



65th Daffodil & Floral Show ...ready to go

Glenice Griggs and fellow avid gardeners prepare the final touches ahead of this weekend's event. See pages 18 & 19.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

THE POST Office at the Bass General Store has closed, forcing customers to go to Grantville, Kilcunda or San Remo to get their mail.

Dani Nolan was running the shop and post office with partner Phil and has stated personal issues as the main cause of the closure and acknowledges the impact on the community.

"It wasn't the best thing that we could do for the town, but things happen and there's not much you can really do about it."

"We're sad that we had to close down," Dani said.

Local Bass resident Carol now has to travel approximately a 32-kilometre

round trip to San Remo to pick up her mail instead of a doing a round trip of approximately 10 kilometres to Bass.

"We only have a small town, but we're spread across a bit of a distance, so the Bass Post Office and Milk Bar or General Store encompasses a decent area.

"I like having a post office. I get a few parcels and I do not want them left out on the road. It's a five-minute walk down to my letterbox."

Carol speculated that a recent alleged robbery which occurred approximately two weeks ago at the store may have been the final catalyst for the closure of the post office.

"Somebody broke in, took the safe out

of the cupboard and then took all the parcels," Carol said.

"They got whatever was in the safe, that wouldn't have been a lot, but yes, someone did that."

While Dani will be stepping away from the entire trade, according to Carol – a confidant of the owners, Phil will try to keep the store running and has been talking with Australia Post about potentially reopening the post office.

"He's had a quote to be able to keep the post office. Its going to be \$17,000 to put shutters on the shop. He's in consultation with Aus' Post, because Dani said she handed in her licence."

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Still carrying a torch for Legacy in Korumburra

THE Legacy Torch Relay isn't coming to Korumburra, despite the fact that Stan Savage, the founder of that august returned services welfare organisation, spent all of his formative years in the town.

But the occasion of the centenary of Legacy won't go unnoticed here all the same.

While the centenary torch relay travels through Victoria during September, as the main event in six months of celebrations, to places like Mildura on Tuesday, September 5, Horsham on September 7, Ararat, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Colac, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, the Mornington Peninsula on September 27 and other places with no obvious connection to Savage, beyond having a Legacy branch locally, Korumburra has fashioned its own commemoration.

At 11am this Sunday, September 10, in between visits by the torch to Ararat on September 9 and Hamilton on September 11, President of South Gippsland Legacy, Phil Head, will welcome those connected with Legacy in the local district, and the general community, to an event at Coleman Park, near the cenotaph in Queen Street, Korumburra.

Here the crucial role played by Sir Stanley Savage in the establishment of Legacy, one of Australia's most important services' welfare organisations, will be acknowledged in perpetuity.

The closest the torch will get to Korumburra will be on Thursday, September 28 when it



A commemorative plaque for the centenary of Legacy and Korumburra's Stan Savage will be unveiled by long-standing South Gippsland legatee and Vietnam veteran Perry Neil of Korumburra.

travels to and from Sale. The Korumburra service follows the main event of the year for Legacy fundraising, Legacy Week from August 27 to September 2, where the sale of badges and other initiatives raise much-needed funds for the 43,000 partners and children of veterans who risked their lives serving our country.

Mentioned in despatches

On August 10, Monash MP Russell Broadbent spoke in Federal Parliament about the

Korumburra commemoration. "South Gippsland Legacy Group is marking the centenary of the wider Legacy movement with a commemoration at Coleman Park, Korumburra, on Saturday, September 10. Commencing in the aftermath of World War I, Legacy assists the widows and families of veterans. The beautiful town of Korumburra in my electorate is significant in Legacy's story because its founder, war hero Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Savage, spent his formative years there

attending Korumburra Primary School.

"Sir Stanley is honoured by the Stan Savage memorial gates at Coleman Park... These gates were erected in 1955 by the Rotary Club of Korumburra, with incoming rotary district governor Bill Burch unveiling the commemorative plaque. Bill was also a founding member of South Gippsland Legacy."

Mr Broadbent named many of those involved in the event and thanked those who organised the day.

Registrations open for local jobs expo

BASS Coast Shire Council, in conjunction with the Australian Government's Local Jobs Program, South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network and the State Government's Skills and Jobs Centre will be hosting a range of events in October.

This will be our second year presenting our Local Jobs Expo and this year we will include further events and programs over a two-week period from October 4 to 12.

We will be holding two job expos across Wonthaggi and Cowes as well as hosting a special Business Breakfast where local businesses are invited to join Catherine Bell, Bell Training Group focusing on creativity in recruitment and creating a workplace of choice.

We strongly encourage business owners to register and attend these sessions and the expo to help strengthen the community.

Phillip Island Jobs Expo: 9.30am to 2.30pm Wednesday, October 4. St Johns Uniting Church, 86 Chapel St, Cowes

Wonthaggi Jobs Expo: 9.30am to 2.30pm Wednesday, October 11. Wonthaggi Workmens Club, 75 Graham St, Wonthaggi

How to Attract and Retain Great People with Catherine Bell: 7am to 9.30am Tuesday, October 10. RACV Inverloch Resort, 70 Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road. Book tickets: attract-and-retain-great-people.eventbrite.com.au

Small Business Mentoring Clinic: 8am to 1pm Thursday, October 12. Free 45-minute online mentoring sessions. Register your session: bit.ly/3Pj64Ui

To register and learn more visit bass-coast.vic.gov.au/jobs-expo

Bass Coast grants blocked

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has been informed by the Victorian Government that Peri-Urban Councils are no longer eligible for funding support via the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF).

Periurban Councils Victoria includes Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Golden Plains, Moorabool and Surf Coast shire councils.

The GSF final round opened last week at a value of \$10 million, down from \$50 million in the previous budget.

Some of the significant projects in Bass Coast Shire which have previously received crucial funding via the GSF include: Guy Road Shared Pathway \$1.4M, the Berninnet Cultural Centre in Cowes \$2.5M, the Rhyll Playspace (Stage 2) \$235,000, the Wonthaggi to Inverloch Shared Pathway \$3M and Guide Park Wonthaggi \$350,000.

Planning was in place to apply for this Growing Suburbs Fund round to support incremental delivery of the Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail.

Prom exclusion 'sensible' but what about Barry Point?

A STATEMENT on Thursday, August 31, by Australia's Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen that all areas west of Wilsons Promontory would be excluded from the development of offshore wind energy projects has been universally welcomed, including by Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien.

Together with South Gippsland Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey, Mr O'Brien has voiced the concerns of locals about having 350-metre-high turbines dotted along the coast between the Prom and Phillip Island from day one.

However, in State Parliament on Thursday, August 31, he said

it was crucial the region to the east of the Prom received some of the benefits of hosting these massive developments.

"This is a sensible decision that was entirely expected," Mr O'Brien said of Minister Bowen's announcement.

"No one in the South Gippsland community would have supported offshore wind farms to the west of the Prom and on the doorstep of Waratah Bay.

"The Government now needs to ensure that it respects the views of locals to the east of the Prom and industries such as the fishing industry and ensure that

impacts on them are minimal.

"We also need government policies to ensure that if this industry is to go ahead, Gippsland gets to benefit from jobs and investment, not just the negative impacts like new transmission lines."

In State Parliament

Speaking in State Parliament, Mr O'Brien made the case for Barry Point to be used in a marine service role.

"My adjournment matter this evening is to the Minister for Energy and Resources, and the action I seek is for a plan to be put in place to ensure that

Gippsland benefits from the proposed offshore wind industry in the Bass Strait.

"Of course, I am most interested to see Barry Beach marine terminal being used as a port, both for construction and for operation and maintenance where possible, and that would ensure that Gippsland actually benefits.

"The concern that I have and that people are starting to realise in Gippsland is that while this massive offshore wind farm development may start to occur literally off our coast, we may not see any benefits from it."

Lynda's on holidays



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IN BRIEF

AgTech funding boost
for Victorian startups

VICTORIA'S AgTech startups will benefit from immediate access to capital and greater investment in their sector. Agriculture Victoria and the state's startup agency, Launch-Vic, are delivering grants and programs worth \$6.4 million to ensure more emerging AgTech startups have access to financial support to grow their business. The support includes a grants program, which provides equity-free grants of up to \$50,000 to emerging AgTech founders. More information available at bit.ly/45zcoMV

QBE Foundation
opens applications
for local grants

THE QBE Foundation has today opened applications for its annual local grants program, offering charities and community organisations working in both climate resilience and inclusion, the opportunity to receive up to \$40,000 in grants. Nine grants of \$40,000 each will be provided to high impact community initiatives operating in Australia, New Zealand or the Pacific for a total of \$360,000 in support for community organisations. Jon Fox, QBE Foundation Co-Chair, said the grants are a key way for QBE to supports charities who are working to make a difference in areas of need. "At QBE, addressing climate resilience and inclusion are integral to our purpose of enabling a more resilient future, so being able to support community organisations that align with our core values is tremendous. "We've seen great positive impacts from past grant recipients and look forward to contributing towards further change through this year's program." For eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit the QBE Foundation website: bit.ly/47U30Fo Applications will be accepted from now to September 29 (9am AEST), with the recipients to be announced late this year, subject to change.

eResilience Online
Course launched for
Regional Victorians

RESILIENCE Builders, a leading provider of resilience and leaderships programs, is proud to announce the launch of eResilience, a ground-breaking online course designed to equip people with the tools to build their own resilience and navigate life's adversities. The free online course is currently being fully funded by the Victorian Government Department of Health, offering residents across 27 eligible Local Government Area's the opportunity to build resilience through engaging modules, expert insights, and practical tools. eResilience is a unique and holistic online resilience

program that provides meaningful course content in an engaging way. Created by experts and backed by robust scientific evidence, the program centres around four solid pillars of resilience: physical, emotional, social, and spiritual. The past few years have been incredibly tough for many people in varied ways, and those in regional areas of Victoria are no exception. This is why Resilience Builders created eResilience, a course that combines the expertise of mental health and wellbeing professionals with the convenience of online learning. "eResilience is a game-changer for people who are looking to positively shift their resilience and mental wellbeing," said David Buttifant, co-founder of Resilience Builders. "We are excited to offer this program to the communities of regional Victorians, and we are grateful for the support of the Victorian Government in making it possible." The self-paced eResilience program is currently available for free for up to 2,500 eligible regional Victorians and designed to fit around people's busy schedules. For more information about eResilience or to sign up for the course, please visit resiliencebuilders.com.au/tours/eresilience.

Know what to expect this swooping season

WITH spring just around the corner, Victorians are being reminded that some native birds such as magpies and plovers may swoop during their breeding season. A Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) spokesperson said: "Every spring, some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and young for a short time while their young are most vulnerable." "While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of native birds. Swooping is a warning to people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact." Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting. "Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so don't be concerned simply because there are magpies or other common swooping birds in the area." "Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last for a few weeks, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest." If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe:

- Know your local swooping hotspots and avoid the area
- Move quickly but do not run
- Wear protective head and eye coverings
- Don't harass birds – this can make swooping worse

- Don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests

You can also plan your route around known swooping hotspots and report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting: wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds All Victorian native wildlife is protected by law, and it is illegal to harass or harm native birds and other wildlife without authorisation. You can report wildlife crime such as harassing, harming or disturbing wildlife to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

Wonthaggi Hospital
named in ramping crisis

WONTHAGGI hospital has been named as one of the hospitals in the state where sick or injured patients may face long waits to be admitted to overcrowded hospitals, causing an ambulance ramping crisis. New data obtained from Internal Ambulance Victoria, reports that the ambulance ramping problem – defined as a wait of more than 40 minutes – has increased almost four – fold across Victoria since 2018. Crews were reportedly ramped for between 1125 and 3120 hours annually at Latrobe, Bairnsdale and Wonthaggi hospitals. Overall, ambulance and patient transport crews have spent more than 523,000 hours waiting at emergency departments since 2018, delaying their return to the road to help other Victorians. People with potentially life-threatening conditions are among those stuck in crowded hospital corridors waiting to be admitted. A Victorian government spokeswoman said about 80 per cent of patients are transferred to hospital within one hour, but said access to GPs, which are funded by the federal government, and bed availability are at the heart of the ramping issue.

Spring is on the way –
check your garden tools!

FIXIT Café Wonthaggi feels well and truly established with three electrical fixers, a clock fixer, six sewing enthusiasts and a clientèle of regulars who enjoy the coffee and company each month. The members of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed never fail to find solutions to curly problems with household, garden, and wooden goods. In August 19 kilograms were saved from going to landfill. This month's session will happen on Sunday September 17 between 11am and 1pm at the Harvest Centre. If you have something to be fixed which is light enough to carry, book a 30-minute time slot by calling in at Mitchell House or

by phoning 5672 3731. The Fixit Café takes place at the Harvest Centre accessible from the back of Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed. It is an activity of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

Elly Poletti battles
it out on Sunday

PHILLIP Islands' very own singer – songwriter, thirty-two-year-old Elly Poletti will perform on Channel Seven's, The Voice in the next round of battles this Sunday night. Wowing all four judges and receiving a standing ovation with her rendition of Lady Gaga's Million Reasons, during her audition for the show in August, Elly will be one to watch. Elly has a passion for performing and the award-winning artist is often gracing Melbourne's theatre stages and music venues on weekends. When she's not performing, she is teaching voice and piano at Newhaven College and Bass Coast College, sharing her talents with the next generation of musicians. All four judges turned their seats for the highly talented Elly, but she choose Guy Sebastian to be her coach for The Voice journey. Guy has seven singers on his team and has twenty years of professional performance under his belt after winning season one of Australian Idol in 2003. These next rounds will not disappoint thanks to the judge's passion for their team members, and the competition will not be easy. The Voice will be aired on Channel 7 and 7+ on Sunday September 10, from 7pm.

Thief wants to clean up

A MAN allegedly stole approximately \$5000 of cleaning equipment from a shopping centre in Wonthaggi last month. It is understood an unknown man attended the centre on Biggs Drive about 9.35pm on Tuesday August 1 and then again on Monday August 7. Detectives are continuing to investigate the burglary.

\$20,000 scam

POLICE are investigating the circumstances surrounding an online scam carried out late last year. An 83-year-old Leongatha man handed over \$20,000 to an unknown male, who attended the victim's address after receiving threats over the phone. The victim had his computer remotely accessed where he was tricked into believing \$20,000 was placed into his account. He was then directed to attend the bank and withdraw the amount which was his own money. Police have released an image of a man who may be able to assist with enquiries.

The lies and the truth about a community tragedy

KORUMBURRA has been described in the metropolitan press as “deeply conservative and religious”.

Which is simply not true.

According to the 2021 Census, 51.1 per cent of people in the town described themselves as having ‘No Religion’ as compared to a state and national average of around 38.8 per cent claiming no religion.

People do go to church, yes, 15.8% associate with being Catholic (below the state average of 20%), 12.2% Anglican (above the national average of 9.8%), 5.5% Uniting, and 5.9% denomination unstated.

And as for voting patterns, the working-class ethic of the town’s coal mining heritage still lingers, apparently. Of the 1408 votes cast in the town at the 2022 State Election, a total of 577 voted for the Nationals’ Danny O’Brien or 41%; as much for his personal standing as anything else. The 831 other voters divided their support between the ALP 356, Greens 120, independent 95 and Animal Justice Party 62 – hardly “deeply conservative”.

While Mr O’Brien enjoys a good level of support in Korumburra, he gets 53.27% across the whole of Gippsland South.

So, not “deeply religious”, more the opposite, and not “deeply conservative” either.

It has been part of an attempt to paint Korumburra and Leongatha as some sort of yokel backwater, with references to the religious affiliations of the people involved in the tragic circumstances at Leongatha on Saturday, July 29, as somehow explaining why it might have happened.

The truth, revealed at the memorial service in Korumburra last Thursday, about Don and Gail Patterson, is of an incredibly generous and selfless couple who lived, rather than preached their faith, as part of a wonderfully varied life, full of scientific inquiry, family, fitness, fun, community service and a calling for education that did not fit the constructed narrative.



Reverend Fran Grimes, who officiated at the memorial service for Don and Gail Patterson last Thursday, described the couple as remarkable and wonderfully generous people.

As son Simon revealed at the service, his parents did read the bible daily and opted to leave a comfortable life teaching in Australia to undertake missionary and teaching work overseas, principally in Botswana and China, but their energies were widely spread across a broad range of pursuits.

Don’s advice, where spreading the word was concerned was: “Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary”.

According to Don Patterson’s brother Colin, Don was quite a brilliant scholar, matriculating from Murrumbidgee High School in 1969 in the top 40 or 50 students in the state.

According to Colin, who also spoke at Don and Gail Patterson’s memorial service in Korumburra last Thursday, Don subsequently completed a science degree at Melbourne University, while Gail was encouraged to pursue commercial studies after completing Year 11 at the new Chadstone High

School. She also enrolled in and completed matriculation English, her interest in humanities complementing Don’s in science.

The couple had already met at Sunday School at the Hughesdale Congregational Church, and lived remarkably parallel lives; joining scouts and guides, each learning piano, playing tennis, avidly reading and holidaying in the twin coastal towns of Rosebud and Dromana.

The couple were both baptised by full emersion, unusual for their congregation, and married in November 1973, before moving into the family holiday home at Dromana to live.

A physics prodigy, Don had started on a masters’ degree, considering a career in research, but opted to undertake a Diploma of Education instead at Monash University, ultimately taking a teaching position at Monterey High School in North Frankston, considered a “pretty rough” school in

the day.

Sons Simon and Matthew arrived before family life took a turn, with Don and Gail undertaking language and missionary studies ahead of taking up positions overseas.

Don continued to engage his fascination for science and new technology, taking an exact approach to food preparation, for example, including weighing the potatoes for mashed potatoes, building a satellite dish out of chicken wire for a school in Botswana, making radio transmitters for guitars, tracking satellites and Skylab for students overseas and during a 25-year stint at the Korumburra High School, and in recent times, developing an audio-visual system for the Korumburra Baptist Church.

“They were two remarkable people, a remarkable couple and a massive gathering like this was simply not Don and Gail’s style,” said Reverend Fran Grimes who officiated at the service.

“They were people who got on with living generous lives quietly without fanfare.

“They also reached out, touching many people all over the world.”

She concluded her opening remarks with a prayer: “You now hold Don and Gail in your loving embrace, you say well done for a wonderful life, well lived. We hold our sadness and dismay before you and ask you that you shine your light on us in our grief.

“They now step into their heavenly life surrounded by your loving presence, and we know you have prepared a place for them.”

Her words were followed by the well-known hymn, ‘What a Friend We have in Jesus’, a popular tune that even Glen Campbell recorded at one time, raising spirits as many of the 500 in attendance joined in.

While “overwhelming media scrutiny has made normal grief almost impossible”, according to Reverend Grimes, there’s little doubt that the strong turnout and substance of the service last week certainly helped.

Desperate days after mushroom poisoning

DETAILS about the “extremely taxing” medical response to an alleged case of mushroom poisoning in Leongatha, on Saturday, August 29, were revealed at a memorial service in Korumburra last week, for two of the victims, Don and Gail Patterson of Korumburra.

More than 500 people turned out for the often emotional, occasionally harrowing, but also uplifting service, led by Anglican Minister, the Reverend Fran Grimes, at the town’s recreation centre.

But it was information provided by Simon Patterson, son of Don and Gail, about the efforts taken by medical staff, at both the Austin and Dandenong hospitals, in the days following the fateful family meal, that provided an insight into the exhaustive attempts taken to save the highly-regarded local couple, along with Simon’s uncle and aunt, Heather and Ian Wilkinson, who also attended the lunch.

While Mrs Wilkinson also died, in the week afterwards, Mr Wilkinson remains in a stable condition in the Austin.

Describing both his parents as very active parents, he said Gail continued to play midweek tennis after Don stopped playing, but was one of the fittest in the group that trekked to Everest basecamp some years ago.

“Dad and I went to base camp at Mt Everest when he was in his 60s and the fact that he managed it better than most of the 40-year-olds on the tour was testament to his preparation, fitness and good health,” said Simon.

“He was so fit, at 70, that it allowed him to have an emergency liver transplant, although sadly the rest of his body was too far gone for him to survive.”

He later made special mention of the medical staff who had treated the four victims, while thanking the community for its support, the police and emergency services, school, church and the Korumburra Cemetery Trust for helping facilitate a private burial service.

“We’d like to particularly thank the hospital for allowing mum to visit dad one last time,” he said.

A special thanks was listed on the order of service to The Austin Hospital, particularly Dr Stephen Warrillow “and his amazing ICU team”, and Professor Bob Jones and the hospital’s liver transplant team, who have performed upwards of 1000 liver transplants.

Details about Don Patterson unsuccessfully undergoing a liver transplant follow offers locally from people willing to donate part of their liver to the only surviving victim, Ian Wilkinson.

Cr Jenni Keerie, who has been fielding some of the media requests for community information, said that several members of the community had rung her to put themselves forward, adding: “That is the calibre of people they were.”

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



IF we look at maps of our region and beyond, it's clear we have spent generations with male-centric naming of our roads and pathways. It has become clear not many are named after women.

Victoria has a rich history of incredible women who have shaped this state. Despite this, our public landmarks lack a gender lens.

In fact, we have learned there are not many places or monuments or artworks that celebrate women through commemorative justice approaches. This goes beyond equality and moves deeper into justice. This is a way for marginalised people and their achievements to be highlighted and for their stories to be told and remembered.

We have been pioneering gender equality policy for many years here in the Bass Coast region which you may know has previously been given an Honourable Mention at the prestigious 2022 National Awards for Local Government.

We are committed to increasing the number of women represented in road naming within the municipality and are actively taking part in the Put Her Name On It campaign aimed at commemorating women and their achievements.

I'm delighted to say that we are actively working with developers of a new estate in McGibbons/Benetti Road North Wonthaggi who are creating new roads that are required to be named as part of the subdivision process. Several of the road names will honour local women.

Put Her Name On It is a Victorian program designed to commemorate women in public spaces and to create gender equality through collaborative action.

Council is working in collaboration with Geographic

Names Victoria on this project and is seeking permission from close family members of women whose names were raised by the Wonthaggi Historical Society for their service to the community.

To comply with the naming rules, Council must endeavour to obtain consent from the closest living family member for any proposed commemorative naming. We are now seeking comments from the closest living family members of the women's names supplied below by the Wonthaggi Historical Society.

Put Her Name On It also aims to shine a light on the places, artworks and monuments that currently recognise the achievements and histories of women in Victoria and as such, we hope this development becomes one of just many projects we will be able to get involved with.

I'd like to pay thanks to Women in Gippsland for their initiative in establishing the Put Her Name On It project and campaign and for those engaged in this forward-looking issue across our region.

It's easy to just continue as we were without thinking of ways to better ourselves and our surroundings. I would encourage everyone to apply a gender lens to issues around yourself and see how you can embrace a more equal looking future.

If you are a close relative to any of the women below, please fill get in touch with our team.

Dawn Turner, Velia Treuel, Grace Gent, Doris Menzies, Ruby Connolly, Doreen Fincher, Cecelia Sullivan, Emily Seymour, Valda Unthank, Agnes Vurlov, Meg Foster, Meg Curry, Minnie Gillespie, Edith Nash, Winifred Baker, Filomena Nesci, Violet Taberner, Goldie Guthrie, Agnes Doig

Berninneit centre open by Melbourne Cup Weekend

IT'S unofficial, at least for now. But the new \$33 million Berninneit cultural centre in Cowes is set to be opened, officially or otherwise, by Melbourne Cup Weekend 2023.

The information was revealed at a meeting of the Phillip Island Progress Association, Island Voice, last Wednesday night by "a member of the arts community".

According to council, however, three possible dates for the opening of the centre have been discussed, depending on finishing touches to the project, the booking of 'welcome to country' representatives, opening day entertainment, the staging of an art show, and the availability of government ministers and Members of Parliament.

There has also been reports of an "invite only" opening on or around Friday, November 3, although avid council watcher Graham Jolly, has howled down such a suggestion.

"To think that they would consider having an "invite only" opening for what, a \$35 million, \$38 million or even \$40 million ratepayer-funded project is unimaginable but that's what we are hearing. Let's hope Council dismisses such a ridiculous idea," said Mr Jolly this week.

But being open by Melbourne Cup Weekend, either as a "soft opening" or official opening, is the preferred scenario.

Council has advised that it will soon announce the date for the opening of the centre.

One of the sticking points has been the annual Melbourne Cup Weekend Art Show staged by the Arts Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR), formerly the Artists' Society of Phillip Island, which has a booking at Newhaven College.



The Arts Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) is involved in a juggling exercise of, on the one hand preparing for its annual Melbourne Cup Weekend arts show at Newhaven College, or moving it to the new Berninneit cultural centre in Cowes if, as expected, it is opened by the November long weekend.

President of the arts group, Miranda Sage, admitted the arrangements had become a bit tricky.

"We have a booking at Newhaven College for the art show, but in the event the new arts centre is opened in time, we'd like to be able to be a part of that. There are quite a few 'ifs' and 'buts' at this stage," Mrs Sage said.

The opening of the centre will also give council the opportunity, as promised, to reveal the full cost of the project, including any funds paid to former design company Novated Pty Ltd, prior to the appointment of the ultimate designers, Jackson Clements Burrows Architects, and the cost of any other site works, landscaping, art or equipment purchased or services employed in relation to the shire's biggest-ever capital works project.

The timing of the new cultural centre opening, at which the current Mayor Cr Michael Whelan is reportedly desperate to officiate, will clear the decks for what is anticipated to be a

keenly contested Mayoral election, on Wednesday, November 15, at which both Cr Whelan and Cr Rochelle Halstead, the Deputy Mayor, are expected to be candidates.

Cr Halstead was believed to have had "the numbers" prior to the resignation of Cr Bruce Kent, but whether or not the arrival of Cr Geoff Ellis changes that is yet to be seen.

Cr Halstead, who is presently undertaking an AICD Company Directors Course to enhance her skills as a councillor managing a \$100 million budget, has indicated her interest in standing for the role, but Cr Whelan is yet to confirm his intentions.

There's a lot at stake, not only the kudos of being Bass Coast Mayor and the annual mayoral allowance, which has jumped up to \$102,650 since July 1, but also the opportunity to play a key role in the appointment of a new shire CEO, expected to be decided before the end of 2023, and the direction of council.

Bass Post Office closure impacts locals

From page 1

Announcements were made on the stores Facebook page on Tuesday, August 29, stating,

...I'm Just letting everyone know that today I have handed in my licence for the post office and I am fully stepping away from the shop...

Dani also explained to the Sentinel - Times that, "Australian Post are doing the best they can to come up with a different solution. They've (locals) been offered a free mail direction to wherever they want to go, wherever they want to get their mail sent. Otherwise, they can go still go to San Remo."

An impending residential development of fifty houses in the area could

see a delivery service put in place, according to Carol.

"We're supposed to be getting a development here and a Post Officer said something about this town will then qualify for no post office and we'll just get deliveries."

"I like having a post office because it's secure. It's supposed to be anyway," Carol said.

"I suppose if there's any parcel pick-up, it'll either be back at Grantville, San Remo or Kilcunda. They're the three choices we've got around us."

The General Store will remain open for local produce, newspapers and household staples; however, it may also only be a matter of time until it also closes, according to Dani.

"Phil will still be there running the shop... For the time being, I'm not sure how long he's going to have it open or not," she said.

"Everyone was a really great support and everything," Dani said.

"Thank you from us and we appreciate everyone's support."

Carol is concerned about the Bass community losing all of their services, particularly with the pub closing down last year as well.

"I come from a business background.

"If you've got a business, you have a responsibility for a community and our post office, milk bar was a decent little business that could have been a lot better," Carol said.

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Leongatha Hospital staff and community members embrace the 'Field of Dreams', paying tribute to those with cancer and remembering late nurse Annie Owen. Annie's husband Noel Owen, Louise Cruickshank, Karen Scott, Virginia Bolge, Linda Fiddelaers, Tania Peters, Belinda Jeffries and Gay 'Snooky' Stockdale (at front) were part of the large gathering. A05-3623

Glorious sea of yellow at Leongatha Hospital

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's 'Field of Daffodils' in Leongatha was a resounding and vibrant success on Thursday, with one of the event's original organisers Linda Fiddelaers delighted with the support shown by community members and staff.

A small courtyard was transformed into a yellow haven by enthusiastic volunteers who also enjoyed morning tea and a chat.

It was a fitting tribute for the late Annie Owen, a close friend of Linda's and fellow nurse who worked

with her in the chemotherapy unit and who lost her battle with cancer in 2019.

The pair established the 'Field of Daffodils' tradition over 20 years ago, wanting to do something for people with cancer, and the event was revived in Annie's honour this

year after having been disrupted by COVID lockdowns.

"It's nice to get back to doing community things in our local hospital," Linda said while resplendent in yellow and surrounded by artificial but stunning daffodils.

Recycled roads pave the way to a sustainable future

NEW roads mixed with recycled plastics at ten sites across Victoria will demonstrate a viable circular-economy solution to the nation, experts say.

The RMIT University-led project – supported by the Australian Research Council, Ausroads and 10 Victorian councils – will incorporate recycled plastic from consumer and industrial waste, including notoriously stubborn soft plastics, into asphalt as a performance enhancer.

With Australians generating 2.6 million tonnes of plastic waste each year and landfill space expected to reach capacity by 2025, this project is helping to address an urgent challenge.

Project lead, RMIT Associate Professor Filippo Giustozzi, said the team will also produce best-practice guidelines on the use of recycled plastics in asphalt roads.

"These guidelines will enable local governments, which control 80 per cent of the nation's roads, to begin widescale adoption of this innovative recycling solution," said Giustozzi from RMIT's School of Engineering.

The City of Melbourne and nine suburban and regional councils will lead the way, each having sections of recycled road up to 900 metres

long paved over coming months.

The 10 project sites will use an estimated 21,000 kg of recycled plastic, but the potential scale of this solution is considerable given the several hundred thousand kilometres of roads across Australia.

"If Australia's 537 local governments each used a small amount of recycled plastic in the many roads they resurface each year, then nationally we'll have created a large end-market for recycled plastic."

In Baw Baw Shire, sections of Contingent Street and McCrorey Street between Princes Highway and Kitchener Street in Trafalgar have been selected as part of the trial.

"We're pleased to be part of this innovative trial project that will see sustainable asphalt mixes tested across some of Council's managed roads" Mayor of Baw Baw Shire, Annemarie McCabe said.

"Projects like this are positive steps forward towards more sustainable and viable long-term road maintenance solutions for our Shire."

Local government areas involved in the project include City of Melbourne, Banyule, Bayside, Moonee Valley, Hobsons Bay, Baw Baw, La Trobe, Casey, Mornington Peninsula and Wyndham.



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Spring cleaning for your Medication Cabinet

Bena Ong
Pharmacist

Terry White
Chemmart Leongatha



IMAGINE this: a spring cleaning not just for your home, but for your medicine cabinets too.

With the promise of spring's rejuvenating touch just around the corner, we are launching a unique initiative that's as refreshing as the season itself.

Welcome to the Medication Spring Clean campaign, a thoughtful endeavour by your local TerryWhite Chemmart Korumburra pharmacy that aims to clear out the clutter of expired and unwanted medications while fostering a healthier and safer community. From September 1 to September 30, they are extending an invitation to all to join hands in this responsible and impactful journey.

At the heart of this campaign are Korumburra locals, Alison Steadman and Diarne Maskell, the campaign coordinators, who are putting their enthusiasm into turning the idea of "spring cleaning" on its head.

They're not just advocating for a cleaner space, but also for a clearer understanding of the importance of proper medication disposal. As the community collectively ushers in the new season, the pharmacy is ready to accept a range of medications – both over-the-counter and prescription, including controlled substances – to be properly disposed of.

Picture this scenario: a cupboard that once housed expired medicines now brimming with healthier choices. To make the transition smoother, TerryWhite Chemmart Korumburra is offering a 10 per cent discount on replacement over-the-

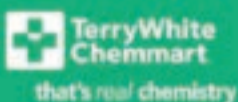
counter products. This ingenious incentive not only encourages participants to part with the old but also ensures that their new choices align with their wellness goals.

