outlining the need for interactive displays, and providing greater access to the collection, the draft plan makes it clear other learning and cultural



Community members are likely to be given a say soon on plans for Coal Creek's long-term future. A10_2924

opportunities need to be offered, widening the focus from the site's coal mining past.

That includes the possibility of partnering with Bunurong and Gunaikurnai people to incorporate First Nations' heritage into Coal Creek's narrative.

Developing conservation plans and replanting parts of the park to reflect pre-colonial days and introducing programs and workshops to teach the community about the impacts of climate change and practical ways to respond are other actions recommended.

Repurposing of some buildings and the creation of child-friendly spaces for play are

proposed but the importance of heritage is also emphasised with the intention to reinstate the Coal Creek Bush Tramway to attract train enthusiasts and young families.

Reintroducing food and beverage options, including offering coffee and snacks at the park's entrance, and exploring the possibility of a "destination café/restaurant", are also recommended.

Increasing revenues through measures such as hosting events, venue hire, commercial partnerships, and ticketing and entry fees are all proposed as measures that can be taken in the near future to cover a larger share of operating costs and reduce the maintenance burden on

council.

Actively pursuing funding opportunities through grants and sponsorships are further ways to support maintenance, other infrastructure needs and visitor experience improvements.

The draft Strategic Plan has been welcomed by Friends of Coal Creek, with its president, Roger Powell, saying it is very much in line with the organisation's submission on Coal Creek's future.

"There are lots of challenges and lots of questions still to be fleshed out, and we'll need to get into some of the detail, but they've certainly identified the key components of what needs to happen at the park, and we're grateful that's now out in the open and people can see what it's going to take to restore Coal Creek," Roger said.

Friends of Coal Creek is also pleased to see the plan outlines both short and long-term strategies to enable the Park to be up and running to a satisfactory level quickly, building further sustainability over time.

Poowong bridge funding successful

THE VALUE of South Gippsland Shire Council's recent advocacy trip to Canberra was highlighted by the announcement of over \$3 million of Federal Government funding towards the design and construction of four bridges, with that having resulted from previous advocacy in the national capital.

The government funding has been allocated through the Bridges Renewal Program.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis elaborated on how the bridge funding came about.

"We met with Carol Brown (Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport) and had a really good conversation about our very large asset base and the challenges

\$3,792,000, Federal Government funding will account for \$3,033,600, with council now only having to budget for the \$758,400 difference.

council is having maintaining assets, and she made the suggestion that we consider applying for this program," Ms Ellis said.

She added that council officers put a lot of time and effort into creating a high-quality application for the funding and is delighted that has now been successful.

"What the funding has done has meant that council's own revenue can go into other projects, and it's freed up a bit over \$3 million to be directed towards the maintenance and renewal of other types of assets," Ms Ellis said.

Cr Nathan Hersey also spoke of the significance of the funding and the fact South Gippsland Shire ratepayers will now have to support far less of the project cost than would otherwise have been the case and stressed the value of council's previous advocacy efforts.

"Essentially what we've done is put forward a good case that our annual revenue only goes so far and it would be great to have support to do things like this, which is important to the connectivity and safety of our community," he said.

Less time to wait for South Gippsland Shire Council watchers

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's available time to consider any major policy decisions ahead of October's election has got a little shorter, with September's council meeting set to shift from the 18th to 11th to accommodate a State Government requirement.

The Local Government Amendment (Governance

and Integrity) Bill 2024, which passed both houses of the Victorian Parliament in June, has amended the start date for the 'election period' for the upcoming council elections, with council unable to make major policy decisions once that period begins.

"By moving the council meeting to the week prior,

council will be able to consider any necessary business before the start of the 'election period,'" council stated.

An additional meeting is proposed for Wednesday October 2 to consider approval in principle of the performance and financial statements for submission to the Victorian

Auditor-General's Office for certification, so they can be included as part of the Annual Report scheduled to be considered by council at its October 16 meeting.

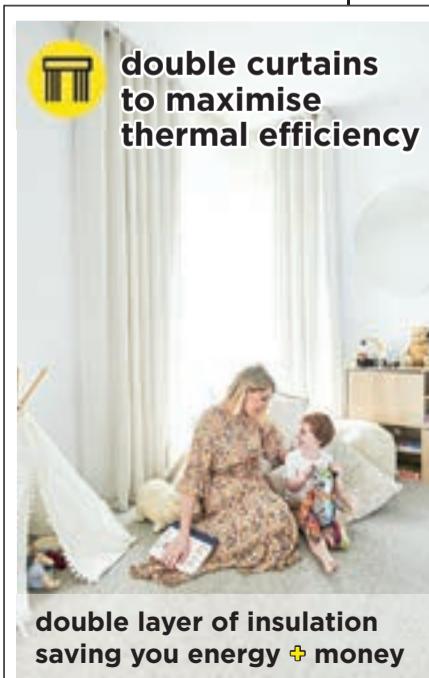
Councillors appear certain to vote in favour of the proposed meeting changes and the issuing of a public notice outlining the new arrangements.

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Mayor's Message



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Hello South Gippsland. NAIDOC Week was held this week, and I was grateful to MC an event held by Council on Thursday in Leongatha. The event was well supported by the community and included a smoking ceremony, Welcome to Country and art workshop. It is fantastic to see events like this occurring in our community where we can better understand the histories of our First Nations people.

There are always events happening in South Gippsland, so if you're looking for something to do, please check out the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

Congratulations!

I was thrilled to hear that Poowong Kinder received a grant through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks Program. This grant will help the Kinder improve accessibility for children of all abilities, especially in outdoor areas.

The finalists for this year's Gippsland Business Awards have been announced and I'm very happy to congratulate Fleming Berries (Korumburra) who are a finalist in the Food and Wine Producers category, Jessica Greaves Graphic Design (Mirboo North) who is a finalist in the Business and Professional Services category, and Leongatha Kitchens and Bathrooms who are a finalist in the Mechanical Trades and Construction category. All of South Gippsland will be cheering you on.

Speaking of cheering on, I was excited to hear the selection of Beau Vernon for the Paralympic team. Beau is an inspirational and popular person not just in South Gippsland but across the region, and I can't wait to see what he can do as he represents Australia. Beau joins Keef Wilson, Aislin Jones and Eleanor Patterson - all representing South Gippsland in Paris.

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Understanding Dry Eye Syndrome: The Impact of Winter and Regional

DRY eye syndrome (DES) is a prevalent condition where the eyes do not produce enough tears or produce poor-quality tears, leading to discomfort and vision issues. In regions like ours, environmental factors such as seasonal changes and local conditions can significantly influence the severity of DES.

Dry eye syndrome manifests as persistent dryness, grittiness, and irritation in the eyes. Symptoms include:

- Redness
- Burning or stinging sensations
- Light sensitivity
- Blurred vision
- A sensation of having something in the eyes

These symptoms arise due to an imbalance in tear production and drainage, which are vital for maintaining eye health and clear vision.

Winter in country Victoria can be particularly harsh for those with DES due to several factors. In addition to seasonal changes, specific regional conditions can exacerbate dry eye syndrome:

1. Low Humidity Levels:

Winter air is generally cold and dry, leading to reduced humidity levels. This dry air can cause tears to evaporate more quickly, leaving the eyes inadequately lubricated.

2. Indoor Heating:

To combat the cold, indoor environments are often heated, which further lowers humidity levels. Heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces can dry out the air inside homes and exacerbate dry eye symptoms.

3. Wind Exposure:

The cold winds typical of winter can increase tear evaporation. Those who spend time outdoors without adequate eye protection are especially at risk.

4. Reduced Blink Rate:

During winter, people tend to stay indoors and engage in activities such as reading or using digital devices. These activities often reduce the blink rate, which is crucial for spreading tears evenly across the eyes.

5. Agricultural Activities:

Dust and pollen from farming activities can irritate the eyes, contributing to DES.

Managing symptoms during winter and in challenging environments is crucial. Here are some ways that can help:

1. Use a Humidifier:

Adding moisture to indoor air can help maintain eye hydration. Humidifiers are particularly useful in heated homes and offices.

2. Stay Hydrated:

Drinking plenty of water helps maintain overall hydration, including tear production.

3. Protective Eyewear:

Wearing wraparound glasses, safety glasses or goggles can shield the eyes from wind and cold air, reducing tear evaporation.

4. Eye Drops:

Over-the-counter artificial tears can provide additional lubrication and relieve dry eye symptoms.

5. Limit Screen Time:

Taking regular breaks from screens and consciously blinking more often can help maintain a healthy tear film.

6. Avoid Direct Heat:

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Paramedics from across Bass Coast and South Gippsland met with Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale on Friday to discuss critical issues such as paramedic fatigue, end-of-shift management, and resource shortages in the region. The meeting aimed to address ongoing concerns as part of the paramedics' industrial action, supported by the Victorian Ambulance Union. C10_2924

Crugnale stands with our paramedics

MEMBER for Bass, Jordan Crugnale welcomed nine paramedics into her offices on Friday to discuss paramedic fatigue, end-of-shift management, lack of resources in Bass Coast/South Gippsland and additional concerns for the region.

As documented in previous Sentinel-Times articles, paramedics, supported by the Victorian Ambulance Union are currently partaking in industrial action as talks for the Ambulance Victoria Enterprise Agreement continue.

Ms Crugnale heard each paramedic out as they discussed concerns affecting each of them individually and also as a larger organisation.

"The last hour of our shift, we do not want to be sent out to a low-acuity case," one paramedic stated.

"None of us are denying that if a genuine code 0 needed our help we wouldn't deny them, but we are undertaking unnecessary overtime for simple tasks, like patient transport, and then being ramped at hospitals for hours."

Paramedics also highlighted the recent crash involving fellow paramedic Jim Avard, who they stated was a prime example of what they are fighting for.

"Ambulance Victoria threw Jim under the bus. We were furious at their total denial of the situation and lack of support from management. There is no real-time fatigue monitoring."

Several paramedics in the room noted they have been in similar situations to Mr Avard – whether that was performing an 18-hour shift with zero to little breaks or calling management to express fatigue concerns and being told, to 'get back out

there' and 'stop calling us'.

"One town in our catchment operates on an 8/6 shift roster. Eight days straight working during the day, with seven nights on call. What happened to Jim could happen to any of us. We are a bum on the seat and told to suck it up."

Ms Crugnale expressed her concern when one paramedic explained they are forced to triple-check medications at the end of long shifts to ensure the correct dosage is being administered, as fatigue sets in.

"Fatigue is dangerous and it's not uncommon that we will go an entire shift without a meal break," another paramedic explained.

"There is no backup, there is no overlap, and we are being gaslighted by our own employer."

Paramedics are calling on changes to the dispatch system with one paramedic noting changes in operations have greatly affected the number of low-acuity cases now flagged as higher codes.

"Triple Zero Victoria call takers are expected to make triage decisions based on keywords."

"When I first started (at Triple Zero Victoria) you were expected to ask, what happened before this started. For example, if someone was complaining of jaw pain they may then say surgery or they'd been punched in the face, and that prompts you to go down a completely different pathway. These days if someone has said they have jaw pain the cardiac/chest pain card is triggered."

"The ProQA system is used worldwide, but it is not running in its pure form in Victoria. The TZV crew do an incredible job under very difficult circumstances."

Paramedics also highlighted that they would like to see all non-emergency transport (which was privatised under the Kennett Government) come back under the AV banner.

"We love this job, but there is a serious health service crisis looming. A tsunami is coming."

"These are not new issues. We want better support from management, better fatigue management, end-of-shift management, responsiveness to concerns and support for dispatch. It's a broken system."

Local paramedics took their concerns to Ms Crugnale in the hope she will raise them with her colleagues including the Health Minister.

"We are coming to you to speak to the Health Minister to get her to listen to the concerns of paramedics."

"I stand with our paramedics in their quest for better conditions to address for example fatigue, end of shift management as to other issues raised and importantly, they also outlined some constructive systemic reforms to be considered," Ms Crugnale said.

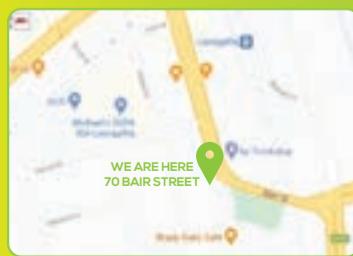
"Meeting with local paramedics gave me a much deeper understanding of their key issues and what they and their Union are advocating for in the EBA negotiations underway."

"The personal stories were very much appreciated, and I will absolutely take their concerns to the Health Minister also."

"I stand with them as I did with the Nurses and Midwives recently as well. They are hardworking, dedicated, professional and always go above and beyond in providing timely critical care and they deserve to have a life too."

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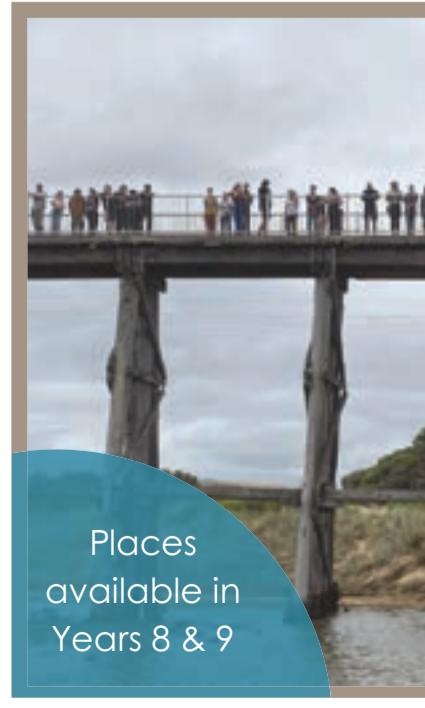


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'Marty Moo' eyes next challenge

MARTY Thomas is set to take time off to ponder his next challenge when he finishes his 15 years in charge of Moo's at Meeniyan late this month.

He made the move to Meeniyan from the Mornington Peninsula where he was running a vineyard cellar door and restaurant, discovering the availability of what was to become his restaurant during a 2009 Easter holiday visit, with the business welcoming its first diners on Boxing Day that year.

Marty had long worked for others in the hospitality industry and always had the ambition to run his own restaurant.

"I saw the little place for lease and thought, oh that would be good," he said of his big holiday decision.

Mates gave him an initial ribbing, unconvinced he could make a go of the venture in a town then home to about 450 people.

"I had faith that the area needed a good consistent offering, and fortunately I was right," Marty said of his decision to commit to the move.

Nicknamed 'Marty Moo', the name for the new business sprang readily to mind, and it seemed right for the setting.

"I thought Moo's was an appropriate name being dairy country, and with the former butcher housed in my building for most of the 20th century," Marty said.

The success of Moo's of Meeniyan is widely credited with attracting other businesses to town.

Trulli came along, then Pandesal Bakery, along with giftware shops.

"The key to the success of



Marty Thomas is delighted he made the move to Meeniyan but is ready for a change after 15 years.

Meeniyan is the healthy competition; we're all mates and communicate well," Marty said.

The town soon developed a reputation as a perfect weekend destination, with businesses open and offering hospitality.

Marty recalls efforts to increase tourism in Meeniyan soon after he arrived in town, through initiatives such as the 'Meeniyan on Fire' event run by the Meeniyan Tourism and Traders Association, having quickly become involved and doing his bit for the region.

He reflects on the events and festivals the town has hosted since and its increasing popularity.

"It's become a destination in its own right rather than just 'The Turning Point', as it was always known, to the Prom," Marty said.

Marty paid tribute to the support of the community and expressed his appreciation for all the staff who have worked at Moo's over the years, believing he has employed over 200

locals there.

He recently welcomed quite a few of those who have worked at Moo's to a party held to celebrate their contribution.

In addition to his achievements at the restaurant, Marty is delighted with the ongoing success of the annual Meeniyan Marty Gras, which sprang up in 2018 as a joint fiftieth birthday celebration for him and his friend Kym, originally as the Kym and Marty Gras.

Pretty much the whole town and friends from Melbourne were invited and it proved so much fun it prompted community members to ask for it to become a yearly event raising money for worthwhile causes.

"It's a big fundraiser for the schools in Cambodia that I work with and the Gippsland Pride Initiative," Marty said, proud of what the event has become and the benefits it delivers.

The Marty Gras tradition will continue on October 26 at its Meeniyan Town Hall home.

Around the World Dinners

have become a Moo's institution, with the final ones set for Friday, July 26 and the following day, when attendees will enjoy Cambodian food, Friday being booked out and a few seats remaining on Saturday at the time of writing.

Marty's extensive hospitality journey has been different to what he initially envisaged.

Growing up in Melbourne, he had plans to become a chef but decided that wasn't "chatty enough" for him, prompting him to study Hotel Management and sparking his front-of-house career, running restaurants, nightclubs and cafes.

Marty had a connection with the South Gippsland area long before his move to Meeniyan, having enjoyed trips to the family's Sandy Point holiday house in his youth.

Sunday, July 28 is Marty's final day of trade at Moo's, with new owners Woody and Thida of Kilcunda, who bring extensive hospitality experience, set to take over on August 1 and likely to open sometime that month.

Marty has no idea what lies ahead but felt it was time for a change.

"I made the decision to get out while I was still enjoying it and I'm so happy that I found the perfect team to take it over," he said, looking forward to continuing to live in Meeniyan and being on the receiving end of the town's hospitality rather than being the server.

While he deserves a break after 40 years in hospitality and might head in a new direction, Marty hasn't ruled out a return to the industry he loves.

School absenteeism jumps 50 per cent

The average number of days students are absent from school each year in South Gippsland has climbed to twenty-eight days a jump of fifty per cent over four years.

An analysis including the COVID lockdown period from 2019 to 2023 reveals a troubling rise in days missed from school for Year 7 students across all of Victoria. The Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) data also shows Victorian Year 7 to 10 students lost an average of 29.2 school days across 2022-23, whilst students in Year 11 and 12 lost an average of 23.4 school days over the same period.

The Nationals' Melina Bath, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education said skyrocketing school absenteeism cannot be swept under the carpet.

"There is an urgent need to address the rise in absenteeism as students are missing out on vital classroom education," said Ms Bath.

"These Year 7 students lost up to 150 days of face-to-face learning during the pandemic which has significantly impacted their educational continuity.

"School attendance data reveals absenteeism for Year 7 students in South Gippsland Shire increased by 50.61 per cent, resulting in an average of 28.98 absent days per student with Bass Coast increased by 19.63 per cent, with 29.18 days."

In 2023, Ms Bath established an upper house Inquiry into Victoria's state education system, with a report due to be tabled this October.

Conducting hearings in regional Victoria and Melbourne, the Inquiry has been gathering evidence about declining student wellbeing and students refusing to go to school or 'school refusal'.

Ms Bath said understanding why students are disengaging with the school environment is paramount.

"Regional schools are facing a chronic teacher shortage; principals are under pressure and too many students are feeling heightened anxiety in the school setting.

"As a former secondary school teacher, I know that less time in the classroom will only reduce a student's ability to learn the essential skills and knowledge needed to enter the workforce and pursue future educational and career pathways."

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NAIDOC WEEK



Inverloch's Hudson Thomas explored using natural materials for painting during NAIDOC week in Foster.

School holiday program celebrates NAIDOC Week

IN partnership with Manna Gum Community House, Myli Libraries Foster ran a school holiday program in support of NAIDOC Week last week.

Children were invited to attend Manna Gum Community House to create paintings on gum leaves using natural materials.

"I'd taken the idea out of our NAIDOC booklet and presented information through the session about using ochre to make paints," Myli Libraries Foster programs officer Lisa Duvoisin said.

"I also used Gregg Dreise's Circles of Life for inspiration. The book talks about the process of the artwork, taking it slowly, thinking about the Earth and thanking the Earth for what has been provided."

Other programs through the week included a movie session.

The Foster library screened Ringtone, a

film that interviewed a remote community in Arnhem Land about the ringtones they had chosen for their phones and the significance.

The library also screened Murundak: Songs of Freedom, which features First Nations songwriters and artists.

Ms Duvoisin said it was a priority for the Foster library to run the NAIDOC Week programs each year.

"It's very important for us to all show support and to show respect for our First Nations people and their culture, and to try to give people opportunities to engage with it," she said.

Ms Duvoisin reminded the community that school holiday programs run throughout the year, providing excellent opportunities for children and their families to come in and use the library space.



Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud, is this year's NAIDOC Week theme, and Christopher Hume, Aunty Sonia Weston and Steve Parker called out to their ancestors to let them know they are still here. ob09_2924

GSHS holds Smoking Ceremony to celebrate NAIDOC Week

A MOVING Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and flag raising event was held at Gippsland Southern Health Service, Leongatha last Thursday, in celebration of NAIDOC Week.

Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud, is this year's theme, and Aunty Sonia Weston, Christopher Hume and Steve Parker led the event.

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Louise Sparks, CEO of Gippsland Southern Health Service said, "NAIDOC allows us all to come together to learn about and to show our respect for and acknowledge the uniquely rich cultures, spiritualities, histories and languages of the oldest surviving culture in the world, and to develop a unified and positive relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Aunty Sonia Weston, Aboriginal Liaison Officer for GSHS, opened the Ceremony and spoke about the importance of kinship.

Christopher Hume reiterated the significance of kinship and connection of family, in the Acknowledgement to Country, and paid respect to his ancestors through his maternal line and the connection to country his mother, Aunty Ada Hume provided.

"I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for her," he said.

Using traditional fire sticks Christopher lit gum leaves to begin the Smoking Ceremony.

Spread out in a semicircle in front of the fire were more leaves for attendees to place on the fire, in a blessing to country, to NAIDOC Week, to Aboriginal people and to the land we live on.

Christopher and Sonia invited the elders and women to come forward first to wash in the smoke; cleansing their feet so they don't hold onto bad spirits when walking through country and using the smoke to cleanse their mind, body and souls.

As the attendees moved through the ritual Sonia played the clapsticks in a rhythmic, mesmerising beat.

Following the Smoking Ceremony, Steve Parker spoke about the land of the Boon Wurrung mob which stretches from the Port Phillip Bay 'Nerm' and the Yarra River 'Birrarang' to Phillip Island 'Mil-lowl' and Wilsons Prom, up to Warragul and across to the Bunyip Forest.

Steve spoke about the history of the land and people and the ancient sites, and the changes that have occurred over ten thousand years.

Steve added three different and significant leaves to the fire representing the children 'bubup', artifacts, shelters and community, and mob across the country, especially the 44 recognised language groups in Victoria (38 formally registered).

The Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags were then raised in unison to the sound of clapsticks, completing the ceremony.

The ceremony was followed by a morning tea with some specially made local bush tucker treats.



Bunurong man Kobi Sainty conducts the smoking ceremony at South Gippsland Shire Council's NAIDOC Week event in Leongatha. A09_2924

NAIDOC Week celebrated in Leongatha

THERE was a happy vibe as South Gippsland Shire Council celebrated NAIDOC Week with a smoking ceremony and indigenous-themed art session at Leongatha's Dakers Centre on Thursday, Bunurong man Kobi Sainty conducted the ceremony, before guiding budding artists.

"It's joining our wider community and our Bunurong community together, embracing cultures and bringing an understanding to a culture that sometimes is misunderstood, and sometimes our culture's been silenced," Kobi said.

"People misunderstand why we're political in a way and why we stand up for our rights."

Kobi added that many community members now enjoy learning about First Nations' culture and the opportunity to understand the land they're living on.

He looks forward to a brighter future for young indigenous people who will be leaders, with a greater understanding of First Nations' culture leading to a reduction in racism and prejudice.

Art session participants were given sheets of paper showing a variety of indigenous rock art symbols, using them as inspiration to create works on ceramic disks.

"We would tell stories through rock art and our history was recorded orally," Kobi said, encouraging people to tell their stories, incorporating Indigenous symbols, stressing that Victoria is a multicultural society and people need to embrace each other.

Earlier, people were invited to wash the smoke over themselves during the

smoking ceremony, with the South Gippsland weather playing its part by breaking the pattern of recent rain.

While adults took to the experience enthusiastically, the smoke proved a little overwhelming for some youngsters.

"A lot of kids probably won't like it; I can hear them coughing every time," Kobi announced.

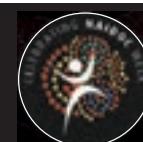
After the smoking ceremony, Cr Sarah Gilligan shared her thoughts with the Sentinel-Times on council's celebration of NAIDOC week.

"It's fantastic to see that it's becoming a part of our business as usual to celebrate Indigenous culture and I'm excited to see so many young people here," she said, including her children and those of Mayor Clare Williams.

Cr John Schelling enjoys listening to people talking about indigenous culture and said hearing what has gone before us is a great thing, both in relation to First Nations and other history.

Participants got to do their bit for nature at home, each able to take home a native plant and were also treated to bush food chocolate containing Davidson Plum, a fruit containing a soft juicy pulp with a sharp acidity.

NAIDOC Week began in 1975 and provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations' culture, with Minister for Indigenous Australians, Linda Burney, having announced in January Federal Government funding of \$1.7 million to support NAIDOC Week activities.



Twenty years of NAIDOC Art Exhibition for Bass Coast/South Gippsland

FIRST Nations artists, community and allies gathered at Wonthaggi ArtSpace to officially open the twentieth First Nations Art Exhibition for Bass Coast.

Over 120 people gathered for the Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by Josh West from Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

After the Welcome, everyone moved inside to hear a selection of artists speak from the heart about what the exhibition and NAIDOC means to them.

Attendees then had the opportunity to enjoy the artworks and engage with the artists, gaining deeper insights into the stories and inspirations behind each piece.

The exhibition features stunning pieces from 15 different First Nations artists from Bass Coast and South Gippsland that beautifully showcase the rich culture and heritage of First Nations Peoples.

NAIDOC Week First Nations Art Exhibition and ongoing virtual exhibition is proudly organised by the Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and runs to Sunday, August 11 showcasing local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. It is also online at naidoc-art.com.au.

The exhibition is supported by Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group comprising Phillip Island Nature Parks, Westernport Water, Myli – My Community Libraries, Bass Coast Health, Bass Coast Shire Council, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.



NAIDOC Artists at the recent NAIDOC Art Exhibition opening.

From the artists

Patrice Mahoney OAM

This is the twentieth year. It started off with me and some friends and sticking flagpoles on dowel with thumbtacks and sticking them in pot plants out the front of the old Miners' Rest Hotel in Wonthaggi, then we went to Inverloch.

I would like to acknowledge that it's NAIDOC Week. And the fire is still burning, and here we are. And here we stand amongst the tragedies of the past, we've survived and we're fighters and we're stronger, and probably a bit louder than ever.

Safina Stewart

We get to share our stories and be proud. And that's the whole point of NAIDOC Week and why I'm so proud to be here. And then when I get to see the young people also sharing their stories, we get so excited and also the older people who have a little bit more story. Being able to share, isn't that just joy and hope and fulfillment?

I just feel so proud of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community for continuing to show up and how beautiful that we can do this locally.

Aunty Lizzie

I've got artworks in the exhibition that are based on dreams that I have from the Elders from the past and they're all called Spirit men. And it's a tribute to our culture to our history and to keep going on to showing our culture and that were the longest living culture of all time. And we keep going strong and our women are the forefront – a lot of them will keep going strong for our next generations.

Dr Bev Munro – Bass Coast Reconciliation Network Co-Chair

The Network's objectives are to action and champion reconciliation and recognition in the Bass Coast region, connect and support with collaborative initiatives, drive positive social change, and create empowerment and capacity for the First Nations community.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are resilient, they are strong, they hold their culture and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are reclaiming and reviving cultural practices that had almost been lost. What we're seeing around us in these artworks today is that reclamation, and that celebration, that resilience, or what Anishinaabe scholar Gerald Vizenor called survivance. Survivance is a demonstration of strength and resistance, and a representation of an enduring culture in which traditions and customs are alive, and present, not absent. These artists show what it is to be Blak, loud and proud.



Victorian NAIDOC sportsperson of the year, Chris Hume, elder Ada Hume, CEO Paul Greenhalgh, and Aunty Sonia Weston.

NAIDOC week celebrated at South Gippsland Hospital

NAIDOC Week celebrations were held across the region last week to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A very touching and engaging ceremony took place on Tuesday, July 9 at the South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) where representatives from the SGH Board and dozens of staff, were joined by Manna Gum Community House and GippSport staff, and individuals of the local community. The 50-odd people in attendance celebrated aspects of the oldest, continuous living culture on earth, and specifically, they gained more knowledge about some of our local First Nations culture and history.

A welcome to country and smoke ceremony was warmly conducted by Chris Hume, the 2024 Victorian NAIDOC sportsperson of the year, and co-facilitated by his sister, Aunty Sonia Weston before the National Australian and Aboriginal flags were raised.

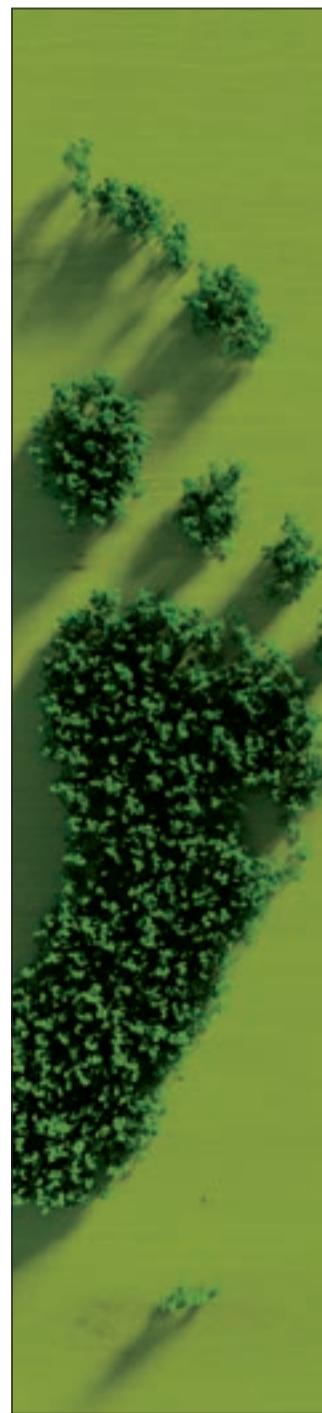
The group then had an opportunity to yarn over a light meal, in the Banksia Centre, whilst continuing the conversation about the significance of the local Aboriginal culture, with artifacts and skins available to prompt

dialogue. Chris and Sonia also had several of their own handmade items to show and speak about, which was extremely interesting.

SGH CEO, Paul Greenhalgh, commented that "despite the wet weather, we were thrilled to see so many people engaged in this significant occasion. Now a regular on our events calendar, it was great to have both Chris and Sonia back to share stories of their culture and language with us. Also, it was an honour to meet their esteemed mother, elder Ada Hume, who joined us for the morning."

"Our staff have provided such positive feedback since the event, as has Chris and Sonia. This indicates to me that we are truly finding the way to respect the intent of the week, with authenticity, and I think more importantly we are acknowledging the strength and vitality of Aboriginal culture, all year, through many additional activities under the guidance of Aunty Sonia."

SGH is located in Foster, which is situated between the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Land Corporation. SGH respectfully acknowledges both Aboriginal Parties as traditional custodians.



Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2024 initiatives

We are proud to announce the launch of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund, an innovative, grass-roots initiative designed to support the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the communities across the globe that we call home.

