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Emerald's PAVED Festival kicked off with the annual FunFest this past weekend with great success, attracting a large crowd of locals and visitors.

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Chris James from The Dreaming Space. (469619)

CEO resigns

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Icons lost

Since Christmas, Emerald Lake Park has seen a decline, with three businesses closing: a cafe, the iconic paddleboats, and the 43-year-old model railway.

The railway's owner, Steve, is retiring at 73 after a tough year marked by a 36 per cent drop in Christmas trade and a steady decline overall.

Although Puffing Billy remains a major attraction, its visitors rarely spend time at the park. Locals like U3A's Pat Buoncristiani are concerned about the reduced recreational options, especially for families. Plans to demolish the cafe were stopped after Cr David Nickell proposed repurposing it as an arts space.

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Bypass need now

By Corey Everitt

In the first week of coverage of four key election issues, the Gazette looks into an urgent project that has been wanted for almost two decades: the Lang Lang Truck Bypass.

Cardinia Shire Council and Lang Lang residents are looking to get the increasing level of truck movements through its main roads finally diverted from homes, businesses and the primary school.

With the next Federal Government set to be chosen in less than a month and the State Government aiming to secure a future expansion of sand quarries, for many residents, the need for the bypass has never been more urgent.

A new council survey shows that a heavy vehicle passes through Lang Lang's main street every 45 seconds on weekdays.

The council recognises the need for the industry, but Cardinia Mayor Jack Kowarzik asks the politicians, "How many trucks on Lang Lang roads is too many?"

Both levels of government are being called on to fund the beginning of the project and it's up to the major parties to listen to the concerns of Lang Lang.

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Traders fed up with crime

By Afraa Kori



Sandra Evans and Melissa Holden From Toyworld Pakenham and Little Munchkins Boutique. (Gary Sissons: 462049)

Businesses, residents and ratepayers are urgently calling for immediate action to address the escalating crime and violence in the Pakenham Main Street and John Street areas.

Over recent months, the community has faced an alarming increase in break-ins, assaults, vandalism, graffiti, two separate shootings and gang activity, with crime levels now at their worst in over 15 years.

"This is absolutely disgusting and unacceptable in a public space. The community should not have to live in fear of such extreme violence occurring in their neighbourhoods," the petition states.

Businesses in the area are being targeted nightly, with windows smashed, property stolen, and individuals openly committing crimes with little to no consequence.

"We're small business-run owners, so it affects more, it's heartbreaking. We have an excess that we've got to all come up with, but it's not even our fault, it's just ridiculous," Sandra Evans, owner of Toyworld Pakenham said.

"They need to look at the penalties that they're dishing out for repeat offenders. They need to have more consideration for the people whose lives are affected, because clearly they don't care," added Jackie Farrington, owner of Lazy Frog Gifts.

Traders believe the broader issue lies in the insufficient response from the council, Pakenham Marketplace Management, local MPs, the police and courts.

"Locals and business owners in the area deserve better. We are paying inflated rates and fees without receiving the necessary action to protect our community. Our concerns have been ignored for too long, and we demand change now," the petition states.

"Local police are stretched beyond capacity, responding to daily call-outs but stating their hands are tied without greater intervention from local government and higher authorities."

"It is also very concerning that parliamentary members have offices in this area, yet nothing is happening to address these issues."

Pakenham resident Aidan, who participated in the recent Star News Group election survey, highlighted that "a more ruthless and harder approach is needed to get this country back on track".

He recently moved from Narre Warren South seeking a quieter, more comfortable life in Pakenham, yet the issue remains—there's no escaping it; it's unavoidable.

"Being a father of two with a wife who is a stay at home mother, I have to work long hours at night. I worry constantly that my wife and kids will be targeted in the next home invasion," Aidan said.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor, Cr Jack Kowarzik said "the safety of our community is very important to Council, which is why we take a collaborative approach with Victoria Police and other agencies towards addressing safety in the Shire and supporting local crime prevention".

"We have a good presence of CCTV across our Shire that supports our community to feel safer and enjoy public spaces with greater peace of mind," Kowarzik said.

"Through our Public Realm Strategy, that shapes the long-term vision to revitalise Pakenham's town centre, we have a focus on crime prevention design to improve key safety issues highlighted by the community such as improved lighting and more CCTV locations, better pedestrian connections and increasing the number of people on the street to create an environment that supports passive surveillance.

