



Community rallies after devastating fire

POISON SHOCK

- No end in sight for 'mushroom' tragedy

THE 49-year-old Leongatha woman, who allegedly admitted in a statement, sent to police on August 14, that she prepared the meal of beef Wellington which ultimately caused the death of three Korumburra people, has been charged with their murders.

However, as much as that development caught everyone by surprise last Thursday, what came as a particular shock to many was that the woman at the centre of the tragic events of Saturday, July 29

this year, Erin Trudy Patterson, also allegedly tried to kill her estranged husband, Simon Patterson, the father of her two children, on four separate occasions, also allegedly by poisoning.

These incidents, detailed by police for the first time when Ms Patterson was also charged with five counts of attempted murder last week, involve four attempts on Simon Patterson's life in November 2021, in May 2022, in September 2022 and also in July 2023, when Mr Patterson

was invited but did not attend the ill-fated family lunch at Erin Patterson's home.

The other charge of attempted murder relates to Pastor Ian Wilkinson of Korumburra who is the only one of the four guests who sat down to lunch that day to survive, although he too was gravely ill in hospital, for almost two months, after eating a plate of the poisonous meal, which police believe contained Death Cap mushrooms.

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After arsonists torched the glorious 120-year history of the Fish Creek Football Netball Club, in the early hours of last Saturday morning, driving a dagger into the heart of the football-worshipping community there, by destroying their 37 premiership cups, photos, honour boards and most of the flags; they're fighting back. Already almost \$100,000 has been raised on a GoFundMe crowd-funding page, but much more is still needed, simply for a temporary home to be established. What can you do to help them?

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Final search before murder charges are laid

HOMICIDE Squad Detective had the use of Australian Federal Police technology detector dogs when they executed a search warrant at Erin Patterson's Leongatha home last Thursday.

Police made a thorough search of Ms Patterson's home, outbuildings and car with dogs seen jumping in and out of her distinctive red MG SUV, and also in and out of the house, during a six and a half-hour search.

And were seen removing bags of collected material, some of it clearly IT equipment, for removal.

The dogs were withdrawn around 2pm and Ms

Patterson, who had earlier been arrested by police, was conveyed to the Wonthaggi Police Station for questioning.

She was ultimately charged with three counts of murder, in relation to an ill-fated family dinner at Ms Patterson's home on Saturday, July 29.

And the material recovered on the final day search were used as the reason why police needed 20 weeks between charges being laid and a committal hearing, that is a court hearing that decides whether there is enough evidence to send the matter to trial.

Ms Patterson has consistently maintained her innocence.



Homicide squad police had the assistance of AFP technology detector dogs when searching for evidence at the home of Erin Patterson last Thursday.

Poison shock - no end in sight for 'mushroom' tragedy

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The murder charges relate to the alleged intentional poisoning of two Korumburra women, Gail Patterson and her sister Heather Wilkinson, aged 66 and 70, who passed away in hospital on August 4 and Gail's husband Don Patterson, also 70, who passed away in hospital on August 5.

The charges followed the arrest of Ms Patterson at her home in Leongatha, last Thursday morning at 8am, where police also executed a search warrant before conducting a thorough investigation of her town-edge house, out-buildings and car.

"Today's arrest is just the next step in what has been a complex and thorough investigation by homicide squad detectives and one that is not yet over," said head of the investigation, Homicide Detective Inspector Dean Thomas.

Det Insp Thomas said in a statement on Thursday that police were being assisted in their search of the property by the AFPs technology detector dogs who were seen jumping in and out of Ms Patterson's distinctive red MG SUV, and coming in and out of her home.

Police were seen packing away bags of seized material from the house, including electronic equipment, after which Ms Patterson was transferred to the Wonthaggi Police Station for questioning, at about 2.30pm.

It was at Wonthaggi, shortly after 7pm, that she was charged with three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder. Ms Patterson was subsequently transferred to the Morwell Police Complex where she spent the night in the cells.

The police operation and the charging of Ms Patterson has attracted almost unprecedented media coverage both nationally and overseas, a fact remarked upon by Mr Thomas.

"Over the last three months this investigation has been subjected to incredibly intense levels of public scrutiny, and curiosity. I cannot think of another investigation that has generated this level of media and public interest, not only here in Victoria, but also nationally and internationally," he said.

"I think it's particularly important that we keep in mind that at the heart of this, three people have lost their lives. These are three people who by all accounts were much beloved in their communities and greatly missed by their loved ones.

"These deaths also continue to have a significant impact on the immediate families of those involved, and I ask that people are particularly mindful of this over the coming days.

"In smaller communities such as Leongatha and Korumburra,

a tragedy such as this can reverberate for years to come."

In fact, it could take upwards of four years to get through the legal system if the case against Ms Patterson runs its course.

Ms Patterson was ushered into the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court, by court security, shortly after 10am on Friday, appearing relaxed, in a familiar woollen jumper, maroon-rimmed glasses and with her hair untied.

She spoke briefly to her legal counsel, top Melbourne criminal lawyer Bill Doogue, and also received an explanation and instructions from Magistrate Tim Walsh, who acceded to a police request for a 20-week adjournment while recently seized IT equipment could be analysed.

"What, a 20-week adjournment for a triple murder to analyse electronic equipment? You had enough evidence to charge this woman yesterday," replied Magistrate Walsh.

However, he granted the request and Ms Patterson's next appearance will be on Friday, May 3, when she fronts a committal hearing, either at Morwell or in Melbourne, if as indicated by Mr Doogue, the committal runs into several days.

There was no application for bail, no plea and Ms Patterson was remanded in custody.

Erin Patterson's charge sheet revealed

THERE are three murders and five attempted murders listed on Erin Patterson's charge sheet, mostly relating to the incident of the ill-fated family lunch at her home on Saturday, July 29 this year. They are:

1. The accused at Heidelberg on 04/08/2023 did murder Heather Wilkinson.
2. The accused at Heidelberg on 04/08/2023 did murder Gail Patterson.
3. The accused at Heidelberg on 05/08/2023 did murder Donald Patterson.
4. The accused at Leongatha on 29/07/2023 did attempt to commit an indictable offence namely the murder of Ian Wilkinson.
5. The accused at Leongatha on 29/07/2023 did attempt to commit an indictable offence namely the murder of Simon Patterson.
6. The accused in the State of Victoria between 16/11/2021 and 17/11/2021 did attempt to commit an indictable offence namely the murder of Simon Patterson.
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8. The accused in the State of Victoria on 26/09/2022 did attempt to commit an indictable offence namely the murder of Simon Patterson.

To the Community from Fish Creek FNC

To the Fish Creek Football Netball Club players, committee, members, life members, supporters and friends.

Shocked, saddened, devastated... words cannot describe how we feel right now.

By now you are all well aware of the senseless acts that started early in the week with the break in to our netball rooms followed by the arson attack on beloved social rooms and change rooms.

Police are doing all they can in their attempts to find the person or persons responsible.

To our netball and football grades and age groups, we move forward.

Training dates and all presentation activities remain the same, this includes club fundraising events such as the Great Victorian Bike Ride and December Campdraft.

We have already formed a sub-committee to take on our rebuild and temporary amenities in preparation for the 2024 season.

Finally, a massive thank you to all CFA stations that attended on Saturday and all police members who attended the scene.

We would also like to thank all members of the public who helped out in various ways over the weekend.

Regards Co-Presidents Nick Shaw and Ray Stefani.

Lobster back on their menu, not ours!

IN 2019, before the ban on Australian rock lobster was put in place, more than 90 per cent of the Australian catch was exported to China.

Good on them! Figures from the Australian agriculture department showed the market was worth about A\$750 million-a-year (US\$517 million).

Now, with the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese making a renewed push for the return of lobster supplies, when he meets the Chinese President Xi Jinping this week, it looks as if lobster is back on the menu again.

And the news might come, just in time, for the opening of the Rock Lobster locally on November 14.

"We brought in some lobster from South Australia, for the long weekend, but the season opens locally on November 14," said Ryan Stephens at the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op this week.

But, where the co-op has been selling cooked crays for \$105 per kg up until recently, the return of demand from China will inevitably drive prices higher, for the fishermen, and the Aussie customers.

"We'd certainly welcome it if China came back in, but yes, would expect the prices to go up," said Ray.

So, if you fancy a feed of crayfish between now and Christmas, you might be well advised to jump on one when the first rock lobster of the new season is landed in a week or two's time.

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IN BRIEF

Want to influence the future of San Remo?

THE Bass Coast Shire released that over the next 20 years, it is projected that San Remo will grow by between 400 and as much 2100 additional permanent residents.

For San Remo to continue to be a vibrant place to live and visit, Bass Coast Shire Council is developing a structure plan to guide its future growth and development to 2041. The plan will be shaped by technical reports and community feedback, and will provide direction for planning controls, transportation, infrastructure, and other services.

The Bass Coast Shire Council invite community members to participate in the project by:

- sharing what's important, their issues and ideas for San Remo's future.
- expressing interest in joining the community reference panel that will guide the development of the plan.

Community consultation of the project launched on October 26 and will be open until December 8. To learn more about the project and have your say, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/sanremoplan

All day jazz extravaganza

10AM – 5PM at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes
PERFORMING at the All-Day Jazz Extravaganza on November 19 10am-5pm (40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes) will be the Todd Sidney All Stars.

Todd Sidney is a brilliant keyboard player in his own right, better known for leading the backing group for Sarah MacLaine. Appearing with Todd are Gianni Marinucci on trumpet, Dean Addison on bass and Dean Cooper on drums.

The David Dower Quartet plus One. Leader David is an extremely proficient keyboard player who set the audience alight at the July Club event. Performing with David are Kim May on bass, James Osborne on drums, Ron Anderson on reeds together with an internationally recognised jazz vocalist Gabriel Lynch.

Lightning Jazz have been playing the jazz scene throughout Victoria for several years. Led by Paul Ingle on trombone and vocals, Cameron McIntyre on clarinet, Peter Hooper on

banjo, Ken Collins on trumpet and vocals, Herman Schwaiger on string bass and Ron Hayden on drums and vocals.

A great day's entertainment for everyone.

Tickets are available at \$35 a head and a BBQ lunch is included in the cost for the day.

For more information, please contact Robin 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 46 300. This event is proudly supported by Bass Coast Council.

Roads need more than band-aid fix

THE State Government's failure on the South Gippsland Highway reached a new peak of ridiculous this week, according to the Nationals.

The comment came following the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne spoke about spending, while more sections were reduced to 60 km/h.

Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien said if the government spent as much on actual road works as it is on speed reduction signs, the roads would be in good shape.

"Only last week I raised concerns about the lack of action on the South Gippsland Highway, particularly the stretch between Leongatha and Welshpool where the road surface is appalling and dangerous," he said.

"In parliament on Wednesday, the Minister for Roads and Road Safety specifically singled out the South Gippsland Highway, as apparently some work is being done on it. However, in the same week two sections of the highway between Stony Creek and Foster North had 60 km/h speed limits introduced because the road is so hazardous and dangerous for motorists.

"Currently from Korumburra to Welshpool, there are eight rough surface or traffic hazard signs, nine 60 km/h road hazard warning signs, two 80km/h sections and two 60 km/h sections – all due to the appalling surface of the roads."

Mr O'Brien said the State Government has cut its road maintenance funding by 45 per cent since 2020, including a 25 per cent cut this year.

"It's about time the government funded VicRoads to actually fix our roads rather than just putting up speed reduction signs," he said.



POLICE BRIEFS

Young driver rolls on Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road

OCTOBER 31 at about 5:30pm, police from the Wonthaggi Police Station, along with paramedics from Ambulance Victoria, volunteer firefighters from Inverloch CFA and Wonthaggi CFA, and volunteer rescuers from SES Wonthaggi Unit responded to a single vehicle collision which occurred on Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road in Inverloch, near Eagles Nest. The road was temporarily closed for a short period of time. It is believed that a 20-year-old male from Wonthaggi was driving a silver-coloured Holden Commodore sedan, and that the driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

It is further believed that the driver may have over corrected the vehicle due to oncoming traffic, which resulted in the vehicle losing control, rolling several times, and stopping when it impacted an embankment.

The driver was taken to Bass Coast Health (Wonthaggi) for assessment.

Investigations into the cause are ongoing, however vehicle speed and a wet road may have been a contributing factor.

Collisions such as this are avoidable, and police in Bass Coast and South Gippsland

again ask all road users to slow down and drive according to the conditions.

Sexual assault in Wonthaggi laundromat

CENTRAL Gippsland Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team detectives are investigating after a man sexually assaulted a woman in a Wonthaggi laundrette earlier in the month.

Police were told a man approached the woman in the Graham Street laundrette and engaged in sexual activity about 2.30pm on October 19.

The man offered the woman money before fleeing in a vehicle described as an old, dark blue sedan in poor condition.

Investigators have released an image of a man they believe may be able to assist them with their enquiries.

The male is described as being 40- to 50-years-old, with a dark olive complexion, heavy build and bald.

The man was last seen wearing black sunglasses on his head, a black t-shirt with white writing and blue jeans.

Anyone who recognises the man or has information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report at crimestoppersvic.com.au

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Crime spree ends in devastating fire

THE sporting clubs and a local business hit by thieves, vandals and arsonists over the weekend have been struck more by the senseless acts of destruction, than what was actually stolen in the connected crime spree.

Targeted in the early hours of last Saturday morning were the Meeniyen Bowls Club, where thieves smashed their way into the club's bar and stole a large quantity of packaged liquor, as well as the club's new 75" Hisense TV.

They've continued on to the Meeniyen IGA Bottle Shop, at 4.28am, where they've stolen a smaller amount of alcohol, while failing to open the security door on the store's cigarette cabinet.

They've then wasted no time in getting to Terrill Park at Fish Creek where they've ended up torching 120 years of football netball history shortly before 5am.

And it seems certain the crimes are linked, despite the tight time frame, after police reportedly found the remote control from bowls club's new Hisense TV at the Fish Creek Recreation Reserve.

"They've jemmied open the roll cage on the bar to get access to the fridges but despite the fact that the fridges were already open, they've smashed the fridge doors anyway and caused a terrible mess," said bar manager Allan Hanks.

As well as stealing the TV and packaged alcohol, they've smashed the bowls club's CCTV cameras and ripped out the recording equipment.

At Meeniyen IGA, they've also smashed the fridge doors when they were already open.

"They've damaged the front door trying to get it open, then finally found a window they could smash. They've crawled through, tried unsuccessfully to open the cigarette cabinet, and then smashed the fridge doors, which were already open, and stolen a relatively small amount of alcohol," said a spokesperson for the supermarket.

And it seems certain that the robbery and damage at the Meeniyen Bowls Club, the Meeniyen IGA Supermarket Bottle Shop and at Fish Creek Football Netball Club, in the



Former Fish Creek players Jason Harding (holding signs) and Neville Smith (in the background) remove what's left of the club's memorabilia before the building is torn down.

early hours of last Saturday morning, are linked after police reportedly found the remote control from the bowls club's new 75" Hisense TV at the Fish Creek footy ground.

It was at the Fish Creek Football Netball Club where the destructive burglars had their most devastating impact.

After breaking into the footy rooms, pulling a large TV screen off the wall, but ultimately leaving it behind on the stairs on their way out, they've started a fire, potentially to cover their tracks, which has torched the entire top floor of the famous social club.

And with it went 37 years of premiership glory; the cups, the photos, the honour boards and most of the flags, and with it the sense of place enjoyed by hundreds of people over the years.

Co-club President Nick Shaw said he had a phone call from a "gutted" club great, Wayne Weidemann from Adelaide on Saturday morning, pledging his support.

"Wayne got the keys from me only a few weeks ago and took a walk through. Lucky he did, it's all gone now," said Shaw as he surveyed the scene of destruction, wisps of smoke still rising from the mangled mess that was as much the town's community centre, scene of wedding receptions and 21st birthdays celebrations, as it was the home of its much-loved football and netball teams.

Former Alberton Football

League Secretary Stuart Storr described the attack on the clubrooms as "absolutely despicable".

"It's a deliberate act without a doubt," said Mr Storr on Saturday morning.

"Apparently, they've gone in there in the early hours of the morning, ransacked the place for whatever they could get out of it and then when they couldn't remove the TV down the stairs, they've torched the place.

"It's an absolute disgrace to think of all that history gone. Unimaginable."

It's not the first time that either the football-netball clubrooms or local bowls clubs have been hit by thieves and vandals, in fact it follows hits on the Fish Creek netball facilities on the previous Wednesday, and an attempted break-in at the Corner Inlet Motorcycle Club two weeks earlier.

Club members arrived quickly to survey the scene, and just as quickly to put a plan of recovery into action at a meeting in the Fish Creek Hotel.

"It's just senseless. Ridiculous. It's hard to get your head around it," said co-president Ray Stefani.

"We know what's happened, but the police are here now, and we'll have to let them do their work."

"The fire alarm went off at about 5am but by the time the fire brigade got here the bricks were glowing red-hot," said Nick Shaw.

"Nothing upstairs could be saved. It's a total loss up there. All the cups, the honour boards and all the photos.

"We had one shield up there that would have been over 100 years old and there was a great team photo with all of the members of that team named. Probably our best piece of the club's history. That'll be gone. It's an absolute tragedy.

"We did have some of the flags downstairs. They have been saved, and we had some photos away at the framers getting new frames, but all those old team photos in some great frames, they've all gone.

"They're still pouring some water on it now, but it looks like one of the walls will cave in, so they'll have to pull it down sometime."

Nine units and more than 30 fire fighters, including from Fish Creek, Foster, Yanakie, Toora, Milford and Meeniyen attended the scene, together with a 'Bron-to' aerial platform truck from Traralgon.

They arrived shortly after 5am and found the historic football rooms fully involved, the bricks of the building glowing red-hot in the fierce blaze ensuring a total loss upstairs.

Afterwards, a quantity of photos flags an memorabilia was recovered from downstairs but not one of the club's 37 premiership cups could be saved, including the most recent addition, the 2023 Mid-Gippsland senior premiership cup.

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Cr Michael Whelan



THE rollercoaster weather we've experienced over the past month may have given you a false impression of the summer we can expect.

But all the weather experts agree that El Nino is here and that means this summer will have a high chance of extreme heat and dry conditions and as all Aussies know that means an increased threat of bushfires.

Council plays a critical role in supporting control agencies such as the Country Fire Authority, Victoria Police and the State Emergency Service as well as coordinating relief in our community.

Emergency Services are preparing for the possibility of early onset of fire season and a lot of work has been done ensuring strong collaboration across the entire Gippsland region.

Council has been carrying out significant mitigation works to prepare for the season in collaboration with our integrated fire management partner agencies through the Bass Coast Fire Risk Working Group, taking a strategic and risk-informed approach to fire-hazard inspections.

While concerns about fire might understandably be foremost in people's minds, it is important to also remember the risk of heat itself. Extreme heat can affect anybody and cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion, which can lead to the life-threatening condition, heatstroke.

But my most important message today is this: Every single member of the Bass Coast community has a critical role to play in their own emergency preparedness. If everyone plays their role now, we'll all be a lot safer in the coming months.

Here are some simple things we can all do now to build community resilience:

DOWNLOAD the Vic Emergency app on your phone and stay informed.

MAKE sure you have a plan – the CFA can help you by conducting community preparedness days and Red Cross provides great resources to help community to make a plan and be prepared.

TRAVEL smart in the region – that means ensuring you have enough water, spare tyres etc.

TAKE additional precautions with babies and pets.

PLAN for power disruptions – make sure you let electricity providers know if you need supply.

PREPARE your property by slashing grass, bracken or weeds, especially around buildings and fences, and removing undergrowth, fallen branches, garden refuse and tree cuttings. I encourage residents to take advantage of Council's Fee-Free Green Waste Disposal Period available now until November 26.

CHECK-IN on your neighbours. Get to know each other's plans for an emergency.

BE AWARE of the heat health of the elderly and young in your life.

Making smart decisions now will go a long way to protecting yourself, your family and the community on those really hot days likely to come.

Finally, our Bass Coast community has a strong tradition of volunteerism and supporting our neighbours when times are tough. If you want to help out, I encourage you to get connected now to your local SES, CFA or other community organisation to ensure that you are inducted and ready to help when community needs you.

Recycle cans and bottles pouring in

BASS Coast, South Gippsland and Victorian residents have enthusiastically embraced Victoria's new Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic), returning well over two million containers and collecting more than \$200,000 in refunds in its first two days of operation. And it seems that a lot of those cans and bottles arrived at one of two official Collection Point Depots in Cowes and Wonthaggi.

"We started a bit slowly on Wednesday (November 1) as people got the message about where we were and that we were open. The advert and article in the paper helped with word of mouth," said one of the owner-operators of Can Collect in Wonthaggi and Cowes, Will Hams.

"But as those people told five other people, we started to build momentum over the next few days to the point now where we've filled both those big bins."

"We've had quite a few bulk deliveries, which is good, but we're starting to see some of the local clubs and individuals coming in as well which is great."

"As opposed to a local RVM (reverse vending machine), we can accept aluminium cans that have been crushed and we pay cash for can and bottle returns on the spot."

You'll find the local depots at:

- Wonthaggi, 36 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi (open 8.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri



Members of the team from Can Collect in Wonthaggi and Cowes, from left, Karen Hams, Mitch Moschetti and Will Hams with some of the thousands of cans and bottles that have been arriving daily at their depots.

- and 9am-3pm Sat-Sun)
- Phillip Island, 14 Harvey Drive, Cowes (open 8.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri and 9am-3pm Sat-Sun)

"One of the really pleasing things is we've had quite a few young entrepreneurs coming in, getting themselves organised collecting from friends and putting out their own little leaflets," said Will. "Good on them for having a go."

As well as his Can Collect partners Lukas Webb and Brad Olsson, Will Hams has his mum Karen helping out.

"It's really a feel-good thing to do. You're bringing in your recycle waste of

aluminium cans and bottles, making a bit of cash or making a donation to one of the registered local charities, and you know the cans and bottles are going back into the system, instead of to landfill," said Karen.

"In fact, the cans are being recycled and they're back as new cans in four weeks," said Will.

"We want the bottles unbroken, and they're converted into new products quickly as well."

Cans and bottles that generate the 10c deposit return include all your typical aluminium drink cans and, typically 'stubby' style

beer bottles, also including the likes of spirit mixes, cruisers and the like.

"We can't take big spirit bottles or wine bottles, but these can be recycled in your recycle bin."

"We'd like to see a few more people finding us on Phillip Island, at the Cowes depot but that will come."

Karen Hams would like to see more local clubs and organisations registering as charities on the CDS Vic East app.

"Simply download the app and join up and start asking your members and supporters to direct the proceeds your way."

'Happy with this', said former Bass Coast Shire Council CEO



Among those at the opening of Berninneit last week were two former CEOs of Bass Coast Paul Buckley and Ali Wastie chatting with Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead.

FORMER CEO of the Bass Coast Shire Council, Ali Wastie, took time out from her busy schedule last Wednesday night to attend the launch of the Berninneit entertainment program in Cowes.

A key figure in the \$31.3 million project, Ms Wastie was appointed CEO at the City of Greater Geelong in August 2023.

She has since added the chairmanship of the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds Joint Venture in September, a partnership between the State Government and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

Ms Wastie is currently

chairperson of Alpine Resorts Victoria after her appointment in August 2022 following the merger of Victoria's four alpine resort management boards which govern Falls Creek, Mt Hotham, Mt Buller, Mt Stirling, Lake Mountain and Mt Baw Baw resorts.

Ms Wastie had to drop her role on the board of South Gippsland Hospital where she was the Chair of the Clinical Governance and Quality Committee.

Speaking at the Berninneit event, she was animated in her praise for the project.

"You'd have to be happy with this," Ms Wastie said.

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Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Victorian Government. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the capabilities they identify in their applications.

Applications close at **Midnight Sunday 19 November 2023.**

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



David Duke received a rude shock when he found Bass Coast Council contractors had broken into and were dumping soil on his privately owned land in Cape Paterson.



“Contractors have put up temporary fencing and are using the land as if it is their own, while they fix the drainage on the roadside,” said David Duke, owner of the land with wife Robyn.

Council dump on private land

COUNCIL contractors have removed a private gate, dumped a load of soil and erected temporary fencing on private farming land in Cape Peterson without the owner’s knowledge or consent.

David Duke received a rude shock when he returned home on Thursday morning last week to find that Bass Coast Shire Council contractors had broken into and were accessing and installing infrastructure on the land.

“The gate was padlocked, and the contractors unscrewed the

latch to allow them to remove the gate so they could access the land,” David explained, flabbergasted at the audacity of the Council appointed labourers.

Davids’ wife Robyn is the title owner of the land that was being torn up by heavy vehicles leaving deep muddy wheel ruts, in Seaward Drive, Cape Paterson.

“Contractors have put up temporary fencing and are using the land as if it is their own, while they fix the drainage on the roadside,” said David.

When questioned, the contractors informed David that John

Armstrong from the council had tried to contact the landowner Robyn but had been unable to reach her.

Council reportedly then gave the go ahead to the contractors to access and use the land anyway.

This response caused David’s absolute dismay.

“Council know where to send rates, so they know where to send a letter,” he said.

When contacted by the Sentinel-Times regarding the issue, a spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council stated:

“This project is to improve

stormwater drainage flows in the surrounding area and will reduce the chance of flooding from excess water during rain events.

“Council can confirm that permission was sought to access private land to fix the drainage in the area. Unfortunately, a miscommunication occurred and this land was accessed prior to agreement and some excavated material was stored onsite. The responsible contractor will rectify this issue.

“Council apologises for the inconvenience this has caused.”

Contest likely for Bass Coast mayor

IT’S no secret that Bass Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, will be a candidate for mayor when the council meets next Wednesday, November 15 to appoint its leader.

The present incumbent, Cr Michael Whelan, who took over from Cr Brett Tesari on November 17, 2021, has not yet declared whether he will be a candidate for a third term.

“Yes, I will be putting my hand up and everyone is aware of that,” said Cr Halstead this week.

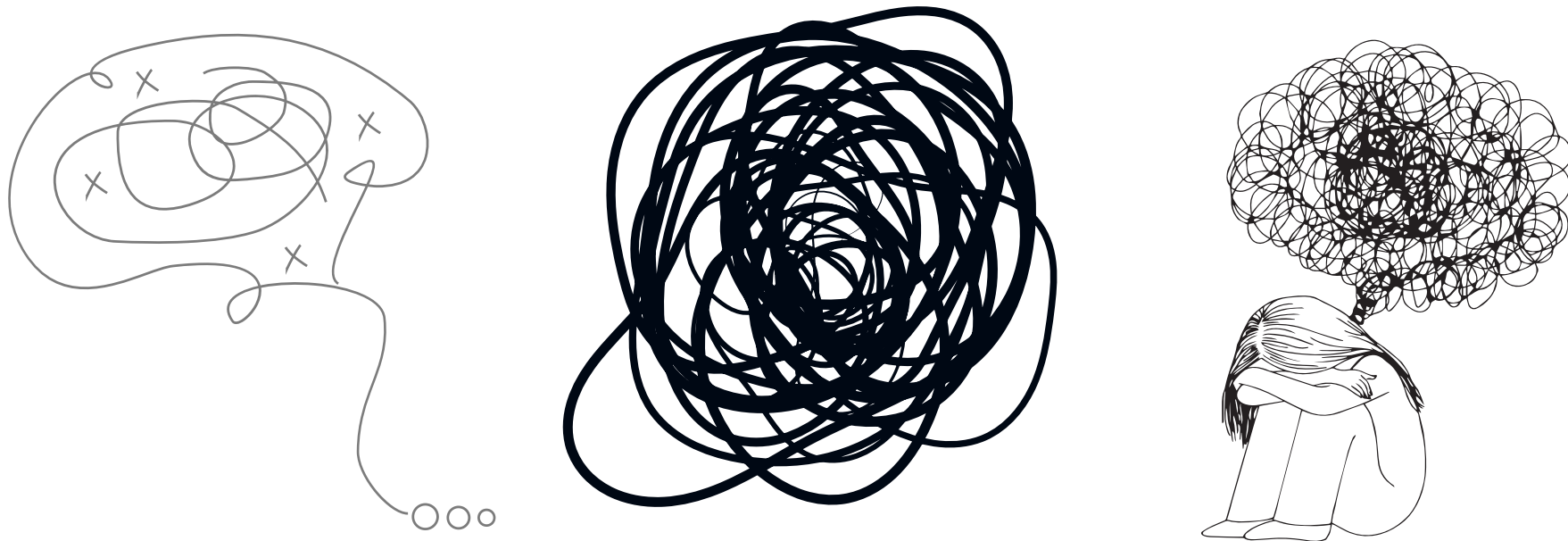
“Michael has been supportive of me doing the AICD Company Directors Course, so that I am across the governance issues, although I have been a mayor before.”

Cr Halstead was Mayor of the City of Frankston before moving the Waterline area of Bass Coast some years ago.

“Michael has encouraged me, and we work well together but councillors are reluctant to commit support beforehand because things can change,” she said.

It is understood that Cr Whelan will “have the numbers” if he chooses to stand for another term, especially after Cr Geoff Ellis replaced one of Cr Halstead’s supporters, Bruce Kent, in August as the new representative for Western Port Ward.

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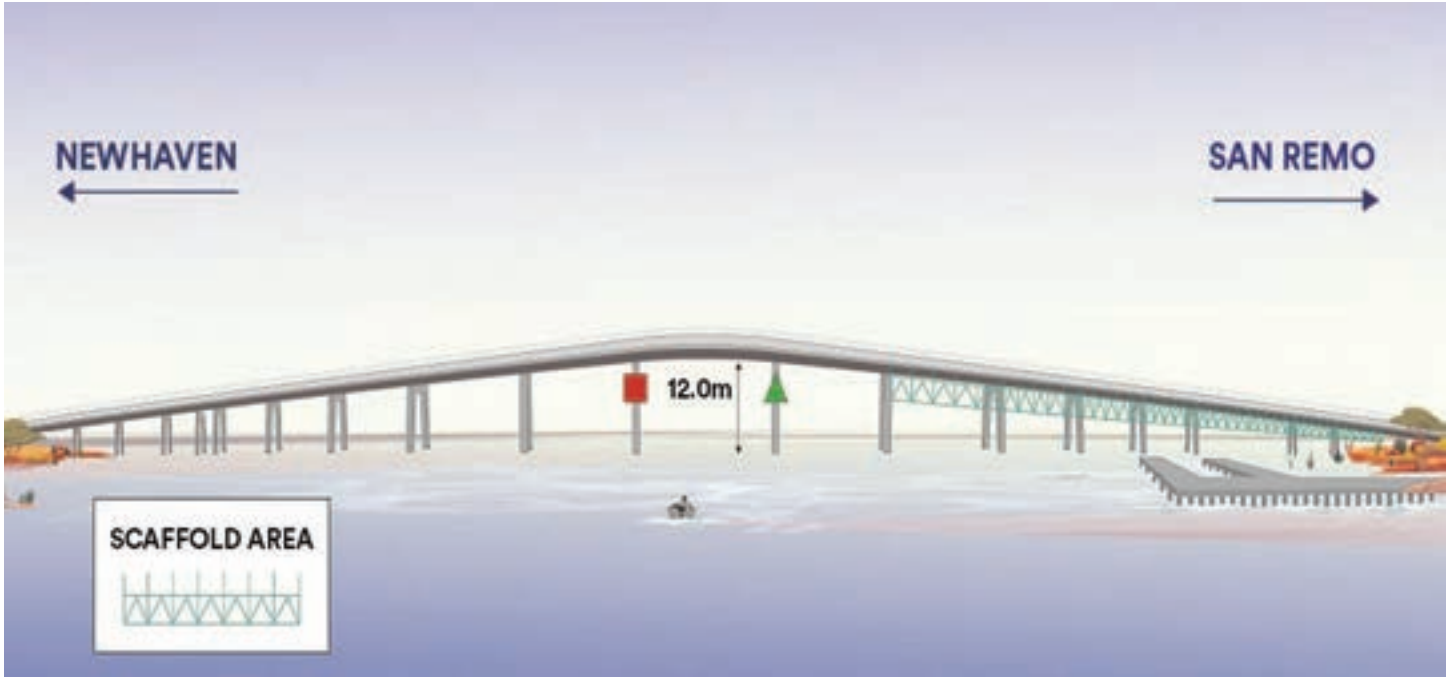
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Pipeline works will commence in the coming weeks which will see the bridge reduced to one lane on rare occasions at night.

San Remo – Phillip Island Bridge Pipeline works

WESTERNPORT Water is upgrading the main drinking water and sewage infrastructure connected to the underside of the San Remo – Phillip Island Bridge.

Work will commence on the \$5.5 million San Remo Bridge Pipeline Bracket Renewal Project in mid-November, and will be completed by October 2024 (excluding peak periods throughout December and early January).

Significant stakeholder consultation, planning and

approval has occurred to minimise impacts to customers, visitors, the economy, and the local environment.

Suspended scaffold will be used under the bridge so workers can safely access the pipes while minimising impacts to traffic.

Only on rare occasions, one lane of the bridge may need to be closed at night while navigational markers for marine users are relocated.

Reduced clearance under the bridge from the scaffolding will

impact tall vessels, however one of the three centre spans will remain at full clearance height at all times to enable safe passage.

A temporary site compound will be established at San Remo Foreshore Reserve. As the works progress over the bridge, the temporary site compound will be moved to Newhaven near the bridge.

Water and wastewater services will continue as normal while the works are happening. Pedestrian access across

the bridge will remain open at all times, as will the pedestrian access tracks under the bridge.

This project is being delivered as part of Westernport Water's capital works program, addressing customer priorities for water quality improvements, environmentally responsible operations, and sustainable services between now and 2028.

For further information please visit westernportwater.com.au.

Airwing assists in key theft

ON WEDNESDAY November 1, at approximately 3.40pm, some vehicle keys and house keys were dropped by a victim at a retail facility at Biggs Drive in Wonthaggi.

It is alleged that the keys were located by three offenders, who refused to give the keys to the victim, and then followed and harassed the victim. The offenders were believed to be driving a silver-coloured KIA sedan.

Police enquires ascertained that the silver-coloured KIA sedan was allegedly involved in several instances of failing to stop for police when directed, which had occurred in recent weeks in the Bass Coast, South Gippsland, Baw Baw and Latrobe areas.

At approximately 5.30pm, the same silver coloured KIA sedan (that was involved in the earlier incident) was observed in the car park and parkland of a community facility on Korumburra Road. The vehicle was allegedly observed to be engaged in hoon behaviour and other offending.

Police from the Wonthaggi Station, along with a police helicopter and the dog squad responded to the sighting of the silver-coloured KIA sedan.

A short time later, the silver-coloured KIA sedan was located at a residential property in Wentworth Road.

At approximately 6pm, police from the Wonthaggi Police Station, with the assistance of the police helicopter, arrested a 38-year-old female from Wonthaggi in relation to unrelated matters, and arrested a 18-year-old male from Wonthaggi in relation to the theft of the keys, and harassing the victim. The silver-coloured KIA sedan was seized by police.

The 38-year-old female from Wonthaggi was bailed to appear at the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court. The 18-year-old male from Wonthaggi was released, with further enquiries being conducted.

Police would like to thank the community for the assistance provided in regard to the sightings of the silver coloured KIA.

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Green Waste Amnesty Period

To assist the community with fire preparation efforts, South Gippsland Shire Council will be offering free green waste disposal at our Transfer Stations in Koonwarra, Foster, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Walkerville and Venus Bay until Sunday 31 December 2023.

However, to improve the quality of the mulch produced, there are several plant species that are not accepted as green waste, including Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush, Pampas Grass and Agapanthus.

Species and green waste that are

difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty such as palm fronds, Yuccas, Cordylines, branches over 300 millimetres in diameter and tree stumps.

If any of these species are taken to a transfer station, they must be disposed of as general waste with applicable disposal fees applying. Alternatively, they can be disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

For more information on the amnesty, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

ArtCubes in Fish Creek



The ArtCubes have officially relocated to Fish Creek where they will feature a program of local artists until 28 January 2024.

As well as hosting an array of talent from the region's artist, the ArtCubes will also support upcoming community events such as Fishy Stories and The Great Victorian Bike Ride.

To view the huge lineup of art at the ArtCubes, please visit:
<https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes>

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 November 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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PRINCES STREET KORUMBURRA

Help us make the Princes Street, Korumburra school precinct safer.

South Gippsland Shire Council is investigating pedestrian and traffic management options to improve the Princes Street, Korumburra school precinct.

Council is wanting to hear from school communities, local residents and businesses, bus operators, emergency services and the wider community to gain insights into local and school traffic.

Please provide your feedback at:
<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

Feedback closes Friday 8 December 2023.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/378 – Korumburra Commercial Street Streetscape – Civil Construction

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 21 November 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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South Gippsland locals turned out in droves at Leongatha RSL on Thursday to express their concerns about proposed local laws.

Local Law in the firing line

REBELLION was afoot at Leongatha RSL on Thursday, November 2, during a public meeting called to fight South Gippsland Shire Council's proposed general local laws that are contained in a recently released draft document.

While some expressed concerns related specifically to local laws, other attendees indulged in conspiracy theories and questioned the validity of not just their local council but councils in general.

The well-attended meeting was chaired by regular council adversary David Amor.

"The reason we're here is to try and understand the garbage the shire has put upon us," he told his audience.

David argued the timeframe for community members to provide feedback on council's draft version of its General Local Law 2024 is inadequate.

Councillors voted at their October meeting to publicly exhibit the draft document between October 19 and November 2, with submissions able to be made during that period.

Following concerns expressed by councillor Scott Rae during the October council meeting about potential negative impacts of some of the proposed local laws on those in the shire's agricultural sector, the level of public comment prompted council to extend the period for submissions by a week.

Specific local law concerns raised during Thursday's meeting included the impossibility of eliminating rodents from animal feed such as hay or preventing farm odours from reaching neighbouring properties, as well as the need to obtain a permit to move livestock.

"Without a permit, a person must not cause, allow or undertake the grazing or droving of livestock on a road or in a municipal place," it is stated in the Part 3 - 'Amenity' section, Division 2 - 'Animals', paragraph 44, sub-clause (1) of the draft General Local Law 2024.

However, immediately underneath it is added that, "Sub-clause (1) does not apply when the person complies wholly with the Manual for Traffic at Control Stock Crossings (Vic Roads, June 2015), including obtaining all necessary permissions from the relevant road authority."

Concern was expressed at the meeting a permit would be required to shift livestock directly from paddock to paddock even if no road is involved, but nobody pointed to any evidence in the draft document that is the case.

The mention of rodents in animal feed relates to paragraph 41 of the previously mentioned section of the draft local law document.

"All animal food for consumption kept or stored on the private property is kept or stored in a vermin or fly-proof receptacle," the paragraph states is a requirement for housing an animal.

Furthermore, it is noted that any animal odour emanating from the private property must not interfere with the immediate amenity of the area.

A further meeting is being held at 1pm on Wednesday, November 8, at 56 Bair Street opposite Leongatha Fire Station, with submissions on the proposed local laws needing to be received by the following day.

Anyone wishing to comment can do so online through council's 'Your Say' site.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



WE are extremely lucky to have such great people in South Gippsland and I am encouraged to see the way so many people look out for one another.

Putting others before self is something that I see regularly in our local area, and I want to take a moment to acknowledge that and encourage those who give so much.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is November 11 and there will be several services being held across South Gippsland. This is an opportunity for us to pause, reflect, acknowledge and remember the service and sacrifice of our service men and women.

Our Artistic Community

In South Gippsland, we have a diverse community and creative expression in all its forms thrives here. There are some really exciting projects happening.

Ash Taylor has started work on the Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural. Working throughout November, Ash will create a vibrant piece of art that will transform this space. Make sure you visit her and see the mural come to life.

After a successful program of events in Mirboo North, the ArtCubes have moved on to Fish Creek and will be there until January 28, 2024. The organisers have a really high calibre program, including the local Kindergarten and Primary School children who are occupying the ArtCubes now. To view the program, please visit: visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

Capital Works Tour

Councillors recently took a tour through South Gippsland to see first-hand the progress being made at some of the Capital Works projects. Some of the projects include:

- The Korumburra Railway Station – renewal works are nearing completion and the building is looking fantastic. This is a terrific space that has so much potential, which Council is exploring.
- The Korumburra Community Hub – since our last walk through, this space has changed so much. Seeing users of the Hub moving in and getting ready for the opening on Friday, November 10, is certainly an exciting step. I can really see how the building will be utilised for our people.
- The Meenyan Community Hub – demolition at the site is underway, which will make way for new public toilets, meeting room and covered communal seating area. What a great asset this will be to the Meenyan community and visitors.
- The Venus Bay Streetscape is progressing and the works are on track for completion by the end of 2023.

It will be exciting to see all of these projects completed for the benefit of our community

CFA Fire Preparedness Session

The CFA is running a free online session for South Gippsland Shire residents and non-resident property owners so we can all know how to prepare our property for the fire season.

It will be held on Tuesday November 14 from 7pm to 8pm.

To book, please visit: bit.ly/3QGxNiu

Friends of Coal Creek continues to foster improvement

FRIENDS of Coal Creek (FOCC) continues to work closely with park management and South Gippsland Shire Council, the organisation's members helping improve the facilities and events on offer at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum through financial contributions and by volunteering their time.

FOCC has 60 plus members, all paying subscriptions that enable the organisation to run by covering essential costs such as insurance, with surplus funds going back into improvements to Coal Creek.

Those members volunteering at the park tackle a wide range of tasks including painting and restoration of buildings, working in the grounds clearing undergrowth and replanting, and cataloguing of Coal Creek's extensive collection of historical items.

"There are thousands of items within Coal Creek that need to be photographed and categorised and that is a huge amount of work," FOCC president Roger Powell said, highlighting the crucial role volunteers play.



Kevin Cook and Phil Fowler of Friends of Coal Creek get into the Halloween spirit as Ghouls Creek volunteers. A18_4523

To be part of the cataloguing process, FOCC members undertake a course run by the team at Coal Creek.

Roger encourages people to join FOCC.

Those not wishing to join but wanting to help can contribute by donating, with contributions over \$5 being tax deductible.

Roger noted that electronic payments are now available for

donations, subscriptions, activities and goods.

"There are two pieces of equipment bringing Friends of Coal Creek into the 21st century," he said.

One of those is a 'Square' terminal that enables FOCC to accept cashless payments.

FOCC funds contribute to activities and equipment at Coal Creek, recently purchasing a second-hand coffee machine

that will be used in the park's restored 'Pig & Whistle'.

The organisation also provided funds towards the booked out All Hallows' Eve event that entertained children at Coal Creek on Halloween.

As well as the 'Square', another terminal to be located at the park will be used to accept donations towards specific projects at Coal Creek.

Projects could include repairing the park's tramway or work required on a particular building.

Roger explained such project donations will go into a special bank account overseen by FOCC, which will work with council and park management to spend the money on specified projects.

FOCC has a new enthusiastic committee with a positive outlook.

The committee meets monthly, with members receiving a monthly newsletter providing an update of the organisation's activities.

General meetings for all members are scheduled for December, March, June and September.