However, it's not just about clearing out space; it's also about clarifying a crucial point. Alison and Diarne emphasise that even though medications might still be within their expiry dates, their storage history is often uncertain. Hence, the pharmacy's decision not to reuse these medications. Their unwavering focus on quality, safety, and efficacy makes this campaign not just a spring cleaning, but a spring clarifying of medical practices.

In collaboration with the Return of Unwanted Medicines (RUM) project, TerryWhite Chemmart Korumburra is taking the road less travelled in the realm of medication disposal. RUM, a non-profit organisation funded by the Commonwealth Government, specialises in the environmentally conscious disposal of medicines. Through the high-temperature incineration process, they ensure that both the community's health and the environment's well-being are safeguarded.

So, as the sun begins to warm the earth and the flowers start to bloom, drop into the TerryWhite Chemmart Korumburra store and support their Medication Spring Clean campaign. This initiative isn't just about a fresh start for your medicine cabinets; it's a refreshing step towards a healthier, safer, and more environmentally conscious community.

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Reconnect on October 19 at Inverloch's Bendigo Bank. Connect with business, groups and local people and strengthen your community.

Community Bank Inverloch connects and thrives

CONNECTION is what community is all about, according to Community Bank Inverloch's Branch Manager, Penelope Lyttle.

Community connections suffered during the pandemic and the team at Bendigo Bank's Community Bank Inverloch & District want to help our community re-establish those connections again.

"Local connections are important for our businesses, community and individuals to thrive. We're here to help foster these connections by bringing people together," says Penelope Lyttle.

After our successful event in April, Community Bank Inverloch & District will be hosting another 'Community Connects' event for businesses, community groups and local people on October 19.

There will be an opportunity for five local organisations to do a short two-minute presentation about what they do in our community. This is something that was highlighted at our last event.

"We want to help make Inverloch a more connected and collaborative community," said Penelope.

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network has 270 branches Australia-wide.



April's successful Community Connects event brought together locals from an array of backgrounds.

Community Banks are wholly owned by their communities. They employ local people and are assisted by a board of local volunteer directors. Their purpose is to feed into the prosperity of their customers and communities, not off them.

To date, this national network of branches has returned around \$320 million to strengthen the communities in which they operate.

Around \$600,000 of that has

been returned to the Inverloch community through the Community Bank's local grants and sponsorship program.

The team at Community Bank Inverloch & District hope that business owners, community group representatives and other local people will join them for this networking event at 16C Williams Street Inverloch on Thursday, October 19 from 5pm-6.30pm.

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Inverloch CFA's Michael Guest, Matthew King and Hayden Tipping completed the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb on Saturday.



Geoff Oakley (Forest Fire Management) completed the climb in 5 minutes and 36 seconds in memory of fellow colleague, the late, Bill Slade.

Firies tackle the Stair Climb

INVERLOCH'S CFA team tackled the 10th annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb on Saturday. Michael Guest, Matthew King, Hayden Tipping and Cesar Aldea conquered the 28-floor challenge at Crown Metropol, raising funds for three crucial charities for first responders – Lifeline, 000 Foundation and the Peter Mac-Callum Cancer Foundation. Michael said his team per-

formed well, raising \$3341 towards a grand total of \$616,166 raised so far. Cesar completed the 28-floor ascent with a time of five minutes 17 seconds, Michael at seven minutes and 33 seconds, Matthew at nine minutes and 26 seconds, and Hayden at 10 minutes and five seconds. Michael and Matthew participated in the donned and started category. They completed their climb

'on air', using a breathing apparatus for the entirety of the challenge. All participants wore around 25 kilograms of turnout gear, simulating an emergency situation. A fundraiser for the CFA team was held at TomFit on August 25. TomFit raised \$224 towards the team's total. The team also raised funds by recycling old batteries at

ReSteel Pakenham. This endeavour raised a further \$844 and ReSteel donated \$200. Each team member also had the opportunity to raise individual funds online. It's not too late to donate – simply head to the website www.firefighterclimb.org.au/donations/donate/. The website also offers more information about the event, including videos of the action.

State's best at Wonthaggi orchid show this week

SINCE making the jump from the Wonthaggi Town Hall to the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club last year, the South Gippsland Orchid Society hasn't looked back. They welcomed record entries last year and look like doing the same this year, and as a bonus, organisers expect to have several of the club's award-winning entries at the recent OSCOV Melbourne Orchid Spectacular on display. President of the society, John Betts, is welcoming all comers, not just orchid enthusiasts, to come along and see what will be Wonthaggi's own spectacular show this Friday and Saturday. "There are a lot of orchid growers in the area. We're a strong club with 50 members and we had quite a

bit of success at what is effectively the state championships, the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria show with two firsts and three seconds I believe. "That's quite a haul against dozens of societies throughout Victoria, and some very big ones." One of the local blue-ribbon winners was show secretary Julie Kilgour. "I've had that one for a few years now and has been looking particularly good this year, she said of an especially pretty and healthy pink Phalenopsis. "I was lucky enough to get a blue ribbon for that at OSCOV and it might still be good enough to bring along this week," said Julie. Mary Morgan of Wonthaggi

was another of the local blue ribbon winners, with Julie also taking a couple of seconds, along with Colin Wilmot, winning a second-place ribbon. "We had a great show last year, our first at the Workmen's Club and after Thursday, we'll know how many are coming this year, but it should be a really lovely show again. "It's easier at the Workmen's Club, people can come and have a look while they're out shopping and there's plenty of parking." The 33rd Annual South Gippsland Orchid Society Show will be held this Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, from 9.30am both days. Plant sales, orchid supplies and repotting demonstrations are a feature of the event.



This gorgeous state first prize-winning orchid will be one of hundreds on display at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club this Friday and Saturday.

A Day to Remember

SEPTEMBER 11 is a significant date in the minds and hearts of people around the world due to the tragic events that unfolded in 2001 when the World Trade Centre towers were attacked in the United States. While it is primarily remembered as a day of remembrance for those events, it is also relevant to recognise it as a date to commemorate modern-day Australian military operations as it triggered an ongoing and significant contribution by Australia in the fight against terrorism. The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has been actively involved in numerous military operations over the years post-Vietnam and particularly in the post-9/11 era. From Afghanistan, Iraq to Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, Peacekeeping operations in Africa and the Middle East, and of course our own border security, Australian troops have made significant sacrifices in the name of peace, security, and global stability. Recognising September 11 as a commemorative date for modern-day ADF operations would allow the nation to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of its servicemen and women and aligns with the spirit of international cooperation and solidarity. Secretary of the Inverloch RSL Lindsay Guerin said it reminds us that Australia has been an unwavering ally to the United Nations, United States, and other nations in the fight against terrorism and the pursuit of global peace and security. "By observing this date, Australia can affirm its commitment to standing side by side with its friends and allies, even when faced with immense challenges." By drawing the parallels between these two eras, Australians can honour the memory of those who lost their lives not only on that fateful day but also in subsequent conflicts. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing sacrifices made by the ADF personnel, their families, and the broader community. It provides a space for Australians to express their gratitude, respect, and recognition for the courage and dedication of their military personnel. Through ceremonies, events, and public discourse, the national conversation can focus on the impact of these operations on both the individuals involved and society as a whole. "Observing September 11 as a commemorative date for ADF operations, we can raise awareness about the complexities of modern warfare and the unique challenges faced by our armed forces." This can help foster a better understanding among the public about Australia's role on the international stage and the personal sacrifices made by those in uniform. Additionally, it encourages conversations about the importance of national security and the ongoing need for diplomacy and effective defence strategies. It confirms that Inverloch RSL prepares and recognises the ongoing challenges that face our servicemen and women and their families. A service will be held at 11am at the Inverloch cenotaph.



South Gippsland Orchid Society Inc.

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Rates Notices

South Gippsland Shire residents can expect to receive their annual rates notice in the mail, or online, very soon. Rates notices outline the rate applicable to individual properties and provide information about any changes for the upcoming year.

This year's rate cap is 3.5 per cent.

What are rates?

Rates help to provide services to our local communities such as Maternal and Child Health, playgroups, business support and sporting facilities. This is in addition to the essential services that people are most familiar with: roads, footpaths, parks and gardens, weed management, waste and recycling. You might not need or use all of the services at every stage or your life, but paying rates helps to ensure our local communities remain vibrant and well-serviced.

Why is my rate notice different to last year?

Each year the Victorian Government sets a limit on how much councils are allowed to collect

from rates. This is called a rate cap. Councils can only increase the average amount of rates collected by the rate cap. The cap does not apply to the waste charge or the fire services levy. The rate cap does not mean that rates for each individual property will increase by the cap amount as it is the value of your property that determines your share of the total rates bill.

What are valuations?

Each year properties are re-valued by the State Government. Some properties may have increased in value and some may have decreased in value. Higher value properties pay a greater share of the rates bill, while lower value properties pay a smaller share. The key issue in determining your share is how your property has moved in comparison to the average movement of other properties in South Gippsland.

Find out more

If you have questions about your rates notices, please contact Council's rates team. Payment plans and assistance is also available. Please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rates

Meeting with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner



Councillors and Council staff recently met with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner, Lynda McAlary-Smith.

The commissioner addressed the Wonthaggi Gippsland Valuers Discussion Forum, providing Council with the opportunity to engage in conversation about our communities traditional and emerging industries.

It was a valuable chance to discuss with her the shifts of South Gippsland businesses from traditional, to new, emerging and sustainable industries, as well as the present challenges faced by local small businesses due to these emerging pressures.

To stay up to date with all things South Gippsland Shire Council, sign up to our fortnightly newsletter at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 September 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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HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Bookings for the annual hard waste collection service are now open.

All residents are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$150 per property. A reduced rate of \$53 applies for pension card holders.

Bookings close Friday 15 September. To book, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS – NOMINATIONS

The 2024 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards provide an opportunity to recognise residents who make a significant impact in our region and to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. To view the nomination categories or to nominate a South Gippsland resident, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on 24 August 2023 from Bellingham Street, Leongatha.

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Engine Number. AFACXXMJDC7M0030

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

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Manufacturing an important focus in South Gippsland

WHILE South Gippsland Shire is strongly associated with agriculture, council continues striving to ensure manufacturing is also well supported and further opportunities are created in that sector, something Mayor Nathan Hersey recently highlighted in his Sentinel-Times column.

Chatting about the importance of the manufacturing sector, Cr Hersey said it accounts for about \$740 million worth of the Shire's economic output, which equates to 18 percent of the overall local figure.

Councillors and council's executive leadership team recently spent a day visiting a few of the 140 manufacturing businesses in the shire.

Burra Steel's Korumburra-manufactured extraction fans are sold around Australia and overseas, with the mayor describing the experience as "interesting and a really good success story".

A stop at Burra Brewing also took place, with the business having now received the 'Best Gippsland Hospitality Business Award'.

With the small but efficient brewery producing a range of beer types, canning and packaging, as well as opening to the public, Cr Hersey described it as an 'impressive setup'.

Leongatha's GEM Industries was also visited.

"They're doing poly pipe and its installation," Cr Hersey said, adding that those poly pipes are up to two metres in diameter enabling them to be used in major projects.

The council contingent also spent time at Schreurs & Sons



South Gippsland Shire councillors and council's executive leadership team visit Schreurs & Sons in Tarwin Lower which combines agriculture and manufacturing.

in Tarwin Lower, a business that blends agriculture and manufacturing, processing and packaging fresh produce such as celery that can be purchased loose or cut and packaged.

Cr Hersey stressed that while the recent day trip for councillors and the executive leadership team provided just a small example of current local manufacturing, council's economic development team is available to assist all manufacturers throughout South Gippsland Shire.

"The economic development team is working all the time with interested businesses and also having discussions with businesses to try and promote what it means to work in a rural community and the benefits of that," he said.

The mayor noted GEM Industries provides a good example of the benefits that can

flow from a South Gippsland location.

"Their product is hardly used locally but they stressed the quality of employees they can get from South Gippsland, the way they can operate easily from the Leongatha Industrial Estate and work at a local level while producing for the country," he said.

The mayor said that manufacturing in the shire currently employs about 1,000 people directly and that efforts are being made to create further opportunities.

"We're looking at our industrial land supply strategy at the moment," Cr Hersey said, saying the aim is to identify ways to increase availability of such land, particularly in places such as Leongatha, Korumburra and Foster.

An external consultant is currently assessing the situation regarding industrial land

availability and will report to council, something that is expected to happen later this year.

Land that could be developed to support industrial use is being determined, with potential for some land to be identified for possible rezoning to open further opportunities for manufacturing.

Cr Hersey said there is potential for future manufacturing in South Gippsland to support local agriculture, whether through food processing or other areas such as engineering and metal fabrication that can produce items needed by those in the agricultural sector.

"The economic development team are looking at businesses that can value add to or support our agricultural sector; it makes sense to support our largest industry, being agriculture," he said.

Meeniyan Community Hub works to commence

CONSTRUCTION of a new Community Hub for Meeniyan will be commencing soon.

The project will involve replacement of the Meeniyan community meeting rooms, storage areas and public toilets. These facilities had reached their end of life, and were identified for replacement in Council's Asset Renewal Program. The new and improved facilities will be built on the same site as the existing structures.

The new Hub will create more usable public open space and will connect seamlessly

with the Meeniyan Hall via a series of verandas. It will feature a sustainable design including the use of an innovative, and environmentally friendly material, Hempcrete.

A Project Working Group – with representatives from the Meeniyan Progress Association, Meeniyan Tourism and Traders Association, Meeniyan Historical Society and the Meeniyan Hall Committee – has been working with South Gippsland Shire Council on the project, which is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

To enable works to occur, the current toilet block will be closed, however alternative public toilets are available at the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve. Some rose bushes at the front of the current facility have been replanted at the Meeniyan Cemetery.

The Meeniyan Hub has been designed by Public Realm Lab architects and will be built by TS Constructions with Council managing the project. The total cost of the Hub is \$2.35 million with \$1.6 million contributed via Council's Capital Works Program and \$750,000

funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

"We are excited that Meeniyan Community Hub works will be commencing soon," Kerryn Ellis, South Gippsland Shire Council stated.

"The new Hub will provide the same facilities as before but in a reimagined way, with additional open space that can be enjoyed by the community. I thank the Australian Government for their funding contribution and look forward to seeing this project progress."

Wilson's Promontory and the west off the table

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council welcomed Thursday's announcement that Wilson's Promontory and the area to the west of Wilson's Promontory are officially off the table as a future offshore renewable energy zone.

The announcement by Minister Chris Bowen at the Gippsland New Energy Conference in Sale, is a great win for the strength of local voices and for the many South Gippsland residents who advocated strongly for the area be exempt from the declared renewable energy zone.

"South Gippsland Shire Council strongly welcomes (Thursday's) announcement by the Hon Chris Bowen MP, that including the offshore area to the west of Wilson's Promontory in an Offshore Renewable Energy Zone would present an "unacceptable environmental risk" and that it would not be considered further for declaration," Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"Council has stated formally, and advocated strongly against the area being considered for offshore wind development

and we are pleased that our real and valid concerns and those of local residents have been heard."

Initial plans for the offshore wind zone had included this section of coastline, which Council did not support, citing concerns impacting the environment, tourism and general visual amenity. Updated plans later removed this section from the declared offshore wind zone but it was not officially ruled out for future consideration, until now.

Thursday's announcement gives peace of mind that this

area of coastline will now be excluded from future offshore wind development.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Nathan Hersey, Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis, and Council staff attended the conference to hear about Gippsland's transition to renewable energy whilst engaging with government and industry.

An important part of South Gippsland Shire Council's discussions is continued advocacy for the use of Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony to support offshore wind projects in Gippsland.

Mayor's Message

Cr Nathan Hersey

Local Business

SMALL businesses are vital to the success of our region.

Along with Deputy Mayor Williams and Councillors Davies, Schelling and Rae and officers from Council's Economic Development team, I recently met with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner Lynda McAlary-Smith.

The main topics of discussion were around the support that can be offered through the office of the Commissioner to our local businesses.

Councillors also took the opportunity to share the many opportunities and concerns of some South Gippsland businesses that are working through transition from traditional industries to new and emerging industries.

Two of our South Gippsland businesses were recognised at the Gippsland Business Awards last week. Congratulations to CPK McLaren MotorBody in Leongatha for winning the Mechanical Trades and Construction award and Burra Brewing Co for winning the Hospitality award. Harman Wines who have wineries all over Gippsland, including in Arawata, also won the award for Food and Wine Producers.

We have some truly spectacular businesses of all sizes in South Gippsland who support our economy, tourism and simply make our region the best place to live.

Shrine of Remembrance Exhibition

The official opening of the Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict exhibition at Coal Creek happened last Thursday evening. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it a lovely night.

The exhibition is now open during Coal Creek's business hours until 4 December. I encourage you to get along and experience this terrific display of human stories and emotion.

More information on the exhibition can be found at: www.shrine.org.au/changed-forever-legacies-of-conflict-exhibition

New Energy

Last week, the Gippsland New Energy Conference was held in Sale. I attended the conference along with Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis.

We heard from a range of speakers about the opportunities and challenges Gippsland will see as a transition to renewable energy is undertaken. Our region will play a role in meeting the Government's renewable energy targets. South Gippsland Shire Council will continue to advocate for long-term infrastructure improvements, real local benefit, and ongoing jobs.

Encouragingly, there were announcements made around offshore wind, including the removal of the coast west of Wilson's Promontory from being considered for offshore wind development, and the desire of Qube and Star of the South to utilise Gippsland ports for operations and maintenance, therefore seeing local jobs created.

Electric Vehicle Charging

South Gippsland Shire Council is installing electric vehicle charging stations across South Gippsland with funding from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the State Government's Destination Charging Across Victoria Program.

One of these stations has been installed in front of Council's offices in Leongatha and will be operational from the week beginning September 11.



Two generations of the Sumalinog family in mum, Rory; dad, Wilbert; and daughter, Kasey proudly work at Gippsland Southern Health.

A family affair

MIXING family and work can be tricky but for the Sumalinog family it's just the opposite at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS).

Three members of the family now work for the health service, and they couldn't be happier.

The family moved to Leongatha in 2011. Mother Rory joined GSHS in 2013 as a nurse working in the Urgent Care Centre while continuing to work as a full-time paramedic with Ambulance Victoria.

Father Wilbert joined GSHS as a janitor in 2013 and in 2022, daughter Kasey joined as a cleaner and food assistant as part of the hotel services staff. She now also works as a customer banking specialist at the Leongatha Commonwealth Bank branch.

Rory's employment at GSHS has allowed her to gain more than 10 years' experience in different nursing disciplines and advance her career as a nurse and gain key management and leadership skills.

Kasey enjoys the workplace and her interaction with the broader community.

"Working through GSHS has meant I've met a lot of amazing people, both co-workers and consumers," she said.

She now lives with her sister and doesn't always know the shifts her parents are working.

"It's a good surprise when we see each other at work," she said.

"They suggested I apply for work at GSHS, and I needed a job so it was great that they could hire me."

Wilbert says that being employed at GSHS has allowed him to remain local and stay close to his family.

The family members regularly catch up to talk about their work at GSHS.

"We just chat about how work is going. We all enjoy working there and being part of the community," Kasey said.

Rory added that they are all proud to be part of the GSHS and glad to help and serve their community.

"When Wilbert and I both work on the same shift, I always tell him to be professional and not too casual with each other," she said.

"We both respects each other's work and that's the same with Kasey."

Yarram ambulance branch celebrates 100 years

AMBULANCE Victoria's (AV) Yarram branch is preparing to host the event of the century.

Marking 100 years of service, AV invites the local community and surrounding districts to a 'Community Celebration Day' on Sunday, September 10 at the Yarram Recreation Reserve Pavilion from 11am to 2pm.

A range of festivities is planned for the event, with 'Call, Push, Shock' demonstrations to learn how to perform CPR and use an AED, as well as information on how to sign-up to become a GoodSAM responder. GoodSAM is a free, global, smartphone app that alerts registered responders when someone nearby is in cardiac arrest.

A 1920s Dodge ambulance will also be on display in a nod to the branch's past, with the vintage vehicle originally stationed at Yarram and one of the first motorised ambulances to operate in the state.

The first patients in the area to receive care out of Yarram's branch were treated on July 14, 1923 when it opened its doors. The current branch on Commercial Road opened in 1966, with an extension and upgrade in 1990.

Change is on the horizon once more, with the State Government earlier this year announcing a parcel of land at the rear of Grant Street which has been identified as the preferred site for the new, multi-million-dollar Yarram branch.

Construction is expected to start in the coming months.

Ambulance Victoria Yarram Team Manager Gus Taylor has been based at Yarram for the past 12 years and said the branch had "changed massively" during his time.

"When I first arrived in Yarram, there was one paramedic rostered to the ambulance at any one time, so we were heavily reliant on being partnered up with other ambulances or needing to wait on scene for another crew to arrive and help with transport," he said.

Support for the single paramedics came about a decade ago, with the introduction of



Early ambulances at Yarram branch.



AV Yarram Team Manager Gus Taylor with paramedics Tom King and Wyatt Kilgower.

Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs) who respond alongside paramedics.

ACOs are first responders employed on a casual basis to provide advanced first aid in remote communities where the caseload is low and the branch is not staffed full-time. ACOs have life-saving skills that they develop and maintain every year.

"There was a stage where there were no paramedics living locally at all, so we started with ACOs and through that process, we have now fostered the development of four local paramedics and two nurses who all started at

Yarram branch," Mr Taylor said.

"Over this time with ACOs supporting single paramedics, we had 95 per cent shift coverage which for a community of our size is a marvellous achievement. It is a testament to the quality of our ACOs.

"We're very proud of the service we offer the community and the fact we've been able to maintain it at such a high standard."

Another major change took place in September 2022, with dual-paramedic crews running out of Yarram for the first time in its history.

Mr Taylor, who has been a paramedic for 28 years, said Yarram branch's progression was reflective of AV's innovative culture and encouraged everyone to attend the Community Celebration Day.

"It's going to be a great day to engage with some of the people who have been caring for the community in the past, currently and those into the future. We may even find some potential paramedics among the attendees on the day," he said.

In addition to the emergency response demonstrations, attendees can enjoy a barbecue lunch, which will be served by the Yarram Lions Club. The youngest members of the community will also be well-entertained with teddies on site being bandaged, as well as a display of emergency vehicles and historic AV uniforms.

AV Regional Director Ross Salathiel said Yarram's milestone was an impressive feat.

"Yarram branch started from humble beginnings but continues to thrive and develop paramedics who are committed to patient-first, best care outcomes," he said.

"There are many people who are to thank for the good work that continues to come from the Yarram branch and the event will be one way we can show our appreciation to the community for their continued support."



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Gippsland families encouraged to join GenV

LATROBE Regional Health is looking for families with bubs born between October 4, 2021 up until October 3 this year to take part in Australia's largest national birth and parent study.

Generation Victoria, or GenV, is gathering information for researchers to complete a picture of the health and wellbeing of a generation.

The project is following babies and their parents to help solve problems like asthma, food allergies, obesity, and mental illness.

So far, nearly 2000 Gippsland families have signed up to GenV, joining more than 100,000 families statewide.

GenV is being led by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, supported by the Royal Children's Hospital, and has partnered with all Victorian birthing hospitals.

GenV Gippsland area manager Denise Lawlor said inclusivity was at the heart of the project meaning all parents living in Victoria with a baby born within the eligibility period could take part.

This includes families whose first language is not English, regional families, fathers and other parents who are under-represented, or who may be unable to take part in other research projects.

Denise said families had been very receptive to be included in be the project and were glad to be "part of something bigger than themselves".

"We hope as many Gippsland families as possible join us to be able to look for trends and patterns in this community in the years to come," Denise said.

"For example, we frequently hear families connect with GenV's vision because of health conditions that might affect their family.

"The more families that take part, the more we can understand families like theirs and ultimately help us better prevent, predict and treat problems families face."

Participating families are sent a short survey up to four times a year, that takes a few minutes to complete.

When signing-up, families provide their contact details and some basic information, and can also consent to an optional saliva sample to support biological research.

Denise stressed GenV protects participants' privacy by removing identifying details from the research.

"GenV takes very little of families' time but has the potential to make huge differences to many families going forward, potentially even their own," she said.

For more information, visit genv.org.au

Local charities receive nappies

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien handed over hundreds of donated disposable nappies to Gippsland South-based charities recently to distribute locally to those in need.

Mr O'Brien collected the nappies at his office in Sale which serves as a drop-off point for the Nappy Collective Giving Project.

"There is no doubt that there are a lot of households doing it tough at the moment, so I am sure these nappies will go a long way to reducing the stress for a number of local families," Mr O'Brien said.

"This initiative is a great way for locals to help locals and I am very grateful to the members of our local community who answer the call to donate to this cause time and time again."

The Nappy Collective is an Australian charity that aims to assist families who do not have enough nappies to change their children as often as they need to.

"All kinds of (unused) disposable nappies are happily accepted – day, night, pull-ups and even swim nappies. Opened or unopened packets are both perfectly acceptable."

Students cook their way to healthy bones in Leongatha

BONE health's importance was highlighted for South Gippsland Specialist School students who took to the school's kitchen to create tasty dishes incorporating fresh garden produce and dairy food for 'Healthy Bones Action Week' in late August.

The session formed part of their involvement in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation program, with representatives of Saputo Dairy Australia's (SDA) Leongatha plant working alongside the students to prepare the food.

The two organisations have an Australia-wide partnership, with SDA providing funding towards the Foundation's national food education program.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation's Louise Gray was also on hand, expressing the organisation's appreciation of the support.

She said the Foundation aims to help young people form healthy food habits for life, enabling them to create fresh, seasonal and delicious meals, adding that there is no joining criteria and that any school in Australia can become part of the program for a small fee.

Broccoli salad, leek and cheese quiche, garlic and herb bread were on the menu at South Gippsland Specialist School.

Student Julia enthusiastically took to chopping leeks, saying she enjoys cooking and building her skills.

By being part of the food-growing process at school, students are likely to be more adventurous in what they eat Louise said, perhaps illustrating why the likes of broccoli are now in with a chance of appealing to youngsters.



Saputo's Dave Baldi checks out Kyran's chopping technique. A03_3623

Healthy Bones Action Week, which ran until August 27, highlights the importance of children building strong bones from their primary school years onwards by ensuring their daily routine incorporates enough calcium, exercise, and vitamin D to support their bone health.

School principal Heather Braden observed proceedings while the students prepared the food, delighted to see them developing valuable skills they can use as adults.

Saputo's Dave Baldi (UHT supervisor) and Paul Carter (production manager UHT) were clearly enjoying their time in the kitchen and the chance to interact with students.

Sadly, the Sentinel-Times had to head off before lunch was served.



Students Mitch and Peter collect herbs in the South Gippsland Specialist School garden. A02_3623

Jean's cancer journey highlights the importance of local care

JEAN Kirkwood's cancer journey began and continues at Wonthaggi Hospital, highlighting the importance of cancer care being available on the Bass Coast.

She was taken to the hospital by ambulance with pain in her side and was transferred to Casey Hospital at Berwick for further assessment. There, she received a diagnosis of liver cancer.

Now Jean is back at Bass Coast Health's (BCH) Wonthaggi Hospital, having received chemotherapy at the L. Rigby Centre – a dedicated cancer and infusion facility – since November last year.

"I've been so lucky to be able to have the treatment here and not have to travel, especially as I'm having treatment for two weeks in a row," she said.

"I feel tired but can still do the basic things around home, but not having to travel eases the pressure. It's a great facility here. The staff are like my friends. They're all wonderful people. They give me a sense of security.

"I'm also able to have my blood tests done at Wonthaggi Hospital, so everything that I need to have done I can have done locally."

Jean's cancer diagnosis



Registered Nurse Linda Tack chats with cancer patient Jean Kirkwood at the L. Rigby Centre cancer and infusions centre at Wonthaggi Hospital.

came as a shock, but she has resolved to accepting her circumstances and her treatment regime.

"You just have to go with the flow. What I have got I have got," she said.

BCH offers a comprehensive cancer care service from Wonthaggi Hospital, saving patients the cost of time, energy

and money of travelling. Patients can consult oncologists from Alfred Health at Wonthaggi, undergo surgery, and receive chemotherapy and other infusions at the L. Rigby Centre. The centre has nine treatment chairs and treats an average of 300 patients a month – and that number is continuously growing.

Nurse Unit Manager Anna Kenny said, "Receiving news of a cancer diagnosis is a stressful time and so is the process of going through the many appointments, tests and treatment. The cancer team at Bass Coast Health understands that.

"Our staff help to reduce the burden faced by cancer patients and their family and friends – not only by offering many treatments here, but also by being empathetic towards patients and having first-class knowledge of treatment processes. This ensures patients receive treatment with minimal fuss so they can return to their normal lives as soon as possible."

Registered Nurse Linda Tack said of her approach to care, "I strive to offer my patients and the residents of Bass Coast the best possible care and understanding of disease progression, as well as the possible treatments, services and supports systems available at BCH."

BCH will expand its cancer services when the new Phillip Island Community Hospital opens in late 2024, providing a convenient day chemotherapy service to Island residents and visitors.



CPK McLaren MotorBody staff Craig McLaren, Ryan Wickham, Pam McLaren, Cameron Stitt, Jarrod Andreatta, Kris McLaren, Tristan Wilson and Ray Saunders. A06_3623

Gippsland's Mechanical Trades & Construction winners

CPK McLaren MotorBody is a family owned and operated VACC Accredited Vehicle Body Repairer based in Leongatha.

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In 2022 CPK McLaren MotorBody installed their first electric car power terminal.

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"In 2016 we won the Gippsland Business Awards in our category and have been consistent Finalists since. As well as consistent Finalists in the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce Industry awards."

In May this year CPK McLaren MotorBody were Finalist in the 2023 Automotive Industry Awards Best Small Automotive Business Regional Victoria - one of only six.

On August 25 CPK McLaren MotorBody won the Federation University 2023 Gippsland Business Awards Mechanical Trades & Construction category; securing their position as the number one Best Automotive Repairer Business throughout Gippsland.

What's your favourite escape in Leongatha?



Deputy Mayor Clare Williams of South Gippsland Shire Council

"I love to go down to the wetlands and take walks along the rail trail - they're my two favourite places in Leongatha."



"My favourite escape in Leongatha is the Great Southern Rail Trail - I love the scenery."

— Brett Nagel and Kerryn Reidy of Nagels Pharmacy.



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What's your favourite escape in Leongatha?

Raj Joshi and Dipti Thumar of Leongatha Newsagency love everything about Leongatha and interacting with customers.



"Visiting all the cafes, Lyric Theatre, Wakachi Sushi, DF Fitness, the sporting precinct with the swimming pool and Woorayl Golf Club."
— Andrew Newton of Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha

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Marty's clientele spans a diverse spectrum, from farmers to tradespeople, healthcare professionals to retail entrepreneurs. He is here to assist everyone, be it for personal or business needs, offering tailor-made solutions and an extensive array of products. At Yellow Brick Road, Marty believes in going beyond just securing better interest rates; he's all about helping people restructure



Marty Reidy has been nominated by Yellow Brick Road for their 2023 'New Broker' award and Marketing Person of the Year. A16_3623

their loans and enhance their cash flow. His expertise has saved many clients significant amounts on their monthly repayments by consolidating mortgages and car loans, among other financial strategies.

When traditional banks say no, Yellow Brick Road often has another avenue to explore. Marty and his team can help you discover alternative options and unlock additional cash flow. Recently, they assisted an individual in acquiring an investment property when the bank's offer fell short.

Marty's extensive background in some of the world's largest international businesses adds depth to his financial

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Paramedicine proves rewarding in Leongatha

GRADUATE Paramedic Tom Cleaver of Yinnar is relishing the opportunity to be based at Leongatha's Ambulance Victoria station during his 'grad year', delighted to have made a career switch from teaching.

Now in his second month in the role, Tom said the year will involve extensive study and the need to achieve specific milestones demonstrating proficiency in various skills each month.