"We continue to advocate with all levels of Government for funding for crime prevention design and treatments, including CCTV to its public places and spaces to support the safety of the community."

Former mayor and now Federal Labor candidate for La Trobe Jeff Springfield said "the only people in our community who should be living in fear are those perpetrators who conduct this criminal activity".

"The State government has recently professed that more needs to be done on this matter and they have acted," he said.

"Victoria will now have the toughest bail laws in the country, putting community safety above all and delivering consequences for those who break the law.

"If I am elected as your new MP for La Trobe, one of my first course of actions will be to hold Town Hall meeting. To hear first hand from our local community about their ideas of action. I believe we need to embrace a whole of community approach towards improving these issues into the future. Including a strong focus on prevention and mitigation to help prevent more crimes before they ever occur."

La Trobe MP Jason Wood is concerned the situation in Pakenham has not improved and there are no consequences for assaults, home invasions, and carjackings.

"Residents feel like they are living in a lawless society. Police keep making arrests, but violent offenders are repeatedly released on bail," he said.

"A Dutton-led government would work with the States to deliver strong bail laws and tackle knife crime. We will deport non-citizens who commit violent crimes. We will work with states and territories to develop uniform knife laws across all jurisdictions."

Sign the petition: change.org/p/urgent-action-required-to-address-rising-crime-in-pakenham-s-main-street-area?source_location=search

Police crackdown on reckless driving in road operation

Police have conducted a road safety operation in Cardinia, targeting speeding, distracted and impaired drivers to help drive down road trauma.

In the past year, Cardinia has had 11 fatal crashes occur on local roads – more than 60 per cent of these occurred on a weekend between 9am and 5pm.

Also in the past 12 months, local police have experienced a 25% increase in speed-related offences, and careless driving offences have also risen by more than 20%.

Operation Perrigin was a joint operation conducted between Casey Highway Patrol, Pakenham Uniform and the State Highway Patrol Solo Unit, held on Saturday 29 March.

The operation saw 16 speeding fines issued in just a matter of hours – most of which were for motorists detected between 15-20km over the allocated speed limit.

Also of note:

- Three disqualified drivers
- One child unrestrained in vehicle
- One driver failed to comply with standard of registration
- One unroadworthy vehicle
- Two vehicles impounded

Patrols will continue to be conducted on roads where fatal collisions have occurred, including along the Princes Highway, Princes Freeway, Pakenham Road, Gembrook-Launching Place Road, Belgrave-Gembrook Road and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.

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Thief has change of heart

By Afraa Kori

A life-saving defibrillator allegedly stolen from Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade on 30 March, sparked widespread outrage and concern in the community.

The brigade shared CCTV footage of a man allegedly stealing the AED around 2.40am, with the video reaching over 90,000 views.

However, it is understood the offender returned the device to another police station the following day.

Police subsequently arrested a 34-year-old man from Drouin following the alleged theft, and he has been released pending summons.

Despite the theft, captain Justin Seddon acknowledged that the thief set a positive example by returning the AED.

"It shows he's acting with a sense of conscience. We see a lot of crime in the media, but this was different," Justin said.

"When it was returned, it was still in its case, it hadn't been damaged, it hadn't been used, it hadn't been tampered with.

"There was bad press towards the offender. Then people were grateful that the AED was found and that the offender had handed himself in.

"There have been people in our town that have suffered from cardiac arrest, so it was really humbling for us that we weren't without it for weeks or months. It's a life-saving device and it's good to have it back where it's needed."

The brigade thanked the public for their support in sharing the CCTV footage, highlighting the power of social media and community involvement.

"When we had a look at our post, within 30 minutes of it, we were receiving many messages from the community," Justin said.

"People were offering replacements and asking what they can do to help. It was quite humbling to see how many people wanted to help.

"We talk about the negative impacts of social media, but this is a really good example of the positive impact it can have."



The cabinet from where the AED was stolen. (Supplied)

While no one wants history to repeat itself, protecting the life-saving equipment while ensuring easy access remains a challenge.

"We want it to be easily accessible, again we have security cameras in place that offer a good view, if any vehicle comes by. In this case we were able to track down the offender," Justin said.

'Nightie ninjas' thwart Beconsfield break in attempt

By Afraa Kori

Within 24 hours, Beaconsfield couple Sarah and Jack were crowned as 'nightie ninjas' after helping to protect their neighbourhood against gang activity.