The image is a vertical split. The left half shows a close-up of a chef, Mark Briggs, in a white and blue uniform, focused on plating a dish with various ingredients like orange segments and black olives on a white plate. The right half shows a fishing boat docked at a pier during a vibrant sunset, with the sky in shades of orange, pink, and purple, and the boat's reflection in the calm water.

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As they mark their 10th anniversary, they are excited to announce their relocation to a fresh, new kiosk closer to Coles. This move is not only a testament to their growth but also a way to get even closer to our valued customers.

"We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our loyal customers who have made this remarkable journey possible," owners Gio and Robyn Fantin smiled.

"It's your unwavering support that has enabled us to flourish, and we are committed to continuing to serve you with dedication and enthusiasm."

Their new location offers the same fantastic range of products that you've come to love plus more. You can still find an array of puzzles, cards, jigsaws, books, and novels, along with all your favourite lottery items.

Lucky Lotto is also home to house syndicates for all the weekly lotto events, giving you more chances to win and share the excitement with fellow players.

"With more space, we can bring you bigger and better things."

As the festive season approaches, don't forget to check out their Christmas instant scratchie trees, available for pre-order while stocks last. They make perfect gifts and are a fun way to spread the holiday cheer.

Join Gio and Robyn in celebrating a decade of luck, fortune, and community spirit at Lucky Lotto.

"We're thrilled to embark on this new chapter with you, and we can't wait to welcome you to our new location, where more exciting adventures await. Thank you for making Lucky Lotto your preferred destination. Here's to another decade of great memories and big wins!"



Gio is excited to be celebrating 10 years with the opening of their new kiosk.
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Christmas scratchie trees are available for pre-order ahead of the Christmas rush. C03 4523

Rainbow Lorikeet tops the count

BIRDLIFE Australia – leaders for bird conservation in Australia – recently revealed the preliminary results for the Aussie Bird Count.

With more than 420,000 counted, the colourful Rainbow Lorikeet once again came out on top, beating the Noisy Miner with nearly 220,000 and iconic Australian Magpie with around 154,000 counted.

In total, more than 80,000 Aussies counted more than 3.6 million birds during the week, submitting more than 100,000 checklists and observing 658 bird species.

"The enthusiasm with which Australians have taken to the Aussie Bird Count has been outstanding," BirdLife Australia's national public affairs manager Sean Dooley said.

Over the past 10 years, the Aussie Bird Count has helped raise the profile of Australia's bird life and encouraged thousands of people around the country to connect with nature.

"In addition to being good for our mental health, bird watching is often the first step towards nature conservation. We can't protect something if we don't know how it is faring in the first place," Mr Dooley said.

With nearly one in six bird species in Australia at risk of extinction from threats such as climate change, habitat loss, fires and invasive species, BirdLife Australia relies on data to inform priorities and insights from monitoring projects such as the count to help shape the broader Bird Conservation Strategy, aiming to halt bird extinction by 2032 and overall bird declines by 2050.

The results will be closely vetted by BirdLife Australia's avian experts with a comprehensive data release for the Aussie Bird Count scheduled for December this year.

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ALWAYS a vibrant visual treat, the Leongatha Rose Spectacular will feature something special this November to celebrate its 50th show.

Florist Maureen Quigley, who often participates in the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show, will bring The Dakers Centre stage to life with a truly spectacular display.

Show secretary Sue Thompson of the Leongatha Horticultural Society, also known less formerly as the Leongatha Garden Club, is looking forward to seeing what Maureen creates but is confident it will be on a grand scale.

"I don't know all the details, but it sounds like it's going to be impressive; she's keeping it under her hat," Sue said.

However, the show secretary noted a large arch is expected to feature.

Heritage roses grown by members of the Leongatha Horticultural Society are another drawcard for the Rose Spectacular.

"We have quite a few old-fashioned roses, which is unusual; if you went to a rose show in Melbourne you wouldn't see as many of the old style roses as we have here," Sue said.

That stems from the local heritage rose group that previously existed in South Gippsland, with some of its former members still entering flowers in the Rose Spectacular.

"I'm exhibiting my 'Rose Madame Hardy', which is a beautiful white rose, and I have one called 'Mrs West Rose', which nobody seems to be able to name (formally), but it's a deep



This beautiful container of Floribunda roses won first prize at last year's Leongatha Rose Spectacular.

red rose," Sue said. Heritage roses can be easier to grow than some modern varieties such as hybrid tea roses that are susceptible to hungry parrots.

Sight won't be the only sense engaged at the Rose Spectacular, with old and modern varieties of roses having delightful perfumes.

"That's the thing you notice most when you walk into the hall, as compared to the daffodil show," Sue said, adding the room will smell amazing.

Despite being known as the Rose Spectacular, cut flowers such as irises and clematis will add to the colour of the show.

As well as admiring the floral display, attendees can buy posies.

Local Red Cross volunteers will again be selling tasty treats and cuppas, having been part of the Rose Spectacular for years, with morning and afternoon tea, and lunch available.

Funds raised through catering go into Red Cross projects.

Thursdays bring free community transport

LEONGATHA Community House and Gippsland Southern Health Service have partnered up in a trial to support vulnerable community members to access free transport.

Eleven eligible community members will be able to travel return, for free, from Leongatha to Wonthaggi to attend essential social service and medical appointments.

The service will run every Thursday between November and February in an initial trial, with the potential for the transport service to become permanent, as determined by the success of the trial.

Both Christine Slavin, Manager of Leongatha Community House (LCH) and Sandra Panagiris, Transformation Lead for Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) had heard within their respective roles, that there was a great need for the service.

"We were listening to our community, and our community was telling us that community transport was an issue," said Sandra.

After discovering that LCH had recently received a government grant for the purposes of providing community transport, Sandra approached Christine, and both discussed how the service could be established and delivered to the community.

"It was a need from community, particularly in the health aspects, with the focus very much on health appointments and appointments that people can't easily access here. Then we broadened that slightly, and its other kinds



Sandra Panagiris from Gippsland Southern Health Service and Christine Slavin from Leongatha Community House have joined forces to trial a free transport run to support vulnerable community members to access essential services and appointments. ob02_4523

of things like Centrelink, banking and other social services within the area," explained Sandra.

The service named 'Thursday Essentials' can be accessed by those who can no longer drive or who don't have access to a car. It is also available to vulnerable community members with support workers who are welcome to accompany clients to give them the support they need to attend an appointment.

To be eligible for the service, community members pick up address must be within a ten minute radius of Leongatha or are able to be dropped off at Leongatha Community House at 9am and picked up at 4pm.

Community members wishing to

use this service must be unable to access other means of transportation, be able to manage their own entry and exit into a vehicle and be able to walk unassisted.

Appointment times in Wonthaggi must be between 10.30am and 1.45pm on a Thursday.

The trial service will run between November 16 and February 15, except for the period between December 22 and Jan 15. Bookings must be made on Mondays by 12pm for that weeks run.

For those interested in using the service or for any other community groups who would like to form part of an ongoing community transport service, please get in touch with LCH on 5662 3962.



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Free for all as Kutcha, Kate and Slava launch Berninneit

PHILLIP Island entered a new era of sophistication last Wednesday night, November 1, when the Bass Coast Shire Council launched the entertainment program at the new Berninneit arts centre with a stunning free concert.

It featured the pas de deux from Swan Lake by the Victorian State Ballet, stunning performances by Kate Ceberano, our own Elly Poletti and Kutcha Edwards, and the sublime talents of Slava Grigoryan, followed by the hilarious irreverence of performance comedian Garry Starr.

And it was all wrapped up by tour de force of stage and screen, Jane Clifton, as MC.

That's what you got if you were one of the lucky ones to win a ticket in the ballot for the first stage show in the magnificent new theatre at the Berninneit cultural centre in Cowes.

But the rubber hits the road now, for centre organisers and shire bean counters with the theatre switching from free bums-on-seats to paid customers as a measure of their success.

Comedian Akmal on Friday, November 17, the Phillip Island Festival Stories with Brian Nankervis on Saturday November 18 and the two-man performance of Tubular Bells on Saturday, November 25 get the program started at \$49.50, \$35 and \$49 for tickets, then rolling on into December and the New Year.

Where the VIPs had caught the first public glimpses of the new facility the previous Saturday afternoon, after Senator Jess Walsh, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast



Kate Ceberano made a surprise appearance for the launch of the Berninneit program last week and will return to the Cowes cultural centre in January next year.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan had officially opened the centre, Wednesday night's program launch was all about the people, 250 lucky people.

They arrived early, many dressed in their finery, for the smoking ceremony by Bunurong Land Council's Mark Brown outside, and then hors d'oeuvres and drinks inside before the show.

And what a show they were treated to, featuring a selection of household-name artists, all signed to perform at the centrepiece of Berninneit facility, the new 260-seat theatre, over the next six months.

Kate Ceberano is due back on January 20 and the Victorian State Ballet, performing Swan Lake, on Saturday, June 1.

"It's wonderful to share with you the Berninneit program launch," said the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

"This has been coming together for 30 years, I'm told by former Phillip Island councillor Anne Davie, and there are a lot of people who've played a role and a lot of people to thank," he said singling out former CEO Ali Wastie, who was back in town for the celebrations, the present-day council for staying the course, the council's project team, the design and construction group and the community either engaged in an advisory capacity or as one of the 700 who responded to the naming process.

"I love you all," he said.

Cr Whelan highlighted the decision to go with the strict standards of efficiency in a Passivhaus design and the efforts taken to build around the magnificent trees on the site but noted that it would be what goes on inside the facility that would make the difference.

"We want to see a fun, challenging and diverse programs in the centre, one that allows the community to engage fully with an excellent art and performance program."

And that's certainly what a rapt and enthralled audience got on opening night in what was genuinely a "sneak preview" of what's coming up there over the next six months, with Kate Ceberano only able to clear commitments in the last few days to make the night.

"You want to be here to support such an important occasion as this for arts in the region," said Kate, acknowledging that she'd had a great time backstage waiting to come on.

Among the songs she performed was a tune she wrote at age 15 which has become a personal anthem, "I won't ever walk away... I'll just be brave and stay".

And as much as newly elevated Music Victoria Hall of Fame inductee Kutcha Edwards and Kate Ceberano bookended the night superbly, it was the outrageous Garry Starr who went close to stealing the show with his streaky version of Swan Lake, performed in the skimpiest G-string you'd ever hope not to see.

"Is it over? Can I look now," said Jane Clifton as Starr left the stage in his birthday suit (or very near).

Leading Phillip Island artist Sandra Peeters summed it up.

"An artwork is always enhanced by a great frame and art can be really powerful when offered a space like this... we look forward to a wealth of cultural exchange now and well into the future."

Berninneit adds new dimension to Cup Weekend

WITH the official openings of last week out of the way, including the exclusive event for VIPs on October 28 and the concert for balloted guests on Wednesday, November 1, the doors of the new Berninneit cultural centre were thrown open to the public.

And across the Melbourne Cup Weekend, hundreds of people flowed through the doors, mostly visitors but a liberal sprinkling of locals as well taking their first look at the new \$31.3 million arts facility.

Some took a stroll through the great hall or visited the various spaces including the library, where there was a 'Living Circle' craft activity for the kids, making Short-tailed Shearwater and whale sculptures, others walked around the Arts Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) exhibition, made time to see the new museum space, the Millowl Exhibition by the Baluk Arts group, or waited in line to attend the Living Circle Concert.

This was a free event, oversubscribed in an online booking process.

From next Friday, November 17, however, the rubber hits the road with the first patron-paid event, featuring comedian Akmal, at 8pm. Tickets online for \$49.90.

Earlier, on Saturday, November 4, there was a paid concert by the Inventi Ensemble at 1pm for \$10. But the paid program starts in earnest now, another test of the viability of the new facility.

Feature exhibition

The Baluk Arts' exhibition is described as "an immersive, contemporary Aboriginal art experience exploring spirit and place", features five of the country's most talented Aboriginal artists including Bunurong artist Adam Magennis, Nyul Nyul Saltwater man Lowell Hunter (aka 'Salty One'), Boonwurrung/Barkindji artist Mitch Mahoney, Guringai Saltwater woman Charlie Woods (aka 'Charlie Needs Braces'), and local Bass Coast resident Dunghutti/Ngayawana artist Patrice Muthaymiles Mahoney AOM.

The exhibition offers an array of art forms, including a traditionally-made stringy bark canoe, contemporary paintings, a sand sculpture and projections, all accompanied by a commissioned musical score.

Each piece in the exhibition carries with it a unique story, connecting the viewer with the artist, in celebration of the spirituality and history of the land, sky, waters, and animals of Millowl.

Take time to watch and listen as changing lights cast light and shadow on various aspects of the installation, with a creative narrative on the screen.

In the lead up to the exhibition, Baluk Arts ran a series of public activations including a beachside workshop by Salty One at Berry's Beach.

"For me ... the sand is ultimately my canvas ... We can learn a lot from understanding how indigenous peoples have looked after and nurtured the lands for countless generations," they said.


The lead up also included a five-day residency with Mitch Mahoney creating a traditional stringy bark canoe which is the feature of the exhibition.



Enjoying the opening of Berninneit recently were the Hon Kay Setches AM, Senator Jess Walsh, Jordan Crugnale MP, Jillian West and Sam Bennett.



Taking a break after setting up the ASPIR art exhibition in the new Berninneit centre were art society members Shirley Collins (vp), Amanda Sage (pres), Kerry Francis (c'tee) and Gay Mosby (treas).



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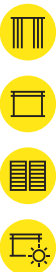
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GSHS adds new option for consumer feedback

GIPPSLAND Southern Health (GSHS) has introduced a new way for people to have their say about the health service.

GSHS has signed up to Care Opinion, an online feedback system that will supplement its existing options for receiving comments from the community.

CEO Lou Sparkes said the move was part of GSHS's ongoing approach to increase the amount of feedback it receives.

"Care Opinion is a modern, contemporary platform that will increase ways for people to provide feedback into the service," Ms Sparkes said.

"It allows us to have a live conversation with people to show them how we have improved from the feedback that we get."

People can use Care Opinion online or they can complete a written form that will be sent to the company and added to the website. Care Opinion publishes people's stories both good and bad about health services.

The system is used across many Victorian health services and Ms Sparkes said it allowed staff and the community to see real stories about health care.

"It shows the really good work that's happening and the proactive approach the service is taking to get feedback that will help it improve."

Care Opinion Australia (Care Opinion) is a not-for-profit that facilitates transparent, two-way feedback about personal experiences of care via an online public platform.

It is independent from service providers and the government to ensure it remains neutral between those receiving care and those providing it.

Ms Sparkes said GSHS was continuing its traditional feedback systems. "People can still call us or write a letter."

GSHS started using Care Opinion in its aged care facilities and has now expanded the system across the entire health service.

People can visit careopinion.org.au to share a story.

Gippsland paramedic wins Women in Leadership scholarship

IN RECOGNITION of her outstanding work, Ambulance Victoria's (AV) Mirboo North Team Manager Fiona Windsor has received the 2023 Council of Ambulance Authority (CAA) Women in Leadership Scholarship.

The scholarship aims to encourage more women to step into leadership roles and support the development of women as leaders in the ambulance health sector.

Fiona said it was an honour to receive the award at the Women in Leadership Forum last week.

"It was so unexpected, but it's nice to be recognised," Fiona said.

"I've got to give credit to the Ambulance Community Officers and Community Emergency Response Teams that I manage because that's where I've found my passion for being a good leader."

"Those two groups are really diverse and that's what I love about my job."

The scholarship provides Fiona with a tailored one-on-one 12-month virtual leadership course as she continues her work with Ambulance Victoria.

During her 13 years with AV, Fiona has been based in both Melbourne and Gippsland, working her way up to the Team Manager role.

She said she was thrilled to be selected for such a sought-after coaching program and



AV CEO Jane Miller, Paramedic Fiona Windsor and Total Coaching Academy Mentor Julie Piantadosi.

hoped to further develop skills that would support diversity and inclusion within the organisation.

"I put in my application in the hope of being in a position to promote other women in leadership," she said.

"AV has come so far in this space but it's still something to keep in the front of our minds."

Fiona joined AV paramedics Mel Leigh and Chantel Taylor as finalists for the CAA Women in Leadership Scholarship.

AV Chef Executive Jane Miller congratulated Fiona on her achievement and continued interest in uplifting women in leadership across the organisation.

"I'm delighted that Fiona was awarded with the scholarship and am pleased that Mel and Chantel were also recognised as finalists," she said.

"Women make up half of our workforce and we are committed to ongoing progress as we create a safe, fair and inclusive workplace, so that all our people feel valued, engaged and have opportunities to take on leadership roles."

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Let's chat about ending gendered violence.

“LET’S Chat Gippsland” is a community focused campaign that aims to prevent men’s violence against women and gendered violence across Gippsland.

Family (domestic) violence crime reporting in Gippsland continues to be some of the highest in Victoria, Latrobe Valley, East Gippsland and Wellington Shire are all in the top four Local Government areas in Victoria in 2022/2023, according to the Crime Statistics Agency.

The Let’s Chat Gippsland campaign is part of the annual international United Nations (UN) 16 Days of Activism campaign to prevent gendered violence initiative that runs from November 25 to December 10. This is the third year Gippsland Women’s Health has partnered with local communities, government and organisations.

The campaign theme of Let’s Chat seeks to support and remind people that men’s violence against women and gendered violence is preventable.

“Every member of the community can play a role in putting a stop to men’s violence against women and gendered violence in their community,” said Kate Graham, CEO GWH.

“Not all men are violent, but all men can play a role in preventing violence against women and this starts with respect.”

Visit the Let’s Chat website 16days-gippsland.com.au for more details on these events closer to the date.

Free green waste drop off days help residents prepare for fire season

TO HELP the community prepare their properties for the upcoming fire season, Baw Baw Shire Council will offer residents the opportunity to dispose of up to three cubic metres of acceptable green waste – free of charge – at one of four transfer stations across the Shire throughout late November and early December.

Free green waste drop offs are open to all Baw Baw Shire residents, whether they are the property owner or a tenant. As proof of residency, people are asked to bring a driver’s licence, plus a rates notice or utility bill showing their address.

Participating transfer stations and drop off dates/times:

Trafalgar Transfer Station – 10am to 4pm: 18 - 20 November

Erica Transfer Station - 12pm to 4pm: 3 - 4 December

Lardner Transfer Station – 10am to 4pm: 3, 8 - 10 December

Neerim South Transfer Station - 10am to 4pm: 3 and 8 December

Acceptable green waste includes tree debris, branches, foliage and general green waste. Maximum size limit for a large branch is 30cm round and 1m long. No large tree stumps will be accepted.

To cater for different trailer sizes, residents can either drop off three cubic metres at once or in smaller loads over multiple drop offs.

For more information about free green waste drop offs, visit bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/GreenWaste.

Community representatives merge in Coronet Bay

A HISTORIC event occurred at the general meeting of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association in the Coronet Bay Hall on October 14.

The members of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association (CBRRA) voted to unanimously merge with the Coronet Bay Combined Community Group (CBCCG) and rename the group Coronet Bay Community Association.

This reflects the broader focus and will continue to include the events and local group activities that have been carried about by the CBCCG.

Bass Coast Shire Council’s three Waterline councillors – Cr Clare Le Serve, Cr Rochelle Halstead and Cr Geoff Ellis – were present to witness the merger.

Membership eligibility has been broadened beyond ratepayers and residents to include local businesses and those who are not residents but have been involved in volunteering activities in Coronet Bay.

This merger has come about due to the insufficient volunteers for planning and conducting of events and for forming the committees.

Historically, the Coronet Bay Ratepayers Association was first formed in 1987.

In 1995, the “residents” were added to the name to include the whole community.

This group liaises with the



The Coronet Bay Combined Community Group managed the annual Fun Run on the foreshore. Z41_4523

council and is a voice for the community when concerns are raised.

Active local environmental work is also carried out.

Recently, some members received funding for a fauna survey around the local freshwater pond settling area (Wang toolome parnung) and discovered the ‘endangered swamp antechinus’.

Signage about these discoveries and the native bird life in the area is now a welcome addition.

A separate group was formed in 2009 – CBCCG.

Its aim was to coordinate the events and support the few smaller community

groups.

Events were organised for the ‘health, wellbeing and creative development’ of the community.

In recent years, many positive outcomes have been achieved by this group, expanding its support for an increasing number of small local groups.

This has included the ‘Luminous Galleries’ exhibitions on the foreshore.

The ‘Beach Bums’ fund-raising calendar successfully raised funds to ‘give back’ to the Corinella CFA after fighting the fire in February, 2019, that threatened the Waterline villages.

The Fun Run/Walk has been held each November for many years and was most recently held on Sunday (November 5).

CBCCG also supported the successful Christmas Carols at the foreshore in 2022.

The New Year’s Eve fireworks at the Coronet Bay foreshore this New Year’s Eve will be the first event involving the newly merged Coronet Bay Community Association, supporting this council event.

New members and volunteers are welcome to join the new association.

For more information, email secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au.

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club fabulous Cup lunch



PHILLIP Island Senior Citizen Club members had a fabulous time at their Melbourne Cup lunch on Friday, November 3.

“We had a Melbourne Cup specialist and memorabilia collector Ray Metsin who brought along a great range of what was only a small part of his collection called Ray’s Relics and told stories behind each piece to our enquiring and fascinated members,” the Club explained.

“We also had a prize for

best hat worn on the day with our beautiful Beverley Robertson taking out the prize for the women, and the very dapper Barry Smith with his polka dot peak cap won the prize of best hat for the men.

“The day was a great success.”

Pictured in the attached photo is:

LEFT: Liza and Heather enjoy a fun filled Melbourne Cup lunch.

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YES Vote not the End

WHILE Australia voted down the invitation from First Nations People to walk with them towards a better future, we in South Gippsland for Yes were hopeful to the end that our friends and neighbours in the region would support the simplicity and justice in the proposal.

This was not to be. What has emerged, however, is a strong band of people ready to support and work with First Nations people. The Yes campaign became the biggest volunteer campaign in Australia's history, and once committed, these volunteers cannot forget what they've learnt in the process.

South Gippsland for Yes volunteers ran multiple information stalls in markets, laneways, or outside supermarkets in five towns, coffee mornings in two town cafes, and three substantial information sessions in collaboration with community houses.

Walking the streets handing out information and offering explanations. We wrote media releases, articles, and letters to the editor. We put up signs in trees and, where permitted, in shop windows.

Marg Lynn and Gayle Margaret, Co-convenors, South Gippsland for Yes said, their explanations were factual, giving the history leading up to the Voice proposal, and the rationale for its establishment. They were not appealing to fear, emotion, or laced with misinformation.

What has emerged this week is a poll indicating very high bi-partisan support for truth in political advertising legislation: both Yes and No voters alike see the value and justice in controlling the lies that are told in order to win votes. "Bring on the legislation, we say!"

"We don't believe Australia wants to emulate US politics, Trumpian-style," said Marg and Gayle.

"We thank all our wonderful volunteers who gave days and days to the campaign, and the 5104 people of South Gippsland, the 10,637 in Bass Coast, and the 29,214 people in the Monash electorate who voted YES. This is a large number of people who gave their support to First Nations having a say over decisions that affect them. How simple a request was that!"

For those people in South Gippsland and Bass Coast who would like to keep the conversation going, you might like to join the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group. You can email the secretary of the group at marglynn@tpg.com.au.

Happy 30th for Leongatha Gymnastics Club

THOSE with a connection to Leongatha Gymnastics Club (LGC) are encouraged to come together to celebrate its 30th birthday on Sunday November 12 at its Bair Street home.

The club began in 1993, originally running classes at Leongatha Secondary College's ECA Centre, a basketball stadium.

"We started with just a few mats and very limited equipment," current club treasurer Jemima Wilson said of her early memories of the club as a young gymnast there.

LGC expanded, slowly accumulating more equipment and requiring all the available space at the ECA Centre, eventually moving to the gymnasium of St Laurence O'Toole Primary School.

From there it arrived at its current home.

While appreciative of its former hosts, those in charge at the club were excited to move into their



Enthusiastic participant Peyton tumbles under the watchful eye of Leongatha Gymnastic Club instructor Mirjam White during a recent event. A35_4523

own facility a couple of years ago.

"It was always our dream to have our own place because we would set up and pack up the equipment each night, and where we are now at Bair Street

we can leave the equipment out," Jemima said.

Being able to do so increases the longevity of the equipment without the wear and tear of being dragged in and out of storage.

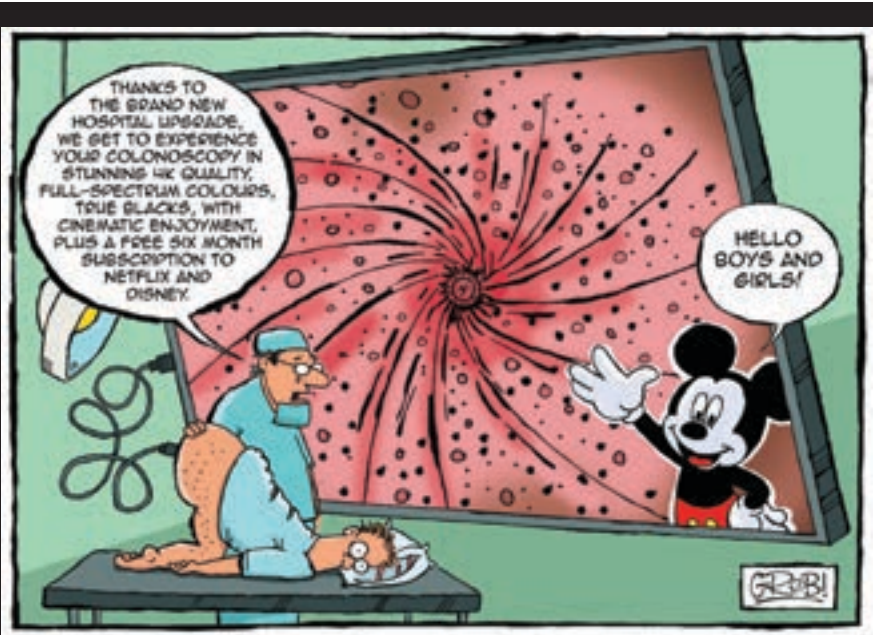
With her sons now enjoying Kinder Gym and Ninja Gym sessions at LGC, Jemima volunteers as its treasurer, enjoying giving back to the club that gave her great support on her way to becoming a high-level gymnast.

She is thrilled to see LGC reach 30 years of serving the local community.

"It's good to see the club accomplish such an achievement in being around for so long; we've been through ups and downs with membership, gone from being a tiny gym to a super competitive gym in Gippsland, and had quite a few successful gymnasts getting to elite level," Jemima said.

LGC has run programs for those aged three through to people in aged care.

"It's good at a young age to start creating motor skills," Jemima said of the benefits that quickly flow from gymnastics participation.



"The Stanleys" awards

'GROB' also known as Glenn Robinson is a talented published cartoonist who was recently part of the 2023 Australian Cartoonists Association Awards - known as "The Stanleys" - named after Australian cartoonist Stan Cross.

Glenn submitted five pieces to the 2023 awards in three categories. The award categories are inclusive of editorial, single gag, joke cartoon, comic strip and mostly recently included

a comic book section.

"The missing race-horse cartoon was one of four cartoons I submitted to the "Single Gag" category, while the other four cartoons were submitted to the "Editorial" section," said Glenn.

Glenn attended the conference and awards night held in Melbourne, uniting with likeminded artists in the world of animation.

The Stanley's Year-book is assembled

annually with the artwork from members of the Australian Cartoonists Association - all works are then judged by fellow artists, with a nomination of 'Cartoonist of the Year.'

Look out for 'GROB' artwork in the Sentinel Times. Glenn's artistic talent puts creative humour on heavy topics in local and international news.

To view Stanley's Year-books, visit cartoonists.org.au

We're turning 30!

The Leongatha Gymnastics Club would like to invite family, friends, gymnasts, new members and anyone who has been part of the Leongatha Gymnastics Club to help celebrate!

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Peter Murphy of Phillip Island secured first place in the People's Choice awards in the car category for his 1964 Ford Fairlane. C20_4523



Steve Wade's bumble bee sidecar was the People's favourite on Sunday. The Tarwin Lower local took visitor Charlotte for a spin after receiving his trophy. C22_4523



Newhaven College's Head of Junior School starting in 2024, Cath Huther.

Newhaven College announces new Head of Junior School

NEWHAVEN College is thrilled to announce that Cath Huther will be joining Newhaven College as their new Head of Junior School commencing in 2024. Cath is replacing Ralph Arceo who will be moving into the role of Head of Middle School.

Cath is very familiar with Newhaven College and has had a long association with the school. She is a former student, having graduated from Newhaven College in the mid-1990s, and was the inaugural Grade 3 teacher at the College in 2002. She is the mother of three current and past students, and is very active in the local Phillip Island community.

Cath's educational philosophy is simple "For each child to develop a love of learning and for each child to be given the opportunity to reach their full potential".

Cath is excited to be joining Newhaven's Leadership Team: "I am very much looking forward to joining the team at Newhaven College in 2024 and working collaboratively with the Junior School Community. It's an exciting time to be in education for everyone."

Newhaven College looks forward to welcoming Cath in 2024.

Bigger and better than ever

THE Tarwin District Community Lifestyle and Automotive Festival returned with a triumphant comeback this year, showcasing an impressive expansion from its humble beginnings.

The festival brought together the local community and visitors for a day of fun and entertainment. Fortunately, the weather gods smiled upon the event, blessing the day with clear skies, and typical South Gippsland wind.

"It's a third bigger this year," Mike Gardner explained.

The festival grounds were a bustling hub of excitement, offering a wide array of attractions for all ages. From classic cars, roaring motorcycles, and monstrous trucks to heartwarming pony rides and a petting zoo for the little ones, there was something for everyone. The Ferris wheel added an extra layer of thrill, providing panoramic views of the entire festival.

In spite of the wind causing the cancellation of the jumping castle, the day was far from short of action. Stationary engines and tractor enthusiasts were in their element, with a tractor pulling show and demonstrations that delighted the crowd. For those seeking an adrenaline rush, the festival even offered army tank rides throughout the day.

The festival wasn't just about entertainment; it was an opportunity for the community to appreciate the dedication of emergency service providers. The State Emergency Service (SES), Country Fire Authority

(CFA), and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) demonstrated their capabilities with a road crash rescue demonstration, emphasising the importance of their roles in safeguarding the community.

Stalls and food vendors dotted the festival grounds, offering delectable treats and unique finds for the attendees to enjoy.

The success of this year's festival was made possible through the hard work of dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours.

"There has been a big build up this year and we are very thankful to our dedicated volunteers who assisted with grounds preparation, fencing, bunting, cleaning and tidying in preparation – many hours were put in and their contributions were invaluable."

Hosted by Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Men's Shed in concert with the Tarwin Automotive Club, the festival has its sights set on becoming an annual tradition for the community, and with the support of grants in its initial years, it's on a promising path to sustainability.

"Sales from last years gate meant we were able to put on today's event, we are hopeful that the same will go for this event for next year."

Any surplus funds from this year's event will be generously donated to charity, underscoring the true spirit of a community-driven festival that gives back and celebrates the strong bonds that hold the Tarwin District together.



Ben Woodman of Korumburra took home second place in the car People's Choice awards for his VK Commodore. C21_4523



Tom Cowan of Leongatha sits atop his uncle's 2022 winning Ferguson TED20 tractor. C23_4523

Ready to scoop

ICE cream icons Ben & Jerry's have arrived at Phillip Island, joining the culinary offerings at The Nobbies Centre.

Conscious by Ben & Jerry's is now open, serving a range of scooped ice creams, sundaes, shakes and coffee.

It joins The Nobbies Fish & Chippery and Café, keeping with the theme of providing delicious, environmentally sustainable food options for the thousands of visitors who come to Phillip Island each year, with Ben & Jerry's working towards zero carbon emissions during its ice cream production.

This new venture has been brought to life by Phillip Island Nature Parks' food and beverage partner Create Catering.

"There is a growing demand from consumers for environmentally responsible and socially conscious food options. Partnering with Ben & Jerry's shows customers that we share these important values," said Josh Ball CEO, Create Catering.

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Art Trail highlights Wallace & Wallace

DOMENICA and Andrew Wallace's Fish Creek gallery, Wallace & Wallace Sculpture & Photography, featured as part of the inaugural Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Art Trail, an event showcasing creative talent throughout the shire last month.

The gallery was established during the pandemic in mid 2021, with the couple originally from Melbourne.

Photographer Andrew and sculptor Domenica are both self-taught artists.

"The components of my work are usually natural objects as well as man-made ones" Domenica said.

She often uses wood bases for her sculptures.

Yarn is a common element across her artworks, sometimes used subtly and in other instances more pronounced.

Her tools include tweezers, a variety of crochet hooks, and scissors.

A paper nautilus shell features atop one of her works, combined with a purchased piece of terrazzo, while another sculpture replicates the birds' nests that are in abundance during Spring.

"I started with this little brass sphere, and I did the weaving; there are three types of materials that make the nesting," Domenica said of the work, 'Avian Springtime'.

Dried poppies work brilliantly in another piece, resembling wood.

Andrew outlined why he is captivated by photography.

"It's my way of exploring the world," he said, adding that finding photographic subjects leads him to places he wouldn't otherwise go.

"Taking photos makes me concentrate on the different shapes, forms and colours that are out there."

Auroras have proved alluring recently, with some particularly impressive examples occurring.

One which Andrew's camera captured in detail is seen at Cape Liptrap lighthouse.

He described how he achieves such images, saying his camera is on a tripod allowing a long exposure of about 20 seconds duration, with a wide-angle lens, letting in a lot of light.

Andrew added that patience and technique both play important roles, with challenges including achieving correct focus in the dark and choosing appropriate settings.

"Then it's up to nature to come up with the goods," he said.



Four generations of women

IT WAS a special day in early September when four generations of one family gathered to meet and celebrate the newest arrival. Three-month-old Isla Hyde met her great grandmother Anna Tiziani (seated) for the first time with mum Jessica Hyde (left) and grandmother Irma Hyde (right) proudly looking on. Jessica and Isla now reside in Queensland.

Berninneit showcased the ASPIR art exhibition

COWES' new cultural centre, Berninneit, has been officially opened and on Friday evening Arts Society Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) held their awards ceremony for artists in show.

Along with ASPIR members displaying their range of mediums, 48 students from Newhaven College, Our Lady Star of the Sea, San Remo Primary School, and Cowes Primary School were selected to exhibit their abstract flora paintings inspired by the works of Joan Blond.

Four students received highly commended awards from judge, artist, and curator David Ashley Kerr, and ASPIR president Miranda Sage.

David spoke of the difficulty selecting these award winners with the standard so high from Grade five and six students from the four local schools in Bass Coast.

Berninneit was lined with members of the community examining the works from members of ASPIR, taking in the talent of local artists and experiencing the new Cowes Cultural Centre and the exquisite space it presents for the community to connect.

David addressed the audience stating his envy to what the Bass Coast community now have in order to gather and connect, and to experience art in its finest form.

President of ASPIR Miranda Sage welcomed the artists, students, and families to Berninneit for the art exhibition. Thanking the work of ASPIR members and teaching staff of the four schools for taking part in the first art exhibition in the new Cowes Cultural Centre; as well as formally thanking the sponsors for their commitment to the arts.

David then presented the additional awards for the 2023 exhibition, finalising the formalities with an award for Best in Show to Rhyll resident and member of ASPIR Joy Brentwood for her work - Rhyll Wetland.

"This piece is a painting with watercolour on yupo paper - a synthetic water-resistant paper that is a weeklong



Joy Brentwood was awarded Best in Show at the ASPIR art exhibition at Berninneit, presented by judge, artist and curator David Ashley Kerr and president of ASPIR Miranda Sage. Z18_4523

process," said Joy.

"It is a privilege to accept this award. I didn't even think it would be recognised let alone win Best in Show."

David explained that the unique piece caught his eye, and he knew right away that it was the winning piece.'

Results of the ASPIR Exhibition and Young Artist Award for November 2023:

Young Artist Award - Presented by Vanessa Verzaci, Company Secretary, SRDFS, Bendigo Banks Cowes, San Remo and Grantville.

Highly Commended:

Awarded: 2 x book vouchers from Turn the Page, 2x \$25 vouchers Woolworths.

- Krystal Heatherill - Fauvist Moonah Trees (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
- Indy Vandervelde - Cubist Koala in a Tree (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
- Georgia Perry - Desert Dreaming (Newhaven College)
- Ella Sibson - Walking on Country (Newhaven College)

First place: Awarded: \$100 Bendigo Community Bank

- Grace Owens - Picnic by the

Lake (Cowes Primary)

Second place: Awarded: \$60 Bendigo Community Bank

- Max Spark - Fauvist Foreshore (San Remo Primary)

Third place: Awarded: \$40 Bendigo Community Bank

- Kane Patton - Mixed Up (Newhaven College)

Best in Show:

- No. 33. Joy Brentwood - Rhyll Wetland

\$1000 Bendigo Community Bank Cowes, San Remo and Grantville, presented by John Matthews, Director.

Sustainable Art Award:

- No. 76 P a u l i n e Grotto - Climate

\$500 Westernport Water Community Support Program presented by Katrina Knight.

Painting Highly Commended:

- No. 160 Bronwy Owen - Study the Triad

\$100 Bendigo Community Bank presented by John Matthews, Director.

Best Painting:

- No. 221 Ursula Theinert - The Pathway

\$500 Phillip Island RSL presented by Chris Simpson.

Other Medium

Highly Commended:

- No. 230. Bruce Wearne - Land and Sea

\$100 Bendigo Community Bank presented by John Matthews, Director.

Best Other Medium

- No. 118. Fiona Lerk - Fog Amongst the Branches

\$400 Alex Scott and Staff presented by Greg Price.

3-D Highly Commended:

- No. 146 Gay Mosby - Dry Flower Vase 2

\$100 Bendigo Community Bank presented by John Matthews, Director.

Best 3-D

- No. 5. Sian Adnam - Village 2

\$400 Phillip Island Winery, and Westernport Hotel presented by Misha Say.

Digital Art/Photograph Highly Commended:

- No. 128 Helen McCormick - Arnheim Waterlilies

\$100 Bendigo Community Bank presented by John Matthews, Director.

Best Digital Art/Photograph:

- No.142. Jillian Mitchell - Forest Mist

\$400 Brinnie T Design and Wild Food Farm presented by Jo Viney and Jude Mayall.

Bena Hall Art Show lays platform for bright future

THE INAUGURAL Bena Hall Art Show was a success, attracting healthy numbers for Friday's opening evening and throughout the weekend to explore the varied artistic styles on display, with around 160 people enjoying the event.

There was a distinct local feel as the creations of artists from the South Gippsland region were highlighted, providing attendees with the chance to buy pieces that captured their imaginations.

Around a third of the works sold, with artists displaying four pieces each, plus an assortment of the works of four other local artists highlighted by art dealer Doug Kane.

Participating artists were Andrew Kasper, Tracy Lewis, Bruce Plant, Colleen Herbert,

Marlene Abela, Shirley Arestia, Lucy Hersey, Lynn Keating and Janet Wilson.

Councillor Jenni Keerie opened the show.

Bena Hall committee secretary and co-organiser of the art show Steve McTaggart was delighted with the positive response from artists and the broader community.

"Some of them were saying, 'I hope this is on next year as well'," Steve said of the local feedback, noting artists not featured in this year's show expressed interest in being involved next time.

While a total of funds raised is not yet available, the money will assist in sanding and polishing the Bena Hall floor, ensuring the facility continues to be at its best for the community.



Bena Hall Committee members Michelle Dohnt and Val Wilson at the first Bena Hall Art Show. Z25_4523

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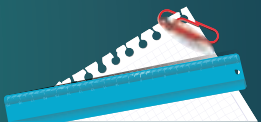
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Inverloch-Kongwak primary school's the great fete

THE Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School (IKPS) has announced The Great Fete is returning on March 16, 2024, from 10am until 2pm at the Inverloch Primary School grounds.

After an overwhelming positive response to the inaugural event last year, the school is excited to invite both the school community and broader community to this major fundraising event.

The event is once again different and a bit smaller from the school's well-known Easter Fair of years past. The event will not be held at Easter and will be sure to impress with local entertainment featured on The Great Stage.

The fete will see food trucks and a fun-filled array of games and stalls running in partnership with several local community groups, businesses, and volunteers. The IKPS Great Fete Committee is a small group of committed school parents and community volunteers.

The group is thrilled to announce receipt of a \$5000 Community Grant - Festivals, Celebrations & Events Category from the Bass Coast Shire Council.

"The support and involvement of the Council is vital to ensuring success. The Great Fete is a way to continue to rebuild connections between the school and community and create big memories and connections for the kids and community to remember for years to come," says Mel Carlisle, Great Fete Committee Coordinator.

The new year is approaching quickly and volunteers, sponsors, in-kind and cash donations are needed. To get involved, email ikpsfete@gmail.com or call the Inverloch Primary School on 5674 1253.

For event information and updates, go to Facebook @inverloch-kpsfete.

Hats off to teachers at Powlett River

POWLETT River Primary School had half the school on school camp for World Teachers' Day, so the teaching staff improvised and celebrated altogether.

Students wore crazy hats to celebrate this year's theme 'Hats off to teachers'.

Principal Wendy Nichol said crab hats, colourful hats, hand crafted hats, fez hat, hats with feathers, pom poms, and sparkle hats were worn to recognise the admirable work of the teachers.

Some members of the school community also brought in treats, cakes and cards for the teachers.

"We were fortunate to have parents and carers that value and respect our teachers. Like me, they know how lucky we are to have experienced and dedicated staff."

The teachers at Powlett River know and use current research and evidence-based teaching practices and can adjust the curriculum for individual students.

"One of the best things about being in a small school is our staff know every student really well."

"They know when one of our students is having an enjoyable day or a difficult day, and they know what will work for each student to turn a bad day around," said Wendy.

"We have eight teachers, and they were all given a voucher to select a new yard duty hat from the cancer council."



St Joseph's Primary School principal Sharon Anderson, parish priest Fr Stanly Devaria, board member of Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) John Swan, Crosier Scott architect and director Alan Cubbon, former principal Michelle Charlton, DOSCEL board member Emeritus Professor Gabrielle McMullen and director of Catholic education/CEO of DOSCEL Paul Velten. A20_4523

Progress celebrated at St Joseph's Primary School

THE SUCCESS of an ambitious three-stage upgrade project at Korumburra's St Joseph's Primary School was celebrated on Wednesday, with a Mass, blessing of the buildings, and a ceremony that included current principal Sharon Anderson and her predecessor Michelle Charlton who played an important role in the project.

Architect and director of Crosier Scott, Alan Cubbon, chatted to the Sentinel-Times, explaining that while all the work was carried out under one contract, it was necessary to do so in stages so that students would have sufficient learning space available as

improvements were made.

Construction began in 2018, following development of a master plan, and confirmation of funding.

Overall works included refurbishment of the Walsh Parish Centre to become an administration area and staff room, conversion of the old office into classrooms with various additions, and the creation of other new learning spaces including a specialist STEM area.

Alan outlined the stage 3 works that created those learning spaces through refurbishment and extension.

"We retained the existing built form, taking the roof off but

maintaining the structure because it had historical value to the community and it was reasonably good bones," he said.

Alan explained the learning spaces were designed to enable collaboration between those in different rooms.