Those skills include IV cannulation, capturing the electrical activity of the heart using an ECG and drawing up and administering medications.

Tom will be placed with a different clinical instructor each month.

Having already been a St John's Ambulance and Surf Lifesaving volunteer helped smooth his transition from primary school teaching.

After completing his three-year Bachelor Degree in Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University, Tom worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in its non-emergency road ambulance service transporting patients.

He outlined the transition to an emergency ambulance service.

"It's been wonderful; it's a quicker pace and there's a lot more management involved with patients, including pain management," Tom said.



Graduate Paramedic Tom Cleaver is working from the Leongatha branch of Ambulance Victoria for a year and is finding the experience rewarding. A01_3623

That emergency ambulance experience so far has been in the local area, mostly around Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

Motor vehicle accidents can be challenging, Tom explained.

"They're dynamic and you don't know what you're going to find," he said.

Tom is certain he has found his calling, speaking of the opportunity he gets to meet and assist different patients.

"You get to find out why they're having a bad day and help them have a better one," he said.

Tom remarked that establishing a patient's situation can involve detective work.

Asked how he stays calm in confronting situations, Tom suggested it is an outlook that

is gained through observing experienced paramedics.

"Part of the job is to be calm, and a calming presence is important," he said.

Tom quickly settled in at the Leongatha ambulance station and has found it is a terrific environment.

"I want to express how great a job it is and how supported I've been at this branch," he said.

Such is Tom's passion for paramedicine, he has made time to pursue an ambulance career despite his family responsibilities, being the father of four children.

When time permits, he is a keen gardener.

Tom would like to stay in the local region after completing his 'grad year'.

What's your favourite escape in Leongatha?

"I love running the rail trail and wandering around the wetlands. I particularly love the bit of the trail where Condoluci's farm is on the edge of Leongatha with the big dam and sowed crops." — Christie Nelson of Christie Nelson Real Estate



Breanna Fletcher, Nellie Yates, Tayla Cann and Ellie-Jade Kelly of Buzz Hair Studio enjoy the Great Southern Rail Trail. The team is also joined by Priscilla Fox, Kiara Noble and Caitlin Dooley.

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2023 Daffodil & Flower Show

Market and lunch at the Leongatha Community House

THE Leongatha Community House (LCH) will be offering a 'lunch in a bag' and holding a range of arts and crafts stalls in conjunction with the Daffodil and Flower Show.

People can 'pay what they can' for a fresh and delicious homemade style lunch prepared at the house, that will include a sandwich and biscuit and tea or coffee.

Lunch and cakes can be eaten while the stalls are explored, and chairs will be around so people can take a load off and enjoy their refreshments.

The Community House cottage craft stalls will include daffodil brooches, dolls, embroidered and knitted items, stalls with haberdashery, art and craft supplies and a second-hand book stall.

It's the perfect opportunity to pick up a great gift or find that book you've always wanted to read or get inspired to start your own craft project and stock up on some supplies.

If you arrive at the right time, a band of LCH's very own Ukulele players will be plucking a few popular tunes to entertain visitors.

The market, with lunch in a bag will be held on Saturday (September 9) from 11am to 3pm.

A shuttle bus will be available between the Leongatha Memorial Hall and the LCH, with times available at the hall, on the day.

South Gippsland Woodies

WHEN in Leongatha for the Daffodil Festival on September 7, 8 and 9, check out the South Gippsland Woodies' working demonstration and display table in the Memorial Hall courtyard.

This will be the 25th year in their tent which was paid for by a Shire grant. Members will be working on the lathe and the scroll saw and visitors will be able to pyrograph their own masterpiece.

There is no charge and entry will be located up the round steps opposite the Post Office, up the ramp in Michael Place or otherwise through the Flower Show in the Memorial Hall.

There is also access to the adjacent Art and Craft Gallery where visitors will enjoy browsing quality local art and craft.



Paul Robinson amongst the edible garden – ripe for the picking residents are encouraged to help themselves when the edibles are ready.

Preparing the blooms



It's hands-on for Kaz Garner as she prepares the gardens for Spring.

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's Parks and Gardens team are passionate about keeping our outdoor spaces safe, colourful and welcoming. To do this, they work tirelessly all year round through the rain and sunshine to ensure we can all enjoy our public spaces.

Loving working outdoors is a must for this team, and they are all passionate about creating spaces that encourage others to enjoy the outdoors. Everyone brings their own experience and areas of interest that adds to the multi-skilled nature of the team such as turf management, or the creativity of planning and planting out displays.

To make sure every flower blooms at the right time, the Parks and Gardens team work on an annual calendar with Spring being the busiest time of the year. However, to get the Spring plants ready, bulbs are planted in April and May.

In Leongatha, that means the daffodils are in so they add to the ambience of the annual Daffodil Festival. Wander through another town and you will see a

large variety of annuals including tulips, pansies and primulas.

Winter may seem like the worst time to be out and about planting, but our Parks and Gardens team use it to plant street trees and prune. Around 500 street trees are planted each year, mostly in new developments or streets that don't already have trees. They also prepare for Spring by doing mulching, weeding and other garden bed maintenance.

Something you may not know about the beautiful public displays across the Shire is that many have edible components. This year in Foster and Korumburra, you might find some beetroots, silver beet or parsley. When that produce is ready for picking, we encourage you to help yourself and enjoy it.

Our team works extremely hard so we all have something beautiful to look at. The next time you see them doing their amazing work, feel free to say 'hello' and let them know you appreciate their work. They will be really grateful for it.



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2023 Daffodil & Flower Show

Glenice still enjoys entering the Daffodil and Flower Show

GLENICE Griggs has been entering her home-grown flowers and produce into the Daffodil and Flower Show every year for the past few decades.

Despite the hard work and many other things to keep her busy, Glenice will be entering a number of items again this year.

An avid gardener and member of the Leongatha Horticultural Society, Glenice enjoys entering into the show each year, despite the work it takes.

"You do end up with a few prizes, but that's not the point. That's not what I enter for. It's because I like my garden. I like gardening, I like flowers, and fruit and veg'. I just do it because I like doing it."

A range of daffodils, tree and shrub cuttings, and veggies including cauliflower and cabbage and a sprig or two of fresh herbs will be put up on the display tables from Glenice this year.

"There's an entry in there for citrus too, so there'll be some

citrus going in as well," Glenice adds.

The keen gardener enjoys catching up with people at the festival who have the same interests and who love gardening and Glenice often finds inspiration at the show.

"I think you become a judge because you're interested in the same flowers and the fruit and veg and everything. You see what others grow and how they grow it, and you see some really interesting stuff there on the bench at the show that you've never seen before. Then you go for a trip to some nurseries," Glenice said.

"It's been going for many years and think it's great for the community to come and see, and we get a lot of people through, so it's obviously something well worth doing."

The Daffodil and Flower Show will be held Thursday to Saturday, September 7 - 9 at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.



Glenice Griggs is getting her beautiful bouquets ready to be entered for another year in the Daffodil and Flower show. ob10_3623

Daffodil Festival continues proud and varied history

LEONGATHA'S Daffodil Festival is on again this week continuing a long tradition, having begun as a flower show in September 1949 when it was established by the Leongatha Horticultural Society, started the year before.

Secretary of Leongatha Historical Society Lyn Skillern shared an article she wrote to celebrate the event's 50th anniversary, with her story based on conversation with Rodney Emmerson of the Horticultural Society. He was instrumental in the event's ongoing success after joining the Horticultural Society in 1951.

While by that year entries had reached 70, a decade later the old council chambers were bursting with colour as the 1961 daffodil display featured 820 entries.

The event had been expanded in 1957 with daffodil growers from other regions encouraged to participate as the focus turned to raising money for Leongatha's swimming pool.

Wiring daffodils for display was once permitted, something that is no longer allowed.

The daffodil festival competition categories have altered a number of times over the years, including the option for non-commercial growers not having to compete against those in the floral industry, something that encouraged more people to enter.

In 1957 the decorating of shop windows started as part of the transition from a flower show to a broader festival.

In 1961 the Daffodil Princess and the Junior Floral Princess were crowned, with various organisations combining in that year to extend the festival to a week-long event.

That was the second year in which the festival was held at its current Memorial Hall location, having shifted there from Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

There were events such as church services, a procession, a garden party, a daffodil baby show, a variety concert and film evening in the Catholic Hall, three junior football matches, wildflower display and a golf tournament.

The next year things were scaled down and by 1965 the only features that remained were the flower show and the princess competition.

Subsequently, changes were made to keep the festival going, with camellias and Australian native plants introduced to the flower show.

Floral art was also included and became popular with the introduction of floral art classes at Koonwarra.

Leongatha's Daffodil Festival continues to attract large attendances, sometimes including a street component, although this year centred on its ongoing home at the Memorial Hall.

Homemade fare is on the menu at this years' Daffodil Festival

DELICIOUS homemade soups and a scrumptious array of cakes, slices and scones will be provided by St. Peter's Anglican Church to attendees of this year's Daffodil Festival.

Not having missed a year since the festival first began 65 years ago, the ladies are excited to be bringing their wholesome fare, along with free tea and coffee to Festival attendees once more.

There will be an exhibition held in the church also, so attendees can browse the displays, rest their legs with a cuppa, have a long lunch, or simply grab a cake and go.

The theme of this year's exhibition, which features eight mini and maxi displays is 'Celebrate Seasons of the Church'.

The ladies of the church together with members of the Ladies Guild, the Opportunity Shop and the Mother's Union have pulled together the thought-provoking displays.

These will include Baptism, Holy Communion, St Peter's, Easter, Harvest, Christmas,

Funeral and Marriage.

The Harvest display will showcase the flowers, vegetables and fruit grown in people's gardens that are currently in bloom, ripe or ready this time of year.

A wedding display will be showcased again as it was last year. The ladies found it to be so popular they decided to do another this year, with different elements.

A Christmas display will have a tree and a nativity scene, and an Easter Garden and Easter eggs will be on display - for as long as they last.

The funds raised from the event goes to a number of good causes, including Anglicare, community lunches and to those in need in the community, at the discretion of the rector.

The refreshments and exhibition will both be held at the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Leongatha in conjunction with the opening hours of the Daffodil and Flower Show from Thursday to Saturday, September 6 - 8.



Coral Johnston, St Peter's Ladies' Guild President, and Lucy Treacy, a member of the congregation at St Peter's, at a previous years Daffodil Festival with homemade cakes, slices and scones, that will be on the menu, this year, once again.



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WOMBATS across Bass Coast and South Gippsland are experiencing high levels of mange and Rescue to Release Inc. are working to treat those suffering.

The mange is caused by the sarcoptic mite, believed to be introduced with European settlers.

The mites burrow underneath the wombats' skin causing intense itching the wombats scratch at incessantly, leading to the skin breaking.

They lose lots of hair and it can get so bad that the skin forms crusted areas and splits.

The wombats can die as a result of a secondary infection.

It's a slow, protracted death over a number of months and the wombats suffer greatly.

Simonne Fleming, Secretary and Treasurer of Rescue to Release Inc. said, "Pretty much anywhere with wombats at the moment, in our region, is experiencing some level of mange."

Hotspots include Powlett River and surrounding bushland, Cape Paterson and coastal areas, and farmland in general, across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Unfortunately, the burrows that wombats live in create good breeding and spreading grounds for the mites, including high humidity, foxes sharing burrows and greater populations in more condensed areas, due to urbanisation.

It also takes a lot of commitment to treat the animals in the wild.

"Sometimes it might take me a month or two to find, locate and treat a wombat. I might be driving to the same location several times a week," said Simonne.

Rescue to Release Inc. have recently become incorporated so they can manage the cause more sustainably together with Mange Management.

Mange Management assist with the provision of supplies, including drugs and burrow flaps, and Rescue to Release Inc. supply their time, transport and some of the tools and equipment.

Wombats are treated depending on how accessible they are and how far the disease has progressed using two different topical treatments directly applied to the wombats or on burrow flaps which are installed on wombat burrows.

Wildlife cameras are used to collect footage, track wombats and determine the treatment, which is applied either once or twice a month, or every week for two to three months.

The charity are currently looking to purchase additional trail cameras to help assist the wombats and donations can be made at paypal.me/rescuetorelease.

Success rates are very high when wombats are treated before bacterial infection occurs and there are free treatment kits available for people to treat wombats on their own properties.

The general public can also help by volunteering time and reporting of sightings of wombats with suspected mange to Wildlife Victoria. The most useful thing to provide is accurate GPS data, clear and close photos of wombats, and dates and times of the sighting. Wildlife Victoria's number is 8400 7300.

Wild for native wildflowers with WSBN



Chris Owens passion project is salvaging and propagating local, native wildflowers and the biodiversity they offer. ob01_3623



The Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery will be holding their very first local, native wildflower sale on Saturday, September 16. ob02_3623

NATIVE wildflowers that once covered the Western Plains and provided food for our First Peoples are being salvaged and propagated as a result of one man's passion project.

Chris Owens goes wild for native wild flowers, and he has brought his love for the plants to the Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery (WSBN).

The team of volunteers at WSBN have been salvaging and sowing seeds and cuttings from native trees and shrubs in the area for twenty-five years and are now doing the same with native wildflowers.

Trays of flowers that are just beginning to bloom stretch across two long benches at the State Coal Mine based seed bank and nursery.

With a little more sunshine and warmth the flowers will soon be on full display.

Chris points out small, white, star shaped flowers in long rows - creamy candles or stackhousia monogyna.

"If you walked around all of the bushland spots in Wonthaggi in the spring, you'd be lucky to see half a dozen of those."

Chris is passionate about propagating these smaller plants and the positive impact that these sometimes locally endangered species have on the eco-system.

"Every native plant has its associate, attendant insect."

"In season, on a warm, sunny day, these are covered with butterflies. That's the sort of thing that these flowers support. As well as the hover flies and the native bees."

There are white daisies, small blue bells, bright yellow

buttercups, violet coloured chocolate lilies, sun orchids and yam daisies - not quite in bloom yet.

"The yam daisy has a tuber, and this was a staple for Aborigines."

"I've grown these for food and they're quite tasty. They're sort of like a parsnip," Chris explained.

WSBN provides advice and stock for bulk plantings, trees and large shrubs to people and groups revegetating green fields, farm land and wet lands.

Chris wants to expand this concept by offering multi species to create more diverse planting options in both larger and smaller areas and preserving what small natives are left.

"Whilst you can pump out melaleucas and you see them everywhere by roadsides, and they're good habitat; my interest is more about what's underneath. These are the things that are really disappearing locally."

Adding native wild flowers to established areas, home gardens or even creating wildflower meadows are a key part to expanding biodiversity and also maintaining the provenance of local native species.

"We need to maintain the genetic profile of our stock, so that they keep and have attributes that have evolved with our soils. If you bring other stuff in, it's not going to adapt as well."

WSBN are excited to be holding their very first native Wildflower Sale on Saturday, September 16, at the Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery, State Coal Mine.

Mysterious microbat wins mammal of the year

THE GOLDEN tipped micro bat has won mammal of the year from 42,000 votes, according to Cosmos magazine.

Serra from Bass Coast Bats is thrilled about the microbat winning the title, which follows on from last year's winner, also a micro bat, the Southern Bent-Wing.

"The bat community is very small, but very powerful," said Serra.

"It's really exciting and it's awesome for awareness."

"The fact that people are now recognising the different species, and the important roles they play for our ecosystem, is awesome."

While the winning bats don't reside in our region, there are 23 identified species in Victoria and Serra commonly sees and rescues five different species.

Microbats vary from between three grams to twenty grams and are sometimes mistaken for moths.

"A lot of people aren't aware of how small they are or that they even exist. They're here and they're probably in your backyard. They're probably flying amongst your trees."

They are crucial for controlling pest populations such as mosquitos and moths, and keep insect borne diseases at bay, as they eat only insects.

"They can eat literally hundreds in anight," Serra explains.

"Even farmers have found



The Golden Tipped Microbat has won the title of mammal of the year from 42,000 votes.

that they don't need to use as many insecticides on their crops if there's micro bats around."

Microbats also have preferred social groups and use their echo location to find their mates and their friends. Females will roost and have their babies together in large numbers and males will be on their own or in small groups.

During these colder months the bats go into a state of torpor, similar to a miniature hibernation and people assume they are dead because they're not moving, but their rest has

simply been disturbed.

Serra finds that as people are moving and opening up things like outdoor umbrellas, caravan awnings and outdoor blinds, the bats are showing up.

Bass Coast Bats will take them into care, wait until dark and release them close to where they were found. They also rescue and rehabilitate longer term cases.

"That's the aim of the game at the end of the day, is to have them rehabilitated and safely put back into the world where they belong," Serra said.



Bass Coast Bats rescues and releases microbats which control insect populations and only weigh between three and twenty grams.

Serra commented on why she thinks the microbat has won mammal of the year two years in a row.

"There's a bit of mystery to them. There's a bit of that darkness, the gothic-ness, the coolness of them. You have to go out of your way to find them, they're special and a lot of people don't know about them, and the ones that do seem to fall in love very quickly."

A microbat session presented by Microbats of Melbourne will be held by Wildlife in Sandy Point (WISP) on Saturday, September 23.



The students who make up the Human Powered Vehicle team from Korumburra Primary School will race against 110 other schools this November. ob04a_3623

Born to ride with Korumburra Primary

KORUMBURRA Primary School have been running the human powered vehicle programme (HPV) at their school since 2012.

They've had multiple students over the years represent the school at the major competition event that has been held in Maryborough for thirty years.

This year is no different and Korumburra students will be competing against 110 other teams in the late November racing competition.

It forms part of the Energy Breakthrough program which was originally set up by the Country Education Partnership.

The idea is to get small country schools involved in a program where they build something innovative, engage their parents, the community and businesses with an end result of competing in a racing event.

About 23 students from years five and six have been involved in fitness training, learning about the environment, fossil fuels and renewable energies, in preparation for the event and all in their own time.



Cody, Jack and Carly are teammates who enjoy the social aspects of the HPV program, riding the vehicles and going to the Maryborough competition. ob06_3623

Craig Friebe, year six teacher and HPV Coordinator at the school said, "The best thing from my point of view as a teacher, as an educator, is that these guys, if you were to come into the classroom, they wouldn't normally be interacting with each other. There's kids that wouldn't normally talk to each other, yet now in this team environment, that's what they're doing."

"I like the group, you just have

different friends that you don't normally hang out with and it's fun to ride," said Cody, a student in the team.

The students ride three royal blue recumbent vehicles around the basketball courts between small witches' hats.

They have two wheels at the front, one at the back, and have eight gears.

There's strict and set specifications for all the vehicles that

go to the event in the primary division.

The students will ride as a team for three days for a total of sixteen hours.

It begins with a two-hour race that gives them their position.

Then they race in an endurance event for eight hours on the second day and six hours the following day.

Jack who is a student in the team for the second year in a row said, "It's fun to ride them at school, and it's fun to have the training sessions. When you're at Maryborough you see a lot of people and sometimes there's crashes."

While Carly another student rider, enjoys the social side of the competition.

"I like meeting different people from different schools."

The students will soon start attending regular training sessions after school at the Stoney Creek Go Kart track, (one of their major sponsors) to get their licences and to get ready to ride in late November.

TAFE Gippsland celebrated

TAFE Gippsland was named Large Training Provider of the Year at the Victorian Training Awards.

The award celebrated the TAFE's work to create more skills opportunities for regional students who are transitioning into new careers.

Backed by the State Government, TAFE Gippsland is making sure more students have greater choice when it comes to course delivery and student experience across its 13 campuses from Waragul to Lakes Entrance.

With courses from food and fibre, emerging industries through to maritime operations, more regional students are getting the training they need for job they want.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney officially congratulated the TAFE Gippsland team on its win at the awards, commending its dedication to vocational education and training across the region.

"TAFE Gippsland has transferred vocational training in the Gippsland region and continues to deliver world class training through their campus and facilities," she said.

"Congratulations to the whole team for being recognised as Large Training Provider of the Year in recognition of your work to deliver the best possible VET outcomes for Gippsland."

TAFE Gippsland chief executive officer Laura Macpherson said TAFE Gippsland is thrilled the Victorians Skills Authority saw the amazing work of the team and the high level of student achievement.

Take children's learning outdoors with bush kinder

MORE of Victoria's littlest learners are getting the chance to explore and play in nature, with the Government delivering more Bush Kinder programs across the state.

Bush Kinder gives children the chance to learn while expanding their curiosity and independence in a natural environment, putting them in touch with nature through outdoor activities and creative play.

Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt announced a \$3.6 million investment in 600 bush kinder programs state-wide over the next four years.

Grants for Bush Kinder programs starting next year are now open, which will support 150 kindergarten providers across Victoria to take children's learning outdoors.

The \$6,000 grants will help kindergartens purchase necessary equipment to set up programs that focus on getting outside, playing with natural materials, and learning through activities like climbing trees and watching wildlife.

Bush Kinder programs are educational as well as exciting for children, giving them a supervised place to play in a natural environment – with significant positive impact on their development, as well as on their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Bringing outdoor education into kinder through a new free online portal provides staff with professional learning and case studies to ensure all children get the full range of benefits of learning in nature.

Kindergarten services can find out more about the Bush Kinder Grants Program at vic.gov.au/bush-kindergartens.

Colour fun without the sun at St Joseph's Wonthaggi

CHEERS and laughter filled the field on Thursday as St Joseph's Wonthaggi took on the Colour Run.

The rain didn't dampen spirits, clearing for the whole school event that also saw local emergency services participate.

Preps were first through the gates with their grade six buddies accompanying them as they ran around the field, over the hurdles and through the teachers and police officers spraying them with colour.

Local Highway Patrol officers watched from afar as their community engagement colleagues joined in alongside Wonthaggi Fire Bridge.

Teacher Kate Morison was on hand with bubbles while parents watched from the sidelines.

Taking it in turns each year level went through the course twice with a short interlude allowing the Student Representative Council the opportunity to douse teachers in slime.

The opportunity to do something different, the event was driven by the Student Representative Council with the full support of Principal, Joanne Coldebella and teachers.

The Sentinel Times suspects the fun-filled event will be a regular occurrence if the laughter and cheers are anything to go by.



Alexis, Liam, Lachlan, Remi, Patrick and Kitty were all smiles on Thursday as they tackled the Colour Run course at St Joseph's Wonthaggi. C07_3623



The Student Representative Council got their own as they doused teachers in slime much to the delight on fellow students. C10_3623

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COMMENT

Government should get back to the basics

THERE'S a residential property owner in Inverloch who is having to go to the Supreme Court, at an overall cost of \$100,000, just to have a 93-year-old covenant removed from his block so he can replace a second dwelling already located on the site.

It's an extreme example of the barriers, and the costs, in the way of adding much-needed housing stock to a critically stressed market.

But, there's got to be a better way. Not enough childcare places or the qualified staff to man those centres.

A woefully under-supplied police department.

Underfunded country roads that are falling apart, even without the impact of a wet winter.

A looming power supply crisis as coal-fired generation gets set to shut down well ahead of the roll out of renewables.

The rampant drug and mental health issues filling our courts and jails.

The lack of a statewide, nationwide strategy to deal with sea-level rise and storm surges around our coast-line, locally evident at Inverloch where perceived or real risk has stopped a \$13.6 million development at the RACV Resort.

And possibly the biggest issue of all facing Australia, and local communities in the future, dwarfing any foreign security concerns, is the nation's aging profile with the number of older Australians in the over 85 category set to rise steadily from 528,000 in 2020 to 2.2 million by 2066. What's the plan?

Certainly, social engineering issues, the Voice, climate change, major infrastructure projects and other trending topics deserve consideration, but governments have become distracted and need to return to the basics of health, housing, education, safety, food production, aged care and the like, ensuring sufficient time, money and energy is committed to the bare necessities of life first.

Aged care and turning on the light might not be front of mind now, but it will be.

Christmas spirit needed early in Gippsland

THE work of local charity A Better Life for Foster Kids and its founder, Heather Baird is well known around Gippsland.

Every year, in addition to the year-round care packages they supply Gippsland foster and kinship carers, A Better Life for Foster Kids arrange a local toy drive to ensure no child is left behind on Christmas day.

My office is one of many across Gippsland that host a giving tree and serve as drop off points for this wonderful initiative.

While September might seem a little early to be talking about Christmas, the growing number of children in out-of-home care across Gippsland has meant Ms Baird has had to put the call out for donations early so that her and her wonderful volunteers can meet with growing demand.

While I personally won't be putting the Christmas tree up yet, my office is open as a collection point for donations.

Some suggestions for gifts include gift cards, toys and beach towels. Unfortunately, books are discouraged due to high postage costs.

Gifts should be under \$40 in value and gift cards must be from major outlets such as Big W, Target and Kmart to ensure

they can be utilised by children in more remote areas.

Gifts can also be posted direct to the charity at PO Box 1138 Sale Vic, 3850.

Business owners who are also interested in hosting a giving tree should visit abetterlifeforfosterkids.org.au to register.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South

Island residents must back healthy option

AT the August 16 meeting, Bass Coast Shire Council proceeded to the final stages of the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Estates Road and Drainage Improvement Project. Council unanimously voted to commence the formal statutory scheme process by resolving to issue a public notice of its intention to declare a special charge scheme.

Letters with a copy of the public notice will be sent to property owners advising of the intention of Council to declare the Special Charge at the December 13, 2023, Council Meeting.

The letters include the amount for which each property owner will be liable, the basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge. Any submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge must be received by October 11, 2023.

Dust was acknowledged by councillors as the key public health issue along with the dangers from flooding, potholes and mosquitoes.

Sealing the roads, installing kerb and channel and traffic calming will be of great benefit to all, especially families. Children will be able to play outside and ride bikes safely without being showered in dust and mud or risk hitting dangerous potholes and falling or being bitten by mosquitoes that breed in our open stagnant ditches.

Elderly residents will have safer access to public transport. They will be able to use mobility aids to travel along footpaths on main roads such as The Esplanade, Dunvegan, Batman and Glen Street and won't have to negotiate dangerous open drains, potholes or worry about speeding drivers.

Despite misinformation spread by a local lobby group, the average cost is \$25k. Property owners can contribute to the scheme up front, over 10 years or 20 years if under financial difficulty.

After decades of ill health from the dusty roads and suffering the consequences of poor drainage, such as rising damp and mould, property owners can now choose to prioritise health and safety of our community by supporting the scheme.

Gavan O'Connor, Phillip Island.

Where's the transparency and democracy

I would like to make the following comments in connection to the presentation by council at the council meeting August 16, regarding the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Special Rate Scheme.

Mr Stirton in presenting his report on the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme his statement that the proposal was prepared as per local government act gives all ratepayers in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay the opportunity to vote for or against this scheme.

Cr David Rooks in moving this motion waffled on in regard to this motion as did Cr Clare le Serve, Geoff Ellis and Cr Brett Tessari out did all off them with his story and Cr Rochelle Halstead also stating she was in favour of the Scheme.

Cr David Rooks did qualify with Mr Stirton that replies by ratepayers to proceed with this proposal would be

confidential.

As all councillors know I am all in favour of freedom of expression as per our constitution and will not deny the councillors their rights in expressing their views.

What is clear that the above-named councillors are in favour of the proposed Special Rate Scheme, and no councillor spoke against the proposal or abstained from voting.

I am fully aware that to abandon the process to proceed with the scheme has lapsed and council must justify the \$950K spend on preparing this proposal.

Cr Ronnie Bauer raised a question asking Mr Stirton if non-voters would be counted, his reply was no but would take the question on notice?

However, what does concern me is the transparency on how the council collect and count the votes and where will they include the non-voters in their tally?

I will be upfront I have no confidence in this council under mayor Cr Micheal Whelan that the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach ratepayers will get transparency.

I remind Cr Micheal Whelan on his 2016 election spiel on transparency.

I declare as a ratepayer of Surf Beach I will abide by the majority vote as per the democratic process.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Poor form Bass Coast Shire Council

THE SGST article this week regarding Cr. Whelan seeking another term as Mayor has a lot of the residents up in arms.

At a local meeting yesterday, the matter was casually raised and not one thought it was a good result for the Council nor the ratepayers.

We all agreed that he was overpaid and under-qualified for the role, and further, owing to the fact that he refuses to release the damning report on the Council from the review shows there is something amiss.

Further, the report that Geoff Ellis will take the place of Bruce Kent without a by-election rankles with some, He was not elected and only gets the job because he was on the election paper.

Poor form.

David Blum, Almurta

Have we buried our heads?

WHY are we so afraid of saying what we believe for fear of being called racists?

This great country is free because our forefathers sacrificed their lives in two wars. They fought to the death to perhaps not agree with what we say but for the right to say what we believe.

Now we just sit back afraid to stand behind our opinion and allow our history to be rewritten and falsified.

For example: aboriginals were a stone age race of hunter gatherers that never evolved in 60,00 years. We did. Aboriginals had over a thousand languages but no written language. They survived in conditions that we could not have.

Fire stick burning destroyed rainforests but killed game to eat and regrowth provided conditions for more game to thrive. This is not farming. All Megafauna was extinct within a few thousand years of Aboriginal discovering and inhabiting Australia.

During settlement by Europeans aboriginals killed about 5000 settlers. The early settlers killed at least 20,000 aboriginals in revenge. The past remains so, you can't just rewrite it. England was invaded by the Vikings and the Romans, get over it.

Welcome to country was introduced by Ernie Dingo in 1972, he thought on seeing it in the Pacific islands it was a good idea. It was never an Aboriginal custom. The so-called aboriginal flag was created in 1971 It was never an Aboriginal

symbol.

Why are we acknowledging first nation people when Aboriginals were never a nation?

Marbo 2 grants that Australia was not terra nullius. Provided Aboriginals can show uninterrupted spiritual/traditional connection to the land before English colonisation the law would recognise those traditional rights (Native Title Act 1993(Cth). S223).

Aboriginal people could vote at the state level before Federation in 1901. On May 27, 1967, Australians voted to change the Constitution so that like all other Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population and the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for them.

Aboriginals choose not to take responsibility for their actions and their society is punitive. Domestic violence is entrenched in indigenous communities and sentences are often unduly reduced when customary practices are taken into account. (The NT Government,' Little Children Are Sacred'; Report of the NT Board of Enquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse (2007).

Changing the constitution will not stop the grog, abuse, not attending school, crime or violence.

Twenty-four select non voted delegates in Canberra won't give a meaningful VOICE. Permanent government intervention in the lives of those few Aboriginals that are failing in this modern society will not close the gap.

So, with Aboriginals having land rights of over half of the Australian land mass and numerous wasteful bureaucracies; do we believe a YES vote will improve Aboriginal lives?

Harry Baess, Foster

Wonthaggi Power left out in cold

AS A fan of the Wonthaggi Power senior men's football team, I was thrilled to see that we finished the home and away season on the top of the ladder. This "won us" the prize of having a "home final".

What a joke! There is no final for Wonthaggi in Wonthaggi.

Speaking to a member of the board, who shall remain nameless, I was appalled to learn that winning first place meant that two other teams – namely Moe and Leongatha – would be playing at Wonthaggi instead of us this (your time last) weekend.

Now, I have a lot of time for both of these towns, particularly the Parrots who have shown some classy form, but I ask you, what good does that do them, and where does that leave the Power???

I asked my friend if that meant we got the gate takings? The answer was a resounding NO. We get to keep the cafeteria and bar, and that is IT.

And then the following week, when the Power play, what happens? We play in Morwell!

Well THANK YOU VERY MUCH Gippsland League. Coming first and winning a home final means less than nothing. If anything, it's an expense to the club, and a massive inconvenience to the two teams who will be playing at Wonthaggi for our supposed benefit.

If, and I know it is a big IF, the Power get to go through, would it be too much to request a bus to drive some Wonthaggi Power supporters out to Morwell to supplement that downright robbery and jiggery pokery that has gone on? I recommend it leave from outside the Cape Paterson Tavern, where a number of Wonthaggi Power supporters live, then whisk through Wonnie itself before dropping us off at the game. This situation is outrageous, and while some dunderheads may argue that Morwell is a central ground to the region, playing finals at home grounds is a great opportunity to showcase Gippsland as a whole.