Following a home invasion last month, the couple enhanced their security with cameras, ring doorbells, and a vehicle lock, increasing their vigilance to nighttime disturbances.

On April 6, they heard suspicious noises, checked their cameras, and saw young men targeting houses with luxury cars.

The group then approached a residence with an Audi in the driveway, attempting to disable security cameras by repositioning them.

"Our ring doorbells were the only reason why we woke up. Multiple chimes were going off one at a time," Sarah said.

"We don't even have kids, but the house they were trying to break into has a little girl there so it's frightening."

The couple took action, by rushing outside to confront intruders trying to break into their neighbour's house around 3.30am.

Their sudden shouting startled the intruders, causing them to flee on foot and speed off in their vehicle.

"By the time I saw them running, they were obviously frightened so I thought I may as well just act confident and just chase them," Sarah said.

"They were potentially armed, but I was heated in the moment and didn't think about that. I think the adrenaline keeps you going in the end.

"Last night we were Neighbourhood Watch for everyone. We were probably more angry because this is the second time that we've noticed it in the past three weeks."

The urgent shouts also alerted the neighbours, prompting them to come out as the intruders were fleeing.

"Last night's incident has definitely made the community more aware and hopefully everyone else gets cameras or they take precautions not to be targeted," Sarah said.


Break-in. (Unsplash)

"The main thing is that people need to put their expensive cars in the garage and then thieves won't know what's there.

"The only way we can bring awareness is by posting on community groups and working as a collective."

The CCTV footage was also shared on social media, reaching over 160,000 views.

While Sarah and Jack have no regrets, they do not encourage others to take matters into their own hands, particularly given that one of the offenders was allegedly armed.

However, they understand why many feel compelled to, as frustration with the police, justice system, and politicians in the upcoming election grows.

"One of the neighbours had two cars stolen across the road from us. More recently, it's been petty crimes — people going through unlocked cars and stealing wallets," Sarah said.

"They're just coming here and stealing our stuff we all work hard for and it's just frustrating that these kids are getting away with it. That's why we don't bother telling the police and hopefully with this incident they don't actually come back again.

"The police are doing their best to keep the community safe but they get overruled by the courts."

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CEO resigns with 'mixed emotions'

By Corey Everitt

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Mayor Jack Kowarzik informed the council chambers of the decision in Monday's town planning meeting.

"Obviously, as someone who has worked closely with Carol over the years, as well as all councillors, accepting her resignation was a very difficult decision to make," he said.

"I have no doubt that the news will be difficult for some in our community as well.

"Carol genuinely displayed outstanding leadership and commitment to this organisation and the Cardinia Shire community.

"I know you will join me in thanking Carol for her leadership through some good times and some very challenging ones too, and congratulate her on her appointment."

Her appointment at Cardinia Shire was in July 2018, the following years saw her serve the council during challenging times, such as the Bunyip Complex Bushfires and the covid pandemic.

Before Jeffs' appointment, she held positions as interim CEO and general manager of the City of Port Phillip, and was previously a general manager at Latrobe City Council.

Uniting Vic Tas said Jeffs will place the organisation in a strong position for the future.

"Carol brings a deep passion for delivering outcomes that create meaningful change for individuals, communities, and future generations," a statement on the appointment said.



Cardinia Shire Council Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Carol Jeffs. (File: 442392)

"She has a strong track record in establishing and expanding services in Melbourne's growth corridors and is dedicated to building trust, collaboration, and strong stakeholder relationships."

Jeffs began her career as an economics lecturer at Monash University and holds a Bachelor of Business and Master of Economics.

She is a Harvard University Executive Program graduate and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Her new role at Uniting Vic Tas certainly fits her extensive experience, however, she says choosing to depart Cardinia was still not an "easy one."

"While I am excited by my new appointment and the opportunity to continue making a difference in the community through another sector, my decision to leave the local government sector has not been an easy one," Jeffs said.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had to contribute to advocacy for the sector and the Cardinia community and to guide a strong and positive strategic direction for Cardinia Shire Council."

Her last day will be on Wednesday 4 June. The council will soon begin proceedings for an interim CEO and long-term arrangements.



CFA responding to a garbage truck waste fire in Officer in early 2024. (File: Keith Pakenham)

Garbage smoulders

By Afraa Kori

An incorrectly disposed household item caused smoke inside a garbage truck in Pakenham, prompting a response from emergency services on April 2.