"It gives a more flexible arrangement than the old classrooms that were there," he said.

Outdoor learning spaces were also created.

Messmate timber salvaged during the redevelopment was fashioned into a religious cross and a small table by popular Korumburra identity Hugh Hendry.

96-year-old Hugh expressed delight at the learning facilities available for young students these days, recalling the cracked slate he wrote on during his school days during the Great Depression.

Director of Catholic Education/CEO of Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited, Paul Velten spoke during the ceremony, sharing the history of St Joseph's Primary School, which opened in 1914, and looking to the future.

"May these facilities continue to inspire faith and learning and encourage students to reach their full potential," Paul said.

South Gippsland Specialist School film takes the win

A HEARTWARMING documentary from the South Gippsland Specialist School has taken top honours in the School Documentaries - Most Online Votes category after securing the top five call for their category in the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival earlier in the week.

The final screening and announcement of winners was held at the Red Carpet Awards at The Concourse Concert Hall in Sydney on Sunday November 5.

Linda Slabik, Education Support and film maker, together with Samantha Banks, one of the parents who works at the school and student, James Banks attended the awards night.

"We're in shock - and pretty excited," Linda exclaimed on Monday after the weekends win.

"There was some awesome contenders. Covering Australia and New Zealand it was pretty cool to win."

James has autism and is not yet highly verbal, but with speech at the ready and excitement when Linda gave him a tie for the event, he smashed it out of the park on stage.

"I would like to thank you all for coming today - thank you for the award," James said in front of the festival crowd.



South Gippsland Specialist School's Samantha Banks, Linda Slabik and James Banks attended the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival at The Concourse Concert Hall in Sydney.

"When you wish upon a star your dreams come true."

The school only found out last week that they made it into the top five for their category in all of Australia and New Zealand.

"It's a great opportunity; and just showing people what they can attain is rewarding," said Linda.

"It's an amazing promotion for the school and for anyone who cares and who's in that field. Focusing on people with

disabilities abilities and having a film festival is both engaging and it's fun and everyone can be involved."

The theme of the Specialist School film is 'Together We Grow' and the film centres around this concept, with students demonstrating and voicing different ways of growing.

Linda highlighted that the film was written mainly by the senior students and it's special that they had the opportunity

to voice how they feel about the school.

Six of the students involved in the film, together with Linda and Principal Heather Braden attended the screening of their film and others at the festival in Melbourne in September.

"It's the first time the school has been involved with the festival. It is really encouraging, and we are looking forward to putting an entry in for next year," Linda said.

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FLOW teacher Zane Bannister, student Paul Mungatopi, volunteers John Williams and Berend Paas, campus principal Paul Fawcett and student Jamie Roff with the minivan donated to the campus by the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

Volunteers needed at FLOW campus

BASS Coast College's FLOW campus is calling on volunteers for its bus program.

The FLOW program was developed for students in Years Six to 10 to help disengaged students rediscover their love of learning.

Offering a modified flexible learning program, FLOW is a highly structured and highly supported alternative to mainstream schooling.

However, the program operates outside of regular bus hours, and students need help getting to school.

"We're in a situation where our program runs from 9am to 11am, and then 1pm to 3pm, so it's outside the school bus times and the town bus doesn't run frequently enough," campus principal Paul Fawcett said.

"We have some lovely volunteers who have agreed to ferry our students to and from school and the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club has donated the minivan, which is great.

"Without that, there's a significant number of students who wouldn't make it to FLOW."

Mr Fawcett said around 20 students benefit from the volunteer bus program, and hundreds of hours of education would be lost without it.

The current volunteers drive students to and from school from Monday to Wednesday.

The campus is looking to extend the program to Thursdays and Fridays, but require more volunteers.

Current volunteers Berend Paas and John Williams said they have been part of the program for the past three years because the students matter.

"We both believe that you've got to give back and volunteering is an essential part of that," Mr Williams said.

"These kids need to be cared for."

Mr Williams said he and Mr Paas had gotten real joy out of seeing the students achieve successes in their education.

"You can sometimes calm them down or try to speak something into their lives. You need to build a relationship, they need to feel like they can trust you," he said.

"It's a really worthwhile program. It's a great event when you see one of the kids go to the senior secondary school or get a job and you think, 'I helped along the way'."

Mr Fawcett said the volunteers work in pairs, and pick the students up and drop them off at agreed places near their houses.

The bus mostly travels out to Phillip Island, but also goes into the Bass area.

"We've found there are always students willing and in need of it, so we would like to see if we could extend the bus program," he said.

"We are looking for anyone in the community who might want to volunteer a couple of hours out of their day.

"If they want to come in and have a talk about what the program is and what the responsibilities would be, we'd be happy to do that."

All volunteers are required to carry a Working with Children Check.

For more information, contact Paul Fawcett on 0491 362 779.

Community Garden celebrates lifetime members

THE Leongatha Community Garden (LCG) recently celebrated two of its most dedicated members, Cheryl, and Garry Lamb with a Lifetime Membership Award.

Councillor and Deputy Mayor Clare Williams presented the award to Cheryl and Garry, praising them for their ongoing effort and significant contribution to the garden over the past 10 years.

President of the Leongatha Community Garden, Neil Barrett commented that the LCG's Lifetime Membership Award is to recognise exceptional individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and contribution to the Garden.

"Cheryl and Garry are true assets to the Leongatha Community Garden community," said Barrett.

"Their dedication and hard work have helped shape the garden into the beautiful and vibrant space it is today."

Cheryl has served on the



Cheryl and Garry Lamb with son Brett (middle).

management committee, led the culinary group, and actively participated in numerous garden activities. She is also known for her delicious baked goods, preserves and flower arrangements which are available at the garden stall of the Leongatha Community Market.

Garry is always there to support and lend a helping hand,

whether it's mending and fixing things around the garden or assisting with transporting supplies and equipment and participating with the raspberry harvest.

The Lifetime Membership Award is a well-deserved recognition of Cheryl and Garry's dedication and commitment to the Leongatha Community Garden.

REMEMBER
to remember

~ Local services ~

WHILE ANZAC Day garners far more attention, Remembrance Day is another major occasion on the RSL calendar, with people falling silent to commemorate the end of WWI and the signing of the Armistice.

The losses of that war and others will be remembered across South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires as it is throughout the nation and further afield.

COWES

A SERVICE will take place at the Cowes Cenotaph on Saturday from 10.45am. Wreath laying welcome.

FOSTER

A SHORT and simple service will commence at approximately 10.50am. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy a beer and a sausage at the RSL after the service.

At 1.30pm there will be a special dedication service at Foster cemetery for three ex-servicemen who had unmarked graves.

GRANTVILLE

BASS Valley Friend of RSL invite you to the Remembrance Day service and unveiling of plaques on Saturday commencing at 10.15am at the Memorial Gardens (Pier Street and Bass Highway), Grantville, followed by light refreshments. You are invited to lay a wreath or flowers.

HALLSTON

HALLSTON Hall will be hosting a special Saluting their Service Remembrance Day event from 10.30am with speeches, plaque unveiling and more.

A special photographic display of WWI soldiers from the district will be unveiled by Russell Broadbent MP during the service.

INVERLOCH

A SHORT Remembrance Day service will be hosted at the Inverloch War Memorial, ABeckett and Reilly Streets, Inverloch Hub from 10.45am. A light lunch/refreshments will follow at RSL Inverloch Sub-Branch, 15 Bolding Place.

KORUMBURRA

THE Korumburra sub-branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service on Saturday at 10.45am. Schools, community groups and the public can lay floral tributes throughout the day at their leisure.

LANG LANG

A SMALL service will be held at the monument from 10.30am to 11am. For more details refer to Lang Lang RSL Facebook page.

LEONGATHA

ALL are welcome to the Leongatha RSL Remembrance Day service at Leongatha Cenotaph (6-8 McCartin Street) with the ceremony commencing at 10.45am and wreath laying at 11am.

MEENIYAN

MEENIYAN and District RSL member John Cocking will speak briefly about Remembrance Day during a simple commemoration at the town's Cenotaph, beginning at 10.40am and concluding with a minute's silence at 11am and wreath laying.

MIRBOO NORTH

THE town's Remembrance Day service will gather at the RSL Hall from 10.30am for a 10.45am start. The commemoration will include the laying of wreaths and playing of the Last Post. Light refreshments will follow the service.

SAN REMO

VISITORS and members of the San Remo/Newhaven communities are invited to join a Remembrance Day service on Saturday at 10.45am. The gathering will be at the Cenotaph on the foreshore opposite the San Remo supermarket. South Gippsland Legacy's Jane Ross will deliver a brief address on decorated war hero Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Savage, who founded Legacy 100 years' ago. There will be an opportunity to lay flowers, a wreath and poppies. In line with San Remo tradition, the Westernport Hotel will take its turn at providing refreshments after the commemoration.

TOORA

A WREATH laying service will be held at the Cenotaph, located at the corner of South Gippsland Highway and Stanley Street, starting at 10.50am followed by a light lunch.

WONTHAGGI

A SERVICE will take place at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph on Saturday at 10.30am. A light lunch will follow the service at the RSL sub-branch.

YARRAM

A COMMEMORATIVE service and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph, Commercial Road from 10.45am to 11.30am. Members of the public are invited to lay a wreath or floral tribute.



Remembering the bravery of Wonthaggi's Colin (Bill) Akers

TAKE a moment, if you will, and look at the accompanying image of an RAF air gunner seated behind his four guns in the tail turret of British World War Two bomber, for instance an Avro Lancaster.

Ask yourself if at the age of 18 you would be prepared to volunteer to take on this role, because all of these men who served in the RAAF and RAF were volunteers.

And what did this role entail?

Primarily, to defend your aircraft and its crew from rear attacks by German Night fighters who were intent on shooting you down.

You sat for five to eight hours in a gun turret isolated from the rest of the aircraft, flying at night in a bomber stream of 500 plus aircraft, at altitudes of 15000 to 20000 feet where the air temperature is minus 25 degree C, and wearing an oxygen mask and electrically heated flying suit which just kept you from freezing.

You did not wear your parachute because there was no room.

If you needed to bail out, you had to retrieve the chute from the rear fuselage and put it on before leaving the aircraft.

To complete your operational tour, you had to do this 30 times over heavily defended targets like Berlin.

By Rob Gallagher, veteran

The late Warrant officer Colin (Bill) Akers Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) from Wonthaggi did exactly that role and flew 33 missions over Europe during World War Two.

The DFC is awarded for "an act or acts of valour, courage or devotion to duty while flying active operations against the enemy".

An award not lightly handed out – only 2291 Australians have received this award since 1918.

Bill volunteered for the RAAF on December 6, 1941.

He trained at Somers in Victoria then moved to the 2nd Wireless Air gunner training unit at Parkes, New South Wales.

He was posted to the RAF, not uncommon for Australian aircrew, and arrived in England on the December 12, 1942 – he was not destined for the quiet life.

First posted to 28 Operational Training unit (OTU), he was part of Wellington bomber crew tasked on June 3, 1943, to drop propaganda leaflets over Paris.

As a result of engine failure, the aircraft ditched into the sea on return, where the crew spent eight hours in a life raft before being collected by an air sea rescue launch.

Lucky, considering that the air sea rescue service was only being established at this time and many ditched crews were not found alive.

On completing OTU, Bill Akers was posted to RAF 101 Squadron flying Lancaster bombers.

He flew his first mission on November 3, 1943, to Dusseldorf.

The 101 Squadron Operations Record book records: "aircraft DV290 attacked on bombing run by night fighter. Numerous holes in fuselage, bomb bay doors and tail plane. Landed without hydraulics, damaged under cart and two flat tyres. Bomb Aimer slightly wounded".

The rear gun turret then occupied by Bill was in the tail plane area of the aircraft.

You would be right to consider that this was scary introduction to bombing operations.

RAF 101 Squadron suffered the second most Bomber Command aircrew casualties during World War 2.

This is attributed to its specialist role as an electronic counter measures aircraft, where an eighth German speaking crew member was carried whose duty was to radio transmit in clear, false instructions to confuse night fighters.

Once German ground controllers twigged, then the

night fighters would be vectored onto the counter measures aircraft. Aircrew loss in this unit at one stage was two in three personnel with a life expectancy of six weeks.

Yet men like Bill, knowing this fact kept on flying, which is tribute to their physical and moral courage.

Some 125,000 volunteers served in RAF Bomber Command during World War 2.

Sixty percent were killed, wounded or taken prisoner, surprising since you had to survive a parachute drop from the damaged aircraft.

Australians made up 13,000 of the total number and 4100 were killed in service.

This is 20 per cent of all Australian combat losses.

Bill's unit, RAF 101 Squadron suffered the loss of 1176 aircrew, 25 per cent were less than 21 years old, and had not flown more than 10 operations, 20 short of the 30 requirement.

To have survived these statistics says that Bill Akers, besides luck was also very good at his job, hence the DFC.

This young Wonthaggi lad was one of a very remarkable group of young men, all volunteers, most knowing what they were getting in for: we should and will remember them and acknowledge Bill Akers' valour.



An image of a rear gunner in a World War Two British bomber. The image was supplied from the RAF 101 Squadron Historical Society in the UK. Wonthaggi's Warrant officer Colin Akers Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) flew with this unit.

Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

at Inverloch Cenotaph

Commences 10.40am

Wreath Laying

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

REMEMBER to remember

Russell Broadbent MP
Federal Member for Monash

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Thank you for your sacrifice, dedication and commitment to our country.

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Korumburra veteran speaks out on challenges

IRAQ and Afghanistan veteran Ashley Boxall of Korumburra will spend Remembrance Day playing cricket for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, something that seemed impossible a while back as he battled physical pain and the mental turmoil of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

For a time, he was unable to leave home.

Originally from Endeavour Hills, Ashley returned to Victoria this year from Townsville to be close to family, with his ill father since passing away and his mother living in Wonthaggi.

Ashley spent 17 years in the army, based in Darwin for over a decade, then having four years in Brisbane and finishing his military days at Puckapunyal where his combat experiences caught up with him mentally and he was diagnosed with PTSD.

"They say PTSD is a natural reaction to abnormal situations," he said.

His first tour of Iraq was in 2005.

As a Recovery Mechanic, Ashley was responsible for retrieving any equipment such as vehicles that were bogged, rolled over or damaged by explosives, and was an armoured vehicle commander.

"We don't leave anything behind," he said, explaining pre-planning and surrounding protection were essential elements of retrieval missions.

Improvised Explosive Device

(IED) incidents were always the biggest threat, but the weather added to the daily grind.

"The heat was so bad; some days were over 50 degrees and it got up to 72 degrees in the vehicles," Ashley said.

"We had to pull in vehicles at 3am and put aircon on them so we could service them, because we couldn't touch the armour."

Despite the stresses of war, there are happy memories such as 'The Desert Ashes', won 4-1 by Australia over England, the Aussie team resplendent in outfits sent by the Australian Cricket Board, with Ashley recalling the ball jumping alarmingly from the rocky field that was impossible to slide on.

He also has fond memories of Dave Gleeson giving a brilliant performance as one of the visiting entertainers who helped maintain the morale of those serving in Iraq, and of the mateship between the soldiers.

A second tour of Iraq between 2006 and 2007 was a worse experience for Ashley than his first, his vehicle coming under fire regularly, standing out as the only one of its type and therefore deemed an important target.

"That was hairy as hell," he said of his second tour of duty.

He spent Christmas 2006 in Iraq, with absence from family and friends for such occasions one of the many sacrifices service personnel make.

ANZAC eve of the following year



Ashley Boxall relaxes in Korumburra, having quickly become a valued member of the community and enjoying getting back into sport and other activities after a tough return to civilian life. A34_4523

is memorable for a big IED incident in which vehicles were lost but fortunately no lives.

After completing his second tour of Iraq, Ashley returned to Darwin joining a different unit and was put up for service in Afghanistan in 2010, something a superior officer disallowed due to Ashley's apparent mental state.

However, he was back in active service by 2012, this time in Afghanistan, by then as a Corporal.

"I could have said no," he said when asked his thoughts about returning to action.

He spoke of the compulsion to

return to combat despite its negative effects.

"Combat is the biggest rush I ever had in my life; it is so addictive," he said.

He said that messes with your mind.

"It's you or them and you've got your mates to look after," Ashley said.

Medicinal cannabis has proved crucial on Ashley's road to recovery, along with the support of his partner of four years Kelly Martin and his assistance dog Ivy.

Ashley wants to see medicinal cannabis made more widely available for others in need.

While Ashley said he was fortunate to have a great advocate and terrific support from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) after his 2017 discharge, many are not so fortunate with DVA severely under resourced.

He said current day veterans owe a lot to those who fought in Vietnam for the stand they made after returning to ensure improved treatment of veterans, but added that his generation need to continue that battle.

Ashley has attended too many funerals, knowing over 100 people he came across during his service who have since taken their lives, highlighting the need for improved support services.

While his positive experience with the DVA ensured Ashley was in a better position financially, receiving his pension promptly, his

pain from a range of serious injuries led to him being prescribed copious quantities of painkillers, sparking an opioid addiction.

Medicinal cannabis has played a huge role in relieving his pain and enabling him to resume physical activity, having at one stage been told he wouldn't be able to get about without an aid such as a walker.

A Stellate Ganglion Block, a procedure designed to tackle pain, proved highly successful in controlling anxiety and allowing Ashley to venture back into the world.

Being in Korumburra on ANZAC Day, wearing his medals and those of his Tobruk Rat grandfather, members of the local RSL were quick to encourage Ashley to join the fold, something he's happy he did.

He said having lived in garrison cities for years where there are numerous people with military backgrounds, it has come as a shock having people approach him to thank him for his service since his return to Victoria.

Current and returned service persons and their families can reach out to their local RSL sub-branch or RSL advocacy and welfare on 1300 645 838.

If you need support, talk to a GP or health professional.

- Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyondblue.org.au.
- Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.

WONTHAGGI RSL SUB BRANCH

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

10.30AM WONTHAGGI CENOTAPH

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

FOLLOWING SERVICE
LIGHT LUNCH AT THE RSL SUB BRANCH

HMT1000

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

COWES CENOTAPH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 10:45AM

WREATH LAYING WELCOME



A special day for our special heroes



Awarded the Military Medal, Leib Dietrich was a keen sportsman and proudly captained the Allambee Cricket Team in 1902 before enlisting on August 23, 1915.



After being stationed as infantry in Gallipoli, Matthew "Bert" Griggs was involved in the Battle of the Nek.



Joseph Smith from Allambee Estate was the youngest soldier to enlist from the district.



Percy Charles Tuck, a teacher, served with the 15th Field Ambulance in WWI.

A SPECIAL Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Hallston Hall on Saturday, November 11, which will include the opening of the Hallston and District WWI Soldier Photographic Display by Mr Russell Broadbent MP. The display has been funded through a Saluting Their Service grant from the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Using the 15 soldiers listed on the Hallston Honour Board as a starting point, research was undertaken to locate photos and background history of the men who lived and worked in the district prior to enlisting. Ultimately 31 soldiers were identified, 26 photos found, not all suitable for permanent display, of those who enlisted from Allambee Reserve, Allambee Estate, Allambee South, Hallston and neighbouring Wooreen.

Men, farmers and labourers, as young as 18 up to the age of 54, although the stated aged on enlistment was 48!

This project has given life to a list of soldier's names - giving them a face and a story that had been lost to the passage of time.

Amongst the soldiers found were Joseph Smith (Allambee Estate), Percy Tuck (Allambee), Gottlieb Dietrich (Hallston) and Matthew Herbert "Bert" Griggs.

Joseph Smith, Reg No. 3511 resided at Ben Lyall, Lot 17 on the Allambee Estate and was the youngest soldier to enlist from the district being 18 years and five months on May 31, 1917. His parents reluctantly signed consent papers thinking the war would be over before he finished his training.

Joe embarked from Australia on July 16, 1917 and served with the 58th Battalion at Polygon Wood and Villers-Bretonneux. He was wounded

in action August 9, 1918 at Amiens sustaining a fractured elbow. He was discharged from hospital in December 1918 and returned to Australia February 1919. Following his service Joe resumed farming, living and working in Monbulk; he married and had one child. He died in 1955 and is buried at the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Percy Charles Tuck Reg. No. 10328 from St Arnau near Bendigo, served with the 15th Field Ambulance.

Percy, a teacher, was appointed to the Allambee Hall school in September 1913. The school was located on the Yarragon/Leongatha Road near Millers Road at Allambee. He enlisted on August 16, 1915, embarking from Melbourne on the Euripides April 1916 disembarking in Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt on May 9.

He left for France on June 29, 1916, and was taken on strength 15th Field Ambulance.

Percy served in France and England returning to Australia in April 1919. He resumed teaching for a short time, but his heart was not in it, resigning in 1922 and becoming a gardener. Percy married and had six children. He died in 1987 in Elwood.

Gottlieb "Leib" Abram Dietrich Reg. No. 4650 was the son of Peter and Johanna Dietrich who settled at Hallston in 1883. Peter was one of the original trustees of the Hallston Mechanics Institute established in 1886.

Lieb was a keen sportsman playing both football and cricket for Allambee and captain of the Allambee Cricket Team in 1902. The Dietrich family lived at Lot 45 on Grandridge Road, adjacent to the Hallston Hall.

Lieb enlisted on August 23, 1915, aged 37. He trained as a Signaller and served with the 14th

Battalion, 14th Reinforcements in France.

He was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Ascension Wood on August 18, 1918, and returned to Melbourne in 1919, where he resumed farming with his brother, and was an integral member of the Hallston Community.

Lieb was a long serving secretary of the Hallston Hall, overseeing the building of the current hall in 1932 and its alterations up until 1945, a lay preacher and Sunday School Teacher. Lieb did not marry and died in 1961. He is buried with his sister at Williamstown Cemetery.

Matthew "Bert" Herbert Griggs resided on Grandridge Road at Hallston Lots 45 and 45C. He was a keen cricketer and tennis player and was elected a life honorary member of the Hallston Tennis Club March 17, 1914.

Bert enlisted October 3, 1914, in the 8th Light Horse Regiment, training in Egypt before being sent to Gallipoli May 20, 1915, to serve as infantry, leaving their horses in Egypt. The 8th Light Horse were involved in the Battle of the Nek in August 1915 in which 372 Australians were killed or wounded of the 600 Australians who took part in the assault.

Following the evacuation of Gallipoli in December 1916, Bert served at the Suez Canal before being returned to Australia due to ill health.

Following his return to Australia he took up a soldier settlement block at Vinifera (north of Swan Hill on the Murray) growing dried fruits and general crops and became involved in the local Co-op.

Bert married and had a son. He died in 1947 and was buried at Nyah West with a War Graves head stone.

Students lay crosses in solidarity

IN THE lead up to Remembrance Day, eight members from the Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch and Cemetery Trust, met up with the Principal of Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School Brett Smith and school captains, Oliver, Harlow and Maggie, to place white wooden crosses at the graves of ex-servicemen and women and Australia's allies, in the Inverloch Lawn Cemetery, in recognition of the part they played in the Defence Forces, regardless if they served overseas or not.

One hundred crosses were placed by the students as the RSL members showed the various service emblems on the plaques whilst also explaining succinctly, either the part they performed whilst in the services or the service history of their families.

For the past eight years, the crosses have been placed in the Inverloch cemetery a week before ANZAC and Remembrance Day and remain for a week after these important events.

Take the time to visit the cemetery while the crosses are in place and if you have family who served in the Defence Force, and would like them to be remembered with a white cross, please contact the Inverloch RSL at 15 Bolding Place, Inverloch.



LEONGATHA REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Leongatha Cenotaph,
6-8 McCartin Street, Leongatha

November 11, 2023

Ceremony at 10.45am

Laying Wreath 11am

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Invite you to the Remembrance Day Service and unveiling of plaques.

Saturday, November 11
Commencing at 10.15am
at the Memorial Gardens
Cnr Pier St & Bass Hwy, Grantville
Followed by light refreshments

You are invited to lay a wreath or flowers.

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Korumburra REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

The Korumburra Sub-Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day Service on

Saturday 11th November, 10.45am
at the Cenotaph
Schools, Community groups and the public can lay floral tributes throughout the day at their leisure.

Lest We Forget

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Tracy Lucas, Bowen Edwards, owners Brad Wolfenden and Amy James, with Kelli Love, James Love and Janine Max of Anchor Belle Holiday Park in Cowes. Z06_4523

Servicing the community for 64 years

FOR over six decades, Anchor Belle Holiday Park - a beloved family-owned establishment, has been dedicated to exceptional customer service and genuine hospitality.

Third generation owners Amy James and Brad Wolfenden were humbled when they received the 2023 Bass Coast Business Award for People's Choice in Accommodation and Tourism.

"Our guests are at the heart of our journey, and we appreciate the trust they've placed in us," said Amy.

Anchor Belle Holiday Park are deeply honoured to express their gratitude to each and every one of their customers for their support and votes in the People's Choice Awards. "It is with immense pride that we accept this recognition."

"Winning the People's Choice Award is an honour that goes beyond words. It's a testament to the strong connections we've cultivated with our visitors, and it reaffirms our commitment to crafting extraordinary experiences," said Amy.

Situated in the heart of Cowes, only 90 minutes from Melbourne, Anchor Belle Holiday Park has all local attractions within a 10 minute drive and direct access to the Cowes West beach - just 100 metres away.

Whether you're a camper or a glamer, the G'Day Park have a range of different accommodation and camping options, including all powered sites, ensuite facilities, and private cabins.

Anchor Belle features well-maintained and landscaped gardens, surrounded by nature with plenty of facilities to keep the whole family entertained - with an indoor pool, jumping pillow and games room fit for all ages.

"As we look ahead, this achievement serves as a driving force to set higher standards and create even more cherished memories for our guests. We thank everyone for their support and look forward to a future filled with continued growth and excellence.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to our dedicated team who worked tirelessly alongside management throughout this journey. Their dedication and hard work have been invaluable, and their commitment to our shared vision has been instrumental in this achievement."

To book your stay this holiday season visit anchorbelle.com.au or call the friendly staff on 5952 2258. The Phillip Island stay is a pet friendly caravan park.



Janine Max, Kelli Love, Amy James, and Brad Wolfenden pictured at the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards. Photo: Kim Keltie.



We Are Phillip Island took out the 2023 Bass Coast Business Award People's Choice for Online, Mobile and Home-Based.

Locals show support for 'buy local' website

WE Are Phillip Island has garnered a fabulous online reputation for showcasing local businesses and attractions.

In just three years, the website has acted as a cyber 'yellow pages', directing locals and tourists alike to all that Phillip Island has to offer.

The trusted platform was recently recognised at the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards, winning the People's Choice Online, Mobile and Home-based category, and placing third in the Resilience category.

We Are Phillip Island founder Judi Pay also launched the Gippsland Directory several years ago and regularly updates both sites to encourage viewers to 'buy local'.

Judi now has 6000 followers between the two websites and receives around 11,000 views a month.

The online traffic continues to grow each month, with people searching the website to find information on a range of businesses.

Whether they are looking for trade companies, accommodation or food and wine, viewers will find there is something for everyone across Phillip Island, the wider Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Businesses often approach Judi to be included on the website.

Once uploaded, online users can search We Are Phillip Island and the Gippsland Directory to find business

information, contact details and social media links.

Judi launched the websites after moving to Phillip Island and finding it difficult to fully grasp what was available to her.

"I felt there needed to be one place for that sort of information. There are a lot of people who live locally who aren't aware of all the businesses Phillip Island has to offer," she said.

The website also included community groups during the pandemic.

The Gippsland Directory stretches further afield, providing information for the wider Bass Coast region, South Gippsland and parts of Baw Baw.

Judi intended to extend its reach as the website progresses and gains further online traction.

"As well as businesses, it's always wonderful to promote things like museums and art galleries," she said.

"We are all tourists in our own region. Bass Coast and South Gippsland has so much to offer."

Online users can search the websites directly or follow the social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.

Businesses interested in being part of We Are Phillip Island or Gippsland Directory can contact Judi on 0477 988 510.

Judi thanked those who have supported the website over the years and contributed to her success at the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards.



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Craig Barker, Tim McLure, Jason Mottershead, Loretta Mabin, Richard Rowe, and Anthony Ward accepting the People's Choice Award Winner in the Trade category. Photo: Kim Keltie.

People's choice for quality workmanship

ROTARET Hydraulic Engineering in Wonthaggi won the Trade award in the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards People's Choice section for their quality workmanship and prompt professional service.

The judging panel commended the local business stating, "They are skilled and knowledgeable employing local staff who can manufacture, maintain or repair a wide range of equipment."

Owner Richard Rowe said being awarded the People's Choice is an incredibly humbling accolade. "We've always been proud of our professionalism and workmanship that we strive to achieve," said Richard.

"Everybody that walks through our door is just as important as the next.

So, to have our customers feedback really means a lot to us. It gives us gratification that were on the right path."

Richard confirmed that the awards night was a good opportunity to meet other business owners within the Bass Coast Shire and to see how they promote themselves within the community.

"This is new territory for us, and it allowed us to showcase our services to the wider community."

Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering provide

hydraulic and mechanical repairs in central Wonthaggi. Employing seven locals, with opportunities available for both an apprentice and qualified fitter and turner – "any one in the mechanical field."

With plans to develop on a larger parcel of land within Bass Coast, Richard confirmed that the company outgrew their location over 10 years ago and have had plans with the shire to expand their business to a larger premises.

"We had a good opportunity to catch up with the Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead to speak of our expansion plans at the awards night and she was very supportive. An expansion would allow our existing customers to be able to bring more of their machinery to us for servicing and repairs," said Richard.

"Over the past two years the business has evolved even further and being that we're ingrained in the local community, it's important for us to stay within the Wonthaggi region."

"We're pushing quite hard to find a new location, because a larger premises will really help us take our services to the next level," Richard explained.

For more information on Rotaret Hydraulic Engineering visit rotaret.com.au or call the friendly staff on 5672 5924.

"We've always been proud of our professionalism and workmanship that we strive to achieve."

- Richard Rowe



Jenni and Dean Lewandowski of Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage were winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Business of the Year award. People's Choice in Retail and Services, and Marketing and Communications. Photo: Kim Keltie.

Awarded for innovative strategy and friendly customer service

BASS Coast Boat and Caravan Storage were named the 2023 Bass Coast Business of the Year with the judges stating that "their passion, commitment, pride, and proactive approach to continuous improvement shone in the submission."

Both Jenni and Dean Lewandowski were speechless after being named as operators of the 2023 Bass Coast Business of the Year Award. Jenni said afterwards that they were ecstatic at winning the award, especially after only six years in business.

"Over time, we've successfully filled our storage facility to 200 boats and caravans (nearing capacity). Currently, we're at a point where we are actively planning and seeking approvals for an expansion program. We're looking forward to receiving a response from the Council soon," said Jenni Lewandowski.

Jenni and Dean started the business as a side project to their full-time careers, but with the successful growth, Jenni has recently stepped away from her career in real estate to purely focus on the family business.

Jenni and Dean also received the 2023 'People's Choice award in Retail and Services – nominated for their excellence and professional service. A customer focussed business with great secure facilities.

Ms Lewandowski said most of the business' customers were within an hour's drive away and the opportunity to securely store their caravan and boat, close to home, was seen as a major benefit.

The business was also awarded winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Business Award for Marketing and Communications – devoting significant effort to their marketing strategy with particular focus

on digital media, print media and campaigns.

They stay up to date with industry trends by attending workshops and conventions. After attending the Self-Storage Association Convention in Queensland, they adopted a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software which has improved their customer satisfaction and response times.

Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage encourages their customers to provide feedback for continuous improvement of their business.

The Marketing and Communication Award is awarded to business that demonstrates excellence and innovation through successful marketing and communication. This can include promotional strategies, campaign delivery, branding, and effective public relations execution.

"Bass Coast Shire is home to a remarkable array of businesses and it is an honour for us to share their success during the awards night!"

Through their development of the storage business, Jenni and Dean saw the demand for a local caravan and car weighing service and have since launched a separate business project 'Check My Weight' – your trusted caravan weighing solution.

"We now have a weighing pad onsite here in Glen Forbes, but also offer a mobile weighing service. The individual pads will weigh both the car and caravan providing an accurate report for VicRoads and insurance companies," said Jenni.

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The team from Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre won awards for Business Innovation, Resilience, and Health and Lifestyle at the recent Bass Coast Shire Council Business Awards.

Three awards for Wonthaggi Allied Health

WONTHAGGI Allied Health Centre (WAHC) have won the People's Choice award in Health and Lifestyle, won the main judges award in Resilience and were awarded runners up for Business Innovation at the recent Bass Coast Shire Council Business Awards.

"We're very proud to have won these awards," said Nick Leitch Adult and Paediatric Physiotherapist at WAHC.

"We've got an absolutely top notch team and really that's what this award is about. It's a testament to the team, being such a tight knit, professional and friendly team with lots of enthusiasm."

The Centre offers access to physiotherapy, dietetics, hand therapy (occupational therapy) and allied health assistance, all the way through to disability support workers and nurses.

The Centre also offers clinical pilates, Active Ageing classes and paediatric physiotherapy.

Recently introducing state of the art equipment such as active passive bikes for neurological clients, shockwave therapy for plantar fasciitis and tendinopathies, and the GLA:D programme for hip and knee osteoarthritis has set the Centre apart from other health services around.

WAHC's physiotherapists have recently undergone certification to run



Nick Leitch, Physiotherapist with Tanita Bow, Allied Health Assistance, and Candice Leitch, Registered Nurse and Director of the Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre, received multiple awards at the Bass Coast Shire Council Business Awards.

the GLA:D programme, a specific exercise based rehabilitation for hip and knee osteoarthritis, which is kicking off this month.

It's an evidence-based program, proven to be highly successful and effective in reducing pain and improving function, in a short amount of time.

It's 12 one-hour sessions held over six weeks, with pre- and post-assessments conducted to measure progress and outcomes.

"It is the first line of treatment for all clients with hip or knee osteoarthritis," said Nick.

The Centre has also recently expanded their team to include a very

experienced dietician, Sara Mullery who takes a non-judgemental, person-centred approach to support clients to reach their food and nutritional goals.

Lucas Neale has also joined the team as an Occupational Therapist, specialising in hand therapy. Lucas treats fractures, arthritis, tendon injuries and clients needing rehabilitation after surgery, as well as helping children with handwriting skills.

The Centre is a one-stop-shop with a professional team and a family friendly feel that helps clients feel comfortable, supported and motivated to achieve their best health outcomes and goals.



Jo Viney has taken home the Access, Equity and Inclusion Award at the Bass Coast Business Awards for a second year in a row.

Pioneering access, equity and inclusion in interior design

IN A world where design often takes centre stage for aesthetics, Brinnie T Design stands out as a trailblazer, not just for its innovative approach to interiors but also for its unwavering commitment to accessibility, equity, and inclusion. The recent win of the Access, Equity and Inclusion Award at the Bass Coast Business Awards is a testament to the incredible work done by this Phillip Island-based Interior Design Studio.

Founded by Jo Viney, an interior designer with a passion for making spaces inclusive and accessible, Brinnie T Design has a unique vision that extends beyond aesthetics. Jo's journey into the world of disability inclusive design began as a personal exploration. As a single mother of two teenagers on the autism spectrum, she was driven by the desire to create environments that cater to individual needs, whilst incorporating individual aesthetic preferences.

Jo's vibrant personality, blue hair, and tattoos may catch your eye, but it's her knowledge, professionalism, and unwavering passion that truly shine. Jo's extroverted presence is balanced by her deep commitment to her craft, and she's more than capable of guiding clients through the world of colour and bold design.

Brinnie T Design is more than just a business; it's a reflection of Jo's commitment to her community. With an

impressive range of services that span Bass Coast, Melbourne, and the Sunshine Coast, Jo and her team are making a difference by creating interiors that are not just visually stunning but also functional and welcoming to all whether it's designing a home, a commercial space, or a public facility.

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Winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards.



Event Excellence went to NYE on the Hill in the Bass Coast Business Awards judged category. Rhett McLaren is pictured with mum Karen McLaren.



Sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council Harmen Wines took out the Food and Beverage People's Choice awards win.



It was all smiles for San Remo Hotel who landed runners up in the Marketing and Communications category at the Bass Coast Business Awards.



Runners Up in Access, Equality and Inclusion were YES, Youth Hub.



In an exciting expansion Searoad Ferries welcomes Wilsons Promontory Cruises to the family.

Searoad Ferries purchases Wilsons Promontory Cruises

SEAROAD Ferries has announced a new addition to the business family with the purchase of Wilsons Promontory Cruises from Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

Robert Pennicott and his team started delivering tours of Wilsons Promontory's granite coastline in iconic custom built amphibious yellow boats in 2019. The award-winning tourism experience was developed after more than 10 years in research and development. Now, the iconic tourism experience provides amazing experiences to over 13,500 passengers every year.

Robert said he sees Searoad Ferries CEO Matt McDonald and his team as the perfect fit to help lift the company to the next level as one of Victoria's top attractions.

"I'm so proud of what we have achieved with setting up and delivering Wilsons Promontory Cruises, so it was important to me to entrust the business to a company that had a similar philosophy and ethos to Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

"I truly believe that Matt and the team at Searoad Ferries will help Wilsons Promontory Cruises achieve its potential and I am excited to see what the next chapter brings for the business," he said.

Searoad Ferries operate a number of maritime and tourism experiences including the Queenscliff to Sorrento car and passenger ferry, moving over 950,000 passengers annually, the Western Port Ferries passenger service between Stony Point, French Island and Phillip Island, Naturaliste Tours on French Island and Explore Australia day tours which operate from Melbourne.

Matt says he will continue the legacy created by Robert and his team and build on the strengths of the current operations.

"We are committed to delivering high quality experiences on the Victorian Coast and will continue to deliver a world-class offering for customers."

Matt said he is "looking forward to welcoming the Wilsons Promontory Cruises team into the Searoad Ferries family and working with staff to ensure training and development opportunities continue".

In coming weeks, the handover will begin with the transition to its new ownership under a new brand called Wanderer Adventures – Wilsons Promontory Cruises.

"The plan is for Wanderer Adventures to grow and include a range of sub-brands with our first being Wilsons Promontory Cruises," said Matt.

"Designed for the intrepid wanderer, this new brand, is about offering unique and immersive experiences that will leave customers with memories to last a lifetime.

"The essence of the brand is simple – it's wild, natural, freedom."

Wanderer Adventures – Wilsons Promontory Cruises will continue to offer its 2.5 hour-long cruise which departs daily from Norman Beach at Tidal River. This iconic tour passes the southernmost tip of mainland Australia and explores the waters of Victoria's first marine national park.

A tour highlight is seeing the granite monolith of Skull Rock which has been sculpted by wind and waves and is surrounded by crystal blue waters.

Visitors get up close and personal with an Australian fur seal colony, observe local birdlife, including the majestic white bellied sea eagle and regularly see dolphins and migrating whales.

To book a Wilsons Promontory Cruise visit prom-cruises.com.au

Why it might all end in tears

WHAT if the Treasurer Jim Chalmers MP is right about how the governments of Australia are going with their ambitious roll out of renewable energy, and the closing down of our coal-fired power stations?

Speaking about Australia's comparative advantages in solar, offshore wind and hydrogen, in his keynote address to the Economic and Social Outlook Conference in Melbourne last week, Mr Chalmers said this:

"But today, it's important for me to acknowledge that without more decisive action, across all levels of government, working with investors, industry, and communities; the energy transition could fall short of what the country needs."

He said what?

"...the energy transition could fall short of what the country needs."

We knew the government wasn't up to the required speed for replacing the coal-fired power stations with renewable energy but to hear the Australian Treasurer no less, forecast catastrophe is something different altogether.

"Put simply, to meet our potential... we need to get more projects off the ground, faster."

Drr, but how's it going so far. Not good.

But why should we care about it down here in Gippsland.

Because we're in the firing line.

The offshore Gippsland region was the first declared area for offshore wind development in Australia, and the results of licence applications for offshore wind projects in the area will be known in coming days.

And according, Jack Brumpton, Projects Partner, DLA Piper, the stakeholders are seeking a clear regulatory pathway.

That's code for get everyone the hell out of the way and let's get at it.

Which will be the problem as available time gets closer to project lead times.

Such niceties as asking the community where they want the high voltage powerlines to be placed will go out the window, as will promises of local jobs and reskilling of the energy workforce in the Latrobe Valley.

There's also the issue of more haste, more cost.

It's a worry, but at least the Energy Minister Chris Bowen has categorically ruled out using the area west of Wilsons Promontory for offshore wind energy development.

To achieve its national renewable electricity target of 82 per cent by 2030, there's going to have to be some serious investment and a serious escalation in the government's own output. Are we up to it?

There'll be tears if we aren't.

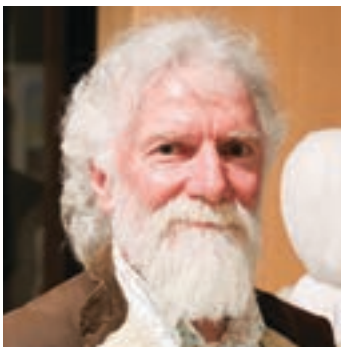
Unwelcome to Country

I AM a fifth generation Australian, born here almost 80 years ago, descended from a convict, a draper by trade, who was transported, accused of stealing a bolt of cloth. At the end of his term, this convict ancestor remained in Australia, where he became a well-respected schoolteacher. He married a free settler and raised a family.

Until recently, I had always considered myself a proud Australian citizen, who should work hard to contribute, to the best of my ability, for the growth of what I believed was "my country". I was raised to accept all peoples regardless of skin colour or culture. I never doubted, that I was very lucky to live in the best country in the world. I very much

Vox Pop

What do you think about the new Cowes cultural centre?



Ashley Reed
Cowes

"I like the fact that it's a new facility for the Island and I like the look of the theatre but I'd really like to take a look behind the scenes to see what it's got from the point of view of putting on a production, the technology and the like. But it's comfortable to sit and watch. The shire has a lot of programs lined up and I'm looking forward to enjoying it."



Ken Hailey
Silverleaves

"I think the work the council has put into the design shows through as soon as you walk in the door. It's spectacular. I understand the concern about the cost but it's worth every penny. And when you amortise \$31 million over 25 years, it's not so bad. The quality of the build is such that you won't have to go looking for artists, they'll want to come here. It's absolutely world class. Every seat in the house is a good one."



Jane McPhee
Cape Paterson

"I really feel this will change a lot of things for creative people around here. It really gives people the confidence about art and craft. We are an underrated group of artists and performers around here, but the quality of the output has been astounding and that's from someone who lived in Fitzroy."



Margaret Byrne
Ventnor

"As someone who has been involved in the local film society for a long time, Artists Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR), I don't mind saying I shed a tear when I saw that big screen coming down. I never thought I would see the day in my lifetime. As a film society, we've gone from 150 to 260 members, so we'll fill the theatre for our monthly film nights. And we won't have to put out a single chair, offset so everyone can see the subtitles."

valued friendships I made with indigenous people during my life.