Rant over. GO POWER!!!

Kit Fennessy, Cape Paterson

Referendum Fairness

I HAVE grave concerns with issues raised in the public discussions on the fore coming Referendum for Constitutional change by most parties that is to be decided on October 14 across Australia.

Each morning when I turn on the radio ABC Melbourne at 5.30 after a brief news bulletin I am confronted by a read statement "Acknowledge aborigines as the traditional owners of the land on which we stand etc.," as an introduction to Sammy J breakfast program.

This is a common statement that is part of introduction of business at council meetings and in public forums.

Our local council has even gone further and abolished their new citizen rewards ceremony on Australia day for a more "acceptable" time. Perhaps an additional statement should be added to read 'also respect the people both present and past from many countries that have made this nation prosperous under the sign of the Southern Cross'.

When does the ABC play the Australian National Anthem in its daily programming?

The aboriginal protagonists have declared Australia Day as 'Invasion Day'. Should a change be required I would call it 'Liberation Day'.

My two convicts arrived with the first fleet. They were selected as a small group of convicts to establish a working community on Norfolk Island. My couple established a family, the male became Superintendent of works under the Governor and later returned to Sydney to take the same position building the first windmill to crush grain and overseeing the building of Rum Hospital. Their descendants set about building this independent and operative community called Australia.

My couple were victims of the system inflicted by the ruling authorities prevailing in England. My female was a victim of the defeat of Britain in the American War of Independence. The British Parliament passed an Act declaring all female domestics were to be dismissed and replaced with some of 130,000 troops returning from America.

This meant loss of income and often the loss of back pay. When she tried to recover the money from the premises, she was apprehended, charged, and convicted. The sentence was death by hanging after which the judge issued a reprieve to transportation for 14 years. The male a qualified Carpenter and Joiner had a disagreement with his landlady in the morning. When he returned from work in the evening, the authorities confronted him about goods belonging to his landlady such as aprons. The items were found under his mattress. He was apprehended, charged, and convicted and sentenced to 14 years transportation. The custom at the time in London was if you assisted in the apprehension of a thief and found guilty, the court would pay you 40 British pounds, a lot of money in those days.

On the original settlement day both the aborigines and the arrivals were victims!

On October 14, 2023, Australia will decide if it will advance to new step towards fairness and reason for the benefit of all people.

Many of us are thrilled by the spectacle of Australian Football Grand Final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. There are detailed stages in the organisation such as the preparation of ground for the contest beforehand, on the actual day it is the participating teams and the crowd for the game and aftermath is the celebrations. In that scenario, the Referendum is totally represented by the first stage. That is the preparation of the ground that ensures the playing surface is ideal, the flagpoles are in place and the required markings are made on the ground. No more and no less!!

But what we have in the public domain now is that the two sides that were to play on appointed day cannot wait and are playing the big game beforehand in the car park outside without an umpire and changes to the rules. "A real Fawltly Towers job" episode.

They do not even consider playing on

Vox Pop

What have you done to combat climate change?



Yianni Banikos

"I've planted about 800 trees on my block and I've bought an electric car; I built a low energy house about 40 years ago."



Scott Rae

"I've planted a few trees, a little bit of koala food. I don't know if you can combat climate change; the climate is forever changing."



Victoria Johnson

"I'm working with my husband to protect native forest and threatened species at our Turtons Creek property, including weeding, feral animal management, a little revegetation and gaining an understanding of adapting to climate change."



Tracy Neilsen

"I have informed myself how my lifestyle impacts the environment, seeking to enhance and restore where I live and continuing to learn about local and global issues."

adjacent Richmond football ground!! A 'climate change' storm hits the playing area, and the field becomes a muddy quagmire. The final result is wholly debatable. This is a case of people putting the horse before the cart and manufacturing a whole morass of unnecessary information to suit their political agenda.

In my former professional career of managing solutions of problems I used the 'KISS principal' put simply 'keep it simple stupid'.

This referendum only delivers the base line in a legal sense from which future negotiations can take place between all parties if approved.

I am in the twilight years of my life fighting the cancer bug, but I urge my fellow citizens to 'KEEP IT SIMPLE AUSTRALIA' so that we can walk together into the future with fairness, respect, and pride.

John Killian, Ryanston

A lesson on Australia Day

BEFORE we have more Australia Day and citizenship ceremonies cancelled, I think it's time for a history lesson.

Galarrwuy Yunupingu AO 1985, Australian of the Year 1978, who passed away in April, was a founding member of Malcolm Frasers' National Australia Day Committee in 1980-82.

He, Neville Bonner and Charlie Perkins travelled to and talked with many indigenous leaders all over the nation to collect their opinions about Australia Day.

After almost a year of travel it was Galarrwuy who reported to the committee that Aboriginal communities, just like the rest of Australia, preferred January 26th for Australia Day as it marked the end of the summer holidays and was a handy time to get the kids ready for school.

He also made many other valuable contributions to matters concerning national pride.

Anne Pietsch, Pomonal

(Source: Frank Cassidy Sec. of the Committee)

Not a goodwill game

I WRITE in relation to Kevin Walsh's letter on 'The Voice' in your 29/8 edition.

In his argument in defence of the 'Yes' case, I very much appreciated his ex-soldier's analogy to the importance of not just military morale, but the morale of a people more generally, and how even quite small gestures of goodwill can positively alter social/group dynamics, as he suggests, for instance, a successful referendum might do for aborigines.

However, building morale isn't just a sim-

ple business of well-intentioned goodwill and gestures. He would, as a military man, appreciate that at a glance when looking at the present state of morale in the Russian army.

Their officer corps is largely incompetent and corrupt. The conscripts they command not only distrust and despise them but are either indifferent to or oppose the 'special operation' they have been forced to fight in, and are only interested in going home.

Running the aboriginal industry is just as problematic a gig.

The social administrator class that runs aboriginal affairs is in some ways analogous to the Russian officer one. It has had since 1970 to put a positive stamp on the territory, but today things are much worse than they were under the bad old days of 'paternalism' and missionaries. At least there was some order then.

Not anymore.

50 years of peddling blithe, uncritical and fanciful race/cultural romanticism, palming disinhibition off as 'freedom', deregulating social behaviour by discrediting social authority as 'repressive', 'privatising' moral accountability in favour of the individual actor at the expense of the collective good, providing 'freebie human rights without also insisting on responsible adult civil agency first; it has all done enormous damage to social infrastructure and governance broadly, which unsurprisingly, three generations later, now leaks chaotic and dysfunctional behaviour like a sieve...

This unconscionable strategy has especially wrecked an aboriginal society that was travelling badly in the first place. The indigenous behaviour seen in Australian country towns and remote communities in the last few months and the non-existent response to it by organs of the institutional status quo, underline just how chronically bad things have become.

None of the indigenous 'officer class' are prepared to do the now extremely dangerous and dirty work necessary down at the grass roots; you know, to go after the corruption, violence, sexual abuse, indolence, crime, and irresponsible/inconsequential behaviour that blights and paralyses rank and file communities, in ways that will be extremely confronting and seriously disrupt the status quo.

Along with the ideologically fanciful strategic vision, miserable lack of appetite for tough intra-communal conversation and unwillingness to impose some firm discipline by the aboriginal industry 'officer class', we are also faced with a grass roots rank file lack of enthusiasm or interest in doing even the minimum necessary to advance into becoming successful modern citizens, who are prepared to fight the forces of cultural inertia, galvanise themselves to refuse to accept poor behaviour and commit their children to regular school at-

tendance and high standards of participation and study output.

The aboriginal industry 'officers' are as incapable of solving their own difficulties or those of their 'troops', as the Russian military ones. So they invent a diversion by targeting our constitution with a racist ideological missile attack calculated to not only obscure their own incompetence, but set us against each other, so that we continue not to notice what they are doing to not just our once beloved country, but most particularly, aboriginals.

We aren't playing a Goodwill Game here Kevin. It is much less pleasant than that.

Christopher Eastman-Nagle, Grantville

Mutual Respect

IN THE early eighties, during my army service, I was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant in an infantry battalion. During this service it was pointed out to me several times by the battalion's intelligence officer who doubled as the battalion's historian that the average life expectancy for a Second Lieutenant in a major attack was seven minutes.

This naturally led to thoughts about my own mortality and what was worth literally risking life and limb for?

The answer I arrived at was: my comrades, my community and the Australian people.

This was also informed by a belief in democracy and eventually free speech.

This concept is encapsulated in the saying "I may not agree with what you are saying but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

I am the Co-Captain for the Bass Coast Yes campaign for the current referendum.

I respect the legitimate right of those planning to vote No to both do so and advocate for their position whilst at the same time being treated with respect.

It is right and proper in a democracy to advocate for your position and your values. I only ask that such advocacy is done in a way that reflects both mutual respect and a recognition that all sides will still be Australians after the vote and will still be living in the same community.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

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.



Teacher, Kate Morison had the bubbles at the ready during Thursday's Colour Run at St Joseph's Wonthaggi. C01_3623



Ryan and Audrey got in on the action at St Joseph's Colour Run on Thursday. C02_3623



It was fun all around for Lenna and Isla after their first round on the Colour Run circuit. C03_3623



Teacher and teaching assistants, Courtenay, Rikki and Courtney had a blast as they coloured students running past. C04_3623



Registered theatre nurse Karen Scott and ward clerk Tania Peters get into the spirit of the 'Field of Daffodils' at Leongatha Hospital. A07_3623



Pat Kuhne pays tribute to her sister-in-law, the late Annie Owen, adding to the 'Field of Daffodils' and joined by executive assistant at Gippsland Southern Health Service, Dallas Surace. A08_3623



Eleanor, Sarah and Aisling Meney at Gippsland Southern Health's 'Field of Daffodils', which Sarah described as a beautiful tradition that has been missed the last few years. A09_3623



Jim Varghese, Gay 'Snooky' Stockdale and Merike 'Muzz' Musinskis at Gippsland Southern Health Service's 'Field of Daffodils' morning tea event. A10_3623



Leesa Vinall - committee member of the Wonthaggi Rescue Arts Station held a 'Canaries to the Rescue' workshop on Sunday - A VicHealth community engagement project. Z09_3623

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the St Joseph's Wonthaggi Colour Run, Field of Daffodils, South Gippsland Landcare Network Planting Trees for Carbon forum, Bass Coast Artist Society photography exhibition at the Inverloch Community Hub and Wonthaggi Rescue Station 'Canaries to the Rescue' workshop



First year medical students Angus Lyford, Peilin Cheng, Arushi Kant and Chyna Liu visit the 'Field of Daffodils' at Leongatha Hospital where they added to the display. A11_3623



Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Community Safety Officer John, St Joseph's Deputy Principal Diane and PPU Senior Constable Megan joined in on Thursday action at St Joseph's. C05_3623



Max Honigsberg and Daryl Hook at the Planting Trees for Carbon forum run by South Gippsland Landcare Network. A25_3623



Helena Lindorff of Landlife a tech-driven reforestation company, with Dave Bateman and Mark Rowe from Bass Coast Landcare Network at Friday's Planting Trees for Carbon forum. A26_3623



Photographers Faith Stanes and Greg Bourke with support from Olivia Bourke at the Inverloch Community Hub exhibition showcasing photography until the end of September. Z05_3623



Photographers Keith Haggeth and Ian Stevenson exhibit their work at the Bass Coast Artist Society exhibition at the Inverloch Community Hub until the end of September. Z08_3623



Glenda and Ted Minty of the Bass Coast Artist Society showcase the art of the Bass Coast Camera Group at the Inverloch Community Hub. Z07_3623

Spring has sprung

Spring is here and that is what we need to do – spring into action as the garden comes alive and there is so much new growth and work to be done.

The weather is warming, and days are longer, and as the garden comes alive and starts to grow there is also a demand for fertilisers. When the soil is rich and fertile there will be more flowers, plants will be healthier, fruit tastier and the vegetable garden much more productive.

There are many ways and products available to enrich and fertilise the soil, all will do the job, but some are much more beneficial than others. Basically, anything is better than nothing.

Organic gardening and using organic and organic based products are popular and for good reason. By adding organic matter and nutrients it will not only improve the soil but will not disrupt the vital balance of microscopic organisms and minerals.

When used correctly organic fertilisers will not burn and are also safe for container grown plants. Organic based fertilisers can contain as many as 100 trace elements and minerals, which will eventually rebuild the soil mineral base and improves the quality of the soil over the growing season.

The repeated application of chemical fertilisers can kill essential microbes that are so necessary for a health, living soil; they can also cause the leaching of nitrates into waterways.

Topsoil enrichers – blood and bone, an old time favourite – contains valuable amounts of slow-release nitrogen, phosphorous and calcium but generally does not contain potassium so this should be added to make a complete fertiliser. Because of the slow-release straight blood and bone is suitable for all plants including natives. It is ideal for pretreatment for new garden beds.

Animal manures such as cow manure contains only small amounts of nitrogen, potash and magnesium but lots of organic matter and is ideal for spreading over the surface of the vegetable garden.

The downside of manure straight from the paddock is that it contains a lot of weed seed but bagged cow manure or composting will overcome this problem. Stable manures and this is mainly horse manure is usually fresh and mixed with urine soaked bedding straw.

This should not be used directly on the garden but composted as it is too rich and also contains lots of weed seeds. Poultry manure is the richest of all and is highly concentrated because it contains no organic matter.

The high ammonia level can burn plants. Poultry manure is best composted or mixed with old leaves and grass clippings. When decomposed poultry manure is particularly valuable when used around leafy vegetables, citrus trees and stone fruits. In fact, many of the complete organic fertilisers are based on composted poultry manure pellets with fishmeal, seaweed and other minerals and nutrients added.

Mushroom compost is another very popular soil conditioner. It has a high fibrous content which improves soil physical properties and biological activity. Mushroom compost is available by the bag or in bulk from garden supplies.

The bulk mushroom compost is very rich and should be mixed with other composts before planting and

**By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre**

because it has a high phosphorus and calcium content do not use on native plants.

Garden compost is organic matter that has decomposed to such an extent that the original ingredients are unrecognisable.

It should look like soil and have a sweet, earth smell. Neither acidic nor alkaline it contains valuable minerals and other nutrients and is valuable to bulk up garden beds and boxes. Composts may be made at home using a heap, bin or rotating drum or available by the bag in many forms such as Zoo Gro and Attunga Humus Plus.

Calcium can do amazing things for soil. Most gardeners use it in the form of lime or dolomite. Lime is not a fertiliser – it is a soil unlocker. It makes acidic soil more alkaline, which in turn releases minerals that have been unavailable to plants because of too much acidity.

Use it on beds that are to grow celery, asparagus, onions, brassicas, peas and beans, but not around potatoes, tomatoes and strawberries or other acid loving plants such as rhododendrons azaleas and ericas.

Dolomite is similar, the difference being that dolomite also contains magnesium so is great for treating seemingly infertile, acidic sandy loams.

Potash is available as sulphate of potash and will improve the colour of flowers and the quality of fruit, it strengthens plants and leads to better health and vigour thereby increasing the resistance to stress and fungus disease.

It is highly recommended for roses, fruit trees and tomatoes. It is possible to obtain potash from ash but there are many downsides – first there are many contaminants, the concentrate is much lower and the ph. is affected as it is highly alkaline.

The last thing to help and improve soil is mulch. Sugarcane is very popular and is 100 per cent organic and an environmental way of recycling sugar cane leaves. Advantages are it keeps plants from extremes of hot and cold, and therefore reduces water usage, breaks down and enriches the soil with organic matter and replenishes the nitrogen in soil.

It improves poorer soils by composting and encouraging earth worms and by applying mulch 50-70mm thick it will inhibit weed growth.

So, after doing everything you need to do to improve the soil it is the perfect time to go out and stock the garden with plants. There are any natives in bloom at the moment and it is hard to go past the boronias with their sweet perfume.

There are many new forms of Geraldton wax with bigger and more colourful flowers. I love this shrub because of its lemon scented foliage, and it also makes a fantastic cut flower which can be used when in bud or flower.

Another native also called wax are the philothescas. They have lovely starry white waxy flowers, and the foliage also has a lovely citrus scent.

They are very hardy and once established the plant can withstand extended dry periods and is tolerant of frost. The season has also been very good for magnolias this year and they have put on a stunning show as have camellias.



Isla and Alice Haw from Mirboo North enjoy picking the native flowers in their father's garden.

The Spring Veggie Patch

It's time to pull out the gardening gloves and plant seedlings after the last frost has passed.

- Artichoke
- Asparagus
- Basil
- Beans
- Beetroot
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Capsicum
- Carrots
- Celery
- Chilli
- Chives
- Coriander
- Cucumber

- Dill
- Eggplant
- Endive
- Fennel
- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Mizuna
- Oregano
- Onions
- Pak Choy, Bok Choy etc
- Parsley
- Parsnip
- Peas/Snow Peas

- Potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Radish
- Rocket
- Rosemary
- Silverbeet
- Spinach
- Strawberries
- Sweet corn
- Tomatoes
- Thyme
- Zucchini

Spring flowers:

- Aster
- Begonias
- Carnations
- Cornflower
- Dahlia
- Foxglove
- Impatiens
- Lavender
- Marigold
- Petunia
- Pansies
- Salvia
- Snap Dragons
- Sweet Pea
- Zinnia



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The Melbourne String Ensemble. Photo by James Henry



Brenda Gifford is a First Nations, Yuin woman from the Wreck Bay area.

The Melbourne String Ensemble's world premiere in Foster

SOUTH Gippsland is set to play host to a world premiere of a composer's work.

The Melbourne String Ensemble's performance, called 'Seasons', will feature works composed by Antonio Vivaldi, Brenda Gifford and James Henry.

On Saturday September 30 in Foster, the ensemble will perform a world premiere of Ms Gifford's work, named Biwaawa, meaning cold wind in Dhurga language of her Yuin Culture.

Ms Gifford is a First Nations, Yuin woman from the Wreck Bay area.

Her country, community and culture are the basis of her arts

practice, with the Melbourne String Ensemble's bold commissioning project, 'Seasons', seeing First Nations composers engaged to write new works inspired by seasons from their traditional Countries.

The works explore perceptions of the seasons, how they are changing, and how we tell their stories.

Through this project, the Melbourne String Ensemble (MSE) musicians have benefited from the opportunity to collaborate with the composers and the composers have had an opportunity to work with young musicians.

Following on from the success

of the first three commissions of this series by renowned didjeridu artist/composer William Barton, acclaimed composer and educator Christopher Sainsbury and Melbourne's own composer singer-songwriter James Henry – which were performed alongside Vivaldi's much-loved Four Seasons at the Melbourne Recital Centre in April 2022 – MSE continues to build on this project in 2023, with commissions by composers Brenda Gifford and Aaron Wyatt.

The relationships that have come out of the Seasons project are ongoing and dynamic, and the quality of these works, and their significance, is beginning to

be recognised.

The ensemble itself has a long and proud history of promoting excellence in music performance.

Founded in 1985, many MSE alumni now perform in ensembles such as the Berlin Philharmonic, Gürzenich and WDR orchestras in Cologne, and virtually every professional orchestra in Australia.

Operated by a small volunteer committee, young musicians and their families are welcomed into a warm, nurturing community where parents are encouraged to participate in all domains. It is an environment that fosters connection and inclusion.

The Melbourne String Ensemble inspires and educates the next generation of string musicians and is proud of its contribution to the musical community.

MSE will be performing at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on Saturday, September 30, thanks to Prom Recitals, a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation of classical music recitals.

Doors open at 2pm, concert starts at 2.30pm. Adult tickets are \$55 each, children's tickets are \$20 each. Tickets at trybooking.com/CKUWC.



Director: RON PIDCOCK OAM MD: TREVOR HENLEY

Maidens, Police, Major Generals, and Pirates make an ideal piece of musical theatre for all the family.

**Wonthaggi Theatrical Group Shed,
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi
Saturday and Sunday,
September 9 and 10**

Tickets and details: www.wtg.org.au



Brock Robbins, Oliver Thomas, Jackson Thomas, Harvey Welsford and Michael Tripodi at Inverloch Cubing Club, held at the Inverloch Library, on Thursday.

Speed cubing excites at Inverloch

LOCAL teenagers are putting their puzzle solving skills to the test at the Inverloch Library.

The Inverloch Cubing Club was established in 2022 when Harvey Welsford and Brock Robbins decided to share their enthusiasm for solving Rubik's Cubes.

They wanted to encourage others to try speed cubing, so approached the library for support in setting up an after-school club, which now meets on Thursdays (4.30-6pm) during the school term.

The boys promote their club as being open to anyone who wants to join.

They patiently teach solving methods to newcomers and practice for cubing competitions.

They are now joined by several regulars, including Traralgon's Michael Tripodi, who joins in when he can to inspire the group.

Michael is ranked fourth in Australia for cubing blindfolded and holds national records for solving 4x4 and 5x5 cubes blindfolded.

"I started around 12 years ago. We just had (a Rubik's Cube) around the house and it had the pamphlet in the box. I read the pamphlet and built it up slowly, and now I'm hooked," he said.

Michael takes around 15 seconds to solve a cube.

"I also hold a record for multi-blind, which is an event where you get a ton of Rubik's Cubes – in my record I had 49 cubes – you memorise them, blindfold and solve them. I got 46 out of 49," Michael said.

Michael's cousin told him about the club in Inverloch, which encouraged his participation.

The club has supported each other to develop their skills.

"It's something we started at school, but now it's about hanging out and having fun, and learning from each other," Harvey said.

The Myli library staff have been so impressed with the Cubing Club, they have asked the team to run a come and try session at the Wonthaggi Library in support of Youth Week 2023.

This session will be held on September 6 from 4pm with free pizza and drinks for those in attendance to cube and learn.

San Remo Recreation will be hosting the first South Gippsland speed cubing event on September 16 and 17.

Registrations are now open.

For more information about speed cubing contact Harvey Welsford via harvey-welsford@gmail.com or Monique Wilson on 0421 054 667.

South Coast FM has moved studios

LOCAL Radio South Coast FM started broadcasting in the 1980's as 3mFM to provide news, information and entertainment to an audience across southern Gippsland.

It was based in a tin shed on top of a very cold and windy transmitter site near Kongwak. The hardy souls put up with the scary trip to the mountain for a year before relocating to a shop top house above what was then a pharmacy in Inverloch, where broadcasts continued for over 35 years.

People who visited the station over the years will remember the very steep, narrow staircase to the studios that no longer meets community requirements for disability access.

This issue together with the ever-increasing rental market in Inverloch spurred the community radio station's management to find a new home.

The station was very fortunate to receive a significant donation from a station member, a grant from the Community Broadcasting Fund, and a fantastic building donated by Bass Coast Shire Council which was relocated to the community site offered by Bass Coast Adult Learning at 239 White Road Wonthaggi.



Presenter Tony Gibbs from Cowes at the new studios in Wonthaggi.

Hundreds of volunteer hours later and they are now broadcasting from the new studios.

A change in location has not affected what will be broadcast on the radio it's still a great mix of music, news and information especially made by local presenters for listeners from the likes of Leongatha, Inverloch, Wonthaggi all the way across to Cowes and West Gippsland to Mirboo North, Yarram and beyond.

South Coast FM has a small community access studio at Mirboo North and are looking to establish a similar studio in Foster next year.

They are always looking for volunteers and presenters! They can provide training to get people on air and are particularly looking for female presenters at the moment so contact the Station Manager Paul Stampton at manager@SouthCoastFM.au to get started.

South Coast FM doesn't

receive any direct government funding, so the new studios need the support of listeners. Become a member online at the station's website.

Local businesses have the opportunity of becoming sponsors and the station can create on air advertising that very economically promotes their service or products across the region.

The station can be contacted on 5674 1900 or at Sponsorship@SouthCoastFM.au.

Pastoral Love Stories to Nature

Poetry review by Chrissie Michaels

MERYL Brown Tobin's latest poetry chapbook *Changing Landscape*, published by Ginninderra Press in its Picaro Poets series highlights the author's enduring love of the Bass Coast landscape.

As well it reflects her long-time commitment to Victoria's Bass Coast area as an ecological advocate.

Opening the poetry selection is 'Call of the Beach', which begins with the elemental 'She walks along the beach ... It calls to her each morning'. The reader meanders alongside, enjoying the poet's visualisation of a protagonist who delves into the organic, caringly interacts with the joys of nature surrounding her and keenly observes their wonder in all their sensory detail. These poems are pastoral love stories to nature.

However, there is an abrupt switch at 'Changing Landscape', this poem being the publication's title, signifying that environmental impact and sustainability are central themes to this collection and must not be ignored. A 'forest of tiled roofs erupts' and 'the 'Rumpelstiltskinian* price to be paid' become triggers that raise alarm in the reader's mind.

The forces of nature are unleashed: cataclysmic bushfires where residents 'watch serpents of fire/slither then roar/along nearby hills'; smoke haze in city, where 'Melbourne skyscrapers stand sightless'. There are places of country we recognise, places close to the heart. The human experience is one of fear and loss, but mainly of heroics and stoicism.

Meryl Brown Tobin's passion for the natural world and environmental advocacy imbue this collection. In *Changing Landscape*, she not only writes from inside this world, but asks us from an ethical and ecological perspective to focus on how we too live in the world. The closing poems are a call to us-to 'demand action, not just stand by'.

'Changing Landscape', a 28 page half A5 size soft-covered booklet, is available from Meryl Brown Tobin, h-mtobin@bigpond.com; Ginninderra Press, Our books (ginninderrapress.com.au); and the Grantville Newsagency.

A grand weekend of music for a grand piano

THE Fish Creek Memorial Hall will come alive with jazz, comedy and cabaret, and operatic pieces this September in a Grand Weekend of Music.

It is the first of many wonderful fundraising events to go towards funding a gold-standard, concert-quality grand piano to support and amplify music and performing arts in the region.

Fish Creek Memorial Hall and Prom Recitals have partnered up for the event to bring a wonderful weekend of entertainment to the community.

On the Friday night Nichaud Fitzgibbon and Friends will perform timeless jazz standards and popular songs.

Nichaud Fitzgibbon is recognised as Australia's premier jazz stylist with natural charisma and feisty elegance

bringing a sultry and warm sound that leaves audiences wanting more from her selection of swing and grooves to bossa and blues.

Saturday night will have audiences chuckling at Laughing Behind the Piano, featuring Peter Hurley (Melbourne International Cabaret Festival).

Delving into the depths of his psyche, Peter looks at what makes him laugh. Politicians, sex, religion, and special singers all get it in the neck in this show.

Peter Hurley will also be bringing out the old piano and playing 'the grand piano versus the old one', to demonstrate the different calibre of sound.

On Sunday afternoon, Opera at the Creek! Will be an afternoon of popular operatic

and musical theatre solos and duets. Featuring Australian Opera stars Kiren Rajasingham (Baritone) and Genevieve Dickson (Mezzo Soprano) joined by Phillipa Safey at the piano.

"There's three completely different styles of music being showcased to try and show just how varied and how broad this potential is," said Isabel Whyte, stand in spokeswoman for the Fish Creek Memorial Hall Committee.

Daryl Standfield, a Fish Creek local, who grew up playing the piano as a kid and still plays for local events is lending a grand piano he bought himself to the community and performers for the weekend.

"It is amazing, and we just want to get people inspired and excited," Isabel said.

The Memorial Hall and the old existing piano have been supporting community gatherings for 90 years and both play a central and important role in events.

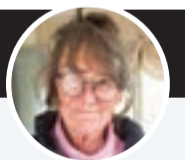
The piano gets played every ANZAC day, for funerals and dance concerts and various arts and performing events.

A Grand piano would be well used and well loved by the community and by those performing in the space, as well as their audiences.

"It will open up possibilities for musicians to come and for the local community to have quality music on the doorstep," Isabel said.

For more information and to buy tickets for the Grand Weekend of Music, held Friday to Sunday, September 8 - 10, go to trybooking.com/CKFDK.

Fish Curry



By Meg Viney

Ingredients

- 500 gm white fish (Ling is great)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh coriander
- 1 teasp each cumin and turmeric
- 1 teasp crushed chilli
- 1 large ripe tomato
- ½ teasp salt
- 1 teasp garam masala
- 3 tablespoons cream
- Lemon juice to taste

Method

Heat the butter in a fairly large saucepan and add the onion and salt.

Lid on, cook over a low heat for 10 minutes.

Whilst the onion is cooking, pierce the tomato in a couple of places and place in the pot for a few minutes - the steam will make the skin very easy to peel off.

Add the spices and chilli, cook a few minutes longer then add the peeled chopped tomato.

Continue to cook until the mixture is cooked, then add the garam masala and cream.

The cream acts to combine and soften the flavours.

Taste for seasoning and add lemon juice to taste.

Finally add the fish, cut into dice and cook for several minutes, until tender.

Serve over rice or noodles.

Send us your photos

If you're having a 21st, club function, wedding, or other social event, take some photos, name the people in the snaps and email to news@sgst.com.au

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It won't cost a cent to see them in print!

WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm
THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm

Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BEER?

1. **[\$100]** In which city is Oktoberfest traditionally celebrated? A. Munich. B. Berlin. C. Cologne. D. Düsseldorf.

2. **[\$200]** Which beer style is known for its dark, roasted malt flavours? A. Stout. B. IPA. C. Wheat beer. D. Lager.

3. **[\$300]** How much beer by volume is in a 'pot' or 'middy' glass? A. 200ml. B. 250ml. C. 285ml. D. 425ml.

4. **[\$500]** Typically, what is the alcohol strength of a standard Australian beer? A. 2.3%. B. 3.5%. C. 4.8%. D. 5.2%.

5. **[\$1000]** In which Australian city is Mountain Goat beer made? A. Adelaide. B. Brisbane. C. Canberra. D. Melbourne.

6. **[\$2000]** Unofficially, what country is considered to produce the best beer in the world? A. Australia. B. Belgium. C. Czech Republic. D. Germany.

7. **[\$4000]** What is the 'alcohol by volume' level of Victoria Bitter? A. 3.9%. B. 4.7%. C. 4.9%. D. 5.0%.

8. **[\$8000]** Which type of beer is fermented at low temperatures? A. Ale. B. Lager. C. Porter. D. Lambic.

9. **[\$16,000]** Which country is famous for producing the beer style known as Pilsner? A. Germany. B. Belgium. C. Czech Republic. D. Mexico.

10. **[\$32,000]** What is the biggest beer company in the world? A. AB InBev. B. Heineken N.V. C. Asahi Breweries. D. Diageo.

11. **[\$64,000]** Who owns the brands Carlton Draught, Great Northern Pure Blond and Victoria Bitter? A. AB InBev. B. Heineken N.V. C. Asahi Breweries. D. Diageo.

12. **[\$125,000]** Who owns the Fremantle-based Little Creatures beer? A. Asahi. B. AB InBev. C. Kirin. D. Heineken.

13. **[\$250,000]** Other than the Czech Republic (double next best), which country drinks the most beer per capita? A. Austria. B. Belgium. C. Croatia. D. Denmark.

14. **[\$500,000]** Which of these is not a beer brand owned by AB InBev? A. Stella Artois. B. Budweiser. C. Corona. D. Coors.