Fortunately, no injuries were reported, and the site has been cleared thanks to CFA for their swift response.

Last year, numerous garbage trucks in Cardinia were forced to dump their waste due to fire or smoke caused by incorrectly disposed waste, with two occurring in the same week during January 2024 and another two in February.

Residents are reminded that flammable liquids, e-waste, and batteries must not be placed in household bins, as these materials can pose significant fire and health risks.

Cardinia Shire Council is urging residents to safely dispose of hazardous materials like electronics, batteries, and chemicals to protect both waste collection staff and the wider community.

Proper disposal options include:

- Flammable liquids: Drop off at upcoming free Detox Your Home events.

- E-waste: Recycle for free at designated e-waste drop-off locations, transfer stations, or through the bookable hard waste service.

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The controversial new fund is said to be an increased burden on farmers. (File)

Voting paused on new emergency services levy

By Corey Everitt

The controversial reform to the funding of volunteer emergency services was expected to be passed in parliament last week, but was pushed back, giving hope that the matter may be reviewed.

Cardinia Shire Council has joined many other councils that have questioned the new Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF), which is estimated to raise the average annual levy on local farmers by almost 150 per cent, according to the council.

The move to replace the former Fire Services Property Levy was expected to be voted on by the Victorian Upper House last Thursday 3 April.

Significant pushback came from the opposition, such as Nationals MP Melina Bath.

"What an indictment on the government that they are going to call something a volunteers fund and then redirect funds from this tax burden on property owners, farmers and the like to organisations and agencies that once were funded through consolidated revenue," Bath said.

No division was called and debate was adjourned until the next sitting day.

The council will support a motion at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council calling for the implementation of the ESVF to be paused until a review is conducted addressing the potential burden it will have on primary producers.

The council also questioned local government's role in collecting the levy on rate bills, which could increase logistical burdens on councils for a fund that is not controlled by them.

The next sitting day is on Tuesday 13 May. The MAV State Council will be held on Friday 16 May.

Brunt Road upgrade

By Corey Everitt

A $15.5 million upgrade has been announced for the Brunt Road and Princes Highway intersection, which aims to provide safer and more efficient routes for Officer and Beaconsfield residents.

State Pakenham MP Emma Vulin and federal Labor candidate for La Trobe Jeff Springfield made the announcement on Monday 31 March.

"This will make it safer for our community, reduce traffic congestion and provide better connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians," Vulin said.

Jointly funded by the State and Federal Government, this upgrade will add dual right turn lanes exiting both Brunt Road and Whiteside Road, a westbound bus priority lane and new cycling and pedestrian paths.

The upgrade aims to increase the capacity of the intersection to handle traffic volumes within the growing Officer and Beaconsfield area.

This announcement is good timing for Springfield as he begins his campaign for the seat of La Trobe.

The project was identified by Cardinia Shire Council as part of their Better Local Roads Project.

With funding secured, the council will conduct the works to upgrade the intersection.



Brunt Road, Princes Highway and Whiteside Road intersection. (Cardinia Shire Council)

Concern over crazy corner

By Corey Everitt

As Bunyip's local vet, Dr Steve Mitchell should be focused on creatures with four legs, but the notorious intersection out front of his door has forced him to be concerned with their two-legged owners.

The Hope Street intersection with Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road is well-known as the subject of many collisions, with ongoing calls to address safety.

Recently, new stop signs were installed on either entry of Hope Street and Bunyip - Modella Road, but for Steve, the danger has remained unabated.

"We're still getting the same number of people flying through, we're still getting the same number of crashes," he said.

"We've got buses coming through, we've got trucks coming through, kids are going to start getting hurt."

The Bunyip Veterinary Clinic resides on the corner of the intersection.

Steve has worked there for 30 years, the last 20 have been full-time.

To Steve, collisions were not unheard of back in the 1990s; however, where a major crash was once every six months, today it is seemingly once every month.