The obsessive outpouring of "Welcome to Country" from the media, particularly the ABC, the almost pedantic inclusion of "First Nations' People" in the media, the renaming of places and the constant political debate about "The Voice to Parliament", coupled with ongoing condemnation of the behaviour of early English settlers and their descendants, has left me confused about my own existence. Who am I? Do I belong here? A great-great-grandfather of mine, a Scottish shepherd, sailed from England with a flock of sheep. He acquired land in South Australia, becoming a pioneer of the Australian sheep industry. He raised his family there. Twenty years on in 1862, he acquired land in North Queensland. He walked there with his family and sheep, from South Australia.

During the first year on his new farm, while tending his sheep, both he and his dog were speared to death by Aboriginals. No doubt, he paid the penalty for not obtaining permission of the "First Nation's People", the custodians of the land, for his use of their land.

One of my great-grandfathers, an Irish-born doctor, sailed to Australia to establish a much needed, general practice clinic, in North Queensland. His descendants included my father and grandfather, both of whom became civil engineers of distinction, well-known and highly esteemed. Both leave a legacy of public works, named in their honour.

I had always been proud of them and their tireless perfectionist attitude toward their work. But in the current climate of obsessive acknowledgement of the "First Nation's People", coupled with constant criticism of British early settlers and their descendants, I now wonder if I should feel shame and embarrassment, for this "destruction" of country, perpetrated by my forebears. My father and grandfather, engineered strategic highways, bridges, levee banks, power stations, water supplies, airstrips, contributing to the infrastructure of this country, keeping pace with the world, as we know it today. Their efforts changed river courses and significantly altered landscapes, opening the land for further intrusion of immigrant people. I cannot imagine that permission was sought from First Nation's custodians of the land, before any of these engineering projects were undertaken. I know my forebears believed they were doing the right thing for what they believed

to be "their" country. The flavour of recent media outpouring leads me to believe that it would be appropriate for me to apologise to the descendants of those first peoples, whose lives were rudely impacted by this white men's "progress", engineered by my forebears!

Shame and embarrassment should replace my pride, at the sight of my family name displayed, to honour the works of these men. But no doubt, these names will soon disappear to be replaced with Aboriginal names. I am beginning to feel like an unwanted intruder, not welcome in this land. Do I have the moral right to continue to live here, in this country? Where else would I go? My ancestors were here. I have no living relatives that I know of in any other country. Should I approach the British Government to demand shelter and reparation, for their transportation of my ancestor? There will be many more people here like me, who can't leave to go back to where they came from. Australia is the country they came from and the only country they know. Perhaps a "Voice to Parliament for Descendants of Convicts and Early Settlers", could help us understand our place here?

Lyn Whitlam, Glen Forbes

A short story to cheer us up

ONE day flying high above the earth Bunjil the eagle noticed that his people were unhappy. There had recently been a referendum on granting his people a voice and the Australian people had said no, and his people were feeling undervalued and rejected. Bunjil thought that perhaps there was somebody amongst the more than five million people who voted yes who knew how to change the constitution without a referendum? Bunjil flew higher and higher until he sensed somebody who thought it could be done.

That person was a retired Army Officer who said that it might be able to be done using a precedent that dated back to the time of Richard the First.

"Firstly, you will need to call a women's corroboree to create a number of sacred objects imbued with your spirit, Bunjil," he said.

"If your spirit is strong enough and the spirit of the young women who present it to the State Governors and the Governor General are strong enough then it should be powerful enough to change the constitution."

So Bunjil agreed, there was a woman's corroboree called and there the spirit of Bunjil entered the sacred objects.

"Be careful," said the Officer.

"You will need to protect the power of secret women's business so you will need to ask the Governors to swear an oath not to reveal what is revealed to them before you communicate your Bunjil power. All they should be able to say is whether they believe or don't believe Bunjil has the power to change the Constitution before they refer it to the High Court who should be required to swear a similar oath."

At the woman's corroboree several strong young women were chosen to present the objects. They then asked for and were granted an audience with the Governors under the agreed conditions.

As they approached the Governors to present the offering the women grasped the sacred object high above their heads and also over the heads of the Governors and said, "This sacred object is imbued with the spirit of Bunjil who is the protector of his people. It is a nulla nulla or fighting stick. In accordance with a tradition of your people which dates back to the time of Richard the First you are now Bunjil's captive, and he instructs me to demand as in the days of Richard the First, a King's Ransom. That Ransom is Constitutional Recognition and a Voice to Parliament!"

A super majority of the Governors including the Governor General agreed after seeking guidance from their First Ministers that Bunjil did indeed have the power to change the Constitution and the High Court concurred that under the powers of Force Majest such an approach was legitimate.

And that boys and girls is how Bunjil the eagle changed the Australian Constitution.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

Looking after our own roadsides

WHAT sort of a farmer is Mr. Hersey. My late husband used to spray the roadsides of our farm year after year.

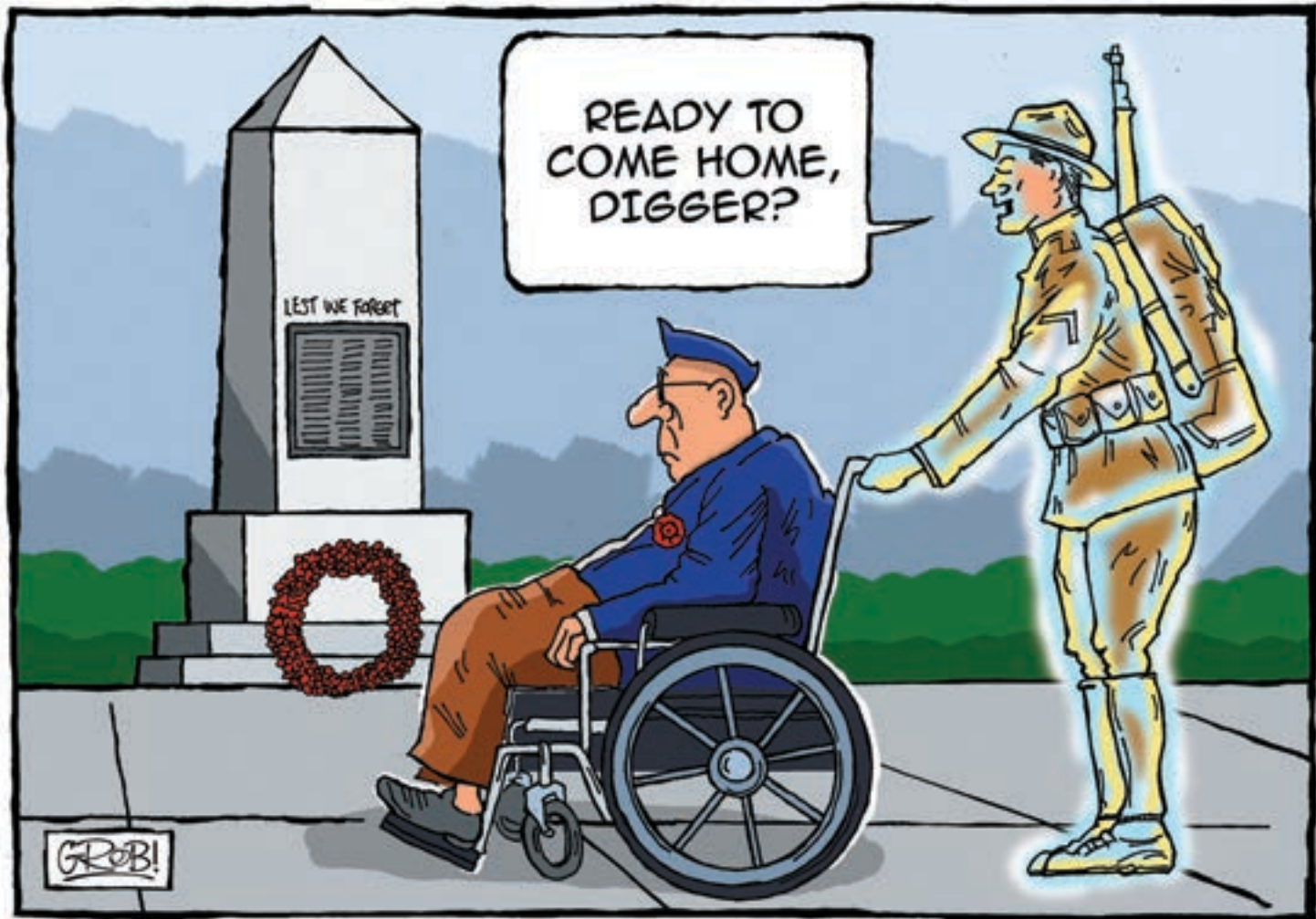
Another kick in the bum for Australian farmers.

We have to look after our own roadsides as the shire doesn't do anything.

Do we really want farmers or are we trying to kick them out?

No farmers, no food.

Denise Sheens, Mirboo North



Congratulations to best in the business

WHAT a refreshing front cover. I had not heard about Jenni and Dean Lewandowski. I may not use their service as I do not own a boat or a caravan, but I congratulate them and so happy that they credit the success of their business to personal, friendly service and anticipating their clients' needs. It is no wonder that they are successful and have the title of Best in the Business.

In the business world especially regionally so much is dependent on their attitude towards their customers, and I have tried a lot of businesses and put a lot of google reviews because that is what I depend on when I am researching businesses. We fail when we do not consider our clients because if it was not for them there is no business. I have not returned to businesses that have offered substandard customer service and gone somewhere else even if it is to pay more.

I voted Harmen Wines and congratulations to them too as they are a great venue and offer so much more than great customer service. I will keep going back to good customer service enterprises and even if there are some discrepancies, it can be easily overlooked if the attention to customers is given high priority.

Congratulations to all the winners, you know that you have won because you have had your customers at the forefront and keep up the great work because your business is important to our region.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

Don't be afraid to ask for help

IT IS financially tough out there – for some than others.

In my work as part of the Salvos Moneycare team, I see lots of people who have been weighed down emotionally by their financial situation.

I see the way the constant thinking about how to juggle expenses keeps us on edge. It's not good for us mentally, physically or spiritually.

Indeed, recent research from The Salvos shows that people's mental health is the top concern for 73 per cent of our clients across the country. Many Aussies are struggling to cope, and this cost-of-living crisis shows no signs of letting up any time soon.

That's why we are here, to help when life is getting a bit too much. I get a bit sad when people think "a financial counsellor is not for me", or worse "they'll think I'm overreacting". Because it's just not true.

Financial Counselling is a free, non-judgmental service where a qualified person listens to your financial situation and works with you to take control of your money.

We can work with lenders, utility providers and, most critically, with you to develop plans and skills to better navigate the path to financial wellbeing.

A community member who accessed Moneycare up in Queensland told us, "I feel less stressed. I didn't know there was this help available. I can't believe how great you have been. I have a pathway to take away worry and concern."

That is what we are all about here at The Salvos. By empowering you to get your financial wellbeing back on track, Financial Counselling can be a way to make anyone – yes, anyone – have the freedom to make choices to allow you to enjoy life.

I would encourage anyone who might be feeling the pinch financially at the moment to reach out to us. We are here to help.

Kristen Hartnett, National Head of Moneycare, The Salvation Army

Legacy of the Voice referendum

FOLLOWING the "Voice" Referendum I was fortunate to be part of a discussion group of about 20 predominantly YES voters who were considering reasons for the failure of the YES campaign.

Previously, three or four members of the group had advanced concerns about the lack of detail supplied in regard to the Voice's vision, function and powers as well as its composition. While these issues had concerned me, by the time we came to the last two weeks of the campaign I became disturbed by the fact that it became obvious that Albanese's access to "advertising funds" far in excess of that available to the NO case made him far more visible than the proponents of the NO case. It was already publicised that Albanese had the support of churches, state premiers, universities, sporting groups, big business and the ABC etc. These are all organisations which could be subliminally vulnerable to the political decisions of Government.

Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

During this time Albanese gained a lot of airtime and took on the role of a powerful advocate for the YES case, and stridently denigrated NO voters as 'having no heart or intellect'. Now that the Referendum has been lost, it is my experience that disappointed YES voters have followed the same mind set as Albanese in denigrating NO voters.

I believe the Spokespersons for the YES case should not have needed the extraordinary advocacy of Albanese and his absolute trust in the Voice even cast doubt on his future ability to negotiate with Aboriginals if the YES case had succeeded. As Prime Minister, John Howard did not assert his preference during the referendum regarding the choice of a monarchy or a republic. This result was affected by the Republicans being unable to agree on a model for a Republic. We all knew Howard was a monarchist, but he did not act as an ubiquitous advocate for the monarchy.

How can Albanese unite this country when he has condemned the democratic choice of at least 60 per cent of the country to be the result of a heartless and ill-informed judgement.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

Ridiculous laws

WHAT kind of people do we now have in our Shire of South Gippsland councillors and staff to think up such a stupid lot of proposed laws that can only be seen online.

Many of us do not sit on our bums of keyboards, we work, and objections was to be in by November 2.

One councillor Cr Scott Rae is the only one it seems to have a brain.

A busker is to have a permit. I wonder how much that will cost them. These people brighten up our streets. If they don't block a street, leave them alone.

Shipping containers don't blow away, are tidy.

All animal feed must be stored from vermin mice and fly proof. How many houses can claim to be mouse and fly proof?

Farmers are not to clear roadsides, even of noxious weeds. Overgrown roadsides invite native animals. That is why so many are killed on our roads, by traffic.

Go and look how fires spread along the roadsides at Nar Nar Goon and Tynong North, our neighbour district. Most fires start by cigarettes out of car windows and barbeques and campfires left by the townies enjoying our country.

There are many disused buildings and houses that would cost a fortune to demolish, council fees, permits, only licensed people are allowed to demolish that have many very expensive conditions to abide by, so have to pass on the costs.

Bracken fern, the scourge of Gippsland farmland is a protected native. It would be a blessing if councils, etc. got busy on neglected land. Small acreage is a main source, many don't know a noxious weed, and many don't care, but the farmer's bull next door must not bellow or poop, farmers dogs must not bark when bringing the cows home to milk.

Our roads have no sides to them, where do you park with a flat or breakdown now.
Jessie McKeene, Korumburra

Volunteers matter

I AM concerned the cancellation of the 2024 Garlic Festival in Meeniyar was couched, by the festival organisers (Meeniyar Festival and Events Committee – MEF), in terms of the town's commitment to volunteering [Sentinel Times 19/10/2023].

Meeniyar has a vibrant civic culture. Long-standing volunteer organisations run our beautiful community garden, the dynamic Meeniyar Area Community Store (MACS) and regular Meeniyar Progress Association Tavern Nights, among other things.

Volunteer goodwill can be squandered if not well managed. Many who had previously supported the Garlic Festival were not inclined to do so again due, in part, to some poor decisions.

The 2023 Festival organisers promised money would go to a 'Sustainable Meeniyar' project, without having a properly constituted organisation to receive funds. That festival also saw damage to the recreation oval that required repair. Subsequently the 'Rec' increased its 2024 fees for MEF events. For 2024 an initial date was set before consultation with the Meeniyar Hall Committee and the Hall was unavailable. A new festival date was set but it was an indication the MEF was not communicating well with important town institutions. That MEF loaded up their event organiser with onerous tasks is not a reflection on town volunteers.

MEF wants to change their name so that they can hold a Garlic Festival in another South Gippsland town. MEF should also consider changing ways that they manage, communicate and build relationships so that volunteers have a positive experience, feel well informed and are motivated to provide ongoing support.

John Tebbutt, Meeniyar

Additional public meeting

A SMALL council related meeting planned for last Thursday at the Leongatha RSL at short notice morphed into a large (estimated 200 people) crowd concerned about South Gippsland Shire Council's proposed Local Laws. Numerous people from across our shire spoke of their concerns about the local laws and the council in general.

Due to the capacity of the venue being exceeded many people had to remain outside and some left. For this reason, the many issues raised and to accommodate more people in our community a follow-up meeting has been arranged for a larger venue for this Wednesday, November 8. The South Gippsland Action Group will chair the meeting to be held at 56 Bair Street, Leongatha to start at 1pm. All are welcome.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

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

Local history preservation grants

LOCAL community organisations with an interest in preserving Gippsland's rich history are being encouraged to apply for a share in \$350,000 of state funding.

The Local History Grants Program, which is managed by the Public Record Office Victoria, is currently accepting grant applications for up to \$15,000.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said the grants were a great opportunity for local historical groups to inject some much-needed funding into their crucial projects.

"Local history is invaluable to our community and our local organisations do a great job of collecting and sharing our stories," Mr O'Brien said.

"\$15,000 can go a long way towards preserving our history and I'm strongly encouraging our local groups to get their applications in so our stories can be heard."

Mr O'Brien said Gippsland's own Port Albert Maritime Museum was a worthy recipient of \$14,695 during the 2022-2023 grant stream which is now being used to digitise its collection.

Other examples of projects funded in previous rounds include making local history accessible through on-line virtual tours, walking apps, e-books and oral histories.

Letters of support for grant applications can be obtained from Mr O'Brien by contacting his office on 5144 1987 or emailing danny.obrien@parliament.vic.gov.au with details of your project.

Applications are now open until Monday December 11 and can be submitted online at prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards.



President Gayle Marien, Barbara Moyle (member since 2003), Shirley Buckley (one of three founders), Vice President Gill Ryan and long time member Penny Walder celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bass Coast Writers and launch of their writers Anthology. ob08_4523

Bass Coast Writers celebrate 20 years

BASS Coast Writers celebrated twenty years of writing last week and the launch of their 20th Anniversary Edition of their writer's Anthology.

The Anthology is a hefty volume of work that encompasses the local passion for the written word.

Words of beauty, sense, love, meaning, fantastical, serious and humorous words, words of prose and poetry fill the book.

It includes extracts from past years and work from current members.

The celebration saw many

former members and current participants come together; with over eighty members passing through the group since its inception in 2003.

"The number waxed and waned as new would-be writers came to try their skills and talents... We've always been lucky; we have had an interesting mix of nationalities and cultures... all bringing something new and interesting to our ears each week," wrote long time member Barbara Moyle in the books forward.

Founding members Shirley

Buckley, Jane Denton and Jellie Wyckelsma were honoured with gifts and committee members thanked for their efforts in keeping the group alive even during the toughest of times when numbers fell.

"Individual creativity is the cornerstone of human development," writes the groups' President Gayle Marien.

"At the Bass Coast Writers we will continue to applaud that creativity".

The group continues to welcome writers of all styles and capabilities, with many accomplished writers emerging

from the group and others writing simply for the joy of it.

The Bass Coast Writers meet at The Hub in Inverloch weekly and provide an encouraging outlet for people to continue to express themselves in the written word.

Writers are invited to bring a piece of prose or poetry each week to read to the class and once a year each member chooses a few of the pieces to go into the annual anthology.

Bass Coast Writers received a grant from the Bass Coast Shire Council to publish this years Anthology.

Hand-knitted goods for those in need at Wonthaggi Library

THE CLICK clack of knitting needles can be heard at the Wonthaggi Library on a Thursday afternoon when the Close Knit group meet each week.

Beautifully coloured scarves, blankets, beanies, jumpers and teddies are handmade over casual chit chat.

Members are usually making items to be donated to national and local charities and groups or organisations that can distribute them to those in need.

A large number of these items will soon be delivered to Queensland families who've been left with nothing, after their homes were recently razed by bush fires.

The knitted goods will be distributed to these families through the Wonthaggi Lions Club, Need for Feed program.

The Close Knit group have been donating their lovely wares for the past four years and each time they run out storage space, they make another substantial donation.

Last year's donations went to families in NSW and Victoria impacted by the floods and each item has a tag on it so people can see where the item came from.

Grateful recipients have contacted the group in the past, thanking them for their kindness.

Local groups such as Mitchell House and St. George's Anglican Church, and homeless organisations will also receive donations from the Close Knit group this round.

Cath Moutafis is the Close Knit member who has been relegated to storing, organising



The Close Knit group in Wonthaggi have handmade another beautiful array of colourful goods to go to those in need both locally and across the country. ob04_4523

and transporting the items for donation.

"Because it matters, you just do it," Cath said.

The Close Knit group is very informal, and everyone is welcome to come along, with members commenting that they enjoy learning from each other and making new friends.

"You can work on your own project. There's no requirement to work on a donation

project. Some people will take a break from doing the blankets and work on something for themselves, and then they'll get back on to doing the donations," explained Cath.

"Sometimes we might have four people and sometimes we'll have a table full; and we might have different people each time and others come every so often, but anyone can come along."

Anonymous donations are often made to the group from people in the community with blankets, yarn, buttons and beanies among the things that are gratefully accepted by the knitters.

A tub exists in the Wonthaggi library for any donations people wish to make, large or small, and items can also be given to library staff members.



Maltilda Pearl's high energy performance entertained the crowd. L05_4523

Music-lovers of all ages connect

LAST Saturday night (October 28) a much-enjoyed concert was held in Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Opening with Aimee Le Page then followed by bands Moose, No Longer Kids, Matilda Pearl and The Dreggs, the Reconnect Concert hosted by The Hills are Alive and South Gippsland Shire Council was an overwhelming success.

Families, friends and individuals from all around South Gippsland and Bass Coast gathered in Leongatha to sing and dance to these amazing bands and musicians from 6pm to 10pm.

Catering to all ages, attendees could utilise two bus services that took in Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Inverloch, Foster, Meenyan and Mirboo North.

One local teacher noted that she thoroughly 'enjoyed the third band (No Longer Kids)' at the alcohol, drug and smoke free event.

Spring Fantasy in Welshpool

AMID stunning blooms, a basket of vegetables seized the top honour on Friday at the Welshpool & District Horticultural Society's Spring Fantasy show.

That was a pleasant surprise for Best Exhibit overall winner Doug Kay who has entered roses and cakes in shows elsewhere but never previously vegetables.

There was plenty of opposition in Welshpool with 770 plus entries across a range of categories.

People entered cut flowers, shrubs and trees, plants in pots and containers, floral art, fruit and vegetables, and home garden produce such as pickles, chutneys, jams and relishes.

There was also a photographic section with a horticultural theme, and children's exhibits involving youngsters from the local kindergarten and primary school.

Doug, who has called Welshpool home for a couple of years, credits great fertiliser, compost and mulch for his success, along with hand pulling weeds and hoeing between rows.

Judges marvelled at his ability to produce such excellent produce despite challenging South Gippsland weather.

Bruce Crawl, who credits avid gardener and wife, Kate, for his ongoing involvement in his local horticultural society, had the honour of opening this year's show.

The 98-year-old told his audience about the contribution Welshpool & District Horticultural Society makes beyond its nursery and the gardens of its members.

"We give money regularly to the Welshpool kindergarten and primary school, CFA, and



Welshpool's Doug Kay upstaged a high-quality field to win Best Exhibit in Show with his impressive homegrown vegetables. A24_4523

the Naval Museum down at the port," Bruce said.

He also noted the donation of plants the society made to bushfire hit areas of Gippsland a few years ago, along with providing funds to local nurseries for people in affected areas to receive plants.

The society recently contributed \$900 to BlazeAid to help repair burnt out farm fences from more recent fires.

At the show, there are public choice exhibits from which the winner is determined based on donations, with the club then doubling the total received and all proceeds from that competition going to a cause, this year the CFA.

Plant sales during the show, through the society's extensive nursery out the back of

Welshpool Memorial Hall, boost funds raised, along with the small entry fee to enjoy the many exhibits in the hall.

For all its societal contributions, the show is a valuable enterprise in its own right, bringing joy to attendees.

"I can never get over the beauty of this hall on flower show day," Bruce declared.

Joint show secretary Fran Grylls said as well as the many local entries some came from Melbourne, with one exhibitor entering from Wandilgong in northeastern Victoria.

While Doug snavelled the top prize, there were plenty of other important honours.

Joan Thomas took out Section A for cut flowers, shrubs and trees with her impressive spike of foxglove.

Jane Millard doubled up, winning the rose section and enjoying success with her tiny violas in the category for containers with at least five stems.

Prolific Warragul entrant Carol Summerfield claimed Section D for plants growing in pots or containers with her bonsai.

Maureen Benson took out the floral designs section, Jan Gyles maintained her reputation as a champion maker of preserves with her apple jelly triumphant this year, and new exhibitor Lesley McKay won the photographic section.

There was something to catch the eye from the moment people entered the foyer, with Welshpool & District Primary School children having created vibrant decorations.



Winner of Presidents Choice Helen Murray for 'Oh Say Can You Sew' quilt selected by President Gayle Rowden. Z20_4523

Showcasing the artistry of patchwork and woodcraft

NEWHAVEN Hall welcomed the public over cup weekend with a patchwork display and exhibition of toys and accessories handcrafted by the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters.

Volunteers Janelle Rumble and Denise Garrett volunteered their time selling raffle tickets over the cup long weekend with all proceeds going to the local emergency services.

"We will donate all proceeds across the CFA, SES and SLSC," said Janelle.

"It's a great cause and a great display of talent by all our members."

President of the Phillip Island Patchworkers Gayle Rowden presented member, Helen Murray with Presidents' CChoice for the exhibition for her works on 'Oh Say Can You Sew' – "a queen size quilt of fine art, with exquisite detail in the squares," said Gayle.

Meanwhile volunteers Marj Wagland and Joan Ray were selling fabrics, books, and handmade pieces at the trading table, and Grant Crocker and Neil Bateman of Wonthaggi Woodcrafters were showcasing the work of their members – including handcrafted toys, bowls and wooden pen stylus just to name a few.

The two volunteer groups were open at the Newhaven Hall over the cup long weekend, showcasing the works of the local community and both invite others to join their groups, to learn a new skill and socialise with likeminded locals.

A month of art in Loch

LOCH is showered in a kaleidoscope of colour for the third year in succession.

The primary school students from Grades Prep to 6 have been collating and creating their artwork, led by art teacher Wendi, who inspires and encourages the students in all aspects of art.

The unveiling of the exhibition was opened at Sunnyside Park by the school's art captains Flynn Jelbart, Frankie Mahoney, Johnn Duckett and Noi Phanthong, and Wendi was thanked for her hard work putting it together.

Loch Primary School and the school community are grateful to the local businesses and residents of Loch for allowing the students an opportunity to showcase their creativeness and celebrate their achievements.

Visitors to Loch are always impressed with the quality and talents of the students.

The student's artwork is on display throughout the town, hanging in windows, on fences, up in trees, shelves and on the nature strips for the month of November.



Chris Dunne of Urban Tree Growers showcased his selection of mature fruit trees at the Loch Village Open Gardens. Z22_4523



Owner of 'Lochchester', Howard Booth opened his garden to the community. Z23_4523

Gardens bloom this spring for Loch Village Open Garden

THE picturesque township of Loch welcomed locals and tourists alike this cup weekend to experience the annual open garden as part of the Loch Village Open Gardens for 2023.

The streets of the small community town were lined with people as they strolled from one open garden to the next. Frank and Paula Springer volunteered their time with festival organiser Jan Ashton, giving direction to the local open gardens and providing a map designated to the town's events.

Owner of 'Lochchester', Howard Booth opened his

garden to the community, allowing likeminded folk to wander through his property – a sanctuary of greenery nestled in a quiet court in Loch that has evolved over the past two decades.

Howard spoke of his passion for the established garden and said he has been a part of the Loch Village Garden Club open gardens event for many years.

Across the street, Simon Sullivan of 'Aisling' too welcomed the community into his blossoming garden talking to visitors of his transformation of the cottage property, one that he has tendered since

his move in 2016.

Settled on the corner of Roy Court during the weekend events was Chris Dunne of Urban Tree Growers, Chris showcased his selection of mature fruit trees, providing advice to property owners of growing and nurturing their gardens. Whilst Mark and Margaret Brammer of Strzelecki Heritage Apples too held a display of their vast range of apple trees and apple cider vinegar.

Jan too invited the community to 'Return to the Secret Garden' and art exhibition on Clarence Loch, and the Bena Hall for the Art Show

"A Celebration of Creativity".

Bena Hall Committee members Michelle Dohnt and Val Wilson were grateful for Jan's inclusion of their first art show at the Bena Hall, thanking Jan for her generosity in sharing the local event with visitors in Loch.

The Loch Village Garden Club showcased six open for inspections in the Loch village and two rural properties in Bena and Nyora. Visitors were encouraged to support the village town, purchasing plants and fresh produce from village stores, and experience the wine from the South Gippsland region.



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Congratulations to the this year's successful applicants!



Destination Phillip Island received \$1100 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Phillip Island Bicycle Users Group received \$2300 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.

Local organisations shine in community support



Phillip Island Community Orchard received \$3000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Arts Society Phillip Island received \$1000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24



Cowes Yacht Club received \$1000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Kilcunda Lobster Festival received \$1000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers received \$1000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.

SEVENTEEN local not-for-profit organisations, encompassing community groups, sports clubs, and schools, have been selected to receive \$30,000 in sponsorship funding through Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.

The following successful applicants have been awarded funding to support local events and initiatives, covering a range of projects such as drinking fountains, water-saving devices, revegetation projects, and efforts related to environmental and water conservation.

The successful applicants are:

- Artists Society of Phillip Island
- Cowes Yacht Club Inc
- Destination Phillip Island
- Kilcunda Community Association Incorporated
- Phillip Island Bicycle User Group Inc.
- Phillip Island Community Orchard
- Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.
- Phillip Island Fire Brigade
- Phillip Island Golf Club
- Phillip Island Landcare Group
- Phillip Island Progress Association (Carols by The Bay)
- Phillip Island Ukulele Group Incorporation
- Powlett River Primary School
- San Remo District Tourism & Business Inc.
- The Island Story Gatherers Inc.
- Threatened Species Conservancy
- Totally Renewable Tenby

"I congratulate all the recipients of our Community Support Program and express my appreciation to all those who committed their time to apply," Dona Tantirimudalige, Managing Director of Westernport Water stated.

"At Westernport Water, we take great pride in our active involvement within the community, especially in our commitment to fostering well-being, community strength, and environmental sustainability.

"Our sponsorship will support the outstanding efforts of community groups, which make a meaningful contribution to positive social and environmental change."

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Phillip Island Fire Brigade received \$3000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Phillip Island Golf Club received \$3000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Phillip Island Progress Association received \$1100 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



The Island Story Gatherers received \$1000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Powlett River Primary School received \$2800 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



San Remo District Tourism and Business received \$2000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Threatened Species Conservancy received \$3000 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



Totally Renewable Tenby received \$2605.90 as part of Westernport Water's Community Support Program for 2023-24.



HENDRIX Jackson Wright was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on October 24, weighing 3.12kg. He is a son for proud parents Jackson Wright and Krystle Paisley of Cowes, and a brother for Harper, 22 months.

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• FAITH FACTOR

The Miracle of Dunkirk

By Pastor Peter Muir, Grace Chapel

WITH Remembrance Day coming up soon it reminds me of my father's consistent question. "How did England ever win the war?"

My dad was an apprentice carpenter at 14 years of age, two weeks short of being called up to join the Scottish forces. The action was happening all around him but unlike today, the masses were kept guessing as to what, was reality and what wasn't.

Dunkirk, like the Angels of Mons, like the Charge on Beersheba were moments when everything, as we say in true Australian Style, "It's not looking good". So many men, 400,000 on the beach, must have seemed a "How good is this!", moment to the German air force pilots. It's enough to remind us of a "Moses Moment", just before God opened to Red Sea, to allow escape.

So where did the sea fog come from, just at the right time and how did the English Channel calm right off to allow a huge number of small boats to do the job of evacuation? We can always reduce what seems like a miracle to reasoning or natural explanations. Mr. Yes, but, what, if, often around now, appears from out of his hidey hole to combat our thinking.

To offer an explanation. There was a photo taken from above on that day, over Westminster Abbey, which was not only full to capacity, but people were spilling out in both directions for kilometres up the footpaths praying for God to take charge of the whole affair.

Prayer is an option in our lives that should be in the forefront of our thinking instead of on the back burner. Look what can be achieved when prayer is mixed with faith. This event changed a nation, so what will it take to change you.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE final Fixit Cafe for the year will be on November 19 between 11am and 1pm. In addition to the usual services, electrical items, tool sharpening and clock repair, there will be a gentleman present with knowledge of lawn mowers – if yours is causing you grief you might like to bring it in for a check up! Places are filling fast – bookings are essential – phone Mitchell House reception (5672 3731) to reserve a time for your repair.

The initial gathering of the Bass Coast Parkinson's Support Group on October 13 was well received by those present. Support is available for those living with this challenging condition and their families and friends. The next opportunity will be at Mitchell House

this Friday November 10 from 1pm. To enrol if you missed the first gathering, please contact Fight Parkinson's Victoria on 1800 644 189.

New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast is a self-advocacy group run by and for people in the local community with an acquired brain injury. The group works together to ensure their rights, choices and opportunities are respected and recognised within the community. The next gathering will be on Thursday this week (November 9) from 10am at Mitchell House. Please feel free to drop in if this is of potential interest to you or a member of your family. More information can be obtained by contacting Paul Drew, Peer Worker for New Wave Gippsland, Bass Coast –

0439 425 238.

The ukulele is an interesting instrument that has a strong connection with Hawaii; the first was thought to be made in 1879. The name ukulele translates as "jumping flea" in reference to the instrument players hands when playing the instrument. Every Thursday morning Mitchell House is full of the unique sound of the Ukulele as a group of committed devotees gather and share their passion with one another. From 9.30am through to midday – if you have a ukulele in your cupboard that needs a work out why not consider coming along and enjoying the company of this welcoming, happy group of musicians.

Full details of all the programs offered through

Mitchell House can be accessed through the website (wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com) – follow the link through the 'Programs' tab on the homepage to download the recently released Spring edition of the Grapevine. Here you will find details of all the various programs with relevant dates, times and costs. Regarding costs, if an activity is designated a Learnshare program the cost to members is a mere \$4 (\$6 for non-members). Hardcopies of the Grapevine are readily available at the Mitchell House reception desk.



6 Murray St, Wonthaggi PH: (03) 5672 3731 www.wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE Practical Music group gave a short concert last Thursday afternoon. Members of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre ukulele group were invited to be the audience. The class played a set of eight songs they have been working on since the middle of the year and were invited back for an encore.

Since many in the audience were musical too, the set concluded with a jam between the two groups.

The music group's next project is to create a video to be shown at the Learn Local Awards in November. This will give them experience in recording, and also gaining online exposure. The internet has made it so easy for creative people to show their work to the world. Some have become online sensations from their bedrooms.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au

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■ **WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS**

The carving group has gained another three members, all women, and is getting busy.

Some of them are exploring the art of combining coloured resin with wood. The resin can be used to fill large gaps in pieces of timber to create fascinating multi-media works.

One member has used a blue-tinted resin to create a 'river' effect in their piece. The result is quite striking.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S happening... Milpara has started our move to the fabulous new Korumburra Community Hub located at 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra. The Hub spaces and grounds look more vibrant and inviting each day.

We are looking forward to celebrating all the dreaming, planning and work that has gone into creating the Hub this week at the Official Grand Opening – 12pm on Friday

November 10, with a week of activities to get to know the Hub spaces from Monday November 13 to Friday November 17. Join us there!

Please note Milpara Community House will be closed this week from 1pm on Thursday November 9 and all-day Friday November 10. Food Bank will not be available on Thursday or Friday.

We will be open and operating from the Korumburra Community Hub at 15 Little

Commercial Street from 9.30am on Monday November 13, with a return to regular opening hours 9.30am-4.30pm. Some out of business hours and other activities will still operate from 21 Shellcot Road through to the end of Term 4 2023.

Milpara's phone number remains the same...

And finally, our short courses have started. If you missed out this term, please let us know you're keen for next

year. It helps a lot with planning to know what our community needs and wants as we plan for 2024. If you have something you would like to learn, a skill to share, a community event or ideas of your own, feel free to contact us to help make it happen.



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Sweet and tart this Summer

MELBOURNE Cup is famous not only for the horse race that stops the nation but also the wonderful display of roses at the racetrack. According to ABC's Gardening Australia, the roses were initially planted in the 1960's as a cost cutting measure, to replace the more costly and labour-intensive annuals they grew in the racecourse's own nursery.

Nowadays roses and the races are synonymous and to ensure they bloom in the first week of November to coincide with the Melbourne Cup, takes a lot of skill and knowledge of rose growing.

There are over 16,000 rose plants and a typical schedule comprises of one pruning and two trimmings a year. The roses are fed three times a year in September, late November and late January and also have plenty of mulch collected from horse manure, straw and leaves from the racecourse.

Roses are easy to grow and left to their own devices will, but success depends on good air circulation and plenty of light at least six hours of sunlight. They benefit with regular feeding and mulching and even though very drought hardy will produce more flowers with some watering. Using seaweed solution on a regular basis helps prevent disease.

I think one of the best things about roses are their perfume so look for at least some strongly perfumed ones when selecting a rose to plant. Most of the English (David Austin) roses combine the fragrance and beauty of old roses and the frequent blooming habit of modern hybrids.

It is a busy time in the vegetable patch as it is the perfect time to plant all the summer vegetables including lettuce, corn, peppers, chilies and, of course, tomatoes.

Cup week has long been associated with tomato planting time and if there was a popularity poll for home-grown vegetables, tomatoes would top the list. Tomatoes give a higher yield for space occupied than any other vegetable, and nothing surpasses the flavour of a home grown, vine ripened tomato.

One of the hardest decisions about growing tomatoes is what variety to grow especially if space is limited. First choice is seedlings or single plants. Seedlings are much more economical, but you may not want eight or so of the one sort, so if you want bigger stronger plants, variety or just a couple of plants then singles are the better option. There are so many varieties from which to choose, all colours shapes and sizes.

To grow tomatoes successfully prepare the soil first by adding plenty of organic matter and a complete organic fertiliser to the soil. Choose a warm sunny spot and do not grow tomatoes in the same spot year after year. Plant seedlings deep, up to the first set of leaves (this gives them a chance to send out more roots and stop them being hit by any wind whilst getting established). Unless growing a dwarf variety, tomatoes will require a strong stake, approximately two metres in length, for support. Position the stake when you plant in the tomato. Do not let tomatoes dry out and avoid over wetting the foliage as this can cause fungal problems. If the ground is well prepared tomatoes should not require feeding until after flowers have appeared, then fed with a fertiliser that contains potash.

**By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre**

A regular application of seaweed solution will help to produce healthy fruit that is full of flavour. Tomatoes can also be grown successfully in pots and do not forget basil. He is the ultimate companion plant for tomatoes supposedly improving the growth and fruit flavour whilst deterring aphids and whitefly. Plant in amongst the tomato bed or do a combined planting in a large tub, though it is better to wait for constant warm weather before planting basil.

Passionfruit can be a trial to grow but remember passionfruit are subtropical plants so, although they'll grow in most parts of Australia, in cooler areas they need a warm, sunny, sheltered spot with fertile soil and regular water to thrive. They are frost sensitive.

There are many varieties of passionfruit, but we have found that the black passionfruit is the one to grow down here – the others need a warmer climate. Plant a passionfruit vine between late spring to early autumn and provide it with a wall or framework to climb on. The most common mistake most make is that they plant them too early. Passionfruit vines don't flower and fruit straightaway. In the subtropics they may begin fruiting in six to 12 months from planting, but in most parts of temperate Australia it takes 18 months before flowering begins and fruit forms.

Keep these hungry vines weed free, well-watered (especially when there's little rain) and fed from spring to autumn. Use pelletised flower and fruit, a citrus food or a chicken poo fertiliser. Water plants well before adding fertiliser then spread it around the base of the stem and along the area where the roots are growing. After feeding in spring, spread organic mulch such as compost or aged cow manure two to three centimetres deep. Don't let it build up against the stem and don't dig it in as this may encourage suckering if the plant has been grafted.

Many passionfruit are grafted plants. From time to time the understock (the root system your vine is grafted on to) starts to grow. It can outgrow the productive vine and become weedy. Always remove suckers from below the graft area and avoid damaging the root system as this can encourage suckering. The advantage of grafted is that they are generally hardier, but downside is the suckering. Both passionfruits (whether grafted or seedling) have the same fruit. One well-grown vine will provide plenty of fruit for an average family, but if you'd like more than one plant, plant vines 2.5 metres apart.

Leucospermums are related to the proteas and waratahs and give a colourful display this time of year. They make excellent cut flowers and also seem to do well in coastal areas. The beautiful, pincushion blooms range in colours from red, orange and yellow and flower from spring to early summer. Another advantage is that some only grow to around 1.5 metres so ideal for smaller gardens. They are ideal as a feature plant or mixed with other natives and proteas. They like a sunny position and well-drained soil. Prune after flowering to give the bush a good shape.



Costa will be back at the Morwell Rose Festival on November 11 and 12.



Welshpool Horticultural Spring fantasy

Leonore Giliberto displays her Cymbidium Orchids, which she revived after they were burnt in an overly-hot room, taking out a second place at the Spring Fantasy show in Welshpool. A33_4523



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Anthony, Tonya, Clover, and Ada dressing the part as they host visitors to the San Remo haunted house for their 16th year. Z05_4523



Hudson Thomas dressed as Batman for Halloween in Inverloch last Tuesday.



Jasper and Bec Dudkowski checked out the Halloween display in Inverloch on Tuesday night.



Korumburra Rotary Club's new zombie members Anne and Phil prepare to greet children at Ghoul Creek. A03_4523



Leongatha's Nicole and Hunter at Ghoul Creek. A06_4523



David, River, Candice, and Clover hosted the San Remo haunted house this Halloween. Z02_4523



Krystal Condoluci, Natasha Tripodi, Sarina Olsen and Maria Condoluci await visitors during All Hallows' Eve. A13_4523



Noah, Isla, Beau and Rachael Green fit in perfectly at Ghoul Creek. A15_4523

Spooky but all in good spirits at Ghoul Creek

MANY joined the ghastly All Hallows' Eve happenings at Ghoul Creek, taking ghosts, horror characters and witches in their stride, and the 800 wayward youngsters present didn't allow the sight of a headless child to distract them from their quest for candy.

Isla Dereus recently moved into a haunted Poowong farmhouse and while she lost her head in a sense, at least she was able to carry it in her hands so as not to miss the Ghoul Creek fun.

With many of the 750 adults as delighted as those in their charge, it made for great spirits as everyone followed their maps along the Haunted Highway and Scream Street.

Members of community groups transformed into a frightening array of characters, perhaps no more so than Korumburra Rotary's new zombie members Phil and Anne, with each group running a different treat station.

By evening's end the sugar intake of excited kids may have been the most frightening experience for parents, but perhaps they helped



Isla Dereus of Poowong holds onto her head at Ghoul Creek. A04_4523

themselves to a little of the candy.

It was all in good fun, with no children appearing distressed, although Loch's Noah Green got an almighty fright when he poked a green apparition in the stomach believing it to be a harmless dummy, only for it to spring into motion.

The recently reopened Devil's Store was overrun by witches reminiscent of members of the Koringal Women's Service Club.

In the store, children's maps hurtled off on a shuttle

system once used for change, returning with candy.

Creepy Carriageworks was staffed by an assortment of characters, who on less spooky occasions than Halloween might be found among the ranks of the Korumburra Scouts or Ghoul Creek Venturers.

Learning to be a wheelwright at Ghoul Creek, sometimes mistakenly referred to as Coal Creek, Paul Tivendale is normally right at home in the Carriageworks.

He appeared to have had

a small Halloween mishap, with part of an angle grinder blade embedded in his head and significant blood loss but wasn't using that as an excuse to slack off.

"I was rushing to get the event ready and I just got too excited for Halloween," he declared, at least looking in better shape than headless Isla.