15. **[\$1,000,000]** What is the market capitalisation of the Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA beer company (AUD)? A. \$45 billion. B. \$89 billion. C. \$153 billion. D. \$211 billion.
- Coors. 15. C. \$153 billion. Australia (64.4 full strength), 18.75 mid, 4.41 light). 14. D. (lites), Poland (5th 94.1 lt), Czech Republic (1st 184.1 lt). 11. C. Asahi Breweries. 12. C. Kirin. 13. A. Austria (2nd 98.7 4.9%, 8. B. Lager. 9. C. Czech Republic. 10. A. AB InBev. Belgium (Davey Stephens PhD in brewing yeast). 7. C. 285ml. 4. C. 4.8%. 5. D. Melbourne (Richmond). 6. B. 3.5%. 2. A. Munich. 3. A. Stout.
- CROSSWORD
- Number 48 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson
- CRYPTIC CLUES
- ACROSS

1 One of the '18-down': Centre quits, credit to 4-across Right (6)

4 One of the '18-down', in fact; short on energy reserve (8)

10 One of the '18-down' in bachelors' memory (9)

11 Break open safe, Maureen, then return. Got it? (5)

12 People say, 'Have a go! Live!' (5)

13 One of the '18-down', portrayed by Brit playwright on revolving set (9)

14 Salutation in notes (7)

15 Butchered and bled (gun shot) (7)

17 Survey South American country's basaltic centre (7)

19 Al's cryptic pic, taken shakily, is still clear (7)

22 They rushed iphone in, honestly (9)

25 Fusion discharge? (5)

26 I land (5)

27 Angry, quiet; sour, blue (9)

28 One of the '18-down' without 'it' (a past uprising and, finally, Trump!) (8)

29 One of the '18-down' with 'it' (previously rose, with, finally, Donald!) (6)
- DOWN
- 1 One of the '18-down', now 'ex', they say! (7)

2 Risks in, e.g., revolution for US statesman (9)

3 Noonday, the Yarra, now and then showing a burst of energy (2,1,4)

5 Day-to-day running through myriad minefields (5)

6 Nearest translation, cryptically: 'This side of the puzzle' (7)

7 'Nothing' band's *Stratospheric Gas* (5)

8 Tied Ken's hips back to even out tread (7)

9 Poor slap represented as tender (8)

15 What's at the 'butt of a hut' according to Spooner's 'Bovine Poet' (4,4)

16 Turned story if I held it roughly (9)

17 Early 17-across's initial pass, over about six points (7)

18 Class IO break-up parties (7)

20 One of the '18-down' teens mostly live with, you heard before (7)

21 Net and line, tangled kind (7)

23 Mythical monster's in jeopardy: he's fed up! (5)

24 Fifty-odd, into 'turps', regularly drunk (3,2)
- Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times
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- STRAIGHT CLUES
- ACROSS
- 1 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (6)

4 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (8)

10 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (9)

11 Break from work, colloquially (5)

12 People, clan (5)

13 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (9)

14 Salutation; also, notes, looks at (7)

15 Butchered, mucked up (7)

17 Survey, scrutiny (7)

19 Clear; also, precursor of a gem (7)

22 Honestly, fairly (9)

25 Fusion, joining (5)

26 A South Asian land; also, 'I' phonetically (5)

27 A shade of blue (9)

28 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (8)

29 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (6)
- DOWN
- 1 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (7)

2 A US statesman (9)

3 Showing a burst of energy (2,1,4)

5 Day-to-day running, paperwork (5)

6 Right, as in side, in crossword puzzles and on maps (7)

7 Stratospheric gas O₃ (5)

8 Tied, braided, or snarled (7)

9 Idea, suggestion, or tender commercially (8)

15 What's usually behind a house (4,4)

16 Turned into stone (9)

17 Early sighting, showing (7)

18 Short form for the 'sharing' websites or apps (7)

20 One of the 'sharing' websites or apps (7)

21 Kind, forgiving (7)

23 Many-headed monster in, e.g., Greek mythology (5)

24 Drunk (also, illuminated) (3,2)
- SUDOKU
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- 1 LEVEL: Moderate

2 LEVEL: Very Hard
- Instructions:
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- Sourced from: www.edu-games.org
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- Word wheel:
- 4 letter words: ARAB, BARD, BOAR, BOAT, BORA, BORT, BOTA, BRAD, BRAT, DARB, DRAB

5 letter words: ABORT, ARBOR, BOARD, BOART, BROAD, DOBRA, DODAB, RABAT, TABOR

6 letter words: ABATOR, ABOARD, ABROAD, ARROBA, DARBAR, RABATO, TABARD

9 Letter word: DARTBOARD
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Premier Bass Coast farm

DISCOVER an unparalleled haven spanning 69.16 acres, nestled at the heart of the Bass Coast Shire, a mere 106km – approximately from the vibrant pulse of Melbourne's CBD.

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Step into a world of refined luxury, unveiled by an architecturally designed four-bedroom residence, flawlessly completed in 2021. Every facet, from the exterior to the interior is designed to perfection. Embrace the natural light along with raw elements like rammed earth walls, burnished concrete floors, and Blackbutt timber floors.

An expansive, sun-drenched open plan living area awaits, adorned with double glazed floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that effortlessly invite the beauty of the outdoors in.

Indulge your culinary passions in a master chef's dream kitchen, a symphony of Italian marble, elegant cabinetry, and an array of quality appliances, including two wall ovens, a steamer, gas cooktop, coffee machine, and integrated refrigerator.

A family-oriented design brings together bedrooms and bathrooms in a balanced accommodation wing. The main bedroom boasts a walk-in robe and a lavish ensuite, evoking a sense of executive hotel luxury.

Three remaining bedrooms, all generous in size with built in robes, a home

office, a separate laundry, storeroom and stunning family bathroom and additional powder room, all drenched in natural light, complements this dwelling. Ducted heating and cooling, along with hydronic floor heating, ensure comfort year-round.

A dual electric roller door garage houses the vehicles, while additional space abounds in the workshop, further shedding which includes a machinery shed, hay shed and a brand-new lock up shed with concrete floors, power, lights and a smart lock door system.

Discover a standalone multipurpose room, thoughtfully appointed with split system heating/cooling, kitchenette, and a toilet, alongside a separate studio with ensuite, an inviting haven for your guests.

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The home is ideal for a weekender or permanent living and is situated on a quiet no through road and an easy drive to the renowned Meenyan township, as well as being central to Leongatha and Dumbalk.

The home features three bedrooms, open plan lounge, dining and kitchen, and links seamlessly to the north facing outdoor entertaining area. The kitchen is the perfect country style with feature storage, upright oven and gas cooktop, Blanco rangehood and Bosch dishwasher. The lounge is warmed by a cosy wood fire, with the back-up of a reverse cycle air conditioner. The main bathroom offers shower and toilet, with a second toilet in the laundry.

The home has vaulted feature ceilings, a mix of polished timber floors and carpet, and there are stunning rural views in all directions.

The property also offers a large 14m x 7m (approximately) shed (solar panels on shed) with a large open bay as well as one bay for lock up storage (power and concrete throughout). The property is serviced by tank water storage, boasts a 6m x 6m carport, fruit orchard and more.

This home and property is a delight to be in and you will feel that as soon as you arrive. The home has been strategically placed to soak up the rural atmosphere and an inspection will impress.

Contact Andrew or Tony today to arrange an inspection. We'd love to show it to you.

3 1 3 3 acres

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For Sale \$795,000
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The kitchen is fully equipped with gas cooktop, electric wall oven and dishwasher. The main bedroom has a walk-in robe, split system air-conditioner, and a new ensuite. Two other bedrooms with built in robes and a split system air-conditioner in one. Comfort in the rest of the home is via a large reverse cycle split system and wood heater for those cold winter nights.

Outside, you will find a large 13.5m x 7.5m shed, with concrete floor and power. There is a bungalow that can be utilised in a number of ways such as a home business, study, studio or as extra sleeping quarters. The yard has ample room for the kids and pets to run around with plenty of room for further shedding, boats, caravan and parking.

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| <div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>113 Brown Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom + study nook• 2 bathroom, 2 living• 2 car carport + parking at rear<div>\$599,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div> | <div>POOWONG NORTH</div> <div><div>NEW PRICE</div><div></div></div> <div>349 North Poowong Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx 58 acres, high quality grazing• Hay shed / Stockyards• 1km road frontage<div>\$900,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div> | <div>COWES</div> <div></div> <div>2 Glen Isla Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Style & sophistication, doors from the beach• 2 dwellings, north facing courtyard• 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car<div>\$1,950,000</div><div>Contact: Cowes Office</div></div> | <div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>17 Donald Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neat 3 bedroom home with great parking• Great first home<div>\$559,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div> |
| <div>STONY CREEK</div> <div></div> <div>154 Butterworths Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom home on 3 ACRES• Large shed, solar power, stunning views• Quiet no through road<div>\$795,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div> | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>29 South Railway Crescent</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 storey, 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Double block / rear access• Established gardens<div>\$699,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div> | <div>COWES</div> <div></div> <div>15 Vaughan Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sought after area, close to beach• Fully fenced, established gardens• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1 car<div>\$975,000</div><div>Contact: Cowes Office</div></div> | <div>KILCUNDA</div> <div></div> <div>3525 Bass Highway</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large 2 storey family home• Spectacular views• 5 bedrooms, 3 living, 2 bathrooms<div>EOI closing Friday, September 22</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div> |
| <div>WOOREEN</div> <div></div> <div>585 Yarragon Leongatha Rd</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stunning home on 20 acres• Plus 2 B&B cottages• Vineyards, orchard, shedding and more<div>\$1,700,000 - \$1,800,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div> | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>7 Swanson Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• First home buyer or Investor• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom• Flat block, lock-up garage<div>\$425,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div> | <div>VENTNOR</div> <div></div> <div>17 Seahaven Drive</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spectacular water views• Living area opens onto covered deck• 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 2 cars<div>\$850,000</div><div>Contact: Cowes Office</div></div> | <div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>30 Domain Drive</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great corner allotment• Parking for van or boat• Beautifully presented 3 bedroom home<div>\$749,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div> |
| <div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>10 Bent Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom plus study• Massive family home on large block• Opposite McIndoe Park<div>\$1,195,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div> | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div><div>NEW LISTING</div><div></div></div> <div>9 Riflebutts Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Open plan living• Inground pool, low maintenance<div>\$665,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div> | <div>COWES</div> <div></div> <div>2/1-3 Morgan Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stylish townhouse in central Cowes• Walking distance to main street• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 cars<div>\$820,000</div><div>Contact: Cowes Office</div></div> | <div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>41 Toorak Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Solid build and a great foundation• Just needs a little loving<div>\$595,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div> |

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Thursday, September 28

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ON THE LAND



Small changes drive safer farms

THE idea that a serious incident won't happen to experienced farmers can be common in agriculture.

However, after responding to dozens of farm emergencies, paramedic Jess Shepherd wants farmers to know everything can change "in the blink of an eye".

"We're lucky enough to have that trust as soon as we walk in with this uniform, and I think that really helps when we give advice and when we express concern about safety," she said. In sharing her experiences as part of WorkSafe's farm safety campaign, Jess reflected on one horrific incident involving an experienced farmer that has stuck with her.

"A piece of machinery came down on a farmer's limb who had used the machinery hundreds of times before," she said.

"When we arrived, it wasn't bleeding profusely, but then as soon as the farmer let go of it, there was a lot of blood, and we could already tell that they would probably lose a limb."

She later learnt the limb had in fact been amputated and they could no



Sheep farmers Taylor and Paul Wallace are encouraging all farms to adhere to proactive safety measures.

longer farm.

As WorkSafe's emotive campaign, "it's never you until it is", makes a return with new advertising across television, radio and digital media, it's offering practical safety solutions for farmers and encouraging conversations around health and safety.

Tragically, three people in Victoria have been killed in the agriculture industry this year.

Communication and proactive safety measures can be the difference between life and death.

WorkSafe executive director of health and safety

Narelle Beer said every conversation about safety on farms helped shift the dial to prioritising safety.

"Things like good communication when working alone, checking in with yourself and others for signs of fatigue, prioritising maintenance and taking a minute to think through a job can all make a big difference for safety."

Jess said she's found farmers are used to pushing through and their bucket fills up, but eventually the bucket overflows.

"Show the same concern for yourself as you would others," she said.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, Aug. 30, 2023

Bullocks

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 11 EST AA & FE Birss Sale | 653.2 | 307.6 | 2,009 |
| 18 McAninly PJ & J Won Wron | 591.1 | 302.6 | 1,788 |
| 8 Surf & Sports Woolamai | 698.1 | 300.0 | 2,094 |
| 6 Missen GE & HJ Winnindoo | 698.3 | 288.0 | 2,011 |
| 1 Coulson J & K Poowong North | 575.0 | 286.6 | 1,647 |

Steers

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Patton JK & NM Mardan | 495.0 | 299.6 | 1,483 |
| 3 Dunne J Hazelwood | 535.0 | 261.6 | 1,399 |
| 1 Lee J J | 535.0 | 243.6 | 1,303 |
| 14 Jelbart Dairy P/L | | | |
| Leongatha South | 530.4 | 235.0 | 1,246 |
| 4 Quinn D & B Meeniyen | 520.0 | 225.6 | 1,173 |

Heifers

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5 Neesham T & M French Island | 414.0 | 320.0 | 1,324 |
| 2 McAninly PJ & J Won Wron | 530.0 | 305.0 | 1,616 |
| 1 Reynolds MW & DE Yinnar | 320.0 | 300.0 | 960 |
| 4 McAninly PJ & J Won Wron | 572.5 | 289.6 | 1,657 |
| 1 Fahey S Tyers | 660.0 | 265.0 | 1,749 |

Cows

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|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Finlay DB & JA Alberton | 505.0 | 263.2 | 1,329 |
| 2 Looker RW Berrys Creek | 632.5 | 243.6 | 1,540 |
| 5 Van Kuyk PM & AK | | | |
| Wonga Wonga | 617.0 | 238.0 | 1,468 |
| 7 O'Loughlin Farms Pty Ltd | | | |
| Tarwin Lower | 568.6 | 236.0 | 1,341 |
| 1 Reynolds MW & DE Yinnar | 605.0 | 235.0 | 1,421 |

Bulls

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Hill R & S Poowong East | 950.0 | 280.0 | 2,660 |
| 1 Kershaw V & M Farms | | | |
| Archies Creek | 775.0 | 275.0 | 2,131 |
| 1 Tarwin Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, | | | |
| Tarwin Lower | 855.0 | 265.0 | 2,265 |
| 1 McCormack DB & ES Devon | 835.0 | 262.0 | 2,187 |
| 1 Nicky Reeves Boisdale | 865.0 | 260.0 | 2,249 |
| 1 Walker Jason Yinnar South | 760.0 | 255.0 | 1,938 |

Vealer Bulls

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 McCormack DB & ES Devon | 355.0 | 227.2 | 806 |
| 2 Love VR Boolarra Sth | 322.5 | 199.0 | 641 |
| 2 Box A & C Fish Creek | 440.0 | 160.0 | 704 |
| 1 Thomas KJ & Schwab AK Mirboo | 395.0 | 100.0 | 395 |
| 3 MacDonald M Operators P/L | | | |
| Alberton West | 318.3 | 90.0 | 286 |
| 5 Reinisch S & Wheeler J Trida | 291.0 | 77.6 | 225 |

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Broadlin Jerseys a master breed

A WILLINGNESS to be flexible has helped to keep the Broadlin Jersey Stud in the upper echelons of the breed for many decades.

Lisa and Lynton Broad have never rested on their laurels, instead they are constantly looking for ways to improve.

“Broadlin has been a name on everyone’s lips and consistently up there all the time, whether it be at shows, with bulls or in classification and production,” Lisa said.

“The main reason for that success is to be not stuck in your ways,” she added.

“It’s good to decide what you’re breeding for and stick to those goals at the time but have the ability to change the direction you’re going if needed.

“We’ve always bred for production, but we had a period where we could focus more on type because our cows had jumped in production. We made changes when they needed to be made.”

Based in Wonthaggi, the farm peaks at about 320 cows and remains predominantly a Jersey herd. They also work with their son Gavin who joined the enterprise 13 years ago and his enthusiasm and drive has motivated them to further improve the herd.

Promotion of the herd through showing has been a huge part of the Broadlin story – it has been a family affair with children Toni, Gavin and Cassie all contributing to the successes.

Broadlin was started by Lynton in 1962 when he was just 10 years old. His inspiration from home – Lynton’s father Reg had Franchiff Jerseys, also a well-known stud in Jersey circles.

“We’re a bit humbled by being named Master Breeders,” Lisa says.

“It’s not something you think about every day, but it recognises all the hard work, particularly by Lynton in doing the groundwork to



Lisa and Lynton Broad were recently named Jersey Elite Master Breeders at the inaugural ceremony in Melbourne.

get it started.”

Prominent cow families in the stud include Illusion, Constance, Ilagay, Bubbles and Vanessa. After their marriage in 1992, Lisa introduced the Bubbles cows to the herd with quick-fire success, with Echo Downs Silver Bubbles winning Grand Champion at the Jersey Showcase – the equivalent of IDW before Jerseys were incorporated into that event – in 1995 and 1996. Echo Downs was Lisa’s stud. Bubbles was a cow family from her parents Beryl and the late Jack Mowat’s herd who also had registered jerseys under the Staxigo prefix.

Lynton had earlier made his mark in the industry with Ileto 28 setting a record sale price and Illusion 33 was top sale price in Camp-erdown.

Ileto 13 was junior champion at the Shepparton national in a class of 69 exhib-its.

He also recorded significant successes at the Camperdown show and in 2011 won the Great Southern on Farm Challenge Grand Champion with Constance 2565.

Another highlight was winning Supreme Champion at IDW in 2015 with Illusion 2817. She returned in 2018 to win the Supreme Udder title.

In AI circles, Aussie Gold has been a massive success for the stud, selling a lot of semen worldwide over the past decade and having a significant impact across the globe. Hatman, Alger-non and Broadway are also prominent bulls bred by Broadlin.

Broadlin was one of the first herds in Australia to embrace the use of US semen which dramatically in-creased both type and pro-duction in the herd.

Continually evolving and improving, many of the stud’s higher classifications have come in recent years, including their first Excel-lent 94 with Beryl 3028. The herd consistently ranks in the top two per cent of ABVs.

In 2017 Lynton received a Lex Bunn Award at IDW, recognising quiet achievers who contribute to the in-dustry through their bulls, genetics, judging and other achievements; and in 2018, Lisa and Lynton received a Genetics Australia Breeder Honour Certificate in recog-nition of their contribution to the Australian dairy in-dustry through the provision of elite genetics.

Lisa received a Power of Women Award at IDW in 2019 in recognition of her excellence, leadership, and achievement within the Aus-tralian dairy industry.

— PRELIMINARY NOTICE — MULTI VENDOR DAIRY SALE

**VLE Koonwarra
Tuesday, September 19
at 11am**

- A/c - Bolaro Operations P/L**
40 Freshly calved Friesian x bred cows
- A/c - Waterside Operations P/L**
18 Freshly calved Friesian x bred cows
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- A/c - C Davis**
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100 Holstein Cows & Heifers
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60 - Herd cows rejoined to commence calving 1st April 2024.
20 - Freshly calved cows & heifers
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, August 28, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x\$10 to \$50
Friesian Bulls\$25 to \$80
Friesian Heifers\$32 to \$190
Beef Bulls\$30 to \$220
Beef Heifers\$30 to \$150
Number of Calves: **871**
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The Nationals Eastern Victoria MLC and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use Melina Bath said there’s no logical reason to ban duck hunting in Victoria given the overwhelming evidence that habitat is the key to duck populations, not hunting. Pictured from left, Conservation and Hunting Manager Field and Game Glenn Falla, President Field and Game Danny Ryan, Melina Bath MP, Board Member Field and Game David Anderson, and CEO Field and Game Lucas Cooke.

Duck hunting under fire

AN inquiry into recre-
ational bird hunting has
recommended a ban on
duck hunting in Victoria
from 2024.

The Select Committee
inquiry, which began in
March, tabled its final re-
port for the Victorian parlia-
ment at the end of August.

CEO of Field and Game
Australia Lucas Cooke ar-
gued that hunting had posi-
tive conservation and eco-
nomic impacts that were
being overlooked.

“There is no logical reason
to end duck hunting. Duck
hunting is sustainable,” he
said.

“While we respect and
continuously address con-
cerns related to animal
welfare, it is important to
note that imposing a ban
on native game bird hunt-
ing would set a dangerous
precedent.

“Such a stance could po-
tentially lead to bans on all
hunting, fishing and even
animal agriculture. The
committee’s perspective,
in our opinion, does not
reflect the broader public
interest.”

The Liberals and Nation-
als labelled the inquiry as
“biased and stacked”, claim-
ing its intent was purely to
end duck hunting ideology.

“This inquiry was a missed
opportunity to showcase
the sustainability of hunting
based on science and fact,”
Eastern Victoria MLC and

Shadow Parliamentary Sec-
retary for Public Land Use
Melina Bath said.

“This inquiry has wasted
many thousands of dol-
lars and countless hours to
put together a biased and
flawed report.

“The (State) Government
together with the cross
bench have used selective
ideological evidence to jus-
tify its end game – banning
duck hunting.

Shadow Minister for Agri-
culture Emma Kealy urged
the State Government to
reject the recommendation
and focus on the economic
benefits.

Shooters, Fishers and
Farmers Party of Victoria
MP Jeff Bourman, who is
also a member of the select
committee, said deliver-
ing the report on time was
the only positive to emerge
from the inquiry.

“Recommendation one is
farcical, as it is in complete
contradiction to the cred-
ible evidence presented to
the committee,” he said.

“In fact, the report should
really start, ‘once upon a
time’, it’s so far removed
from what we heard. It’s
proof that the whole pro-
cess was a sham, that the
outcome was predeter-
mined and that a lot of peo-
ple have wasted time and
resources for nothing.”

The committee heard
from activists and protest-
ers, as well as scientists and

credible organisations.

Gippsland South MLA
Danny O’Brien has also
called on the State Govern-
ment to reject the recom-
mendation.

“The inquiry heard very
clear evidence that habi-
tat is the key to sustaining
duck populations and that
hunting has a very minimal
impact,” he said.

“I am acutely aware of the
efforts of hunters around
the state to maintain and
improve wetland habitat.

“Indeed, had it not been
for hunters in the 1950s
and 1960s pressuring the
government to establish
State Game Reserves, many
of our wetlands and there-
fore breeding grounds for
native birds would have
been lost.”

Mr Cooke said the hunt-
ing community had worked
tirelessly to improve hunt-
ing practices, and hunting
remained one of the most
highly regulated recrea-
tional activities in Victoria.

Despite the outcome of
the report, Mr Cooke said
Field and Game Australia
would continue to champi-
on the benefits of regulated
hunting and would work
collaboratively to address
the committee’s concerns
while safeguarding the in-
terests of the wider com-
munity.

The government has six
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Gippsland dairy farms not managing effluent

EPA Victoria inspections of Gippsland dairy farms has found high levels of non-compliance in how they manage dairy effluent.

EPA officers visited 19 farms in the Poowong North, Hallora, Nyora, Ripplebrook and Athlone areas. Despite ongoing communications with the industry, 85 per cent were non-compliant.

"EPA has consistently communicated with dairy farmers about the requirements regarding on farm management of dairy effluent. To find that just 15 per cent of the farms visited were compliant is surprising and disappointing," Jessica Bandiera EPA Gippsland Regional Manager said.

"There are many actions that farmers can take to prevent harm to the environment. Maintaining a dairy effluent management system is vital. Cleaning out the dairy effluent ponds regularly and ensuring appropriate irrigation systems are in place will capture valuable resources and save thousands in fertilizer costs".

"We gave compliance advice and issued nine notices requiring non-compliant farms to install controls, or complete works to better manage their risks. We have also issued seven fines totalling more than \$20,000 with more likely to come.

"Everyone has to act to protect the environment. Dairy effluent cannot be allowed

to be discharged to waterways. It is high in substances that may be toxic and pose a risk to the environment and human health.

"The majority of non-compliance issues concerned dairy effluent ponds that were full or overflowing into paddocks and down into waterways, broken or ineffective equipment like pumps and irrigation systems and not having an effluent management plan in place. Some farms even had pipes directly discharging into waterways."

Ms Bandiera said nearly half the inspected farms were expected to receive some kind of sanction, and more than two thirds would receive a notice to make specific improvements.

"There are assistance schemes, guidance and advice links available through EPA's website, and other agencies EPA works closely with such as Agriculture Victoria. This can assist farmers so they can make the necessary improvements, retain valuable nutrients on their farms, and importantly for businesses, save them money while protecting the environment. We'll continue with our inspection program and take strong regulatory action if we find non-compliance," Ms Bandiera said.

For information about managing dairy effluent go to epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/effluent-dairy-farm

VFF cautions against broad-based land tax

THE Victorian Farmers Federation expressed disappointment in the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into stamp duty, which recommended Victoria should introduce a new broad-based land tax.

VFF president Emma Germano said farmers want to see stamp duty reform, but do not support any new taxes on farmland.

"The VFF acknowledges the need for tax reform and has been a staunch advocate for the abolition of stamp duty. Removing this outdated tax is needed to support economic development and to especially help young farmers seeking to buy their first property," she said.

"The VFF has consistently said the replacement should not come in the form of a broad-based land tax that could apply to primary production land.

"We know land taxes have a disproportionate impact on farm businesses. This point was backed up by the Victorian Treasury in its evidence to the inquiry.

"I am pleased the VFF's evidence about introducing a land tax on farmland is contained in the inquiry's report. This is an important warning to government over the negative consequences that would come from a new tax on farms."

Ms Germano said the VFF's alternative

plan that would see stamp duty replaced through changes to federal taxation received support from the inquiry.

"We are encouraged to see our proposal to replace stamp duty through an expansion of the GST received support from the Parliamentary Inquiry. This approach aligns with our vision of a fairer and more sustainable tax system that doesn't jeopardise the future of Victorian agriculture," she said.

Ms Germano said the VFF was disappointed the inquiry failed to engage with the impact of stamp duty on young farmers.

"We're disappointed the inquiry ignored issues concerning young farmers and the need to increase young farmer stamp duty concessions. Instead, the report focuses on concessions for first home buyers and doesn't look at the effects of stamp duty on the economy holistically," she said.

Ms Germano said decision makers must heed the VFF's warnings in looking at stamp duty reform.

"We call on the Victorian Parliament to carefully consider the potential consequences of implementing a broad-based land tax on primary production land and to explore alternative avenues for stamp duty reform," she said.

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Corporate Services Manager

Full-time

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Now trading as Rose Lodge, we continue to be the leading community owned and run aged care provider in Wonthaggi.

About the Role

Reporting directly to the CEO, this is a key leadership role responsible for overseeing and managing various aspects of corporate services within the organisation including:

- Contribution to the strategic planning process.
- Financial governance.
- Asset management.
- Information & communication technology management.
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Skills & Experience

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Chief Executive Officer

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Please visit our website for more information about Prom Country Aged Care: <https://www.promcountryagedcare.com.au>

You can find a copy of the Position Description at <https://www.promcountryagedcare.com.au/employment-opportunities>

Please call Marie Larkin, Board President, if you would like to discuss any matters related to this position on 0408 135 759.

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About the Role

Reporting to the Corporate Services Manager this role is responsible for accounting processes to ensure accuracy and completeness in the company's financial records by

- Maintaining accounts payable and receivable.
- Preparing financial statements and reports to provide insights into the company's financial health to support decision-making.
- Support the payroll process when required
- Maintain Commonwealth Services Australia payments, accommodation payments and other available aged care funding.

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Skills & Experience

- Proven experience and relevant qualifications in a similar role with accounts payable and receivable and reconciliation reports.
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- Prior experience in the aged care or health industries and prudential reporting standards (highly regarded).

Qualities

- Attention to detail.
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- Highly organised and motivated and seeks continuous quality improvement.
- Flexible.
- Ability to work both collaboratively and through self-direction.
- Previous experience within the aged care sector extremely desirable.

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Bass Coast Artist Society showcases local photographers

THE Bass Coast Artist Society welcomes the community to discover the works of their local photographers from the Bass Coast Camera Group who will exhibit their pieces in the Inverloch Community Hub until the end of September.

Sonia Weston officially opened the exhibition on August 3, welcoming artists Emma Turner, Greg Bourke, Geoff Ellis, Ian Stevenson, Edward Minty and Faith Stanes.

Each artist interested in various forms of photography from landscape long-exposure to film; all exhibiting pieces that tell a different story – originality in real vision.

Glenda Minty of the Bass Coast Artist Society said all pieces will be on display for the duration of the exhibition with sold items available for pick up

post showing.

“All our members have a range of talent, from drawing, sculpting to photography, and we welcome all artists to become a member and share their art form – we all learn from each other and welcome that each person has their own unique vision on what art is to them.”

The Bass Coast Camera Group meet once a month and invite new members to join. No experience required. The artists exhibiting their work in the September showcase display framed and acrylic glass work, images of the natural beauty in the Bass Coast and surrounds.

To purchase a unique piece that speaks to you, visit the Inverloch Community Hub, or for more information on joining the Bass Coast Artist Society email bcartistsociety@gmail.com



The Bass Coast Artist Society gathered at the Inverloch Community Hub for the opening of the photography exhibition showcasing talent of local artists. Z04_3623

Successful fundraiser for Genealogy Club

WONTHAGGI Genealogy Club held a successful fundraising three course ‘Winter Luncheon’ at the Wonthaggi RSL Hall on August 4.

Thirty members and friends attended the event.

The planning of this luncheon, along with most of the cooking, was carried out by Margaret Ritchie and some voluntary cooking assistance from members of the club.

There were 18 mystery raffles all contained in cardboard boxes with lots of surprised winners realising that there were generous prizes contained in each box.

The money raised from both the luncheon and raffles will boost the Wonthaggi Genealogy Group finances, assisting in the purchasing of new equipment for the Family Research Centre, which can be found at the rear of the Wonthaggi Library.

The cost to supply members with more up to date research programs is also becoming very expensive.

Wonthaggi Genealogy Club wish to thank its supporters, as without them it could not have achieved the amount reach.

Thank you to all sponsors, and the Wonthaggi RSL for its assistance with the hall.

New member enquiries are welcome.

Dates the Family Research Centre is open can be found on the door of the rooms.

Remember, if you want to discover where you or any family members originated, do not be afraid to visit, have a chat and a cuppa, and maybe become a member.

There is always someone to assist, even if you have no computer skills. Learners are welcome.



Phillip Island Senior Citizens celebrated Father's Day with a roast lunch L - R) Roy, Barry, Dominic, Bert, Jean Pierre, Norrie, Michael, Arthur, Stan, Bob, Ian, John, Graham, and David.

Phillip Island Senior Citizens celebrate Father's Day

THE members of the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club gathered last week for a roast lunch to celebrate Father's Day and were entertained by local musician Corza.

David Garret was the winner of the handmade apron by Gwyneth Carvell, saying ‘Old Guys Rule’, complemented with a gift voucher from Bowens in Cowes.

The club generously received donations from Green Gully Brewing in Cowes and the kitchen was bustling with a leek and potato soup prepared for entrée, before a classic roast and butterscotch cake with ice cream was served for everyone in attendance.

The group have numerous events coming up before the end

of the year and welcome the community to join in the joyous occasions, including a fashion show, Melbourne Cup, garage sale and the Christmas lunch with raffle prizes to be won.

For more information on how to join the Phillip Island Senior Citizens visit 6 Lions Court, Cowes, or call secretary Liza Lee on 0431 867 058.



David Garret winner of the apron handmade by Gwyneth Carvell.

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Watermain Renewal Technician

(Pipelaying crew team member) – Multiple Positions

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking a qualified person to join us as a Watermain Renewal team member. One of the key requirements of the role is pipe laying The key requirements of the role are preferred but not essential.

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Applications Close Tuesday, September 12 at 5pm

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South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an experienced and highly motivated person to join our organisation in the role of Maintenance Technician Electrical. The key requirements of the role are:

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- Provide collaborative and technical support to SGW Operational staff to discuss and resolve faults within the treatment and pumping station infrastructure to ensure business continuity
- Assist in identifying assets in poor condition or operability that may require renewal, augmentation or overhaul works
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• Starting Location: Korumburra, Victoria

• Flexible Work Arrangements Available

• SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 6

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Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

Applications Close Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5pm

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Send photos to: news@sgst.com.au

• FAITH FACTOR

More than vanilla

By Rev Wendy Elson, Wonthaggi and Inverloch Uniting Church

I WONDER what your favourite ice-cream flavour is. I remember feeling very ripped off when I discovered my favourite rainbow flavour was actually just vanilla with added colouring (spoiler alert). Perhaps the most obvious thing about Faith Factor articles is that we all hold quite different views on God, on faith and on being human. Sometimes we are even at opposite ends of certain viewpoints. We are a variety of diverse people and we represent a wide range of expressions of faith.