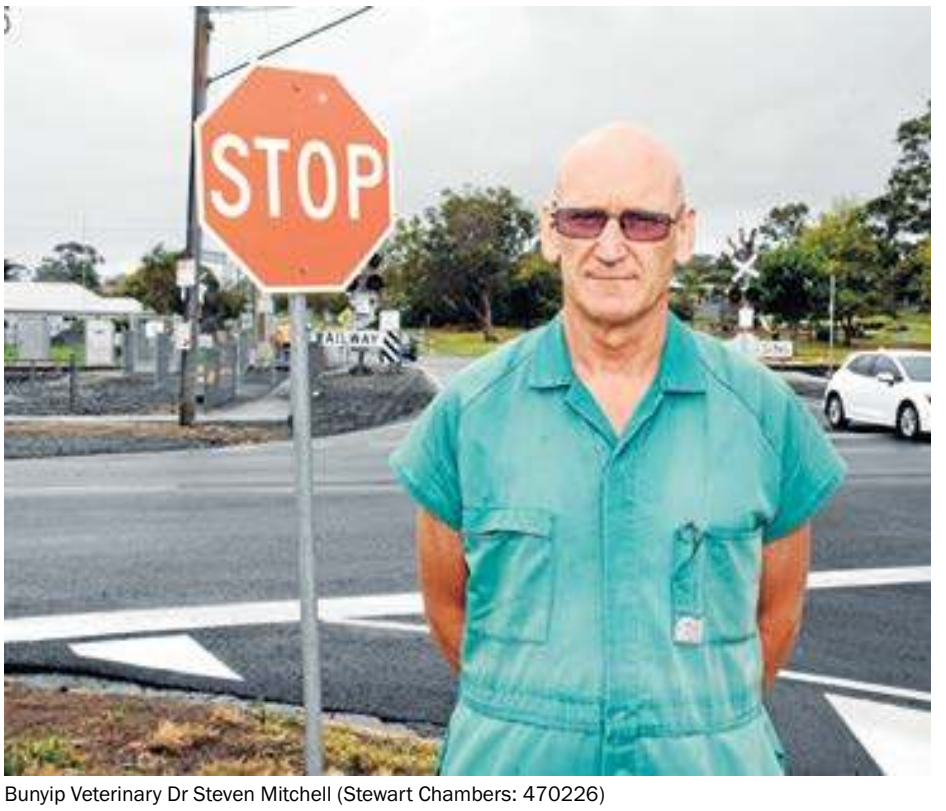
With cameras set up facing the intersection, Steve and his team are noting each near miss and collision, effectively building an archive of this notorious intersection.

On Monday 31 March, the latest collision occurred where a vehicle failed to stop when entering the intersection, crashing into a vehicle driving along Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road.

It's reported that the occupants of the hit vehicle were a mother with her two young children. None were seriously injured.

On January 3, a collision occurred under the same circumstances.

The T-boned vehicle was hauling a caravan, which rolled upon the impact.



Bunyip Veterinary Dr Steven Mitchell (Stewart Chambers: 470226)

These instances required a response by paramedics; the time between them is filled with near-misses that average "once every second day."

"It's only the people who get taken by an ambulance that is registered with VicRoads, this is what the police told me," Steve said.

The unique aspect of the intersection is the level crossing across Hope Street, which is set back only about two car lengths from the intersection.

The prevailing idea shared by Steve is that the north and south entries have too much visual noise with the level crossing, which results in drivers missing the stop sign.

Recently, large stop signs were installed on each entry, yet Steve hasn't seen much difference.

Furthermore, new large signage warning of the level crossing has been installed leading to the intersection from the south, Steve isn't sure if this has helped decrease the visual noise.

He also noted that because Bunyip - Modella Road is now fully sealed, meaning there is a fully paved route from this road through to the South Gippsland Highway, there is more and more non-local traffic entering the intersection.

"Now, because I talk to a lot of the people that crash and go through the stop sign, I'll say, how come you didn't stop?" Steve said.

"And they all say I'm from out of town, I'm following Google Maps.

"Google Maps has sent them and they're either coming from the other side on the highway and they're heading down to Phillip Island or the peninsula, or they're going the other way."

The vet itself can be in the firing line as well.

About 18 months ago, an incident caused a vehicle to collide with their building, causing significant damage to the front fence.

Steve believes the installation of speed bumps could be a solution in the short term.

The Gazette previously reported 7 crashes occurring between 2019 and 2024 at the intersection, this does not include the most recent collisions.

A traffic count in 2023 showed 85 per cent of drivers exceeded the 60km/h speed limit on a section of Hope Street north of the intersection.

Both the council and the State Government have authority at this intersection as Hope Street is a local road and Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road is a State road.

Narracan MP Wayne Farnham called for action in Parliament last week on the "most dangerous intersection in my electorate."