The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
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For additional information, please contact Adrian Marshall - adrian_marshall@graymont.com

A call for voices and change

THE Victorian Government has launched the Inquiry into Women's Pain, a comprehensive initiative aimed at addressing the persistent challenges faced by girls and women in obtaining adequate care and support for pain. This inquiry, part of the Women's Health and Wellbeing Program, seeks to inform the development of improved care models and service delivery for Victorian females experiencing pain.

Victorian girls and women are encouraged to share their experiences of pain and pain management by making written submissions or completing a survey. These submissions and surveys will be accepted until July 31, 2024.

Chronic pain disproportionately affects girls and women globally, with women experiencing more frequent, severe, and prolonged pain than men. Despite this, women are less likely to receive appropriate treatment due to medical gender bias, which often leads to a denial of pain and insufficient pain relief for various health conditions, including cardiovascular, neurological, reproductive, and autoimmune disorders.

The Inquiry into Women's Pain aims to:

- Hear and Acknowledge: Provide a platform for girls and women to share their pain experiences in their own words.

Identify Barriers and Enablers: Understand the challenges and facilitators in accessing care, treatment, and services for pain conditions.

Evaluate Current Systems: Assess the impact of the existing service delivery system on pain care.

Improve Care: Identify opportunities to enhance care, treatment, and services for pain conditions.

Recommend Changes: Suggest appropriate models of care, service delivery frameworks, workforce skill mix, and other necessary changes.

Promote Equity: Address sex and gender disparities in pain management outcomes.

The inquiry will gather input through:

Written Submissions: From consumers, clinicians, and health service organisations between January 30 and July 31, 2024.

Engage Victoria Survey: Open from March 25 to July 31, 2024, targeting those with lived pain experience and healthcare providers.

Focus Groups: Conducted in mid-2024, involving healthcare workers, people with lived pain experience, and key stakeholders.

The inquiry will focus on Victorian girls and women aged 12 and over, examining their experiences and exploring opportunities to enhance access to treatment and care.

Safer Care Victoria, the Victorian Women's Health Advisory Council, and the Pain Inquiry Subcommittee will lead the inquiry. A final report will be delivered to the Victorian Women's Health Advisory Council by December 2024.

By participating in this inquiry, Victorian girls and women have the chance to influence future pain management practices and contribute to a more equitable healthcare system.



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Leonie Thomas, Barbara Culph, Anne Jacques, Maureen Chisholm and Marg Hender from the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary enjoy the Volunteers Forum.

Wonderful Volunteers celebrated by BCH

BASS Coast Health (BCH) recognised the service and commitment of its amazing Volunteers at the annual Volunteers Forum at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

Volunteers help BCH in so many ways, offering a concierge service and transport driving, gardening, visiting our aged care residents, fund-raising, Community Advisory Committee and more.

Long-serving volunteers who received service awards at the event were:

- Five years: John Adamson, Angela Bell, Ann Booth, Louanne Calwell, Paulette

Burt, Tricia Jebson, Carmel Lynch, Barry Melven, Bill Hallas, Peter Paul, David Scrase, Gill Scrase, Mary Stack, Ian Terry, Wendy Williams, Lyn Wadeson, Adrienne Ware, Wendy Martin and Robyn Holman.

- 10 years: Faye Azzopardi, Brad Proudlock, Cath Holman, Mary Sage, Joanne Linton and Peter Martin.
- 15 years: Willemina Jackson (San Remo Opportunity Shop member).
- 25 years: Felicia Di Stefano (has volunteered at L. Rigby Cancer Centre, and as a award visitor in our Emergency

Department, Armitage House and Kirrak House).

- 30 years: Marj Wagland (current Secretary of the San Remo Opportunity Shop).

BCH also acknowledged the service of retiring volunteers: Lois Green, Paul Cross, Lee-anne Hochkin, Anthony Hochkin, Jan Thompson and Patricia Smith.

Volunteer and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley said the Board of Directors, Executive, staff and community value the service of the 224 volunteers who give their time so freely to helping others.

"We're grateful for our volunteers' services because they help us to provide healthcare for the community and raise valuable funds for BCH," she said.

"These are selfless people who only want to help people access healthcare so as they can return to optimal health and enjoy life to the fullest."

If you'd like to learn more about volunteering with BCH, please contact the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email Vicki, vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

Alternatively, go to basscoasthealth.org.au/volunteer

Fewer radiation sessions for prostate cancer patients

LATROBE Regional Health has become the first public hospital in regional Victoria to offer a form of radiation therapy that reduces the number of treatment sessions for men with prostate cancer.

Traralgon man Wayne Barnes was the first patient to be treated with Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiation therapy (SABR) for prostate cancer at LRH last month, which means he only needs five sessions instead of 20.

SABR is a relatively new treatment for people with intermediate-risk prostate cancer which can be delivered on a standard linear accelerator (LINAC) machine.

Offering it at LRH saves Wayne from having to take time off work to attend either 20 daily sessions, or from travelling hours



LRH patient Wayne Barnes and Associate Professor Wee Loon Ong, a Specialist Radiation Oncologist at Alfred Health.

to The Alfred in Melbourne for the new five-session therapy.

Wayne was diagnosed with intermediate-risk prostate cancer earlier this year after a routine PSA blood test with his GP. A further MRI and biopsy with a urologist confirmed the diagnosis.

"I didn't know how to feel, it was a bit scary to start with, but the urologist said I was in the mid-range safe zone, so this eased the news a bit," the 65-year-old said.

"I hadn't had a PSA test for a few years, and I was at

that age when I thought it was a good time to get all the routine tests done with my GP."

Associate Professor Wee Loon Ong, a Specialist Radiation Oncologist at Alfred Health, said prostate SABR treatments at LRH could make a "huge difference" for Gippsland patients who would otherwise face several weeks of radiation.

"For patients living hours away in east Gippsland, the fewer number of visits can make a huge difference to them logistically," A/Prof Ong said.

"UK clinical trials data showed that in five years, 95 per cent of men with intermediate risk prostate cancer had their prostate-specific antigen levels under control after prostate SABR treatment.

"So, in terms of cancer control, this is as good as it can get."

Every aged care resident is valued at Griffiths Point Lodge

LIVING at Bass Coast Health's (BCH) residential aged care centre, Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo, offers your loved one an experience just like home.

Griffiths Point Lodge (GPL) offers 29 beds and was recently internally renovated to the tune of \$1 million, with new floors and nurse call bell system, painting of walls and some new bathrooms.

The low-care facility is uniquely located on the clifftops, and offers beautiful views of the sea and Phillip Island.

Residents enjoy stimulating and engaging activities, pleasant gardens, a diverse menu of appealing foods and homely surrounds.

GPL is accredited against the Aged Care Quality Standards by the Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission.

All staff are skilled and focused on the care of each resident. The team is led by the Nurse Unit Manager and includes nursing staff, personal care workers, diversional therapists, and cleaning and catering staff.

"These staff form close bonds with residents' families to

ensure they are kept informed every step of the way," said BCH CEO Jan Child.

"All staff acknowledge the uniqueness of our residents and that residents' self-esteem, privacy and freedom of choice are valued," she said.

"Our philosophy is to enable all care recipients to live their life with dignity and comfort whilst encouraging them to pursue their own concept of a happy, rich and fulfilling life. We also encourage family support and interaction."

If you're considering residential aged care for your loved one and would like to arrange a tour of GPL, please contact Nurse Unit Manager Clare Stinton on 5678 5311.

If you're an aged care worker looking for a change, Bass Coast Health would love to hear from you. They're recruiting Personal Care Workers and casual Cleaners and Porters.

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Please email your expression of interest to hr@basscoasthealth.org.au



Personal Care Worker Karen McBride enjoys a moment of joy with resident Pat Argent at Griffiths Point Lodge, San Remo.

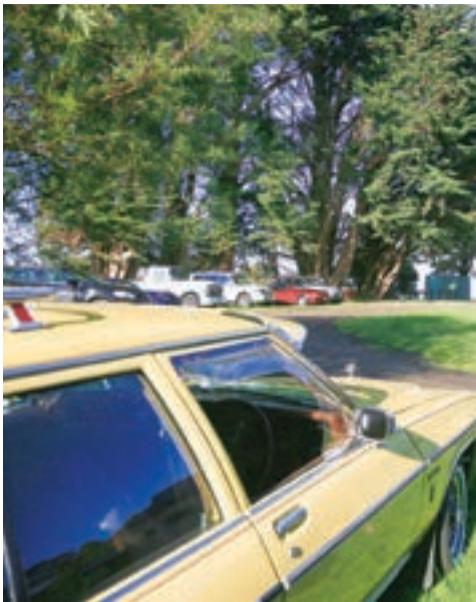
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South Gippsland Historical Automobile Club end of month morning tea at Hallston Hall. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

Preserving Automotive History

THE morning of Sunday, June 30, the South Gippsland Historical Automobile Club inc. supported the Hallston Hall Committee by having their end of the month coffee morning there and again were treated with homemade confectionaries.

All twenty-five of the members managed to consume most of these treats over the two-hour gathering, conversing tales of previous outings. Many thanks again to the Hall Committee ladies who catered the event.

By participating in these events, or becoming a member, you can help contribute to the preservation and promotion of automotive history in the region.



The Hallston Hall Committee support the South Gippsland Historical Automobile Club inc. Photo: Gerard Bruning.



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Toyota launches all new bZ4X BEV

THE all-new Toyota bZ4X SUV has arrived in Wonthaggi, with Toyota's first BEV introducing a new BEV-specific platform, the latest motor generator and battery technology, and advanced safety and connected technologies.

Launching in its latest global specification, the bZ4X draws on more than a quarter of a century of Toyota's leadership in hybrid vehicles. The bZ4X represents another important step in the multi-pathway approach to electrification that includes a range of technologies.

Toyota Australia Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Franchise Operations Sean Hanley said the bZ4X offers capability, practicality, and value for those suited to a BEV lifestyle.

"The bZ4X is not just an electric car; it's the foundation for the next phase of our electrification strategy that hits a sweet spot with its mid-size SUV dimensions, space and functionality," Mr Hanley said.

"As the first Toyota BEV, it will accelerate our multi-pathway approach that's designed to help our customers lower their tailpipe carbon emissions while leaving no one behind," he said.

The bZ4X is the first Toyota in Australia to use the new BEV-dedicated e-TNGA platform, which has been designed and optimised for a new range of electric vehicles.

It integrates the battery and motor generator into the vehicle's structure, providing extra rigidity and a low centre of gravity for stable driving dynamics.

This approach allows the wheels to be pushed further outward to the front and rear, leaving more room for passengers within the vehicle's footprint.

It also offers the versatility of front or all-wheel-drive traction – the latter providing benchmark off-road capability among all-electric SUVs. The e-TNGA platform gave designers the freedom to create an innovative BEV that embodies the inherent appeal of an SUV shape while achieving impressive aerodynamic efficiency.

The bZ4X is the first model in Australia to display Toyota's distinctive 'hammerhead' frontal design theme, where the bonnet surface continues to the nose and extends to each corner.

Inside, the bZ4X makes the most of the

improved passenger space afforded by the e-TNGA platform, benefiting visibility, passenger and cargo space, practicality and comfort.

Key model features

The front-wheel-drive (FWD) bZ4X is equipped with poly-ellipsoidal LED headlights, 20-inch alloy wheels, numerous convenience and safety details, heated side mirrors with auto power folding, power tailgate and privacy glass for rear side, quarter and back windows.

The interior features fabric and SofTex® (synthetic leather) trim, eight-way power adjustable driver seat, heated front seats, leather-accented steering wheel, dual-zone climate control, smart entry and start, four cupholders and eight bottle holders.

The latest Toyota multimedia technology is housed within a 12.3-inch touchscreen and is compatible with wireless Apple CarPlay® and wireless Android Auto™.

Enhanced voice recognition using the "Hey, Toyota" command can control several functions such as "Open all windows".

This multimedia suite is augmented by the latest Toyota Connected Services online features, including integration with the myToyota Connect smartphone app, which is offered for a complimentary period of 12 months.

The bZ4X comes with BEV-specific connected features such as charge station locators and charge management functionality within the myToyota Connect smartphone app. Over-the-air updates, cloud navigation and live traffic information are included.

The latest Toyota Safety Sense suite integrates a comprehensive array of safety technologies within a BEV structure designed to protect passengers, the battery and other vehicles and pedestrians.

A pre-collision safety system can detect vehicles, motorcycles, cyclists (in daylight only) and pedestrians, including at intersections. Other features include emergency steering assist, lane trace assist, emergency driving stop system, road-sign assist (speed signs only) and parking support brake. The bZ4X is also equipped with active cruise control and seven SRS airbags.

The AWD bZ4X brings a higher level of standard features, including a roof spoiler,

fixed panoramic roof, roof rails and a gloss black bonnet accent.

AWD interiors gain a JBL® premium sound system, Premium SofTex® seat trim, Qi-compatible 10W wireless charger, ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel, driver's seat memory function and a kick sensor for the power tailgate.

Safety enhancements for the AWD include driver monitor, blind-spot monitor, safe exit assist, intelligent parking assist and panoramic view monitor.

The AWD's 212mm ground clearance and all-wheel drivetrain are leveraged by X-Mode off-road drive modes to enable benchmark off-road ability among BEV SUVs. X-Mode optimises traction for "Snow/Dirt" or "Deep Snow/Mud" conditions and incorporates Crawl Control and Downhill Assist Control.

The FWD model features a front-mounted e-Axle that combines the transaxle, motor, and inverter into an integrated, compact unit that produces outputs of up to 150kW and 266Nm. The AWD model uses front and rear 80kW e-Axles with maximum combined outputs of 160kW and 337Nm.

Providing the electrical energy is a 71.4kWh lithium-ion battery that is rigorously tested for 20 days before being fitted to a car.

FWD driving range is 535km at 128Wh/km, while the more powerful bZ4X AWD's drive range is 485km at 141Wh/km.

European versions of the bZ4X which are tested on the WLTP cycle return a range of 436km at 168.9Wh/km for the FWD and 411km at 181.1Wh/km for the AWD.

Six exterior colours are available: Ebony Black, Frosted White, Liquid Metal, Silver Rush, Feverish Red and Dynamic Blue. A two-tone treatment is available for the AWD with gloss black for the roof and A-pillars complementing the body colour.

The bZ4X is covered by Toyota Warranty Advantage, which offers up to five-year unlimited kilometre coverage extending to seven years on motor and driveline with log-book services.

Toyota also offers capped-price servicing for the first five years/75,000km with each 12-month/15,000km service costing \$180.

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COMMENT

Have you been guilty of overreacting?

AS they say 'only in America' but it's been hard for any of us to ignore the coverage of the assignation attempt on former president Donald Trump over the weekend.

But notwithstanding the gun culture in America and the level of hysteria in the build up to the US Presidential Election, set down for November 5 this year, there are still some lessons for us all to learn from the incident in Butler Pennsylvania, population 13,000, last Saturday, July 13 (US time).

When pursuing different points of view, several standards of behaviour must always be maintained, including tolerance, moderation and respect.

And we've all noticed a marked increase in the lack of tolerance and respect towards people delivering services in retail, in government, local government, towards health professionals, police and even towards ambulance paramedics.

Social media, drug abuse and the lack of mental health support often feeds into this situation, crueling normal contact with authority for the rest of us.

But regardless of the issue in dispute, our interactions with those in service roles should never descend into poor behaviour including public ridicule, raised voices, abuse and violence.

It's never OK and all of us need to check ourselves in that regard and simply walk away.

But one of the contributing factors to the rising level of frustration that many in the general community feel is the attitude of an increasingly risk-averse, compliance-obsessed, secretive, and self-serving bureaucracy to their core responsibility – public service.

At a state level, it's an attitude that allows organised crime to infiltrate the construction sector, especially it is alleged, Victoria's Big Build projects, the result being that our state is virtually broke. And we've seen the impact of that, in recent weeks, on basic services at our hospitals and road funding for example.

But regionally, it's an attitude that allows council CEO salaries, for example, to balloon out to as much as \$540,000 p.a. as compared to the Australian Prime Minister's salary of \$580,000.

No one working in local government, unless you're competing with the private sector for financial, engineering and planning experts, needs to be paid that much.

And if the State Government was fair dinkum about addressing the rorts in local government salaries, they would call an immediate investigation.

We've also seen it in the fiasco that resulted from the Victorian Planning Authority slapping highly-restrictive planning overlays on more than 600 blocks of land and established homes in Wonthaggi.

They did it without prior advice and without consultation with the affected property owners while the shire council, in full knowledge of what was coming as early as August 2022, failed to protect us or even inform us.

Both the State Government and the Bass Coast Shire Council needs to make a full public apology for what occurred.

The incident should also usher in a new standard of openness and transparency within our local councils, something that should be enshrined in their Vision and four-year planning documents as a core, measurable goal.

Whatever happens, however, we need to pursue our differences with tolerance and respect at all times, and that also goes for the media.

Vox Pop

What should the shire be focusing its attention on?



Alexis Creffield
Cape Paterson

The rates are too high when compared to what we paid in Brighton. And we're not getting enough for our money. Locally, I'm concerned about the threat of overdevelopment at Cape Paterson. There aren't enough services to handle hundreds more houses. The potholes come back every time it rains and I'd like to see some BBQ facilities at the Park Parade Playground for families.



Lesley Napier
Wonthaggi

Back to basics, especially the condition of the footpaths for mobility scooter users. The footpath up here from Rose Lodge is terrible. They can get the roads smooth, why not the footpaths? Housing is an important issue too, and services for families and the older generation.



Mario Toffolon
Wonthaggi

Keep the roads and paths in good nick. Some of them in Wonthaggi are shocking. And housing. I have seen some people sleeping rough around town, including a 40-year-old lady with a child. I feel terribly sorry for them.



Phillip Wright
Coronet Bay

I'm most interested in the Corinella - Coronet Bay- Tenby Point area. We need more facilities and things for residents and weekenders to do. The new toilet block at Coronet Bay is welcome but honestly, Coronet Bay-Corinella is an untapped area. Coronet Bay has a beautiful beach, and the pathway is great. You see all those cars banked up going to the island just passing this area by.

Mental health services, an issue for too long

I AM the young man in the video's mum.

The struggle for reliable ongoing mental health services is distressing for those who are unwell and their families; the struggle is real.

I am grateful the video was taken down, it was not a funny joke, it was not for attention, and it was just as distressing for him as it was for us; unfortunately, it is still being shared around.

Over the years, we have been struggling with my son's mental health. Services are not available when needed and appointments can take six weeks to see a doctor.

Our hospital emergency department, police and ambulance personnel have been wonderful throughout those years, but they can only do so much.

Thank you for the article and for bringing the issue to the surface.

Name withheld

Transparency needed on conference costs and benefits

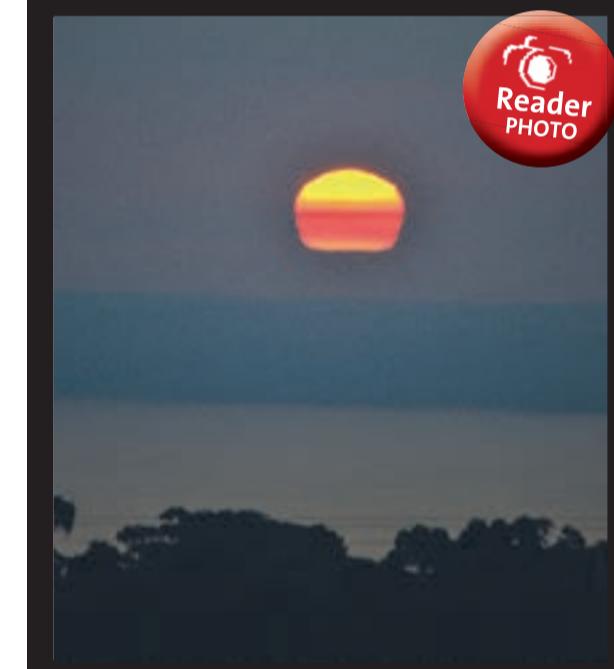
INTERESTING to see last week's pictures of the South Gippsland Council team at the Local Government conference in Canberra. The photos show they seem to be having a good time and mention meetings attended and motions put.

It is reasonable for council to travel in the course of putting the case for SGSC, and the article does not give the duration of the trip or the cost to ratepayers.

With a report on the costs and achievements the community would be able to come to an opinion on the cost/benefit value of attending such events, or even whether the trip is some sort of reward for the efforts our councilors and staff put in.

Will SGSC provide the information, or do they think there is no need for the community to be informed?

Steve Finlay, Leongatha



SPECTACULAR SUNSETS: Taken on Saturday July 6 overlooking French Island from The Shunt Off – Grantville. Photo: Snapshot Photography, Nici Cahill.

Vox Pop

What do you think about the changes to the Leongatha Saleyards?



Scott Rae

Foster North

The days suit me better because I couldn't come to the Wednesday sales. More cattle will mean more buyers, which is a positive; the only problem I see is the increased traffic on the highway, and the State Government needs to fix the road.



Stuart Storr

Toora

It's a big positive because if you haven't got good amounts of cattle coming into your yards you don't get the premium buyers, but there is more pressure on the roads with extra trucks coming into Koonwarra.



Georgia Thompson

Meenihan

It's good. I like it because it's closer to home for me to work here and I was working at Pakenham Saleyards as well before.



Noelene King

Almurga

We've supported Dandenong and then went to Pakenham but we're situated at Almurga, so here is halfway for us and we will support it; if the yardings are of a reasonable size, not too big, it's beneficial to everyone.



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

SCHOOLS are back and so are our groups and programs. A heads up for the Fixit Café coming up this Sunday, July 21, from 10am to 12noon. If you have a much loved or useful item on the blink, then perhaps the Fixit Café can help restore or at least re-purpose it so that it stays in your useful orbit. The Men's Shed Wonthaggi do an awesome job of fixing things, as do extra fixers who come in with other areas of expertise. The Men's Shed provides the venue that makes it so successful with the acknowledgment of the WNC booking facility. If your item can be carried and you have the required parts to fix it then book it in by contacting Mitchell House, one item per person. They will team it up with the appropriate fixer and book it into a 30-minute slot. The Fixit Café is always on the lookout for more fixers so if you have skills for fixing stuff give us a call.

Our Weight Management Group meets every Tuesday evening from 5pm to 6pm. They are a friendly informal group who know that one of the best tools for weight loss is accountability and doing this journey with a friendly group of people is a good way to start. They have ideas and information that you may not have come across and vice versa. A cross-pollination of knowledge can help make the weight management journey a positive one.

The Community Lunch is on again every Wednesday with a 12.30 start. Delicious dishes of food are prepared on the premises of Mitchell House by our wonderful chefs Emma and Chris and their team in our kitchen. The lunch is a great way to spend time with friends known and yet to know. A gold coin donation would be very much appreciated, if you can manage it, to help offset costs. Ring or email us to book yourself a spot.

The Adults Living on the Spectrum Social Group (ALOTS) meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. This month it's on Saturday, July 27. It is for Autistic people and their supporters, and they are supported by AMAZE, the peak body in Victoria. Contact Kate Harmon on 0438 730 119 for more information.

The WNC membership year coincides with the beginning of the new financial year, so now is the time to renew or become a member and get some great benefits when you do. You get discounts on many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website: wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THERE'S been a wonderful response to BCAL's mid-year enrolments in the Certificate courses. There is almost a whole new class in the Horticulture course, which will be great for the participants who started at the beginning of the year because they are all very friendly and keen to help. The Certificate III in Information Technology course is also ready to roll, and Hairdressing welcomes new students too.

In the short courses, First Aid is already filling up, as is the Computer Basics course.

One of the big successes of the first half of 2024 was the Reading, Writing and Maths for Life group. Tutor Annie always makes the class fascinating for everyone. It's not all spelling, grammar and tables, but there are regular discussions about science, philosophy, music, and technology.

Being both an English and science teacher, Annie recognises that the humanities and the sciences are not separate silos but all interconnected. There is truly something for everyone in this course.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last week, the Woodies had a visiting speaker from Bass Coast Landcare about the benefits of bird boxes.

A bird box is a relatively easy item for any woodworker to make and provides important safety and shelter for native wildlife. Not just birds but possums too.

They can be placed around known wildlife areas like the Wonthaggi Wetlands, or also just in people's gardens to give native species some extra protection from introduced predators.

The Woodies have begun making bird box kits which, like their toys, can be assembled by anyone.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop shop.



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Chocolate Amaretti Cake

By Meg Viney

Ingredients

- 180 gm dark chocolate
- 170 gm almonds
- 1 cup crumbled amaretti biscuits (supermarket)
- 125 gm butter
- 150 gm sugar
- 4 eggs
- Cocoa powder

Method

Butter a round 23 cm cake tin – preferably line with baking paper.

Place the chocolate in a bowl and place over a pot of simmering water until melted.

In a food processor, grind the amaretti with the almonds and transfer to a bowl. Beat the butter and sugar until creamy then add the eggs, one at a time until you have a smooth batter.

Add the nut mixture and the chocolate and blend gently.

Pour into the pan and cook on 180 for 30 minutes, until lightly puffed.

Cool 15 minutes.

Then turn out onto a plate, remove baking paper and dust with cocoa. Serve with berries and cream.

• FAITH FACTOR

How to live a Blessed life

Ps. Sandro Schietroma of the Wonthaggi Baptist Church

EVERY human being needs to know How to live a blessed life. Many books continue to be written on how to succeed in life, how to live a better life, how to live a happy and blessed life etc... But there is a book in existence which gives us all the necessary instructions for us to live a truly blessed life. It is the most widely read, most often translated and best-selling book of all time. The Bible.

Those to whom the Bible seems to be nothing more than a dull and irrelevant book full of rules and regulations, sadly miss out on the wealth of truth, information and understanding about God and life that the Bible contains.

All the wisdom we need for living a blessed life is contained in God's word to us. It covers everything from health, finance, business, and work, to relationships, marriage and parenting. No matter how many times you read it there is something new and relevant for whatever circumstance you are facing.

The Bible is our manual for living.

Psalm 112 describes an unnamed character who lives by bible principles described in this psalm, and in these ten verses we read how God's Blessing crosses the spectrum of his life. This gives us a glimpse at how we too can live a blessed life.

This Psalm begins with "Praise the Lord"! Within those three words is the powerful beginning and foundation of a blessed life. It starts with knowing who God is and Praising Him. Praise is always a starting point. It means Thankfulness.

Why don't you take time to get your hands on a bible and look up this psalm?



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The toy making group at work, especially focusing on some new models they have created.

Join the Woodies

To learn and develop woodcrafting skills as well as socialise with like-minded people

WONTHAGGI Woodcrafters Inc. is a Woodcrafting Club that has been in existence in Wonthaggi for 34 years. From very humble beginnings in someone's garage, it has been located for the last 24 years at the Jean Melzer Centre (Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre) in White Road. The club currently has a membership of about 100, which includes 25 ladies. The average age is 68, with our youngest member being in their late 20s and our eldest still creating beautiful things out of timber at 94 years young.

The Woodies is a 'members-only' club and cannot offer casual sessions or non-member training. However, membership costs are kept to a minimum to ensure accessibility for all interested.

Although the Woodcrafters (Woodies) is focused on supporting and promoting woodcrafts, and fervently supports both men and women in their woodworking endeavours, it is also a member of both the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) and the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA).

A cuppa and a chat are important components of the club's strong focus on health and well-being. The club regularly plan social activities and functions e.g. lunches, bus trips, end-of-year dinners, BBQs, visits to other Clubs and Men's Sheds, demonstration days/sessions and regular guest speakers.

The club offers wood-crafting workshop sessions five days per week and also provides an evening woodturning

session for those who can't make it during the day. Sessions cater for the following skill areas - woodturning, segmented turning, toymaking, scroll sawing, pyrography, joinery and carving.

The Woodies is especially well known throughout the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, as the club is the only similar woodworking group within 100 kilometres of Wonthaggi. Consequently, although members mainly reside in the Bass Coast Shire, there are those who regularly travel from Leongatha, Korumburra, Corinella, The Gurdies, Foster, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Cowes and even as far afield as suburban Melbourne, to enjoy what the club has to offer.

The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters is closely aligned with other tenants of the Jean Melzer site - Bass Coast Adult Learning, Wonthaggi U3A, South Coast FM and the Community Garden.

The club has three very well-equipped workshops, a combined meeting room and kitchen, substantial storage areas and a comprehensive borrowing library.

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc. is a happy and proud club, with a long history of supporting both men and women from Bass Coast and surrounding areas, to establish or grow their interest in woodcrafts. No experience is necessary as the Woodies have skilled supervisors for each session and health and safety are paramount.

Anyone interested, please contact the Secretary on 0427 393 234 or woodiessec@gmail.com, to arrange a time to visit or to have more information emailed.



Some of the many items made by the members of Wonthaggi Woodies.



Burra Foods is increasing its cream cheese capacity and broadening its markets by offering the product in different quantities.

Burra Cream Cheese boost

BURRA Foods has underlined its commitment to Gippsland with the factory's cream cheese production capacity set for a substantial boost through the installation of new equipment that will be housed in the existing building.

Marketing manager Lauren Hamilton explained the aim is to supply cream cheese to the food service sector in South East Asia, with Burra's existing cream cheese plant tailored to package large quantities suited to the industrial sector.

"Over the next two years we're expanding our cream cheese facility, so right now we have a 20-kilo line and we're making changes to make way for a two-kilo and a 10-kilo line, so all of those upgrades and changes are to increase our capacity for that," Lauren said.

Bakeries, cafes and hotels will be among the businesses set to buy Burra

cream cheese when smaller quantities become available.

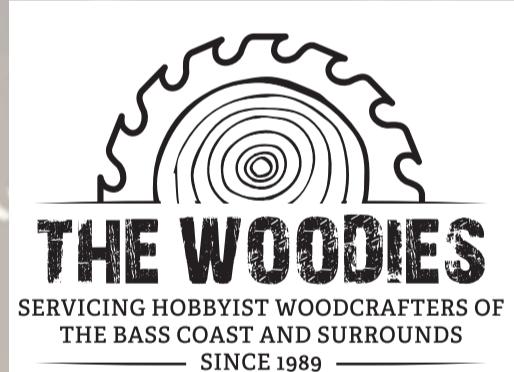
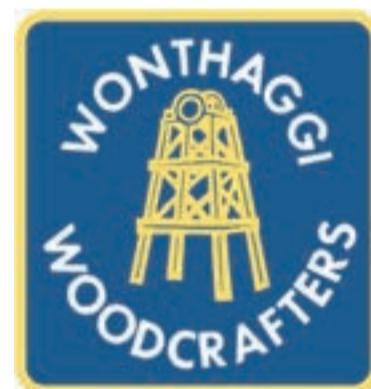
"It will increase significantly the amount of cream cheese we're pumping out of the factory," Lauren said.

The works won't alter the footprint of the factory or its facade, with two new silos protruding through the roof at its rear set to be the only change in its exterior appearance.

Burra Foods CEO Stewart Carson highlighted the significance of the expansion in capacity for Gippsland.

"Burra is investing in growth to secure our future and that of our broader Gippsland community," he recently wrote in a letter to those living near the factory that was presented at the June Korumburra Round Table meeting.

Works have also been taking place to improve the factory's energy efficiency and reduce external noise through an upgrade of air handling units and a window replacement program.



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By collecting from the farm gate, they are reducing costs to customers while providing fresher, higher-quality produce.

San Remo IGA has a wide range of local suppliers and is always on the lookout for new producers to ensure a sustainable local supply of fresh produce for customers.

Matt is a keen supporter of the recent Meet the Makers events hosted by the Bass Coast Shire Council. These events provide the opportunity to discover what a range of local producers are offering, all under one roof, exploring other products that can be stocked for IGA customers.