The church is diverse indeed. We have different views of God, different beliefs and different worldviews. We don't seek uniformity but yet we are in unity through the love of God. How can this be? At the heart of it is a respect for one another and for diversity. We take seriously the call to be the living, breathing love of God in our communities. This is at the heart of our faith.

The world is truly created in the image of God, all connected, all existing in relationship. The beautiful diversity in nature shows us God in conversation with the world through its diversity. So, we can be one even in the diversity as God is. Think of the plants, bulbs perhaps. They spring forth and we don't know what they are until they develop their differences. Even the colours in the rainbow show us the beauty of the diversity of colour. Imagine if the rainbow was a single colour. Its beauty is in its variety and its harmony. Music is a variety of notes, and yet it is in the combining of different notes that we hear the symphony. It is when we are in true harmony, or at least careful dissonance, that our choir is heard in sync.

And so it is with church, we can be very different expressions and traditions and beliefs, yet we are held together in the love of the one who unites and reconciles us. Treating each other with love, with respect, and with dignity is the way we honour our difference. There is a lovely passage in one of the Psalms that says how good and pleasant it is when we can live together in unity. It is like precious oil flowing down. This is no easy 'vanilla' flavoured idea (where would be without all the other flavours). It takes work and the reminder to ourselves that each one is loved by God and holds the stamp of God in our being. As I look into the eyes of one who differs from me, I see the presence of Jesus. This is what it is to love our enemies.

So, as we go into this important time where history is calling to us and asking us who we wish to be as a nation, I hope that we can remember to respect each one in our diverse views, and cherish the precious oil of unity.



The Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre committee.

Leongatha Seniors celebrate 56 years

LEONGATHA Senior Citizens Centre celebrated 56 years of operation recently.

After starting in 1967, the centre still has its weekly entertainment sessions from 1pm, still hosts a monthly luncheon and still runs an indoor bowling session on Monday afternoon at 1.30pm.

Leongatha is the last seniors club running such activities in South Gippsland and needs support to continue.

The club encourages newcomers to join in the fun.

Leongatha Seniors president Pat Allaway welcomed South Gippsland Shire Council representative Cr John Schelling to the 56th Annual General

Meeting, giving him the opportunity to speak to members and perform the induction of the new committee for 2023/24.

Around 50 members attended the AGM to hear Pat open and welcome all members.

In her report, Pat praised all members of her committee for their wonderful work throughout the year to keep the organisation running smoothly.

Their duties include administration, finances, newsletters, attendance register, weekly stall, cleaning and maintenance, kitchen duties, organising entertainment, putting chairs and tables in and out, and managing bookings

for the various groups who use the centre.

The election of the officers and committee for 2023/24 saw Pat Allaway elected as president, secretary Ian Rasmussen, treasurer Kay Cook, vice president Dawn Rasmussen, and committee members Mavis Harrison, Phil Benson, Elsie and John Evison, Barbara Hoy and Eric Hill.

New committee members Mavis Hogan, Lydia Kartaschew and Lorraine Trease were also welcomed.

Pat thanked members for their confidence in electing her as president for a second term, welcomed Mavis, Lydia and Lorraine to the committee,

thanked members for their support throughout the past year and promised a steady ship and smooth seas for the coming year.

Members then enjoyed an hour of music provided by "Travelin 2 + 1," Graeme, Phil and Maya – Maya is the +1.

Leongatha Seniors have an excellent weekly entertainment session at 1pm every Friday at the Centre, 23 Smith Street, and everyone is welcome to attend.

A very social indoor bias bowls session is held every Monday at 1.30pm and new bowlers are welcome.

A lovely afternoon tea sealed the day.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast advocacy group is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast area. They work together to make sure they have the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet every second Thursday of the month from 10am to 11.30am. To find out more call us for more contact information. Their date for the remainder of the term: September 14.

Everyone should have a home without stress or hassle. This can be difficult to achieve when one rents. Renting is a tight market and the rates are high. Has

your rent increased without notice? Are your repairs not being done? Mould is a high priority repair which must be fixed immediately. Are there delays getting your bond returned?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then perhaps you need help in asserting your Renters' Rights.

Find out your rights as a tenant from qualified lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service Free, confidential advice. Sessions are held every second Thursday of the month from 3pm-4.30pm at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi. To reserve a place, please call 5672 3731 or email reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com.

gineighbourhoodcentre.com.

The Fixit Café is on again Sunday, September 17, from 11am to 1pm. It's happening at the Harvest Centre beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed. It's great how much the Men's Shed members offer their skills and time. This is a joint initiative between the WNC and The Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Just to let you know that fixers dealing with electrical repairs is very popular by the way. So book in asap. A reminder that all items need to be assessed and booked in before the day, no walk-ins. Just remember that you must be able to carry the item (leave that ride on mower behind) and bring any replacement parts.

We have lots going on at the WNC so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website: wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

ARE you a current member, course participant, volunteer or interested community member?

You're invited to our open house on Saturday, September 9, at 21 Shellcot Road, Korumburra. Join us for a trip down memory lane, say thanks and share a moment. Milpara's Annual General Meeting is also coming up on Thursday September 14, 6.30pm at 21

Shellcot Road, Korumburra. Come along to find out more of the story and support our local neighbourhood house. Please note the Notice of a Special Resolution to amend the Rules of the Association.

We are eagerly anticipating news of when we can start our move to the new Korumburra Community Hub. Although we can't be sure yet, the spaces and grounds are looking great

and we can't wait to explore, welcome and 'set up shop' in Spring.

For now, Milpara Community House is open 9.30am-4pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and 9.30am-3pm on Tuesdays. Our Centrelink Agent is available Tuesdays 10am-2pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-1pm, and our food bank from 10am-3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays

and Fridays.

Remember to bring your own bags.

Please note some of these hours will change over the upcoming the school holiday period September 18-29.



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Artist in Residence Lukas Kasper mentoring Year 9 students Parker Trappett and Froley Anderson on Year 9 art installations.

Newhaven College – Artist in Residence Program Reignited

NEWHAVEN College is excited to reintroduce the Artist in Residence program and to be engaging with the art community once again.

In July, the College welcomed renowned, and incredibly talented, Melbourne Street Artist Lukas Kasper to the school. Lukas started his visit with Year 9 students working on creating a garden installation. He was also commissioned to brighten up a blank wall in the Senior School building with a mural.

Lukas was taken by the stunning natural surroundings and wildlife found on the Newhaven College grounds. “When I

came to Newhaven College, I was immediately inspired by the critters running around the school,” said Lukas about his experience. “The mural itself was driven by that inspiration and I tried to incorporate my own artistic expression, capturing the essence of the animals found around the school.” The colour palette for Lukas’ work had a more natural hue than those usually used by Lukas in his Melbourne Street Art. The subtle blues, greys and browns capture the birds in their environment perfectly.

While in the process of painting the mural, Lukas used a

respirator and ventilated the space by opening all the doors to the building. While he was working alone over the weekend, he was visited by a magpie and a couple of sparrows which he had to chase around the building before closing up for the night. It seems the natural environment wanted to inspect his work too!

Principal Tony Corr was at the unveiling “Lukas’ artwork has completely transformed the Senior School building. The College feels privileged to house this stunning artwork for future generations of senior students to enjoy.”



Ash took advantage of the perfect conditions on the weekend and forum a variety of fish, calamari, pinkies and gummies.

Around the Bay

By Jims Bait and Tackle

WITH just over a week to go until the Tidal Seafood Festival everything is just about organised with something for everybody in the full program on Saturday and Sunday. There is lots for the kids to do with a huge games area and performance from Red Mo the Pirate and free facepainting as well as the Kilcunda Cricket Club will have heaps for the kids to do, including the deckie races on the beach.

Cooking, filleting demonstrations and fresh fish sales – don’t forget the various choices for lunch. We are sharing profits from the gate entry with the local SES and CFA, there is a giant raffle and spinning wheel for seafood platters. The main marquee will be full of information stalls and a licenced food court where you can taste and purchase wines and craft beers, and don’t forget the blessing of the fleet at lunchtime on the jetty.

Sunday it all turns around and the theme changes. The kids’ activities will still be there, minus Red Mo, there will be plenty to eat but the marquee empties out to make room for an afternoon of bands and performers from 12 to 5pm.

Kicking off at 10am is a clean-up San Remo and around 11am the gates will open to lots of market stalls selling homemade/handmade and fresh produce. Bring the whole family, gate entry is \$5 per adult (kids free) and for more information head to the web or Facebook pages.

Sunshine, light winds and calm seas, the perfect recipe to get people outdoors and keen to go fishing. While the sunshine has triggered enthusiasm in many to get the boat ready, clean up and sort out the tackle box or get that re-spooling done in readiness it has also triggered many to head out in the boats and try their luck.

In the shop we are madly trying to get all our seasons orders done. As we have said since moving up here, we are still increasing our stock and variety, and plenty of new stuff coming this year. If

you need re-spooling, repairs or servicing, now is the time to get them in. Mel is back at work and as several customers have said a bit of order and organisation back in the shop.

The fishing reports of the last week or so have been typical early spring, quality but not quantity albeit promising. Several customers have headed out looking for a snapper or two and most haven’t been disappointed. We have had reports of fish from good pan size to just under 90cm with a couple from the Cowes Jetty already. Most of the snapper reports have come from the top end of the bay around the fingers but if you are heading from Newhaven that way, check out the mud on your way past because there have been signs already of goof snapper from there. The other area we have had reports is the channel along the island, especially up near Elizabeth Island and while this channel always produces early season it’s a bit of a pick a spot and be prepared to sit and wait as the snapper head past you towards the top end. No reports as yet from below the bridge in Cleeland Bight.

No reports of snapper from below but some quality calamari being caught both off the land and in the boats. The beaches have been much better for calamari than the jetties. We are also in that change over period between baited and artificial jigs. I always suggest people that are fishing off the beach have both and be casting while the baited jig sits under a float.

Not a lot of reports from offshore as yet, swell, even on the days without wind, has been big and not many ventured out. Also, the reason the tuna reports have been scarce but there is still plenty of time. The few that have ventured offshore have found some of flathead, good gummies and schoolies off Kilcunda and if you want salmon for bait don’t forget the metal slugs.

— Dads celebrated at Newhaven —



Nick Russo with Alfie (Year 4), Coco (Year 2) and Remy (Prep) of Newhaven College.



Angus James with Tillie (Year 2) celebrating Father's Day at school.



Sean Cohoe with Luca (Year 2) and Jackson (Prep) at the Father's Day morning.



David Welsh with Reagan Welsh (Year 2) to celebrate Father's Day.

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 | September 5 |
|---------|-------------|
| 3.39am | 1.72m |
| 9.12am | 0.47m |
| 3.40pm | 1.66m |
| 9.40pm | 0.21m |

| WEDNESDAY | September 6 |
|-----------|-------------|
| 4.30am | 1.71m |
| 9.55am | 0.54m |
| 4.17pm | 1.62m |
| 10.22pm | 0.21m |

| THURSDAY | September 7 |
|----------|-------------|
| 5.18am | 1.65m |
| 10.35am | 0.60m |
| 4.55pm | 1.56m |
| 11.03pm | 0.25m |

| FRIDAY | September 8 |
|---------|-------------|
| 6.07am | 1.57m |
| 11.15am | 0.67m |
| 5.33pm | 1.49m |
| 11.45pm | 0.32m |

| SATURDAY | September 9 |
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| 6.57am | 1.48m |
| 11.56am | 0.74m |
| 6.15pm | 1.40m |

| SUNDAY | September 10 |
|---------|--------------|
| 12.27am | 0.39m |
| 7.50am | 1.39m |
| 12.39pm | 0.81m |
| 7.01pm | 1.32m |

| MONDAY | September 11 |
|--------|--------------|
| 1.14am | 0.47m |
| 8.48am | 1.33m |
| 1.30pm | 0.87m |
| 8.00pm | 1.25m |

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Newhaven College student Olivia Curtin, winner of the interschool series.

Local student wins interschool show jumping

NEWHAVEN College student Olivia Curtin won the Interschool Showjumping Championships last Friday at Boneo Park. The three round series started in February this year and the second round was held in July with the final round last Friday, September 1. In total over 60 riders competed in the series from 60 schools in Victoria. The latest

win means Olivia has now won all the Interschool Showjumping Championships this year which is an excellent achievement. Olivia now getting ready for the Interschool National Championships at Werribee Park at the end of September having qualified both her ponies in the four-person Victorian team in the intermediate 95cm division.



Newhaven College student Olivia Curtin, right, at the presentation of the Interschool Showjumping Championships awards.

Mardan Tennis Club keen to welcome more juniors

MARDAN Tennis Club is readying for another season in the Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association, providing a friendly environment and a scenic setting for young people to enjoy their tennis. It is the only district-based club in the competition with all others in towns, but is readily accessible from many towns including Leongatha, Mirboo North, Meeniyan, and Fish Creek. Mardan Tennis Club membership is just \$60, and Thursday training sessions, running from 4.30pm until 6.30pm, are free, overseen by club coach and president James Monaghan. While the club's A Grade juniors play their home matches in

Dumbalk North, those in B and C Grades take to its two Mardan asphalt courts. Club secretary Rhonda Lester highlighted the family-friendly environment at Mardan, saying the Christmas tournament is a yearly highlight teaming parents and children. Kids also compete in a round robin event each March as well as regular competition. Mardan Tennis Club offers a great country vibe and vistas of green hills, sheep and cattle. The season starts on Saturday October 7. Visit Mardan Tennis Club's Facebook page for further details or to join. The club is located at 10 Coulters Road, Mardan.



John Nicholson (S), Jenny Smith (L) and Luke Monckton (3) were the South West Gippsland Bowls Group winners.



Ron Burge (skip), Pam Sutcliffe, Liz Jacobs and Jim Haydon were the Opening Day winners at Inverloch Bowling Club.



Chris Rose, Jean Wylde and Jan Clark were the Wonthaggi Seniors Indoor Bowls winners on Friday.

INVERLOCH

THE Official Opening Day for the season was held on Thursday. Fifty-five bowlers braved the drizzly weather that later turned into beautiful sunshine. One game of 12 ends was played with the winners and runner up being drawn from separate tubs regardless of scores. The special day deserved something different and unpredictable. The winners were Ron Burge (skip), Pam Sutcliffe, Liz Jacobs and Jim Haydon. Runners up were Terry Orford (skip), Joyce Arnold, Helen Twite and Harry Dunne.

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thursday Social Bowls will continue to have registration by 9.30am with play beginning at 11.00am. New registration and playing times for Thursday Social Bowls will start when daylight savings begins. Entries for the Club Championships are now open. Bowlers should carefully read the conditions of play before entering. Entry forms and envelopes are available in the clubroom. Practice matches for Midweek and Saturday Pennant have been arranged. Please check in the clubroom for details and sign-up lists. If you intend to play either Midweek or Saturday Pennant, please ensure your name is on the list in the clubroom. Midweek Pennant starts

on October 24. Saturday Pennant starts on October 21. There are sheets for these if you intend to participate. Unavailability lists are also in the clubhouse.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WINTER returned with a vengeance on Thursday. It was cold and windy with some rain throughout the day. Thirty-nine very brave bowlers turned up to Corinella and participated in a rather high-quality game. Friendly banter was once again the order of the day, and the wind made sure there was plenty to laugh about. A few wrong bias bowls ensured a steady increase in the Royal Children's Hospital tin. Winners on 35 points were John Nicholson (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Jenny Smith (L). Runners up on a close score of 33 were Peter Borradale (S), D'unienville (3), Tony Morris (2) and Claire Sheers (L). Best one game winners on 23 points were Michael Dady (S), Chris Brooks (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Peter Thorley (L). It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves as everyone starts to move towards the pennant season, which starts in a few weeks from now. The Thursday battles always help the players to lift their games, which only benefits their clubs over summer. Once again, a big thank you to Peter, Pauline and John for all the behind-the-



Chris Brooks (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Peter Thorley (L) and Michael Dady (S) were the best one game winners at Corinella Bowls Club.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Opening Day runner-ups Terry Seaward (skip), Joyce Arnold, Helen Twite and Harry Dunne.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Allan Ireland, Guilio Marcolongo and Colin Binch.

scenes work. Next week, bowlers will be playing at San Remo. If everyone could please be on site by 10am, it would be much appreciated. As always, the club hopes everyone has a safe week and look forward to seeing everyone next week at San Remo.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again, it was a good week starting with Wednesday when 23 bowlers graced the greens on a fine but cool day. Teams of three and four played two games over 10 ends. There were two teams that were two game winners with the unlucky team being Ken Webb, Veronica Griffiths, Heather Blanch and Rob Aitken with a score of two wins and 31 points. The winners, also a team of four, were Fred Kellow, Lorraine Day, Allan Ireland and John Kappler with a score of two wins and 32 points. Saturday was Opening Day. With a brilliant sunny spring day, plus 57 bowlers, to make the day a huge success. They started off the day off with a barbecue lunch followed by two games over 10 ends. After bowls, they were treated to afternoon tea which was very well received by all. There were teams of triples with two teams of four to balance the numbers. There were five teams that were two game winners, with the runners up being Colin Ormerod, Veronica Griffiths and Tony Marotta

with a score of two wins and 32 points. The winners on the day, also a team of three, were Allan Ireland, Guilio Marcolongo and Colin Binch with a score of two wins and 34 points. Bowls this week: Wednesday is the first Turkey Triples for season, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm. Don't forget to make use of Friday coaching to have the coaches check out your game. Also don't forget about Friday night at the club for a chat and a catch up with friends. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, there was an equal number of players on both days – 27, a great turn up. Tuesday's winners with a plus nine, winning both games were, Jan Milkins, Mary Spooner and Jim Rodhi. Coming second on plus one with a win and a draw were Teresa Ireland, Glenda Bench and John Bird. Friday's winners with a record win of plus 31 were Jean Wylde, Jan Clark and Chris Rose an amazing win congratulations to you all. Runners up on plus 17 were Sue Rose, Mary Spooner and John Bird. Just a reminder, the annual general meeting will be held on the September 15 at 11am. All members are encouraged to attend.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, August 29. Stableford: 25 players. A Grade: Steve Duffield (21) 34 points. B Grade: Athol Worthy (25) 34 points. NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmaal, seventh Shayne Harland, 10th Ross Besley and 13th Ross Besley. Thursday, August 31: Stableford: three players. Winner: Peter Van Agtmaal (17) 32 points. NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmaal and 10th Steve Duffield. Saturday, September 2: Men's Monthly Medal: 37 players. Sponsor: Tim O'Neill. Monthly Medal winner: Tim Fowles (13) 71 net. A Grade: Tim Fowles (13) 71 net. B Grade: John Kerr (21) 75 C/B. Scratch winner: Mat Wrigley (2) 78 off the stick. NTPs: first Blake Cosson, seventh Malcolm Garnham, 10th Blake Cosson and 13th Roy Fleming.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday Julie Hillberg won the day's event with 29 points. Kerri Besley was runner-up and Trudy Olden won a BDTL. NT's went to Diarne Maskell first and Jenny Blackmore 13th. On Saturday, Trudy Olden was the winner of the RB Monthly Medal, with a net score of 80 and was awarded the Luscious Café voucher. Deb Wrigley was runner-up, following a c/b with Aliesha Wrigley, both finishing with 86 net. Aliesha was NTP on the 13th green.

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TUESDAY Stableford: field of 69. Division 1: Winner: Raymond Wiseman with 39 points. Runner up: Cal Gray with 37 points. Division 2: Winner: Russell Swan with 37 points by countback. Runner up: Graham Brennan. Ball rundown to 34 points. Nearest the pins: Fifth: Wayne Kennedy. Ninth: Tim Purdy. 12th: Russell Swan. 15th: Gary Jollands. Wednesday ladies did not played due to weather. Thursday Stableford/2BBB: field of 62. Stableford: Winner: Chris Clark with 42 points. Runner up: Richard Oldham with 40 points. Ball rundown to 31 points. 2BBB: Winners: Richard Oldham and Alec Hamilton with 46 points. Runners up: Dave Austin and Chris Clark with 45 points. Saturday Monthly Medal (Stroke): Division 1 - Winner: Michael Foote 66 net. Runner up: Theo Vassiliadis 68 net. Third: Michael Ramac 70 net. Division 2 - Winner: Frankie Chiu 68 net. Runner up: George Morozoff 71 net. Third: Noel Zunneberg 72 net. Division 3 - Winner: Bill Johnson 66 net (medal winner). Runner up: Steve Pollock 70 net. Third: Scott Rushby 73 net. Ball rundown to 75 net.

Nearest the pins: Fifth: Perry O'Connor. Ninth: Marty Reynolds. 12th: Rob Bradshaw. 15th: Dale Gude. Third hole second shot: Frank DePasquale (Div 1) and Robert Garrett (Div 2). Sunday Stableford: Winner: Lee Phillis with 37 points. Runner up: Steve Lauder with 36 points. Ball rundown to 29 points. On Friday, Lang Lang hosted the South Gippsland Golf Inc. Women's Foursomes Championship. District golf clubs were very well represented with 32 playing pairs enjoying fantastic weather on the first day of spring. Robyn Galloway and Barb Warren from Foster Golf Club won the Scratch Foursomes Championship with a scratch score of 95. Lang Lang's Heather Payne and Megan Barker won the Minor Scratch Foursomes with a score of 109, congratulations to you both for a fantastic round and many thanks to Cal and the crew for presenting the course to such a high standard. Saturday also saw a perfect day for the Monthly Medal to be played, congratulations to Bill Johnson who took out the major prize. Congratulations also to the newest future member –the beautiful Isla who was born just in time for Father's Day. Congratulations to Matt and Caitlin on the safe arrival of Lang Lang's future champion golfer.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, August 29: Par event. Fifty-six players competed in Tuesday's Par event off the blue tees. A Grade winner: Gary McGrath (17) with a score of +4. Runner up: Ian Murchie (18) with a score of +3. B Grade winner: John Dumont (26) with a score of 0 on a countback. Runner up: David Child (24) with a score of 0 on a countback. Gary McGrath had a day out, winning A Grade and claiming both nearest the pins with the 14th at 3.36m and the 16th at 2.84m. Extra ball comp prizes went to Norman Hughes, Antony Gedye, Peter Read and Rad Mihalic. Thursday, August 31: Wonthaggi Toyota Stableford. On the final day of winter, 57 players played in the Wonthaggi Toyota Stableford event. Thanks again to the team at Wonthaggi Toyota for their generous sponsorship. A Grade winner: Andrew Fawcett (19) with 37 points. Runner up: Daniel Jolley (14) with 35 points on a countback. B Grade winner: Peter Hodgson (37) with 36 points. Runner up: Steve Vuillermin (23) with 34 points on a countback. NTP 14th: Daniel Jolley at 3.90m.16th: Gordon Allan at 2.83m. Extra ball comp prizes went to Paul Deery, Gordon Morrison, Colin Bear and George Hendry. Saturday, September 2: Monthly Medal Stroke event. What a brilliant start to spring for the Monthly Medal Stroke event with a field of 80 taking to a much-improved

course condition playing off the black tees. Overall winner: Steven Pisante (17) with a score of 68 net. A Grade winner: John Ryan (13) with a score of 69 net. Runner up: Mark Wilson (11) with a score of 70 net on a countback. B Grade winner: Cameron Harwood (16) with a score of 69 net. Runner up: Paul Richardson (17) with a score of 72 net. C Grade winner: Bryan Roylance (21) with a score of 74 net on a countback. Runner up: Nicholas Hill (22) with a score of 74 net. D Grade winner: Rene Zeller (25) with a score of 76 net on a countback. Runner up: Ross Paul (23) with a score of 76 net. NTP 14th: Michael O'Rafferty at 1.70m. 16th: Paul Deery at 1.06m. Extra ball comp prizes went to Paul Deery, Warren Stewart and Bruce Christison.

Ladies

A SMALL but dedicated group of women played in a Stableford event last week. The outright winner was club stalwart Shirley Welsford with 31 points. Balls down the line were awarded to the following: Else Gedye, Karen de Groot, Dot Stubbs and Delia Perry all on 30 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, August 31: Stableford. A Grade: P. Woodall (9) 37 points. B Grade: Tom Traill (19) 35 points c/b. DTL: R. Matthews, A. Liebe 36 and D. Woodall 35 c/b. NTP: fourth P. Cummaudo, sixth Tom Traill, 13th S. Bickerton and 16th S. Bickerton. Birdies: fourth P. Cummaudo. Saturday, September 2: Stroke, Star Medal Play Off and Flag Day. A Grade: P. Woodall (9) 71 net. B Grade: N. Baker (25) 73 net. DTL: M. Payne 71, A. Liebe 73, D. Woodall 74, P. Smart and R. Matthews 75. NTP: first D. Taylor, fourth M. Payne, sixth M. Smith, 13th A. Lappin, and 16th D. Jerram. Birdies: fourth S. Mills, sixth R. Matthews and 16th D. Jerram. Star Medal winner: P. Smart, (10) 75net. Flag Day: A Grade: P. Woodall. B Grade: M. Payne. C Grade: N. Baker

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY August 29: Mens 18-hole Stableford A Grade winners Steven Sloss (15) with 40 points Daniel Pearce (9) with 38 points. B Grade winners Dave Egan (21) with 39 points C/B from Chris Disher (21) with 39. C Grade winners John Savas (25) with 38 points John Maglica (29) with 36 points. BDL to 34 points C/B NTP 5th David K Taylor 7th Joe Kelly 10th Jim Brown 17th Neville Thurgood 9-hole Stableford: Winner Brian Baker (21) 20 points Peter Matthews (34) 19 points BDL to 16 points c/b

Wednesday August 30 Ladies 18-hole Irish Team Stableford Overall Winners Anne Dunk, Rhonda Boyd & Judy Lawrence 87 C/B from Naoko McRae, Miyuki Yamaguchi and Liz O'Neill. Place Getters Jillian Chandler, Joan Nicholson & Diana Holmberg 86 NTP 5th Rhonda Boyd 7th Rhonda Boyd 17th Megan Elbaz 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Karen Egan (39) with 16 points Thursday 31st August 18-hole Open Stableford A Grade Winners Christian Lloyd (12) with 41 points Helen Coghlan (16) with 39 Points C/B. B Grade winner Ken Wallace (19) with 39 points Gary Birch (17) with 36 Points. C Grade Winners Don Thomson (25) with 41 points John Maglica (28) with 36 points. BDL to 35 points C/B. NTP: 5TH Christian Lloyd 7th Phil Cooksey 10th n/a 17th n/a 9-hole Stableford 9 Hole Winner Ron Hateley (35) with 18 points C/B from David Gladman (17) with 18 points C/B BDL to 15 points Saturday 2nd September 18 Hole Stroke Monthly Medal A Grade Winners Chris Lawrence (12) 69 Tim Duff (7) 71 B Grade Winners Scott Sheers (15) 72 Christian Lloyd (13) 73 C Grade Winners John Shaw (31) 70 Paul Dickson (19) 71 BDL to 75 C/B. NTP: 5th James Bain 7th Max Disher 10th Mark Haringsma 17th Daniel McConnon Ladies 18 Hole Stableford Winners Lynn McCole (44) 41 points Liz O'Neill (31) 38 points BDL to 33 points C/B. NTP 5th n/a 7th Jo Disher 10th Dawn Andrews 17th Adrienne Anglin Saturday Open 9-hole Stableford Winner David Henstridge (21)) with 17 points Robert Pascoe (16) with 16 points BDL to 16 points C/B

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: August 31, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18 hole. Winner: Ian Baker 32. BDTL to 30. Ball sweep: Roger Kilpatrick 31 and Jim McEachern 30. Results: August 31, SR. 36. Competition: Stableford nine hole 10 to 18. Winner: Norm Burne 16. BDTL to 15. Ball sweep: Bill Howard 15. Results: September 2, SR. 72. Competition: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting. A Grade: Michael Scott 70. B Grade: Allan McLean 74. C Grade: Sam Hovarth 65 (Monthly Medal). BDTL to 75. Ball sweep: Inoke Baudromo 70, Ray Hender 71, Mat Johnson 73, Julian Wintle 74, Craig Harvey 74, Peter Dell 74, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 75 and Simon O'Halloran 75. NTPs: Ian Baker second, Julian Wintle fourth, Mat Johnson propin eighth, Jonathon Clayton 13th and Peter Dell money hole. 17th. Putting: F. Loughran 25 putts.



Foursomes Championship winners Barb Warren and Robyn Galloway.

Women's South Gippsland Golf Foursomes Championship

LANG Lang Golf Club hosted the South Gippsland Women's Golf Association Foursomes Championship last week. Thirty-two pairs played in perfect spring weather. Most players would have been pleased with the extra run not experienced on many other district courses at the moment. The Scratch Foursomes Championship was won by Robyn Galloway and Barb Warren from Foster Golf Club. They finished the day with a scratch score of 95. The handicap winners in this section were Marg Johnson and Merryn Dear from Wonthaggi Golf Club with 80.5 net. Wonthaggi Golf Club also took the honours in the B Grade Handicap event. Marg Ryan and Heather Wintle finished with 78.5 net. Heather Payne and Megan Barker from Lang Lang Golf Club won the Minor Scratch Foursomes with 109 but were unfortunately unable to stay for presentations. Down the line balls went to the following pairs: Nan Meagher and Marg Griffiths 81.5 (Leongatha Golf Club), Adrienne Anglin and Helen Coghlan 81.5 (Phillip island Golf Club), Sue van Gaal and Cath Briant 82 (Lang Lang Golf Club), Colleen Touzel and Robin Smith 82 (Leongatha Golf Club), Lee Andrews and Maria Warburton 83 (Lang Lang Golf Club), Rena Casey and Jennifer Sullivan 83.5 (Lang Lang Golf Club), Lianne Adamson and Karen de Groot 83.5 (Leongatha Golf Club), and Heather Payne and Megan Barker 83.5 (Lang Lang Golf Club). There were two nearest the pins provided on the day: Heather Coghlan from Phillip Island was successful on the 12th and Lianne Adamson from Leongatha Golf Club on the very tricky fifth hole. Thanks to all at Lang Lang for hosting the event and for the hospitality in the clubhouse before and after play. Country Teams Manager Sue Wylie and assistant team manager Sue Hoskin introduced the players for the 2023 Country Teams: Rebecca Thomas Leongatha, Jennifer Sullivan and Rena Casey Lang Lang, Andrea Thorson Meeniyen, Sharon Rayson and Elly Berryman Woorayl, Robyn Galloway Foster, Merryn Dear Wonthaggi, and Merrissa Cosson and Shelley Snooks Korumburra. All the best to you and your hard-working caddies. The official 2023 printed pennant flags were presented to the clubs. Congratulations once again to Section 1 Meeniyen accepted by Andrea Thorson, Section 2 Meeniyen accepted by Jo Graeme and Section 3 Wonthaggi accepted by Betty Bowmar.



Leongatha's Nicolette Wight recently competed in the School Sport Australian Championships.



Nicolette Wight proudly represented Leongatha as she competed with Team Vic at the School Sport Australian Championships.

Nicolette wows at national level

LEONGATHA Secondary College student Nicolette Wight recently returned from her trip to School Sport Australian Championships in Sydney.

Nicolette swam finals in her three backstroke events.

As vice-captain and a regular TeamVic member, Nicolette taught the Victorian team the chant, took warm up sessions and together with her fellow captains held short team meetings at the end of each day to recap the day's successes.

It was a great experience with tough competition and an amazing team experience like no other.

Nicolette has State Age Championships coming up, followed by the Australian Nationals Short Course Championships in Sydney mid-September.



Nicolette Wight swam finals in three backstroke events at the recent School Sport Australian Championships.



Cormac Flynn placed second in the 100m Breaststroke State Championships.



Rahni Matheson took home first in the 100m Breaststroke at the State Championships over the weekend.