"I have brought this up at least half a dozen times in this chamber, and I am fearful that one day there will be a fatality," he said in Parliament last Thursday.

"The local vet has had cars careening through his front fence. It is getting beyond a joke.

"It is an extremely dangerous intersection. I would like the minister to actually take some action on this, because the last thing I want to do is to ask the minister in this place, 'Was that death avoidable?'

$65m industrial warehouse investment approved

By Corey Everitt

A $65 million industrial estate has been approved in Pakenham South, a proposal that councillors received as one of many large, local investments that will arrive in the future.

In the town planning meeting of Cardinia Shire Council on Monday 7 April, a nine-warehouse industrial estate was approved for 130 Greenhills Road, covering a total area of about 10ha.

The permit was granted with 39 conditions, comprising matters of inundation control, signage and heavy vehicle access.

The estate will have 517 car parking spaces, which is lower than the standard rate set in the Cardinia Planning Scheme.

However, analysis determined that parking demand will be much lower at 301 for the site.



Design of the project. (Concept Y Architecture)

Though it was accepted as a significant step forward for local industrial development, councillors raised key matters that will have to be assessed further as more of these applications are expected to arise.

Cr Nickell supported the motion, but raised the missed opportunity for further energy production at the larger site.

"There is about ten houses' worth of a solar system on that giant roof. What a lost opportunity for the community," he said.

"We have got to find a way, I believe as we continue to get these applications flooding in for the next 20 years, to actually ensure that this huge roof area that's gonna cover all of Pakenham South, and Officer South, actually generates energy and captures water.

"Instead of just talking about it and wringing our hands about it, let's take fair dinkum actions about this."

He pointed out how only six per cent of the site will have vegetation, a 160,000 litre water tank will be installed and only 150kW of power will be produced from its renewable energy system.

Mayor Kowarzik supported the permit, but also agreed with matters raised by Cr Nickell.

"These booming industrial estates we are going to see, there is a chance there isn't there? For, you know, a Cardinia big battery?" Mayor Kowarzik said.

"I think those ideas are worth exploring," he said.

The site is on lot B of the property, south of Greenhills Road and with an eastern border of Kooweerup Road.

The proposal is within the Pakenham South Employment Precinct Structure Plan (PSP).

130 Greenhills Road takes up the north eastern corner of the PSP.

Costco has applied for a warehouse within this property as well.

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It may be a small coastal town that many pass on their way to Phillip Island, but Lang Lang isn't as laid back as it appears, and it may be for good reason. The town is being asked to play a significant role in the future of Melbourne's growth with little in return so far. In the first week of coverage for four key election issues, the Gazette looks at the desperate need for the Lang Lang Truck Bypass and why the next Federal Government should commit to fast-tracking it...

20 years and still waiting

By Corey Everitt

"We came here for the peace and quiet of a rural lifestyle and affordability, why should that be jeopardised for resources?"

It's not uncommon to hear trucks throughout all of Cardinia Shire; the distant sound of engine brakes is a cost of being a highly productive region in both industry and agriculture.

However, for residents of Lang Lang, the sound is right outside their front door.

The town holds one critical resource, high-quality sand. These large trucks have to use the small, single-carriageway main roads which cut through the town's houses and businesses.

A new council surveys show a single truck passes through Lang Lang's main road every 45 seconds on weekdays - an average of more than 80 trucks every hour.

Fifty trucks per hour were estimated to pass through Lang Lang streets in 2024, previous years it was recorded at around 30 per hour.

Cardinia Mayor Jack Kowarzik said there was widespread concern in the community regarding large trucks passing homes, shops and the primary school.

"In order to support this major industry, the residents of Lang Lang are forced to deal with degraded roads, dangerous streets, and constant air and noise pollution," he said.

"Trucks travelling past the school entrance and bus stop is not something that any parent should have to worry about on a daily basis.

"Our community has been trying to divert heavy vehicles from the main streets of Lang Lang for more than a decade, and residents deserve for their safety and well-being to be put first."



Lang Lang residents calling for the bypass last year. (Cardinia Shire Council)


Lang Lang District Business and Community Group President, Travis Davidge (Stewart Chambers: 469917)

> "It makes sense that if you've got this size of vehicles, you wouldn't have them running through the main street of a town."

Locals have called for the creation of a bypass to divert the trucks away from the residential centre; they have done so for years with little to no response from governments.