Back in store, cheese lovers delight in the gourmet selection featuring organic farmhouse varieties from Prom Country Cheese, the renowned Shadows of Blue from Tarago River Cheese, the artisanal delights of Bassine Specialty Cheese and award-winning blue cheeses from Berry's Creek Gourmet Cheese.

Supporting the local dairy industry, Matt and his team are proud to stock Bass River Dairies' brands and Gippsland Jersey.

The wine and spirits section features the best of local vineyards and distilleries, including Purple Hen Wine, Silverwater Vineyard, The Gurdies Winery, and French Island Vineyards – with 10 local wineries featured, plus the best of the rest from across Australia. Beer and spirit enthusiasts will find joy in Ocean Reach Brewing, Loch, and Fish Creek gins, and Gurney's Cider.

San Remo IGA works to provide products sought by the local community and varies the range of products regularly. For example, it currently offers a range of local vegan pastries and pies, fresh native plants and seasonally freshly cut flowers amongst a selection of produce far too long to list here.

This evening, after crafting a delicious dinner from the shelves of freshly picked produce and traditional butcher-style, quality cuts, relax with a couple of scoops of Prom Coast Ice Cream atop freshly made apple and rhubarb pie, the rhubarb growing a hop, skip and jump away in Heath Hill.

Changing with the seasons expect to see bold, vibrant blueberries from Corinella come December and why not indulge in a pairing of cheese and Peninsula honey – let the tanginess and saltiness balance with the honey's sweetness and unctuousness.

Support a local family-owned business that supports local, head into San Remo IGA today.

If you are a producer of a wonderful culinary delight or perhaps a product suitable for the shelves, reach out to Matt Synan and Shayne Crawford at San Remo IGA today.



An ideal wedding location set amongst the hills at The Gurdies Winery.

Feeding demand for luxury wine in the hills

The Gurdies Winery sits high on the hill at the top of The Gurdies boasting magnificent views overlooking Western Port Bay and French Island. The Gurdies Winery is a stop worth detouring off the highway, an inviting space set in nature, delivering fine food and wine, both locally made and locally owned.

Owners Wendy Heaney and Bruce Preston moved to The Gurdies in 2012, before purchasing The Gurdies Winery in 2020 – bringing the winery and the vineyards together as one again and providing a rustic meeting place for locals and tourists alike with captivating views.

"Our Chardonnay, Riesling, Verdelho, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon varieties are all grown here on the Estate," Wendy shared.

"We have a large outdoor and BBQ area for hire – a space suitable for any special occasion, and our wine is available by the glass, bottle or treat yourself to a tasting paddle."

Wendy and Bruce held their first wedding at the winery in November of 2021 – the first of many, and the beginning of planning for their purpose-built function room, separate from the main Cellar Door.

The food is locally sourced with cheese and cracker boards or hazelnut dukkah and crusty bread available for a light lunch, or alternatively, each customer is welcome to bring their own picnic or even hire one of the commercial barbecues. Just sit back and relax enjoying great views and great wine.



The Gurdies Winery in the heart of Gippsland.

The open space is a perfect setting for the whole family. The Gurdies Winery provides a safe ground for the children to wander and play, whilst parents can responsibly indulge in a glass of Estate grown wine.

Local musicians serenade the crowd by playing in the Cellar Door most weekends – setting the scene for the perfect afternoon.

"We look forward to greeting you here at The Gurdies Winery."

The Gurdies Wines are available at local stockists from Kernot, Phillip Island, Fish Creek and San Remo. Look for Ginge the cow on the label. Or for an afternoon, birthday or corporate function, visit The Gurdies Winery online at thegurdieswinery.com.au.



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Enjoy fresh, locally-made treats at Kelly's Bakery, Café, and Bakehouse.

Kelly's Bakery at the starting line of new Park Run

WITH the newly established Korumburra Park Run starting almost on the doorstep of Kelly's Bakery, Café and Bakehouse, it provides the perfect place for participants to stop by and enjoy locally made goods.

Set amongst the scenic rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, park runners can sit down in the café over a leisurely breakfast and barista-made coffee or select something delicious from the bakery and go.

Involved in many local sporting clubs and groups, Kelly's is also happy to be a major sponsor of the Park Run and support the initiative for local people.

"It's just nice to see everyone come out, even in the average weather. To be able to go and do a local event like that, that is volunteer run – and they're not doing it for any other reason than to support another activity for the local community – is great," said owner Michelle Beggs.

"We try and be involved in different local initiatives where possible."

The event attracts runners from all over Victoria and other states who are involved in completing the Park Run Alphabet – which involves participating in and ticking off Park Runs from A – Z. The Korumburra run will give participants an additional 'K' option to tick off.

With the trail in a beautiful setting, it provides an additional drawcard for participating tourists to come to the town.

Even in its first couple of weeks, the bakery has had park runners from out of town, ring up and book a table; and with plenty of parking out the back, it is a win-win for everyone.

As one of the bigger employers of local people in town, the business can cater well to everyone coming along, whether



Serving delicious treats amid scenic Strzelecki Ranges.

they are involved in the event or otherwise.

With a good variety of favourites, from pastries and pies to bread and coffee as well as a unique collection of croissants, delicious cookies and classic cakes with a twist, there is something for everyone, including gluten-free and vegan-friendly substitutes available across the menu.

"We are a local business. We look to support local and are proud to be a local bakery for the community," said Michelle.

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The importance of buying local

IN AN era where global supply chains dominate the market, the importance of buying local cannot be overstated. Supporting local businesses not only fosters community growth but also provides numerous economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Economically, purchasing locally made goods ensures that more money stays within the community. Local businesses are more likely to source their materials and services from other local businesses, creating a multiplier effect that strengthens the local economy. When consumers choose local products, they help create jobs, support local entrepreneurs, and contribute to the economic resilience of their region. This is particularly crucial in times of economic uncertainty, as local businesses tend to be more adaptable and invested in their communities than large multinational corporations.

Environmentally, buying locally reduces the carbon footprint associated with transporting goods over long distances. Locally made products typically require less packaging and fewer resources to reach the consumer, resulting in lower greenhouse gas emissions. By supporting local producers,

consumers can also encourage more sustainable practices, as small-scale operations are often more environmentally conscious and committed to preserving the natural resources of their area.

Local businesses are owned and operated by people who live in the community, and they often have a vested interest in its well-being. These businesses are more likely to support local events, sponsor local teams, and contribute to community projects. Consumers who buy local products are more likely to engage with the producers, gaining a better understanding of how their goods are made and the people behind them. This creates a more personal and meaningful shopping experience, strengthening the bonds within the community.

By choosing locally made goods, consumers can enjoy high-quality, unique products that are not mass-produced.

Buying locally made products is a powerful way to support local economies, reduce environmental impact, and build stronger communities. As consumers, we have the opportunity to make a positive difference by choosing to invest in the businesses and people who live and work around us.



YAY Foods is a Wonthaggi-based manufacturer of vegan foods, run by sisters Nalin Arileo and Nergiz Yuksel, selling all over Australia.

All the best from Bass Coast's producers

THE Bass Coast region is home to a vibrant community of local businesses producing an array of unique, high-quality goods and services.

At Bass Coast Shire Council, one of the recent highlights in our local business scene was the 'Meet the Makers' event, held at Phillip Island Winery on Monday, June 24.

This event connected local producers with hospitality and retail stores, fostering new partnerships and collaborations.

Some of the producers in attendance at the Meet the Makers event included:

- Bassine Specialty Cheeses
- Wattle Bank Farm
- YAY Foods
- Ocean Reach Brewing
- Pickle My Chili
- The Invy Baker
- Green Gully Brewing
- Chippin Estate Produce

A spokesperson for the shire said the event was part of an overall program of support for business.

"These businesses not only add charm and character to our region but also contribute significantly to the local economy.

"Our local 'Shop, Eat, Love Local' campaign encourages residents to support their local businesses. This support is what keeps local businesses alive."

Looking forward, Council will be hosting the Bass Coast Local Jobs Expo on Thursday, August 15 at Wonthaggi and Friday, September 6 at Phillip Island, where local businesses can connect with local job seekers.

"We are excited to continue promoting and supporting our local businesses through various initiatives and events. These efforts aim to highlight the unique products available and encourage more residents and visitors to choose locally made products."

"Of course, our region is home to a range of fantastic markets as well as shops and other outlets, so please get out and purchase locally made goods from the amazing makers in our community."

For more information on upcoming events and to discover more about our local producers, visit the Bass Coast Shire Council's website (basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business) or follow us on social media (@businessinbasscoast).

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Artisanal Delight: Locally handcrafted cheese and milk delivered fresh to your table.

FRESH milk and cheese from local cows; all distributed within a 100-kilometre radius to truly remain local. Of all the products readily available in supermarkets, how important is it to support local? Well, it's a story they are sharing within your home. Local dairy farmer Glen Bisognin at Bassine Specialty Cheeses shared that the family have been on the farm in Glen Forbes since 1966 and is now operated by the next generation.

In an interview with Kaye Courtney, Kaye shared that Glen grew up on the Glen Forbes farm and Kaye has been there for the past 18 years. The farmers pride themselves on using sustainable and ethical farming practices, which then result in healthier cows and better-quality products – ensuring freshness and superior taste.

Bassine Specialty Cheeses welcomes their customers to visit the farm shop on their 235-acre property. Indulge in the traditional country-style café and be greeted by the front-of-house manager and cook Tania De Freitas, who serves anything from homemade bruschetta with housemade haloumi, a ploughman's platter or a Devonshire tea. During the visit see firsthand through the viewing window how their products are made in the purpose-built cheese-making facility.



Bassine Specialty Cheeses front of house manager Tania De Freitas serving antipasto platters and trio of dips in the café. Z01_2924

Cheesemaker Tone Petersen is on-site three times a week, hand-crafting the farmhouse cheeses, anything from Brie, Camembert, Haloumi, Ricotta, Feta, Washed Rind, Parmesan, Colby, Gouda and Quark styles. Tone shares the cheese-making process with Bassine customers for them to truly appreciate the meticulous

method from milk collection, pasteurisation, culturing, coagulation, draining, pressing, aging and packaging.

Bassine Cheese takes great care in each step to ensure high-quality, delicious flavour.

"There is also a window into the white mould room, for our camembert and brie style," said Kaye.

By maintaining a small-scale operation, the farm can focus on quality over quantity and provide customers with the best possible dairy products.

At the rear of the café, dairy farmers Glen and Jeremy are managing a herd of 100 cows.

Milking and pasteurising ready for Bass River Dairies milk to be

bottled onsite by Katie Dancer and Patricia Meers.

"On Monday we bottle whole milk and make cheese, and that whole milk is delivered all around the island and down to Inverloch," said Kaye.

"Then on Tuesday we do our big bottling, so with all the milk we have available we make low-fat milk, put aside the contents to pasteurise and make fresh cream, as well as make up an additional 2000 litres of whole milk to be delivered across Gippsland and over to the Peninsula; but we remain within 100 kilometres from the farm to stay local."

Kaye and Glen are drying some cows off now for their break before they calve in two months, so the herd will shrink for a little while – tying in with production requirements during the quiet winter months.

"We have a strong connection with our wholesalers," said Kaye.

"And we will always remain local, supplying to local independently owned grocers and small retail outlets as well as restaurants. It's a good feeling and allows us to stay in control."

Bassine Specialty Cheeses is open Thursday through to Sunday, so stop in on your next venture and help support locals, or to become a wholesaler, visit bassinespecialtycheeses.com.au

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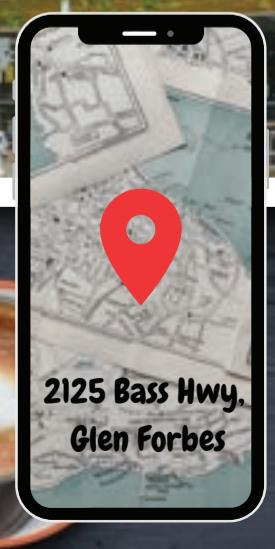
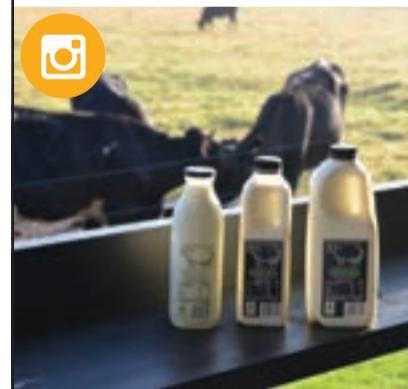


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Owner of Just Baked Cup Cakes Blair Green with daughter, Katelyn baking a cake together.

Indulge in sweet success

BAKING for Blair Green has been a life-long passion.

Following in her father's footsteps, he was a qualified baker for over 40 years.

"He taught me most of what I know today, and I can only hope that he is proud of what I've accomplished, as he unfortunately passed away in 2020."

Blair and her brothers would take turns going to work with their dad at the bakery when they were children.

"We would learn, bake, and eat delicious bakery treats," Blair shared.

"The nostalgia I still feel when I smell bread baking warms my heart. I am a full-time single mum of a beautiful three-year-old girl and I hope to share the same memories and experiences with her."

Whether it's a whimsical cake adorned with vibrant colours and intricate decorations or a beloved traditional cake with a modern design, Blair's attention to detail and commitment to quality shine through in every slice.

What started as baking cakes and cupcakes as gifts for friends and families' birthdays, soon became a small business in May of 2022.

"It was the positive feedback from loved ones that helped motivate me to do this for a living."

"I quit my job as a housekeeper, searched for a local graphic designer – 1UP Graphic Design – to help create my business name and logo, then registered Just Baked Cup Cakes through our local council and officially started working for myself."

Seeing the happiness her creations bring to others makes those hours of baking all worth it.

Blair feels privileged to work from home and spend quality time with her young daughter.

"Each beautiful creation for a customer's special celebration is made with so much love," Blair said.

"I am incredibly proud of my achievements over these past two years and cannot wait to see what the future holds for Just Baked Cup Cakes."

Always striving to push the boundaries of her creativity, Blair brings joy to those around her. With a loyal following and a passion for her craft, Blair's sweet creations are sure to continue delighting the community for years to come.



Kristy Wilson-Friend has established a studio and healing space in Toora, where she can pursue all her passions.

Kristy's passionate exploration of art, craft and healing

DELVING into the world of art, craft, spirituality and healing has seen Kristy Wilson-Friend living out a long-held dream for the past four years.

After teaching art in Wonthaggi for twenty years, following the completion of a fine arts degree at RMIT, Kristy left teaching and moved to Toora a couple of years ago.

There, she has created an art studio and healing space where she has been fully embracing her lifelong passions.

Paintings and drawings inspired by nature and creativity flowing from Kristy's meditation practice adorn the walls.

"I often get my ideas or subject themes through my personal meditation practices. Creating the drawings themselves is also part of my regular meditation," explains Kristy.

Many of the monochrome fine ink drawings and vibrant coloured acrylics feature a feminine figure with a prominent third eye, surrounded by crystals, feathers, flowers, stars, mushrooms, plants or coral.

"I like to explore brushstrokes, bold colours and simplicity to create my paintings, while still capturing the natural and energetic world around me," Kristy states.

Having gained level one in Reiki Energy healing in the nineties, the recent freedom and greater exploration into the art of healing has seen Kristy go on to complete her level two, followed by her masters in Reiki.

She has also gone on to learn Pellowah

and Pranic healing techniques. Kristy has a beautiful healing space to work from and welcomes everyone, including animals, to book in for a healing session if they feel they need it.

Crystals are also a strong element of both Kristy's healing and craft works, used in conjunction with her practice and to create jewellery and amulets.

These she sells at the Mirboo North markets each month and the Foster markets in summer, alongside her very popular yarn rainbows.

"When I create my jewellery, I connect with each crystal used and tap into the vibration and frequency of the particular crystal. I set the intention for the crystal to work with its new owner as an amulet, to promote the flow of good energy, help rid your body and mind of negative energy, or work with physical or emotional elements. All my crystal jewellery comes with a handwritten meaning for the crystal I have used," Kristy said.

Two sets of oracle cards created by Kristy are also in the pipeline with one set featuring meditative artwork and the second set based on and used with crystals.

An application to exhibit her work at the Stockyard Gallery in Foster next year has also been made, it seems there is much more to come from Kristy yet, so watch this space.

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Thomas Mohr of Heathmont and his Leongatha-based grandmother Diane Sheedy were looking for something different to do during the school holidays and found it at South Gippsland Shire Council's NAIDOC Week event in Leongatha. A05_2924



South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Clare Williams with her children Rex, Matilda and Hugh enjoyed the indigenous art session at council's NAIDOC Week event in Leongatha. A06_2924



South Gippsland Shire Council's director of economy and community Renae Littlejohn displays her progress during council's NAIDOC Week indigenous-themed art session. A08_2924



Judy Morcom, Lyn Johnson and Willie Staff selecting pieces to buy at the VIEW clubs Fashion parade. ob01_2924



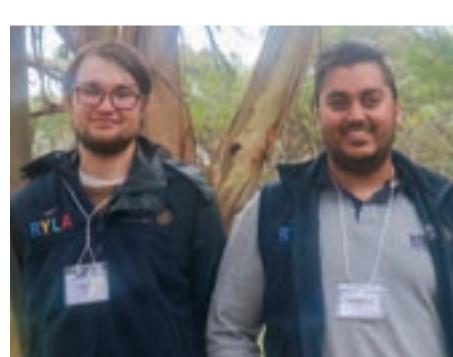
Imogen Jade and Layale enjoying Fun for Kids at the WLSC. b100_2924



Siena Lila and Jade and Alexis at the Fun for Kids school holiday program. b101_2924



Pictures of you and your friends at NAIDOC Week event at Dakers Centre Leongatha, Fun for Kids at Wonthaggi Life Saving Club, Inverloch VIEW Club Fashion Parade fundraiser and Rotary Youth RYLA program at CUC Phillip Island.



RYLA leaders Mat Wise and Keishan Hunkar at CUC Phillip Island guiding the youth program participants through a rescue mission. Z09_2924



South Gippsland Shire councillor Sarah Gilligan with her children Monty and Rupert, and Bunurong man Kobi Sainty who conducted a smoking ceremony and ran an indigenous-themed art session in Leongatha for NAIDOC Week. A07_2924



RYLA youth participants Yani Ryan and Liam Hines assisting one another through a rescue session. Z10_2924



RYLA leader Ash Gillespie sponsored by Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary with leader Alannah Vidic-Wirth assisting participants through a fading memory session. Z11_2924



RYLA participants Nic, Allie and Flynn enhanced their social and leadership skills at the Rotary Youth Program held at CUC Phillip Island. Z12_2924



RYLA participants Blake, Aanshi and Kat met at the youth leadership program held at CUC Phillip Island. Z13_2924



Margaret Sprague and Wendy Rees found quite a few items of warm winter clothing to buy to get them through the season. ob03_2924



Mary Ferguson, Milvia Allen and Judy O'Brien were happy to find scarves and jackets to add to their wardrobes. ob04_2924



RYLA leaders Josh, Cassie and Philip led participants through the youth leadership program organised by Rotary. Z15_2924



Kelly, Carina and Matt met at the RYLA Youth Leadership Program ran at the CUC Phillip Island. Z14_2924



Rod Primrose bought Janet Budge's prize winning "Woodland Walk".



Cathie Beanie is the happy new owner of Liz McDonald's "Banksia integrifolia".

Woodlands Art Exhibition raises \$12,000 and celebrates local talent

THE Woodlands Art Exhibition concluded on a high note, showcasing an impressive array of local talent and achieving substantial sales. A total of 30 artworks were sold, amounting to approximately \$12,000. This sum was shared with the artists, marking the event as both a successful fundraiser and a testament to the vibrant artistic community supporting the woodlands campaign.

One of the standout participants was Wonthaggi fabric artist Janet Budge, whose extraordinary fabric collages captivated attendees. Janet's work won both the second prize and the People's Choice award. Persuaded by a friend to enter the competition, Janet initially doubted the quality of her work. However, the recognition

she received at the exhibition bolstered her confidence. "Now, because you believe in me, I'll believe in me," she remarked to a round of loud applause.

The exhibition featured a variety of outstanding artworks. The first prize was awarded to Ray Dahstrom for his poignant piece titled "Demise of a Scar Tree," which resonated deeply with the audience. Janet Budge's "Woodland Walk" not only secured the second prize but also won the People's Choice award in the 2D category. In the Emerging Artist category, Margaret Lee's "Misty Morning" received accolade. Additionally, John Di Stefano's "Urn" won the People's Choice award in the 3D category, showcasing his skill in sculpture.



Julie Statkus was thrilled with her purchase of Gail Franks' "Woodland Sprites".

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

PHILLIP Island hosted this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), an inspiring program designed to empower Australia's next generation of leaders.

Supported by Rotary District 9815, participants aged 18-30 leapt into a whirlwind of activities tailored to meet the community's needs.

Over the six-day event, RYLA offered a dynamic mix of presentations, workshops, and hands-on activities. The program aimed to put leadership skills into practice within a supportive and encouraging environment, with guest speakers Andrew Rowse and Alwyn Holt presenting talks on value creation, and diversity, equality and inclusion – guided to empower each participant to feel empowered.

The RYLA program is all about empowering participants to be the best they can be. Through planned activities, structured reflection time, and skill-building exercises like self-evaluation and character analysis, RYLA sets the stage for personal growth.

Leader Mat Wise led participants through their RYLA session for the first time, after being sponsored last year as a participant.

"I found that RYLA changed my life completely. I noticed I was a lot more attentive at school, I joined more programs at university – which helped me become a science ambassador



RYLA guest speakers Andrew Rowse and Alwyn Holt with RYLA leader Keishan Hunkar, Suzanne Caldwell and Barry Rogers at CUC Phillip Island. Z06_2924

at Monash University, and I don't believe I would have had these opportunities without RYLA," said Mat.

Participants worked through key areas of focus:

- Communication and Problem-Solving Skills: Essential for effective leadership, these skills are at the heart of the program.
- Dynamic Leadership Strategies: Attendees will discover strategies to become influential leaders in their schools or communities.
- Learning from Leaders: Insights and experiences from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors.
- Unlocking Potential: RYLA helps individuals transform their motivation into actionable leadership.
- Fun and Friendships: Beyond the learning experience, RYLA offers a fun atmosphere where participants form lasting friendships.

Throughout the program,

participants have met inspiring individuals, heard captivating stories, and developed leadership skills through various challenges and activities.

Member of Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary John Lovell shared the goal of RYLA is to equip the next generation with the skills and experiences needed to positively impact their communities and beyond.

The cornerstone of the RYLA program is the concept of Challenge by Choice.

This concept encourages participants to push their limits and fully engage in new experiences of their choosing. Recognising that everyone faces different challenges, it creates a dynamic environment for growth and transformation that respects thoughtful decision-making.

This year's program featured an exciting Rotary Expo, where 15 district Rotary Clubs showcased their impactful local and international community

support plans and innovative ideas for future programs.

Suzanne Caldwell of Rotary Frankston helped guide the participants through the six-day program, sharing that RYLA is introducing the next generation into acts of service.

"I participated in RYLA myself in my youth and it too changed my life."

Participants gained firsthand insight into Rotary's incredible work and discovered how to join the mission of "Service Above Self."

"This Rotary motto is the reason I joined Rotary," said John.

"Rotary is a safe ground for like-minded people."

RYLA is a significant initiative by Rotary clubs and districts, dedicated to nurturing future leaders and helping them unlock their full potential. Participant Matt Pearce was sponsored by Bass Coast Health to partake in the program. Matt is an emergency nurse with BCH and shared that the guest speaker's guidance was insightful and inspiring. Whilst Matt's fellow participants Kelly and Carina shared that the RYLA program helped them build their social skills and learn from others from all walks of life.

This year's event promised to be a transformative experience, fostering growth, connections, and lifelong memories for all 35 participants involved.



Elected as Chamber Leader by his peers, Gabriel Di Falco presents the Newhaven College's Bill at Victorian Youth Parliament.

Newhaven College Youth Parliament's team wins unanimous vote for Bill

NEWHAVEN College's Youth Parliament Team made a remarkable impact during their participation in the Victorian Youth Parliament, held at the Legislative Council (Upper House of the Victorian Parliament). The team displayed exceptional preparation, articulation and debating skills throughout the sessions.

Newhaven College presented their Criminalising Coercive Control as a Stand-Alone Offence Bill 2024 during the Youth Parliament sitting days on Monday 1, Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 July. Discussion around the Bill was highly emotional, with some participants sharing their own experiences.

The team's dedication and hard work led to the bill being passed unanimously, highlighting the significance of this issue.

The College Youth Parliament Team, consisting of Miranda Zalunardo, Keegan Hughes, Gabriel Winterson and Gabriel Di Falco displayed exceptional leadership and teamwork. Notably, Gabriel Di Falco was elected as Chamber Leader, a remarkable honour bestowed by his peers.

Gabriel Di Falco said of the experience, "It was a very special experience from the start. From meeting so many like-minded people, to the surreal experience of walking into Parliament House for the first time, it will be a week that I will never forget. This program has inspired me to continue to seek opportunities in the political space. I am excited to see what I, along with the other participants, can achieve in the future."

Newhaven College's achievements in the Youth Parliament highlight the College's commitment to empowering students and nurturing their leadership potential. The College takes pride in its students' accomplishments and dedication to addressing important social issues.



Year 11 student Miranda Zalunardo speaks to the Bill presented by Newhaven College at Victorian Youth Parliament.

Help share the history of the 5 Square Ball

ORGANISERS of Mirboo North's 5 Square Ball are keen to celebrate and record the history of the long-running event and boost its profile, calling on community members with related memorabilia, information and stories to help.

As well as documenting the ball's history, which dates back to 1948, the plan is to create a historical display in the window of the Mirboo North Op Shop, with that display to then take pride of place at the Mirboo North Town Hall for this year's ball on October 18.

While not a committee member for the event, Kylie Cannizzo has been attending the ball for over 20 years and explained how people can get involved.

"We would love to borrow anything to help make this display one to remember," she said.

Items of interest include old tickets, menus, table and hall decorations, ball gowns and suits, shoes, handbags, photographs, and newspaper articles.

Organisers are keen to learn about family history related to the ball and are happy to scan documents or write up people's stories to ensure they are preserved and shared.

The 5 Square Ball was established by local business identities and has traditionally had 25 members (5 squared), each of whom have a table and invite five guests.

Kylie explained that with the original members being all male, each table holder would bring his wife and invite two other couples.

"It's starting to lose its special traditions, and it's modernising," she said, noting it is important to recall those traditions and share the ball's story with locals.

While keen to celebrate the event's history, organisers want to create greater awareness of it and move away from the past stigma that it was only for elite members of the community.

Kylie is in charge of creating displays at the Mirboo North Op Shop and plans to showcase the 5 Square Ball there for about four weeks in the lead-up to the event.

It is believed that since the ball's inception, it has occurred every year apart from 2020 when it gave way to COVID.

While it has been held in November in the past, the event is now on the third Friday of October as has long been the case.

Those fortunate enough to attend the 5 Square Ball can look forward to hors d'oeuvres on arrival, a two-course meal, and dancing to the band Plush, a far cry from the past when people brought their own food and sometimes even the tables and chairs.

People bring eskies with their own alcohol.

An opportunity exists for new table holders to join this year's event, with three or four of the 25 tables currently free.

"There is the option for anyone to come along now, as long as they can commit to buying that table," Kylie said, elaborating that generally the table holder pays for the table and others go as that person's guests.

"But it is changing," she noted, providing the example of the local women's cricket team, six members of which now share a table.

A struggle in the last couple of years to fill 25 tables has led to the desire to increase awareness of the event, how it got started, what has changed over the years and the traditions that will be maintained.

"It's just a chance to get dressed up in your finery and have a beautiful night out," Kylie said.

A film to help raise money for our Afghan refugees

THE SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) will screen the multi-award-winning film, Human Flow, on Sunday July 28 to help raise money for the Afghan families they are supporting.

The film is said to be "an attempt to understand the conditions of humanity in our days. The film is made with deep belief in the value of human rights. In this time of uncertainty, we need more tolerance, compassion and trust for each other since we all are one. Otherwise, humanity will face an even bigger crisis."

One Afghan family supported by SGRAR is Z's.

Z came to Australia over a decade ago as a genuine refugee after the Taliban surrounded his village and found he was teaching sport in a girls' school.

He escaped to Kabul and sent books back to the school, however a co-worker denounced him, as most books were banned in girls' schools, and his life came under threat.

Z was only granted a temporary visa in Australia, which meant that he couldn't apply for family reunion, and his wife and two children remained in Afghanistan.

It wasn't until some ten months ago that Z was finally granted a permanent Australian visa and he immediately applied for family reunion. The wait is excruciating.

"I've been waiting 12 years to be with my family. My beautiful girl is now 16, and my boy, now 14, have grown without me. Sometimes I dream that my wife and children are here, then I wake up and cry. Living without my family is very lonely," Z said.

Following the fall of Kabul by the Taliban insurgent group in 2021, Z's family fled to Pakistan for safety, where they now remain.

"My family is in Pakistan and I see them on WhatsApp when



Z's wife and daughter, with a group of women who staged a small protest while still in Afghanistan.

we talk, so close but cannot touch. I send my family money. SGRAR helps with application fees and lawyer fees. Now, Taliban is in Pakistan too and I am scared for my family. I think and think and many times I cannot sleep."

To help with the feelings of grief and hopelessness Z participates in the community.

He is a taekwondo referee and has run Taekwondo classes for youth between the ages of eight to 17 at a local primary school.

Z also volunteers with the Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre to raise men's awareness of mental health, and reduce the stigma associated with this issue.

Before he got his job in construction, Z also provided English support to migrants and linked them to local activities.

Since 2013, more than 23,000 Afghans have come to Australia – or sought to do so – to escape the Taliban's insurgency and takeover of the country.

Despite being affected by the same crisis in their country,

the treatment of Afghan Refugees in Australia has varied greatly, from being offered permanent residency to ending up in long-term detention.

While the process remains questionable, the government granted 29,892 permanent visas to Afghan refugees in 2023, pushing the number to the highest level since 2016.

It was estimated by the UNHCR that the number of people forcibly displaced due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations and events disturbing the public order globally, would exceed 120 million by the end of April 2024.

This is nearly double the number of people who were displaced a decade ago.

SGRAR continue to remain strong supporters and advocates of refugees and as well as Z's family they also support another Afghan family who have escaped to Pakistan.

From writing letters to politicians to change laws and hammering on the doors of the immigration departments to seeking help from local

politicians.

They rally outside the Wonthaggi Library once a month to keep the plight of refugees visible and have raised over \$25,000 to help Z, through various fundraising activities and donations from community members.

Member of SGRAR, Felicia Di Stefano said that while many Afghans apply for residency, there are not a huge number of places and the government has to choose from tens of thousands of applications.

The group however will keep fighting for Z's family to be re-united.

"He's been here for 12 years, and they should recognise that he's been working and participating in community and paying his taxes, and he deserves some recognition for that," said Felicia.

To help raise funds for the two Afghan families, SGRAR are showing Human Flow on Sunday July 28 at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. To purchase tickets, go to trybooking.com/events/landing/1242166 or on the day at the cinema.

Winter treasure hunt at WLSC fun for kids



Volunteers John, Beth, Joan, Jude and Cheryl with former WLSC nippers Luka, Tara and Mackenzie at Fun for Kids.