Swift justice was dealt out at the Corpse Courthouse, an opportunity relished by the Friends of Coal Creek, and Loch's Holland family was among those faring poorly in the dock.

While Nicole and her son Hunter of Leongatha took in the questionable surgical efforts at the Doctor Death practice, and studied an eerie greenlit chemist, Hunter said the Terror Train was the scariest experience so far, its strange sounds capturing his attention.

Spooky as it may have been, it was a delight for the old locomotive to return to service, even if it has now become a ghost train.

A troll could be heard under a bridge, and carved pumpkins added to the occasion.



Bass Coast writer, Meryl Brown Tobin's first novel, 'Broome Enigma' will be launched at the Wonthaggi Library on November 25.

Release date for 'Broome Enigma'

NOVEMBER 20 is the release date for Bass Coast writer, Meryl Brown Tobin's first novel, 'Broome Enigma'.

Published by New York publisher, The Wild Rose Press, the romance suspense novel is set in Broome and Perth. With its remoteness, turquoise sea, rugged red sandstone cliffs and kilometres long stretch of white sands, Broome is an exotic place for two young people to meet.

Kristian Norris's colourful cover evokes its beauty. On a working holiday in Australia's cosmopolitan outback town of Broome in 1986, the main character, Jodie, a young book designer and artist, is open to romance and adventure.

At the holiday village where she is staying, she meets Joe, a young man who works there. Despite the strong attraction between them, the many unknowns about his earlier life keep them apart. To try to uncover his mysterious past, they travel to Perth and back to Broome – drawn into not only bizarre but also dangerous situations.

On Saturday, November 25, 'Broome Enigma' will be launched at the Wonthaggi Library at 11am.

The launched has been organised by programs officer at the Wonthaggi Library, Sabine Aeschlimann, with tea and coffee being provided. All are invited, and anyone wishing to attend should book on eventbrite.com.au or phone the library on 5672 1875.

'Broome Enigma' is for sale on at least 12 internet sites around the world, including Australia at booktopia.com.au

Print books will be on sale at the launch at the special launch price of \$30 a copy. Both print books and e-books are available online for pre-order.

Over a long writing career, Meryl Brown Tobin has also published 20 books, several of them with other writers, scores of short stories and photos, hundreds of puzzles, articles and poems, and a smattering of cartoons and comic strips. For details see sites. google.com/view/merylbrowntobin-author

New novel by Hartley Henderson

FORMER local Hartley Henderson's new novel The Reluctant Diplomat has been released as a sequel to his earlier novel Planation Man.

Following retirement as a surgeon and completion of his term as mayor of the US city of Cranton, Jack Lansell and his wife Salina are posted respectively as Ambassador and Trade Attache to Kalambia, a country on the east coast of Africa.

After Jack's untimely death in Africa, Salina reluctantly accepts appointment by the US President to replace Jack as Ambassador. Balibo, her Kalambian bodyguard, becomes a confidant and advisor as well as her protector. He also becomes her lover and partner.

This intriguing story reveals what led to Balibo's appointment as President of Kalambia, and the startling events that followed.

The Reluctant Diplomat can be obtained by going to booksonlineaustralia.com.au/shop/the-reluctant-diplomat. In addition, it is available from Amazon and Kindle.

Hartley, who grew up on a farm at Bena and went to school in Wonthaggi, lives on the Mornington Peninsula and has enjoyed a long and successful career as a freelance writer.



Caravan Club Music and Archies Creek Hotel operators left, Mary Howlett and right, Peter Foley, shared the honours at the Music Victoria Awards with Meeniayn Town Hall promoter Rod Murray. Absent Sue Foley co-owner of the Archies Creek Hotel.

Vic Music Award honours

PHILLIP Island's Kutcha Edwards, the Archies Creek Hotel and the Meeniayn Town Hall were major winners at the 2023 Music Victoria Awards last week at a ceremony at The Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne.

The Mutti Mutti songwriter, activist and industry advocate was inducted into the Music Victoria Hall of Fame while Archies Creek Hotel and the Meeniayn Town Hall scooped the regional music venues prize pool.

The Caravan Music Club and Archies Creek Hotel have won the Best Regional Venue or Presenter (Over 50 gigs) and the Meeniayn Town Hall won the Best Regional Venue or Presenter (Under 50 gigs).

Speaking after what was big night out on Tuesday night, Peter Foley of the Archies Creek Hotel said it was something of a Bass Coast and South Gippsland benefit.

"The star of the night was Kutcha Edwards from Phillip Island who was inducted into the Music Victoria Hall

of Fame, and I was sitting on a table with Rod Murray from the Meeniayn Town Hall which won the Best Regional Venue under 50 gigs, so we had a pretty good night," said Peter.

"We work in with them and people like Marcus Satchell and Lisa at Dirty Three Wines in Inverloch to get some good acts down here.

"But yes, it's nice to get the recognition from the industry and the people as well, because it was a popular vote this year.

"You know, you work away down here, semi-isolated from the industry, so you don't always know, so it's good, yes.

"The way we've always tried to do it is to set up a venue and then build a community around that, and I suppose we must be doing something right."

It's the second time The Caravan Music Club and Archies Creek Hotel have won the Best Regional Venue award, last time voted by their industry peers, and this time by popular vote.

Rod Murray at Meeniayn was equally delighted that the town's venue continues to get industry recognition.

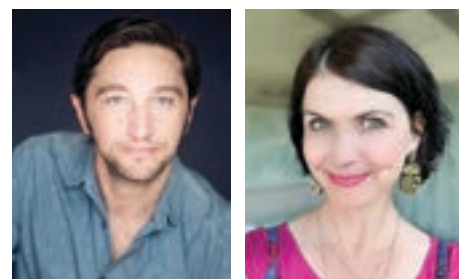
The next event presented by the Lyrebird Arts Council at the Meeniayn Hall will be Xylouris White with special guest Mick Turner on Friday, November 17 with a sold out show featuring Amyl and the Sniffers the following Friday, November 24.

Following the blast from You Am I and Tim Rogers at the weekend, Archies Creek will welcome ex-Cat Empire brass Harry James Angus on Saturday, November 11 and

Rebecca Barnard, Tanya-Lee Davies and Alison Ferrier On Sunday afternoon, November 12.

You can still get tickets to Painters and Dockers on Saturday afternoon December 2, but hurry. See the Archies Creek Hotel website and click through to bookings.

Kutcha Edwards Band will appear at the new Bernin-neit arts centre in Cowes on Saturday, June 29, 2024.



ABOVE LEFT: Troy works frequently as a storyteller and you can see him spinning yarns at the Old Melbourne Gaol in Melbourne.

ABOVE RIGHT: As a trained actor and public speaker, Lou delights in storytelling and has recently become a Presenter and Learning Facilitator at the Melbourne Museum, delivering exciting programs to school groups and the general public.



The ArtCubes will display all of the entries from the 2023 Writing Challenge.

Live story performances at Fishy Stories

AS EXCITEMENT continues to build for the 2023 Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories, attention has turned to the incredible efforts of more than 750 children who entered this year's Writing Challenge.

Twenty of the best stories – as chosen by a panel of judges – will be professionally performed at the festival on November 18 and 19.

In addition, all stories will be published in a special eBook and displayed at the festival.

Lou Endicott and Troy Larkin will be performing the chosen stories at 11am, 1pm and 3pm on the Saturday, and at 11am and 1pm on the Sunday.

Lou Endicott is a Melbourne-based illustrator, designer and speaker. Her portfolio career has seen her work professionally as an artist, actor, arts teacher, drama and theatre coach and as a storyteller.

Troy is an Australian actor and writer. As an actor Troy has worked for over 20 years in theatre, film and television, accumulating over 80 credits to his name. Troy is a founding creator of the multi-award-winning Australian production company; The Cameralla.

You can also see your child's written work at the festival on special ArtCubes, designed and delivered by the South Gippsland Shire Council.

They are unique to the shire, bringing accessible, portable creative spaces to various locations across South Gippsland. Instantly recognisable for the colourful murals on the outside walls, the ArtCubes are all made from adapted cube containers.

The cubes will display all the wonderful stories submitted to the Writing Challenge 2023.

Alongside the ArtCubes and writing performances, there are ticketed performances at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, food and drinks, the Bendigo Bank Village Green, free author workshops and more.

Best of all, entry is free - but there is a range of fantastic ticketed shows which will hold kids' attention and bring a smile to their faces.

Tickets are selling fast to the three performers' shows over the weekend. Secure your tickets now at fishystories.org/ticketed-performances-2023.




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"OUR ROCK & ROLL JOURNEY"

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at the Leongatha RSL

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The Fish Who wanted to Play AFL

By Fergus Barker
(Meeniyah PS, Grade 1)
Part of the 2023 Fishy Stories

One morning fishman wanted to play under ten's football for Fish Creek Tiger's. So fishman needed legs.

Then...POP!

Suddenly he got legs!
WOW.

How did that happen?
Now I CAN play AFL.

So, Fishman climbed out of the river. Fishman wandered over to get signed up to play AFL.

Soon the game began.

Fishman taps the ball to his teammate. He handballs back. Fishman kicked a goal!

But the umpires weren't sure if it was a goal. They checked if it was a goal. It was a point.

It was the Lions kick in and Fishman ran to the ruck. He did the ruck. And he shot a goal.

And his team was proud of Fishman. And it was a good start!

The end.

Cinema is popping up again in Inverloch

WE'RE excited to announce Cinema Pop Up will pop up in Inverloch, this December, with three nights of movies under the stars from Thursday November 23 up to and including Saturday November 25, at The Glade, Inverloch.

Cinema Pop Up is about providing locals and visitors the opportunity for the community to come together to experience an outdoor cinema and all the entertainment surrounding the event in their local environment in a safe and fun way.

Tickets for adults are only \$8 each, with all kids 17 and under, free, when you book online.

The Inverloch event will cater for all featuring the following family favourite movies, chosen with help by some locals:

- November 23 – The Grinch (PG)
- November 24 – Barbie (PG)
- November 25 – Mario Bros (PG)

The pop-up roadshow will feature movies, music, a candy bar with popcorn and snacks, and a bar for the adults, and encourages family and friends to come along for a picnic prior to the movie screening with the gates opening at 7.30pm and the movie starting at nightfall.

Non-alcoholic drink options will be available at the bar; a great option for those adults responsible for driving to and from events.

Supported by Toyota, the TAC, Rule Prostate and local council, Cinema Pop Up will run for



Cinema Pop Up will be popping up at The Glade this November.

three nights only with limited tickets. Bookings are essential and only available online at CinemaPopUp.com.au/Inverloch.

Katherine Ruii, Regional Marketing Manager - Toyota Australia said, "Toyota is both proud and privileged to be involved with Cinema Pop Up. Now in its eighth year, it is a fun event that supports and connects our communities."

TAC Chief Executive Officer, Tracey Slatter, said the partnership with Cinema Pop Up

was an important opportunity to engage directly with regional Victorians about the unique road safety challenges facing them.

"Fatigue is a major factor in regional road trauma, and the TAC will use its presence at Cinema Pop Up events to remind attendees about the importance of being prepared when taking to the roads – slow down, ensure you're well rested, and take regular breaks on long journeys."

Cinema Pop Up Director Kate Hardwick said, "Cinema Pop Up is the perfect event for families and friends to come together within their local communities. With the support of our partners, we're proud to be able to deliver an event of this calibre to anyone and everyone in Inverloch and the surrounding areas."

Gates open: 7.30pm. Movie commences at approximately 8.45pm. Event concludes at approximately 10.30pm.

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- Scarecrows Competition
- Decorated Gumboots Competition
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- Backyard Chooks & Much More

- Horses, Donkeys
- Animals Nursery
- Street Theatre
- Stilts, Clowns, Balloons
- Tractors & Old Fashioned Equipment
- Utes & 4X4
- Carnival Side Shows
- Show Bags, Show Food



KIDS TICKETS ARE FREE



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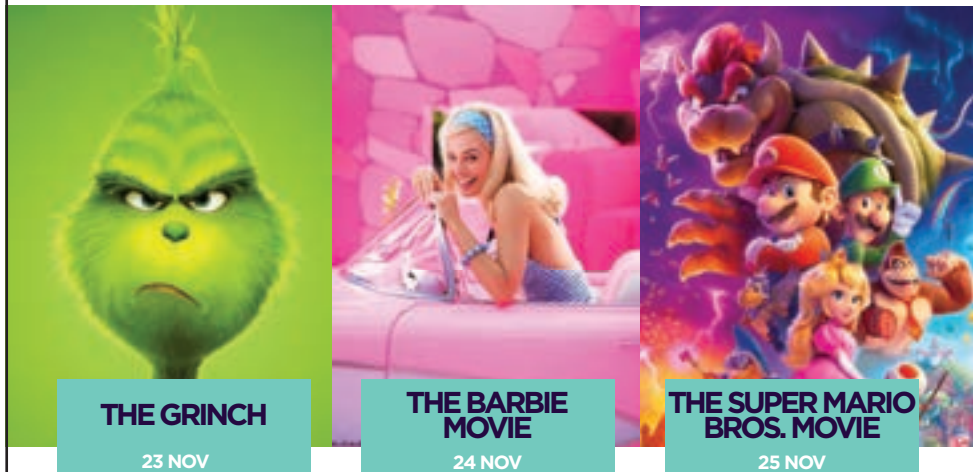
Inverloch

THE GLADE 23 NOV - 25 NOV

Featuring

bean beds, popcorn, snacks and a bar

GATES OPEN AT 7:30PM



Tickets are limited and bookings essential
Cinemapopup.com.au



Duo headliner Harry James Angus and Freyja Hooper

PETER Foley has been running music in Melbourne for decades before opening the opportunity for renowned artists to play in the regional town of Archies Creek and on Saturday, November 11 Harry James Angus will entice the crowd with soulful jazz tunes in a duo performance with Freyja Hooper.

The duo has been performing together for the past two years, previously playing together in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales. Harry first poached Freyja after seeing her perform at a local market and was fascinated by her talent.

Over the past 25 years Harry James Angus has toured with renowned Australian band The Cat Empire as their lead singer and trumpet player; however, with jazz the core passion behind his music, Harry stepped away from his long-term touring career with The Cat Empire to challenge his musical talent.

"Touring the world with The Cat Empire

was an amazing experience, but what I really missed more and more was my background in improvising in jazz; you get on stage and you're not sure what you're going to do that night - so I draw the audience in and go on a journey together, and that's what I'm doing when performing with Freyja.

"My main challenge for me is playing piano and trumpet at the same time. It's kind of like talking two languages at the same time," said Harry.

"It's really fun and also really challenging for me which is what I love."

Before the crowd can experience the brilliant musical talent from Harry James Angus and Freyja Hooper, a support act will open the night - upcoming local artist 'Robson'.

"Robson is a young talent from the local area, writing his own music and working with acoustic and contemporary sound."

For tickets and details go to caravanmusic.com.au



Hear soulful jazz tunes this weekend in a duo performance by Harry James Angus and Freyja Hooper at Archies Creek Hotel on Saturday, November 11.

Mount Best Maestro: Dr. Tom Chalko 20 years of enchanting guitar concerts

MOUNT Best has been home to Dr. Tom since 2001, and he has brought a touch of magic to our area through his incredible talent and passion for classical guitar. Dr. Chalko is an engineer with a Ph.D. in laser holography, but his love for classical guitar shines bright. He is a gifted performer, composer and arranger.

Every year for two decades, excluding the pandemic, Dr. Tom performed free classical guitar concerts at the Mount Best Community Hall. His concerts are a true celebration of music's ability to transcend boundaries and connect people.

What makes Dr. Tom's concerts so special is the diversity of his programs. He doesn't limit himself to playing classical guitar solo. He expands his repertoire and enhances the audience's enjoyment by playing with his own cyber-orchestra.

Mark your calendars for November 18, because Dr. Tom is back with another mesmerising concert at Mt Best Community Hall at 2pm. The theme this time is "Love," and the songs, romances and serenatas will take you on a space-time journey through Spain, the Amazon Forest, France, Poland, Germany, Brazil, Uruguay, medieval England, and our beloved Australia.

A highlight of the program is Dr. Tom's arrangement of "Serenata Española" by Joaquin



Local engineer brings harmony and love to our community.

Malats (1872-1912). Originally composed for piano and orchestra, Dr. Tom has masterfully adapted it for guitar and orchestra, promising a truly magical experience.

For more information, bookings and to stay updated, you can visit mtbest.net/concert-18nov23/.

Let's come together to celebrate Dr. Tom's dedication and the joy he brings to our community through music. Don't miss this enchanting afternoon of love and music on November 18.

Dr. Tom's concerts are not just events; they are experiences that connect us through the universal language of music.

ARCHIES CREEK HOTEL

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Nov	SAT 11 NOV	HARRY JAMES ANGUS & FRIENDS
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	SAT 18 NOV	KINGSWOOD
	SUN 19 NOV	MICK HARVEY & AMANDA ACEVEDO WITH J P SHILO
	FRI 24 NOV	DARREN 'DC' CROSS
	SAT 25 NOV	NIGEL WEARNE
	SUN 26 NOV	SALLY FORD & THE IDIOMATICS
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	SAT 2 DEC	PAINTERS AND DOCKERS
	SUN 3 DEC	ROSS WILSON & THE PEACENIKS
	FRI 8 DEC	M WARD - FOLK BITCH TRIO
	SAT 9 DEC	COURTNEY MARIE ANDREWS - ROBERT ELLIS
	SUN 10 DEC	CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
	FRI 15 DEC	SUNSHINE TIP BAND - ALICE GARNER, DEE HANNAN & DAVE BOWERS
	SAT 16 DEC	MARK SEYMOUR & THE UNDERTOW
Jan	SUN 31 DEC	NYE BALL FEATURING KYLIE AULDIST & 7 PIECE BAND
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	SAT 6 JAN	NICK BARKER & THE FADING LIGHTS ALBUM LAUNCH
	SUN 7 JAN	THE BLACK SORROWS
	SAT 13 JAN	ASH GRUNWALD

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On the subject of LOVE:

♥ Songs, Romances and Serenatas ♥

FREE

Guitar Concert by Tom Chalko

Mt Best Community Hall,

Saturday 18 November 2023, 2pm

followed by Devonshire Tea provided by the Hall

♥ Program ♥

Tom will enchant you with a selection of the most beloved melodies, romances, and serenatas in history, complemented by his own recent compositions.

The program begins with famous 18th century **Spanish Romance** followed by **Canção de Amor da Floresta** (Song of Love from the Forest of Amazon) by famous Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959). A collection of music from around the world features **Serenata Española** by Joaquin Malats (1872-1912). The **Serenata** was originally composed for piano and orchestra, but Tom will perform it on guitar with his own orchestra.

Best wishes from Mount Best and welcome !

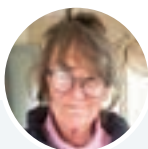
The event is **FREE**, but please make a booking because the number of seats is limited and we need to plan catering.

RSVP: TICKETS@MTBESTHALL.ORG
or text Trish Newby on 0402 893 475
The Hall opens at 1:30

For additional information visit mtbest.net/concert18nov23/



Moist Lemon Cake



By Meg Viney

THIS cake has knocked the socks off lots of people. The trick is the peeling and processing of the lemon zest with the sugar, which captures the lemon oils, which is where the flavour is...

Ingredients

- 250g Butter, chopped, at room temperature
- 215g (1 cup) Caster sugar
- Lemon rind of 1 lemon
- 4 Eggs
- 250g (1 2/3 cups) Self-raising flour
- ½ cup Vanilla yoghurt
- 1 tbsp Lemon juice, plus ½ tbsp extra

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C fan forced. Grease a 20cm (base size) round cake pan. Line the base and side with baking paper.

In a food processor place the rind of the lemon, peeled with a potato peeler, and the sugar, and process until the rind and butter are like crumbs.

Add the butter and process until well creamed and then add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition until well combined.

Gently beat in the yoghurt and then the flour, and finally the lemon juice. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and cook for about 45 mins, until set.



Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club will be hosting their first Show and Shine on November 11. C11_4523

Dalyston rec to shake, rattle and roar to life

ON SUNDAY November 19 Dalyston Recreation Reserve will roar to life as Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club, in conjunction with the Dalyston Football Club, host their first ever Show and Shine.

Gates open to display vehicles at 7am and to the public at 8am. Last admittance 2pm.

"We are very grateful to the Football Club for permitting us to use their Recreation Reserve, on the Bass Highway at Dalyston and for their help with the provision of food and drink," Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club said.

Cost of entry is \$10 for adults, \$10 for display car plus driver. Children under 16 go free.

Should you wish your vehicle to be judged there will be an additional cost of \$5. The following categories are available for you to choose from: President's Choice, Best Paint, Best Engine Bay, Best Hot Rod, Best Aussie Original, Best Vintage, Best Muscle Car, Best Bike, Oldest Bike, and Best Presented.

Judging by a group of independent judges commences at 8am with the judged cars presentation at 1pm.

In 2005 a group of local people thought that there was a need in the community to share the passion of older cars and vehicles, so they formed a club now named the Bass Coast



The event includes an array of judging categories with new members also welcome to sign up on the day or ask questions on works-in-progress. C13_4523

Historical Automobile Club, who would meet at the Archies Creek Hall.

As the Club grew it was moved to the RSL Club Hall in Wonthaggi and then onto the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club where it is still currently holding its meetings.

The Club provides a venue for people who have a passion for historical and classic vehicles, including motor bikes, tractors, trucks and stationary engines. It also provides a venue for social gatherings, club display events and drive events that enable

members to take their vehicles for a run.

"We have to say a very big thank you to Autopro Wonthaggi for their ongoing support of our Club and for the provision of all trophies and to our other sponsors, Tyrepower Wonthaggi, RACV, and Bass Coast Shire all who have been supportive of this our first such event."

Apart from the cars there will also be independent vendors with their stalls, with various items for sale.

So come along and have a look at all the vehicles out there

and admire the time and effort put into them by their proud owners.

And should you feel that this is something you could enjoy and be part of, please make contact with the BCHAC club members who will be in their Club marquee – you will be warmly welcomed.

If you have any problems with works in progress, please ask one of our members, if they cannot help you themselves may well be able to point you in the direction of someone who can.

The Club is also VicRoads accredited for issuing Club Permit Scheme Registrations.

The BCHAC holds a monthly General Meeting open to all Club members on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7.30pm at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. Members are updated on new regulations, club events, reports and general discussions with guest speakers when available.

This is followed up with a raffle and tea and coffee giving members a chance to catch up and discuss projects that they may be working on. Visitors are most welcome to join us. New members are always welcome to join; you do not have to have a vehicle to become a member, just enthusiasm and passion for older vehicles.

WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm
THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street
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Joyce Whelan and Aileen Mitchell joined Thursday's Bass Coast writer's event with Aileen having attended for 19 years. L01_4523



Annie Bennett and Berney Dilger of Loch Hall Committee held a public market to raise funds to renovate the historic hall. Z07_4523



Award winning artist for Best in Show Joy Brentwood with fellow artist Ian Pascoe at the Arts Society Phillip Island Region Exhibition at Berninnet. Z12_4523



Avia Scarlett of Newhaven College was selected to exhibit her artwork 'The Heavenly Forest' at the Berninnet Arts Exhibition. Z09_4523



Gayle Marien, President of Bass Coast Writers with Gil Ryan, Vice President and member of the anthology committee, celebrate the groups 20th anniversary and launch of the groups Anthology. ob05_4523



William Foster with Adam Cope, the youngest member of the Bass Coast Writers group, and Ruth Buckley celebrate the launch of the Bass Coast Writers 20th Edition Anthology. ob06_4523



Joint Show Secretary Fran Grylls with her floral design entry at the Welshpool & District Horticultural Society Spring Fantasy event. A29_4523



Pat Nunan and Ada Vardy enjoy the Spring Fantasy show at Welshpool Memorial Hall. A30_4523



Rose enthusiasts Jannet Ousley of Foster and Shirley McConville from Toora take in the Spring Fantasy show in Welshpool, with Shirley entering Hybrid Tea Roses and Jannet a range of varieties. A31_4523

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Bass Coast Writers 20th Anniversary Anthology launch and get together, Spring Fantasy in Welshpool, Loch Hall Committee Market, Arts Society Phillip Island Region Exhibition at Berninnet in Cowes, Patchwork and Wonthaggi Woodcrafters display at Newhaven Hall and Loch Open Garden.



Ebony, with daughters Clover and Harriett, selling Hazzies handpicked posies at the Loch Hall market. Z08_4523



Photographer Jillian Mitchell was awarded winner of the digital art/ photograph at the Arts Society Phillip Island Region Exhibition. Captured with sponsor Jo Viney of Brinnie T Designs. Z11_4523



Grant Crocker and Neil Bateman of Wonthaggi Woodcrafters volunteer their time at the display and sales over cup weekend. Z13_4523



Janelle Rumble and Denise Garrett volunteered at the Patchwork display at Newhaven Hall selling raffle tickets. Z14_4523



Marj Wagland and Joan Ray volunteered at the patchwork display selling fabrics and books at the trading table. Z15_4523



Dave and Anne Meyers check out the Spring Fantasy show in Welshpool. A32_4523



Frank and Paula Springer volunteer with organiser of the Loch Open Garden Jan Ashton. Z16_4523



Mark and Margaret Brammer of Strzelecki Heritage Apples showcased their vast range of plants and apple cider vinegar at the Loch Open Garden. Z17_4523

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Labor asks building industry to do its dirty work

THE VICTORIAN building industry has been directed to cease designing and constructing homes with native hardwood timber by the State Government.

In a recent letter to the Housing Industry Association (HIA), the government “strongly recommends” builders cease using native hardwood varieties in flooring, staircases, beams, doors, windows, architectural features, decking and cladding.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath said clearly the government is dictating consumer choice but seeking to hide behind the HIA, labelling the directive “outrageous”.

“This is the State Governments poor attempt to manipulate product demand to justify its appalling decision to close Victoria’s native hardwood timber industry.

“Builders are already being hit with increased costs and reduced availability of materials, this is yet another challenge in the midst of housing and rental crisis.”

During question time last week Ms Bath challenged the Minister for Housing, Harriet Shing on the government’s ability to deliver its promised 80,000 new homes a year, citing its latest directive.

“Minister Shing obfuscated, claiming the question was not in her portfolio.

“There is no way the government can even deliver a fraction of its promised housing given Victoria’s material supply shortages, rapidly escalating construction costs and workforce issues.

“The distressing reality is that Victorian hardwood is regularly preferred by builders and consumers for its bushfire resistant properties, compared to overseas alternatives harvested under less stringent environmental standards – our hardwood should be part of the solution.”



A piece of Poowong history is on the market

The Poowong Butter Factory is on the market and many locals are speculating about what the historical site could become. ob01_4523

THE POOWONG Butter Factory has recently come onto the market for \$2.4 million, with much speculation from the locals about what the heritage building could become.

The property is comprised of two parcels, the factory itself which is set on three and a half acres of commercial space and an additional five acres of farm zoned land, which has future residential potential – and amazing views.

A wooden factory was first built on the site for the Poowong Butter Factory Company in September 1892.

It survived until 1901 when it burned down and was replaced by the factory we see today.

It struggled in its first decade and was forced into liquidation

in 1911, however it was reopened by the community less than ten days later, funded by the locals.

Archie Buchanan took over the factory in January 1930 from Goodrich Products.

The collection of whole milk commenced in 1937, where previously only cream had been collected.

Mr Buchanan retired in 1968 with many changes occurring between then and 1985 when the factory closed.

According to the listing by Raine and Horne Land Victoria, the factory is a high-quality property and highlights include existing infrastructure that provide endless opportunities.

A couple of commercial ideas for potential developers

with a bit of spare cash to consider are made by the agents, such as a bed and breakfast, primary produce sales, a poultry farm or garden supplies.

Locals had more imaginative ideas though, with over sixty responses made to a post on the Poowong Community Facebook page.

Ideas included a chocolate factory, an indoor skate park, an 80’s style roller rink, an antique store, a museum with a café, studio apartments, a brewery and a gym.

While others are keen to see the choice of cuisine expand in the town and would like cafes or restaurants, an IGA combined with a bakery, a fish and chip or pizza shop – ‘the town is crying out for it’ - wrote one hungry local.

Most are keen to see the site developed into something beneficial to the wider community, with a market for local producers mentioned, a big antique store with a collaboration of local artists and creators on commission, a community space for something, a small pharmacy and a doctor or two.

A local with renewable energy top of mind mentioned that it could be turned into a ‘solar farm with an operational life estimated of around 35 years and able to supply sustainable electricity to over 43,000 Victorian households.’

Agent Puneet Wadhawan said he is happy to have a chat with anyone who is interested in purchasing this brilliant piece of Poowong history.

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Minimising fire risk in power lines

SOME of Victoria’s worst bushfires have been started by power lines.

With that in mind, power distribution companies have installed devices that limit the energy flowing to the fault to cut the fire risk.

In networks equipped with these devices, communities might experience power outages for hours while network operators attempt to track down a fault along tens of kilometres of power line.

“In trials in China and Switzerland we demonstrated that our technology can find the fault location to within hundreds of metres in a few minutes, instead of hours or days,” said Monash University engineering researcher, Dr Reza Razzaghi.

“In Australia, that would allow power to be restored to the community quickly, which can be vitally important for air conditioning during extreme heat, for people who rely on life-supporting electric



medical devices, and for the many other home and business users.”

Australian grids have different characteristics to those in the trial countries. So, a proof-of-concept project was undertaken recently, supported by the Centre for New Energy Technologies (C4NET) and two major distribution network service providers in Victoria.

ABOVE: BASS Coast firefighters Garry ‘Moz’ Wilson and Daniel Blackney returned yesterday from battling bushfires in Southern Queensland. The pair were part of a Victorian taskforce sent to assist local fire crews.



A new look, but the same friendly team are ready to greet you at Barry Plant Korumburra.

Service excellence to continue under new name

REBRANDING to Barry Plant hasn't altered the friendly, family-owned nature of the Korumburra business formerly known as Spencer's Unlock Real Estate.

While the business launched as Barry Plant on October 1, it has been operating in the town as Unlock Real Estate since April 2021, with Jo Gillard continuing as its director.

Being Nyora raised and having attended Korumburra Secondary College, Jo provides

local expertise.

"As a team, we all live locally and grew up locally," Jo said.

She outlined the reasons for the Barry Plant move.

"They are on a huge growth pathway at the moment as a company and they've got a new female CEO and a lot of new staff at head office," Jo said.

"They're trying to change the image of real estate agents and how they're portrayed in the general public, and have got a lot of innovative ideas."

She added that Barry Plant also brings modern innovations such as tech marketing that isn't available as an independent real estate agency.

"So, we made the decision to go with them, to have the big brand behind us and all the support," Jo said.

That enables her to focus on her strengths of supporting her team and selling houses, without having to be a marketing or tech expert.

Jo explained there is a

misconception the business has been bought out by Barry Plant Real Estate.

"It's still the same people and place," she said, noting that you'll continue to get the personable, professional and knowledgeable service that was the case with Unlock Real Estate, just with big brand backing that enables more extensive exposure for clients.

The business is the only Barry Plant agency in South Gippsland, operating in most

of that shire and extensively in Bass Coast Shire.

"We're prevalent in Korumburra, Lang Lang and Nyora but we also service Koo Wee Rup and the Bass Coast corridor of Grantville, Corinella and all that side, and across to Leongatha and Mirboo North," Jo said, having recently sold a house in Boolarra.

Barry Plant's new CEO Lisa Pennell brings extensive experience, having been the CEO of other large real estate companies.



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“A Promontory View” – Coastal elegance and waterfront tranquillity

SITUATED in the picturesque location of Yanakie, ‘A Promontory View’ stands as a testament to coastal living in a tranquil, natural setting. This beautiful property offers a unique blend of comfort and sophistication, boasting breathtaking water views and a host of exceptional features. Set on a sprawling 2.5 acres, this property provides an idyllic escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

This well-designed home features four spacious bedrooms, each with its own unique ensuite, offering both comfort and privacy. The open-plan living area seamlessly integrates the kitchen, dining, and lounge spaces, radiating with natural light and soothing water views. Bi-fold doors open to a generous deck, perfect for outdoor living and taking in the breathtaking scenery. The well-appointed kitchen, equipped with electric cooking and modern appliances, makes cooking a joy.

The undercover patio area invites outdoor dining and relaxation while preserving the beauty of the surroundings. A delightful bar area complements the property, ideal for entertaining and creating cherished memories. An open fire in the living area adds a cosy touch on cooler evenings, making it the perfect spot for gatherings.

This expansive property is a canvas for exploration, gardening, or creating your outdoor sanctuary. The 2.5 acres are adorned with native shrubs, offering seclusion and serenity. Water is supplied by three 100,000-litre tanks, complemented by a charming dam for additional water sources. ‘A Promontory View’ has the potential to be an outstanding BnB or holiday accommodation.

‘A Promontory View’ in Yanakie is more than just a property; it’s a lifestyle. With its stunning water views, spacious and modern interior, and the serenity of 2.5 acres of land, this property offers a unique opportunity to experience the best of coastal living.

Whether you’re seeking a permanent residence, a holiday home, or an investment property, ‘A Promontory View’ has it all. Embrace the tranquillity of this haven and make it your own.

Don’t miss out on this exceptional opportunity. Contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312, today to arrange a viewing and experience the magic of this waterfront paradise for yourself.

Property being sold by Expressions of Interest closing Thursday December 14 at 4pm.



4 4 2 2.5 acres

18 Dagleish Road, **Yanakie**
EOI Closing 4pm, Thursday, Dec. 14
Agent Elders
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083
Don Olden 0417 805 312

Elders

Real Estate

LIVING IN LOCH: A RETREAT AWAITS LOCH 0.5 ACRES



- Exceptional home with four bedrooms & two bathrooms
- Kitchen boasts stone benchtops, dual stove, walk-in pantry
- Open plan living area connects to a generous deck
- Master suite has an ensuite and dedicated living area
- House includes a solar system which feeds into the grid
- 10 mins Korumburra, 25 mins Leongatha

Price \$950,000 Elders Web ID: 300P128914

‘HEMLOCK COTTAGE’ NYORA 2 ACRES



- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom character filled brick home
- Well appointed kitchen includes electric cooking
- Open plan living plus a second lounge area
- Lovely cottage gardens and in-ground pool
- Double garage, carport and ample garden sheds
- Located in the heart of Nyora with subdivision potential

Price \$980,000 Elders Web ID: 300P131050

MULTI PURPOSE PROPERTY MIRBOO NORTH 77 ACRES



- Existing current planning permit to build
- Very gently undulating and undulating land
- Past crops inc. garlic, peas, saffron, corn, grass pastures
- 6 dams supported by a 40 inch plus annual rainfall
- Shedding for machinery, equipment, hay & stockyards
- Mirboo Nth 6km, Leongatha 20km & Latrobe Valley 30 mins

Expressions of Interest Elders Web ID: 300P129762

GRAZING LIFESTYLE COMBINATION KROWERA 143 ACRES



- Combination of sheltered, undulating and hill country
- Potential home sites offering stunning rural views
- Excellent water via 8 dams, springs, winter creek
- Well fenced to 8 paddocks with 2 hay sheds
- 10 min Loch, 15 mins Korumburra, 1.5hrs Melbourne
- Kilcunda beaches just 25 mins or Phillip Island 30 mins

Price \$1,251,250 Elders Web ID: 300P129224

Elders Korumburra - 11 Commercial St - Ph 5658 1894
Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton (Property Manager)
0439 383 091

Elders Leongatha - 37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



‘Tarwin Vale’ – Berrys Creek

EXCEPTIONAL 120-acre (48ha) grazing/lifestyle combination in a tightly held location. This established property offers an ideal opportunity to switch to a rural lifestyle without sacrificing convenience or comfort. Seven minutes' drive to the idyllic village of Mirboo North, 14 minutes to South Gippsland's major township of Leongatha, 30 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch, 30 minutes to the Latrobe Valley and 90 minutes to the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Set back off a quiet country lane, with an established garden featuring a variety of fruit trees. Tarwin Vale boasts a gentle topography, but enjoys a beautiful backdrop of hills, paddock views and river frontage.

The Tarwin River West Branch provides heavy carrying flats with an additional 15 acres of river lease grazing land. The modern federation designed home features:

- Sweeping verandahs, circular

- drive to undercover carport with additional four bay full lock-up garage providing three car spaces and workshop.
- Open plan kitchen, dining and living with French doors opening out to the deck and verandah, with stunning views across the farm.
- Spacious walk-in pantry, Falcon Gas stove, Asko dishwasher, central island kitchen bench, hardwood floors and expansive 3.3m high ceilings.
- There are three bedrooms, two with built-in robes and the master complete with walk-in robe and ensuite.
- The family bathroom is central with a third toilet situated in the spacious laundry/mudroom.
- Altherma hydronic heating throughout, plus, a reverse cycle air conditioner.
- Idyllic country views from every window.
- A 5-kw solar panel system.
- Assorted sundry shedding including six custom luxury dog kennels with feed sheds and

hen house. There is oodles of storage.

The Old Dairy

With a separate entry to the residence, a group of sheds surround a picturesque lawn framed by grand oak trees. This area has hosted events for several years and could be used to host functions for additional income.

There is a function barn, potential food preparation room, toilet and shower, a bar shed opening onto the lawn and some additional sheds that could be converted.

There is also a dairy studio which could provide accommodation for extended family farm stays and events.

The Farm

- 120 acres/48ha (approx.) plus river lease subdivided into 11 paddocks.
- This property has consistently turned off breeder cattle and fat lambs, and cutting hay and silage.

- Excellent water security with stock and domestic license from the river in addition to two spring fed dams supported by a reliable 40-inch average annual rainfall.
 - Heavy duty stock yards, all under cover, with assorted shedding for farm supplies including a small hay shed.
 - There is plenty of undercover space with 20 sheds around the property.
- Properties of this nature, with all the lifestyle attributes plus opportunities for additional income streams are extremely rare.
- This property is being sold by Expression of Interest (EOI) closing 3pm Friday December 8, 2023.
- If you would like to receive a copy of the information memorandum or arrange a personal inspection of this property, please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate, 0429 045 632
- For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.au/duediligencechecklist



3 2 4 48ha approx

39 Dyalls Lane, **Berrys Creek**
EOI Closing 3pm Fri, Dec. 8, 2023
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Irene Walker 0429 045 632

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DUMBALK

- In the heart of town on 935m²
- 3 bed, 2 bath, country home
- Galley kitchen, quality appliances
- Exc. 10mx4m lock up garage
- Big backyard, with rural farm views
- Ready to move in & make it yours!

\$495,000

KROWERA

- 143 acre / 57ha grazing
- Combination hill country
- Well fenced for sheep & beef
- Exc. Water, 8 dams, springs, creek
- Good road frontage and big views
- 10min. to Loch, 15min. to K'burra

\$1,251,250

MARDAN

- 'Nampara' Est 1908 Edwardian
- 2.01ha/5 acre, established garden
- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 carport
- 12ft ceilings, timber floors
- Country kitchen & spacious Living
- Charming, 20 min. Leongatha

\$1,180,000

KARDELLA

- The neatest B/V home with views
- Stunning views!
- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car
- Spacious sunroom, exc storage
- Great shedding & hen house
- 7km Leongatha, 6km Korumburra

\$1,100,000

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295 Almurta-Glen Forbes Rd,
Almurta
For Sale \$1,100,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Greg Kane 0477 020 267

Charming Almurta lifestyle property with dual housing

THIS attractive, approximately 2.3-acre, lifestyle property comes with a four-bedroom brick home and a fully self-contained one-bedroom unit with a picturesque rural outlook.

Surrounded by farms on the edge of the stunning Bass Coast Hinterland this property is perfect for families requiring dual housing, who want to share the same country lifestyle, but maybe not under the same roof.

Almurta is just five minutes' drive to the shops at Grantville and 20 minutes to Phillip Island and Wonthaggi.

The main house comprises open plan kitchen with black granite bench tops, dining area, separate lounge room featuring a bay window and Coonara wood heater to warm away the winter chills.

The master bedroom is equipped with a ceiling fan, walk-in robe and ensuite. Three other bedrooms come complete with built in robes, whilst the third could be utilised as a work from home space or a study complete with its own direct access from outside. The family bathroom, equipped with a bath and shower, with a separate toilet, rounds out the home.

The fully self-contained unit with ramp access includes a full kitchen, living and dining area, bedroom and ensuite, plus its own single car garage and workshop. This separate accommodation has multiple uses as a granny flat and is ideal for extended family or friends complete with its own entry and driveway.

Outside is where you will find beautiful expansive gardens surrounding the property including many established fruit trees and vegetable garden. Extensive shedding, carport and two further garages allows for cars and a workshop, two water tanks holding 70,000 litres and rural views. Sitting out on the full length covered deck watching the sunsets will be a highlight of social gatherings with family and friends.

There is lots of room for animals of all sorts or just plenty of safe room for the children to explore.

For your opportunity to inspect, call today Greg Kane – 0477 020 267, Alex Scott Real Estate Grantville.

Gateway location

ALEX Scott & Staff are excited to offer to the market for the first time in generations this rare 4040m2 allotment.

Boasting exceptional 80 metre highway frontage exposure with side and rear lane access. This fantastic property offers a multitude of development potential including motel site, childcare, high density unit site or medical facility (STCA).

Zoned General Residential the allotments include:

- 213A White Road – Vacant land.
- 213B White Road – Three-bedroom brick veneer home.
- 217 White Road – Two-bedroom cottage.
- 219 White Road – Three-bedroom cottage.

The exceptional site was owned by the late Mrs Edith Dowson and has been placed on the market for sale under instructions by her family.

Mrs Dowson (nee Asquith) was a renowned woman of Wonthaggi with family roots that extended both backwards into history and into the future.

















Backing onto Bass Coast College and near to Wonthaggi Golf Course don't miss this rare opportunity to secure a one-acre development site at the entrance to Wonthaggi.

For more information contact you leading property agents at Alex Scott & Staff Phil Hanley on 0417 140 508 and Mick Chambers on 0418 349 783.