SGB swim strongly at State

THE success of South Gippsland Bass at the State Age Championships continued at MSAC over the weekend, with 23 swimmers competing in the 13 to 17-year-old age categories. This was the largest SGB team to compete at Short Course States, with 17 swimmers competing last year. If you also include the nine 12-year-olds who raced a fortnight ago, it is an effort of which the club is extremely proud.

It was a busy schedule for some swimmers who competed in longer distance races such as the 1500m as well as in the heats and finals of shorter distances on the same day. It is also challenging for swimmers to race in several 200m races, but the team did their coaches proud.

"It has been a fantastic short course season," said Coach Dylan, who was on

pool deck all weekend with Coach Caiden.

"The team has really put in with their training and we have seen the results at Country Championships and now here. For some of them it has been a busy four weeks with big schedules, but they are really seeing the benefits of their efforts. They have dug deep, and we are proud of all of them. The medals earned is just the icing on the cake."

With nearly half the swimmers making finals or finishing top 10 in the longer distance events, it was a busy weekend for swimmers and coaches, with swimmers competing in heats in the morning followed by finals at night. Family and friends cheered from the stands, while many of the younger club swimmers watched on at home on the Swimming Victoria's live YouTube channel, inspired

and hoping to be there too one day.

The club was thrilled with their effort in the team points, finishing at their highest result, a fantastic effort with some of the big Melbourne clubs having three times as many swimmers as SGB.

Finalists:

Claudia Croatto (14) 7th 100m Breaststroke, 8th 200m Breaststroke.

Molly Dettbarn (14) 7th 1500m Freestyle.

Cormac Flynn (13) 2nd 100m Breaststroke, 2nd 200m Breaststroke.

Olivia Holmes (14) 6th 400m Freestyle, 5th 200m Individual Medley, 5th 200m Freestyle, 5th 100m Individual Medley, 5th 200m Backstroke, 4th 400m IM, 6th 100m Backstroke.

Josh Hunt (14) 8th 200m Butterfly.

Mostyn Lumsden (16) 8th 400m Freestyle, 10th 200m

Freestyle, 7th 200m Butterfly.

Rahni Matheson (15) 8th 100m Breaststroke, 5th 200m Individual Medley, 9th 200m Backstroke, 1st 100m Breaststroke, 1st 200m Breaststroke.

Sienna Matheson (16) 8th 200m Breaststroke, 7th 100m Breaststroke.

Hugh Munro (15) 8th 1500m Freestyle.

Miah Roberts (13) 3rd 200m Backstroke, 8th 100m Backstroke.

Zac Sherar (14) 8th 100m Breaststroke, 6th 200m Individual Medley, 8th 200m Freestyle, 7th 100m Freestyle, 7th 200m Breaststroke.

Will Simmons (14) 5th 200m Backstroke, 6th 100m Backstroke.

The swimmers now have a few weeks to recover and a break in September before they get ready for a training camp before returning to the longer pools after the school holidays.

Nationals success for SGB swimmers

SYDNEY was the destination for the 2023 School Championships and a great week of fun for the four SGB swimmers who were part of TeamVic last week.

Rex Brocklesby, Archie Smyth, Gemma Cook, primary schools' division, and Olivia Holmes, secondary schools' division, proudly wore the Victorian Shirt as they raced in a variety of events over the week.

For Archie, a returning swimmer, the highlight was racing with TeamVic friends he made last year in the relay to win bronze, as well swimming against the best swimmers from different states.

For Gemma, a first-time swimmer, one of the highlights was being selected as a Victorian flag bearer for the opening ceremony. For Gemma, a multi-class swimmer, the chance to meet and compete against so many other multi-class swimmers was a real high-

light, something she doesn't normally get to do in her normal racing in Gippsland.

Gemma, who only started competitively racing in October, also smashed some PB's and placed in the top 10 against some very talented swimmers.

For Rex it was a chance to compete with friends against swimmers he met last year, and he was very grateful having an opportunity to compete against the very best in Australia. He was pleased to achieve a PB in his backstroke.

Olivia enjoyed racing against the best swimmers in the country and seeing how they were going after competing against many at the Nationals Championship in April. It has been a big month for Olivia with a long list of events at the Countries and Victorian States Championships, so she was happy to still come home with a medal, the 3rd in backstroke.



The Primary School Victoria team of Rex, Archie and Gemma.



Leongatha Knight's Women's team and supporters.

Women's Knights advance to Grand Finals

IT WAS a beautiful spring day that saw Leongatha Knights FC's Senior Women's team take to the pitch against Phillip Island in the first week of the Gippsland Soccer League finals.

After finishing undefeated at the top of the table, the Knights were keen for a strong start to their finals campaign despite missing two of their most experienced players. It was a hard-fought game as Phillip Island played a tight defence with experienced goalkeeper Andrea Dempsey confidently saving all shots sent her way. Phillip Island's usual striker Kelly Wall took up position as centre-back and was instrumental in clearing Leongatha's attacking runs.

Leongatha's rotating backline was magnificent in dealing with any counter attacks by Phillip Island. Centre back Mandy

Bongers and defenders Val, Mad-di and Kate were consistently fantastic in their roles. Captain Jasmine Garry and Naomi Eaton worked the midfield for the Knights, putting in a mammoth effort under the glaring sun and on Trafalgar's wide pitch.

It was a fumble in the box that saw youngster Audrey capitalise and score Leongatha's first hard fought goal of the game to rousing cheers from the crowd. A magnificent attacking run by Lisse Bath saw the second goal scored not long after. The Leongatha Senior Women's team will be playing in the Grand Final at Lang Lang on September 17. Well done Lady Knights!

RIGHT: Leongatha Knights midfielder Naomi Eaton was instrumental in the Knights' victory in the semi-final.



Leongatha White were the champions over Leongatha Black in the Section 1 grand final. Pictured from left, Sophie Kreutzberger, Zac Langstaff, Anouar Cunningham and Harper Henning.



Section 4 champions Ari Bogaret and Sam Hansen of Korumburra with Westernport runner ups Lily Thomas and Chinasa Okoli.

Wonthaggi hosts winter tennis final

IT has been a hugely successful winter tennis season for the Korrrine and District Junior Tennis Association.

There was a total of 30 teams across five sections with representation from Leongatha, Korumburra, Westernport, Phillip Island and Inverloch.

Although the grand final had a delay with a washout having to be called on the Saturday, the Sunday brought with it some better weather and the chance to complete all matches.

A great day was had by all and congratulations to all those playing on the day.

The Wonthaggi Tennis Club facilitated the finals, and it was fabulous to utilise the brand-new clubrooms.

The association looks forward to another bumper summer season starting in October.

RIGHT: Phillip Island defeated Korumburra in the Section 2 grand final. Pictured from left, Hughes, Kynan Staley, Henry Kelly, Oliver Raso and Eli Bowker.



Leongatha was the winner of the Section 3 grand final, with Inverloch placing runner up. Pictured from left, Tejamshu Gaddam, Ines De Bellis, James Jacobs, Declan Russell and Archer Commadeur.



Gippsland Soccer League

- Semi Final 1 Results – Sunday September 3 at Trafalgar Recreation Precinct**
- SENIOR Mens: Trafalgar Victory 1 d Korumburra City 0
 - Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 2 d Phillip Island 0
 - Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 3 d Inverloch Stars 1
 - Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0
 - Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island 2 d Drouin Dragons White 0
 - Under 12a Mixed: Inverloch Stars 7 d Leongatha Knights 1
 - Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Red 4 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 0

- Gippsland Soccer League Semi Final 2 Fixture – Sunday September 10 at Newhaven Recreation Reserve, Phillip Island**
- SENIOR Mens at 3:15pm: Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights
 - Senior Womens at 12:15pm: Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars
 - Mens Reserves at 12:15pm: Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons
 - Under 17 Mixed at 10:15am: Drouin Dragons White v Leongatha Knights
 - Under 14 Mixed at 8:30am: Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon
 - Under 12a Mixed at 10:45am: Drouin Dragons Maroon v Phillip Island
 - Under 12b Mixed at 9:15am: Phillip Island Blue v Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2S COMPANY: 1st on 14pts Mustang Alley, 2nd on 14pts King Pins and 3rd on 14pts Him&Her.

ABL: 1st on 103pts Knackers, 2nd on 88pts Pinpals and 3rd on 87.5pts Buccaneers.

Phantom: 1st on 12pts Dragonfly, 2nd on 9pts Alleygator and 3rd on 7pts Elizabeth.

Business Early: 1st on 15pts Woolly Balls, 2nd on 14pts The Redundants, 3rd on 14pts Turkey Slappers and 4th on 14pts Woolly Rollers.

Business Late: 1st on 17pts S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd on 16pts Dynamic, 3rd on 14.5pts Holy Splits and 4th on 13pts JDS.

Top scores:

Men – 216 Justin Porthouse, 214 Matt Edwards and 201 Chase Edwards.

Woman – 180 Karen Klym, 164 Penny Wolswinkel and 154 Jacque Kent.

South Gippsland Bridge

August 29 at Wonthaggi: 5 tables

Match point winners: 1st Alan Johnston and John Sutton with an excellent 72.69%, 2nd Faye Rowlands with a very healthy 65.28, 3rd Penny and Ruth Stevenson 53.31, = 4th Mary Brewis and Carol Sowden 49.54, =4th Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 49.54.

September 1 at Inverloch 7 tables N/S Pairs

1st John French and Deb Anglim with 68.75, 2nd Phil and Nev Chapman 58.33, 3rd Clive Hope and Alan Johnston 58.04.

E/W pairs: 1st Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 52.38, 2nd Denise Allot and Peter Campbell 51.19, 3rd Matti Shub and John Quayle 50.89.



Phillip Islands Lily Mewett (GA) looks for an option to pass in the U17 second semi finals at Nar Nar Goon.



In the second semi finals at Nar Nar Goon, U15's player for Phillip Island, Piper O'Brien (WA) was a strong competitor on the day.



Leongatha Under 17s netballers Lara Gill and Mackenna Anderson close in to apply pressure to the pass from Sale's Jazz Anstee.



Leongatha A Grade centre tries to work through the traffic in midcourt during a spirited match against Morwell on Saturday.



Leongatha's Kate Sperling looks for the best way forward in the final against Drouin on Saturday.



Fish Creek's D-Grade wing attack Grace Wilson was awarded best on court in the second semi on Saturday at Boolarra.



Fish Creek's goal keeper Holly Gloster has the ball and is looking for a pass forward with pressure coming from Yinnar's Megan Parker.

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Tigers Jakobi Eden ready to pass in the third quarter against Toora. Z21_3623



Brooke Anderson takes the pass and sends it back down to the circle to maintain the close scores in the first quarter. Z26_3623



Toora's Charlotte Crawford had sure hands against Mirboo North. Z23_3623



Ellie Bates goes for goal in the first quarter keeping the scores 6 – 7 in a fast game. Z28_3623



Alyssa Snell keeps pressure on Toora to maintain the lead in the semi-final. Z22_3623



Tarwin's Amy Robertson applies great pressure in the first quarter against Morwell East. Z24_3623



Tigers Gemma McCormack secures the ball with a high catch against Toora. Z19_3623



Drouin's Ruby Pratt takes this spectacular grab on the way to a strong win over Leongatha in B Grade, Leongatha's Alice Reid putting up a block.

| GIPPSLAND |
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| QUALIFYING FINAL |
| A Grade: Morwell 48 d Leongatha 40 B Grade: Leongatha 49 lt Drouin 61 C Grade: Maffra 30 d Drouin 26 17 & Under: Leongatha 32 lt Sale 39 15 & Under: Sale 37 d Leongatha 30 13 & Under: Sale 50 d Moe 40 |
| ELIMINATION FINAL |
| A Grade: Drouin 38 d Warragul 36 B Grade: Moe 50 d Morwell 41 C Grade: Morwell 26 lt Bairnsdale 33 17 & Under: Wonthaggi 34 lt Maffra 35 15 & Under: Bairnsdale 57 d Maffra 34 13 & Under: Bairnsdale 32 d Maffra 30 |
| ELLINBANK |
| 2ND SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Neerim Sth 52 d Nilma Darnum 49 B Grade: Trafalgar 40 lt Ellinbank 46 C Grade: Ellinbank 45 d Nilma Darnum 31 17 & Under: Ellinbank 27 lt Trafalgar 34 15 & Under: Buln Buln 44 d Yarragon 41 13 & Under: Buln Buln 20 d Catani 19 |
| 1ST SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Ellinbank 40 d Trafalgar 34 B Grade: Buln Buln 45 d Neerim South 34 C Grade: Neerim South 24 lt Longwarry 45 17 & Under: Catani 35 lt Longwarry 38 15 & Under: Poowong 16 lt Longwarry 24 13 & Under: Poowong 19 d Longwarry 7 |
| MID GIPPSLAND |
| 2ND SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Yinnar 60 d Toora 53 B Grade: Fish Creek 31 lt Yinnar 38 C Grade: MDU 44 d Yinnar 18 D Grade: Yinnar 28 lt Fish Creek 37 17 & Under: MDU 42 d Yinnar 22 15 & Under: Boolarra 39 d Mirboo North 22 13 & Under: Boolarra 18 d Toora 16 |
| 1ST SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Morwell East 37 d Tarwin 34 B Grade: Toora 31 lt Mirboo North 40 C Grade: Morwell East 24 lt Hill End 29 D Grade: Mirboo Nth 33 lt Morwell East 35 17 & Under: Toora 22 lt Fish Creek 23 15 & Under: MDU 29 d Yinnar 23 13 & Under: Mirboo North 20 lt Yinnar 25 |
| WEST GIPPSLAND |
| 2ND SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Inverloch-K 53 d Tooradin-Dal 42 B Grade: Nar Nar Goon 59 d Dalyston 41 C Grade: Inverloch-K 44 d Dalyston 35 D Grade: Nar Nar Goon 25 d Inverloch-K 22 17 & Under: Kor-Bena 37 lt Phillip Island 41 15 & Under: NNG 28 lt Phillip Island 30 13 & Under: Tooradin-Dal 28 lt NNG 29 11 & Under: Tooradin-Dal 23 d NNG 19 |
| 1ST SEMI FINAL |
| A Grade: Dalyston 38 lt Nar Nar Goon 46 B Grade: Kilcunda-Bass 34 lt Tooradin-D 45 C Grade: Nar Nar Goon 33 lt Tooradin-Dal 40 D Grade: Cora Lynn 30 lt Garfield 34 17 & Under: NNG 39 d Cora Lynn 36 15 & Under: Tooradin-Dal 20 d KWR 18 13 & Under: Kor-Bena 18 lt Cora Lynn 34 11 & Under: Dalyston 21 d Garfield 8 |
| THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES |
| GIPPSLAND |
| 2nd Semi - Morwell (Sat, Sept. 9) A Grade: Moe v Morwell B Grade: Traralgon v Drouin C Grade: Leongatha v Maffra 17 & Under: Traralgon v Sale 15 & Under: Traralgon v Sale 13 & Under: Traralgon v Sale 1st Semi - Maffra (Sun, Sept. 10) A Grade: Leongatha v Drouin B Grade: Leongatha v Moe C Grade: Drouin v Bairnsdale 17 & Under: Leongatha v Maffra 15 & Under: Leongatha v Bairnsdale 13 & Under: Moe v Bairnsdale |
| ELLINBANK |
| Prelim. Final - Lang Lang (Sat, Sept. 9) A Grade: Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank B Grade: Trafalgar v Buln Buln C Grade: Nilma Darnum v Longwarry 17 & Under: Ellinbank v Longwarry 15 & Under: Yarragon v Longwarry 13 & Under: Catani v Poowong |
| MID GIPPSLAND |
| Preliminary Final - Foster (Sat, Sept. 9) A Grade: Toora v Morwell East B Grade: Fish Creek v Mirboo North C Grade: Yinnar v Hill End D Grade: Yinnar v Morwell East 17 & Under: Yinnar v Fish Creek 15 & Under: Mirboo North v MDU 13 & Under: Toora v Yinnar |
| WEST GIPPSLAND |
| Preliminary Final - Dalyston (Sat, Sept. 9) A Grade: Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon B Grade: Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore C Grade: Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore D Grade: Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield 17 & Under: Kor-Bena v Nar Nar Goon 15 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Toordain-Dal 13 & Under: Tooradin-Dalmore v Cora Lynn 11 & Under: Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston |



Sam McGannon takes a mark against Newborough in the final quarter of the qualifying final. Z13_3623



Fish Creek's Lachlan Gale wins the clearance contest against Josh Pearce. Z14_3623



Willem Voorham handballs under pressure from Newborough. Z16_3623

A second chance for Fish Creek

By Rob Popplestone

TWO of the competition's best sides were greeted by perfect Spring weather as Fish Creek and Newborough battled for a direct passage into the MGFNL Grand Final, with the more accurate Bulldogs prevailing by five points in a thriller.

The improving Fish Creek team entered the game with strong belief they could inflict the Bulldogs' first loss of the year to secure the first spot on offer in the big dance, and looked at times like they would achieve that before falling agonisingly short.

Despite not getting the win, Fish Creek coach Jarrod Walker described the contest as a "great game".

"I'm not sure what it looked like from the crowd but it was a cracking game to be playing in with momentum swings all day, and at times looked like both sides could have run away with it," Walker said.

The Kangaroos jumped out of the blocks, seizing a 13-point quarter time lead, but as good sides do, Newborough wrestled back some of the momentum to trail by just four points by the main break.

The third quarter, commonly known as the premiership quarter, is where the premiership favourites did their thing, turning up the heat with five goals to one and holding a 20-point lead at the final turn.

While there was plenty of fight left in the Kangaroos, it was the Bulldogs that courageously hung tough under the pressure being applied, getting over the line by under a goal.

Newborough coach Craig Skinner reflected on the competitive nature of the game.

"It was the most contested game we have had for the year, and

when we felt like the game was on our terms Fish Creek denied us the ball and won most of the 50/50 contests in the last quarter," Skinner said.

"We had to be clinical to not allow any decisions or momentum to continue going the same direction, and although we struggled for winners on the day Peter Jibba Ainsworth was our best attack on the ball and kept us in the game on more than one occasion."

Rival coach Walker remained upbeat after the match.

"It was a great atmosphere and what finals football is all about, and while it would have been terrific to get the win, we will need to butter up and get prepared for next week; we gained a lot of belief from today and can't wait for the next challenge ahead."

Fish Creek would love to have one more chance to right some wrongs of the weekend, but to do that they must now win a Preliminary Final against Thorpdale at the Foster Showgrounds.

Fierce contest expected for Fish Creek against Thorpdale

Fish Creek last week threw everything it had at Newborough only to fall short by less than a straight kick and the brutality of the match is sure to have some Kangaroos players feeling the pinch in this week's Preliminary Final stoush with Thorpdale, a game that is destined to be every bit as physical.

Kangaroos coach Jarrod Walker said that despite not quite getting the win over Newborough, his side has gained a lot of belief for this week, confident it will be

well placed for the next challenge.

That challenge comes in the shape of Thorpdale, a team well coached, well built and well and truly ready for whatever the Kangaroos bring to the table.

The Blues were challenged last week and responded as good sides do, and their ability to stay composed and patient when under pressure has them in good stead for another step forward, this time into the Grand Final.

The anticipated physical encounter that this week's preliminary final will be, is one for which each club's coach must have their players ready.

Absorbing the physical pressure and responding in a fashion that doesn't cross the line that might have players unavailable the week after is an important focus.

It has been a few months since these two sides met, and it was the only time to date for the year with Fish Creek winning the round three clash back in May by 21 points.

At the time, Fish Creek coach Walker showed respect for the opposition while also outlining how his side got the points.

"It was an arm wrestle all day and Thorpdale is a strong and well coached side; a few strong efforts from our mids and forwards helped us get over the line," Walker said.

Thorpdale coach Jason Windlerich said his side was beaten in and around the stoppage contests in the last quarter, costing it the game, and that will be something he is keen to rectify this time around.

The finals to date have not disappointed, and everything points to this week's Preliminary Final being as epic as any we have seen so far.



Young Tigers take the premiership title

Mirboo North Under 10s were Mid Gippsland League Premiers for 2023. Photo: Rachel Woodall.

MDU pipped by Thorpdale in thriller

By Rob Popplestone

PERFECT Spring weather continued and a big crowd was treated to some of the best MGFNL football seen for many seasons, with MDU and Thorpdale playing an elimination Semi Final that didn't deserve a loser, the Blues keeping their season alive with a three-point triumph on Sunday.

Both clubs have enjoyed better than expected seasons thriving on a growing wave of support and exciting their communities.

Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve was no place for the faint hearted as both teams and all players put their bodies on the line to extend their season.

It was a contest that was great to watch with players lifting to levels that only finals can demand.

The Demons started brightly to take a 19-point lead into quarter time but the Blues responded to cut the margin to just a goal at the long break.

Thorpdale held MDU goalless in the third stanza to edge 11 points clear heading into the last term and despite kicking three goals to one in the last term the Demons fell just short.

While MDU is likely to see the match as one that got away, Demons coach Nathan Allen believes it was an experience from which the club can grow.

He paid credit to opposition coach Jason Winderlich and his Thorpdale side and also his own team.

"It was tough to lose but I'm really proud of my boys' efforts on the weekend and throughout the season and to rise from bottom four last year to the top four this year is a great achievement," Allen said.

Despite the disappointment of not quite securing the win against the Blues, Allen enjoyed the contest.

"It was a perfect day for footy and a great game to be part of, and was a brutal contest from the first siren to the last," he said.

"We were able to jump them in the first term with a slight breeze but they responded well in the second and their third quarter won them the game."

Winderlich identified Thorpdale's ability to perform strongly at stoppages in the second and third quarters for setting up the win, describing the last term as "good hard finals footy".

He said the match was characterised by bodies getting smashed contest after contest with great tackles laid.

MDU can now look ahead to a positive 2024 season.



Joel Sinclair runs down the line and makes a snap to closer the margin in the final quarter. Z29_3623



Connor Krohn sets up for goal and scores in the second half against Thorpdale. Z31_3623

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL

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|  | 60 |  | 55 |
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| | NEWBOROUGH | | FISH CREEK | |
|------------|------------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Newborough | 1.3 | 4.3 | 9.5 | 9.6 (60) |
| Fish Creek | 3.4 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 7.13 (55) |

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Robinson 3, Peter Ainsworth, Liam Charles, Patrick Charles, Liam Flahavin, Joel Mitchell, Nathan Wheildon 1 each
BEST: Peter Ainsworth, Jake Bishop, Tyler Mander, Josh Pearce, Liam Charles, Joel Mitchell
GOALS, Fish Creek: Thomas Cameron, Jai Stefani 2, Blaine Coates, Levi Cocksedge, Matthew McGannon 1 each
BEST: Matthew McGannon, Jack Hayes, Blaine Coates, Lachlan Gale, Jai Stefani, Roland De Biase

| RESERVES | | | | |
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| Tarwin | 2.0 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 13.2 (80) |
| MDU | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 5.4 (34) |

GOALS, Tarwin: Timothy Gedye 5, Hayden Browne, Todd Lomax 3, Joshua Carmody, John Kilsby 1 each
BEST: Ben Chalmers, Todd Lomax, Dale Lawton, Travis Cameron, Timothy Gedye, Stuart Kilsby
GOALS, MDU: Jack Dunn 2, Matt Harris, Benjamin Maxwell, Rhys Weaver 1 each
BEST: Matt Harris, Aaron Trease, Rhys Livingstone, Benjamin Maxwell, Brenton Arnup, Martyn Beacham

| THIRDS | | | | |
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| Mirboo North | 3.2 | 6.6 | 10.9 | 10.12 (72) |
| MDU | 0.2 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 6.6 (42) |

GOALS, Mirboo North: Max Woodall 4, Xavier Berquez 2, Jesse Chila, Thomas Heislars, Ollie Mahoney, Blake Peters 1 each
BEST: Jesse Chila, Max Woodall, Sam Bradley, Hayden Barnes, Xavier Berquez, Harrison Austin
GOALS, MDU: Rylie Checkley 3, Rylan Bell, Kyra Helms, Lachlan Hibberson 1 each
BEST: Burke VanderZalm, Hunter Fennell, Rylan Bell, Finn Dunn, Billy Trotman, Archie Casey

1ST SEMI FINAL

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| | MDU | | THORPDALE | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| MDU | 4.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 9.5 (59) |
| Thorpdale | 1.1 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 8.14 (62) |

GOALS, MDU: Jake Brydon, Darren Sheen 3, Jake Bromley, Connor Krohn, Shaye Walsh 1 each
BEST: Kieran Bohn, Ashleigh Allen, Jayden Deas, Shaye Walsh, Nathan Allen, Jess Hickey
GOALS, Thorpdale: Mitchell Chopping 4, Robert Turnbull 2, Travis Patten, Matthew Powell 1 each
BEST: Travis Patten, Robert Turnbull, Mitchell Chopping, Shannon Pickering, Dwayne Gunn, James Holland-Burch

| RESERVES | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Newborough | 1.3 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 7.5 (47) |
| Yinnar | 2.3 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 8.5 (53) |

GOALS, Newborough: Brodie Burgess, Jack Edebohls, Dominic McColl, Corey Nickels, Ben Richards, Will Troy, Robert Wilson 1 each
BEST: Nicholas Caldwell, Robert Wilson, Jack Duncan, Daniel Smith, Michael Rosato, Will Troy
GOALS, Yinnar: Jarryd Garlick 3, Tige Renwick, Daniel Taylor 2, Patrick McGrath 1
BEST: Patrick McGrath, Ryan Mayo, Jack Findlay, Archie Mills, Tige Renwick, Daniel Webster

| THIRDS | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Fish Crk/Tarwin | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 4.3 (27) |
| Yinnar | 3.1 | 8.1 | 11.6 | 18.7 (115) |

GOALS, Fish Creek/Tarwin: Brandon Bell, Zak Bright, Max Howard, Thomas Vuillermin 1 each
BEST: Brandon Bell, Archie Moore, Max Howard, Rory Standfield, Lane Bowman, Thomas Vuillermin
GOALS, Yinnar: Harvey McKay 5, Luke Cheffers 3, Jay Rogalsky 2, Billy Durea, Dylan Hobbs, Noah McCafferty, Oliver McColl, Mack Rienets, Flynn Schill, Lukas Seath, Keegan Zielecki 1 each
BEST: Harvey McKay, Luke Cheffers, Luke Douch, Clancy Mills, Jay Rogalsky, Oliver McColl

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL

 **56**  **29**

| BULN BULN | | | ELLINBANK | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|----------|
| Buln Buln | 2.3 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 8.8 (56) |
| Ellinbank | 1.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.5 (29) |

GOALS, Buln Buln: Trent Baker, Reece Campbell 2, Lachlan Axford, Robert Mccallum, Riley Rundell, Jack Symes 1 each
BEST: Jake Pierrehumbert, Mitch Nobelius, Trent Baker, Thomas Axford, Jake Baker, Riley Rundell
GOALS, Ellinbank: Ryan Atherton, Anthony Battista, Shaun Phelan, Rylan Smith 1 each
BEST: Ben Wragg, Bryce Joyce, Liam Anderson, Alex Olsen, Ryan Carpenter, Timothy Farthing

RESERVES

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|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Neerim South | 3.3 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 9.8 (62) |
| Buln Buln | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 4.5 (29) |

GOALS, Neerim South: Ethan Busse, Jeremiah Jones 2, Toby Bayne, Dane Fawcett, Rhys George, Adam White, Tom Zeldenryk 1 each
BEST: Aaron Mitchell, Rhys George, Adam White, Blake Appleby, Dane Fawcett, Tom Zeldenryk
GOALS, Buln Buln: James Taylor 2, Ricky McKerrow, Thomas Park 1 each
BEST: James Taylor, Aaron Warner, Thomas Park, Jacob Pickthall, Simon Dawson, Sean Symes

THIRDS

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|--------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Neerim South | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.6 (24) |
| Buln Buln | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.11 | 1.11 (17) |

GOALS, Neerim South: Patrick Sheehan 3
BEST: Jay Ladson, Kyson Cornwall, Patrick Sheehan, Chad Owen, Jackson Williames, Isaac Guy
GOALS, Buln Buln: Damon Ingram 1
BEST: Rylan Kovacs, Will Battley, Hugh Nakamura, Mackye Rietmueller, Ryley Huysman

FOURTHS

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| Neerim South | 0.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 (30) |
| Ellinbank | 2.3 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 (38) |

GOALS, Neerim South: William Kew, Blake MacDonald, Riley Morehu, Ash Mounsey, Max Williames 1 each
BEST: Kyson Cornwall, Blair Loft, Riley Morehu, Braiden Curtis-Smith, Ash Mounsey, William Kew
GOALS, Ellinbank: Logan Joyce 2, Joel Armstrong, Hugh Cunningham, Vincent Onslow 1 each
BEST: Logan Joyce, Joel Armstrong, Blake Handley, Ashley Debenham, Archie Martel, Ayden Clarke

1ST SEMI FINAL

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| TRAFALGAR | | | | NEERIM SOUTH |
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| Trafalgar | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 3.6 (24) |
| Neerim South | 5.9 | 8.11 | 9.13 | 15.15 (105) |

GOALS, Trafalgar: Daniel Baker, Connor Noonan, Matthew Swenson 1 each
BEST: Drew O' Brien, Cooper Minichiello, Jace Butler, Mitch Virtue, Samuel Wyatt, Daniel Baker
GOALS, Neerim South: Isaac Fuller 4, Tyssen Morrow, Tom Muir 3, Ayden Ramm, Kody Wilson 2, Lachlan Bambridge 1
BEST: No names supplied.

RESERVES

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| Ellinbank | 1.2 | 2.8 | 3.12 | 4.12 (36) |
| Lang Lang | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 8.9 (57) |

GOALS, Ellinbank: Nick Fairbank, Mitchell Goodwin, Tim Leicester, Tony Wright 1 each
BEST: Andrew Quirk, Gaige White, Jayson Barwick, Blake Notman, Mat Notman, Luke Carpenter
GOALS, Lang Lang: Mitchell Tribuzi 4, Liam Hetherington, Nathan Perkins, Bryce Ridsdale, Lachlan Trudgeon 1 each
BEST: Mitchell Tribuzi, Liam Hetherington, Jesse Hand, Alexander Brennan, Jack Jenkins

THIRDS

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Ellinbank | 1.4 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 10.6 (66) |
| Longwarry | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 6.3 (39) |

GOALS, Ellinbank: Hugh Cunningham, Liam Lisle, Rick Rosser 2, Liam Bellio, Jack Champion, Logan Joyce, Jonty Kennedy 1 each
BEST: Jack Champion, Adam Campbell, Liam Lisle, Luke Carbon, Rick Rosser
GOALS, Longwarry: Cooper Brown 3, Brock Davis, Camron Prout, Tyler van der Heyden 1 each
BEST: Cooper Brown, Riley Delaney, Josh Downes, Jeremy Comley

FOURTHS

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Trafalgar | 2.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 (27) |
| Lang Lang | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 4.4 (28) |

GOALS, Trafalgar: Liam Coulthard 2, Isaac Caroleo, Zak Larkin 1 each
BEST: Liam Coulthard, Isaac Caroleo, Caleb Wilson, Juddson Ryan, Toby McCabe
GOALS, Lang Lang: Jack Stockx 2, Harry Herbert, Robi Nooy 1 each
BEST: Ashton Townley, Jack Stockx, Jarrad Francome, Robi Nooy, Jaeden Ward, Albert Geyer



Blake Cornelis kicks the ball out of the pack.

Power's out, Magpies fly on



Reeve Moresco (39) gets the better of the ruck.

WONTHAGGI and Sale reserves locked heads on Sunday at Warragul for the elimination round in what was a fiercely contested match. It was do or die for both sides, putting in all they had to secure their spot in the finals. While the Power wasn't off to a good start, with nothing to show on the scoreboard for the first quarter, they found their groove during the second. Wonthaggi managed to even out the score, but Sale was making them pay for every mistake and capitalised on any opportunity they could find. A stunning mark and subsequent goal by the Power's Adam Busana saw them close the gap but ultimately the Magpies coordination and accuracy was too much. The Power started the third

with a bang, landing a quick goal followed up by another. Just as they seemed to be gaining the upper hand, Sale pulled it together and managed to get ahead in the later half of the quarter to remain the leader. With everything coming down to the last quarter, the match could have easily gone either way. The Power showed their fierce determination to fight for the win, adding another two goals. But the Magpies were ultimately just too skilled, using their superb ability to keep the ball away from Wonthaggi's side and mount on the pressure. The Power reserves finish the season with 12 wins and six losses, and while disappointed they couldn't take down Sale, they fought to the very last minute.