YOUNG school holidaymakers came from as far as Melbourne and as close as Wonthaggi to join local nippers at the Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club's 'Fun for Kids' program in Cape Paterson.

Twenty-five youngsters enjoyed colouring-in exercises and a challenging treasure hunt for items such as leaves, seashells and pieces of washed-up beach trash.

Coordinated by Beth Banks, a retired teacher and former nurse, the Cape Paterson-based clubhouse was buzzing with excitement as volunteers assisted the children with their tasks.

Former young nippers volunteering with older members of the lifesaving club delighted the newbies with an

impressive knowledge of beach and water safety.

The club has many ways of raising interest and this is one of them," said Beth Banks.

"The club café and kiosk have proven popular with booked groups even during winter."

"We are working towards building a new clubhouse," added Club President Mark Scott.

Sponsored by the Wonthaggi Lions Club the four-part Fun for Kids program will continue with two more sessions in the September school holidays.

Bookings for the next Fun for Kids days can be made through the club website at wlsc.org.au. Enrolments are also open for next summer's WLSC 'Nipper's program.

Calling all aspiring film makers

IF YOU have a hankering to make a short film and see it on the big screen, here's your chance. The Bass Coast Shorts film festival, which commenced in 2021, is currently open for submissions for 2025.

Bass Coast Shire and Australian Short Film Festivals came together to create a film festival to showcase our region and build a filmmaking community. The festival aims to encourage and support local creators, showcase exciting and provocative short films from Australia and internationally, and provide a strong platform for telling our own stories.

There are a number of categories to submit a film under, such as First Nations, Schools/Under 18s, Animation, Documentary, Coastal Life, Environmental, Music Video, and Open (National and International Films). So if you belong to a music group, surf club, or an environmental group, or if you have a passion for



the Bass Coast Region or have a story to tell, why not think about making a short film and submitting it to the Bass Coast Shorts Film Festival?

Bass Coast Shorts has had two successful festivals so far, and it has been great to

have filmmakers from all over Australia attend and talk about their films and the filmmaking process.

These festivals hope to encourage a strong sense of community pride and provide a platform for telling our own stories. Increasingly, visual storytelling is the dominant form of communication, especially for younger people. One only needs to consider the growth in YouTube, TikTok, and apps like Snapchat to see the power of short films. It's easy to find tutorials on YouTube on how to make a movie using your mobile phone if you are a beginner, and you don't need fancy equipment or software to achieve a great result.

Entries close November 30, 2024, and the festival will be screening in April 2025, so get cracking and get your film in now.

To submit or for more information visit filmfreeway.com/BassCoastShorts, or email basscoastshorts@gmail.com.



Attendees will groove to the beats at the 30th anniversary of the Inverloch Jazz Festival, enjoying performances from legendary artists and emerging talents alike.

Celebrating 30 years of Jazz By The Sea

COSY up inside to the beat of the 30th anniversary of the Inverloch Jazz Festival.

Running across three days (Friday, August 2 to Sunday, August 4), the Inverloch Jazz Festival lineup promises a musical journey through classic jazz, soulful melodies and smooth contemporary beats. From big bands to duos, funk jazz to Latin jazz, legendary artists and emerging talents, this festival will have you foot-tapping, finger-snapping and grooving in your seat.

From its humble beginnings in 1994, the Inverloch Jazz Festival has brought together musicians from all over the country to feast and fundraise to the sounds of the drums, bass, piano and guitar. 2024 marks the impressive 30-year anniversary of the beloved jazz festival by the sea.

The stellar program showcases the rhythmic groove of 45 bands, with 15 of them new to this year's festival, and 150

artists. Featuring an eclectic range of styles, from traditional and big band to contemporary, Latin and funk, the festival will be a feast for the ears.

The program will stretch across five venues all within an easy stroll from the town centre, and from each other.

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Festival committee triumphs with 'Shifting Stories' theme

2024 Festival of Stories

By Lois Gaskin

THE last few years have been a challenge for everyone and that has been no different for our little committee. We have hung in there with a clear vision to get back to a full Festival and after many hundreds of hours we believe that we have been able to present a Festival that will challenge, delight and teach us so much about who we are.

As President of this group, I am so proud of the work that the committee have done and each one has contributed to this result and supported each other. I also express a huge thank you to the crew at Berninnett for their work and encouragement in what we were trying to achieve and to all our other supporters and sponsors without whom we would not be here.

This year's program, while hard work, has been a delight to put together and all of the presenters have gone above and beyond to help bring us this final program.

With a theme of "Shifting Stories" we will hear from each of them how they have responded to life's challenges on a very personal level, as well as from changes in society and the world at large in politics, the environment and what we face in the future.

We hope you enjoy this Festival as much as we enjoyed putting it together and that we all take something important from the messages that we see and hear.

As I was told by an attendee after our first Festival "It changed my life" and I hope the value of what we present will bring about change for others.



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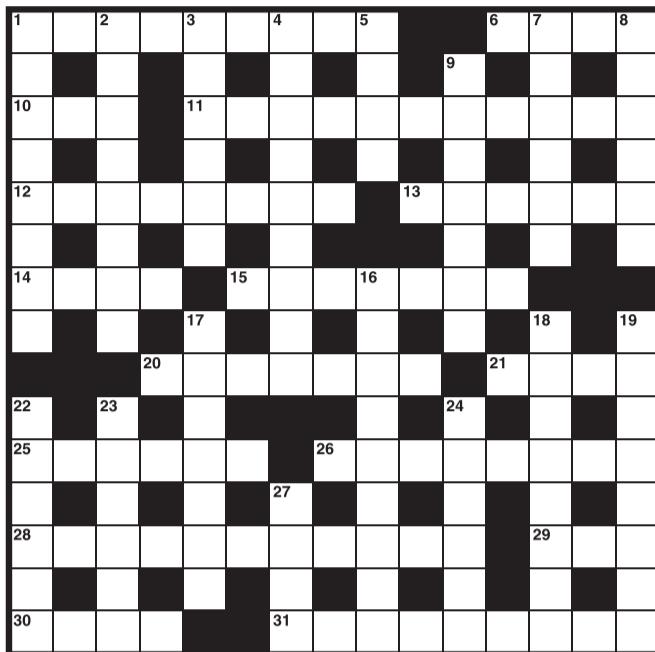
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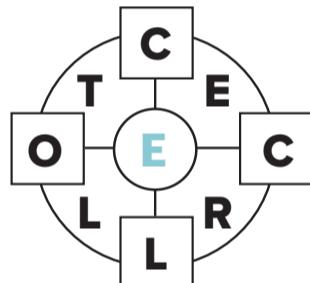
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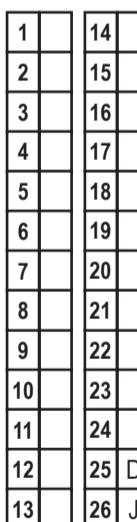
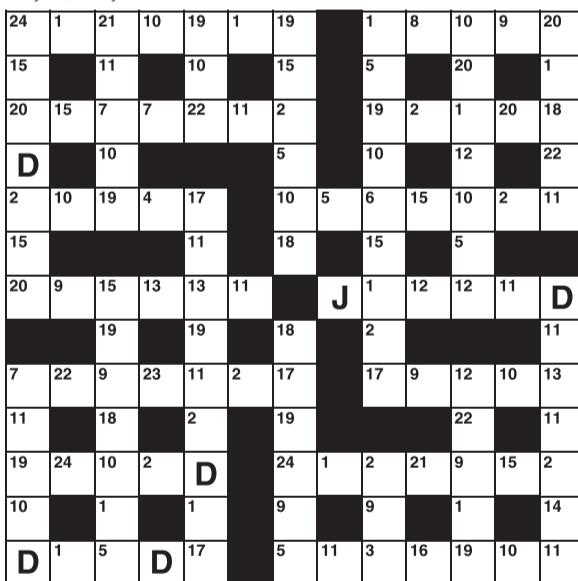
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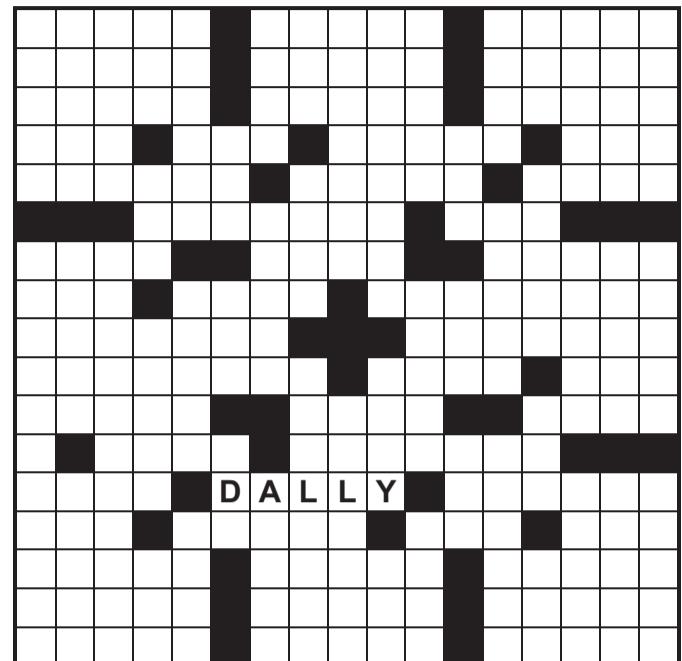
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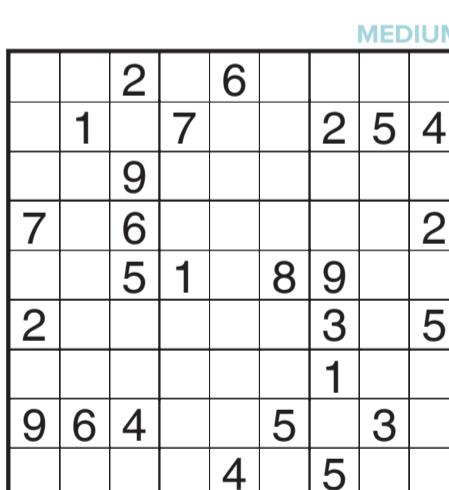
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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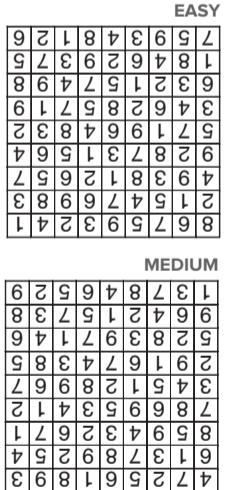


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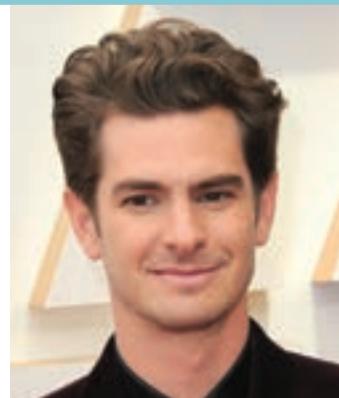
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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- Founded in 1925, which weekly US country music stage concert takes place in Nashville, Tennessee?
- What is the largest state in the US by area?
- Andrew Garfield (pictured), Carey Mulligan and Keira Knightley all starred in which 2010 film adaptation of a Kazuo Ishiguro book?
- What colour is the beginner belt in karate?
- In which two months of the year does London Fashion Week take place?
- Which artist's No.1 hits include *Think Twice*, *It's All Coming Back to Me Now* and *I'm Alive*?
- The animated sitcom *The Jetsons* originally aired in which decade?
- What is the official language of the Faroe Islands?
- What is the longest river in Australia?
- How many presidents' faces are carved into Mount Rushmore?



ANSWERS: 1. The Grand Ole Opry 2. Alaska 3. Never Let Me Go 4. White 5. February 6. Celine Dion 7. 1960s 8. Faroeese 9. Murray River 10. Four

WORD SEARCH

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

ALMONDS	GARLIC	QUINOA
APPLE	HEMP	SALMON
BANANA	JUICE	SEAWEED
BLUEBERRIES	KALE	SEEDS
BROCCOLI	KEFIR	SHELLFISH
BROWN RICE	LEMON	SPINACH
CACAO	LENTILS	TURNIP
CELERY	MINERALS	WATER
CHIA	OATS	WHOLE GRAIN
CUCUMBER	ORANGE	
DARK	PEPITAS	
CHOCOLATE	PORRIDGE	
EGGS		
FLAX		

SECRET MESSAGE: Treat your body like a temple



The simple way to reduce your home insurance premium

WITH insurance costs increasing as the cost of living continues to rise, Compare the Market is urging homeowners to consider increasing their home insurance excess to decrease their annual premiums.

The home and contents insurance comparison website crunched some numbers and found that, in one scenario, upping the excess on home insurance from \$750 to \$1500, on average, was able to save a homeowner 13.99 per cent off their annual quoted premium.* That equates to over \$300 worth of savings on the same policy, just with a higher excess. Of course, this means paying the higher excess if homeowners were to claim, so it's a hack people need to consider carefully.

Compare the Market's Executive General Manager for General Insurance and home and contents insurance expert, Adrian Taylor, said that at a time when every dollar counts, it's also important to switch rather than ditch home insurance to protect your home in case the worst happens.

"From bushfires to cyclones and floods, there's barely been a couple of months without weather events that have caused significant damage to homes across Australia," Mr Taylor said.

"That said, with the cost-of-living crisis continuing to put pressure on household budgets, we've seen many homeowners consider reducing their home insurance coverage or, worse, ditching coverage altogether."

Previous research from Compare the Market found that 26.5 per cent of Aussies surveyed say they have no home and/or contents insurance – a move that could leave them significantly out of pocket in the event of natural disasters, thefts and other events that cause damage to property or belongings.

"One way homeowners could keep their home insurance premiums down is by increasing their excess," Mr Taylor explained.

"Our research found that in the one instance we looked at, the homeowner was able to save \$346.27 when increasing the home insurance excess by \$750. Some insurers also provide options of an excess upwards of \$5000, which could deliver even more savings."

"During our analysis, we also found that



Compare the Market advises homeowners to raise their insurance excess to lower premiums amid rising living costs. Currently, 26.5% of Australians are without insurance. Photo: Joel Carrett, AAP.

an insurer offers home insurance excess levels up to \$10,000.

"We urge that people consider their circumstances and weigh the benefits of increasing their home insurance excess.

Mr Taylor's top tips for lowering your insurance premium.

Don't just accept auto-renewals. There's every chance your next renewal notice will be higher, even if you haven't claimed. As such, ensure you compare it against others on the market, paying attention to the sum insured, excess and any optional cover you may have.

Ensure your circumstances are the same. Assess any optional cover that you may have on your policy that you no longer need. Removing these could help you realise even more savings. Similarly, your home's value may have changed, so you want to make sure you're insuring it for the correct amount.

Consider some of the lesser-known insurance providers. The market is always changing and some new players offer policies that can rival those from the bigger

brands. In fact, many lesser-known insurance brands are backed by well-known underwriters.

**Disclaimer: Compare the Market compared 16 different home insurance products on the market and reviewed the premium based on each excess level on February 26, 2024. Nine of the 16 insurance policies offered both a \$750 and \$1500 excess for their home insurance policy. Averages based on premium differences are based on these nine different insurance products.*

Homelessness Coalition address food insecurity and affordable housing

THE newly formed Coalition to address homelessness on Bass Coast met on a cold day at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre last week.

Members of community groups and welfare services discussed the need for temporary overnight accommodation in the Bass Coast area and addressed that local churches are being contacted for assistance with a "Winter Shelter" program.

There is a fact-finding visit to the Frankston Winter Shelter later in July, to see how their shelter works and the need to assess demand for overnight accommodation was highlighted in the discussion.

A "Walk for Warmth" to raise awareness is planned for Saturday, August 10 during Homelessness Week 2024. For more information, call Nicky Chung, 0475 871 589.

Leslie Adams, Manager of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, who chaired the meeting, said "I am very pleased to be working with a coalition of community organisations that recognise the complexity of what is happening in our communities. At the same time that we are working out how we can best assist with the daily needs of individuals and families who are being confronted with the current cost of living crisis, we are working on solutions that address the systemic issues of food insecurity and lack of secure and affordable housing."

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 10am-12pm at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre. All are welcome.

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A picturesque coastal grazing property located on the doorstep of Cape Paterson with its pristine bay / surf beaches.

Key features include:

- Two quality built homes, one x 4 bedroom, one x 2 bedroom plus study
- Extensive shedding with a five bay machinery, three garages, workshop / games room, two stand shearing shed with yards.

Located 10 minutes Wonthaggi and Inverloch, 90 minutes* SE Melbourne

Agents comment: A great landbank opportunity ideally suited for golf course complex, large scale caravan park / accommodation, equine pursuits etc (STCA)

*approx

Contact Alex Scott & Staff for information memorandum and price guide.

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Classic
4 Bedroom
Homestead
on 1.2 Acres



Idyllic Country Lifestyle Opportunity!

117 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Loch

Discover country charm and convenience in this classic 4-bedroom homestead set on a 1.2-acre lifestyle allotment just outside Loch Village.

Nestled amidst the rolling green hills of South Gippsland, this property offers a beautiful picturesque outlook across farmland to Western Port Bay and the ranges, creating an idyllic lifestyle opportunity for those seeking peace and tranquility.

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Contact Scott Anderson on 0409 785 846
to arrange your private inspection today!

WONTAGGI Cnr Murray & Billson Streets 03 5672 1911



Regional Victorian home prices show resilience amid national trends, with a slight dip in the latest PropTrack Home Price Index from the REA Group.

Now is the time to buy in regional Victoria.

House prices ease slightly in regional Victoria

REGIONAL home prices in Victoria have bucked the national trend falling 1.8 per cent for the year to June, compared to a 6.5 per cent rise across Australia.

Buoyed by a strong property market in the west the latest PropTrack Home Price Index from the REA Group shows national home prices lifted a little under point two per cent for the June quarter while regional Victorian prices eased 0.2 per cent.

Quarterly growth in the Latrobe-Gippsland

area, which includes Phillip Island through to Yarram, dropped 1.10 per cent.

National home prices have cycled through eighteen consecutive months of growth to hit a fresh peak in June despite the pace of growth slowing with the onset of winter.

Despite some easing in the rate of population growth, increasing uncertainty around interest rates and more housing stock expected on the market it is hoped home prices will rise in the months ahead with tax cuts

lifting household incomes and the borrowing capacity of buyers.

Although the number of homes hitting the market this year has lifted building activity remains challenged with a chronic shortage of housing exacerbated by a lack of new home construction.

The median price for an Australian home has risen to \$787,000 (+0.18 per cent June quarter, +6.55 per cent annual growth) and \$855,000 for a capital city home (+0.22 per cent June quarter, +6.91 per cent annual growth).

The median price for a home in regional Australia lifted fractionally (+0.07 per cent June quarter) but rose strongly over a full year to \$643,000 (+5.61 per cent annual growth).

Melbourne home prices have eased to \$803,000 (-0.43 per cent June quarter, -0.07 per cent annual growth) and the price of a regional Victorian home is down to \$586,000 (-0.22 per cent June quarter, -1.18 per cent annual growth).



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Leongatha 705m²

Charming Home

- 3-bed, 2-bath home, colonial style kitchen
- Front lounge has a gas log heater
- Fully fenced yard, low maintenance garden

Web ID: 300P6183

\$625,000



Korumburra 2 Acres

Rural Living Feel in Town

- 4 beds with BIR & master ensuite
- Kitchen & adjoining dining area
- 12m x 7.5m shed with electricity

Web ID: 300P154498

\$900,000



Koonwarra 95 Acres

Grazing Property

- Undulating to rolling country
- 5 paddocks, 2 hay sheds
- 5 water catchment dams

Web ID: 300P134498

\$1,187,500



Korumburra 956m²

Moorong House

- 3 bed, Californian Bungalow
- Spacious & stylish kitchen
- Great AirBnB opportunity

Web ID: 300P17273

\$600,000



sold

Loch 669m²

Modern Home with Views

- 3-bed, 2-bath renovated home



under contract

Mirboo North 840m²

Ideal Family Living

- 3-bed, 2-bath home



Loch 130 Acres

Peacock Hill

- Highly productive "Bluegum" country



Stony Creek 130 Acres

Scottsdale

- Cattle fattening or breeding property



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Exceptional freehold investment opportunity

WILSON Property is proud to offer for sale this Blue-Chip Car Dealership, located at 6-8 Koonwarra Road (South Gippsland Hwy), Leongatha.

This very modern car dealership leased to Gippsland Motor Group Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Motus Holdings Ltd, is an exceptional investment opportunity offering the sophisticated investor an ideal opportunity to buy a low-maintenance property with a strong return.

Commercial Specialist Ben Wilson stated "Motus Holdings Ltd is a multinational powerhouse known for its expertise in automotive mobility solutions, boasting a leading market presence in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Australia, South East Asia, and Southern and East Africa. With a global workforce of over 19,800 individuals and a track record spanning more than 75 years, Motus embodies stability, reliability, and consistent growth."

Securing the Blue-Chip Car Dealership, strategically located on the South Gippsland Highway boasting a prominent 93-metre frontage, with a daily traffic count of 11,000 vehicles, ensures unparalleled visibility and accessibility

for customers.

Moreover, the modern Subaru and Isuzu Ute showroom, built in 2013, epitomises Motus' dedication to innovation and customer satisfaction. With its open-plan display area, office space, amenities, and state-of-the-art workshop and service area, the dealership offers a premium experience reflective of Motus' high standards.

Ben made mention of the financial benefit, stating "The lease agreement demonstrates Motus' long-term commitment to the region. With a current net rent of \$231,336 per annum, subject to annual increases, the deal not only generates revenue but also fosters economic stability for both parties involved. The current lease term of ten (10) years runs until September 2027, with two further five-year options. Additionally, the potential 50 per cent stamp duty concession available as of May 2024 further underscores the beneficial nature of the opportunity, further incentivising investment."

In an era marked by economic uncertainty, Motus stands as a beacon of stability and reliability in the automotive industry. This partnership not only



strengthens Motus' market position but also reaffirms its dedication to delivering excellence to customers. As Motus continues to drive forward, guided by its unwavering commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction.

The freehold of this property is for sale. For more information or to arrange an inspection, please contact Ben Wilson 0412 525 542 or Emma Dunne 0407 865 838.

Freehold For Sale

6-8 Koonwarra Road, (South Gippsland Highway, **Leongatha**

Land Area: Over 2,060sqm approx.
Agent: Wilson Property,
Ben Wilson 0412 525 542,
Emma Dunne 0407 865 838.



for sale

**6-8 Koonwarra Road (South Gippsland Hwy)
Leongatha VIC 3953**

Blue Chip Car Dealership Leased to Multinational Powerhouse

- > Ten (10) year lease to September 2027 with 2 further five (5) year options
- > Gippsland Motor Group Pty Ltd, a fully owned subsidiary company of Motus Holdings Ltd
- > Current net rent \$231,336 p.a. with annual increases

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Peaceful & spacious!



IN THE beautiful rural village of Dumbalk, this classic country weatherboard home will delight those looking for a neat home in a quiet street with a spacious backyard.

Set on an 808m² flat block with low maintenance appeal, this home features:

- Open-plan kitchen, dining and living
- Fully appointed kitchen with gas cooking and a dishwasher
- Solid hardwood timber floors throughout the home
- Wood fire to enjoy in those colder months and a reverse cycle split system
- Three bedrooms, all generous in size
- Family bathroom with shower over bath, basin, and toilet with a second toilet externally
- A small mudroom, all fully enclosed, leads to the external laundry at the rear of the home.
- Near new electric heat pump hot water system
- Mains town water connected to the home with a water tank for additional garden use
- Single-car garage, small workshop space and garden shed

At the rear of the spacious backyard is an establishing orchard of a variety of citrus and olives to name a few.

This neat home has so much to offer the first home buyer, retiree, or investor.

Located eight minutes to the thriving village of Meeniyan, 16 minutes to South Gippsland's major township of Leongatha and centrally based to the Latrobe Valley or the beaches of Inverloch or Waratah Bay.

For further information and to arrange an inspection, by appointment only, please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate at 0429 045 632.

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9 Miller Street, **Dumbalk**
For Sale \$455,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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- Restored 1876 homestead.
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\$995,000

MEENIYAN



- 24HA / 60 acres (approx.) Grazing
- Ideal fattening & turnout block
- Flat to undulating, sheltered and warm
- Complete stockyards & great fencing
- Exc. water, dams & troughs

\$795,000

BUFFALO



- 23 acres - forest, wetlands & pasture
- Contemporary homestead
- Orchard, dam, sheds + workshop
- 10 mins to Fish Creek
- Contact Andrea Adams Foster SEJ
- Ph: 0429 822 801

\$1,295,000

KROWERA



- 143 ac / 57 ha approx. grazing
- Undulating to hill country
- 8 paddocks, ideal beef & sheep
- Exc. Water, dams, springs & creek
- 10 min to Loch, 15 min to K'burra!

\$1,050,000



Diamond in the Allambee Valley

DO NOT miss the opportunity to purchase a piece of architectural brilliance situated on 3.13 acres of vibrant and purposely planted gardens and trees in stunning Allambee South.

As you step inside the prestigious architecturally designed home you get an instant feel for the quality and space it has to offer.

Enjoy breathtaking farmland views from the top story, comprising of a spacious open plan living/dining/kitchen boasting stone bench tops to the chef's kitchen along with a limestone breakfast bar, electric appliances, dishwasher and a butler's pantry to be envied.

The master suite enjoys the same exquisite views and features a walk-in robe and ensuite with double stone vanity, heated towel rail, shower and separate toilet.

The remaining bedrooms all boast stunning views and built-in robes, and the office includes built-in cabinetry. The central family bathroom with high-quality finishes has a corner spa, large no-step shower, stone vanity, heated towel rail and separate toilet with basin, whilst the laundry has plenty of bench and cupboard space plus an exterior coat room.

It doesn't stop there! Meander downstairs to find an enormous rumpus room/games room complete with a bar built from limestone, reverse cycle air-conditioning, gas log fire, in-built speakers and a toilet! The triple garage can also be accessed from the bottom story which leads to an abundance of under-house storage!

Additional features to complete this home include:

- Three-phase ducted reverse cycle air conditioning (zoned)
- Double-glazed windows
- Ducted vacuum system

- Near new electric hot water system
- Oversized second double garage with automatic roller doors
- Under house garden shed

The exterior of the home is built in quality Western Australian Limestone blocks and access to the home is provided by a concrete drive leading to all garages and right up to the front door!

The picturesque gardens need to be seen to be truly appreciated and are bordered by magnificent bluestone rock walls. It provides terrific bursts of colour and a stunning outlook from the covered outdoor entertaining area including a spacious extended patio area, as well as the elevated balcony spanning the entire length of the front of the house. If that isn't enough, an impressive orchard is home to a variety of fruit trees and berries and the property also has Tarwin River access!

If shed space is what you are after, consider this a dream come true! There is an enormous 36m x 12m (approx.) shed separated into two sections (one being insulated) with a 6.3m high carport attached spanning the entire length of the shed. There is an office at the front and the entire shed is completely concreted with three-phase power. In addition to this, there is a 9m x 6m shed. To make the most of this impressive roof space, the property has an amazing 13 water tanks (325,000 litres), meaning access to water is no issue! There is a huge flat area between the sheds and the home, which is great for parking, vehicle storage or even turning trucks.

This iconic contemporary residence is perfect for large families, people who run a business from home, or those who appreciate luxury living amidst private, tranquil surroundings. Contact us today to find out more!



4 2 5 3.13 acres

16 Harveys Rd, Allambee South
For Sale \$2,200,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196



For Sale

700 Ruby Arawata Road, Ruby

THE PERFECT LIFESTYLE AWAITS

- 7 picturesque acres with rural views
- Modern family home, 5 bedrooms & 3 living
- 12m x 6m lock up shed plus dbl carport
- Beautifully landscaped gardens

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$1,295,000

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For Sale

7 Mountain Ash Drive, Korumburra

ONLY TWO YEARS YOUNG!

- Two separate, light filled living areas
- Modern kitchen & covered outdoor area
- Dbl garage plus off street parking space
- Level 674m2 block with rear access

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\$735,000

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For Sale

17 Watson Road, Leongatha

WATSON ROAD STORAGE UNITS

- Established business with excellent return
- 27 unit complex with low vacancy
- Currently returning 7%
- Good security with high fencing

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$850,000

Ray White

Michael Hanily



For Sale

5/10-12 Bellingham Street, Leongatha

JUST A STONES THROW FROM MAIN STREET

- Highly sought after location
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen with AC
- 2 bedrooms plus central bathroom
- Single garage plus off street parking

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$420,000

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For Sale

9 Arcadia Crescent, Leongatha, Leongatha

YOUR NEW HOME AWAITS

- Modern home with ample space & storage
- Light filled open plan kitchen/living/dining
- Covered outdoor entertaining area
- Fantastic 989m2 block in quiet court

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$790,000

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For Sale

23 Eccles Way, Leongatha

THE PERFECT FAMILY HOME DOES EXIST

- 803m2 block with views over farmland
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen plus media room
- Covered outdoor alfresco & dbl garage
- Access through garage to rear yard with shed

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$750,000

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Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Kasey Bowman



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Renovated coastal haven

WELCOME to 34 Smythe Street, Corinella – where modern elegance meets coastal comfort on a spacious 958m² allotment. This tastefully renovated home invites you into a world of contemporary living with thoughtful design and luxurious features.

As you step inside, the open-plan kitchen and dining area set the tone for the home's welcoming atmosphere. The kitchen boasts modern conveniences such as electric cooking, a dishwasher, and a convenient servery window. Enjoy cosy gatherings around the wood heater in this space, creating a warm and inviting ambience.

The lounge area is a perfect retreat with its own wood heater and a split system for year-round comfort. Large bifold doors seamlessly connect the indoors to the outdoor entertaining area, creating a harmonious blend of indoor and outdoor living. A dedicated bar area extends the entertainment options, providing a delightful spot to unwind and socialise.

For those who work from home, a well-appointed study area offers enough room for two, ensuring a productive and comfortable workspace. The home features three large bedrooms, with the master suite standing out with a built-in day bed, open glass skylights, a walk-in robe, and a classy ensuite.

The main bathroom serves the remaining bedrooms and is designed for relaxation, featuring an open shower, a separate bath, and open glass skylights that bathe the space in natural light.

Step outside to discover a new deck area, complete with a built-in kitchen that includes a pizza oven and BBQ – an ideal setting for outdoor entertaining. The shedding has been thoughtfully lined, providing a versatile space perfect for a home gym or studio.

Additional outdoor amenities include an outdoor shower, ample secure parking, and beautifully landscaped gardens that enhance the overall charm of the property. Enjoy the convenience of being not far from the Corinella boat ramp, indulge in swimming at Coronet Bay, and take advantage of being only 20 minutes from Philip Island. Plus, with just a 90-minute drive from Melbourne, this coastal haven offers both a peaceful retreat and easy access to urban amenities. Don't miss the opportunity to make this home your dream coastal residence.