Development Site 4040m²

213-219 White Road, **Wonthaggi**
For Sale Contact Agent
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Phil Hanley 0417 140 508
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783



<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>28 Horn Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iconic Leongatha Residence• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 living area• Stunning residence on 3445m² allotment<div>\$1,550,000 - \$1,650,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>18/31 Jumbunna Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2bathroom• Double garage• Low maintenance<div>\$468,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>WOOLAMAI</div> <div></div> <div>772 Turnbull Woolamai Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy efficient lifestyle property• ¾ acre (approx.) 4 bedroom, 2 bath home• 12m x 8m shed with roller door<div>\$1,050,000 - \$1,080,000</div>Contact: Grantville Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>8 Brudenhall Terrace</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 spacious bedrooms• North facing living• Court location<div>\$550,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>67 Parr Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living• Elevated rural views• Garage + room for rear yard access<div>\$615,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>18 William Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cottage charm• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Views<div>\$615,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>CORINELLA</div> <div></div> <div>149 Corinella Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renovated home on 3000sqm (approx.)• Fully fenced rural lifestyle property• 3 BRs, 2 bath, large shed with concrete floor<div>\$795,000 - \$840,000</div>Contact: Grantville Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>53 Turner Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 great bedrooms• Open plan living• 3 car garage and workshop<div>\$549,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>49 Turner Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living• Carport + lock up workshop• Secure rear yard, central location<div>\$525,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div><div>NEW LISTING</div></div> <div>5/31 Jumbunna Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 bedroom brick• New carpet• Single lock-up garage<div>\$389,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>CORINELLA</div> <div></div> <div>21 Smythe Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom + study, 2 bath and shed• 1026sqm (approx.) corner allotment• Fully fenced with room for boat, caravan etc<div>\$660,000</div>Contact: Grantville Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>26 Gordon Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cute 3 bedroom cottage• Recently renovated• Close to schools & public transport<div>\$509,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>KOONWARRA</div> <div></div> <div>46 Koonwarra-Inverloch Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 kitchens• Ideal dual occupancy living• Double garage, double carport, 1.5 acres<div>\$1,075,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>20 Sanders Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business and freehold, walk-in / walk-out• 32m x 12m Shed• Inc plant, tools and equipment<div>Contact Agent</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>KILCUNDA</div> <div></div> <div>27 Kilcunda Ridge Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• First home, holiday home or Air BnB• Classic beach house on 767sqm (approx.)• Easy walk to beach, café and rail trail<div>\$670,000</div>Contact: Grantville Office</div>	<div>CAPE PATERSON</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>3525 Bass Highway</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 bedrooms, 3 living Zones• Uninterrupted ocean vives• Front row location<div>\$1,100,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

MELBOURNE CUP QUIZ

1. **[\$100]** What is the distance of the Melbourne Cup race?
A. 1200 metres. B. 1600 metres. C. 2400 metres. D. 3200 metres.
2. **[\$200]** Who holds the record for the most wins as a trainer in the Melbourne Cup? A. Lee Freedman. B. Bart Cummings. C. Gai Waterhouse. D. Chris Waller.
3. **[\$300]** What is the traditional flower associated with the Melbourne Cup? A. Tulip. B. Rose. C. Lily. D. Daffodil.
4. **[\$500]** Who won the first Melbourne Cup in 1861? A. Archer. B. Phar Lap. C. Makybe Diva. D. Kingston Rule.
5. **[\$1000]** What is the minimum age limit for horses competing in the Melbourne Cup? A. 2 years. B. 3 years. C. 4 years. D. 5 years.
6. **[\$2000]** Which jockey won three consecutive Melbourne Cups riding Makybe Diva? A. Damien Oliver. B. Glen Boss. C. Michelle Payne. D. Kerrin McEvoy.
7. **[\$4000]** The race that 'stops a nation' was itself stopped for what event? A. World War I. B. World War II. C. The Equine flu. D. Never missed a year.
8. **[\$8000]** How many times has jockey Damien Oliver won the Melbourne Cup? A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. D. 5.
9. **[\$16,000]** What is the prize money for the Melbourne Cup in 2023? A. \$2.4 million. B. \$4.4 million. C. \$6.4 million. D. \$8.4 million.
10. **[\$32,000]** Which horse holds the record for the fastest winning time in the Melbourne Cup? A. Kingston Rule. B. Makybe Diva. C. Vintage Crop. D. Fiorente.
11. **[\$64,000]** Since 1924 when the barriers were introduced for runners in Melbourne Cup, which number barrier has never produced a winner? A. 17. B. 18. C. 19. D. 20.
12. **[\$125,000]** In which year did the Phillip Island horse Wollomai win the Melbourne Cup? A. 1861. B. 1875. C. 1886. D. 1897.
13. **[\$250,000]** Media Puzzle famously won the 2002 Melbourne Cup, ridden by Damien Oliver, after his brother Jason was killed in a race fall only a few days earlier. But who trained Media Puzzle? A. L. Freedman. B. S. Laxon. C. D. Weld. D. D. Hayes.
14. **[\$500,000]** In which year did Light Fingers win the Melbourne Cup. A. 1965. B. 1966. C. 1967. D. 1968.
15. **[\$1,000,000]** Which horse finished third in the 2022 Melbourne Cup? A. High Emocean. B. Deauville Legend. C. Realm Of Flowers. D. Emissary.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. D. 3200 metres. 2. B. Bart Cummings (12). 3. B. Rose. 4. A. Archer. 5. B. 3 years. 6. C. Michelle Payne. 7. D. Never missed a year. 8. B. \$4.4 million. 9. D. \$8.4 million. 10. B. Makybe Diva. 11. C. 19. 12. D. 1897. 13. C. D. Weld. 14. A. 1965. 15. A. High Emocean.

CROSSWORD

Number 50 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

It's my 50th crossword for The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times! So, when you've completed it, look closely and you'll see it's an 'all around', cryptics-type recognition of that!

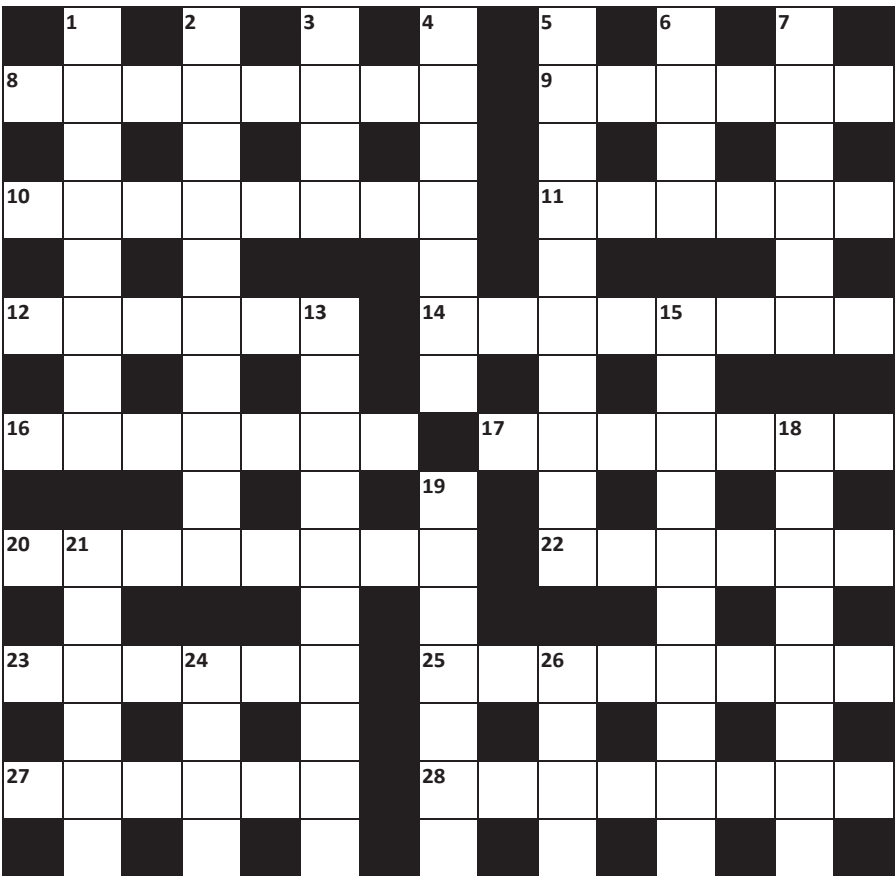
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Brilliant, time after time; one 'gets' the scholarly (8)
- 9 Scale back multicellular, eukaryotic organism in biological kingdom [yep, that's how they - and we - are defined!] (6)
- 10 Releases worrying feel: '...and...rest' (4,4)
- 11 Powers adversary, the obsolete fool! (6)
- 12 Cease fire (3,3)
- 14 Spooner screams 'Mightbedevil!' It's a sensible move! (4,4)
- 16 25-across temple workers put improvised veils around trade clothes (7)
- 17 Orchestrates places 'intro lentissimo', cutting instrument (7)
- 20 and 6-down Dusty Lyle, off movie *One* (4,2,2,4)
- 22 Way good Scene of Crime Officer starts cold case off (2,4)
- 23 Continue travel in Germany's interior (6)
- 25 Epic call I made, chasing child protection? (8)
- 27 Bay's shimmering allure (6)
- 28 Minor bird, into altitude (3,5)

DOWN

- 1 Playing across a glib era, celebrity pianist extraordinaire? (8)
- 2 Limited Oil Company energy (not as fluid) (4,6)
- 3 Home centres, fully embracing 'Big America' (4)
- 4 Succession of lovely interviews, initially by *Quadrant* (then a major daily) (7)
- 5 Armies plot with church, infiltrating enemies (4,6)
- 6 See 20-across
- 7 A bill with a twist of the lips! (6)
- 13 Brawl is at no cost to anyone (4,3,3)
- 15 Oz legends in rock, Caledonian at the front and so chilled? (4,6)
- 18 'e-Drink' (60% below environmental standard, mark) (8)
- 19 Examine ape's waist, with belly shaped... (7)
- 21 ...like an egg (laid in same zoo, I'd allege) (6)
- 24 Child's odd grip with her hands (4)
- 26 Bxxxxx all reception (4)



Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Scholarly people, intelligentsia (8)
- 9 Scale, plate, anatomically (6)
- 10 Releases, liberates (4,4)
- 11 Fool, drudge (obsolete) (6)
- 12 Cease, stop it! Also, fire from employment (3,3)
- 14 Sensible move! (4,4)
- 16 25-across temple workers (7)
- 17 Surgical cutting instrument (7)
- 20 and 6-down One's 'One!' (4,2,2,4)
- 22 Way good! Excellent! (2,4)
- 23 Continue, stay around (6)
- 25 Epic; or, from 'The Good Book' (8)
- 27 Bay shrub (6)
- 28 Minor; also, lesser altitude (3,5)

DOWN

- 1 A celebrity pianist (8)
- 2 Not as fluid or active (4,6)
- 3 Home, den (4)
- 4 Succession, ancestry (7)
- 5 Armies, generically (4,6)
- 6 See 20-across
- 7 Of the lips (6)
- 13 Brawl; also, at no cost to anyone! (4,3,3)
- 15 Legendary Australian band (4,6)
- 18 Environmental standard mark (8)
- 19 Examine, look directly at (7)
- 21 Like an egg (6)
- 24 Female child (4)
- 26 Reception, formal dance (4)

SUDOKU

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- 1 **LEVEL: Moderate**
2 **LEVEL: Very Hard**

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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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SOLUTIONS: Oct. 31, 2023

Word Sudoku:

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Quick Crossword:

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Victoria saw a decline in cattle, sheep and lamb saleyard throughput for the financial year 2022/23, however Leongatha held onto the top spot for Victoria with 16.1 per cent of the state's cattle throughput volumes.

Cattle and sheep saleyard survey show declines

MEAT and Livestock Australia's cattle saleyard survey for financial year 2022/23 was released recently and it shows that cattle throughput in Victoria saw a 14.2 per cent drop (from 921,811 head to 790,530 head).

Victoria also saw their market share of the national tally decline from 24.1 per cent to 22.2 per cent.

The market share for the top Victorian saleyards hasn't changed much over the last financial year with Leongatha remaining in top spot on 16.1 per cent of the state's cattle throughput volumes.

Leongatha held onto the

top spot despite a 20.6 per cent fall in cattle yardings over the year, from 160,202 head to 127,241 head.

All Victorian saleyards saw declines to cattle yardings, except Hamilton which managed a 14.4 per cent gain.

Notable, falls in the top ten saleyards were Pakenham, Bairnsdale and Ballarat which falls of 15.5 per cent, 13.3 per cent and 20.6 per cent, respectively.

QLD and SA, Tas and WA also saw reasonable declines with NSW being the only state to see an increase to cattle throughput.

While the financial year summary of sheep and lamb saleyard throughput

released by Meat and Livestock Australia also saw Victoria post moderate declines of 8.7 per cent and 5.9 per cent, respectively.

There was limited movement in the market share of the top 10 Victorian saleyards with Ballarat continuing to hold pole position and 36.6 per cent of the state's total sheep and lamb throughput, despite a nine per cent reduction in yarding over the 2022/23 season.

Ballarat saw yarding volumes slip from 1,562,896 head to 1,422,487 head over the last financial year.

Most of the top 10 Victorian saleyards posted declines in annual yarding levels with

Hamilton, Ouyen and Bairnsdale recording falls into the double digits of 13.1 per cent, 10.4 per cent and 15.4 per cent, respectively. Horsham was one of the few top 10 Victorian saleyards to register a gain in throughput of 5.7 per cent.

In terms of national market share, the NSW saleyards dominated the yarding volumes representing nearly 56 per cent of the national throughput for 2022/23.

While Victoria backed up in second spot with nearly 31 per cent of the national tally.

All information as reported by market analysis experts Episode3.

Demand for hay takes off as bushfire conditions bite

AUSTRALIAN farmers are requesting donated hay at a phenomenal rate.

In the last month farmers have contacted Rural Aid requesting more than \$1 million of hay.

Rural Aid was bracing for another wave of requests as devastating bushfires continue to burn across more than 100 locations in Queensland and NSW.

Based on Rural Aid's experience of the previous drought and the Black Summer bushfires of 2019, demand for hay will accelerate rapidly as conditions deteriorate.

"Rural Aid delivered \$56 million of hay and other services over a two-year period between 2018-19 when drought and bushfire were ravaging the country," chief executive officer John Warlters said.

"The drought has already arrived for thousands of farming families. Lower than average rainfall and higher than average temperatures and have plunged families back into financial and emotional turmoil.

"We are seeing that every day through the huge demand for our services and that's ahead of the hot and dry summer forecast by the bureau."

Mr Warlters said Rural Aid will need another huge and generous outpouring of support from the Australian community and business sector to meet the rapidly escalating demand for its services.

Rural Aid is asking Australians to dig deep and rally together to help meet the significant challenge ahead. You can buy a bale by visiting buyabale.com.au or calling 1300 327 624.

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Victoria's firewood review must improve access

GREATER access to firewood gathering on public land, as commercial supplies dry up and prices sky rocket following the closure of the native timber industry, is being called for.

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath said The Nationals want to see more public land available for firewood collection and the season extended to address future supply shortages.

"Many Victorians living in regional and peri urban areas rely on solid fuel heating as their primary source for warming their homes.

"The rising cost of living in Victoria means gas and electricity is unaffordable for many households and solid fuel heaters help to keep household costs down.

"The closure of the native timber industry has also strangled the commercial firewood industry therefore it's imperative that Victorians have increased opportunity to gather firewood."

Firewood gathering is restricted to two seasons - autumn season (March 1 to June 30) and spring season (September 1 to November 30).

Maps of collection areas are published on Forest Fire Management's website annually and are governed by rules under the Forests (Domestic Firewood) Regulations 2022 and Crown Land (Reserves) (Domestic Firewood) Regulations 2022.

Ms Bath noted the impact of dwindling commercial firewood supplies will not be felt until next winter.

Farm biosecurity simplified with new animations

VICTORIAN livestock owners can brush up on their farm biosecurity knowledge using a series of easy-to-follow animations.

Agriculture Victoria has released a series of new animated videos, highlighting a range of important biosecurity information in a simple format.

Emergency Animal Disease Industry Engagement Program Manager, Kellyanne Harris, said the animations were produced to help walk through the basics of keeping animals healthy and properties free from disease.

"Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility so we're providing as much information in variety of formats to the community so everyone can learn in a way that suits them," Ms Harris said.

"Farmers and their visitors play a critical role in preventing the spread of emergency animal diseases."

Topics covered in the animations include basic farm biosecurity, farm and visitor hygiene, introducing new livestock and important information about prohibited pig feed and ruminant feed bans.

The 5 animations can be viewed on the Agriculture Victoria YouTube channel, Agriculture Victoria website, social media feeds and online training resources and webinars.

Over 450,000 indigenous plants go in Bass Coast ground

THE BASS Coast Landcare Network (BCLN) planted a huge 451,660 indigenous plant species, a combination of seedling plantings and direct seeding, over the last financial year.

"It's by far the biggest we've ever done," said Jye Andersen, Project Coordinator and Landcare Facilitator.

"Direct seeding really boosted the numbers up over the last couple of years. It's a cost effective way of doing large scale revegetation."

Direct seeding includes ploughing the soil, mixing up the seeds and then throwing them out by hand.

With a couple of years of good seasons weather wise, the seedings have seen great results.

The biggest project carried out by the ten different Landcare groups was the Bio-Links project, which concentrated on waterways, coastlines and other significant areas connecting remnant vegetation.

The biggest site planted out was on a property in the foothills of Woolamai, on the Kilcunda ridge, with 20,000 plants put in the ground, while a six hectare site near Woodleigh was entirely direct seeded.

"First and foremost, it's really creating habitat for indigenous fauna as well as creating



Volunteers from the Bass Coast Landcare Network (BCLN) have planted a huge 451,660 indigenous plant species, a combination of seedling plantings and direct seeding, in a year.

connectivity in the landscape for them through bio-links or wildlife corridors," explained Jye.

"It is increasing water quality that's entering Bass Strait and Western Port through fencing off waterways and revegetating them, and controlling weeds."

Plantings are carried out primarily by volunteers with 1450 Landcare members attending planting days on a Saturday.

Hospitals, primary schools in the local area and the Bass Coast College (BCC) have also

been major contributors, with over 400 BCC students helping out.

There was also increased engagement of young people through the Hills Are Alive group sponsorship and the Gippsland Intrepid Landcare Plant and Dance program.

"For these two days, together we had over 150 young people planting trees," said Jye.

"Being able to engage more young people in plantings has really boosted our revegetation program a whole lot further in recent years."

Jye also explains that having plantings year after year in similar sites and on properties, means they can explain what's been done the year before and how that's progressed so people can see the growth happening in front of them.

"It gives them a feel that they're recreating ecosystems. They create an environment for all the different wildlife, from the birds to the insects to the bigger fauna and reptiles as well.

"It really helps paint the whole picture of holistic, integrated land management."

Over the 2022/23 financial year BCLN received funding from multiple sources investing in the local environment, enabling the revegetation program to have a big impact.

Major funding partners throughout the financial year included the Bass Coast Shire Council, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Melbourne Water and the Victorian State Government.

However, Jye notes that funding is now tightening up and the group are seeking non-government sources of funding, philanthropic funding, and outside donations to keep to things rolling for the good of the local environment and its people.

New beef manager predicts industry resurgence

GENETICS Australia's new beef manager Damien Thomson is urging beef producers to remain positive as they battle a tough industry slump.

Mr Thomson predicts an industry upsurge based on the strong international reputation of Australia's beef, despite the challenges of difficult seasons and current low prices.

"It's incredibly patchy seasonally and it looks like we're in for a tough and long summer. Prices are quite low, adding to that tough situation, but I think the long-term trajectory of the beef industry is incredibly positive," he said.

"Australia produces a world-class product that is in demand in international markets. We have a very sustainable and green image which gives us huge opportunities for the future."

Mr Thomson grew up around beef with his family cattle operation Shacorrahdalu Angus at Yass, NSW and admits he's a bit obsessed when it comes to beef cattle genetics.

"I'd describe myself as obsessed with genetic improvement," he said. "Being able to find and source top bulls and market them to clients to enhance their

genetic improvement is very much a dream job for me."

Mr Thomson's appointment signals a new chapter in the growth of Genetics Australia's beef operation. His role will involve developing and expanding the beef genetics business, marketing the current bull catalogue, developing relationships with clients, sales, and procuring new sires and working with the team in determining the direction for beef genetics.

"We're looking at how the business wants to be positioned in the beef genetics space."



Genetics Australia's new beef manager Damien Thomson predicts an industry upsurge based on the strong international reputation of Australia's beef.

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Nature Parks Board Update – September

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks’ Board met on September 26, 2023, on Phillip Island at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre. Below are highlights from the September 2023 Board meeting:

Visitation

The Board was pleased to see that visitation trends established across the past 12-months had continued into the first quarter of FY24, with visitor numbers and revenue close to 2019 levels. The pleasing results were supported by a greater shift towards international visitors and increased distributor sales.

During the month, we welcomed a particularly notable visitor, then Minister for the Environment, the Honourable Ingrid Stitt MP, who visited Conservation Hill, the Koala Conservation Reserve, and Summerland Beach, and was briefed by the Chair and CEO on Phillip Island Nature Parks operations. It was an opportunity to thank her and her Department for the ongoing support for the Nature Parks over the past few challenging years. We look forward to working with newly appointed Minister for the Environment the Honourable Steve Dimopoulos MP.

Strategic planning

The Board discussed insights from the Situation Analysis paper, recently developed by Destination Phillip Island (DPI) following stakeholder consultation for a San Remo and Phillip Island Destination Management Plan (DMP). The Board looks forward to learning more about how this important strategic plan will shape the region’s tourism direction at a further briefing with Destination Phillip Island.

Ahead of its own Strategic Planning Day, scheduled for October, the Board considered the Nature Parks’ strategic planning framework and contemplated the criteria to be used to determine the organisation’s future strategic priorities and longer-term direction.

Major projects

The Board received an update on plans for key Nature Parks projects, such as the Summerland Peninsula Trails and other projects, including critical infrastructure works needed at the Penguin Parade to ensure its boardwalks and associated facilities remained compliant, and the Nobbies, Koala Conservation Reserve and other reserves so that public infrastructure continues to meet visitor

and community needs.

The Board was pleased to see the breadth of planning activities undertaken by Management to ensure that projects are ready to proceed when funds are available. In addition, the Board noted the work by Management in advocacy for these important projects.

Board governance actions

This month, the Board was pleased to endorse the Nature Parks’ Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2023. The Board anticipates that following the receipt of an unqualified audit opinion, the report will be tabled in Parliament before being released to the team and our community. The report covers what was a successful year of growth and rebound, and it is a testament to all at the Nature Parks’ staff, volunteers, partners, and stakeholders who collectively achieved so much!

Each year, as we approach the upcoming fire season, our team reviews its fire preparedness and updates our strategic risk associated with fire on Crown land. The Board received a progress update from our Ranger in Charge on the various mitigation measures our team employs to manage this risk, including strategic fire breaks in critical areas, slashing to reduce fuel load, planned fuel reduction burns and vegetation modification in both structure and species to promote fire resilient habitat. Along with recent announcements regarding Australia entering El Nino weather pattern, the Board noted the upcoming fire season was expected to be higher than the previous season.

In addition to endorsing the organisation’s revised fire risk approach, the Board also approved the organisation’s risk plan which considers the impacts of climate change to its operations. This plan was initially developed in May 2022 and considers the local and global impacts of climate change and its impacts to Nature Parks.

Attraction pricing

Annually, the Nature Parks updates its admissions rates to its visitor attractions to enable advance planning by distributors and tour operators. These prices are reviewed in line with the Department of Treasury and Finance’s guidelines. This month, the Board considered proposed changes to admissions rates and

endorsed the rates for the period of April 2024 to March 2025.

Former Rhyll landfill

The Board received a briefing on the former landfill at Rhyll, which is on Crown Land now managed by the Nature Parks. Historically, the site was leased to Bass Coast Shire Council to operate as a landfill and transfer station, and to manage its post closure after care. The Board was briefed on the arrangements for the next long-term lease agreement with Bass Coast Shire Council for the site so that it can continue to meet its obligations. The Board was pleased to receive an update on the most recent audit of ongoing monitoring of the site, which indicated a low risk to the environment.

2023 Short-tailed Shearwater report

THE first 2023 Short-tailed Shearwater Report, is now available.

The report outlines the progression and commitment towards protecting Short-tailed shearwaters across Phillip Island (Morrow) through research, rescue, and community action.

Phillip Island Nature Parks are proud to showcase the incredible efforts that have led the team to understand how the community can live with this species on Phillip Island and strengthen the conservation actions for future survival.

The 2023 Short-tailed Shearwater Report can be accessed online at penquins.org.au

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21 Angus steers, 2yo

A/c J Wood, Glengarry Nth (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 2yo

A/c R & S Holt, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus X steers, 2yo

A/c S & E Moriarty, Strzelecki (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 2yo

A/c Blackwood Grazing, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 14 mths, Pathfinder blood, drenched 10/9 NE Accred

A/c Von Pace Past, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, NE Accred

A/c PI Operations, Phillip Island (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 15 mths, Temania Blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c M Slattery & J Bragg, Bundalaguah (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, GF & AF

A/c Chester Shorthorns (ELDERS)
15 Shorthorn steers, 15 mths, Royalla blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Lorstan Nominees, Hedley (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 14 mths

A/c EC & JA Cox, French Island (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c N Haustorfer, Carrajung (NUTRIEN)
5 Angus steers, 18 mths, By Harris Bulls

A/c N & J Buckland, Fish Creek (SEJ)
40 Angus/Char x Heifers, 16-18 mths, unjoined

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A/c J Flint, Willung (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c Jasmel Nom, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
70 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

20 BB steers, 12-14 mths

All sired by Top Alpine Angus bulls

A/c D & K Clark, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
36 Angus steers, 14 mths

24 Red Angus/Angus X steers, 12-14 mths

A/c Hartay Family Trust, Dalyston (SEJ)
60 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Rennylea blood, BV, GF & ABF

A/c C & G White, Fish Creek (SEJ)

48 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, Banquet blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Groves Estate (ELDERS)

20 Angus steers

25 Angus heifers

12 mths, weaned, Banquet blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c DE & M Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Kunuma blood

A/c B Hinson, Hazelwood North (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12 mths, Te Mania & Kunuma blood

A/c Hiho, Hedley (SEJ)

40 Hereford & Angus M/S 10 mths, Pondarosa & Harris Farms blood, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c C Zissis, Mardan (NUTRIEN)

40 Angus mixed sex, 8-10 mths

A/c N Haustorfer, Carrajung (NUTRIEN)

35 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, weaned, By Harris Bulls

A/c C Lord, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c Condon & Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)

30 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, Kunuma blood

A/c D & H Campbell, Mardan (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, By Innesdale Bulls, NE Accred

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c A Stollery, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c P & A Chisholm, Archies Creek (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, By Merlewood Stud Bulls, 2x7in1 & Cydectin Platinum Treated, NE Accred

A/c SJ Conway, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 10-11 mths

A/c Leebrooke Livestock, Briogolong (NUTRIEN)

16 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Mawarra MWGQ385 blood, Drenched & Multimin & B12 4/9, Vacc & 5in1 X 3, VQ, well handled, yard weaned, NE Accred

A/c B&S Phillips (ELDERS)

15 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned, Harris & Merlewood blood, VB, GF & ABF

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A/c T Bunn, Bena (NUTRIEN)
35 Angus/Friesian X steers, 2 yo

A/c Sampson AG, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus/Friesian X mixed sex calves, 10-14 mths

A/c Jelbart Dairy, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)
30 Friesian steers, 14 mths

A/c Calder Dairy, Meeniyan (SEJ)
22 Friesian steers, 15 mths

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A/c Hurstdale P/L, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
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A/c P Jackson, Clydebank (NUTRIEN)
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Victorian duck hunting report released

THE Game Management Authority recently released the Estimates of Duck and Stubble Quail Harvest in Victoria 2023 Report.

The report provides estimates of the total harvests of ducks and Stubble Quail by Victorian game licence holders and provides insights on hunting activity during the seasons.

This year’s hunting seasons were reduced in length to five weeks and the duck daily bag limit was reduced to four birds.

Results show an estimated 319,900 game ducks were harvested in 2023.

This is in line with the long-term average of 320,000.

The three most commonly harvested species were the Pacific Black Duck (45 per cent of the total harvest), Grey Teal (29 per cent of the total harvest), and Australian Wood Duck (18 per cent of the total harvest).

Of the 21,959 licenced duck hunters, 65 per cent actively hunted in 2023.

On average, active duck hunters harvested an estimated 22.7 ducks over an average 7.1 days.

The most popular hunting areas were around the towns of Sale, Kerang, Horsham, Geelong and Echuca.

The highest number of ducks harvested were around the towns of Kerang, Sale, Horsham, Echuca and Geelong.

Results also show an estimated 302,824

Stubble Quail were harvested in 2023.

This is double the long-term average of 149,000.

Eighteen per cent of licenced Stubble Quail hunters hunted in 2023.

On average, active quail hunters harvested an average 63.6 Stubble Quail over 5.7 days.

Game Management Authority (GMA) director strategy and research Simon Toop said the research was based on information gathered from randomly selected licenced game bird hunters who voluntarily participated in the phone surveys.

“Throughout 2023, approximately 2920 licenced game bird hunters were surveyed to collect information about their hunting activity, including how many game birds were harvested, where hunting occurred, hunting methods used and the species of game birds harvested,” he said.

“The information hunters provide helps build a stronger understanding of gamebird harvest trends and hunting activity in Victoria.”

The report is produced annually by the GMA in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

For a full copy of the Estimates of Duck and Stubble Quail harvest in Victoria 2023 report, visit gma.vic.gov.au.

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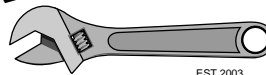
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BUTTERWORTH, Ernest Robson (Rob):

03.10.1935 - 28.10.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Carinya Lodge Nursing Home, aged 88 years.

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DEATHS

CAMPBELL, Alexander (Alex):

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CAMPBELL, Alexander James (Alex):

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DEATHS

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Department of Education

Children's Services Authorised Officer, Gippsland Quality Assessment and Regulation Division/ Department of Education

Position Number: 20004479

Employment Type: Ongoing – Full Time

Job Function: Education

Classification: VPS4

Salary Range: \$91,418 - \$103,725 + Super

Contact: Nicole Regan

Email: nicole.regan@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 8765 5787

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We are able to provide you with a great work/life balance with breakfast shifts from 7am to 1.30pm and/or afternoon shifts from 2pm to 7pm. Shifts are over 7 days – Sunday to Saturday. Part Time or Casual.

Overall Purpose of the Position

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Position Responsibilities

- General cleaning duties within the kitchen and food preparation areas
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- To adhere to all special dietary requirements including vegetarian, allergies/intolerances, supplements and texture modified diets.
- To perform all food handling tasks in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Food Safety Program

Essential Criteria

- Previous experience in a similar Catering Assistant / Kitchen Hand role within a commercial kitchen
- Excellent written and verbal communication ability
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NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

In accordance with Division 4 Section 63(1) of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)

Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc is conducting its AGM on:

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7pm.
244 White Road, WONTHAGGI, VIC, 3995.

A light supper will be provided and all are welcome. For further information please contact the service directly.

Ph: (03) 5672 5151

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South Gippsland Hospital has a vacancies for its Board of Management (BoM).

The BoM meets monthly, and directors are appointed for up to a 3 year term.

Board directors are required to participate in Board sub-committees and be available for events requiring board representation.

Refer to the Position Description and Board Director Capability Framework for more information at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

To apply, go to the 'Join a Public Board' page on the Victorian Government website:

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For information about the SGH Board contact Board Secretary Melissa Moon via email melissa.moon@sghs.com.au or phone (03) 5683 9712



Department of Health



Board Director opportunities at Gippsland Southern Health Service

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time director positions at Gippsland Southern Health Service. The positions start on 1 July 2024 and appointments are for two to three years.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for Victorians to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional attributes, experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of health care for the South Gippsland community.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. Applications are welcomed from people of all ages, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Victorian Government. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the capabilities they identify in their applications.

Applications close at **Midnight Sunday 19 November 2023.**

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply, please go to the following website: www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications or please contact Dallas Surace on 5667 5504 or email dallas.surace@sghs.com.au.

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Road works to cause closures on Princes Freeway

THE Pakenham roads upgrade is set to improve 1.5 kilometres of the Princes Freeway with two weekend asphaltting blitzes scheduled in November.

The outbound carriageway will be closed between the McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road interchanges from 7pm on Friday, November 10, to 5am Monday, November 13.

The inbound carriageway will be closed from 7pm on Friday, November 24, to 5am Monday, November 27.

These works are weather dependent and in the event of wet weather, will be re-scheduled to take place in December.

Once these works are completed, the new asphalt will be stronger and more durable, reducing the frequency of potholes on this section of the Princes Freeway.

The Princes Freeway righthand lanes will be resurfaced as part of final surfacing works for all lanes in late 2024.

Working day and night over two full weekends will allow the works to be completed sooner and more safely, with the added benefit of avoiding extended impacts on residents, businesses and road users.

While the closures are in place, detours will be available via Cardinia Road, the Princes Highway, McGregor Road and Southeast Boulevard to make sure road users can get where they need to go.

There will be nighttime construction held throughout these closures, with project crews monitoring noise levels to ensure they're within acceptable limits.

Delays of up to 25 minutes are expected.

Please consider your journeys during the work weekends and plan ahead, as well as allow for extra travel time.

The Pakenham roads upgrade will alleviate bottlenecks and create better connections to and from the Princes Freeway.

Tessy nominated for Australia's kindest person

TESSY Stalker, founder of Wonthaggi's Community Pantry, was named as a finalist in a national search for Australia's kindest person.

National women's apparel retailer Black Pepper's World Kindness Day Search aims to find the country's kindest people, share their stories and hopefully inspire others to live a little kinder each day.

Established at the end of 2020, the Wonthaggi Community Pantry – a sports locker on her nature strip – is a comprehensive resource offering free food, toiletries and essential items for all in need.

Working two jobs to keep the pantry stocked, Tessy's generosity extends to facilitating an annual Christmas event where, with the help of her community, she hosts dozens of families in the local area for a special Christmas meal, gifts and activities. This year's event already has 120 families confirmed to attend.

Tessy was one of four finalists selected out of hundreds of entries nationally.

"For the second year in a row, we have been inundated with entries and people completing incredible acts of kindness within our community, doing their bit to make the world a better place," Black Pepper general manager Rachel Digby said.

"Whether it's small day to day acts of kindness or significant contributions to the community, we believe our finalists have shown exceptional kindness and epitomes what this campaign is all about."

Each finalist won a \$250 Black Pepper gift voucher for themselves and their nominator, and will go in the running to be selected as the winner of the World Kindness Day Search.

The winner of Black Pepper's World Kindness Day campaign will be announced at a special event on Friday, November 10, and will win \$2000 for themselves and a \$500 gift voucher for their nominator.



Ben 'Fish' Fisher of Korumburra Middle Hotel, Bluey, Robert and Tayla McGregor and Kim Rose of KD's Barber Shop look forward to Tayla getting a new look for Variety Club. A37_4523

Tayla has a new look for summer

WONTHAGGI'S Tayla McGregor was willing to sacrifice some hair for a cause on Melbourne Cup eve with Kim Rose of KD's Barber Shop in Korumburra happy to assist at Korumburra Middle Hotel.

First the 11-year-old's hair had to be measured and arranged into multiple ponytails and tied, with each ponytail needing to be 35.5 centimetres long.

Kim then cut the ponytails off above the ties, Tayla's father Robert having a bag at the ready into which the hair was placed for donation to children's charity Variety Club's 'Hair with Heart' initiative.

The hair will be used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to medical conditions such as alopecia; the wigs boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

Tayla is also helping raise funds for the Variety Club.

Local businesses got behind the cause, with support from Chapmans Butchery in Inverloch, Korumburra's Burra Barber, Barnzee's Hot Bake, KD's

Barber Shop and the Korumburra Middle Hotel.

Variety is given money for the donated hair, which goes directly back into its programs, so Tayla's hair will also help Variety provide practical equipment and experiences for many more kids and families facing challenges through illness, disability, and disadvantage.

Tayla originally donated hair to Variety when aged just five.

"My hair was long and I didn't want to cut it because it would go to waste, and mum said we could donate it instead," Tayla said, explaining how the association with Variety began.

Variety Victoria CEO, Mandy Burns, says people such as Tayla make a big difference to helping kids.

"Variety doesn't receive any government funding, so every wig and every piece of equipment granted to families is thanks to the amazing efforts of people like Tayla," Mandy said.

To assist in Tayla's fundraising efforts, visit hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/tayla-mcgregor



It's all smiles as Kim Rose prepares to cut one of Tayla's locks. A40_4523

BMX racer takes on national championships

ELEVEN-year-old Charlie Moule competed in the 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Championships.

The national championship was held in Shepparton from October 30 to November 5, with Charlie competing in two categories on the Friday and Saturday.

The competition included the best of the best BMX riders from across Australia, and Charlie was proud to be involved.

Competing in the U11 Challenge (20"), Charlie raced in three motos with the top 36 going through to quarter finals.

In an outstanding effort, he just missed out on the quarter finals, coming in at 40th.

The following day, he raced in the Cruiser 11-12 category and came in 23rd.

Coming up again world title holders, Charlie was initially nervous to be racing against such tough competition but had an amazing nationals experience.

He is now hungry to keep going and has his sights set



Charlie Moule and dad Peter both developed a passion for BMX racing, which took them to the nationals in Shepparton recently.

on more competitions to come.

A year of race practice will have him ready for next year's nationals, which is set to be held in Western Australia.

He is also gearing up for the next big meet – Thunderdome

– which will be held in Knox in December.

He will attend the Track Attack Series at the end of January and go along to watch the World Titles in Brisbane.

Charlie is looking to compete in the nationwide series

while in Brisbane and may try his hand in the Queensland Titles.

Charlie, a Wonthaggi local, races with the South Gippsland BMX Club.

He has been racing for two years and most recently competed in the State Title Championships in Knox at the end of September, ahead of the nationals.

Training for these big events has required great dedication from Charlie and his family, who often travel to Casey, Frankton and Knox to practice on a proper BMX track.

Charlie's passion for BMX racing encouraged his father Peter to also get involved.

Peter and fellow South Gippsland BMX Club member Chris Plumridge also competed at the nationals.

Peter raced in the 50-54 category and placed 20th, while Chris was featured in the 30-34 age group.

Overall, 908 riders raced on Friday, November 3, and 550 riders competed on Saturday, November 4.



Wombat Walkers have been meeting in Venus Bay twice a week for the past year.

Celebrating one year of Wombat Walkers

IT started as a casual walking group. Now Wombat Walkers – co-founded by Venus Bay locals Cheree Dodson and Teresa Davison – has just notched up its first anniversary.

The group recently celebrated the milestone with a barbecue at Jupiter Park.

“The best bit is the friendships and feeling like you’re part of the community,” Teresa said.

Teresa moved permanently to Venus Bay with her partner Bill Karambatsos during the COVID years.

“I became president of the Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre and one of things I wanted to do was set up a walking group,” she said.

Cheree and her husband Adrian relocated from Melbourne to Venus Bay in 2022.

“After the pandemic and the relentless lockdowns, we’d had enough of Melbourne,” she said.

With Cheree and Adrian also working in jobs they no longer enjoyed, they decided a permanent sea change was in order.

Cheree initially struggled to settle into country life.

“We didn’t know many people in Venus Bay as we have no permanent neighbours around us. They’re all holiday homes,” she said.

“I felt quite isolated and felt I needed a connection with the community.”

One day on a local Facebook page, someone suggested forming a walking group.

Cheree and Teresa joined the conversation, keen to make it happen.

“Teresa and I met for a coffee to discuss setting up a group,” Cheree said.

“We didn’t know each other before then.”

Teresa said Cheree set up the page and Joy Lee came up with the great name.

“We got more than 200 members in a couple of weeks,” she said.

One year on, Wombat Walkers now meets two mornings a week at the local shops.

“There’s no divide between people who come on weekends and people who are here full time. Everyone is welcome and looks out for each other,” Teresa said.

“Some people in the group have gone through tough things over the last 12 months but we rally around each other.”

Teresa said Wombat Walkers also introduced people to lots of other local organisations, such as the Angling Club, Men’s Shed, Wildlife Rescue, Landcare and Barefoot Bowls.

Walks are generally dependent on the weather.

“The number of people changes every walk but usually it’s at least six,” Teresa said.

“The most we’ve ever had was on a Saturday just recently when we had around 30 people and dogs.”

Cheree said it’s all very laid back and casual.

“Some days we may have two people turn up and some days we have a big group. There is no requirement to register to join in for a walk – it is a ‘just turn up’ scenario,” she said.

“We either walk along the beach, along the river path towards Tarwin Lower or around the streets of the first estate. We’ve done a few trips down at Doyleys Road too.”

Additionally, longer walks at locations including the Prom, Kilcunda and the Great Southern Rail Trail are also in the pipeline.

“We post on our Facebook page to confirm each upcoming walk,” Cheree said.

For Cheree, Wombat Walkers has led to new connections and friendships.

“It’s really lovely to meet new and different people each walk, and have a natter and find out about them, their life history and what brought them to the area,” she said.

“It certainly helped me feel more at ease living in a small regional town.”

Cheree said the walks generally last an hour, covering four to five kilometres, and cater for people with different physical abilities, usually aged between 50 and 73.

“A few of us ‘lead’ each walk to ensure everyone is doing okay,” she said.

“We basically walk for 30 minutes and then turn around and come back to the meeting point at the shops.”

“A few people go and enjoy a coffee after the walk too.”

Everyone is welcome to join the group for a walk, even if it’s just a one off.

A spin off group called Wombat Bikers has also launched.

For more information, head to the Wombat Walkers – Venus Bay/Tarwin Lower Walking Group Facebook page.



Four ladies from WIRFAB will present on snapper, squid, bait and rigs, and tackle, with a focus on catching in the Western Port Bay.

A fun fishing evening for ladies

LADIES of Bass Coast are invited to join in a fun and social night learning about different aspects of fishing from, and with other ladies who are interested in the sport.

Four leaders from Women in Recreational Boating and Fishing (WIRFAB) will be guest speakers at the event hosted by and held at Jims Bait and Tackle in San Remo.

WIRFAB was established in 2018, by the Victorian Fisheries Authority after the need emerged for ladies to have a supportive space to share knowledge, stories, and skills about fishing and boating, and to learn and connect with other likeminded folks.

“It’s mainly just trying to get women into the sport and to feel comfortable going into a tackle shop,” said Mel Rogers from Jims Bait and Tackle.

“We get a lot of ladies coming to the shop that aren’t actually comfortable coming in because they think it’s such a male dominated sport.”

The ladies from WIRFAB will present their areas of specialty on the night with a focus on fishing in Western Port Bay.

Amanda Keilar will be doing a live component on what bait and bait rigs to use, to catch different species.

Leanne Ngo will be talking about catching, cleaning and preparing squid, while Jo Fyfe will talk about snapper, including their breeding grounds and habits to give the anglers an understanding about why they are caught locally at this time of year.

Mel Rogers will also be talking about the tackle and equipment side of fishing.

There will also be trivia quizzes throughout the night with prizes awarded, a lucky door prize valued at \$200, and a food platter and drinks will be provided. An exclusive discount will also be offered on the night.

“It’s just girls having a good time - they can have a look around the shop and do exclusive one-on-one shopping with myself, so they feel comfortable and learn a bit more about fishing and sustainability and all that kind of stuff,” explained Mel.

The event will be held on Tuesday, November 14 from 6pm at Jims Bait and Tackle, San Remo.



Ladies will have the opportunity to get one-on-one advice about what fishing items they need in an evening of Fishing Talks with other women.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY November 7	WEDNESDAY November 8	THURSDAY November 9	FRIDAY November 10
▼ 12.15am 0.45m	▼ 12.54am 0.54m	▼ 1.40am 0.64m	▼ 2.38am 0.73m
▲ 7.15am 1.40m	▲ 8.01am 1.33m	▲ 8.53am 1.28m	▲ 9.47am 1.25m
▼ 12.43pm 0.70m	▼ 1.29pm 0.72m	▼ 2.26pm 0.72m	▼ 3.40pm 0.69m
▲ 7.00pm 1.22m	▲ 7.59pm 1.17m	▲ 9.20pm 1.15m	▲ 10.44pm 1.19m

SATURDAY November 11	SUNDAY November 12	MONDAY November 13
▼ 3.54am 0.81m	▼ 5.27am 0.83m	▲ 12.48am 1.41m
▲ 10.42am 1.24m	▲ 11.33am 1.26m	▼ 6.34am 0.81m
▼ 5.00pm 0.62m	▼ 5.55pm 0.52m	▲ 12.22pm 1.29m
▲ 11.52pm 1.29m		▼ 6.38pm 0.42m

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Woorayl Golf Club's grade winners Heather Sullivan, Di O'Connor and Anne Grist.