Gippy Power into last eight of AFL Under 18 league



GIPPSLAND Power is into the last eight of the AFL Coates Talent League Under 18 competition after a convincing victory over archrivals Dandenong Stingrays at the Latrobe University Oval on Sunday. Convincing because they led the Stingrays at every change finishing with four goals to three in the last quarter to stretch the margin to 24 points at the end. Once again, Warragul-based ruckman Lachie Smith set the Power up out of the centre and around the ground and Foster's Zane Duursma continued in his rich vein of form to get plenty of it again, finishing with another three goals to go with four the previous week against Eastern Rangers at Morwell. Others named in the best included half back Tew Jiath (Morwell), defender Zach Felsbourg (Maffra), and the two

wingers Max Donohue (Leongatha), and Jesse Craven (Tooradin-Dalmore) who constantly featured in the Power's transition game. Warragul's Jasper Alger, strongly connected with the Korumburra district, kicked three goals as well, also continuing with his good form in recent weeks. Other locals in the Gippy Power team include Tom Hanily (Leongatha), Jobe Scapin (IK), Harry Scott (Leongatha), Wil Dawson (Leongatha), Archer Reid (IK) and Willem Duursma (Foster), so home teams hoping to have Power players available for their finals will have to wait longer.

RIGHT: Leongatha's Max Donohue was named among the best for Gippsland Power in their first final on Sunday.



Trent McRae (6) who finished with 4 goals on the day, makes a spectacular attempt to spoil this mark by Warragul's Luke Garner.

Second quarter lapse costs Parrots' Thirds

LEONGATHA'S Under 18s will live to fight another day, after going down to Warragul by 19 points in the Qualifying Final at Wonthaggi on Saturday, September 2.

The game was evenly fought throughout, except for the second quarter when Warragul got it out to a 23-point lead by half time with a goal right on siren time by Patrick Ireland, taking a contested mark against Leongatha's Tyler Richards, who otherwise finished the game among the Parrots' best.

Trent McRae helped the Parrots restart after half time in the best possible style with a high, contested mark and goal as Leongatha pressed to get on terms with the Gulls.

But the defenders of both teams held firm and Warragul pulled one back through Heath Jinks to resume their 21-point margin.

And it was a margin that the Gulls were to hold until the finish of the game with Ireland providing the sealer deep into the last quarter when he curled and bounced one through from an acute angle, again answering a Trent McRae goal early in the last quarter.

The Parrots get a second chance in the First Semi-final at Maffra against Maffra next Sunday, September 10, mindful that if they can get through to the Preliminary Final, they may get some players back from Gippsland Power.

As well as Trent McRae who kicked four for Leongatha, Will Brown was a shining light for Leongatha on the ball, clearly their best player on the day. Ruckman Lachie Gill made a good contest of it against Warragul's Liam Finnegan, Jude Fixter off half back or on a wing did well, as did Jett Garnham up forward, although he did miss a few shots, Beau Grabham-Andrews, Nathan Skewes, Tyler Richards and Ben Fort also doing well.

The final scores: Warragul 9.5.59 defeated Leongatha 5.10.40.

Start delayed as Gippy reserves play draw

IN THE Gippsland Reserves' Qualifying Final on Saturday, between Maffra and Traralgon, the Maroons held a one-point lead from halfway through the last quarter until Maffra's Owen Gallagher wheeled around and kicked a vital point to square it up at full time; Traralgon 3.9.27 to Maffra's 4.3.27.

It was to be a crucial score as Maffra went on in extra time, five minutes both ends, to claim a place in the Second Semi-final next week at Morwell.

Both teams had their chances with Traralgon's Daniel Buis clearing the mayhem in the teeth of Maffra's goal in the final seconds to keep it level.

But it was all Maffra in extended play. They kicked two points and just before the changeover Brodie Johnson kicked long for what proved to be the match winner.

With the players out on their feet, there was to be no further score - Maffra winners by 8 points at the finish.

Perhaps in future, with the senior players forced to cool their heels in the rooms for the best part of half an hour, the league could adopt a 'golden point' rule to break a draw in finals.



Leongatha's Noah Gown was one of the Parrots' prime movers, out of the centre and around the packs, working off a winning ruck, Ben Willis.

Leongatha sets up finals' blockbuster with Wonthaggi

A BAG of eight goals in a Gippsland Elimination Final by Leongatha's Cam Olden has propelled Leongatha into a Second Semi-final match-up against arch-rivals Wonthaggi at Morwell next Saturday, September 9.

It was a master class of crumbing, marking, positioning and anticipation from Olden as he opened his account within the first few minutes of the game at Wonthaggi, replying to an opportunist goal by Moe's Jacob Balfour, the first of the day.

And he all but evened up the first quarter scoring with a goal from a free kick right on the siren.

There were three more in the second quarter, the first immediately after the restart followed by a great team goal by Leongatha; Cade Maskell to Noah Gown, to Aaron Hillberg and then to Tallin Brill who wheeled around and popped through a team lifter.

Olden then kicked two more in a minute, one from a mark after a Mason McGannon pass, and his fifth from a free kick after good lead-up work by Cam Stone and Jenson Garnham.

Moe's tall ruckman Chris Prowse won a stoppage forward, and expertly palmed it down to James Blaser goal-side for a much-needed goal for the Lions but Leongatha had a reliable system going out of defence, built on Jackson Harry covering the dangerous Bill Gowers, Sean Westaway leading a busy fleet of role players including Will Littlejohn and Sam Forrester, and Cade Maskell in total command, marking and clearing at will.

It was Maskell's next clearance that found a leading Jenson Garnham, who kicked long and straight for the reply and Noah Gown, proving to be a revelation on the ball, capped off a great first half by him with a goal.

Moe pulled one back through Blaser again to reduce the margin to 23 points, but by then the Parrots had put their stamp on the contest.

Olden could easily have finished with 10 or more, at one stage late in the second quarter swinging out of bounds after what he thought was a mark, giving a run-around hands-off to Josh Hopkins when he could have kicked it from 40 metres himself, and playing on after a mark near goal, seconds before the siren, but getting his kick away milliseconds after the bell.

It sailed through, by all accounts, for what would have been a record-equalling ninth, but it wasn't to be.

Of course, it wasn't all about Olden.

The first person praised by Parrots' coach Trent McMicking after the game was Luke Bowman, who sacrificed his own game as an elite on-baller to play a forward defensive role on Moe's coach Declan Keilty. So successful was Bowman and his Leongatha teammates at stopping Keilty's access to the ball that he was ultimately moved forward, with Bowman following.

It was a tactic that worked for the Parrots on the day but who knows what happens if the teams meet again.

The second thing coach McMicking said after the

game was how pleased he was to see the whole team get back "to what we do best", nominating several aspects of the Parrots' game, which all players bought into on Saturday on the way to a turnaround victory, after losing twice to Moe in the regular season.

The third thing he stressed after the game was "recovery" ahead of a much-anticipated finals' match-up against Wonthaggi.

Leongatha went into the game without the likes of Jake van der Pligt, Jack Hume and Kim Drew, who should now be available, although they're unlikely to get rebound defender Guy Dickson back due to work commitments.

But the emerging senior players including Tallin Brill, Mason McGannon and Travis Nash added the necessary spark of youth throughout on Saturday, presenting McMicking with a selection problem, he's probably pleased to have, if the Parrots are to go deeper into September.

Moe, to their credit, never gave up, at times taking a real run at the Parrots, especially early in the third quarter, and keeping the margin to 28 points at the end, while kicking seven goals to eight in the second half and having just three fewer scoring shots in the final analysis.

They're a quality outfit. The playing surface at Wonthaggi was in superb condition for the town's first time hosting Gippsland League finals, and with the weather perfect as well, there was a big crowd in attendance, enjoying the early spring sunshine.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

QUALIFYING FINAL

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| Moe | 2.2 | 4.2 | 8.5 | 11.7 (73) |
| Leongatha | 2.1 | 8.1 | 13.3 | 16.5 (101) |

GOALS, Moe: Nick Prowse 3, James Blaser 2, Trent Baldi, Jacob Balfour, Thomas Blackshaw, Bill Gowers, Harrison Sim, Jacob Wood 1 each
BEST: Riley Baldi, Trent Baldi, Scott van Dyk, Ben Maslen, James Blaser, Luke Mulqueen
GOALS, Leongatha: Cameron Olden 8, Jenson Garnham 2, Tallin Brill, Noah Gown, Aaron Heppell, Thomas Marriott, Mason McGannon, Travis Nash 1 each
BEST: Cameron Olden, Cade Maskell, Jackson Harry, Luke Bowman, Noah Gown, Benjamin Willis

RESERVES

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Traralgon | 1.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.10 (28) |
| Maffra | 2.1 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 5.6 (36) |

GOALS, Traralgon: Beau Locandro, Lachlan McDonald, Jacob Van Iwaarden 1 each
BEST: Tyler Anderson, Kade Marsh, Liam Hahn, Haydn Hector, Lachlan McDonald, Daniel Buis
GOALS, Maffra: Andrew McKenzie 3, Oliver Brewer, Brodie Johnson 1 each
BEST: William Fleming, Sam Walker, Will Brunt, Chris Smart, Bailey Carubia, Charlie Driffield

THIRDS

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| Leongatha | 5.10 (40) |
| Warragul | 9.5 (59) |

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 4, Tadgh Gannon 1
BEST: Will Brown, Jude Fixter, Beau Grabham, Andrews, Nathan Skewes, Tyler Richards, Ben Fort
GOALS, Warragul: Heath Jinks 3, Patrick Ireland 2, Patrick Carpenter, Liam Finnegan, Vincent Kuol, Charlie MacLean 1 each
BEST: Lucas Carter, Charlie Dore, Heath Jinks, Harry Brown, Darcy Paul, Levi Moore

FOURTHS

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|------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Maffra | 1.3 | 1.9 | 3.11 | 6.14 (50) |
| Bairnsdale | 0.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.3 (27) |

GOALS, Maffra: Sam Anderson 2, Elijah Berry, Judd Burgiel, Will Burgiel, Jy Higgins 1 each
BEST: Samuel Richards, Judd Burgiel, Zachary O'Keefe, Jack McQuillen, Axel Sellings, Lachlan Harrington
GOALS, Bairnsdale: Jobe Froud 2, Wil Malady, Campbell Reed 1 each
BEST: Douglas Ashby, Jonah Walker, Max Neate, Ryan Cullinan, Brayden Fenner, Kael Frith

ELIMINATION FINAL

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| | TRARALGON | | SALE | |
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| Traralgon | 2.1 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 9.11 (65) |
| Sale | 0.3 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 5.6 (36) |

GOALS, Traralgon: Brett Eddy 5, Tom Hamilton, Conor Little, Billy Schilling, Tom Schneider 1 each
BEST: Luis D'Angelo, Tom Hamilton, Brett Eddy, Max Jacobsen, Tom Schneider, Jackson McMahon
GOALS, Sale: Brad Dessent 3, Jordan Dessent 2
BEST: Jack Leslie, Nathan Whitford, Thomas Wrigglesworth, Jordan Dessent, Patrick Tainsh, Jayden Allison

RESERVES

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Wonthaggi | 0.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 (48) |
| Sale | 2.2 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 9.6 (60) |

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Reeve Moresco 4, Kane McCarthy 2, Wil Forsyth, Wayne Luke 1 each
BEST: Kane McCarthy, Lachie Jones, Reeve Moresco, Travis Krause, Jarvis Brown, Kurt Brown
GOALS, Sale: Bohdi Walker 5, Daine McGuiness 2, Benjamin Jones, Liam Place 1 each
BEST: Josh Butcher, Bohdi Walker, Jamie Sweeney, Zak Russell, Daine McGuiness, Jackson Glenane

THIRDS

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|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Maffra | 3.4 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 11.9 (75) |
| Bairnsdale | 1.1 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 (17) |

GOALS, Maffra: Noah Christy 5, Max Stobie 3, Coby Bronts, Seth Smith, Elliot Stables 1 each
BEST: Harry Stables, Noah Christy, Max Stobie, Jonathan Boyd, Jack Kelly, Elliot Stables
GOALS, Bairnsdale: Oliver Clark, Matthew Hamilton, Archer Watt 1 each
BEST: Cohen Frith, Henry Clarke, Samuel O'Kelly, Matthew Hamilton, Bryce Lind, Oliver Clark

FOURTHS

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Moe | 0.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 (14) |
| Leongatha | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.6 (18) |

GOALS, Moe: Lucas Earl, Mason Snowden 1 each
BEST: Mason Snowden, Tae Paltridge, Jordan Shields, Thomas Matthews, Liam Masters, James Declan Pace
GOALS, Leongatha: Jhett Brown, Clayton Quaife 1 each
BEST: Finn Donohue, Aydan Williams, Klayton McGrath, Hayden Bowler, Thomas Geary, Timothy Hibberson



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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

2nd Semi Final

Seniors: Inverloch-Kongwak 12.9.81 d Phillip Island 12.8.80

Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore 8.5.53 d Nar Nar Goon 7.7.49

1st Semi Final

Seniors: Nar Nar Goon 10.12.72 d Warragul Industrials 5.7.37

Reserves: Inverloch-Kongwak 7.15.57 d Phillip Island 5.6.36

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James Scott looks for an option upfield for IK's reserves in their Semi Final on Sunday.

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GIPPSLAND

SEMI FINALS

2nd Semi Final - Saturday, September 9
Morwell Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Wonthaggi v Leongatha

Reserves: Leongatha v Maffra

U18: Traralgon v Warragul

U16: Traralgon v Maffra

1st Semi Final - Sunday, September 10
Maffra Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Moe v Traralgon

Reserves: Traralgon v Sale

U18: Leongatha v Maffra

U16: Bairnsdale v Leongatha

ELLINBANK

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 9

Lang Lang Community Sporting Complex

Seniors: Ellinbank v Neerim South

Reserves: Buln Buln v Lang Lang

U18: Buln Buln v Ellinbank

U16: Neerim South v Lang Lang

MID GIPPSLAND

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 9

Foster Showgrounds

Seniors: Fish Creek v Thorpdale

Reserves: MDU v Yinnar

U18: MDU v Yinnar

WEST GIPPSLAND

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday, September 9

Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Seniors: Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon

Reserves: Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak

U18: Garfield v Phillip Island

U16: Warragul Ind. v Dalyston

Blockbuster semi's hit the Goon

NAR NAR GOON Recreation Reserve was where the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) continued its footy finals series last Saturday with a blockbuster group of Semi Finals.

In a group of games between the teams that finished first and second on their respective ladders, it was all on the line as the winner's earned direct entry to the 2023 Grand Final and the losers were sent down to the Preliminary Finals, to be played this weekend.

Kicking off the dew and starting the day was Phillip Island and Warragul in the under 16s division, and a strong second half from the favoured Bulldogs side proved enough for them to hold on to a 23-point win.

The victors were superb moving the ball around the ground and using it with that Island flair, behind some great performances from Charlie O'Garey, Yianni Caffieri and three goals to Cooper Walton.

The boys in red, white and blue saw themselves into the decider, while the Dusties youngsters, led by Jarrod West, Joshua Bradley and Thomas Cornwall's four majors, live to fight another day in the Prelim.

Next up, it was the 2022 Grand Final rematch in the under 18s, between the reigning premiers Inverloch-Kongwak, and the battlers Garfield.

The Sea Eagles were tremendous in the end, seeing off a brave early showing from the Stars and showcasing their far superior level of skill, moving the ball with great precision and pace from defence, changing angles and rewarding themselves for the mammoth tackling pressure.

Unfortunately, though, they were unable to finish their work, as spearhead Jai Williamson missed numerous chances in what was a dominant performance at centre half forward.

This held the boys in green and gold in it at the final change, just trailing by 16-points but the Sea Eagles role players stood tall, giving them contributions from their full 22 to close out a famous win even after some late game spot-fires.

Jordan Bertacco was impressive around the ground asserting his strength alongside Harry Butcher and young gun Jasper Cousins as the minor premiers booked their spot in the Grand Final.

The Stars did what they could but it was not their day, getting outplayed across the



Phillip Island's Jarrod Witnish boots the Sherrin down the field in Sunday's loss against Inverloch-Kongwak. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

ground, Kain O'Dwyer, Ben Tenace-Greenall and Theo Zaccari were brave in the loss though.

Following the Sea Eagles masterclass was an action-packed reserves contest between Tooradin-Dalmore and the hometown Nar Nar Goon.

In what was a messy and low scoring first half, as the hosts used their ground to perfection, holding at least a two kick lead for the first half.

Things got a bit tighter in the third as the premiership pedigree of the reigning premier Seagulls began to shine through, neatening up the scores at the final break, just trailing by three points.

Led by Brett Coffey, the 'Gulls sparked a spirited comeback in the final term, booting two goals to the Goon's one and finding themselves in a spectacular but familiar position as the seconds ticked down. 54-point win.

With barely seconds on the clock, the men in red and green found a mark right on the paint of their forward 50, diving to the deck and then... drama reigned supreme, a 50 metre penalty was awarded, siren sounded...

The Seagulls kicked truly to win yet another final after the siren and send themselves into another Grand Final.

Timothy Lenders, Michael Hobbs and Shannon Campbell with three goals were all terrific, while Luke Dortmans, Jarrod Hamling and Cooper Pursell with two majors of his own were solid for the Goon.

Saturday's finale was the game of the day though, as the first placed Inverloch-Kongwak took on the second placed Phillip Island in a rematch of their thrilling round 18 draw.

The match started hot, with both sides wanting to spread the incredibly wide Nar Nar Goon deck and move the ball with pace and precision, because of this, it pinged from end to end in the opening term.

The Sea Eagles built on their four point quarter time lead to increase it to 10 at half time, but they did not look like they were convincing anyone they were breaking away.

The third term was a true old fashioned battle in the heat as the sun beamed down on a bumper 2,400 strong crowd at the Goon.

The minor premiers found their groove though and slammed on four goals to three to increase their lead to 19-points at the final change and then early in the fourth, to 26-points.

Amazingly, this was not enough of a buffer to keep Cameron Pedersen down, as he began to break the final quarter apart, kicking a huge goal and providing a problem for the IK backs.

Three straight majors to the Islanders had the game on a knife's edge...

Enter Billy Taylor, the livewire forward/midfielder found the ball just inside 50 one a deep angle, with a kick to tie the scores, and with barely moments left, he did

just that, locking it up at 80 apiece with a Grand Final spot on the line.

Marcus Toussaint, who'd battled brilliantly with Pedersen and Daniel Bourke all day in the ruck, soon brought himself into the game helping the ball into the IK forward half, before Will Turner went to work.

The Sea Eagles under 18s captain won a crucial one-on-three contest on the wing and soon the ball was inside IK's attacking arc, barely a minute on the clock, stoppages were in great abundance, as were the players, nearly all 36 within the 50.

Then, out of nothing in the middle of the pack, Turner found the footy and handed it to Andrew Soumilas whose quick snap out of the pack drifted straight through the middle of the big sticks.

But wait... more drama was to ensue, with the umpires coming together at the goal line... one behind!

The Dogs had one last chance, quickly moving it to the raking left boot of Kai McKenzie who was run down after taking about 30 metres, by none other than Tate Cumming, sealing the win for IK, and a best on ground performance for himself, after he lit up the first half with two majors and some amazing, contested marks.

The two juggernauts of the WGFNC have now only been split by one point in the last two meetings and are likely to meet again if Phillip Island can claim victory in this week's Preliminary Final.

The Bass Coast clash



Joel Robinson takes off for Phillip Island during its win over Warragul Industrials in the under 16s. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

ALL roads led to the Bass Recreation Reserve on Sunday, where another block of Semi Finals were held, this time between the teams who'd won through from the previous week's Elimination Finals.

A spot in the Preliminary Final was at stake for the winners, a trip home and season over the result for the losers as another perfect day of weather greeted the under 16s to kick off proceedings.

This time, it was Dalyston and Nar Nar Goon, and it was the local boys in black and white getting the job done, albeit narrowly, by just the five points.

A three goal to one first term set the Daly boys up beautifully and they were good enough to hold off a surging Goon outfit in the final quarter thanks to some great play from Lincoln Harris, Angus Rosenow and three goals to Noah Shepherd.

Matthew Cross, Bailey Hill and three majors from Tarrant Millar brought the Goon boys close.

In the under 18s, Sunday's Semi Final brought Phillip Island and Tooradin-Dalmore together in another exciting match, both sides looked to play with flair and speed on a perfect morning for footy at the home of the Panthers.

In the end though, it was the Bulldogs steam train rolling on once again, proving just too good for a wayward Seagulls outfit who missed chance after chance in the final quarter to win it.

Some late forward brilliance from Brady Ross saw him finish with three goals and some superb work upfield by Finn Cashman, Beau Davies and James Lewis allowed the 'Dogs to advance, a scintillating goal roving the pack inside 50 from Noah Muller was the highlight.

Daniel Ahern, Jack Hamilton and Anthony Mirauta's two goals were the best for the 'Gulls.

Next up, it was a local Bass

Coast clash in the Reserves as Inverloch-Kongwak went head-to-head with Phillip Island.

The clash was as even as you could make it in the first term, with both sides having their fair share of slick ball movement and dominant play, in the end it was IK's four goal to two second half that was the difference.

They were inaccurate, but it didn't matter as their ball movement again, resembled that of a strong Senior side at times, seeing them through to a Preliminary Final with a 21-point win.

Todd Mackie was everywhere in defence, while Corey Casey was fantastic in the midfield and Dylan Taylor nabbed three goals, while on the 'Dogs side, Daniel Larsson, Rob Linford and Dean Blake were admirable as their season came to an end.

To cap off one of the biggest and best weekends in WGFNC history, it was a Nar Nar Goon masterclass in the Seniors, taking care of the Warragul Industrials in front of 3,200 people.

Trent Armour put in an outstanding captain's performance, gathering possessions everywhere and finishing with an exciting goal to bury the dangerous Dusties.

Armour was helped out by his defence, which was led by James Cairns' dominance, taking 11 intercept grabs and disallowing the Warragul forwards any real opportunities in front of goal.

Up forward, the men in the blue and white hoops were again unstoppable, led by Troy McDermott and Dermott Yawney who both kicked multiple majors in the 35-point win.

Young star Alixzander Tauru was courageous in defeat, giving his absolute all, all afternoon long in the loss, he was assisted by Michael Debenham and Luke Walker.

The finals continue with Preliminary Final weekend on Saturday at Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

2ND SEMI FINAL



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| INVERLOCH-K | PHILLIP ISLAND |
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| Inverloch-K | 3.1 | 7.2 | 11.6 | 12.9 (81) |
| Phillip Island | 2.3 | 5.4 | 8.5 | 12.8 (80) |

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Will Hams, Toby Mahoney 3, Taite Cumming 2, Nicholas Baltas, Dylan Clark, Xavier Hughes, Jordan Tomas 1 each
BEST: Marcus Toussaint, Taite Cumming, Andrew Soumilas, Will Hams, Lewis Rankin, Oscar Toussaint
GOALS, Phillip Island: Max Blake, Jordy Patullo, Travis Woodfield 2, Daniel Bourke, Cameron Brown, Jack Papas, Cameron Pedersen, Ben Taylor, Billy Taylor 1 each
BEST: Bryce Hindhaugh, Daniel Pearce, Jordy Patullo, Jack Taylor, Max Blake, Travis Woodfield

RESERVES

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| Tooradin-Dal | 2.0 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 8.5 (53) |
| Nar Nar Goon | 3.2 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 7.7 (49) |

GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Shannon Campbell 3, Alexander Sabbatucci 2, Jake O'Donnell, Justin Smaluch, Scott Szucs 1 each
BEST: Brett Coffey, Timothy Lenders, Michael Hobbs, Jack Denereaz, Shannon Campbell, Alexander Sabbatucci
GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Cooper Pursell 2, Nicholas Bransgrove, Luke Dortmans, Tom Ferrari, Jack Gribbin, Eamon Trigg 1 each
BEST: Luke Dortmans, Jarrod Hamling, Cooper Pursell, Jack Gribbin, Chris Power, Nicholas Bransgrove

THIRDS

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| Inverloch-K | 2.2 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 5.11 (41) |
| Garfield | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 3.4 (22) |

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Charlie Dawson, Blake Green, Jack McNally, Luke Williams, Jai Williamson 1 each
BEST: Jordan Bertacco, Jai Williamson, Harry Butcher, Jasper Cousins, Charlie Dawson, Bayleigh Cowell
GOALS, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe, Theo Zaccari 1 each
BEST: Kain O'Dwyer, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Aaron Braaksma

FOURTHS

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| Phillip Island | 1.4 | 3.6 | 6.7 | 8.7 (55) |
| Warragul Ind | 1.0 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 5.2 (32) |

GOALS, Phillip Island: Cooper Walton 3, Noah Williams 2, Jack Briggs, Oliver Duggan, Max Taylor 1 each
BEST: Charlie O'Garey, Yianni Caffieri, Jack Briggs, Cooper Walton, Oliver Duggan, Bailey Hennessy
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Thomas Cornwall 4, Noah McDonald 1
BEST: Jarrod West, Joshua Bradley, Thomas Cornwall, Noah McDonald, Benjamin Allsop, Thomas Vickery

1ST SEMI FINAL



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| NAR NAR GOON | WARRAGUL IND |
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| Nar Nar Goon | 3.2 | 5.6 | 8.8 | 10.12 (72) |
| Warragul Ind | 0.0 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 5.7 (37) |

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney 3, Troy McDermott 2, Trent Armour, Luke Bettio, Jake Blackwood, Jarrod Smith, Jed Smith 1 each
BEST: Trent Armour, Aidan Picicelli, Jeconiah Peni, Nate Picicelli, Sam Blackwood, Matthew Homfray
GOALS, Warragul Ind: Jackson Mockett 2, Michael Debenham, Cody Templeton, Luke Walker 1 each
BEST: Benjamin Northover, Michael Debenham, Luke Walker, Bailey Beck, Alixzander Tauru, Todd Beck

RESERVES

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| Inverloch-K | 2.4 | 3.10 | 5.12 | 7.15 (57) |
| Phillip Island | 2.1 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 (36) |

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Taylor 3, Zachary Caughey 2, Lucas McMillan, James Scott 1 each
BEST: Todd Mackie, Corey Casey, Ashton Hewitson, Campbell Scott, Jacob Strickland, Josh Williams
GOALS, Phillip Island: Dean Blake, Saxon Mau, James Nicolaci, Dylan Susic, Jarrod Witnish 1 each
BEST: Daniel Larsson, Rob Linford, Jarrod Witnish, Thomas Niven, Noah Bee-Hickman, Kirby Fuller

THIRDS

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| Phillip Island | 2.1 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 7.7 (49) |
| Tooradin-Dal | 0.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 5.11 (41) |

GOALS, Phillip Island: Brady Ross 3, James Lewis, Noah Muller, Leo Savona, Zac Walker 1 each
BEST: Finn Cashman, Beau Davies, Darcy Thompson, Leo Savona, James Lewis, Brady Ross
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Anthony Mirauta 2, Jack Hamilton, Aaron Knight, Panos Papas 1 each
BEST: Daniel Ahern, Jack Hamilton, Adam Zoobi, Jack Grist, Cooper Bassett, Darcy Wright

FOURTHS

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| Nar Nar Goon | 1.2 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 7.5 (47) |
| Dalyston | 3.3 | 5.4 | 7.4 | 7.10 (52) |

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Tarrant Millar 3, Jesse Betteridge, Liam Kezik, Archer Radings, Jed Taylor 1 each
BEST: Matthew Cross, Bailey Hill, Oliver Ratten, Xavier Ladbroke, Oscar Henwood, James Cross
GOALS, Dalyston: Noah Shepherd 3, Bailey Anderson, Jesse Dugard, Cooper Shepherd, Tyge Silvester 1 each
BEST: Lincoln Smith, Angus Rosenow, Noah Shepherd, Bailey Anderson, Malachi Ori, Cooper Shepherd

One point showcase a taste for the grand final

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Cameron Brown playing a great game for the Bulldogs slotted one, followed quickly by Jordy Patullo slotting a second. Newly released forward Cam Pedersen pulled in another couple and all of a sudden less than a goal was the margin. The Bulldogs continued to press, with a final goal to Billy Taylor and level scores. Pulsating ball movement from both sides, with the potential of extra time looming stirred the huge crowd to a frenzy. With less than a minute to go, the Sea-Eagles somehow managed to force a behind, which was enough to get over the line.

Incredibly, after eight quarters of football between the Bulldogs and the Sea-Eagles – last round of home away and this final – only one solitary point has separated the two sides. Now that's a close contest if one has ever seen one. The Sea-Eagles progress now to the big dance in two weeks' time at Koo Wee Rup, with the Bulldogs heading into next week's preliminary final at Dalyston.



Ben Taylor gets his kick away for Phillip Island against Inverloch Kongwak, with the Sea Eagles ultimately prevailing by one point in a thrilling Semi Final clash. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

One point showcase a taste for the grand final

IN perfect football conditions, at a Nar Nar Goon ground and facility that could only be described as perfect, the Senior Bulldogs took on Inverloch-Kongwak Sea Eagles for a place in the 2023 Grand Final. By the time of first bounce, conditions were September idyllic, with the temperature hovering at around 20 degrees and not a breath of wind. A huge crowd of 5,000+ people were to witness one of the best finals games seen in the WGFNC.

Amazingly, even though a one-point margin was the result – with the final point kicked by Inverloch in a heart-stopping final two minutes – the Sea-Eagles led all day, with the Bulldogs never once being in the lead. The margin oscillated between 10 points and 26 points for most of the day, with the largest margin coming at the four-minute mark of the last with a 26-point lead. The trend of the day was a break for the Sea-Eagles, followed by a pulsating fight-back from the Bulldogs, and that went on all day!

In the periods of dominance for the Sea-Eagles, it was slick ball movement with near-perfect field kicking that was used to slice through the Bulldogs defence. Led by Ethan Park, Tom Hams and Taite Cumming in particular, the Sea Eagles were using their precision kicking to maintain possession, cutting through the Bulldogs defence with Daniel Pearce and Jack Taylor prominent for the Bulldogs. Max Blake was splitting forward packs whenever he went near the ball, as well as slotting a goal or two as well. Marcus Touissaint was enjoying being able to get over Cam Pedersen in the centre, providing early use of the Ball. A 19-15 first quarter score reflected the early flow of the game.

By Chris Chivers

The second opened with Will Hams getting into the action for Inverloch, closely followed from a pack-screamer and 50 metre goal from Daniel Bourke pulling the Bulldogs back. Matching goals from Taite Cumming again, followed by another Bulldogs forward screamer from Jordy Patullo, and the trend continued. Great combination between Bryce Hindhaugh – who was having a day out on his wing – and a Trav Woodfield saw the margin 10 points at the big break.

The third saw the game begin to open more, with goals coming freely at both ends. Gradually, the Sea-Eagles with goals through big-man Dylan Clark – who clearly loves a round-the-corner snap – and a couple of strong marks through Will Hams after being smothered by Bulldogs defence Tarquin McMillan early got on top. Ben Taylor playing his first senior game for a number of weeks slotted through a couple of sneak goals, and the margin remained six points. Then all of a sudden, the Sea-Eagles had a burst of goals and a 72-53 lead at the three-quarter time break.

The last saw an early Inverloch goal, a 26-point margin, and their final goal of the game. From that point, the Bulldogs took control. The Daniel Bourke and Max Walton centre game show took over providing drive through the middle.

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RIGHT: Tarquin McMillan marks for Phillip Island during its narrow senior loss to Inverloch Kongwak. Photo: Carol Radcliff



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