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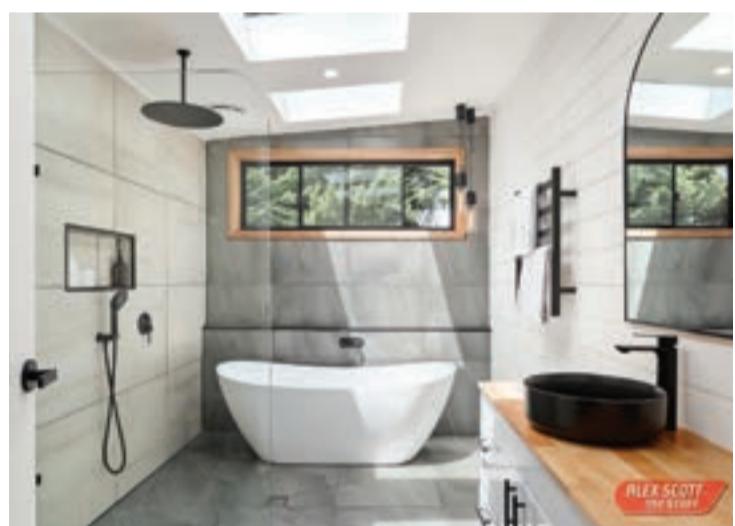
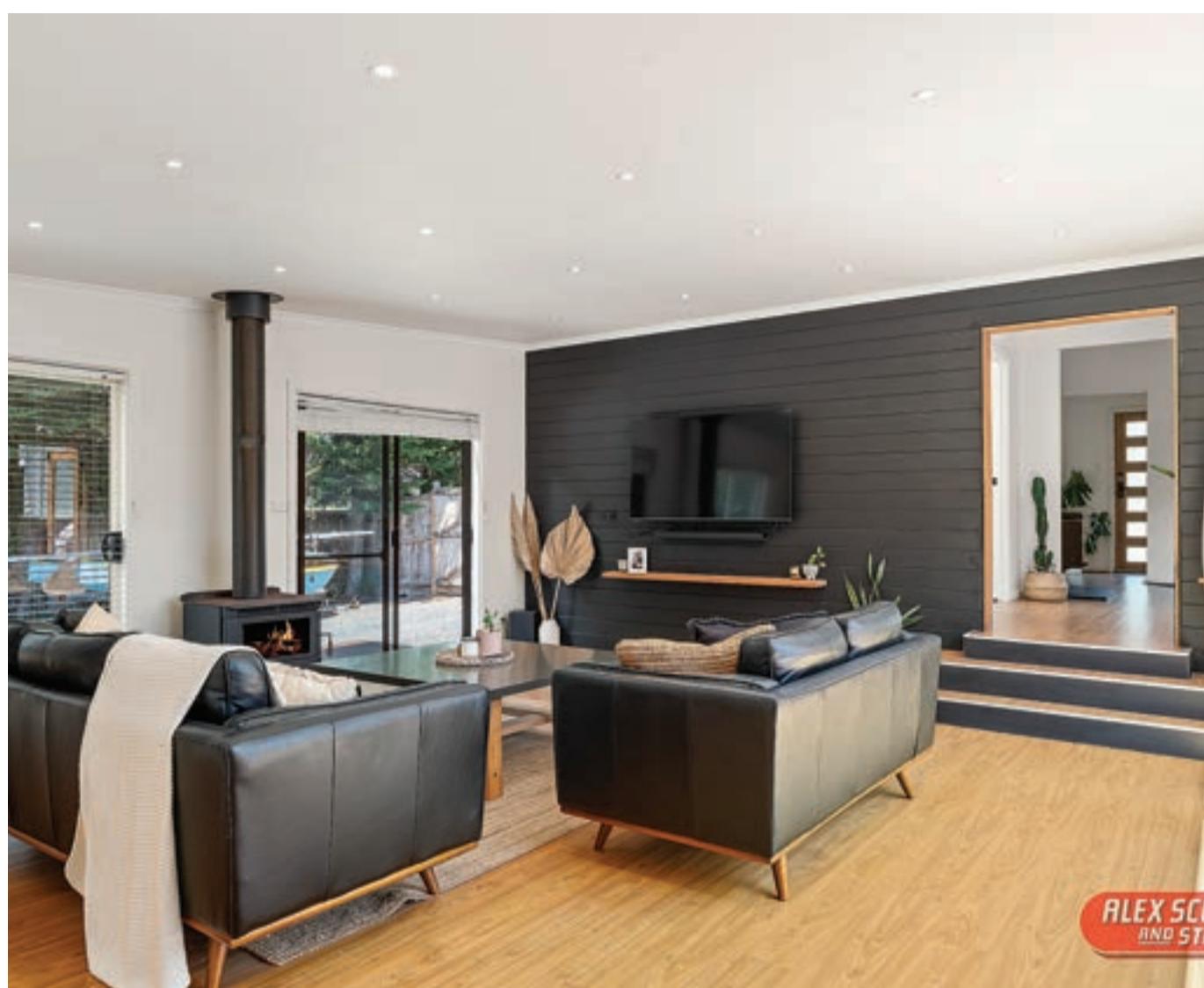
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958m²

34 Smythe Street, Corinella

Price \$750,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff Grantville
Hayley Stephenson 0427 799 554



Much sought after location

12 QUEEN Street, Korumburra... right in the centre of town!! Situated on a large (15.5m x 57.3m) flat block with rear access, this well-maintained property is central to all town amenities and is a great investment, full stop. Features renovated kitchen with dishwasher and gas cooking, separate lounge with reverse cycle heating and cooling and gas heating, three good sized bedrooms, sunroom and renovated bathroom. Externally there are established trees plus a semi-enclosed carport and garden shed. Here's your chance to reside in Korumburra's premier street. It is currently tenanted on a month-to-month tenancy agreement with A Grade tenants. Inspections by appointment with ample notice, please.

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3 | 1 | 2 876m²

12 Queen Street, Korumburra
Price \$525,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Korumburra,
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898



WONTHAGGI



80-82 McKenzie Street

- Great opportunity here
- 2 homes, 2 titles
- Close to Wonthaggi CBD

\$1,350,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

MIRBOO NORTH



10 Laura Rise

- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, 5 car
- Family home on 1+ acre
- Pool, studio, shedding & more

\$940,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



12 Queen Street

- Prime Position
- Flat 876m² block
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom

\$525,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

PIONEER BAY



21 Kallay Drive

- 3 generous bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- Single garage plus separate studio
- Well maintained with modern style

\$575,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



16 Daryl Avenue

- Entertainers delight with modern renovations
- 3 bed, 2 bathrooms
- Pool and spa

\$650,000 - \$670,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

KORUMBURRA



6 Commonwealth Avenue

- Quiet location
- 4 bedroom/ 1 bathroom brick
- Indoor/Outdoor entertaining area

\$555,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

CORONET BAY



1 Bass Horizon Prom

- Ready to move in - 3 bed 1 bath
- Approx 1km stroll to sandy beach
- Generous sized yard with garden shed

\$549,000

Contact: Grantville Office

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Farmers to gather for a parma

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council invites local farmers to come together at the upcoming 'Parma for a South Gippsland Farmer' event.

The event will be held on Monday, July 22, from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the Mirboo North Hotel and has been organised in partnership with Agriculture Victoria.

It is more than just a culinary experience.

It provides an opportunity to connect and share stories after the recent storm events that impacted South Gippsland earlier this year, strengthening bonds and fostering resilience over a classic chicken parma.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for our local farmers to get together after what has been an extremely challenging six months," Mayor Cr Clare Williams said.

"Speaking out about difficulties and personal battles may not come naturally to many, but I hope that this evening will guide people in the right direction for solace and support if needed. It will also be a great night to enjoy a classic chicken parma and a good ol' chin wag."

Special guest speaker Warren Davies – founder of the Unbreakable Farmer – will be in attendance to share his insights and engage in conversation with local farmers.

He is one of Australia's leading rural mental health speakers and advocates.

He will share his own personal story, which is one of resilience, persistence and determination – a story so very important at a time when stress, depression and burnout is an everyday occurrence.

His resilience and commitment to supporting rural communities make him an inspiring figure for all attendees.

This event is more than just a meal; it's a chance to unwind, connect with others who understand the unique challenges of farming, and gain valuable insights and support fellow community members, local businesses and organisations who are dedicated to supporting our farming community.

The evening is also an opportunity to connect with representatives from various agricultural support agencies who will be present to offer resources and assistance.

Attendance is free, however spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

Please register in advance by visiting form.jotform.com/241838127156863.



Attendees follow the action at Leongatha's store sale on Thursday. A12_2924

Business as usual at Leongatha Saleyards

LEONGATHA Saleyards' adjustment following the end of cattle sales in Pakenham has begun smoothly, with Thursday's store sale also exhibiting healthy signs for the current cattle market.

President of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association, Simon Henderson was upbeat after the sale.

"The market's looking very good and with some more widespread rain everywhere, that's certainly boosted confidence," he said.

Simon elaborated that heavier steers in the 450 kilos plus bracket were firm on the previous sale a fortnight ago, at which their value rose impressively, with lighter well-bred cattle taking a big lift of 30 cents a kilo on Thursday, making up to \$4.50 a kilo.

He explained that demand from feedlot operators, keen to buy well-bred Angus steers ideally between 450 and 500 kilos has helped drive the rising prices.

"A lot of areas of the State that would normally try and fatten a few cattle haven't had any rain, in a big arc from Portland, through the western district, right round to the northeast," Simon said, explaining that has raised supply concerns for those running feedlots, increasing prices.

"Steers that were 500 kilos, straight blacks (Angus), made up to \$4.06 per kilo at the last sale, and because they've gone up and we've had a bit of rain, they've dragged

up the price of the younger cattle," he said.

As for the post-Pakenham transition period, the existing close relationship between agents there and in South Gippsland has helped ensure a smooth process.

Being the middle of July, the seasonal drop in numbers has ensured the Leongatha Saleyards can cope comfortably.

While there were some initial concerns expressed about the change in sale days at Leongatha, with fat sales shifting from Wednesday to Tuesday and store sales moving from Friday to Thursday, that sentiment has largely disappeared.

"With the significant lift in prices this month, that's taken any discussion of the fact the days changing may have been a failure to 'that's old news,'" Simon said, noting that had prices dropped, it would have been easy to blame the change of days.

Vendors venturing to Leongatha from Pakenham are leaving with smiles on their faces, Simon observed, also commenting on an increase in buyers from West Gippsland re-entering the market on Thursday as spring approaches.

"We haven't had too much negative press from the carriers or the buyers and everything's running quite smoothly; the VLE is busy working away, improving holding pens out the back," he said.

"It's just business as usual," Simon declared, with people largely taking the changes in their stride.

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Weaners lift at first Thursday Store Sale

AGENTS yarded around 3000 cattle at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha Store sale in another good quality offering.

Most of the regular feedlot buyers were in attendance and operating with extra demand coming from local graziers.

Prices for the extra heavy steers held firm. The feedlot weighted angus steers 400kg to 550kg attracted strong support

By the SGSAA

again making \$3.80 to \$4.40 to be fully firm with odd sales a whisker better.

Weaner steers and heifers were the improvers on the day with prices lifting 20 to 30 cents and odd sales more. Xbred and secondary types were all dearer along with the cows and calves.

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Grazing Developments 10 BB	392kg	\$3.82	\$1500
Dunburgh Ag 20 Ang	384kg	\$4.17	\$1600
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Dunburgh Ag 20 Ang	373kg	\$4.29	\$1600
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Mabu Pty Ltd 18 Ang	350kg	\$3.77	\$1320
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McKinna 12 Ang	436kg	\$3.23	\$1410
Pocklington 13 Ang X	395kg	\$3.29	\$1300
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Kennington Park 16 Ang	383kg	\$3.18	\$1200
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Stringer 16 Ang	333kg	\$3.00	\$1000
M & M Cattle Co 17 Ang	332kg	\$3.49	\$1160
M & M Cattle Co 20 Ang X	330kg	\$3.54	\$1170
Ja Commins & Co	330kg	\$3.09	\$1020
Wallenbeen 23 Ang	321kg	\$3.02	\$970
JA Commins & Co 20 Ang X	320kg	\$3.12	\$1000
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The Gorge Partnership 15 Ang	303kg	\$3.00	\$910
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Cows & Calves			
N & L Andrews 6x6 Ang			\$1680
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report
Monday, July 8, 2024
Jersey & Jersey x \$16 to \$35
Friesian Bulls \$30 to \$77
Friesian Heifers \$26 to \$65
Beef Bulls \$35 to \$90
Beef Heifers \$25 to \$51
Number of Calves: 184
Number purchased to rear: 19

Weaner Steers

J & P Fleming 15 Ang

420kg \$3.92 \$1650



Road concerns exacerbated by extra cattle trucks

DURING Thursday's cattle sale at the Leongatha Saleyards, the mood was generally positive regarding changes forced by the closure of the Pakenham Saleyards but some concerns were raised about the resultant increased truck traffic and its impacts on South Gippsland roads.

Managing director of Storr Transport in Toora, Stuart Storr sees the extra cattle that will be sold at Leongatha as a big positive, noting good numbers of cattle attracts premium buyers but called for State Government action to ensure South Gippsland's major roads are fit for purpose.

"Some of the culverts are absolutely knackered and there's one at Toora under the highway that has been broken for two years," he said, describing that one as a ripper and saying it nearly bounces drivers out of their trucks.

Stuart also said extensive work is required at Stony Creek to redo the road.

Mirboo North's Scott Rae was at the Leongatha Saleyards to sell cattle, and was upbeat about the future, saying more cattle will mean more buyers.

"The only problem I see is the increased traffic on the highway," he said, noting the Victorian Government needs to fix the road.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, who devotes much of his time to campaigning for improvements to the region's roads, also recently stressed the transfer of significant cattle trading activity to Leongatha increases the urgency to fix the South Gippsland Highway.

"Many of the cattle previously sold at Pakenham came from West Gippsland, the Yarra Valley and the small-acre farming areas on the outskirts of Melbourne, as well as from parts of the north east; many of these cattle will now be coming to Leongatha and that is going to put more pressure on the South Gippsland Highway," Mr O'Brien said.



Managing director of Storr Transport, Stuart Storr wants to see action to bring South Gippsland's roads up to scratch, stressing that is all the more important with extra cattle trucks coming to the Leongatha Saleyards. A13_2924

"This includes the disastrous 'Kamikaze Corner' in Leongatha, which is bad enough for small vehicles, but becomes even more complicated for trucks, including livestock carriers; I've been calling on the government for some time to fix this intersection and the Pakenham closure only increases the need for this to be done."

Mr O'Brien noted the prevalence of potholes on the South Gippsland Highway and stressed that with more trucks on the road, the government needs to pay greater attention to ensure it is fit for purpose.

President of South Gippsland Stock Agents, Simon Henderson acknowledged road improvements are needed, highlighting the South Gippsland Highway, and the road across to Traralgon, and down to Yarram and beyond as areas requiring attention.

"Not all the cattle are going to come from Pakenham to Leongatha but there certainly will be added truck pressure," he said, adding there are ever-increasing numbers of trucks on the road for all sorts of transportation requirements, not just for livestock.

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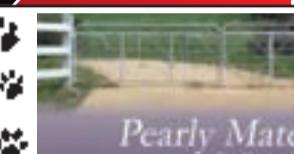
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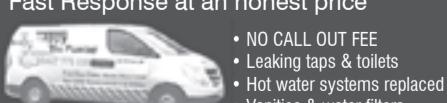
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DAL LAGO (nee Daly), Kathleen:

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PATRONI, John Robert:

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Harvey named in Vic Country Emerging Players Squad

CRICKET Victoria has unveiled its latest wave of talented young players with the announcement of the 2024/2025 U19 male emerging players programs, and young Wonthaggi cricketer Jarvis Harvey has been selected.

Last year Jarvis was in the under 19 as a bottom ager, he's played all the way through the under 17's and is now in the under 19's.

Rob Geyer explained that last year Jarvis was coming back from stress fractures, so he's only been allowed to fully bowl his allotment of overs before the carnival.

Jarvis has returned from a 10-training tour of India and will continue playing district cricket in Melbourne.

With the National Championships set to be held in December, this year's metro and country squads will be led by Cricket Australia U19's squad members Harry Hoekstra, Archie Lalor, Christian Howe, Vishwa Ramkumar and Geelong's Ollie Peake.

Cricket Victoria Male Talent Development Manager, Tom Evans, said both squads were looking forward for the opportunities ahead.

"I'm excited for the U19 emerging program to get underway, we look forward to developing these young athletes holistically over the coming season and challenging them to continually improve as cricketers and people," said Evans.

"We're thrilled for the opportunity to help strengthen their development alongside our Victorian Premier Clubs and



Jarvis Harvey was named in the VIC Country U19 emerging player's squad.

having the players learn from some the quality coaches and staff we are lucky to have working right across Victoria's cricket system."

The squads will be mentored by Former first-class player and experienced Dandenong and Geelong Premier Coach, Nick Speak, former Ryder Medallist and CV Talent Specialist, James Miller, and current and former Victorian players Xavier Crone, Travis Dean and Jon Holland.



Bruce claimed the San Remo Butchers meat tray.

adding to the excitement of each match. The league now eagerly anticipates next week's Lightning Premiership trophy, where teams will face off in rapid-fire 801 games.

Darts drama unfolds

THE Phillip Island and Districts Darts League witnessed a night of high-stakes action and unexpected twists as the Breakers stunned the top-ranked That's All in a nail-biting 4-3 victory. The electric atmosphere at the darts centre was palpable as players and spectators alike were treated to a showcase of skill, strategy, and sheer determination.

In other matches, the Riverboys dominated the Dart Vaders 6-1, while Storm swept the Mustangs in a decisive 7-0 win. The Jammers narrowly edged out Joe's Hornets 4-3 in another closely contested battle.

Individual brilliance shone through as Paul Gleeson, filling in for That's All, hit a perfect 180, while John Cashen of the Mustangs impressed with a remarkable 171. The night wasn't just about the competition, as Bruce Atkins from Dart Vaders claimed the coveted San Remo Butchers meat tray in the raffle, and Peter Murphy continued his lucky streak by winning the beer prize.

As the season progresses, players' improvements have been evident,

Razzle dazzle and remarkable efforts in semi finals

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis Semi Finals saw Team Blue hold onto favouritism form and shake off a most determined Team Green whilst Team Black overcame a formidable Pink.

Justin from Blue brought his customary razzle dazzle whilst his sidekicks Leanne and Fred ably supported with their stoic style, especially in both doubles that ultimately proved the difference. In one of the best singles matches of the year, Andrew D from Green challenged the boss croc Justin with his own brand of hustle and bustle. Andrew pinched the second set and an upset loomed. But Justin steadied, wrapped his deftness and divinity around the contest, bedazzled the onlookers with a typical death roll and finally vanquished the gallant Andy D. A remarkable effort from Char-

ley to win 15 to 13 in the fifth against a so very brave Leanne. So brave.

Black prevailed against Pink in both doubles matches which was essential to winning through to the Grand Final. Nick from Pink led his team winning all three singles including a five-set epic against Jolly Kimmings. However, it was Jolly's energy and effort in both doubles, coupled with Sean's two singles wins that had Team Black singing their victory song, whoa black betty bam-ba-lam.

Next week's Grand Final, Black v Blue, will be a doozy.

Wayne Costello - Rest in Peace - May the creatures of your sleep raise up and dance with you and guide you to where the lines never tangle.

Blue d Green 6 to 4
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Gippslanders encouraged to get on their bikes for Pedal & Plant Day

GET on your bike and plant some trees at South Gippsland Landcare Network's (SGLN) Pedal & Plant Day on Sunday July 28. SGLN's Pedal & Plant is an annual ride and tree planting event held on National Tree Day.

It encourages the community to get outdoors and improve their mental health by cycling, or walking, on the Great Southern Rail Trail and planting trees.

This year, Pedal & Plant will be held at Kardella, just five kilometres from Korumburra - the perfect distance for a family bike ride!

There will be kids activities, and the tree planting will be followed by a free barbecue lunch provided by the Leongatha Rotary Club.

The event is hosted by SGLN in partnership with Arawata Landcare Group and supported by a South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grant.

Please register for catering purposes by visiting the National Tree Day website, treeday.planetark.org

Park at either Korumburra or Ruby and ride your bike to Kardella in time for the tree planting at 10am.

Details:

When: Sunday July 28 from 10am

Where: Kardella, just 5km from Korumburra

Register: treeday.planetark.org

More info: Jane MacKenzie Smith - 0419 761 531

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San Remo/Phillip Island Bridge inspections

Traffic disruptions July-October 2024

We're carrying out inspections on the San Remo/Phillip Island Bridge as part of the ongoing management of this vital piece of Phillip Island's infrastructure.

Traffic impacts

A 40km/h speed limit and lane closures will be in place.

Lane closures will occur from 8pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday. Daytime inspections involving lane closures may take place during off-peak times. There will be no lane closures on Friday nights, weekends or during the Victorian school holidays.

Please look out for changed traffic conditions and allow up to five minutes extra travel time.

Expert divers will be used at times for underwater structural inspections. We will advise marine operators if there are any disruptions as part of these inspections.

Thank you for your patience as we carry out these important inspections.

More information

Visit regionalroads.vic.gov.au and search for "San Remo / Phillip Island Bridge inspections"

Email: [gippslandprojects](mailto:gippslandprojects@transport.vic.gov.au) @transport.vic.gov.au

Call: 133 778

Gippsland Soccer League

Round 11 Results – Sunday, July 14

SENIOR Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 drew Phillip Island Breakers 3, Lang Lang United 3 d Inverloch Stars 2, Korumburra City 9 d Wonthaggi United 0

Senior Womens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Phillip Island Breakers 3, Inverloch Stars 3 d Lang Lang United 1, Trafalgar Victory 5 d Mirboo North United 1

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow match abandoned v Leongatha Knights

Under 17 Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 4 d Leongatha Knights 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Phillip Island Penguins 0

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 11 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 8, Korumburra City 4 d Wonthaggi United 0, Leongatha Knights 6 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

Under 13 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3, Wonthaggi United 2 d Korumburra City 1

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Phillip Island Stingrays 5 d Leongatha Knights 3, Wonthaggi United 7 d Korumburra City 1

Under 12b Mixed: Wonthaggi United 6 d Korumburra City 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Leongatha Knights 2, Drouin Dragons Yellow 9 d Phillip Island Sharks 6, Inverloch Stars 7 d Lang Lang United 1

Round 12 Fixture

Saturday, July 20

SENIOR Mens – 7pm – Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights
Mens Reserves – 5pm – Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights

Sunday, July 21

Senior Mens – 3pm
Inverloch Stars V Wonthaggi United, Trafalgar Victory V Korumburra City

Senior Womens – 1pm
Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Mirboo North United

Mens Reserves – 1pm
Trafalgar Victory V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am
Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights, Drouin Dragons White V Phillip Island Stingrays, Phillip Island Penguins V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am
Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Penguins V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am
Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights

Under 12a Mixed – 10am
Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Penguins V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am
Drouin Dragons Yellow V Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Sharks V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

MiniRoos – Saturday, July 20

BASS Coast Hub are playing at Caldermeade from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Leongatha from 9.15am

Gippsland United U18s push Malvern City

ON SUNDAY the under 18s Gippsland United team headed to Gardiners Park Reserve Malvern to take on Malvern City, and with a few players still unavailable called up Zac Anderson, Thon Ruach and Ryder Colantuono from the under 16s.

City were the dominant team from the first whistle with most of the play in their forward half, and in the first 35 minutes had three shots and five corners.

However, some great saves by keeper Jed Foster and defenders Adam Dean and Abraham Konyi kept City scoreless, and with 10 minutes left on the clock until the half-time whistle United seemed to have more legs and had a couple of chances of scoring from through balls and two corners.

In the second half, City were lucky at the 48 minute mark when Anastasiadis grabbed the shirt of defender Dean



Adam Dean Domino's Pizza voucher (2 votes), Levi Colantuono Best on ground medal (3 votes), Abraham Konyi (1 vote).

and pulled him to the ground resulting in a one versus one with the keeper and scored.

The ref allowed this and City went one up.

Leeton Hilli copped a knock to his calf, putting him on ice

for the rest of the match.

United kept on fighting to win the ball and showed patches of great ball movement to teammates feet.

Levi Colantuono had the ball on a string and worked

hard in the midfield.

The football gods were not looking over the Gippsland lads when Spencer Boughton struck the ball rattling the post, Dylan Rosato took a free kick just outside the 18 yard box and drilled it over the four man wall, hitting the cross bar with venom, and Lucas Vick found himself in the 18 yard box with the ball but unaware of the time he had and missed the back of the net.

There was some great delivery across goals with no one there to finish.

Final score City 1 – United 0.

This Sunday July 21 Gippsland United hosts Goulburn Valley Suns FC for a 3pm kick off.

Gippsland United's other NPL results:

U12 vs Dandenong City won 4-2

U13 vs Beaumaris drew 3-3

U14 vs Northcote lost 3-2

U15 vs Ashburton lost 1-0

U16 bye

Christmas in July for Grand Ridge Rail Trail

THIS week the 'Christmas in July' themed celebration marked the 200th parkrun. There were 10 volunteers for the parkrun who supported 34 people to complete the event.

Donna completed her impressive 200th parkrun and Daniel his 100th parkrun.

There were 17 first timers and a number of tourists from the Hunter Valley, Inverloch and Melbourne. Two people outdid themselves and got a personal best in the misty, cool conditions.

Afterwards, the parkrun hosts and regular participants put on a coffee and egg and bacon roll morning tea. A generous, supportive and lovely bunch at parkrun.

Thanks to Julia who was the run director and ensured the event was smooth sailing, which is easy work when there is a team of eager to assist volunteers; Julia Groves, Brenton Hall, Jen Jackson-Hall, Alan McKenzie, Robert Nelson, Carmel Quirk, Steve Quirk, Marissa Shields, Val Smith, and Rongshang Zhang.



34 people joined in on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail 200th parkrun.



A muddy Lucy Thompson secured first place in the girls under 15 event.

Muddy victories for Newhaven College MTB

NEWHAVEN College MTB made a strong showing in round two of the Auscycling Victoria Schools Cross Country MTB series, with impressive representation across various age group categories.

There was plenty of fun in the mud as winter rains had arrived! The event attracted high participation levels from determined competitors statewide. Despite inclement weather and the timing of the event during school holidays, Newhaven MTB riders were undeterred.

Once again, the Newhaven College MTB proved its mettle by securing two first place podium finishes. With two

Newhaven College MTB Academy participants taking the ultimate prize. Miss consistent Lucy Thompson clinched first place in the under-15 girl's category, while Hamish Dakers-Hock improved on his third place in Round 1 to earn an impressive, hard-fought and convincing victory in the under-15 boys race. Another notable performance was year 1 Charlie McCabe just missing a podium in fourth in the under-nine boys.

With these valuable points secured in round two, Newhaven College MTB eagerly look to round 3 at You Yangs on Sunday August 4.

Angling Club grant to upgrade club rooms

THE Wonthaggi Angling Club is thrilled to announce that they have successfully secured a grant of \$9801 from the Victorian Fisheries Authority to reclad their club rooms. This significant contribution will help improve the club's facilities, ensuring a more welcoming and functional space for its members.

The grant was officially presented to the club by Richard Rogala from the Victorian Fisheries Authority. A special thanks goes to Casey Dennis for her dedication in preparing and submitting the grant application, which was pivotal in securing the funding.

The Wonthaggi Angling Club extends their gratitude to the Victorian Fisheries Authority for their support and to all members who have contributed to the club's ongoing success.



Holding the cheque are local MP Jordan Crugnale, Club President Stephen Howell, and Committee Member Casey Dennis.

Launch of the Inverloch Running Festival

THE Inverloch Running Festival was officially launched at Inverloch Rotary Centenary Park on Saturday, July 13, with Directors Matt Morris and Andrew Haug officiating the launch with collaborative partners, Bass Coast Shire Council and Destination Gippsland.

The inaugural Inverloch Running Festival will kick off on March 15 and 16, 2025 on the Inverloch Coastline, showcasing the natural beauty of the region.

The festival is a collaborative effort, encouraging participants to set goals and train for the annual event. During the official launch, Cr Ellis spoke of the importance of an active lifestyle and highlighted the need to share the area's beauty.

"The plan is to make this an annual event for the running calendar," explained Matt.

"We'll coordinate a marathon, a half marathon, a 14-kilometre, a five-kilometre and a two-kilometre run."

The event will be held over two days, with the five- and two-kilometre family runs held on Saturday, and the 14-kilometre, half marathon and 42-kilometre marathon on Sunday.

"They'll all start and finish at The Glade, Inverloch, except for the 14-kilometre run which will start in Cape Paterson with a run through to Inverloch," Matt explained.

"The event isn't just about running, there will be a live band and a range of entertainment across the weekend."

With the launch following the Inverloch Parkrun on Saturday morning, Cr Geoff



Launch of the Inverloch Running Festival. From left: David Elder of Destination Gippsland, Emilie Cutler (Co-ordinator of Visitor Economy and Events), Director of Inverloch Running Festival Matt Morris, Cr Geoff Ellis and Director Inverloch Running Festival Andrew Haug. Z16_2924

Ellis commended those who start their Saturday morning with a five-kilometre run, "especially those that get out in the middle of a Gippsland winter."

"The shire is proud to be working collaboratively to develop high-quality events in our region that showcase the natural beauty of the area. The Inverloch Running Festival will give participants the chance to experience this beautiful coastline and our iconic Bunrong Coastal Drive from a whole different perspective," Cr Ellis shared.

The founder of Parkrun Inverloch, Tony O'Connell was at the launch and commended Matt and Andrew on the launch of

such an event.

"One thing I really like to do is encourage both local runners and visitors to experience our coastline. It's an amazing visual experience that we've got in our backyard that many people don't know about," said Tony.

"It's hell scary running on it when there's not an event on, because there's cars and buses, so to be able to run along it with part of the road closed is going to be an amazing advantage and simply an amazing experience and I just encourage everyone to get involved."

Registrations are now open, visit inverloch.run to register.



South Gippsland Bass (SGB) Head Coach Dylan and President Janelle Croatto accepting the award for top ninth performing club in Victoria.

SGB honoured as top 10 Victorian Swim Club

SOUTH Gippsland Bass were honoured at the Swimming Victoria awards on Friday night being recognised as one of the top 10 performing clubs in Victoria, coming in at ninth spot, an impressive effort given there are over 150 registered clubs in Victoria. They were one of four regional clubs recognised in the top 10.

Head Coach Dylan and President Janelle Croatto were at the event to collect the award on behalf of the club, presented to them by Swimming Victoria President Michelle Harris, a Gippsland local who started her involvement in swimming with SGB when her children started swimming.

Dylan was thrilled with the award.

"It reflects the hard work the club has put in – everyone from the volunteers helping run the BBQ at our meet this week to the parents training to be officials so we can run our own meets and all the swimmers giving it their best. And of course, all the parents driving their kids to training and swim meets. It is a real team effort, and I am proud of the club."

"When you look at the facilities the other top 10 clubs have in comparison to us with 50-metre pools and diving blocks, to have achieved this result highlights the effort and potential of so many of our swimmers."

"We hope it helps encourage our swimmers as we head towards a few big weeks of racing with the Short Course Country, Age and Open Championships, where we hope to again have some great results."

President Janelle was pleased to see the club rewarded for their efforts.

"It is tough for our parents and swimmers, with the amount of driving they have to do for training and competing and to see the club recognised like this really makes it all worthwhile."

The club, which trains at Splash Leongatha and Wonthaggi YMCA, has 250 swimmers ranging in skill level from Development groups to National level swimmers, with a level to suit everyone, including a Fitness and Masters group.