Foster Golf Club's B Grade winner and Star Medallist for 2023 Kylie Collins with Monthly Medal winner Rachael Brown.



Trudi Mantell won both the Wednesday and Saturday Monthly Medals at Korumburra.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's Monthly Medal winner Merryn Dear.



Korumburra Golf Club's co-captain Ian Cash congratulates Monthly Medal and A Grade winner Billie Wrigley.

FOSTER Ladies

THE first round of the ladies' championship was played in ideal weather.

The course was looking great, but still soft.

Congratulations to Rachael Brown, who won her first medal at Foster 95 (21) 74.

B Grade went to Kylie Collins 108 (31) 77.

Congratulations also to Kylie, who won the Star Medallist for 2023.

NTP on 17th was Rae Knee.

Scratch score was Robyn Galloway 91 and B Grade scratch went to Kylie Collins.

Geraldine Sinclair won the putting with 30 on a C/B.

BDTL went to Robyn Galloway 91 (13) 78 and Anne Heywood 104 (26) 78.

Thank you to Judy Bacon who sponsored the day.

Next Wednesday, November 15, will be the third round of the Championship.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, October 31:

Stableford: 26 players.

A Grade: Ian Cash (15) 37 C/B.

B Grade: Dave Enbom (20) 36 C/B.

NTPs: first John Kerr and 10th Greg Wilson.

Thursday, November 12:

Stableford: 12 players.

Winner: Steve Duffield (13) 41 points.

NTPs: first Neil Spargo, seventh Iain Riddell, 10th Mick Belvedere and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Friday, November 3:

Junior nine-hole Stableford: four players.

Winner: Lukas Gallagher (40) 11 points.

Saturday, November 4:

Monthly Medal: 46 players.

Sponsor: Alex Scott.

MM winner: Billie Wrigley 68 C/B.

A Grade: Billie Wrigley 68 C/B.

B Grade: Iain Riddell (22) 68 C/B.

Scratch winner: Billie Wrigley 76 C/B.

NTPs: first John Solly, seventh Ian Gibson, 10th Tim Fowles and 13th Rob Gallagher.

Ladies

WELL done to Trudi Mantell (28) who won her first ever Monthly Medal on Wednesday. With a net score of 71, Trudi was the recipient of the Tiny Teapot Café award.

Shelley Snooks (18) was runner-up, on a c/b from Trudi.

Merrissa Cosson (13) had the best Scratch Score, with 87 and won a BDTL with 74 net.

Lorraine Knox won the nine-hole comp with 13 pts.

NTP's: First Trudi M (Kelly's Bakery), 10th Merrissa (KD's Barber shop), 13th Merrissa (Burra Garden Supplies). Thank you to our local business, Burra Garden Supplies for providing this new NTP sponsorship.

On Saturday, Trudi Mantell had yet another win, with a nice 70 net. Trudi won the RB Monthly Medal and the Luscious Café voucher.

Merrissa Cosson was runner-up, 72 net and also the Scratch Score winner with 86.

BDTL went to Lynette McIvor, 74 net.

Merrissa won the Kelly's Bakery award with her NTP on the first.

The seven-hole social comp continues on Sundays and Twi-

light golf starts on Thursday, November 16.

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TUESDAY Stableford – field of 57

Division 1: Winner: Luke Kelly 39 points. Runner Up: Steven Varty 38 points.

Division 2: Winner: Ian Murray 38 points. Runner Up: Steve Bray 36 points.

Ball rundown to 34 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Lionel Mahony, ninth Peter Sellers, 12th Steven Varty and 15th John Johnson.

Wednesday Ladies Stableford

Winner: Leah Barker 34 points. Runner Up: Kerrie Davey 32 points.

Ball rundown to 30 points.

Nearest the pins: 12th Heather Payne.

Thursday Par – Field of 72

Division 1: Winner: Michael Bushe with 41 points. Runner up: Gary Wigham with 39 points.

Division 2: Winners: Tony Goldring with 40 points. Runner up: Patrick Farrell with 38 points.

Ball rundown to 35 points

Nearest the pin: fifth Graeme Ottosen, ninth Bill Merrigan, 12th Colin Crowle and 15th Rob Volk.

Saturday Stableford – 159 players

Division 1: Winner: Gary Oswald with 44 points. Runner up: Bart McDonald with 38 points. Third: Mark Holmes with 37 points.

Division 2: Winner: Matt Halford with 41 points. Runner up: Rick Falcone with 38 points by countback. Third: Chris Tuckwell.

Division 3: Winner: Michael Herman with 42 points. Runner up: Dylan Bradshaw with 41 points. Third: Royce Thompson with 40 points.

Ball rundown to 35 points.

Nearest the pins: fifth Gary Oswald, ninth Matthew Skinner, 12th Darren Polson and 15th George Morozoff.

Third hole second shot (0-18) Troy Harrison.

Sunday Stableford

Winner: Tom Bethune with 44 points. Runner up: Brad Henning with 42 points.

Our Club Championships will be commencing on Saturday, the first of three rounds. Fingers crossed for a sunny day to kick things off. Be sure to book in quickly on the timesheet for this always popular event.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, October 31: Stableford event.

Forty-seven members/guests played in Tuesday's Stableford round, again recording some excellent results with the course condition rapidly improving.

A Grade winner: Ken Smirk (16) with 38 points.

A Grade runner up: Mitchell McGrath (18) from Korumburra GC with 37 points.

B Grade winner: Peter Horman (33) with 33 points.

B Grade runner up: Gordon Allan (21) with 33 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Winton Knop at 4.48m.

NTP 16th: Ken Smirk at 2.71m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Josh DeGroot, Ethan Lamers, Alan Starkey and Renato Monacella.

Thursday, November 2: #DoingitforJarrod Gentsomes

event.

Leongatha Golf Club held its fifth #DoingitforJarrod Day.

One hundred golfers got into the spirit of yellow with some rather bright outfits seen around the course.

A total of \$1347 was raised for the charity to provide ongoing funds to support children and families living with cancer.

A special shout out to the barbecue crew and Joker Poker for contributing extra to the total raised.

The event was an Irish Stableford Gentsomes with the best two scores per hole counting.

Winners: Russell Williams and Marilyn Williams, and Nicholas Byrne and Dean Kellett with a score of 99 points.

Second place: Ken Lay and Warren Dummatt, and Alan Starkey and Mel Miles with score of 99 points on a countback.

Third place: Mark O'Keefe (Traralgon) and Albert Hayes, and Donald Smith and David Smith (Morwell) with a score of 98 points also on countback.

NTP 14th: Michael Street at 1.88m. NTP 16th: Peter Walsh at 2.68m.

Saturday, November 4: Monthly Medal.

Saturday recorded another excellent field of 82 members/guests who played in the Monthly Medal stroke event off the black tees.

Saturday was also the Star Medallist play-off with nine of the past year's winners competing for their name on the honour board.

Star medallist winner: Thomas Simon (24) with net 73.

Monthly Medal winner: Andrew Henley (17) with net 69.

A Grade winner: Stuart Smith (14) net 70. A Grade runner up: Anthony Sparkes (13) net 70 on a countback.

B Grade winner: Barry Attwood (17) net 71. B Grade runner up: Michael O'Rafferty (18) net 72.

C Grade winner: Mark Steadman (20) net 75. C Grade runner up: John Belli (22) net 75 on a countback.

D Grade winner: Donald Smith (24) net 71. D Grade runner up: David Barrack (24) net 73.

NTP 14th: Paul Ross at 4.20m. NTP 16th: Tony Morganti at 1.09m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Alan Starkey, Chad Clasby, Craig Hutchinson and Thomas Simon.

Ladies

THE final of the Star medallist was contested last week.

Winners of all Monthly Medals for the previous 12 months are eligible to compete in this event.

The final results will be announced after the Saturday women have competed.

The winner on Wednesday, with an excellent 75 net, was Rebecca Thomas.

Neryl Hopcraft had the next best score, finishing with a 76 net and Dot Stubbs just sneaking in, in third position with 78 net.

Down the line balls went to Chris Lay 79 net, Colleen Touzel and Sue Bowler 80 net, Joy O'Sullivan 83, and Alison Strong and Deb Miller on 84 net.

Colleen Touzel was closest to the flag on the 14th and just managed to get a birdie.

Jill Steer won the nine-hole competition with 15 points, with Teresa Bennett scoring 11 points to earn a ball down the line.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, November 2: Stableford.
A Grade: G. Shandley (14) 36 points c/b.
B Grade: S. Beitz (20) 41 points.
DTL: P. Cummaudo 37, S. Mills and T. Tomada 36 c/b.
NTP: fourth J. Hughes, sixth M. Payne and 16th J. Winters.
Birdies: 16th S. Beitz and J. Winters.
Saturday, November 4: Stableford.
A Grade: G. Renwick, (12) 37 points.
B Grade: J. Smeriglio (18) 36.
C Grade: R. Jenkins, (26) 35.
DTL: G. Shandley, M. Heiberg 36, P. Smart, J. Robbins and S. McKenzie 35 c/b.
NTP: fourth S. Hill-Smith, sixth R. Robbins, 13th J. Smeriglio and 16th R. Jenkins.
Birdies: sixth R. Scurlock R. Robbins and 13th J. Smeriglio.

PHILLIP ISLAND

Wednesday November 1 Open Stableford
A Grade winner was Max Walton (14) with 40 points c/b from Daniel Pearce (8).
B Grade winner was Mario Amato (16) with 36 points from Rikardo Meder (18) 34 points c/b.
C Grade winner was John Shaw (28) with 37 points c/b from David Pardoe (29).
BDL to 34 points c/b.
NTP fifth Ron Magill seventh Fred Pannozo 10th Max Walton 17th Mario Amato.
Nine-hole winner was Noel Thomas (34) 20 points from Graham Robinson (34) 19 points c/b
BDL to 16 points c/b
Thursday November 2
Open 18-Hole Stableford
A Grade Winner: Gino Manfredi (10) with 39 points from Rob Haydon (13) 38 points.
B Grade Winner: David Taylor (19) with a fabulous score of 46 points from Colin Morris (21) 40 points.
C Grade Winner: Rob Chambers (24) 41 points from Stacey Meder (27) 39 points.
BDL to 35 pts.
NTP: fifth Rob Haydon, seventh Colin Morris, 10th Wayne Morris, 17th Tracey Cooksey.
Nine-Hole Stableford
Winner: Lyn Ward(33) 24 points from John Withington (26) 19 points c/b from John Niven.
BDL to 15 pts.
Saturday November 4: Mens 18-Hole Stableford
A Grade Winner: Reece Jamieson (10) 38 points from Barry Grazules (10) 37 points.
B Grade Winner: Owen Jolly (15) 42 points from Rob Haydon (15) 39 points.
C Grade winner: Phil Cooksey (25) 41 points c/b from Trevor Read (21).
BDL to 35 pts.
NTP: fifth Peter Cartwright, seventh Rob Haydon, 10th Ron Young, 17th Terry Crumpton.
Geoff Daff had an eagle on the fourth.
Ladies 18-Hole Stableford
Winner: Barb Haydon (33) 39 points c/b from Megan Elbaz (31).
BDL to 35 pts c/b.
NTP: fifth Sue Brown, seventh Naoko McRae, 10th Mary Taylor, 17th Dawn Andrews.
Saturday Open Nine-Hole Stableford
Overall Winner: Len Fenton

(19) 20 points from Mac MacArthur (28) 18 points.
BDL to 19 pts C/B.
Sunday November 5 Open 18-Hole Stableford
Winner was Max Walton (11) 34 points from Matt Hyde (5) 31 points.
Nine-Hole winner was Paul Beckham (33) 16 points.

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Ladies
THE second round of the Club Championships and the November Monthly Medal were held on Wednesday.
Fourteen ladies assembled on an overcast morning for this event, which was sponsored by Nagels Pharmacy.
A Grade was won by Heather Sullivan 95.19.76.
B Grade was won by Anne Grist 105.25.80.
C Grade was won by Di O'Connor 121.43.78.
BDL 78 Elly Berryman, Linda Forrester and Jean Hayes.
Putting was won by Heather Sullivan 27 putts.
NTP on eighth was Anne Grist, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Elly Berryman.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: November 2, SR.71.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Frank Huber 36.
Runner up: Messy Chand 35.
BDTL to 31.
Ball sweep: Philip McCrimmon 33, Stephen Kane 32, Mick Bourke 32, Andrew McAllister 31 and Graeme Campbell 31.
Results: November 2, SR. 34.5.
Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.
Winner: Norm Burne 21. Runner up: Kevin Bayley 20.
BDTL to 15 C/B.
Ball sweep: Blake Cornelis 18 and Vin Tuddenham 15 C/B.
Results: November 4, SR.72.
Competition: MM and putting 18-hole.
Winner: A: Ian Baker 70. B: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 69. C: Shane Osborne 65 (Monthly Medal).
BDTL to 74 C/B.
Ball sweep: Blake Cornelis 67, Alan Mclean 70, Ray Hender 70, Daniel Crellin 71, Kevin Bayley 71, Alan Jones 72, Geoff Huther 72, Keith Ridout 73, Eric VanAgthmaal 73, Glenn Hewlett 73, Miles Foster 73, Warwick Judkins 73 and Luke Borne. 74 C/B
Eagles: Blake Cornelis 11th and Daniel Crellin 11th.
NTPs: Daniel Crellin second, Ian Baker fourth, Mick Bourke eighth propin, Matt Dawson 13th and Keith Ridout 17th money hole.
Putting: Shane Osborne 27 putts.

Ladies
THE November Monthly Medal was played on Wednesday and there was a standout round who easily took out the Medal and A Grade, Scratch and putting.
This put that together and it easily explains the great score by Merryn Dear 86(17)69 net.
B Grade's winner was Wendy Cross 114(38)76 net.
NTP on fourth was Anne Poulton and 13th Yvonne Everitt.
BDL went to J. Beaumont 79, Yvonne Everitt 80, Patsy Britt 81 and Anne Poulton 82.



The All Gippsland Singles Championship winners included Marg Johnson (A Grade Handicap), Alice Schofield (B Grade Handicap), Johanna Wylie (Singles Championship), Judy Magill (Minor Scratch Championship) and Mary Taylor (Minor Shield).

All Gippsland Championship

THE annual All Gippsland Women's Championship two-day event was held last Monday and Tuesday.
Each year, the three districts, East Gippsland, West Gippsland and South Gippsland, compete for the prestigious Foursomes Scratch event on the Monday and the Singles Championship on Tuesday.
This year, it was South Gippsland's turn to host the event and Phillip Island was the club selected.
The course was in great condition and the women's captain Helen Coghlan is to be congratulated for her excellent organisation of this huge event with more than 100 players each day.
The weather was extremely pleasant for the majority of the day with warm sunshine – the predicted cool change with the rain arrived late in the afternoon and fortunately most had completed their round.
There was a buzz on finishing when arriving in the clubhouse as two of the early groups out of Emma Hall/Jeanette Diss (Phillip Island) and Rena Casey (Lang Lang)/Merrissa Cosson (Korumburra) posted a score of 88 gross.
They patiently waited as each of the pairs finished their rounds to see if their score was going to be beaten.
There was no score posted that was better or equal, so the announcement of a playoff was made.
It would be a three-hole playoff and then sudden death if still tied.
The first hole was played with no advantage gained, the rain then started to fall as they played the second hole.
It was still all even.
With everything tied, they both were on the green on the third hole.
It came down to the last putt, which the Phillip Island pair holed, giving them the title.
Congratulations to Emma Hall and Jeanette Diss on winning the All Gippsland Foursomes Scratch Championship and to Rena Casey and Merrissa Cosson, who were the runners up.
Ruth McPhee and Sherrie Elliot from Lakes Entrance Golf Club won the Foursomes Scratch Bronze Championship with 102 on a count back.
This pair were also runners up in the handicap event, with 71.5 on a count back.
The runners up for the Foursomes Bronze scratch were Phillip Island players Vicki Ramage and Liz O' Neill with 102.
Heather Wintle and Marg Ryan (Wonthaggi) won the Foursomes Handicap event with a great score of 69.5.
Nearest the pins went to Fiona Gray (Bairnsdale) on the seventh and Liz Foreman (Sale) on the 10th.
The Singles Championship was held on Tuesday, with the weather not so pleasant.
There was a repeat of yesterday with Rebecca Thomas (Leongatha) and Johanna Wylie (Tambo Valley) both posting identical scores - forcing a play-off over three holes to decide the winner of the All Gippsland Singles Championship.
Johanna came out in front on the third hole, displaying excellent chipping and putting skills.
Judy Magill from Phillip Island Golf Club won the Minor Scratch Championship with 95, on a count back from Barb Britten from Foster Golf Club.
The Minor Shield, a relatively new Stableford event for C Grade, was won by Mary Taylor from Phillip Island Golf Club with 34 points, on a count back from fellow club member Marlene Gibson.
The A Grade Handicap event was won by Marg Johnson from Wonthaggi Golf Club with 73 net, with Anne Maree Skarratt runner up from Yarram.
Alice Schofield from Phillip Island Golf Club won the B Grade Handicap event 71 net, and fellow club member Judy Magill was the runner up with 74.
Nearest the pins were awarded to Michelle Fairlie (Drouin) on the fifth, Anne Maree Skarratt (Yarram) on the 10th, Jan Beaumont (Wonthaggi) on the seventh and Merryn Dear (Wonthaggi) on the 17th.



The Foursomes Championship winners were Heather Wintle and Marg Ryan (Foursomes Handicap), Jeanette Diss and Emma Hall (Foursomes Championship), and Ruth McPhee and Sherrie Elliot (Foursomes Bronze Scratch).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners were Bev Elliott (2), Bobby Arnold (L), Frank D'Unienville (3) and Peter Gratton (S)(inset).



Runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Terry Floyd (S), Jenny Harding (L), Jan Brown (2) and David Talbot (3).



Laurie Bell (3), David Smith (S), Tony Morris (L) and Bill Williams (2) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Turkey Triples winners were Frank Seaton, Jan Jeeves and Mike Yeats.



Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Friday winners were Fred Demenech, Jan Clark and Mario Toffolon.

INVERLOCH

CORPORATE Bowls started last Wednesday with a large number of very keen participants. The club saw some familiar faces, as well as new ones. The two Terrys provided a delicious barbeque tea, which was well consumed. Many thanks to all the volunteers that make these nights possible. Social Bowls: There was no Social Bowls last week out of respect to Pud Kee and family. He will be missed by the club and many others. On Thursday, November 9, the Social Bowls will be a bit different with hats being the dress code of the day. Members are asked to bring their fanciest or funniest hat on the day. Funny ties are also welcome. This is the club's contribution to the spring carnival. Pennant: Midweek: Division One – Inverloch 52 Foster 71; Division Two – had the BYE; Division Three – Inverloch Blue 33 Mirboo North 46; Inverloch Gold 24 Phillip Island 53.

KORUMBURRA

IT was a mixed week of results this week, starting with Midweek Pennant. Division One hosted Leongatha and, in a very tight contest, came out winners. Jenny McVeigh had a 19 to 13 shot win, Jo Lomagno had a 23 all draw and Judith Nicholl drew 20 shots all – a good win. Division Two travelled to Foster unfortunately all to no avail. Cheryl Moore went down 20 shots to 22 and Lena Harfield lost 10 shots to 24 – bad luck to all. Saturday saw all three teams play at home. Division One hosted Phillip Island. Shane O'Loughlin had a 23 shots to 15 win, Rob Cosson won 19 shots to 17 and unfortunately Peter Spark went down 16 shots to 27 an overall one-shot loss. Division Two hosted Fish Creek. Jim Garnham won 23 shots to 15, Peter Hearn won 21 shots to 15 while Rob Sund lost 16 shots to 27 – an overall three shot win. Division Four also hosted Phillip Island with Roger Balment being the only bright light, winning 24 shots to 16.

Alan Cherrett lost 17 shots to 23 while Mick Manning lost nine shots to 28. Don't forget counter teas are on Friday night. Put names on the list if you want a meal.

LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Midweek Competition Division One side journeyed to Korumburra to play the second round of the program last Tuesday. The final overall score resulted in a score of 62/56 shots in favour of Korumburra. Individual Rink scores were as follows: Team 1: Joanna Lomagno skip (Korumburra) drew with Rosa James skip (Leongatha) 23/23 shots. Team 2: Jenny McVeigh skip (Korumburra) defeated Susan Symmons skip (Leongatha) 19/13 shots. Team 3: Judith Nicholl skip (Korumburra) drew with Marj Pearson skip (Leongatha) 20/20 shots. The Leongatha Division 4 side played its second game of the season in the Saturday Pennant competition and, with the inclusion of two travelling nomads Anne and James Lye, were able to compile a mammoth overall result against Inverloch of 80/47 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows: Team 1: Susan Wakefield skip (Leongatha) was defeated by Ted Breasley skip (Inverloch) 16/19 shots. Team 2: John White skip (Leongatha) defeated Terry Seaward skip (Inverloch) 23/18 shots. Team 3: James Lye skip (Leongatha) defeated Graeme Dunlop skip (Inverloch) 41/10 shots. Leongatha was the host club for the Division 2 contest against the Loch Bowls Club and had a comfortable win with an overall score of 66/47 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows: Team 1: Ron Symmons skip (Leongatha) defeated Alan Center skip (Loch) 24/19 shots. Team 2: Les Wilson skip (Leongatha) defeated Frank Byrne skip (Loch) 21/14 shots. Team 3: Marje Pearson skip (Leongatha) defeated Pat Kennedy skip (Loch) 21/14 shots. Corinella Bowls Club welcomed the Leongatha Division 1 side to its club on Saturday to play round three of the Saturday Competition.

Corinella outplayed Leongatha on two of the three rinks and in doing so recorded an overall result of 66/51 shots. Leongatha will have to improve its bottom position on the ladder if it has the desire to feature in the finals. Individual rink scores were as follows: Team 1: Steven Bray skip (Corinella) defeated Anthony Collier skip (Leongatha) 22/18 shots. Team 2: Craig Brown skip (Corinella) defeated Jenny Miller skip (Leongatha) 21/10 shots. Team 3: David Burzacott skip (Corinella) was defeated by John Hall skip (Leongatha) 19/23 shots. The club had a most enjoyable Kitty Club function on Friday night where the volunteers provided the meals, which were most appreciated. The popular Business Bowls will run for five weeks from November 14 to December 12 and there are currently 32 teams entered, which is the maximum the club can accommodate. Leongatha Bowls Club is disappointed to learn of the vandalism activity that was inflicted on the Fish Creek and Meeniyan Bowls Clubs on Friday night and hope that the criminals are captured and charged accordingly.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT was a great day on Thursday. Forty players turned up to San Remo to fight it out for team of the day. The weather was reasonable – wind was minimal, and rain was non-existent. All in all, it was a great day for it. There was laughter around the green from all rinks. Friendly banter was heard from all corners and there were many happy faces, although some with looks of disappointment when things were going wrong. The winners on a score of 35 were Peter Gratton (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Bobby Arnold (L). Runners up, also on a score of 35 but who just missed out on the count back, were Terry Floyd (S), David Talbot (3), Jan Brown (2) and Jenny Harding (L). Best one game winners on 19 points were David Smith (3), Laurie Bell (3), Bill Williams (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Thank you, as always, to Peter. His job is not an easy one and the club may have to look for some assistance in the coming weeks. Thanks also, as always, to Pauline and John for chipping in. Thank you also to Gwen in the kitchen and Mark in the bar. Next week, the bowlers will be playing at Koo Wee Rup and look forward to seeing everyone on site by 10am.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another busy week at the club. Tuesday saw Midweek Pennant played in cold windy conditions. Division One played host to Corinella at home, and were looking for a win after a loss last week. Wonthaggi played well to record a victory with wins on two rinks. The final scores Wonthaggi 61, Corinella 49. Division Two travelled to Tarwin with mixed results. Two rinks had wins, but went down overall. The final scores Wonthaggi 51, Tarwin 55. Wednesday saw the Turkey Triples on a fine cool day with both greens full which a good result for the club. There were four teams that were four game winners, with the best game going to a team from Phillip Island of Bob Hurst, Chris Fricke and Russell May. Runners up were a team from Inverloch, who were Ross Gabb, Ron Burge and Michael Cosgrove with a score of four wins and 27 shots up. The winners were a team from Wonthaggi – Frank Seaton, Jan Jeeves and Mike Yeats – with a score of four wins and 30 shots up. The NABA award went to a team from Phillip Island. They each received a cap from the Wonthaggi Club. Thursday morning had good numbers, with again the weather being to key for bowlers. Saturday Pennant saw Division One travel to Mirboo North, again with new bowlers in the squad, which is always good for the future. After a tight battle all day, Wonthaggi just fell short on the scoreboard and will work on that next week. The final scores were Wonthaggi

51, Mirboo North 60. Division Two travelled to Phillip Island on a day with a lot of traffic, being a long weekend. Not being put off, Wonthaggi fought the match out against good opposition to just go down. The final scores were Wonthaggi 57, Phillip Island 62. Division Three played host to Lang Lang, looking for a win to keep its season on track. This is Lang Lang's top team and it proved to be a little too good on the day. The final scores were Wonthaggi 54, Lang Lang 65. Division Four travelled to Corinella, looking for another win to keep a good start to the season going. All rinks did well to record a solid victory. The final scores were Wonthaggi 77, Corinella 46. Bowls this week: Tuesday is Cup Day with a list up in the clubhouse. Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching is at 10am and Pennant is on Saturday. Don't forget the Christmas Lunch on Sunday, December 10, at the clubhouse. This meal will be catered, so put your name or names on the list. Also, barefoot bowls will be starting next week so get your teams ready.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

PLAYER numbers are increasing each week, including Wednesday night United, who have had an average of 22 players. There were 30 players on Tuesday, October 30. The team of John Stewart, Helen Rook, Thelma Kavanagh and Jim Wilson won on a count back with a plus five and winning 13 ends. Runners up, also with a plus five but winning 10 ends only, were Brian Newman, Jean Wylde and Philip Fowler. Twenty-five people competed on Friday. The winners with a plus 11, winning two games, were Fred Demenech, Jan Clark and Mario Toffolon. Coming a close second on plus 10, also winning two games, were Helen, Rook Jim Wilson and Jean Wylde.

Goannas travelling far and wide for Championships

VETERANS Cricket Australia has five different National Championships taking place over the next few weeks.

The first of them will be the Over 60s which will be in Perth from this Sunday November 12.

Ray Smith will carry the flag for the Goannas, selected in the Vic1 side in first division.

Victoria has six representative teams, and Goannas pair, Peter Anton and Ray Floyd will play in the Fourth Division team.

The second Carnival will be the Over 40 Women's Championships, which will be held in Wollongong from November 19.

VCV is sending four teams to this event, and as the Goannas do not yet have a women's team we don't have any representatives going.

However, if there are women over 40 in our region who are interested in getting together to form a team, please get in touch with Ian Gibson on 0427 376 776.

The National Over 70s Championships will commence in Bunbury, WA, on November 22 and VCV is sending five teams to this carnival.

Kevin Lanigan, captain, Ian Gibson, vice-captain and wicketkeeper, and Ian Southall will all be in the Victorian number one team in Division One.

Gordon Cowling is in the number one team in Division Two and Fred Debono is in the number two team in Division Two.

At the same time, two Victorian teams will travel to Christchurch, New Zealand, to play in the inaugural Over 55 Championships.

Three Goannas and three other Gippslanders will participate in this carnival.

Graeme Rankin (Trafalgar), Brenton Howe (Traralgon), Geoff Kinnish (Rosedale), Col Parnall (Trafalgar), John Daddo (Morwell Tigers/Yinnar) and Gary Sauverin from Leongatha will travel to NZ for this event.

Finally, from December 3 in Melbourne, the National Over 50 Championships will be fought out.

Seven teams will represent VCV and Goanna Anthony Bloomfield, from Latrobe, has been appointed vice-captain of the Vic1 side.

Mirboo North's Steve Rogers is vice-captain of Vic2, while Chris Anders (Mirboo North), wicketkeeper and Dave Nobels (Waragul) are in the Vic3 side.

Sale's Geoff Wells will captain the Vic5 side, to round out Goannas representation.

We certainly wish all these veteran cricketers the best of luck in these various Championships.



The Grand Ridge Rail Trail was on again on Saturday with some excellent personal bests recorded. Participants enjoyed the five-kilometre run or walk along the picturesque rail trail. The volunteers were thanked for their assistance and dedication to the weekly event. Results can be found at parkrun.com.au/grandridg-erailtrail/results/latestresults.

Wonthaggi North Primary Athletes

WEDNESDAY, October 18 was a glorious day of Spring sunshine as four Wonthaggi North Primary School students, Lakhisha, Tiala, Jett, and Rhylee, travelled to the school Sports Victoria (SSV) Regional Track and Field Championships in Newborough.

Lakhisha competed in the discus event in the 10-year age group and did an amazing job showing great technique in her throws. Tiala participated in the shotput event in the 10-year age group. There was a long wait while the other age groups completed their turns. Tiala was very patient and went on to produce three amazing throws.

In the 10-year age group for long jump, Jett put in some great jumps, coming fourth place overall. He is already determined to begin training for next year's event hoping to improve his results.

Rhylee competed in the 100 metre and 200 metre running race and showed great determination with a 'never give up' attitude coming away with first place in both events. Rhylee will be heading to the SSV Primary State Championships on November 1.

Wonthaggi North Primary School teaching staff said what an amazing achievement for Rhylee and we wish him luck and will be cheering him on from WNPS.

"We would like to thank staff member, John Taylor, for stepping in to accompany the students to Newborough," Wonthaggi North Primary School stated.

"I would like to congratulate the students for the excellent job they did representing their school on the bus and whilst giving their best effort in their chosen events," John added.

"These four students showed the WNPS values on and off the field. Well done everyone."



(L-R) Back, from left, Tiala and Lakhisha; front, Rhylee and Jett from WNPS before heading off to the school Sports Victoria (SSV) Regional Track and Field Championships.



WNPS student, Rhylee, is pleased with his first-place medals in the school Sports Victoria (SSV) Regional Track and Field Championships in Newborough recently.



WNPS student, Jett, mid leap during his long jump event in the school Sports Victoria (SSV) Regional Track and Field Championships in Newborough recently.



Lexie, Hugo, Ollie, Tyeson and Ty proudly represented Leongatha Primary School at the recent State athletics Championships. IMG_6082

Success for Ty Beavis at state titles

THE State Athletics Championships were held at Albert Park on Wednesday, November 1 and among others from around this district who competed were five athletes from Leongatha Primary School.

And they came away with some very satisfying results.

Their results are as follows:

- Hugo Fennell 16th in the 200m
- Ollie Bolge 15th in the

- 100m and 10th in the high jump
- Ty Beavis 1st in shot put and 1st in the 100m
- Tyeson Helms 11th in the discus and
- Lexie Rodwell 16th in the long jump

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RESULTS: October 31.

With the competition now winding up, it was good to see how close most of the A Grade teams were.

Good luck to all teams playing of in the finals.

A Reserve has had a very tough year with most weeks struggling to fill competition teams.

Hopefully next year will bring more players who wish to have fun and laughter thrown in to a competitive game.

May all the teams who made finals have a good one.

A Grade results: Devo 9-31 defeated Telegraph Road 2-11; Summer of 69 7-26 defeated Like A Virgin 4-17; We are the Champions 6-22 defeated Thunderstruck 5-19; Thriller 6-24 defeated Smashing Pumpkins 5-21.

Ladder: Devo, We are the Champions, Thriller, Thunderstruck, Smashing Pumpkins, Summer of 69, Like a Virgin, Telegraph Road

Leading players: Braden A 46, Michael C 46, Michael G 45, Phil M 44, Dirk H 42, Ben H 39, Case DeB 37

A Reserve: Results: November 1.

Shaun the Sheep 8-24 defeated Ben 10 3-15; Outback Truckers 6-19 defeated Bonanza 5-19; Bye: Thunderbirds.

Ladder: Bonanza, Thunderbirds, Shaun the Sheep, Outback Truckers, Ben 10

Leading players: Aiden H 37, Ian T 36, Ian R 27, Danny R 22, David S 20, Sam H 19

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A GRADE grand final results:

Merota defeated BYD 3 to 2.

BYD's Luke had a juicy start in game one against Merota's Dirk, leading early despite pre match tension caused by getting tangled in Smellbourne's weeds where time bleeds and addles the best of brains.

However, when Dirk brought his customary fire and brimstone, the win was assured, leaving Luke stuck at another red light.

The doubles was a classic.

In the seventh and deciding set, with every point a holy grail, club champ and BYD's Justin lunged wide, spreadeagled barriers and scattered punters, yet still found the middle of the paddle and won an impossible point.

However, Merota recovered to win this crucial game and go on to win a very competitive grand final. No spectators were harmed.

A Reserve grand final result:

Super Smash defeated Bats 5 to 4.

When Super Smash galloped to a four to one lead on the back of Jack's opening win v Rhyder and number one Siobhan's solid play, the fat lady was yodelling.

However, the Bats came back hard to square it four all, triggered by Rhyder with a defiant win against Poppy.

Fred and Trish, who's trophy collection could fill a warehouse, led two sets to one in the deciding doubles.

So ominous that the fat lady changed colours and yodelled again.

However, the wham and bam show that is Siobhan and Poppy, with steelier nerve than a coal miner's pit pony, won the next two sets to win an astonishing grand final.

Jubilation was high.

The yodeller quit.

Social play continues every Wednesday and Saturday at 12pm.

Mirboo North and District Junior Tennis Association

RESULTS and ladders from round four: October 28.

A Grade results:
Baromi 5 sets 32 games defeated Leongatha Lions 1 set 17 games; Leongatha Parrots 5 sets 30 games defeated Mardan Smokin' Aces 1 set 17.

A Grade ladder
Baromi 22.5, Leongatha Lions 17.5, Leongatha Parrots 13, Fish Creek Kangaroos 12.5, Mardan Smokin' Aces 4.5

B Grade results:
Leongatha Dynamite 4 sets 26 games defeated Mardan Bull Ants 2 sets 21 games; Baromi 5 sets 34 games defeated Leongatha Conquerors 1 sets 14 games; Dumbalk North Phoenix 6 sets 36 games defeated Mardan All Stars 0 sets 10 games.

B Grade ladder
Baromi 22.5, Leongatha Dynamite 21.5 Mardan Bull Ants 15, Dumbal North Phoenix 14.5, Fish Creek Fire 9, Leongatha Conquerors 7.5, Mardan All Stars 7

C Grade results:
Baromi 5 sets 22 games defeated Mardan Thunder 1 sets 11 games; Leongatha Meteors 5 sets 29 games defeated Leongatha Crushers 1 set 10 games.

C Grade ladder
Baromi 21, Leongatha Meteors 20, Mardan Thunder 7.5, Leongatha Crushers 7.5

South Gippsland Bridge

RESULTS:
October 24 at Inverloch: six tables competing. First: Julie and Ian MacPhee with 57.04 per cent. Second: Kathy Dowd and John Sutton 53.01. Third: mother and daughter combination Rachel Brown and Heather Bligh 55.3.

October 31 at Wonthaggi: seven tables. N/S pairs: First: Clive Hope and Lois Dwyer with 58.33 pipped. Second: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles on 58.04. Third: Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour with 56.85.

E/W winners: Alan Johnston and John Sutton with an impressive 66.07. Second: Faye Rowlands and Richard Poole 60.71. Third: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 54.76.

November 3 at Inverloch: It was great to see all the returned travellers back in town with eight tables competing.

N/S pairs: First: Clive Hope and Alan Johnston with 60.71. Second: Phillip and Neville Chapman 54.46. Third: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 53.27.

E/W pairs: First: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran with 58.63. Second: Chris Hall and Doug McIntosh 55.36. Third: John Farr and Shirley Stewart 53.57.

Phillip Island Bridge

TWELVE pairs took to the tables on Monday, October 30.

Neville Chapman and partner Lorrie Read topped the board on 60.87 per cent.

Next in line were Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson on 57.78 per cent.

Marnie Myall and Paul Waylen finished third on 54.07 per cent.

Wednesday was Nationwide.

Four pairs achieved master points.

Wendy and Graham Mckergow were fourth on 46.43 per cent.

Diane Colemand and Judy O'Connell put in a good effort given they had not played together previously with 54.14 per cent. Marnie Myall and Shirley Stewart came second on 58.33 per cent.

Karen Klym and Paul Waylen took out the day on 66.07 per cent.

Next weekend is South Gippsland Bridge Club's annual congress with Swiss pairs on Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday.

November 13 and 20 is a red point team event for Phillip Island Bridge Club.

Pre-entry is required on the club white-board.



A day for the dogs. Pet owners brought along their pooches for the 3km and 5km Fun Run. Z40_4523

Coronet Bay community fun run triumphs again

CORONET Bay Combined Community held their final fun run/walk series under the original committee's name before they amalgamate with the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association to become the Coronet Bay Community Association.

The foreshore fun run welcomed over 60 runners to the town of Coronet Bay to participate in a three kilometre or five kilometre run. Runners, kids, and pets started at Fred Gration Reserve – completing a lap of the reserve before running down Ensign Court and onto Scenorama Road.

The three kilometre runners were then turned back to the finish line, with the five kilometre participants directed to continue to the

five kilometre half point and along the grass Coronet Bay foreshore track.

Organiser of the annual event since 2014, Ian Cole said the official event is professional and efficient, with all committee volunteers holding a role in the management of the event.

"The timekeepers record places of each participant and marshalls are positioned on the course, as well as a medical team in case of emergency, and the Westernport Water portable water station," said Ian.

"We welcome runners from Melbourne and local participants, whether they choose to run or walk with the family is solely up to each person, we encourage all to participate

and it's great to see so many out with their dogs and so many kids getting involved." Ian said.

Jasper Sheehan was the first through the finish line on Sunday morning for the three kilometre run, clocking a time of 11:32 in the male category, second place to Richard Knight with 14:27 with third place going to Chris Haughton with a time of 17:52.

Stuart Chapel took out the five kilometre male category with a 19:07 time, before Travis Newton with 19:41 and Pablo Pleydell in third with a time of 20:39.

Laura Tomic was the first female over the line in the five kilometre run with a time of 20:50 before Jasmine Frazer

following behind in second and Rebecca De Boer in third with 24:22.

The three kilometre male 14 and under, went to Chaitan Palta with a time of 14:26, second place to Dominic Styles with 17:32 and Booby Soong in third with 18:00.

The female competitors were strong with the 14 and under first place going to Maya Newton with 16:47, followed by Harriette Mackie with a close 16:49 and Annabelle Mackie in third with 18:31.

The three kilometre female open category was awarded to Kerrie Beckett with 21:36, second place to Julie-Ann de Boer with 23:34 and third to Maggie Hawkes clocking 25:23.



Woolies Blasts off at Kilcunda-Bass

THE Woolworths Blast program kicked off at the Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club on Thursday night. Aimed to boost interest in cricket and junior numbers, the program attracted 24 registrations to the Bass Recreation Reserve. The program runs for 10 weeks and is aimed at young cricketers between the ages of five and nine. Club president Cameron Chasemore said it was great to see a lot of new children from around the Phillip Island and Corinella areas getting down to the recreation reserve to have a go. Pictured from left are Woolworths Blast participants Jackson and Dominic Styles, Delilah Schellekens, Willow Taylor, Louis Sherburn and Chett Kay.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

PHANTOM: 1st on 20.5pts Dragonfly. 2nd on 17pts PB-A9X and 3rd on 15pts Alley-Gator.

2s Company: 1st on 30pts King Pins, 2nd on 27pts Tinabe and 3rd on 24pts Him & Her.

ABL: 1st on 181.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 162pts Pinpals and 3rd on 155pts Kool Kats.

Business Early: 1st on 13pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 10pts Woolly rollers, 3rd on 8pts Old Timers and 4th on 8pts Heros of Steel.

Business Late: 1st on 10pts Jds's, 2nd on 9pts S&R Clarke Auto, 3rd on 8pts Bananas in Pyjamas and 4th on 8pts Team Rich.

This week's top scorers:
Men: Justin Porthouse 234, Peter Macinnes 222 and Raff Merante 211.

Woman: Karen Klym 199, Mary Dardha 163 and Tricia Niessink 158.

Kookas snare spine-tingling victory

OVER 60s

THE 2022/23 top of the ladder South Gippy Over 60 Kookas finally took to the Pitch against the star-studded ACS last Sunday.

Skipper Robbie “Burra Legend” Francis inserted the ACS. The nine Kooka trundlers bowled with Guile and Cunning, holding the cagey ACS to a gettable 8/175.

Thanks to Peter Dell, the Outtrim Reserve was billiard table perfect!

Best were Robbie “Flight Merchant” Francis 2/19, Huck “LDCA Lej” 1/14, plus a run out and catch, master blaster Pieter Loos 1/22 and ol Grayza Wighty 1/22.

After a sumptuous lunch, the Kookas wielded the willow, Vic rep Peter the Punisher Miller smacked a Superb 29no, Huck, a Lazy 21no, The Workin Class Mitch, 17no, Master Blaster Loos, the usual Quick Fire 16 and Ol Grayza a Lucky 16no., with the Kooas scrapping home on the third last ball, with 4/177 in a nail-biting win.

Man of the Match, the author of this dribble, ol Grayza Wighty! Next, a rest and then its our arch (friendly) enemy, the Goannas. Fun, fury and pulsating cricket continues to be the order of the day for the rampaging Kookas. Congratulations to Huck Cleeland, Peter Miller, Gary Sauvakin, Col Knox and Peter Dell for all being selected to represent Victoria in the upcoming Australasian Championships, well done young fellas.

Kilcunda-Bass reaches 50 year milestone

KILCUNDA-Bass Cricket Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary as an amalgamated club this Sunday, November 12.

To commemorate the milestone, the club will announce its team of each decade, as well as a team of the half century.

Sports commentator Dan Lorgan will MC the event.

“We will be having a carvery two course meal and there will be a raffle on the day,” club president Cameron Chasemore said.

“Predominately, it will be about presenting the awards and catching up with some of our life members.”

The guest list includes former club members, Bass Coast Shire Council dignitaries, and representatives from Cricket Victoria and the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club.

The 50th anniversary will kick off with a match between Kilcunda-Bass’ women’s teams.

“Our women’s teams started last week. They’ve been training well and have really gotten into it. It will be great to watch them play and have a big party afterwards. We’re really looking forward to it,” Cameron said.

To attend the 50th anniversary celebration, the cost is \$25 per head, paid upon entry.

The lunch will start at 12pm, with drinks at bar prices and free entry and food for children.

For more information, contact Cameron on 0414 954 167.