The top 10 clubs were 1. Nunawading 2. MLC 3. Surrey Park 4. Geelong 5. Melbourne Swim Centre 6. Traralgon 7. Ballarat Gold 8. Caulfield Aquatic 9. South Gippsland Bass 10. Melbourne Vic Centre.

SGB hot heat swimmers compete

SOUTH Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimming club held their third winter meet at the Leongatha pool on Sunday morning, with swimmers of all ages focusing on achieving their personal best times.

With Country and Victorian swimming championships coming up in August and September, a multiclass of swimmers from across Victoria participated in the 'hot heat' trying to get their country and state times.

SGB president Janelle Croatto said, "We have over 120 swimmers participating today. We invite clubs from all over Victoria to compete for their personal

best. They'll all be swimming different lengths and different strokes; it's a great opportunity for the swimmers to get race experience for the championship events," she said.

"It's also a fun, social event, giving the clubs a chance to compete with friends from across Victoria."

I want to thank the parents for volunteering to coordinate the event, from officiating and timekeeping to fundraising, while the coaches focus on getting the kids to perform at their best."

Visit www.sgbswimclub.com.au to develop your swimming skills.



Gemma Cook and Brooklyn Packer ready for their 200-freestyle swim at the SGB winter meet. Z47_2924

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

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TUESDAY July 16	WEDNESDAY July 17	THURSDAY July 18	FRIDAY July 19	SATURDAY July 20	SUNDAY July 21	MONDAY July 22
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6.53am 1.40m	7.49am 1.41m	8.48am 1.42m	9.51am 1.45m	10.56am 1.49m	10.53am 0.70m	11.30am 0.78m
12.11pm 0.86m	12.56pm 0.95m	1.46pm 1.02m	2.48pm 1.07m	4.01pm 1.08m	5.25pm 1.56m	5.55pm 1.52m
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Foster Bowls Club's Winter Triples runners up were Malcolm, Sue and Ian.



Morwell's J. Bradbury, Ron and Ian were the lucky draw card winners at Foster Bowls Club.



The Wonthaggi team of Chas, K. Jones and Marty won the Winter Triples at the Foster Bowls Club.



The team of Marg Morgan, Sue Rose, Marjory Ford and Peter Morgan enjoyed a win with the Breakaway Bowls Club in Cape Paterson.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Frank Seaton, Rob Shaw and Rod Vaughan.



Runners up in the social bowls at Inverloch last Thursday were, from left, Karen Orford, John Duthie and Jenny Haydon. Absent: Christine Corrigan.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS CLUB CAPE PATERSON

THIS has been an exciting week for the newest indoor bowls club.

The official opening was Monday, July 8, at the Cape Paterson Community Hall.

Twenty-one people attended and joined on the day – thank you for all the support.

The bowlers had two games of 10 ends, with afternoon tea at the end of five ends.

Winners on the day were Wilma Marshall, Jan Clark, Jenny Baker and Chris Rose on plus 21.

Two mats had an eight-bowl count to win the end.

The club meets at the Cape Paterson Community Hall on Monday from 1pm to 4pm and on Friday from 1pm to 4pm.

Friday was another great day with 15 players turning up to enjoy a fun game.

Winners were the team of Marg Morgan, Sue Rose, Marjory Ford and Peter Morgan with a score of +12.

Well done to all concerned with the organising of the day.

See everyone at 1pm on Monday for another day of enjoyment.

FOSTER

THE July Winter Triples went off without a hitch.

Fourteen teams braved the wintry conditions.

Kindly, the rain held off and everyone enjoyed the day.

The sponsors for the day were Evans Petroleum and Oakleys White Lawyers Foster – a big thank you always goes out to the sponsors.

The winners for the day were the Wonthaggi team of Marty, Chas and K. Jones.

Runners up were the Foster team of Ian, Sue and Malcolm.

A draw from the remaining

teams cards was made for the prize of the bottles of wine.

The winning team was the guys from Morwell – Ron, Ian and J. Bradbury.

The Winter Triples continues on Thursday, August 8, with a 10am start.

Names into Noleen on 0427 928 542.

INVERLOCH

THE Inverloch Bowling Club acknowledges the recent passing of Mr Cliff Coram, who had been a valued member of the club for many years.

The club's sincere condolences are extended to Mick, his family and friends.

Thanks are extended to Mr Allan McLean who has moved to Phillip Island along with his wife, Kaye.

Allan served the club for many years in assisting with bar duties and Allan could be depended upon to make himself available to fill vacancies outside of his regular roster.

All will miss his dry sense of humour and knowledge on all topics.

The club wishes Allan and Kaye all the best at their new residence.

A reminder to all members that as the club is an official venue for the Inverloch Jazz Festival, the clubrooms will not be available on Friday, August 2, and therefore there will not be any dinner on that evening.

So, on to the bowls.

The inclement weather forecast for Thursday, July 11, saw a decline in numbers on the day, but spirits were high on green number one.

Despite the rather benign conditions, there was only one team with a win and draw and only one who won both matches.

As usual for social bowls, matches were determined by games won, followed by ends

won and shots up if required.

The runners-up, with 24 points from games of 9/9 and 10/7 were John Duthie (skip), Karen Orford (third), Jenny Haydon (second) and Christine Corrigan (lead).

The winners, who finished on 32 points from wins of 8/6 and 15/6, were Bruce Corrigan (skip), Carol Thorn (third), with the lead duties shared by Judy Parker and Steve Snelling, who each played one match.

Congratulations to the winners.

Next Thursday social bowls will be a novelty day, so come along for bowls, fun and a bit of variety.

The Club, last Friday evening, hosted the membership draw evening with another full house in attendance with \$240 up for grabs.

Randomly drawn was member 229, Margaret Wood, who regrettably wasn't in attendance at the club at the time of the draw, so we have another jackpot, to \$260 on July 26.

Member 128, Malcolm Marshall, selected the roadkill, fully plucked and packaged.

The major lucky envelope winners were Mary Ferguson and Sheila Veltmeijer, while the \$30 meat voucher from Inverloch Quality Meats went to Reg Varty.

The club extends its thanks to everyone that donated goods towards the membership draw evening.

Next Friday, July 19, is the club's roast dinner evening, which promises to be special and, given its popularity, names should be listed on the board as quickly as possible.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day for 27 of the family of bowlers at Lang Lang this week.

As usual, the bowlers were welcomed and signed in by Pauline and John while Peter and Claire

arranged the teams for the day.

It was great of John to come and sign everyone in and stay the day, even while he couldn't play this week.

The group would like to thank Marianne and Colin behind the bar, Vern for setting up as well as everyone who helped clear up at end of play (too many to remember).

Great green, great company, great quality of bowls, freezing weather, what more could you ask for?

Maybe warmer weather.

But seriously, there were some excellent bowls as the cream slowly rose to the top over the course of the day.

Meanwhile, it was fun for all and sundry as laughter and friendly banter could be heard from all quarters.

This week's winners on a score of 38 were Vern Elliott (S), Clair Sheers (3) and Frank Verco (L).

Runners up on a score of 35 were Wayne Stevens (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Louis Magri (L).

Best one game this week on a score of 25 were Max Summers (3), Raf Merante (L) and Mark Hanrahan (S).

Looking forward to the next gathering at Corinella Bowls Club next Thursday – it's always a fun day at Corinella.

With a planned start at 10.30am, it seems like another thrilling event awaits, so please be on site by 10am.

Wishing all your bowlers a safe and successful week until then.

WONTHAGGI

THE club was able to get one day's bowls this week, which is winter bowls.

Wednesday was not a good day, with rain, and in general a cold day.

Saturday was a better day, with 27 bowlers taking to the greens.

Two games of 10 ends were the order of the day, with teams of three and four.

There were two teams that were two game winners, with the winners being Frank Seaton, Rob Shaw and Rod Vaughan with a score of two wins and 34 points.

The runners up were a team of four being Allan Ireland, Stan Noad, Veronica Griffiths and Bob Cornelius with a score of two wins and 30 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday night is going well with the member's draw this week standing at \$260.

The raffles are very popular with meat trays from Wonthaggi Meats.

There are photos on the Facebook page of some of the raffle winners.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

RESULTS for the week beginning on July 9 had a total of 42 players.

Tuesday had two teams who could not be separated even on a count back.

They each had a plus 17 and won two games each.

They were Lia Smith, Judy Sweetnam, Jean Wylde, Pat Novak, Sylvia Mattock, Mary Spooner, John Rook and Bill Featherston.

Runners up on plus 10 were Betty Huitema, Jim Rodhi, John Postlethwaite and Ken Peterson – a very competitive day. Friday's winners on plus 12 were Thelma Kavanagh, Bill Featherston and Jan Milkins.

Runners up on plus 7 were Lia Smith, John Postlethwaite and Jim Wilson.

Both teams won two games each.



Korumburra Golf Club's A Grade winner +4 and men's co-captain Ian Cash and B Grade winner - 1 C/B Bob Newton with men's co-captain Roy Fleming.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winner Heather Wintle with runner up Marg Johnson.

FOSTER

A WEATHER change this week, but the golfers still got a few rounds of golf in.

The course is holding up well and scores are a little higher.

No golf was played on Tuesday.

On Thursday, Larry Giddy (18) won on a c/b with 34 points.

NTP on 17th was John Collins. DTL went to James Marks (20) 34 points and John Stone (19) 33 points.

The nine-hole comp winner was Kelly Pruy (33) 19 points.

DTL went to Jake Pilkington (15) 17 points and Bernie Esser (15) 16 points on a c/b.

One birdie for the competition went to Ryan Williams on the 17th.

Saturday was a Medley event sponsored by IGA.

The golfers played six holes Canadian, six holes American, and six holes Ambrose.

The winners were Ness Roberts and Leigh Roberts with 60.5.

NTPs were fourth Kevin Flett, sixth Peter Dight, 13th Anthony Wignal, 15th Peter Dight and 17th Leigh Roberts.

DTL went to Logan Roberts and John Pruy 63.5, and Keith Armstrong and Trevor Jones 65.5.

This Saturday is a three-ball Gentsomes.

In this game, you all drive then pick the best one all hit from there and play your ball to the hole.

The best two Stableford scores count on the card.

You have to have four drives each for the round.

Singles K/O matches are to be played by the end of July.

Please take a sand bucket and fill in divots on the course, thanks.

Good golf all, Kiwi.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, July 9.

No competition.

Thursday, July 11:

Stableford: 13 players.

Winner: Mick Belvedere (21) 38 points.

NTPs: first Tim Fowles, seventh Chris McConnell, 10th Tim Fowles and 13th Brian Clasby.

Saturday, July 13:

Par: 23 players.

Sponsor: Paul and Wally Hopkins.

A Grade: Ian Cash (16) +4.

B Grade: Bob Newton (25) -1 C/B.

NTPs: first Mat Wrigley, seventh Mat Wrigley, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Mat Wrigley.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 9: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round saw just 17 members/guests bravely taking to the course on

a wet and miserable day for golf.

A Grade winner: Ethan Lamers (10) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Ryan Williams (7) with a score of 36 points.

Thursday, July 11: SG Homes Stableford.

Thursday's cold start saw 66 members/guests playing a Stableford event.

Thanks to another great sponsor of Leongatha Golf Club in SG Homes, providing an excellent array of vouchers for the winners and placegetters.

A Grade winner: John McInnes (12) with a score of 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Michael Thomas (0) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Ian Barlow (16) with the high score of the day of 39 points.

B Grade runner up: Fred De Bondt (16) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Alan Black (20) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Peter Waters (22) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: John Ryan at .33m. NTP 14th: John Moor at 2.68m. NTP 16th: John McInnes at 1.75m.

Saturday, July 13: Stableford.

Saturday was a Stableford event with 76 members/guests taking to the course.

A Grade winner: Andrew Henley (10) with a score of 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Jason Dennerley (12) with a score of 36 points.

B Grade winner: Bryan Royle (17) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade runner up: Bernard Skerys (17) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Mark O'Dwyer (20) with a score of 36 points.

C Grade runner up: David Barrack (22) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Ian Denham at 1.72m. NTP 14th: Nath Wardle at .40m. NTP 16th: Michael Fuller at 2.30m.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, July 11: Stableford.

A Grade: M. Woodall, (7) 41 points.

B Grade: W. Reynolds, (20) 33 points c/b.

DTL: N. Lugton 39, B. Skinner, S. Duff and G. Renwick, 37.

NTP: fourth P. Wilson, sixth C. James and 16th P. Hutchinson.

Birdies: fourth B. Skinner and J. Kus, and sixth N. Lugton, M. Woodall and M. Thompson.

Saturday, July 13: Stableford, first playoff President Trophy.

A Grade: N. Bickerton (12) 37 points.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winner Heather Wintle with runner up Marg Johnson.

B Grade: N. Whichello, (18) 38 points.

DTL: J. Robbins 37, B. Bradshaw, R. Matthews and S. Woodall 36.

NTP: fourth N. Whichello, sixth B. Bradshaw and 16th R. Matthews.

Birdies: fourth N. Bickerton, sixth G. Renwick and T. Whitelaw, and 16th R. Matthews.

Next week play is Stableford.

President Trophy, first round playoff: J. Robbins defeated S. Hill-Smith 4/3; A. Liebe defeated N. Rutledge 3/2; B. Bradshaw defeated S. Woodall 20th; M. Payne defeated S. McKenzie 3/1.

Next week: J. Robbins v A. Liebe; B. Bradshaw v M. Payne.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 11, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Grant MacKenzie 35.

Runner up: Ian Murrells 32.

BDTL to 32.

Ball sweep: Philip McCrimmon 32, Ben Clark 32, Frank Huber 32 and Martin Cox 32.

Results: Competition: Stableford front nine-hole, SR. 34.5.

Winner: Secondo Tiziani 15.

Runner up: Bill Howard 15.

BDTL to 12.

Ball sweep: Ken Cuman 13, John Davis 13, Willy Williams 13 and Ray Hender 12.

Results: July 13, S.R 71.

Competition: Stableford – first round July Cup.

A Grade: Stephen Kane 38.

B Grade: Ian Gilmour 37.

C Grade: Alan Jones 37.

BDTL to 33.

Ball sweep: Scott Williams 37, Peter Dell 37, Michael Scott 35, Glen Moresco 34, Mark Tiziani 34, Jason Sartori 34, Cam Dinger (Sandhurst) 34, Kevin Bayley 33, Allan McLean 33 and Julian Wintle 33.

NTPs: Cam Dinger second, Ron Pennefather fourth, Peter Dell propin eighth, Cameron Jury 13th and Allan McLean money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a day for the "committed golfers".

The course is finally showing its winter aspect, but well done to the small band of intrepid players who finished their 18 holes in persistent drizzle.

The daily winner was Heather Wintle (49) 30 points on countback to Marg Johnson (13) 30 points.

Marg's shot on the eighth was the only claimed NTP.

BDL Kaylene Hodgetts 28, Wendy Cross 27, Geraldine Prentice 25, Robyn Wilkinson 24 and Karen Sheerin 24.

Keefer flips to France

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"The first (ramp) wasn't for me, but it's something I was interested in doing. We had to take down the first one, and when we built the second one, I started using it more. When I started using it more, I decided I wanted to work towards making the team. It's been challenging, but I've been lucky to have these opportunities," he said.

Keefer will compete in the Park category in the Olympics.

Preparation for the Olympics began back in January last year when Keefer competed in Dubai.

It was his first overseas competition and he was nervous to compete with the best.

He went on to the semi-final in Argentina, made the finals in Rome, and went on to compete again in Dubai and Shanghai.

The top three Aussies were

selected for the nine-person team, which included Keefer, Keiren Woolley and Keegan Palmer.

The Aussies had to be ranked within the top 20 globally, and Keefer came in 11th.

"It's amazing getting to see these places and travel," Keefer said.

"I'd love to bring home a medal from Paris. I'm looking forward to representing my country. My mum and dad are coming with me, and the rest of my family will be cheering me on from home."

Keefer thanked his parents, Skate Australia and his sponsors for the opportunity to compete and their continuous support.

He also thanked Tas Pappas for mentoring him and his coach Beau Mitchell.

Don't miss Keefer representing Australia on August 6 and 7.



Beau Vernon makes his Paralympic debut for the Australian wheelchair rugby team.

Vernon named for Paralympics debut

THE Australian wheelchair rugby team named a 12-player squad in Melbourne on Wednesday last week for the Paralympics next month in Paris and picked to make his Paralympic debut is former Phillip Island local Beau Vernon.

His selection comes at the end of a massive campaign to gain Australian selection at a Paralympics, including 16 appearances with the 'Steelers', after a stellar football career, especially as a premiership coach at Leongatha and Phillip Island.

The news that Beau has gained selection has been warmly welcomed by his many friends throughout the Australian sporting scene and will no doubt bring with it additional support for the Steelers to return to their gold medal-winning best.

In an interview with the Sentinel-Times Beau shared "I'm proud to be making my Paralympic debut and to be a part of this great Australian Steelers wheelchair rugby team."

"To represent your country, it's extremely humbling and exciting," Beau said.

Beau's family will be travelling to France to support him in representing Australia.

"It's probably a big motivating factor for me in pursuing wheelchair rugby, just showing my kids that if you are passionate about something and work hard – you can go after what you love."

Beau began playing in 2013 after rehab and played for two years before going down the path

of football. However, once his life had a little more flexibility and he finished coaching he could give it back up a year and a half ago.

"It fast-tracked quickly for me, I had the experience behind me and kept myself strong. I play three times a week on the court, complete weight training twice a week and hand cycle on weekends," said Beau.

Beau and his family moved to the Sunshine Coast a year and a half ago but said, "Phillip Island will always feel like home."

The squad is led by experienced superstars Ryley Batt and Chris Bond, who were both members of the gold medal-winning Steelers teams at the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games and have played a combined total of 594 matches for Australia.

The five debutants joining the team are Brayden Foxley-Conolly, Beau Vernon, Emilie Miller, James McQuillan and Josh Nicholson and with a record three female athletes, Emilie Miller, Shae Graham and Ella Sabljak, who competed at Tokyo 2020 in wheelchair basketball.

Bond when asked if he had the team he wanted for the task ahead, said: "Absolutely".

"This team is not too dissimilar from the team at our last major tournament win, the World Championships two years ago. There are a couple of additions and adjustments. I think this is the strongest Australian squad I believe we've ever had in wheelchair rugby."

Tarwin 56 d Thorpdale 36
MDU 46 It Mirboo North 48
Fish Creek 50 d Toora 41
Yinnar 61 d Stony Creek 20
Boolarra 31 It Morwell East 60

Tarwin 35 drew Thorpdale 35
MDU 36 It Mirboo North 69
Fish Creek 44 d Toora 22
Yinnar 42 d Stony Creek 39
Boolarra 72 d Morwell East 51
Hill End 33 It Foster 43

Tarwin 82 d Thorpdale 3
MDU 40 d Mirboo North 30
Fish Creek 33 It Toora 39
Yinnar 34 d Stony Creek 11
Boolarra 27 It Morwell East 37
Hill End 34 d Foster 31

Tarwin 68 d Thorpdale 8
MDU 25 d Mirboo North 20
Fish Creek 43 d Toora 26
Yinnar 25 d Stony Creek 28
Boolarra 15 It Morwell East 34
Hill End 34 d Foster 12

MDU 50 d Mirboo North 16
Fish Creek 28 It Toora 42
Yinnar 41 d Stony Creek 19
Boolarra 55 d Morwell East 6

MDU 33 d Mirboo North 27
Fish Creek 10 It Toora 37
Yinnar 25 d Stony Creek 17
Boolarra 54 d Morwell East 11
Hill End 53 d Foster 5

MDU 20 It Mirboo North 33
Fish Creek 14 d Toora 11
Yinnar 42 d Stony Creek 2
Hill End 37 d Foster 5

A GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	155.61	46
Morwell East	151.78	46
Yinnar	184.20	44
MDU	118.38	36
Mirboo North	107.80	36
Foster	102.79	36
Newborough	108.90	28
Toora	93.66	28
Boolarra	82.94	24
Stony Creek	66.80	16
Tarwin	65.46	12
Thorpdale	43.59	8

Foster	166.45	48
Boolarra	141.82	48
Fish Creek	152.41	40
Morwell East	126.09	40
Mirboo North	130.60	36
Yinnar	99.42	28
Stony Creek	109.39	24
Hill End	109.30	24
Newborough	98.39	24
MDU	91.56	24
Toora	84.97	16
Thorpdale	41.18	6
Tarwin	40.78	6

Yinnar	178.41	52
Morwell East	132.56	40
MDU	127.57	40
Newborough	125.39	36
Toora	124.51	36
Mirboo North	132.61	32
Boolarra	103.09	28
Tarwin	134.41	26
Hill End	112.32	26
Fish Creek	90.91	20
Foster	73.05	12
Stony Creek	68.45	12
Thorpdale	15.30	4

Fish Creek	176.45	52
Stony Creek	144.33	44
Yinnar	140.57	44
MDU	126.28	32
Tarwin	122.65	32
Morwell East	121.22	30
Toora	105.67	30
Newborough	132.81	28
Mirboo North	110.50	22
Hill End	95.11	22
Boolarra	79.85	16
Foster	62.26	8
Thorpdale	14.12	4

Boolarra	224.14	52
Toora	187.50	48
Yinnar	163.71	40
MDU	159.38	36
Fish Creek	136.36	36
Hill End	77.09	36
Newborough	54.86	24
Mirboo North	64.89	20
Stony Creek	51.89	16
Morwell East	34.52	4

Toora	229.53	52
Boolarra	205.09	48
MDU	180.59	40
Hill End	168.60	38
Mirboo North	165.25	38
Yinnar	148.66	36
Stony Creek	98.22	28
Foster	46.63	22
Newborough	55.37	18
Fish Creek	44.23	16
Morwell East	39.59	12
Tarwin	33.96	12

Yinnar	432.89	52
MDU	142.94	44
Hill End	201.41	40
Boolarra	125.67	40
Newborough	144.85	36
Fish Creek	107.14	36
Mirboo North	115.23	32
Tarwin	83.16	24
Toora	65.05	20
Stony Creek	34.47	16
Foster	12.73	12



Whitney Anderson looks for a teammate during Wonthaggi's C Grade defeat by Leongatha. A20_2924



Sarah Stone playing with daughters Mia Stone (left) and Evie Stone (right) over the weekend at Fish Creek.



Leongatha Goal Shooter Emma Ton has possession during the Parrots' C Grade win over Wonthaggi and finished with 13 goals. A19_2924



Erin Trewin (Poowong A Grade) leaps in Poowong's winning match against Longwarry. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Izabelle Grabham-Andrews (Poowong B Grade) took a spectacular catch against her Longwarry opponent. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Kate Sperling shoots for Leongatha as 150-gamer Jo Duscher defends for Wonthaggi, with the Parrots prevailing and Sperling finishing with 31 goals. A23_2924



Poowong's Georgia Chiavaroli A Grade finds the opening as she moved up the court. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Stacey Giliam has the ball for Leongatha early in its B Grade win against Wonthaggi. A24_2924



Jo Duscher celebrates reaching senior game 150 for Wonthaggi just before the start of B Grade action against Leongatha, being a major contributor around the club on the committee and organising umpires, having also coached. She originally played for Power in 2005 after the merger of the Blues and the Rovers. A22_2924

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RESULTS

A GRADE

N-Darnum 71 d Longwarry 36
Ellinbank 39 d Buln Buln 38
Poowong 31 lt Trafalgar 46
Neerim Sth 33 d Yarragon 20

B GRADE

N-Darnum 73 d Longwarry 23
Ellinbank 31 lt Buln Buln 37
Poowong 20 drew Trafalgar 20
Lang Lang 38 lt Nyora 39
Neerim Sth 64 d Yarragon 30

C GRADE

N-Darnum 35 d Longwarry 22
Ellinbank 52 d Buln Buln 18
Poowong 18 lt Trafalgar 25
Lang Lang 57 d Nyora 8
Neerim Sth 35 d Yarragon 28

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	172.17	44	Catani	246.81	40
Nilma-Darnum	158.59	36	Yarragon	187.26	38
Ellinbank	143.06	28	Trafalgar	155.12	38
Trafalgar	110.78	24	Poowong	173.46	36
Yarragon	92.56	20	Nilma-Darnum	163.28	32
Lang Lang	92.04	16	Longwarry	119.20	24
Buln Buln	87.55	16	Ellinbank	75.66	20
Poowong	79.74	12	Lang Lang	88.13	16
Longwarry	63.07	8	Buln Buln	72.98	12
Catani	63.88	4	Neerim South	35.44	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	9.81	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	171.39	40	Buln Buln	188.76	46
Neerim South	133.93	36	Catani	168.10	38
Buln Buln	127.55	36	Lang Lang	157.08	32
Nilma-Darnum	119.33	36	Poowong	146.34	32
Trafalgar	117.90	34	Trafalgar	109.59	28
Catani	103.26	24	Neerim South	108.46	28
Lang Lang	118.55	20	Nilma-Darnum	107.24	24
Poowong	83.04	18	Yarragon	107.19	20
Nyora	74.54	10	Ellinbank	64.67	8
Longwarry	51.48	4	Longwarry	58.55	4
Yarragon	67.85	2	Nyora	4.55	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	171.10	44	Buln Buln	666.67	44
Lang Lang	170.61	44	Lang Lang	252.38	40
Ellinbank	191.92	40	Poowong	214.29	40
Catani	155.51	32	Yarragon	198.69	40
Nilma-Darnum	144.09	32	Longwarry	125.13	24
Yarragon	104.68	20	Trafalgar	123.35	24
Trafalgar	84.90	20	Nilma-Darnum	97.33	16
Buln Buln	86.86	16	Ellinbank	93.06	16
Poowong	70.53	8	Neerim South	69.64	12
Longwarry	74.59	4	Catani	16.09	4
Nyora	16.55	0	Nyora	2.63	0

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Drouin 57 d Bairnsdale 37
Morwell 35 lt Moe 51
Wonthaggi 44 lt Warragul 52
Traralgon 43 d Leongatha 37
Sale 40 d Maffra 29

B GRADE

Drouin 55 d Bairnsdale 42
Morwell 38 lt Moe 46
Wonthaggi 52 d Warragul 44
Traralgon 31 lt Leongatha 41
Sale 43 d Maffra 25

C GRADE

Drouin 39 d Bairnsdale 26
Morwell 33 d Moe 27
Wonthaggi 29 d Warragul 17
Traralgon 34 d Leongatha 28
Sale 27 lt Maffra 38

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	169.98	48	Traralgon	216.13	48
Drouin	142.53	40	Leongatha	182.31	40
Warragul	121.90	36	Bairnsdale	137.20	36
Traralgon	111.87	30	Sale	128.45	32
Wonthaggi	103.79	24	Drouin	122.02	28
Bairnsdale	96.51	24	Wonthaggi	100.72	24
Leongatha	96.17	16	Maffra	84.82	16
Morwell	93.97	14	Moe	56.31	12
Sale	64.00	6	Morwell	55.64	4
Maffra	46.01	2	Warragul	36.09	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Drouin	136.60	44	Bairnsdale	214.23	46
Traralgon	128.04	40	Sale	161.61	46
Leongatha	153.21	38	Traralgon	176.27	36
Moe	119.64	34	Moe	122.43	28
Sale	93.21	26	Maffra	97.41	24
Wonthaggi	102.84	22	Drouin	80.24	20
Warragul	96.77	16	Wonthaggi	77.30	20
Morwell	87.11	14	Morwell	66.45	12
Maffra	51.87	6	Leongatha	64.09	8
Bairnsdale	70.42	0	Warragul	50.63	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Drouin	150.86	46	Leongatha	200.40	44
Morwell	139.77	46	Traralgon	200.91	38
Maffra	109.02	32	Maffra	185.16	36
Traralgon	105.77	32	Sale	220.20	34
Wonthaggi	113.32	24	Moe	173.31	28
Leongatha	103.75	24	Bairnsdale	132.72	24
Moe	90.86	12	Drouin	72.94	16
Bairnsdale	84.51	12	Wonthaggi	29.35	16
Sale	62.83	8	Morwell	28.87	4
Warragul	65.61	4	Warragul	14.54	0

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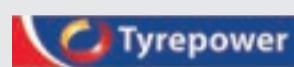
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POOWONG LONGWARRY

Poowong 4.3 6.9 6.9 8.10 (58)
Longwarry 3.3 3.4 7.6 10.9 (69)

GOALS, Poowong: Steve McInnes 4, Lachlan Waters 2, Zac Gray, Thomas Burgess 1 each.

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Mitchell van't Hof, Steven McInnes, Mitch Molloy, Thomas Burgess, Rory Pattison.

GOALS, Longwarry: Jason Wells 5, Braydon McHugh, Cooper Brown 2, Kane Oldham 1.

BEST: Angus Adamiak, Liam Kirkman, Cole Cook, Bailey Stephens, Jason Wells, Cooper Brown.

RESERVES

Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 (6)
Longwarry 6.4 12.7 15.11 22.14 (146)

GOALS, Poowong: No goal scorers listed.

BEST: Connor King, Damian Barreto, Daniel Whelan, Rhys Schulz, Daniel McDonald, Matthew Cozzio.

GOALS, Longwarry: Lusac Kallady 6, Brock Stanfield, Paul Williams 4, Luke Clarkson 3, Zach Murphy, Mitchell Young, Jackson Mouser, Dominic Keane, Jake Patching 1 each.

BEST: Josh Collett, Lucas Kallady, Zach Murphy, Angus Young, Cody Coad, Luke Clarkson.

THIRDS

Poowong 3.1 5.2 9.3 9.5 (59)
Longwarry 1.2 2.6 2.6 2.12 (24)

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 4, Bryce Riddell 3, William Dowel, Benjamin Fowler 1 each.

BEST: Bryce Riddell, Rory Nettle, Anthony Orsini, William Dowel, Josh Hall, Noah Furness.

GOALS, Longwarry: Seth Knights, Wil Taylor 1 each.

BEST: Seth Knights, Josh Downes, Kieren Willis, Bailey Hill, Jack Gilbert, Tyler Hickford.

FOURTHS

Poowong 3.3 4.5 7.9 8.9 (57)
Longwarry 0.3 0.5 0.5 3.7 (25)

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 3, Troy Nieuwerth, Lachie Moriarty, Henri Bott, Kohens Gilliatte, Luke Nieuwerth 1 each.

BEST: Troy Nieuwerth, Lochie Wilson, Cruze Deal, Luke Nieuwerth, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Kohens Mandemaker.

GOALS, Longwarry: Danny Cannon, Benny Mayepi, Van Wilson 1 each.

BEST: Ethan Seskis, Van Wilson, Tarkyn Gilbert, Radd Knight, Ryder Comben, Thomas Ball.

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB


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NEERIM SOUTH NYORA

Neerim South 4.7 7.12 14.13 18.16 (124)
Nyora 0.0 1.0 1.0 3.1 (19)

GOALS, Neerim South: Jeremiah Jones 4, Tom Muir 3, Chris Urie, Matthew Roberts, Kai Mounse 2, Cooper Clancy, Kody Wilson, Luke Kinder, Tyssen Morrow, Ayden Ramm 1 each.

BEST: Kody Wilson, Jack Blakey, Tom Muir, Brock Dorling, Matthew Roberts, Jeremiah Jones.

GOALS, Nyora: Jordan Anderson 2, Trent Wheller 1.

BEST: Jordan Anderson, Lincoln Brock, William McGindie, Jesse Heylen, Lucas Lee, Charlie Moller.

RESERVES

Neerim South 9.6 13.11 18.15 23.17 (155)
Nyora 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Neerim South: Toby Bayne 5, Eddie McGillivray 4, Jackson Williams 3, Luke Bottom, Isaac Guy, Jack Erickson 2, Chad Owen, Declan Bagot, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Ethan Busse, Jack Hamilton 1 each.

BEST: Eddie McGillivray, Jackson Williams, Ethan Busse, Luke Bottom, Declan Bagot, Timothy Beaureain.

BEST, Nyora: No Best Players selected.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Ellinbank 8.8.56 d Trafalgar 5.4.34
Lang Lang 15.14.104 d Catani 6.7.43
Bulin Buln 25.25.175 d Yarragon 2.5.17

RESERVES

Ellinbank 5.19.49 d Trafalgar 3.3.21
Lang Lang 23.13.151 d Catani 2.1.13
Bulin Buln 24.22.166 d Yarragon 0.5.5

THIRDS

Ellinbank 9.7.61 d Trafalgar 4.2.26
Neerim Sth 8.4.52 d Buln Buln 0.4.4
Catani 9.9.63 d Lang Lang 4.5.29

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 13.17.95 d Trafalgar 0.2.2
Neerim Sth 14.10.94 d Lang Lang 2.5.17
Bulin Buln 17.10.112 d Yarragon 2.2.14

Longwarry launch in premiership quarter to overhaul Poowong

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Longwarry in all four grades of football and six grades of netball, a great effort by both clubs to field teams at all levels. Seniors were forced to make one change in David O'Neill, out Pat Doran (shoulder) still fielding a very young team with several injuries and players unavailable. The day was cold with some rain about and the ground soft with little breeze.

Poowong kicked to the Nyora end and were soon on the board with Zac Gray finding the big opening early. Longwarry replied with a goal from a free kick at the end of the square. Longwarry added two goals and were looking dangerous. Poowong were determined and added a goal by Steve McInnes after receiving a pass. Jack Hazendonk passed to Steve McInnes who kicked truly, and then a free kick to Steve McInnes aided by a 50-metre penalty kicked his third and Poowong's fourth.

The rain started as the second quarter got underway and continued to half time, but this quarter belonged to Poowong as they worked hard keeping Longwarry to a point while they scored two goals six, from Tom Burgess and Steve McInnes. Jack Hazendonk was everywhere, the defence was strong, and Steve McInnes was strong up forward as everyone in the team battled hard in the conditions.

Longwarry players were asked to lift, and they came out determined as the sun appeared. Longwarry added four goals two with Poowong failing to score, despite their efforts. Three-quarter time Longwarry was three points in front with a great last quarter in front of us.

Poowong lost Zac Gray to a heavy accidental knock holding up play and robbing Poowong of one of their senior players, Longwarry took advantage and added a point followed by a goal. Poowong came back with a goal to Lachie Waters before Longwarry added two goals to open the margin. Poowong's Lachie Waters kicked his second reducing the margin as the siren sounded for the game. Longwarry won by eleven points.

A good effort by the young Poowong side against a top-four contender in Longwarry who have been scoring heavily in their games.

Poowong had two good wins early with the Under 16's and 18's winning well, the reserves battled it out in cold conditions.

Next week off to Catani. It will be a big clash as the top two sides in the Under 18's go head to head, and the seniors and reserves work hard for wins.

The Under 16's take on Ellinbank again this week at Catani.



Senior's Mitch Molloy (Poowong) leaps mid-run to take the mark, thrilling the crowd.

Neerim South too strong for Nyora

NEERIM-SOUTH claimed a 105-point win over Nyora on Saturday.

With five people out this week, Nyora travelled to the Neerim South Recreation Reserve to compete in cold conditions.

Heavy rain early on created slippery conditions around the grounds, but the weather cleared up through the rest of the game.

Nyora was slow off the mark in the first quarter, unable to convert its opportunities and impact the scoreboard.

Neerim South was able to break away with a bit of a lead, with Nyora giving it the chance to spread across the ground easily and not manning up properly.

The defence improved in the second quarter, led by William McGindie and Lincoln Brock.

Jordan Anderson played his best game of the season through the middle.

He kicked Nyora's first goal in the second quarter and went on to kick another goal in the fourth quarter.

Nyora's third goal was kicked by Trent Wheller.

The third quarter was a tough slog for Nyora, with Neerim South adding seven more goals to its tally.

Nyora came back for a more defensive fourth quarter, slowing the play down and creating stoppages.

Neerim South still managed to add four more goals to close the game.

Nyora will face Ellinbank this Saturday.

Nyora will be determined to show its improvement during the home game, after suffering its worst loss to Ellinbank by 208 points in round five.



Thank you,
Greg

A TRUE family man, Greg was a wonderful person who lived an extraordinary life filled with adventure, laughter, and love.

A significant part of the MDU family, Greg attended countless games to cheer on Michael and Tayla and devoted much time as the resident football photographer, a role greatly appreciated by not only the MDU players, but also the Sentinel-Times.

Thank you, Greg, for sharing all your photographs with us over the years. Your contributions were invaluable.

We extend our deepest condolences to Leonie, Michael, Tayla, Connor, Marli, Kellie, Kyle, and their extended families.

Greg Smith

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 15

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Ellinbank	8.8.56	d Trafalgar	5.4.34		Bulin Buln	13	0	314.38	52	Catani	11	1	202.46	91.8	Ellinbank	12	1	432.00	92.3
Lang Lang	15.14.104	d Catani	6.7.43		Lang Lang	11	3	169.44	44	Poowong	11	2	194.20	84.6	Bulin Buln	11	2	348.90	84.6
Bulin Buln	25.25.175	d Yarragon	2.5.17		Neerim South	10	4	212.24	40	Ellinbank	10	3	193.38	76.9	Neerim South	11	3	305.35	78.5
RESERVES					Ellinbank	10	3	176.33	40	Longwarry	9	5	155.15	64.2	Poowong	9	5	160.74	64.2
Ellinbank	5.19.49	d Trafalgar	3.3.21		Bulin Buln	8	5	280.05	32	Neerim Sth	7	7	122.81	50.0	Nilma-Darnum	8	5	124.05	61.5
Lang Lang	23.13.151	d Catani	2.1.13		Nilma-Darnum	8	5	117.06	32	Trafalgar	6	8	100.63	42.8	Lang Lang	4	8	42.23	33.3
Bulin Buln	24.22.166	d Yarragon	0.5.5		Longwarry	7	7	135.29	28	Lang Lang	5	9	66.24	35.7	Trafalgar	4	10	62.50	28.5
THIRDS					Trafalgar	6	8	92.07	24	Nilma-Darnum	1	11	36.57	7.7	Yarragon	1	12	19.22	7.7
Ellinbank	9.7.61	d Trafalgar	4.2.26		Yarragon	4	10	38.73	16	Bulin Buln	0	13	30.64	0.0	Longwarry	0	14	33.94	0.0
Neerim Sth	8.4.52	d Buln Buln	0.4.4		Nyora	3	11	24.57	12	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Catani	9.9.63	d Lang Lang	4.5.29		Catani	1	12	37.76	4	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0
FOURTHS					Nyora	0	14	21.49	0	Poowong	0	14	11.68	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0.0



Essendon District Football League present Fish Creek Football Netball Club committee with \$3000 towards their new re-build of the clubhouse. Z42_2924

Support for Fish Creek FNC re-build

FISH Creek Football Netball Club (FNC) are still in discussions with the South Gippsland Shire Council regarding the location of the new pavilion and what it will comprise, and in support of the club re-build the committee received two cheques during round 13.

The Essendon District Football League board member Ian Price, chairman Bernie Shinners and CEO Andrew Johnston presented the club with a \$3000 cheque at half-time of the senior's game.

Andrew shared that the funds were collectively donated after the community came together for an 'EDFL All Stars' game – both a men's and a women's game, in February 2020 to help raise much-needed funds for the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020 in country Victoria.

The event featured some of the EDFL's biggest names, including ex-Carlton footballer Matt Watson, and ex-Essendon footballer Kyle Reimers.

The event was organised by the Roxburgh Park Football Club, in particular Michael Farrelly who was the club's Senior coach at the time. The day was a great success with over



Fish Creek committee member Susi Millton and treasurer John DeGaris. Z45_2924

\$25,000 raised. These funds were then distributed to four CFA Brigades, Wildlife Victoria and after the league heard about the devastating fire and destruction of the Fish Creek FNC it decided to donate towards the rebuild fund.

"Our work is at the heart of community football, so it's our honour to assist Fish Creek."

Leading the re-build and recovery sub-committee for Fish Creek FNC is Megan Vuillermin, Megan and the Fish Creek committee were overwhelmed by the generosity, thanking the Essendon District Football League for

not only the donation towards the build but for taking the time to watch all the games during round 13.

"The support from our local community and the outside community is amazing," said Megan. "We also received \$3500 from the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival."

The FNC is currently managing with temporary rooms and has held several meetings with the Shire officers and also had an opportunity to present to the councillors.

"The councillors have been great support," said Megan.

"We are still in discussions

regarding the location of the new pavilion and what it will comprise. We hope to know more next month when we meet with the Shire again. They have engaged contractors to survey and do an LCA at the ground to help determine the location and will advise what their support will be following their internal meetings."

The club have had some wonderful meetings with many others from State and Commonwealth Government, AFL Gippsland and Netball Victoria; all of who have shown immense support.

"We are looking forward to the time we are given the green light to proceed with design and costing so we really know what we need to aim for," Megan explained.

"We are hoping to build a fit-for-purpose community space with a commercial kitchen and adjoining canteen, plus seating for over 150 people, a new netball and football change rooms, umpires and trainers' rooms, a meeting room and storage space."

Ideally, this facility would replace the existing old infrastructure and be a facility for the local community for decades to come.

Thorpdale clinch tight victory in two-goal win

By Rob Popplestone

TARWIN'S chips had to be "all in" on the weekend as they welcomed Thorpdale to their home ground for what loomed as a last-chance showdown for both clubs.

A win would enable a coach to continue to sell the story of finals and when getting there, anything could happen, a loss meant that rather than telling a story, a coach needed to become a storyteller, selling the dream as to still being alive.

Thorpdale gets to tell the story, their two-goal win, 12-17-89 to 11-11-77, earning them the valuable premiership points.

"Four points was what we wanted and that's what we got," Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach stated.

"Played some really good patches of footy, just couldn't capitalise on the scoreboard. Tarwin played some great footy rebounding from half-back as they were trying to keep their finals hopes alive."

The Sharks day started as well as it could, all building the hope that the home side seniors could follow suit, and for much of the afternoon it appeared the careful planning might pay off.

"Our day started well with the reserves coming home with their second win in a row with a mixture of experienced and young players having a crack. Followed by our senior/junior buddy day. This was a rewarding way to kick-start our day and all involved really enjoyed it. We also had a few good wins in netball which was great to see," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach explained.

"For the seniors, it was a huge game for us in regard to continuing our pursuit of the top six. Thorpdale ended the first quarter with a two-goal lead and in the end, this was the difference that we couldn't peg them back. All in all, I can't fault our effort and we battled hard all day and also played some good football. We have the bye this week so it's a good chance to freshen up and finish off the year strong."

The year is not over for Tarwin, the challenge is much greater this week than last, but a fast finish towards finals can still change things very quickly.

Breakers final match for TAC Road Safety

THE Breakers travelled to Red Hill for their last match of the season, wearing blue armbands for the TAC Road Safety Round. This is an important week for the team with road trauma something that has affected the players, club and community.

With the long drive to Red Hill and wet roads, this year's road safety campaign message 'Better late than never' was particularly important. Studies show that the little amount of time saved by speeding significantly increases your chance of accidents and serious injury.

The Breakers got off to a good start with a lot of the play and creating a few shots on goal. Gaby Hynes who was playing a bit closer to goal than usual took a strong mark and converted the set shot to give the Breakers the first goal of the match. Red Hill scored a goal in the last minute.

The second quarter was a tight contest. The Breakers welcomed back Tess Wingfield who was having a huge impact around the stoppages. However, Red Hill again broke



The Breakers wore blue armbands for TAC road safety round.

through in the last minute of the quarter to take the lead going into the main break.

Throughout the second half the midfield continued to work hard with Molly Conroy and Charli Dellamina in and under every contest.

Kate Thompson was another welcome return with her strong marking across half back and run through the middle adding some much-needed spark for the Breakers.

As has been the trend

throughout the season, the Breakers pulled together a team, fielding a couple of first gamers along with some ring-ins and while the score didn't go their way they put in a great effort and maintained their good vibes.

Red Hill 4.5-29 def Breakers 1.4-10

Goal: Gaby Hynes

Best: Tess Angarane, Molly Conroy, Tess Wingfield, Nicole Randall, Charli Dellamina

With their season coming to

an end the Breakers would like to thank all of their sponsors including major sponsors: The Wonthaggi Club, Bendigo Community Bank San Remo and District, Wonthaggi Toyota and Nika Real Estate.

Along with all of the volunteers who support the team each week.

The Breakers Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday, August 20 at the Wonthaggi Golf Club. Keep an eye out on socials for more information.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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TARWIN

THORPDALE

Tarwin 3.0 7.3 9.6 11.11 (77)
Thorpdale 4.7 7.12 11.14 12.17 (89)

GOALS: Tarwin: Ricky O'oughlin 3, Jamie Cann, Ben Ellen, Brandon Griffiths, Travis Krause 2 each

BEST: Brandon Griffiths, Ben Ellen, Ricky O'oughlin, Ben Chalmers, Lachie Jones, Matthew Williams

GOALS: Thorpdale: Matt Ravenall 4, Anthony Rosato 2, Jason Winderlich 2, Hayden Britten, James Holland-Burch, Gavin Low, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley 1 each

BEST: Gavin Low, James Holland-Burch, Anthony Rosato, Matt Ravenall, Jordan Cepi, Michael McMahon

RESERVES

Tarwin 2.5 3.7 6.12 8.13 (61)
Thorpdale 2.1 5.3 7.4 9.5 (59)

GOALS: Tarwin: Simon Mcrae, Brodie Senior-Gibson 3 each, Travis Bergmeier, Travis Cameron 1 each

BEST: Travis Bergmeier, David Leggo, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Jacoa Cameron, Simon Mcrae, Casey Mills

GOALS: Thorpdale: Ray Pickering 6, Trent Gibson 2, Corey Celima 1

BEST: Mark Graeme, Corey Celima, Haydn Edwards, Ray Pickering, Jack Nankervis, Paul MacKenzie

Roos masterclass for visiting Pies



Good pressure from Thomas Vuillermin against Toora. Z34_2924

MID GISSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS		RND 13	
FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB			
TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB			
	70		27
FISH CREEK	TOORA		

RESERVES				
Fish Creek	2.1	3.2	4.6	7.13 (55)
Toora	3.1	4.2	5.4	5.6 (36)
GOALS, Fish Creek:				
Tye McGannon	2	Anthony Wilson	2	Brent Cooper, Travis Manne, Tom Milton 1 each
BEST: Tye McGannon, Travis Manne, Brad Pulham, Joseph Rysko, Liam Howard, Tom Milton				
GOALS, Toora:				
Aron Rhodes	4	Jarryd Guganovic	1	Nathan Nicholls, William Cashin, Ayden Walker, Aron Rhodes, Jordyn Coulthard, Sam Bright

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB				
	59		11	
YINNAR	STONY CREEK			
Yinnar	2.2	5.3	7.6	7.11 (53)
Stony Creek	1.4	2.5	3.7	5.7 (37)
GOALS, Yinnar:				
Kane Grinstead-Jones	3	William Robertson	3	Jarrod Henderson 1
BEST: Luke Cheffers, Adam Bailey, Jarrod Henderson, Brendan Chapman, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Clancy Mills				
GOALS, Stony Creek:				
Jacob Byrnes	2	Lochie Row	1	Troy Sinclair, Tom Stone 1 each
BEST: Tom Stone, Sam Marriott, Aidan Simmons, Hayden Funnell, Darcy Atkins, Troy Sinclair				
RESERVES				
Yinnar	3.2	4.2	7.7	8.11 (59)
Stony Creek	0.3	0.5	1.5	1.5 (11)
GOALS, Yinnar:				
Jarryd Garlick	2	Patrick McGrath	2	Kyle Elphick, Cameron Le Page, Nicholas Linton, Daniel Schneider 1 each
BEST: Daniel Webster, Daniel Schneider, Kyle Alexander, Gabe Olver, Matt Nelson, Jack Chessum				
GOALS, Stony Creek:				
Ryan McKnight	1	Mitchell J Rowe, Rory Harrington, Tyson Davies, Glenn Gray, James Monaghan, Ben Heath		

AS IMPORTANT as winning is at any time in sport, there comes a time that "how" you win starts to play a far more important role, and that time of "how" is starting to edge closer now as we fast approach the last handful of games of the home and away season.

Fish Creek have been around long enough and won far more than their share by knowing when and how to be at their very best.

Nurturing the players that need some in season rest, developing those in games that won't compromise results, and testing others in unfamiliar roles to have in the back pocket for a rainy (or finals) day.

Having the depth and talent to do all of these things is a big part of what makes this great Victorian country team so good, and Toora was the most recent team to witness firsthand.

The Magpies were handed a footballing lesson by forty-three points.

"A strong performance from us, Toora came to play and made it a strong contest all day," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"Pleasing to see us getting the game on our terms at times and

moving the ball the way we want to."

It was more of the same for Fish Creek, the league leaders have some breathing space between themselves and a few teams just below, but there is no doubt the pressure remains to perform.

The flip side of that is that sides that perform are becoming increasingly frustrated with not achieving the results desired from the efforts given.

"The competitor in us all is getting tired of being in games against good sides for long periods of time," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"We perhaps addressed our slow starts to be even at quarter time, but fell away for fifteen minutes in the second and credit to Fish Creek they put on a match winning burst. A big weekend for the club against Yinnar next week."

The Magpies will indeed get another chance, yet again against another quality opponent, in front of an expected healthy crowd for the Carlton Draught round.

Football Giant and Blues legend Dyl Buckley hunting for Yinnar scalp

TALENTED AFL midfielder Dylan 'Dyl' Buckley aims on reversing the fortunes of Toora when he teams up with the Magpies for a home game match against the Yinnar Pies as part of the Carlton Draft local football campaign.

Five AFL legends have been recruited into the Carlton Draft with each champion to play a match with a local Victorian club.

Son of triple premiership Carlton player Jim Buckley and forty-one game AFL veteran himself playing for both the Blues and Western Sydney Giants Buckley is not daunted by Toora's lowly place on the mid-Gippsland league ladder.

"Staying alive will be my first priority," said Buckley.

Buckley has not played a full match of football since 2019.

"Match fitness could be a problem," Buckley said although he describes his fitness as good. "I've just completed a ten-kilometre run."

Buckley is happy to play in any position on the day (July 20) describing himself as a 'team player'.

"Getting the ball forward and hoping for sunny weather" that's Buckley's strategy.

Yinnar would be wise to take note.

As a raw twenty-year old Buckley kicked a goal for Carlton with his first kick in AFL football.

Playing for the Greater Western Sydney Giants in 2018 Buckley kicked two goals against Essendon.

Dyl Buckley is also the creator, producer, and host of two of Australia's most popular sports-themed podcasts: Dyl & Friends and List Cloggers.

Buckley is also an avid golfer.

Ballarat born Buckley played his schoolboy football with Ivanhoe Grammar.

Buckley played TAC Cup football with the Northern Knights, was a member of the 2009 AIS-AFL Academy and represented Vic Metro in the 2010 AFL Under 18 Championships.

Described as a quick midfielder with excellent disposal skills Buckley is looking for a win against Yinnar.

"I'm after a scalp," said Buckley.

Buckley played junior football for the Fitzroy Junior Football Club in the Yarra Junior Football League but never played country football.

"Toora needs a win."

Dyl may never have played country football but his father Jim Buckley played his early football with Kyneton.

"He'll be watching," said Buckley, a bonus for Blues fans.

A number of AFL legends were coaxed out of retirement for the Carlton Draft including Trent Cotchin, Isaac Smith, Matthew Lloyd, Leigh Montagna and Erin Phillips.



Dyl Buckley is ready for his first game of country football.

Lions last minute charge falls short

GOOD sides don't lose two in a row, and good sides don't get beaten on their home ground, Yinnar proved they are very much a side that will need to be reckoned with after bouncing back from what could have been a demoralising loss to Foster a week ago, taking care of a potentially dangerous Stony Creek team by sixteen points, 7-11-53 to 5-7-37, the margin not huge but the result enormous in the scheme of the season.

"Wet weather conditions greeted us as we welcomed Stony Creek to the Yinnar mud," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach said.

"The boys were keen to respond after a loss last week and started really well,

By Rob Popplestone

applying pressure around the ball and taking our opportunities going forward. The game itself became an old-fashioned slog as both teams were looking to gain territory at all costs. We felt we controlled most of the day, but the Lions made a charge in the last. We held strong and finished well with a good win in the mud."

Winning ugly is always a rewarding result for a coach who has a team full of talent, but knows his men don't mind rolling up the sleeves as well and on the weekend, it was possibly the difference between winning and losing.

"I was really happy with our effort in tough conditions. We were down to one on the bench by halftime. We had a lot of the play down our end of the ground but couldn't capitalise on the forward entries," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek said.

"Yinnar rebounded really well-off half-back and scored through clean entries. We get to rest the bodies this week with a week off. Couldn't have come at a better time with the injuries from Saturday's game."

Deep into winter coaches are confronted with all sorts of challenges and for Stony Creek winning close games remains the most pressing.



Tyson Harris takes a shot at goal against Mirboo North. Z27_2924



Archie Mahoney has possession and applies pressure on MDU despite the substantial lead. Z30_2924

MDU dominates Mirboo North reclaiming top six

A MERCILESS MDU returned to the Mid Gippsland top six with a thumping 106-point victory over Mirboo North, at Meeniyian Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The Demons also collected the Owen "Spud" Harris Memorial Cup, played between the clubs each season.

Mirboo North wore two black armbands in support of the Couper and Peter families, following the deaths of Angela Couper and Angus Peter during the week.

The visiting Tigers were immediately caught off guard when MDU's star spearhead, Darren Sheen, booted the first two goals of the game inside the opening three minutes of play.

Sheen — who was returning from an eight-match injury lay-off — finished with 11 majors, that included register-

By Rover

ing his 1200th career goal in 256 appearances at 11 different clubs.

Mirboo North's only goal scorers in the match were Hayden Barnes and Shane Peters, with one apiece.

After MDU's initial onslaught, defiant Mirboo North defence led by Taj Wilkins and playing coach, Damien Turner, restricted the home side to two goals in nearly an hour of intense and tenacious-tackling football.

Although Mirboo North dabbled in some risky options and trailed by 20 points at the main break, there was nothing to suggest everything would begin to fall apart so dramatically for the Tigers after half-time.

But fall apart they did, especially in the 10.1 to zero last term, when the

stimulated Demons ran rings around their opponents with play resembling simulated Thursday night circle work.

Put simply, MDU, with the home crowd cheering the Demons on, couldn't do anything wrong, whilst nothing much went right for the Tigers.

Dominant contributors for MDU included Sheen in front of the big white sticks, Shaye Walsh, Samuel Wilson, Jess Hickey and Jake Bromley.

Those who battled bravely to the end for Mirboo North were Ethan Woodall, skipper Hudson Kerr, Joe Brooks, ever-improving giant ruckman, Patrick Lewis, Aaron Scicuna and Wilkins.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Boolarra at Tigerland, where Gary Ablett Junior will be a special guest of the club in the social rooms, following the senior footy match's completion.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS RND 13

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

 **120**



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MDU

MIRBOO NORTH

MDU 3.0 4.4 9.5 19.6 (120)

Mirboo Nth 1.0 1.2 2.2 2.2 (14)

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen 11, Jess Hickey 2, Jarrod Hoy 2, Samuel Wilson 2, Jake Brydon, Joel Leeden 1 each

BEST: Darren Sheen, Shaye Walsh, Samuel Wilson, Jess Hickey, Jake Bromley, Toby Goss

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Hayden Barnes, Shane Peters 1 each

BEST: Ethan Woodall, Hudson Kerr, Joe Brooks, Patrick Lewis, Aaron Scicuna, Taj Wilkins

RESERVES

MDU 5.3 10.4 12.6 16.8 (104)

Mirboo Nth 1.1 1.1 1.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, MDU: Rhys Weaver 5, Michael Smith 4, Tyson Harris 2, Jack Dunn, Luke Harris, Peter Harris, Benjamin Maxwell, Sean Pearce

BEST: Rhys Weaver, Michael Smith, Sean Pearce, Brent Densley, Tyson Harris, Rylie Checkley

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Angus O'Loughlin, Dominic Pinneri 1 each

BEST: Angus O'Loughlin, Dominic Pinneri, Michael Aveling, Anton Tarraran, Jake Peters, Michael Daly

THIRDS

MDU 2.4 7.11 9.13 13.20 (98)

Mirboo Nth 0.1 0.1 0.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 4, Jordan Cleator, Finn Dunn, Lucas Duvoisin, Lucas Duvoisin, Kyra Helms, Timothy Hibberson, Brody Smedley, Billy Trotman, Burke VanderZalm 1 each

BEST: Cohen Harrison, Ryan Marshman, Raph Jefferis, Angus McInnes, Finn Dunn, Lincoln Hamilton

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Thomas Heislers 1

BEST: Xavier Spauli, Tom McGrath, Lachlan Eden, Zac Jones, Thomas Heislers, Jesse Rawlings

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

 **23**

 **152**

HILL END

FOSTER

Hill End 2.1 3.2 3.2 3.5 (23)

Foster 6.3 13.6 19.11 23.14 (152)

GOALS, Hill End: Ariki Matwijkwi 2, Seth Calway 1

BEST: Joshua Hammond, Seth Calway, Trent Kenney, Joey Conley, Aaron Fawcett, Harry Moore

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 15, Michael Green 2, Josh Toner 2, Cody Banbury, Todd Bastion, James Morris, Callan Van Dyke 1 each

BEST: Jake Best, James Morris, Todd Bastion, Brendon Neville, Cody Banbury, Harley Hoppner

RESERVES

Hill End 4.8 9.13 12.17 16.21 (117)

Foster 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Hill End: Bradley Gorman 7, Jake Schiavello 3, Kong Thomas Tut 2, Bradley Emerson, Daniel Gorman, Patrick Mastertoun, Zac O'Hara 1 each

BEST: Bradley Gorman, Patrick Mastertoun, Jake Schiavello, Joshua Coombs, Kong Thomas Tut, Ethan Calway

GOALS, Foster: -

BEST: Patrick Doran, Jai Prain, Robert Brett, Josh Prior, Alej Lacanaria, Simon Gibson

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Morwell East 7.8.50 d Boolarra 6.8.44

RESERVES

Morwell East 15.15.105 d Boolarra 2.3.15

THIRDS

Newborough 5.4.34 d Yinnar 4.6.30

Best scintillates for Foster with 15 goals

By Rob Popplestone

had been battling away in the ruggies all year giving them a senior opportunity and getting them a win. They stepped up to the level and all contributed," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

Foster is doing everything they can, as good sides do, to have them ready for the deeper water they must venture into against the bigger fish in the competition. Impressively it must be said that the Tigers are also making decisions for players as they did on the weekend for the

longer-term benefit of the club.

The Hillsmen were acutely aware of what they were up against given they were a little short of their best against a side starting to surge at around the right time.

"It was a disappointing effort against Foster. Didn't have our best team in," Ambu Uliando, Hill End coach said.

"Foster is a top-quality outfit. Looking forward to the week off."

In fact, Hill End will be one of three teams that have a weekend off in round fourteen, a late-season freshen-up before a month more of home and away football.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek.....	11	1	193.13	48
Morwell East.....	10	2	200.00	44
Yinnar.....	10	2	176.08	44
Foster.....	9	2	136.80	40
Newborough.....	8	4	142.71	36
MDU.....	7	5	123.60	32
Thorpdale.....	7	5	111.03	32
Tarwin.....	5	7	82.15	24
Stony Creek.....	3	9	95.39	16
Boolarra.....	3	9	78.88	16
Toora.....	2	10	66.54	12
Mirboo North.....	1	11	37.60	8
Hill End.....	1	10	35.64	8

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough.....	11	1	429.93	48
Yinnar.....	10	2	396.59	44
Morwell East.....	10	2	291.34	44
MDU.....	9	3	218.11	40
Stony Creek.....	8	4	190.89	36
Fish Creek.....	7	5	208.14	32
Hill End.....	5	7	54.36	24
Tarwin.....	4	7	71.14	20
Toora.....	4	8	63.02	20
Thorpdale.....	4	8	59.03	20
Boolarra.....	4	8	46.52	20
Mirboo North.....	2	10	19.12	12
Foster.....	0	12	14.92	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	10	0	306.86	50
Newborough.....	6	4	78.00	36
Yinnar.....	4	6	118.66	28
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	7	94.28	22
Mirboo North.....	3	8	39.68	20
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0

Xavier Lindsay excels for Victoria Country

XAVIER Lindsay starred for Victoria Country under 18s in its narrow loss to Victoria Metro on Sunday, racking up 30 disposals in a commanding performance.

His strong marking, driving and accurate left foot kicks and physicality stood out, and he was rewarded for his powerful tackling, also demonstrating willingness to make repeated efforts to win the Sherrin when required.

The Inverloch lad, who played juniors for Inverloch-Kongwak and is now with Leongatha, has again impressed for Gippsland Power this season, having been named best player five times from the eight games he has played.

Lindsay played five senior games for Leongatha in 2023.

Foster's Willem Duursma was also in action for Victoria Country on the weekend.

The side was pipped by a point when Sandringham Dragon Luke Trainor received a free kick after being infringed in a marking contest on the 50 metre arc with seconds to play, goaling for Victoria Metro from point-blank range after getting a 50 metre penalty.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 **50**  **36**

RND 13

Leongatha 2.1 4.2 6.6 7.8 (50)
Wonthaggi 1.2 2.3 3.6 4.12 (36)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 4, Jackson Harry, Thomas Marriott, Ty Hall 1 each.

BEST: Max Donohue, Jenson Garnham, Sam Forrester, Jackson Harry, Travis Nash, Guy Dickson.

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jarryd Blair, Noah Anderson, Cooper McInnes, Nathan Brown 1 each.

BEST: Isaac Chugg, Shannon Bray, Joshua Bates, Jakeb Thomas, Hunter Tiziani, Noah Anderson.

RESERVES

Leongatha 4.5 4.5 7.7. 8.7 (55)
Wonthaggi 0.0 1.0 1.3 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Leongatha: Justin Pellicano 2, Joel Renden, Nick Nagel, Noah Fixter, Will Littlejohn, Jesse Burns, Rhett Kelly 1 each.

BEST: Joel Renden, Justin Pellicano, Noah Fixter, Jesse Burns, Xavier Bolge, Will Littlejohn.

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 1.

BEST: Jarvis Brown, Andrew McNeel, Charlie Magro, Cooper Lindsay, Kurt Brown, Jai Williamson

FOURTHS

Leongatha 0.1 3.3 3.4 3.4 (22)
Wonthaggi 4.2 5.3 6.6 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Leongatha: Alby Logan, Bodhi Thomson, Harry Whelan.

BEST: Angus Livingstone, Bodhi Thomson, Sam Kreutzberger, Clayton Quaife, Eamon Berryman, Will Campbell.

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Thomas Macmillan, Lucas Ton 2, Connor Macmillan, Sam Carter, Nate Pugh, William Hullick 1 each.