Korumburra Cricket Club's Team of the Half Century. Alan Summerfield, David Dutchman (deceased), Shane Dole (C), David Cruickshank, Max Beard, Paul Mathieson, Udara Weerasinghe, Terry McGann (VC) (W), Jeff Walsh, Daryl Nolan, Shane McGrath, and Mark Crocker. (Amanda and Blake Dutchman accepting the award on behalf of David Dutchman). Z32_4523

Korumburra Cricket Club celebrates 50 years

THE Korumburra Cricket Club held their 50th reunion at the club rooms on Saturday evening, welcoming players, and families from the original eras on the ground, forming back in 1973.

Players gathered in the club rooms before the formalities; sharing stories of their years playing cricket in South Gippsland for the Korumburra Cricket Club (KCC) affiliated with the Leongatha and District Cricket Association.

Kevin Smith shared his 35 years playing for the club, as he reminisced on his days playing the great game from 1950 before the club amalgamated into KCC.

Kevin was part of the 1957-'58 and 1958-'59 premierships and president of KCC in 1982-'88.

Kevin said he was a part of the club when it was the Leongatha League, and it was good to look back at the photos from his days playing as a junior.

President Tim Morrison began the official proceedings, acknowledging the life members of the club, before handing the microphone to Wes Olden to announce the Team of the Half Century...

Alan Summerfield: A Grade batting and A Grade COTY.

David Dutchman (deceased) with daughter Amanda and grandson Blake Dutchman accepting the award: The clubs longest serving coach.

Shane Dole: Appointed captain, captain of

2014/15 premiership team. X4 A Grade Batting, x4 A Grade Bowling and x4 A Grade COTY.

David Cruickshank: Captain 1984/85 premiership team, x5 A Grade Batting, x2 A Grade Bowling and x3 A Grade COTY.

Max Beard: x3 A Grade Batting, x4 A Grade Bowling and x5 A Grade COTY.

Paul Mathieson: x4 A Grade Batting, x2 A Grade Bowling and x7 A Grade COTY.

Udara Weerasinghe: x3 A Grade Batting, x3 A Grade Bowling and x4 A Grade COTY.

Terry McGann: Inducted as Vice-Captain of the Team of the Half Century.

Jeff Walsh: x1 A Grade Batting, x2 A Grade Bowling and x1 A Grade COTY.

Daryl Nolan: x2 A Grade Bowling. Winning three premierships. A respected bowler.

Shane McGrath: x5 A Grade Bowling. A respected bowler for the entirety of his career, and;

Mark Crocker: Captain 1979/80 premiership team and x1 A Grade Batting.

After inducting the players to the Team of the Half Century, Shane Dole then spoke of the privilege to be received into the Team of the Half Century and to be elected Captain.

“Thank you, it is a great honour, and congratulations to each and every one of you,” said Shane.

The club continued celebrations with a BBQ lunch and the A Grade game on the Sunday afternoon.



Max Beard, Terry McGann, David Cruickshank, and Terry Waycott reflect on their years with the Korumburra Cricket Club at the 50th reunion. Z34_4523



Neil Edwards, Greg Evison, and Daryl Nolan at the Korumburra Cricket Club 50th reunion. Z33_4523

Goannas take on Endeavour Hills

OVER 60s

THE Gippsland Goannas Over-60 cricket team travelled to Sydney Pargeter Reserve at Endeavour Hills on Sunday for the round three game against the EH Over-60 team.

The weather was fine – there was a light breeze, the boundaries were long and the outfield was very slow as the Goannas skipper, Rino Metlikovec won the toss and batted.

Ray Floyd and Ray Smith opened the innings, and took the score to 21 after 10 overs.

Floyd, however, was bowled on the first ball of the 11th over, for 11 runs.

Peter Anton joined Smith and they advanced the score to 53 in the 18th over, when Anton was given out lbw for 16.

Two for 61 at drinks became three for 71 in the 23rd over when Neil Meredith was caught for five.

Murray Moore was stumped for 18 in the 31st over, Smith retired at 29 from 54 balls, Metlikovec retired for 13 from 30 balls, and Mark Brown (15no) and Jim Armstrong (7no) took the score to 4/121 after the Goannas had batted their 40 overs.

The breeze picked up a bit during the day and the Endeavour Hills (EH) team started its innings after the lunch break.

Moore and Ian Southall opened the bowling.

The score was only 15 when Southy got an lbw decision in the eighth over.

By the 14th over, Southall had claimed two more wickets, and the score was 3/28.

Southy bowled his eight overs straight, and finished with the fine figures of 3/12.

Smith had a couple of overs and the score reached 63 at drinks.

Meredith and Barrie Nunn bowled the next 10 overs, with Nunn (five overs, 1/20) breaking through but the score was 4/103 after 30 overs.

Derek Morris, Metlikovec (1/1), Armstrong and Brown bowled two overs each and EH passed the Goannas score in the 38th over.

Wicket keeper Ian Gibson had come down with disease, so Metlikovec and Floyd shared the keeping duties.

The Goannas fielding was not as good as usual, but Armstrong and Smith both took catches.

The Over-60's now have a break as the National Over-60 carnival will take place in Perth from November 12 to 16.

Ray Smith has been selected for the Vic 1 team, while Peter Anton and Ray Floyd will play in the Vic 6 team in Division 4.

The Goannas Over-50 team will be in action on Sunday, November 12, with a home game against East Ringwood, while the Over-70 team will play an away game against the ACS side.



OMK B Grade Division One batsman Xavier Lamers dabs one away in a handy innings of 40 not out at Meeniyon on Saturday.

Island gets home by three wickets

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

WHILE Korumburra's bowlers snavelled seven wickets, Phillip Island scored at an impressive rate, reaching the 132-run victory target in the 27th over.

Korumburra co-captain Shane Dole backed the Cobras' decision to bat first with a knock of 56 off 63 balls.

Jobe Williams grabbed 3/22 off his eight overs for the Sharks after Timothy Niven did early damage with the ball removing Trevor and Matthew Allen cheaply.

Niven finished with 2/19 off his full complement, while Harry Arceo accounted for Korumburra opener Zachary Barrett for just six on the way to figures of 2/28 off eight overs.

When Phillip Island began its reply, early wickets to Mathew Olden had the Cobras in the hunt, with the Sharks' opening combination dispatched by the time the score was 26 but skipper Kurt Lane helped advance the team total to 82 before falling for 40.

The Korumburra bowlers kept plugging away but there weren't enough runs to defend.

Noah Christensen captured 2/7 off his three overs, with Olden finishing with 2/23 from the same number of overs.

Team effort guides OMK to comfortable win

XAVIER Lamers' unbeaten 40 and four other solid contributors ensured Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak posted a solid total, with Meeniyon-Dumbalk United never



Xavier Lamers 40 not out and Brock Furness eight not out leave the field, with Kris Kerr after OMK put on 6/157 in their B Grade Division One match against Meeniyon and the Meeniyon Rec on Saturday.

threatening to get close to the 158 runs required.

The Demons were skittled for just 64, their cause not helped when two of the top three batsmen were run out.

Hayden James and Adam Busana shared evenly in six wickets for OMK, Busana conceding just seven runs from his five overs and James 13 off his full allotment.

Wayne Prosser and Dale Thomas top scored for MDU, making 12 apiece, with Thomas' determined stay lasting 59 balls.

Earlier, Jake Palmer (2/32) was the multiple wicket taker for the Demons.

Town makes most of its runs against Imperials

SETTING Imperials just 103 runs to win suggested

Leongatha Town had fallen short of what was required after choosing to bat but the Scorpions claimed a 26-run victory.

Levi Hickey's 5/15 from eight overs set up Town's success, and only James Jeffery (19), Gary Sauvarin (16) and Kristian Gray (12) reached double figures for Imperials, 14 of the side's 76 runs coming in extras.

Earlier, Yuthil Ratnaike top scored for the Scorpions with 21, edging out teammate Travis Strybosch by a run as the Imperials bowling attack gave their side every chance of victory.

Imperials skipper Gray grabbed 5/8 with half his eight overs being maidens and was well supported by James Jeffery (1/7 from eight

overs) and others.

Koonwarra Leongatha RSL can't contain Inverloch

AFTER inserting Inverloch, Koonwarra Leongatha RSL's attack couldn't contain the Stingrays to a manageable score despite taking seven wickets.

A dashing 98 from captain Brett Debono was the stand-out contribution for Inverloch, although he was disappointingly run out before notching a century.

Jakob Strickland's score of 40 was next best for the winning team.

William Cashin took 3/21 for the Cougars, including the dismissal of Inverloch opener Riley Harris for a duck that made his skipper's decision to bowl first look good early.



Leongatha Football Netball Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday,
November 22, 2023
7.30pm

Leongatha Grandstand Function Room,
Roughhead Street, Leongatha
ALL WELCOME

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Nerrena's Eamon Berryman lets one go perilously close to the stumps before being bowled by OMK's Russ White in B Grade Division 2.

Nerrena falls short of OMK

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

NERRENA performed strongly with the ball after choosing to bowl, restricting Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak to just 8/116 off its 40 overs but couldn't establish the partnerships needed to achieve victory.

Just a couple of Nerrena batsmen reached double figures, Scott Checkley best with 24.

OMK's Robert Quaife was a wrecking ball, skittling half of the Nerrena batting lineup and conceding just 23 runs off his full allotment of overs.

Club president Russ White was the Diggers' other multiple wicket taker, yielding a miserly nine runs off eight overs and dismissing a couple of opponents.

White's earlier 37 with the bat proved crucial in helping OMK to a defendable total.

Nerrena's Scott Checkley also delivered a strong all round contribution, starting with 3/13 from his maximum number of overs and teammate Cameron Baudinette was another to impress with the ball with 2/15 off eight overs.

Korumburra scrapes home against Glen Alvie

KORUMBURRA triumphed by a wicket in a home thriller after sending visitor Glen Alvie in first.

Glen Alvie's 6/121 was built largely on the contributions of Nathan Thatcher (26 not out), captain Steven Smith (24) and Harvey Smith (20) with most of the Korumburra bowling attack contributing strongly.

Multiple wicket takers for the Cobras were captain Darren Scott with 2/20 and Daniel Whelan (2/4).

Whelan followed up his bowling exploits with a determined innings of 19 off 52 balls and Cameron Smith gave the Cobras hope with a patient



OMK's George Lomagno bends his back with out a great deal of success against Nerrena in B Grade Division 2 on Saturday.

knock of 42 but was the seventh wicket with 18 still needed for victory.

James Dunn's wicket fell before a run had been added.

Korumburra then compiled a 16-run partnership to edge within a run of Glen Alvie's total before Zack Scholz bowled Matt Foote for two.

Number 11 Cobra Caleb Turton (3 not out) produced the necessary heroics.

Scholz topped the Glen Alvie wicket takers with 3/9 at barely more than a run per over, with teammate Jack Brown capturing a tidy 2/23 off eight overs.

Kilcunda-Bass does enough against Island

KILCUNDA-BASS chose to bowl first at home, dismissing Phillip Island for 130 and got home by four wickets in the penultimate over despite ap-

pearing shaky when the sixth wicket fell with 39 runs required.

Top scorer Ray Gardiner (54 not out) and an undefeated near run a ball 25 from Allan Bedford completed the successful chase for Kilcunda-Bass.

Matthew Parsons was one of the Phillip Island bowlers not allowing the home side any easy runs, conceding just eight at a run per over and managing a couple of wickets, while his teammate Peter Francis grabbed 3/23.

Earlier, Kilcunda-Bass skipper Bradley Waldron scuttled Phillip Island's number three to six batsmen in a 4/19 display from his eight overs.

Foster chases down Club

FOSTER put visitor Wontaggi Club in first and made it work hard for its 7/133, a total the Tigers overhauled to

win by three wickets.

Jayden Burns middle-order contribution of 37 helped Club establish a decent total.

Foster had solid contributors across the board with the ball, Ben East (2/21) leading the way from Peter Grant (2/23) and Lance Moon (2/27).

Tigers captain and opening batsman Brandon Busuttill was instrumental in laying the foundation for his side's successful chase, making 43 at not much below a run a ball before being run out.

His opening partner Ben East was dismissed the same way but not before contributing 25, a score matched by number three batsman Jake Pilkington.

While a couple of ducks and a one had Foster in a slightly concerning position at 6/115, an unbeaten 19 from Jarryd Guganovic proved important.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 6/157 d MDU 64

OMK – 1st INNINGS: A Busana 8, K Kerr 19, C Quaife 26, David C 32, Zr Lamers 40*, S Taylor 6, J Greenwood 8, B Furness 8*
Bowling: J Palmer 2/32, K Brown 0/16, T Zukovskis 1/29, S Riley 1/30, C Schwennesen 1/20, C Hooper 1/27
MDU – 1st INNINGS: G Webster 9, W Prosser 12, T Zukovskis 2, C Hooper 0, D Thomas 12, T Bright 10, C Schwennesen 1, S Riley 0, R Prosser 0, K Brown 10*, J Palmer 1
Bowling: H James 3/13, S Taylor 0/11, J Greenwood 0/6, B Maguire 0/5, K Kerr 1/10, A Busana 3/7, Z Lamers 1/9, S Matthews 1/2

Phillip Island 7/132 d Korumburra 9/131

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T M Allen 6, Z Barrett 6, M Allen 7, S Dole 56, N Christensen 20, J Wrigley 16, P Richards 2, L Gooch 4*, A Damon 4, B Riddell 0, M Olden 3*
Bowling: T Niven 2/19, H Arceo 2/28, JWilliams 3/22, K Lane 1/30, A Tolley0/28, K Beaumont 1/2
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 8, K Beaumont 12, T Blackwell 24, K Lane 40, H Peppard 12, M Arceo 14, A Finlayson 6*, A Tolley 1, T Niven 1*
Bowling: M Olden 2/23, L Gooch 0/28, S Dole 0/19, B Riddell 1/33, N Christensen 2/7, M Allen 0/6, A Damon 0/7, GEdwards1/9

Town 102 d Imperials 76

Town - 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 4, R Edward's 6, Y Ratnaike 21, L Ashton 0, S Clark 15, W Dawson 0, M Hardy 0, T Strybosch 20, L May 9, Levi Hickey 10*, D Goss 1
Bowling: JJeffery 1/7, Fill-in 2/19, F Botha 0/23, J Ballagh 1/10, K Gray 5/8, F Materia 0/17, L Lidstone 1/18
Imperials - 1st INNINGS: C Honeysett 5, F Materia 0, C Richards 2, G Sauvarin 16, F Botha 2, J Ballagh 0, D McLennan 0, K Gray 12, J Jeffery 19, L Lidstone 0, Fill-in 6*
Bowling: L Hickey 5/15, L Ashton 1/10, Y Ratnaike 1/12, VPeiris 0/9, T Strybosch 3/22, W Dawson 0/7

Inverloch 7/179 d Koon L/RSL 98

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: R Harris 0, B Debono 98, J Strickland 40, J Richardson 0, I Seuren 3, J Bowring 9, T Debono 6*, D Cashin 0, C Newman 1*
Bowling: W Cashin 3/21, P Buckley 0/29, L Read 0/37, M Boswell 0/26, M Thomas 1/27, R King 2/12, S Paterson 0/20
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: S Paterson 0, M Thomas 8, K Scrimshaw 31, S Hughes 16, A Drury 0, LRead 1, B Anderson 2, P Buckley 15, M Boswell 7, W Cashin 1, R King 0*
Bowling: C Newman 1/11, N Dobbie 1/12, J Bowring 2/3, D Cashin 0/10, T Debono 1/15, JRichardson 1/15, I Seuren 4/25

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 8/116 d Nerrena 90

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 5, L Walker 6, R White 37, G Lomagno 8, M Nicholas 17, T Walker 12, P Harper 16*, Fill-in 0, M Whiteside 2, R Foster 3*
Bowling: C Baudinette 2/15,, D Grigg 0/11, R Checkley 1/28, C Dougherty0/12, S Checkley3/13, J Donohue 1/22, B Croatto 1/10
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 11, Fill-in 9*, S Checkley 24, E Berryman 1, R Elava 5, J Donohue 9, C Baudinette 0, B Croatto 5*, R Checkley 3, M Croatto 0, C Dougherty 12
Bowling: M Whiteside 1/23, R Foster 0/9, G Lomagno 0/20, R White 2/9, R Quaife 5/23

Korumburra 9/124 d Glen Alvie 6/121

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: S Smith 24, R Luke 12, ABrown 0, J Tiziani 8, Z Scholz 11, N Thatcher 26*, H Smith 20, J Brown 2*
Bowling: T Sorrell 1/22, D Scott 2/20, P Churchill 1/19, P Beadel 0/28, D Whelan 2/4, MFoote 0/120, R Butler 0/14
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Beadel 3, D Whelan 19, C Smith 42, P Churchill 18, S Head 6, D Scott 0, A Balfour 1, T Sorrell 15*, J Dunn 0, M Foote 2, C Turton 3*
Bowling: J Brown 2/23, W Hynes 0/18, L McRae 0/14, Z Scholz 3/9, J Burke 2/35, A Brown 1/17

K-Bass 6/136 d Phillip Island 130

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumuni 4, O Duggan 8, A Brayley 27, J Tran 1, S Sirirathnage 0, J Parry 3, Z Hughes 26, P Francis 27, D Fusinato 11, MParsons 6, T Allan 9*
Bowling: S Tapscott 2/10, B Rookes 1/18, B Waldron 4/19, R Duff 0/21, T Stacey 1/13, B Wemyss 0/12, J Mahood 2/21
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 21, S Williams 4, BWemyss 11, B Waldron 0, R Gardiner 54*, JMahood 7, E Magnussen 3, A Bedford 25*
Bowling: M Parsons 2/8, T Allan 1/23, Aaron Brayley 0/22, P Francis 3/23, S Sirirathnage 0/31, J Parry 0/23

Foster 7/135 d Club 7/133

Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 7, JSheerin 13, L Sawyer 18, J Lisis 0, J Burns 37, L Anstey 12, C Fraser 18*, A Babu 1, C Prosser 6*
Bowling: Fill-in 0/20, , B East 2/21, P Grant 2/23, J Guganovic 0/23, J Pilkington 0/8, L Moon 2/27, R East 0/5
Foster - 1st INNINGS: B East 25, B Busuttill 43, J Pilkington 25, P Grant 17, Fill-in 0, R East 0, D Clearihan 1, J Guganovic 19*, S Webber 1*
Bowling: A Babu 0/24, L Anstey 0/21, J Burns 0/13, L McRae 1/35, J Shannon 2/18, C Fraser 2/24



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A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	24	2.414	Foster	36	2.305
Club	24	1.850	Nyora	24	1.602
Korumburra	24	1.258	Glen Alvie	24	1.040
OMK	24	0.986	Club	12	0.951
Town	24	0.979	Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.944
Inverloch	12	0.956	Kilcunda-Bass	12	0.775
Imperials	12	0.398	MDU	12	0.706
Nerrena	0	0.478	Nerrena	12	0.532
B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	36	2.557	Kilcunda-Bass	36	2.356
Inverloch	36	2.285	OMK	36	1.878
Phillip Island	36	1.502	Nerrena	24	1.295
Korumburra	12	0.896	Club	12	1.281
Koonwarra L/RSL	12	0.717	Phillip Island	12	0.776
Town	12	0.685	Foster	12	0.625
MDU	0	0.581	Korumburra	12	0.469
Imperials	0	0.513	Glen Alvie	0	0.603

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

RND 6 - SATURDAY
NOV 11 & 18

A GRADE, Division 1

Phillip Island v Town	Newhaven	Glenn Plymin
Imperials v OMK	Leongatha Turf	John Schelling
Inverloch v Korumburra	Inverloch Turf	Ken Scrimshaw
Nerrena v Club	Nerrena	Ashley Stride

A Grade, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Nerrena	Wonthaggi Turf	Brad Phillips
Kilcunda Bass v Nyora	Bass 1	Ian Salmon
Foster v Koonwarra	Foster	Garry Quilty
MDU v Club	Meeniyian	Graham Wightman

B GRADE, Division 1

Koonwarra L/RSL v MDU	Koonwarra	Les White
Korumburra v Inverloch	Korumburra	Neil Grabham
OMK v Imperials	Outtrim	Geoff Parkinson
Town v Phillip Island	Scorpion 1	Terry Rogers

B GRADE, Division 2

Club v OMK	McMahons	TBA
Korumburra v Foster	Poowong	TBA
Nerrena v Kilcunda-Bass	LG Velodrome	Michael Ryan
Phillip Island v Glen Alvie	Rhyll	TBA

C GRADE

Glen Alvie v Korumburra	Glen Alvie	TBA
OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL	Digger Park	TBA
Kilcunda Bass v Inverloch	Bass 2	TBA
Town v Phillip Island	Scorpion 2	TBA
Nyora v Club	Nyora	TBA
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Diggers' Adam Trotto opened the bowling and claimed 2/33 from his seven overs. z26_4523



Island's Lachlan Cleeland shows good technique. z27_4523

Club dismantle Imps

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

WONTHAGGI has made another strong statement, demolishing the Imperials in a tremendous all-round performance to take their second win of the young season.

The travelling Imps won the toss and chose to bat first but that decision did not pay off, once again falling for under 100, for the second week in a row, this time making 81.

Their highest score came from their number nine Martin Reidy (22) but the Wonny' attack was led beautifully by their skipper Joel Brann (3/14 from 8).

In reply, Matt Thomas (34*) guided the hosts home to the eight-wicket win, while Lachie Wright (1/14 from 7) tried his hardest for the visitors.

Diggers down Sharks at home

OMK made a bold statement of their own, taking down the reigning champs by four wickets to even things up at the top of the table.

Daniel Mock (34 off 34) and the Sharks won the toss and chose to bat, but outside of the skipper himself and number five Eli Richards (65 off 74), they never really got going, but finished with a defendable total at 8/171 after their 40.

Thomas Wyatt (2/25 from 6) was great with the ball for the hometown Diggers.

In reply, the hosts got a strong early contribution from Jake Cochrane (49 off 67) and built off it with multiple players in their middle order pitching in to get the job done.

Jacob Lamers (24* off 29) saw his side to the end, while Simon Kirton (2/34 off 8) tried to keep the Island in it.



OMK celebrate capturing Cleeland's scalp with the score 1/18. Z31_4523

Abeysinghe, Town hold serve at home

LEONGATHA has taken a strong step towards reigniting their season, defeating Inverloch by 31-runs at Scorpion Park on Saturday.

Town won the toss and chose to bat first, but an inspired fielding effort from the Stingrays saw them held down throughout their innings.

A solid dig from Ron Abeysinghe (67 off 100) and some wayward bowling allowed the hosts to post a defendable total in the end though finishing their 40 overs with 8/179 on the board.

Young Jesse Dugard (3/42 from eight) bowled well at the death for Invy'.

In reply, Walter Taberner (58 off 92) was a cut above the rest of his teammates with the stick, batting throughout almost the entirety of the Inverloch innings despite losing partners regularly.

It appeared as though Taberner may have the chance to cap off the heroic performance by steering his side home, but this was stolen away by Abeysinghe (2/15 from seven) who struck three times in the 33rd over (two wickets one run out) to steal back all momentum.

Despite some brilliant late batting

from the visitors' number 11 Harry Butcher (20* off 12), the Scorpions held on for the win.

'Burra and Nerrena battle it out in Sunday special

Looking to get back on track, Korumburra hosted Nerrena in a Sunday afternoon match up to finish off the weekend of cricket.

The Cobras won the toss and chose to bat first but some sensational bowling from Will Croatto helped put them in a tough place early.

Croatto dismissed the big name Thilakarathne Dilshan for just one and at the drinks break the hosts were 5/51.

They were able to fight and steer their way to a score of 9/119 though, on the back of a defiant innings from their number six Jason Richards (41* off 98), as Mitch Clark (3/20 from 7) finished with three poles.

But the Nerrena skipper (Clark) and his side were simply not ready for what was to come next, getting skittled for 79, with the captain high scoring with 15 in the chase.

Udara Weerasinghe (2/5 from 6) was near to unplayable in the Cobras' 40-run win.

A GRADE DIVISION 1

Town 8/175 d Inverloch 144	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe stumped b: D Clark	67
Jesse Giardina c: D Newman b: L Rankin.....	6
Amila Ratnaike run out: D Newman	1
Darcy Hume run out: J Donohue	3
DLMP Gallage c: H Butcher b: J Dugard	38
Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe	
c: J Dennerley b: J Dugard	18
Rob Eddy run out: J Dugard	2
PG Rajapakshage not out	9
Noah Fixter b: J Dugard	2
Rhett Hume not out	1
Extras (17w, 6nb, 5lb)	28
Total 8 / 175 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-1-17-1 (3w, 2nb), C Asbury 8-1-18-0 (2w), R Newman 6-0-26-0 (2w, 1nb), H Butcher 6-0-36-0 (3w, 3nb), J Dugard 8-0-42-3 (6w), D Clark 4-0-31-1 (1w)	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Butcher lbw: A Ratnaike	6
Walter Taberner c: N Fixter b: R Abeysinghe	58
David Newman c: J Giardina b: D Hume	1
Dylan Clark b: DLMP Gallage	12
Jake Dennerley lbw: R Hume	10
Rhys Newman run out: N Fixter, R Abeysinghe	8
Jack Donohue run out: N Fixter, R Abeysinghe	1
Lewis Rankin c&b: R Abeysinghe	4
Callum Asbury run out: PG Rajapakshage	0
Jesse Dugard c: PG Rajapakshage b: E Smith	12
Harry Butcher not out	20
Extras (8w, 3lb, 1b)	12
Total 10 / 144 (38.5 Overs)	
Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 4-1-7-0 (1w), A Ratnaike 8-1-24-1 (1w), D Hume 5-0-26-1 (3w), DLMP Gallage 8-0-29-1 (1w), R Abeysinghe 7-1-15-2, R Hume 4-0-17-1 (2w), E Smith 2.5-0-22-1	

Club 2/83 d Imperials 81	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Timothy Sauvarin c: R Birkett b: M McCall	17
James Forrester c: B Walsh b: R Birkett	0
Jack Ginnane c: B Walsh b: J Brann	5
DW Arachchige b: J Brann	0
Samuel Vagg b: J Brann	0
Campbell Reid c: L McLean b: R Birkett	1
Archie Casey lbw: R Thomas	4
Lachie Wright c: L McLean b: R Thomas.....	7
Martin Reidy st: B Walsh b: S Beaumont	22
Lucas Anderson c: B Walsh b: M Thomas	3
Isaac Bolge not out	7
Extras (7w, 3nb, 5lb)	15
Total 10 / 81 (36 Overs)	
Bowling: S Beaumont 1.4-0-10-1, R Birkett 6-1-17-2 (2w), J Brann 8-3-14-3 (3w), E Dempsey 2-0-3-0, M McCall 6-0-15-1 (1w), M Thomas 4-1-5-1 (1w), R Thomas 8-2-12-2 (3nb)	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas not out	34
Stewart Beaumont c: J Ginnane b: L Wright	14
Ben Walsh lbw: T Sauvarin	16
Alexander Geyer not out	13
Extras (5w, 1nb)	6
Total 2 / 83 (22 Overs)	
Bowling: L Anderson 7-1-30-0 (4w, 1nb), I Bolge 3-0-12-0, A Casey 0.3-0-5-0, J Ginnane 2-0-7-0 (2w), M Reidy 1-0-3-0, T Sauvarin 2-1-12-1, L Wright 7-2-14-1	

OMK 6/173 d Phillip Island 8/171	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Lachlan Cleeland c: K Brann b: A Trotto	16
Heath Womersley c: A Trotto b: T Wyatt	9
Daniel Mock lbw: T Wyatt	34
Shiran Rathnayake b: J Cochrane	4
Eli Richards run out: K Brann, P Dell	65
Thomas Niven c: K Brann b: A Trotto	14
Brodie Johnston c: K Brann b: J Lamers	6
Simon Kirton not out	3
Max Royal run out: T Wyatt, P Dell	1
George McCausland not out	0
Extras (8w, 5nb, 4lb, 2b)	19
Total 8 / 171 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: A Trotto 7-0-33-2 (2w, 2nb), P Dell 8-5-24-0 (1w), J Lamers 7-0-42-1 (2w, 1nb), E Lamers 4-2-14-0, T Wyatt 6-1-25-2, J Cochrane 8-1-27-1 (3w, 2nb)	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Jake Cochrane c: L Cleeland b: T Niven	49
Ethan Lamers c: L Cleeland b: M Royal	26
Noel Creed c: L Cleeland b: S Rathnayake	34
Thomas Wyatt c: E Richards b: S Kirton	30
Koby Brann c: L Cleeland b: S Kirton	0
Jacob Lamers not out	22
Jaxon Hayes run out: H Womersley	7
Adam Trotto not out	2
Extras (1w, 1lb)	3
Total 6 / 173 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: S Kirton 8-1-34-2 (1w), G McCausland 3-0-19-0, S Rathnayake 8-1-27-1, M Royal 6-0-27-1, Z Brown 7-0-34-0, T Niven 8-1-30-1	

Korumburra 9/119 d Nerrena 79	
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS	
Tom Crocker b: W Croatto	2
Udara Weerasinghe b: T Wightman	24
Thilakaratna Dilshan c: C Salmon b: W Croatto.....	1
Jacob Whiteside c: ? b: J Trease	2
Rumesh Rangana c&b: J Trease	40
Jason Richards not out	41
Peter Edwards lbw: J Hoy	10
Evan Allaway c: R Clark b: M Clark	17
Daniel Salmon b: M Clark	0
Steven Hamill c: ? b: M Clark	8
Harry McNeil not out	3
Extras (6w, 5b)	11
Total 9 / 119 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 8-2-21-2 (1w), W Croatto 5-2-12-2 (2w), T Wightman 8-2-15-1, R Clark 8-1-34-0 (3w), J Hoy 4-1-12-1, M Clark 7-0-20-3	
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Clark c: R Rangana b: E Allaway	15
Loc Roberts c: R Rangana b: E Allaway	0
James Kelly lbw: S Hamill	5
Timothy Wightman st: R Rangana b: U Weerasinghe	2
Tadgh Gannon run out: D Salmon	10
Jarrold Hoy c: U Weerasinghe b: H McNeil	9
Darcy Berryman c&b: T Dilshan	12
Caine Salmon b: U Weerasinghe	4
Ryan Clark obstructing field	9
Josh Trease not out	2
William Croatto b: S Hamill	0
Extras (8w, 2nb, 1lb)	11
Total 10 / 79 (31.5 Overs)	
Bowling: E Allaway 6-0-25-2 (1w, 2nb), S Hamill 6.5-1-17-2 (3w), U Weerasinghe 6-2-5-2, T Dilshan 5-1-8-1 (1w), J Whiteside 5-1-17-0 (2w), H McNeil 3-0-6-1 (1w)	



Cam Davidson hit out strongly on his way to an opening knock of 44.

Thriller under lights at Dalyston

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

KILCUNDA-Bass’ A Grade Division Two cricketers had already had the perfect week-end, and it was still only Friday night.

The Sharks faced off against Wonthaggi Club under lights on Friday at the fantastic Dalyston Recreation Reserve and managed to hold off a late challenge by Club the win by just four runs.

Kilcunda-Bass won the toss and elected to bat and were given the perfect start by Cam Davidson 44 and Aaron Conron 34 in a first-wicket partnership of 79.

The pair hit out hard early, not always getting value for their shots on the lush outfield, and going close to being caught or run out on a number of occasions but surviving for more than 20 overs before Luke McGuirk finally got the initial breakthrough. Thereafter, there was a flurry of wickets to McGuirk and Heath Dobbie, after a nice bit of work behind the stumps by Jy Hull, and the Killy-Bass run rate was contained to a gettable total.

Matthew Grayson 27 not out and the captain Jaydan Tregear 22 added useful runs in the middle stages and they finished with 5/156 off 40 overs.

Club had the more difficult assignment, chasing a decent total under lights and it didn’t start well.

They slumped to 4/13 in short order and it looked like being an early night before Jy Hull came to the crease and played an heroic knock in the circumstances, managing 61 himself and sharing seven

partnerships as Club tried to resurrect their chances after a disastrous start.

While he was still involved, they looked a faint chance, but wickets continued to tumble with four multiple wicket takers for Kilcunda-Bass including Todd Smith 3, the captain Ryley Duff 2, Chris Peckett 2 and Cameron Davidson 2.

In the end, Club fell an agonising four runs short still with plenty overs to play.

As an experiment though, the night was a big success with a good crowd turning out after work to see the spectacle under Dalyston’s excellent lighting system.

Koony take down the Demons

KOONWARRA L/RSL hosted MDU at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve and were able to come away with the 35-run win.

The Demons won the toss and sent the Cobras in to bat first and dismissed both of their openers for low totals, but young gun Harry Hoekstra (50 off 61) was bold at number three, reinvigorating his team’s innings which was buoyed by a late Sam Sperling (34 off 43) cameo to see them reach 6/171.

Five Dees took wickets and in reply, they found runs from their top order but not from anywhere else, Mitch McGrath (46 off 91) top scoring as Callum Buckland (4/18 from 4) and the Cougars bowled them out for 136 to seal the win.

Alvie get it done in Nyora

GLEN Alvie have kept touch with the top three after

going on the road to Nyora and coming home with the 16-run win.

The Alvie won the toss and chose to bat first and it was all Stephen Kennedy (63* off 47), the visiting number four belting an unbeaten half century to see his side to an admirable total of 6/166.

Mitch Rowe (2/30 from 8) bowled well for the home side, who in reply, just never got going and ran out of overs in their chase, finishing 5/150 after their 40 overs.

Jake Hackett (40* off 45) was the standout with the bat in the second innings, while Matthew Dakin (2/45 from 8) was superb with the ball.

Toner and the Tigers blast Nerrena

FOSTER has made a big statement once again, going a win clear on top of the table after a 70-run win against Nerrena.

Tigers’ captain Josh Toner (131* off 111) won the toss and chose to bat first and absolutely made it count, blasting an unbeaten century to see his side over 200, posting 4/233 after their 40 overs.

Zack Trease (3/43 from 8) was excellent with the ball, taking three of Nerrena’s four wickets.

In reply, Trease’s men gave it a good crack but never really got close to the big 234 run target, falling short and running out of overs, finishing 8/163.

Tyson Harris (32 off 80) did his best to bring them close, but Jack Weston (2/26 from 8) and the Tigers were just too strong, Toner (1/15 from 4) picking up a wicket to cap off his best on ground showing.



The Dalyston lights shine out as Kilcunda-Bass and Wonthaggi Club play out a thriller night game on Friday in A Grade Division Two.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 5/156 d Club 152	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
Cameron Davidson st: J Hull b: H Dobbie	44
Aaron Conron b: L McGuirk	34
Daniel Ferguson b: L McGuirk	0
Matthew Grayson not out	27
Jaydan Tregear b: R Todd	22
Paul Palmer run out: F West	8
Jackson Baker not out	10
Extras (2w, 3nb, 4lb, 2b)	11
Total 5 / 156 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: F West 7-0-22-0 (2w), J Williamson 8-1-15-0, J Trevisi 2-0-15-0 (1nb), L McGuirk 8-2-19-2 (1nb), S Roche 3-0-24-0 (1nb), H Dobbie 8-0-30-1, R Todd 4-0-25-1	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Jai Williamson c: ? b: R Duff	6
Rohan Todd c: ? b: R Duff	0
Jason O’Reilly c: ? b: T Smith	0
Mitchell Davey c: ? b: T Smith	0
Jy Hull c: ? b: C Davidson	61
Fraser West lbw: H Berry	6
Luke McGuirk c: ? b: T Smith	13
Jake Trevisi c: ? b: C Peckett	12
Leigh Earl c: ? b: C Peckett	10
Sean Roche b: C Davidson	16
Heath Dobbie not out	2
Extras (9w, 4nb, 7lb, 6b)	26
Total 10 / 152 (37.2 Overs)	
Bowling: T Smith 8-1-26-3 (3w), R Duff 6-0-38-2 (1w, 3nb), H Berry 8-2-21-1 (2w), J Tregear 8-1-24-0 (1w), C Peckett 4-0-18-2 (1w), C Davidson 2.2-0-6-2 (1w), M Grayson 1-0-6-0 (1nb)	

Foster 4/233 d Nerrena 8/163	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Allott run out	15
Josh Toner not out	131
Brad Coates c: ? b: Z Trease	2
Mitchell Jones lbw: Z Trease	38
Jack Weston c: A Gannon b: Z Trease	29
Tex Dyson not out	4
Extras (7w, 5nb, 1lb, 1b)	14
Total 4 / 233 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: A Gannon 8-2-26-0 (2w), T Harris 6-0-53-0 (1w), Z Trease 8-0-43-3 (1w), M Croatto 4-0-22-0 (2w, 1nb), P Johnston 6-0-43-0 (1w, 3nb), J Checkley 8-0-44-0 (1nb)	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Josh Checkley c: R Johnston b: H Griggs	19
Zack Trease c: M Johnston b: J Weston	21
Brandon Tauro c: B Coates b: H Griggs	17
Mitchell Croatto c: H Griggs b: J Weston	5
Joel Rendlen c: J Toner b: E Smith	7
Tyson Harris c: J Weston b: J Toner	32
Dave Trotman run out: Josh Toner	20
Kade Berryman run out: H Griggs	7
Patrick Johnston not out	6
Archie Gannon not out	3
Extras (16w, 1nb, 6lb, 3b)	26
Total 8 / 163 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Weston 8-1-26-2 (3w), B Coates 4-0-26-0 (4w), H Griggs 8-0-28-2, E Smith 4-0-14-1 (1w), T Dyson 4-0-15-0 (6w), M Johnston 3-0-13-0, R Johnston 5-0-17-0 (3w), J Toner 4-0-15-1	

Koon L/RSL 6/171 d MDU 136	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
Anthony Hunt c: ? b: J Riley	4
Mitchell Scrimshaw c: S Arnup b: M Cantwell	12
Harry Hoekstra b: Z Bright	50
James Rushton c: J Riley b: M McGrath	15
Azhar Mehmood c: S Bright b: S Browne	18
Sam Sperling not out	34
Jason Kennedy run out: M McGrath	19
Harry Scrimshaw not out	1
Extras (11w, 1lb, 1b, 5p)	18
Total 6 / 171 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: S Browne 8-1-30-1 (3w), S Bright 7-1-21-0, M Cantwell 6-0-24-1 (3w), J Riley 5-0-27-1 (2w), M McGrath 7-0-33-1, Z Bright 7-0-29-1 (3w)	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Troy Sinclair c: N Arnup b: J Thomas	5
Mitch McGrath c: J Rushton b: C Buckland	46
Steve Arnup b: H Hoekstra	22
Joel Sinclair c: ? b: J Thomas	8
Matt Martin b: A Mehmood	6
Scott Browne b: A Mehmood	1
Sam Bright c: J Kennedy b: C Buckland	17
Kurt Sinclair c: A Mehmood b: C Buckland	0
Jason Riley c: H Scrimshaw b: S Sperling	4
Zak Bright c: H Scrimshaw b: C Buckland	0
Mark Cantwell not out	0
Extras (9w, 3nb, 7lb, 8b)	27
Total 10 / 136 (38.1 Overs)	
Bowling: J Thomas 8-1-27-2 (3w), A Mehmood 8-2-15-2 (1nb), N Arnup 3-0-14-0, S Sperling 6.1-1-20-1, C Buckland 4-0-18-4 (4w, 1nb), H Hoekstra 6-1-12-1, J Rushton 3-0-15-0 (2w, 1nb)	

Glen Alvie 6/166 d Nyora 5/150	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue run out: J Henry	22
Scott Peatling b: A Simmons	36
Matthew Dakin c: A Kaddatz b: M Rowe	33
Stephen Kennedy not out	63
Nathan Findlay c: J Shields b: M Rowe	2
Ben McRae b: A Kaddatz	0
Wayne Luke st: J Shields b: H Dolphin	0
Ryan Sinclair not out	3
Extras (6w, 1nb)	7
Total 6 / 166 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 8-0-23-1 (3w), A Thompson 8-0-32-0 (1w), A Simmons 8-3-22-1 (1nb), M Rowe 8-1-30-2 (2w), H Dolphin 8-0-59-1	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue run out: J Henry	22
Scott Peatling b: A Simmons	36
Matthew Dakin c: A Kaddatz b: M Rowe	33
Stephen Kennedy not out	63
Nathan Findlay c: J Shields b: M Rowe	2
Ben McRae b: A Kaddatz	0
Wayne Luke st: J Shields b: H Dolphin	0
Ryan Sinclair not out	3
Extras (6w, 1nb)	7
Total 6 / 166 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 8-0-45-2 (1w), N Findlay 8-2-22-0 (1w), B McRae 8-2-16-1, D Williams 8-1-43-1 (1w), S Kennedy 8-1-19-0	

GoFundMe appeal raises Fish Creek spirits

SATURDAY, November 4, 2023, is a date that will live in infamy for the Fish Creek Football Netball Club as the day arsonists wilfully destroyed 120 years of history.

Among the treasures gone forever in a total loss of trophies, premiership cups, photos and many of the flags, according to club secretary Brenda Jordan, was a beautifully illustrated presentation of the heroes of 1909.

However, as devastating as the shock news was for club greats like Wayne Weideman, who phoned early on Saturday from Adelaide to pledge his support, club stalwarts like former president Lou Seuren, who watched the salvage effort during the morning, and 2023 co-captain Jack Hayes, who played a prominent role in Fishy's recent premiership triumph on September 16; the club has already declared it will "come back bigger and better".

It's big call given that so much has been lost and so much has already been won, over the years, 37 premierships no less.

But at a hastily convened meeting at the Fish Creek Pub on Saturday afternoon, after many had already surveyed the devastation, co-club presidents Nick Shaw and Ray Stefani declared the fightback was on.

"The messages of support we have received have been incredible and there's already been an appeal launched on GoFundMe," said Ray.

"A former player has just called me making a \$20,000 donation to get us started. It's gut-wrenching. It means so much to people. It's hard but we'll come back from this," he declared.

Already closing in on \$100,000 in donations, the GoFundMe page can be found at: "Please Help Our Wonderful Club Start to Re-Build".

The GoFundMe page provided the disturbing context:

"In the early hours of this morning, November 4, 2023, our clubrooms were burnt to the ground deliberately.

"Our club and community are gutted by this senseless act of violence.

"We have lost over a hundred years of memorabilia, photos, trophies, honour boards, flags etc.

"Our clubrooms have hosted so many celebrations from spectacular grand final wins to 21sts, weddings and many funerals.

"It has been the hub of the Fish Creek community for so very many years.

"It will take years for us to rebuild and we need to have something in place, even if temporary, to get us moving again for the next season.

"Any help will be so gratefully received."

The initial response has been extremely heartening as is the news that the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League will consider, at its monthly meeting this Wednesday, November 8, striking a replacement trophy for the 2023 Premiership Cup lost in the fire.

"It's the least we can do," said MGFNL publicity officer Rob Poplestone.

If you can help Fish Creek, go to gofundme.com/f/our-wonderful-club-start-to-rebuild

LEFT: Darren Bowman recovers one of few historic football photos that remain after fire destroyed the Fish Creek FNC clubrooms on Saturday, a picture of the 1981 Fourths premiership team including the likes of AFL star Wayne Weidemann, third from the right, back. His father Peter, the team's coach, is also pictured.



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