BEST: Nathan Tack, Connor Macmillan, Sam Carter, Jasper Shone, Billy Wyhoun, Robert Hullick.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Warragul 10.9.69 d **Sale** 9.8.62
Traralgon 16.10.106 d **Moe** 7.11.53
Bairnsdale 15.10.100 d **Maffra** 12.7.79
Morwell 6.12.48 d **Drouin** 5.13.43

RESERVES

Sale 5.10.40 d **Warragul** 2.5.17
Traralgon 11.10.76 d **Moe** 3.5.23
Maffra 5.14.44 d **Bairnsdale** 4.2.26
Morwell 3.11.29 d **Drouin** 2.10.22

THIRDS

Warragul 21.15.141 d **Sale** 0.2.2
Traralgon 12.10.82 d **Moe** 4.0.24
Maffra 13.10.88 d **Bairnsdale** 3.2.20
Drouin 16.13.109 d **Morwell** 3.4.22

FOURTHS

Sale 8.9.57 d **Warragul** 4.6.30
Traralgon 12.10.82 d **Moe** 6.9.45
Maffra 12.10.82 d **Bairnsdale** 2.4.16
Drouin 6.7.43 d **Morwell** 3.9.27



Aiden Lindsay of Wonthaggi pressures Leongatha's Tom Marriott early in the game, the pair having plenty of battles throughout the day. A14_2924



Best on ground Max Donohue has his hand on the footy for Leongatha, the Gippsland Power player competing keenly for the Sherrin throughout the day. A17_2924

Parrots survive final term Power surge

WONTHAGGI players heeded the call of coach Jarryd Blair to lift their pressure in the final term, having to overcome a three-goal deficit, creating enough goal scoring chances but not able to capitalise on them, with Leongatha prevailing by 14 points.

The Parrots kept Power at arm's length for much of the day after Wonthaggi booted the first goal of the game through a Jarryd Blair set shot from a free kick.

With periods of rain, conditions didn't lend themselves to high scoring, and there were numerous stoppages.

Gippsland Power representative Max Donohue was back in a Parrots jumper and took to the physical nature of the game, not afraid to put himself on the line against bigger bodies to win the contested ball, and used the footy purposefully.

That saw him named Leongatha's best and he was chosen as TRFM's player of the day.

After the game, the 18-year-old praised the support of his older, more experienced Leongatha teammates.

"They get around you, all the boys, and make you feel welcome when you come back," he said on air of the smooth return from Gippsland Power to Senior footy.

He noted that while the ball movement tends to be quicker in the junior competition, the physicality is greater in the seniors, with the latter undoubtedly standing him in good stead if VFL or AFL opportunity comes his way.

"He was amazing, and I thought his biggest thing was just how composed and skilful he was in the wet, heavy conditions with a lot of pressure on," Leongatha coach Trent McMicking said of Donohue's game, his second Senior match for the Parrots this year.

Despite the day's scoring challenges, Leongatha's Jenson Garnham managed four goals, three in the first half, being the game's only player to boot more than a single major, with Jackson Harry another Parrot able to mark the wet Sherrin effectively.

Shannon Bray excelled for Power, his blistering first half helping keep the side in touch as he competed hard in the ruck, marked strongly and hurled

himself into the fray at ground level when needed.

He had the impressive stats of 15 hits, 13 disposals and seven marks up to the long break and continued to contribute well in the second half.

Jakeb Thomas was another Wonthaggi big man defying the challenging conditions, marking strongly and contributing well around the ground.

After a quiet first term, Power's Isaac Chugg worked his way into the game, his run and enterprising efforts creating chances for teammates, with skipper Joshua Bates, Hunter Tiziani and Noah Anderson other good contributors for the beaten team.

For the triumphant Parrots, Sam Forrestor's bullocking approach was helpful on a day where there was lots of contested footy, while the return of Guy Dickson to the side strengthened Leongatha's defence.

He was well supported by the likes of Travis Nash.

McMicking was upbeat in the rooms after the match, praising his players for their efforts in the difficult conditions.

"I thought we dominated the game for

three quarters, and obviously they had a massive last quarter," he said, acknowledging Power's fighting finish that yielded 1.6 to 1.2 and might have set up a thrilling end to the match with greater accuracy.

McMicking said that overall the game was another step forward for the Parrots and they looked good when they were able to move the ball quickly, also noting that Wonthaggi was restricted to four goals.

This season's injury curse struck the Parrots again, with Jack Hume suffering a couple of knocks and coming off the field very sore in his return to action after a few weeks on the sidelines, while Matt Borschman copped a blow to the knee.

Leongatha travels to Warragul for another tough encounter, the Gulls coming off a victory over Sale, with McMicking ready for a fight.

"Warragul has got the best ruckman in the competition, a really strong midfield and Jed Lamb up forward, so they're going to be pretty tough to beat over there," the Parrots coach said, adding that the Gulls also have good kids coming through.

Renden celebrates 300 games



LEONGATHA 300-gamer Joel Renden is chaired off the ground by teammate Justin Pellicano and coach Rhett Kelly after the Parrots made his milestone one to remember with a 44-point win over Wonthaggi, with Renden booting the last goal of the match.

"He is one of the most club-oriented men around," Leongatha said in the footy Record, noting young Parrots look up to his leadership.

Renden's achievements include being Reserves premiership playing coach in 2018 and winning a Best and Fairest in 2012, another premiership year for the Leongatha Reserves.

He has now played 46 Senior games and 254 Reserves matches, having previously represented the Parrots in the Thirds. A18_2924

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 13																			
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	11	2	168.57	44	Leongatha	13	0	457.04	52	Warragul	9	2	251.58	36	Traralgon	13	0	496.68	52
Traralgon	9	3	123.08	38	Maffra	11	2	241.95	44	Maffra	9	3	182.82	36	Moe	11	2	273.57	44
Moe	8	5	108.78	32	Traralgon	9	4	223.37	36	Traralgon	9	3	181.29	36	Maffra	10	3	319.27	40
Morwell	7	5	96.38	30	Bairnsdale	9	4	139.03	36	Leongatha	8	3	208.31	32	Wonthaggi	10	3	177.71	40
Bairnsdale	7	6	108.14	28	Sale	6	7	65.07	24	Drouin	8	4	148.28	32	Bairnsdale	8	5	86.67	32
Sale	7	6	100.10	28	Wonthaggi	5	8	63.20	20	Moe	4	8	65.85	16	Sale	5	8	69.47	20
Wonthaggi	6	7	98.80	24	Morwell	4	9	66.83	16	Bairnsdale	4	8	60.73	16	Drouin	4	9	52.82	16
Drouin	4	9	82.83	16	Drouin	4	9	65.40	16	Sale	1	10	35.41	4	Leongatha	2	11	38.86	8
Bairnsdale	4	9	79.31	16	Moe	3	10	41.80	12	Morwell	0	11	24.71	0	Warragul	2	11	33.53	8
Warragul	4	12	68.60	4	Warragul	1	12	28.94	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	13	18.36	0



Inverloch-Kongwak reserves take a 118-point win against Warragul Industrial reserves. Z21_2924

Sea Eagles continue winning streak

INVERLOCH-Kongwak secured a win after a tough contest with Warragul Industrial in slippery conditions.

Playing at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, the wind favoured the town side.

The Dusties used the wind to their advantage and kicked the first two goals of the match.

Not to be outdone, Inverloch-Kongwak kicked four against the wind before the end of the first siren.

Jarvis Harvey kicked two goals in the first quarter for the Sea Eagles and led the goal-scoring efforts for the day, kicking five for the game.

Harvey was brought into the Senior side from the U18s this season and played a standout game against the Dusties, demonstrating his strong breakthrough into Senior footy.

He was coming off six inter-league goals during the recent Gippsland carnival and impressed with strong marking skills all day despite the wet conditions.

The rain held off during the Senior game, but the ground was wet underfoot, and the contests tightened.

The second quarter was an even tussle, limiting scoring options on both sides.

By the third quarter, Inverloch-Kongwak had the game back on its terms, adding five more goals to the tally.

Marcus Toussaint dominated in the ruck and was well supported by strong midfielders Paul Pattison, Oscar Toussaint,

Andrew Soumilas and Ethan Park.

Park had returned to Inverloch-Kongwak's lineup after a lengthy layoff due to injury.

Centre half-back Trent Bacon was also back from injury, and the team was pleased to see them both return.

Tate Short also put on a great performance in centre half forward, contributing three goals for the day.

The tight contests continued through the fourth quarter.

Inverloch-Kongwak added two goals to its score, keeping the Dusties to just one point.

Unfortunately, an incident at the 20-minute mark brought the game to an abrupt end.

Pattison and a Dustie opponent suffered a head collision and required an ambulance to attend for treatment.

Both players were treated for concussions and other injuries but are recovering and were able to return home that night.

The captains agreed to end the match early, with Inverloch-Kongwak claiming a 53-point win.

The club wishes both players a speedy recovery and hopes to see Pattison back in the lineup for finals.

Inverloch-Kongwak will come up against Dalyston at home this Saturday.

With just a few games left before the finals series, Inverloch-Kongwak intends to play every game like it's a final and continue implementing its winning strategies.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Sasha Allen good tackle to Warragul's Travis Maher. Z22_2924

Scrappy encounter sees the Island edge out Koo Wee Rup

AFTER a very tight game in their last encounter an exciting test awaited the Island against Koo Wee Rup.

Big Daniel Bourke and Daniel Pearce were managed this week to get them primed for the backend of the season. This allowed 18-year-old Zac Walker the opportunity to take the number one ruck reins and he did not disappoint.

At the first bounce he climbed well above the Koo Wee Rup ruckman to hit

Hayden Bruce lace out on the chest to clear the centre.

The Island were dominant in key stats of clearances and inside 50s but continued to waste opportunities, finishing the first quarter with 2 goals and 6 behinds.

Jaymie Youle was back to his best in the midfield and was supported well by Hayden Bruce who is having a dominant year. Bryce "Chompers" Hindhaugh was patrolling the wing and offering drive from

the back half. Marcus Wright, the unsung hero, was finding space and using the ball with poise. Captain Jack Taylor was running the legs off his opponent and providing a forward presence.

At halftime, the Bulldogs led 6.9.45 to 3.5.23. The third quarter began, and the Bulldogs started to pull away further only allowing one scoring shot to Koo Wee Rup. Jesse Patullo continued his stellar form taking intercept marks,

and local boy Coby Olarenshaw was winning his one-on-ones all over the ground. As the game came to a close the Island ran out 46-point winners. Closer game than it could've been considering the scoring shots Phillip Island 29 to Koo Wee Rup 13.

In a feel-good story, Alex Duyker continues to build his fitness and has begun his trademark marking. Phillip Island looks primed as they face Garfield next week.

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

97 **44**

INVERLOCH-K

WARRAGUL IND

Inverloch-K 0.0 6.14 11.16 13.19 (97)

Warragul Ind 0.0 3.2 6.7 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey 5, Tate Short 3, Jobe Scapin, Ethan Park, Nicholas Baltas, Thomas Wyatt, Lachlan Scott 1 each

BEST: Paul Pattison, Marcus Toussaint, Oscar Toussaint, Jarvis Harvey, Archie Terlich, Tate Short

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Mason McGarry 2, Todd Beck, Will Gibson, Lachlan Bambridge, Rylan Butler 1 each

BEST: Todd Beck, Ben Nichol, Shane Brewster, Lachlan Bambridge, Matthew Herbert, Kyle Beveridge

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 4.7 11.9 16.14 23.16 (154)

Warragul Ind 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Liam O'Neill 8, Dylan Taylor 4, Jamieson Soumilas 3, Clinton McCaughan 2, Adam Cross, Lachlan Crook, Mitch Hewitson, Patrick Jobling, Ashton Hewitson, Owen Fitzpatrick 1 each

BEST: Liam O'Neill, Jamieson Soumilas, Adam Cross, Michael Eales, Reegan Kemp, Joe Soumilas

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Alex Ingham 1

BEST: Russ Ware, Shane Ingham, Alex Ingham, Kyle Huggett, Jack Turner, Terry Watson

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 1.2 2.3 2.3 3.3 (21)

Warragul Ind 3.2 3.4 6.7 6.7 (43)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 2, Augustus Finsterer 1

BEST: Lucas Allen, Zak Box, Patrick Dwyer, Luke Williams, Flynn Lomax, Rem Dal Pozzo

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Cameron Thompson 2, Tom Cornwall, Joshua Lee 1 each

BEST: Joshua Bradley, Campbell Gibbons, Regan Awty, Benjamin Allsop, Cameron Thompson, Brody Turner

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 0.1 2.2 3.3 6.3 (39)

Warragul Ind 2.3 2.4 3.7 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 4, Riley Harris 2

BEST: Augustus Finsterer, Riley Harris, Froley Anderson, Monty Mayman, Frederick Soumilas, Cooper Newman

GOALS, Warragul Ind: George Morgan 2, Alex Ingham, Angus Watts 1 each

BEST: Zack Reid, Zachary Thompson, Angus Watts, Alex Ingham, Ronnie Buck

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

89 **43**

PHILLIP ISLAND

KOO WEE RUP

Phillip Island 2.6 6.9 9.12 12.17 (89)

Koo Wee Rup 1.2 3.5 4.5 6.7 (43)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Thomas Baulch 6, Jack Taylor 3, Travis Woodfield 2, Alex Duyker, Max Walton, Jordy Patullo, Jaymie Youle, Billy Taylor, Yianni Caffieri 1 each

BEST: Jaymie Youle, Jesse Patullo, Hayden Bruce, Jack Taylor, Max Walton, Bryce Hindhaugh

GOALS, KWR: Nathan Voss 3, Luke McMaster 2, Bailey Galante 1

BEST: Nathan Voss, Nathan Muratore, Seth Ohehir, Ethan McDonald, Zak Banks, Thomas Glen

RESERVES

Phillip Island 1.6 7.11 11.14 17.17 (119)

Koo Wee Rup 2.1 2.1 3.5 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Nick Anderson 4, Brady Ross, Tyce Kleverkamp, Jack Keating 2 each, Ryan Ladson, Orlando Kane Gillard, Thomas MacKanis, Ben Taylor, Kirby Fuller, Ash Salter, Blake Thompson 1 each

BEST: Orlando Kane Gillard, Jacob Patullo, Joshua Ryan, Jay Ladson, Ben Taylor, Tyce Kleverkamp

GOALS, KWR: John Ramos 2, Zane Stanton 1

BEST: John Ramos, Matthew Drommel, David Ramos, Cooper Arthur, Lucas Pascoe, Jesse Cammarano

THIRDS

Phillip Island 4.2 7.5 11.8 16.11 (107)

Koo Wee Rup 0.0 0.0 0.3 0.3 (3)

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Lewis, Max Taylor, Cooper Walton, 3 each, Sonny McMillan 2, ChaCha Fischer, Finn O'Brien, Jack Hether 1 each

BEST: Finn O'Brien, Cooper Walton, James Lewis, ChaCha Fischer, Max Taylor, Noah Forrest Mabilia

GOALS, KWR: -

BEST: Mack Brown, Seth Lawler, Ethan Neill, Jack Hughan, Jet Boswell, Nick Booth

FOURTHS

Phillip Island 3.1 5.2 9.4 11.4 (70)

Koo Wee Rup 1.1 1.1 1.2 - (17)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Larsson 3, Max Jess 3, Harrison Carlon 2, Archie Ross 2, Xavier Williams 1

BEST: Xavier Williams, Jack Larsson, Archie Ross, Charlie Fischer, Harrison Carlon, Harry Arceo

GOALS, KWR: Kynan Dore-Wilson 1, Jaxon Kelly 1

BEST: Harley Monckton, Joshua Hobson, Campbell Wood, Charlie Hughes, Alastair Earl, Lincoln Tannahill

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Cora Lynn 19.16.130 d Korumburra Bena 5.1.31
Tooradin-Dalmore 17.8.110 d Kilcunda-Bass 9.5.59
Nar Nar Goon 15.10.100 d Dalyston 3.5.23
Inverloch-Kongwak 13.19.97 d Warragul Industrials 6.8.44
Garfield 6.8.44 d Bunyip 3.7.25
Phillip Island 12.17.89 d Koo Wee Rup 6.7.43

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS RND 13

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS 59 **TOORADIN-DAL** 110

Kilcunda Bass 2.2 4.2 7.5 9.5 (59)
Tooradin-Dal 5.1 10.2 12.3 17.8 (110)

GOALS, K-Bass: Travis Tuck 3, Dean Mcrae 2, Timothy Gunn, John Mentiplay, Jed Rosenow, Thomas West 1 each

BEST: Travis Tuck, Lochlan Scott, Daniel Mock, Jed Rosenow, Ileyton cartmel, Jonathon Rocatas

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Xavier Shinners 7, Piva Wright 3, Brad Butler 2, Troy Dolan, Jeli Ester, Lewis Hill, Oliver Sail, Stewart Scanlon 1 each

BEST: Xavier Shinners, Piva Wright, Luke McKenna, Lewis Hill, Troy Dolan, Adam Oxley

RESERVES

Kilcunda Bass 0.0 1.1 1.2 3.4 (22)
Tooradin-Dal 4.7 9.10 16.13 21.14 (140)

GOALS, K-Bass: Adam Banks, Scott Pugh, Dylan Susic 1 each.

BEST: Mehdi Daoud, Darcy Clay, Brodie Simpson, Doyle Dwyer, Callan Brinkmann, Trent Cartmel.

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Julian Suarez 5, Anthony Mirauta 4, Jake O'Donnell 4, Lauchlan Gregson 2, Blair Robinson 2, Tyler Kirkbride, Ray Lengyel, Alexander Sabbatucci, Scott Szucs 1 each.

BEST: Jack Denereaz, Tyler Kirkbride, Jack Grist, Corey Provan, Anthony Mirauta, Ray Lengyel.

FOURTHS

Kilcunda Bass 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 (6)

Tooradin-Dal 7.6 14.7 19.11 23.12 (150)

GOALS, K-Bass: Riley Eden 1.

BEST: Riley Eden, Hayden Power, Perry McKay, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Jasper Saunders, Ethan Findlay.

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Jayden Worrall 12, Hudson Rogers 5, Ben Brown, Jai Carroll, Jack Gillespie, Ryken Kinna, Cooper Webb, Declan Whittley 1 each.

BEST: Jai Carroll, Kasy Deren, Jayden Worrall, Joel Cochrane, Luke Lombard, Ryken Kinna.



Kilcunda-Bass veteran Ben Eddy fends off his Tooradin-Dalmore opponent. Photos: Anna Carson

Panthers fall behind

A FIRED up Tooradin-Dalmore side got the jump on Kilcunda-Bass, and the Panthers played catch-up footy for the rest of the day.

Tooradin-Dalmore played an impressive first quarter at the Bass Recreation Reserve, kicking five early goals, led by Xavier Shinners who kicked seven for the day.

The Panthers worked hard to catch up but lost two players to injury in the first half and went into the halftime break 32 points down.

Kilcunda-Bass used the halftime break to regroup and readjust its game.

With a few personnel changes around the grounds, Kilcunda-Bass turned it on in the third quarter.

Travis Tuck played an impressive game and was strong in the contests, ultimately kicking three goals for the day.

In the backline, Lachie Scott and Daniel Mock played important roles putting the pressure on Tooradin-Dalmore's key forwards.

Kilcunda-Bass' younger players Jed Rosenow and Ileyton Cartmel also continue to make their

mark at Senior level.

Rosenow is a midfielder and Cartmel has cemented his position as a defender, and both continue to improve their game week in and week out.

The Panthers had Tooradin-Dalmore on the ropes as it inched closer with a 28-point margin heading into the final quarter.

Kilcunda-Bass almost came within 20 points of the visitors during the last quarter, but another injury set them back.

With a diminished bench rotation, Kilcunda-Bass began to run out of legs and the score blew out.

Tooradin-Dalmore stood triumphant with a 51-point win.

Despite the loss, Kilcunda-Bass is feeling confident in its ladder placing and is hopeful for finals representation.

Kilcunda-Bass will be coming up against Bunyip on Saturday.

Although Bunyip has struggled this season, Kilcunda-Bass will not be taking this game lightly but is hopeful to come away from the match with four points.

Kilcunda-Bass will then face Koo Wee Rup the following week, and will be looking towards finals should it win that game.



Jake Weightman attempts to escape his Tooradin-Dalmore opponent early in the match.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 20

ELLINBANK

ROUND 16

Nyora v Ellinbank
Catani v Poowong
Nilma Darnum v Lang Lang
Trafalgar v Buln Buln
Longwarry, Neerim South and Yarragon - BYES

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 14

Sale v Drouin
Warragul v Leongatha
Wonthaggi v Traralgon
Bairnsdale v Moe
Morwell v Maffra

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 14

Newborough v Fish Creek
Thorpdale v MDU
Toora v Yinnar
Mirboo North v Boolarra
Morwell East v Foster
Hill End, Stony Creek and Tarwin - BYES

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 14

Bunyip v Kilcunda-Bass
Korumburra-Bena v Warragul Industrials
Koo Wee Rup v Nar Nar Goon
Tooradin-Dalmore v Cora Lynn
Garfield v Phillip Island
Inverloch-Kongwak v Dalyston

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Reserves coach Mitch Davey and player Fraser West proudly display the TAC Road Safety Round blue arm bands.

Dalyston Football Netball Club advocating for safer roads

DALYSTON Football Netball Club is committed to road safety and takes the chance each year to support and promote the annual TAC AFL Victoria Road Safety Round which is scheduled this weekend.

In recent years two young Dalyston footballers lost their lives in separate incidents travelling to and from football games. The impact of these accidents on their families, friends and the club was and continues to be devastating and the club is committed to doing everything possible to promote and encourage road safety.

This year the TAC Road Safety Round will see the entire club band together and wear blue armbands to honour all lives impacted by road trauma and to promote road safety in our community. As a club that has been significantly impacted by road trauma, we will continue to raise safety awareness all year around and do our best to ensure we are not affected again. Club President Dave Bell has focused over the last few weeks on making a point of the risks associated with speeding while driving highlighting the consequences of an accident or serious injury far our weighing the little amount of time saved.

As part of the club's commitment to the round and road safety in general, it proudly displays the Road Safety Round promotions around the club. In the lead up to this week's match senior netballers and footballers will be participating in a road safety quiz after training on Thursday night. The questions are focused on amplifying the TAC's target areas of Speeding, Drink Driving, Distractions and Vehicle safety. Along with this we are partnered with Wonthaggi Toyota to provide a free courtesy bus for our annual ball.

The club has worked closely with the Wonthaggi Police throughout the year to educate and deliver road safety messages to the young drivers within our club. Participating in the Campbell Ion Cup to remember Campbell who was tragically killed while travelling to Koo Wee Rup to play football. His family has strong connections to the Koo Wee Rup Football Netball Club and that club was also significantly impacted by the accident. In the lead up to this match we hosted the Wonthaggi Police who delivered a Road Trauma presentation to our young people and their parents.

"Young people are most at risk on our roads so we want to ensure we are educating our young people about the risks and consequences" said Dave.



Nick Besley gets handball away to Joel Cuman. Photo: Nadine Smith.

Cobras overwhelm the Giants

DESPITE a 99-point loss, Korumburra-Bena played a strong defensive game against top-of-the-table Cora Lynn.

The Giants showed improvement, after previously losing to the Cobras by 135-points.

Playing in damp conditions at the Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve, the Giants were unable to hit the scoreboard early but restricted the Cobras to just three goals in the first quarter.

Zach Walker played an impressive defensive role against Cora Lynn's key forward and leading goal kicker Nathan Gardiner.

Gardiner still kicked his way to a five-goal haul throughout the game, but Walker put frustrating pressure on him and made him work for it.

The Giants returned to the ground after quarter time for a more impactful second term.

Korumburra-Bena has been struggling with key outs in the forward line due to injuries, but Hugh Gordon took on his role up forward and was a handy target.

Jack Spencer, Evan Allaway and James Dunn were also assets, giving a rotation

in the ruck and providing tall targets up forward.

After halftime, the Giants seemed to switch off and the Cobras launched their attack.

The margin blew out to 94 points heading into the final quarter.

Some words from coach Josh Hopkins set the Giants back on the right path to close the game on a high note.

The defence tightened again, and the Cobras were unable to continue increasing the margin.

Hopkins was on the bench through the game this week, which gave him a better perspective about what needed to be adjusted on the field and the Giants were quick to adapt and execute his strategies.

These insights will be brought to training this week ahead of Saturday's clash with the Warragul Industrials.

When the Giants met the Dusties earlier this season, the Dusties claimed a 100-point win in a huge round two effort the Giants didn't see coming.

The Giants are better prepared this time around and are anticipating a much closer match.



WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 13

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

130  **31**

CORA LYNN

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Cora Lynn 3.5 10.6 17.11 19.16 (130)
Kor-Bena 0.0 3.1 3.1 5.1 (31)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 5, Lachlan Coverdale 4, Cory Machaya 4, Jaxon Briggs, Luke Hartley, Christopher Inverno, Max McDermott, James Munro, Luke Ryan 1 each

BEST: Cory Machaya, Luke Black, Lachlyn Peluso, Lachlan Coverdale, James Munro, Luke Ryan

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Tom Crocker 2, Codie Anderson, Joel Cuman, Jake Fowles 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Wightman, Byron Walker, Joel Cuman, Tyler Newton, Zach Walker, Matt Kennewell

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 4.2 7.2 10.7 15.11 (101)
Kor-Bena 0.1 0.4 2.4 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman 6, Ryan Eaton 2, Josh Wilson 2, Jake Bocardi, Owen Hartley, Jacob Percy, Evan Pickering, Lachlan Taylor 1 each

BEST: Luke Foreman, Lachlan Taylor, Jacob Percy, Ryan Spierings, Thomas Arnett, Tristan Lilley-Hale

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lachlan Smith, Colin Terry 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Smith, Isaak Fox, Tanner Walker, Jack Crocker, Liam OConnor, Terence Sanderson

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

 **23**  **100**

DALYSTON

NAR NAR GOON

Dalyston 0.1 0.3 2.4 3.5 (23)
Nar Nar Goon 3.2 6.5 10.8 15.10 (100)

GOALS, Dalyston: Hayden Wallis 2, Koby Brann 1

BEST: Kyle Kirk, Blake Carew, Hayden Wallis, Mitch Hallahan, William Clarke, Kurt Thomas

GOALS, NNG: Harrison Brain 6, Matthew Gentile 5, Jake Smith 2, Oscar Henwood, Jarrod Smith 1 each

BEST: James Cairns, Harrison Brain, Jacob Keyers, Trent Armour, Matthew Gentile, Luke Bettio

RESERVES

Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Nar Nar Goon 9.2 12.11 19.17 27.19 (181)

GOALS, Dalyston: -

BEST: Ben McRae, Jack McNally, Lochlan McLean, Will Hynes, Alexander Geyer, Bayley Sungalis

GOALS, NNG: Cooper Pursell 10, Daniel Mason 4, Tex Marsham 2, Flynn Parker 2, Bailey Beet, Dan Cross, Lachlan Graham, Joel Motta, Riley Murphy, Zac Smith, Nathan Swan, Harrison Waters 1 each

BEST: Cooper Pursell, Max McGreal, Flynn Parker, Luke Dortsman, Riley Murphy, Tex Marsham

THIRDS

Dalyston 2.3 3.5 5.6 5.7 (37)
Nar Nar Goon 2.2 4.2 6.4 8.6 (54)

GOALS, Dalyston: Jaxon Foon 4, Jesse Dugard 1

BEST: Jaxon Foon, Cooper Shepherd, Harry Howell, Jesse Dugard, Bailey Anderson, Lincoln Harris

GOALS, NNG: Mitch Moresco 3, Nathan Malcolm 2, Noah Airdrie, Tarrant Millar, Jack Murphy 1 each

BEST: Noah Airdrie, Nathan Malcolm, Matthew Cross, Mitch Moresco, Toby Cramer, Ryder Kaminski

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)
Nar Nar Goon 4.3 7.6 10.8 14.11 (95)

GOALS, Dalyston: -

BEST: Zack Hughes, Heath Hender, Luke Franks, malachi ori, Archie Donohue, Tom Humphris

GOALS, NNG: Kai Jones 4, Oliver Ockwell-Payne 3, Aidy Patterson 3, James Cross, Jack Lawlor, Jackson O'Brien 1 each

BEST: Kai Jones, Oliver Ockwell-Payne, Toby Holland, Joel Casey, Jake Webster, Joshua Murphy

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Garfield 6.8.44 d Bunyip 3.7.25

RESERVES
Garfield 7.5.47 d Bunyip 3.4.22

THIRDS
Garfield 8.17.65 d Bunyip 0.3.3

FOURTHS
Garfield 3.5.23 d Bunyip 2.7.19

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 13

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Cora Lynn	11	1	275.35	46	Tooradin-Dal	12	1	677.92	48	Phillip Island	10	0	606.55	4.00	Phillip Island	12	0	787.31	4.00
Phillip Island	11	1	193.98	46	Nar Nar Goon	11	2	500.36	44	Warragul Ind	9	2	255.74	3.27	Warragul Ind	9	3	305.51	3.00
Nar Nar Goon	11	2	303.50	44	Inverloch-K	10	3	329.60	40	Nar Nar Goon	8	2	226.17	3.09	Nar Nar Goon	10	2	305.51	3.33
Inverloch-K	11	2	255.87	44	Cora Lynn	11	2	256.98	44	Inverloch-K	7	4	187.16	2.54	Inverloch-K	9	3	275.09	3.00
Tooradin-Dal	9	4	191.86	36	Phillip Island	9	4	285.03	36	Garfield	6	2	110.42	2.40	Tooradin-Dal	8	4	235.11	2.67
Kilcunda-Bass	7	6	97.75	28	Kilcunda-Bass	7	6	121.07	28	Koo Wee Rup	4	7	87.81	1.46	Garfield	5	6	83.83	1.82
Warragul Ind	5	8	93.79	20	Koo Wee Rup	6	7	104.42	24	Tooradin-Dal	6	1	67.58	1.40	Kor-Bena	5	6	56.93	1.82
Koo Wee Rup	4	9	73.73	13	Garfield	5	8	72.51	20	Dalyston	4	7	86.24	1.46	Koo Wee Rup	3	9	56.93	1.00
Garfield	4	9	44.01	13	Dalyston	3	10	21.24	12	Kor-Bena	1	9	17.01	0.40	Bunyip	2	10	22.56	0.67
Dalyston	3	10	65.40	12	Warragul Ind	2	11	33.57	8	Bunyip	0	11	12.28	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	11	16.34	0.33
Kor-Bena	1	12	34.95	4	Kor-Bena	2	11	22.46	8	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	1	11	12.23	0.33
Bunyip	0	13	9.86	0	Bunyip	0	13	5.50	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

Olympics debut for Vernon and Wilson



BEAU Vernon (left) and Keefer Wilson (above) will be wearing the green and gold as they take to the world stage in Paris.

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Keefer flips to France

NYORA skateboarder Keefer Wilson is gearing up to debut in the Paris Olympics.

The 17-year-old flew out to Sweden over the weekend, where he will spend two weeks before meeting the rest of the Australian skateboarding team in Italy.

From there, they will fly into Paris at the end of July to compete in early August at the La Concorde venue.

"It's pretty exciting, it'll be an amazing experience," he said. Keefer's father built a mega skateboarding ramp on their Nyora property when Keefer was 11 years old.

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