To make matters worse, the most recent move from the State Government shows they wish to allow space for even more quarries.

The recent event has forced Cardinia Shire Council to impose itself more forcefully on the matter by calling for the Lang Lang Truck Bypass to be constructed before any new quarry is approved.

The State Government has been silent so far, and locals have now shifted their attention federally as the election nears.

But will those in Canberra listen to Lang Lang's pleas?

A heavy burden with little return

The State Government is attempting to secure the expansion of Lang Lang's mining, and it isn't without good reason.

They are eager to do so, as places like Lang Lang will fuel the insatiable need for raw materials as Melbourne's population continues to grow rapidly.

Lang Lang's sand will be processed into the great slabs of concrete that will frame the new high rises in the inner city and the next big build sites.

Melbourne is expected to double in population by 2050 to reach 10 million and the State Government flagged years ago the potential shortages of raw materials.

In 2024, they fast-tracked the approval of the first new, large quarry in Melbourne for over two decades.

That quarry is located in Lang Lang, just off the South Gippsland Highway.

It contributed to the steady 14 per cent increase in quarry production in Victoria expected year-on-year over the next three years, reaching an annual production record of 73.6 million tonnes of rock, sand and gravel.

The Lang Lang District Business and Community Group has been the leading local group calling for the bypass.

President Travis Davidge wants to make it clear that the group does not oppose the mines, nor their potential expansion, as they undoubtedly bring significant economic opportunity to the town.

However, sand mines have been operating in Lang Lang for decades and the group feels it is time for the town to get something in return.

"We understand that the resources are needed, we just want some support for our town as we go forward," Davidge said.

"It makes sense that if you've got this size of vehicles, you wouldn't have them running through the main street of a town.

"There have been no major incidents recently and we don't blame the truck drivers, but it only takes one thing for it to go wrong."

The need for a bypass is set to only increase as State Government departments are moving to allow more sand extraction in Lang Lang.

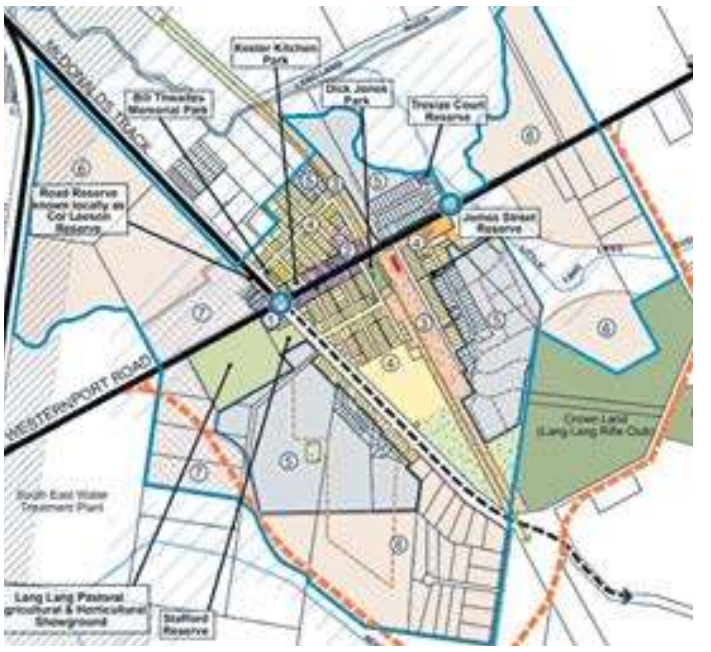




FEDERAL ELECTION- LANG LANG IN FOCUS



Truck driving through Westernport Road. (Stewart Chambers: 469917)



Lang Lang Truck Bypass (orange dotted line) as proposed in the Lang Lang Township Strategy. (Cardinia Shire Council)

In recent years, the Department of Transport allowed the permitted length of a truck through Westernport Road to increase from 26 metres (roughly the length of a B-double) to 36.5 metres.

They did this without any consultation with the community or the council.

The true reality of how important sand is didn't set in until October last year, when the Planning Department unveiled the draft Strategic Extractive Resource Area (SERA).

This was a proposal to rezone large sections of Lang Lang not only to solidify the permits of existing mines but to secure mining's significant expansion into the future.

One resident, who wished to remain anonymous, bought their first house in Lang Lang and moved in last October.

One of the first letters to appear in their letterbox was a notice of the draft SERA.

"At certain places in the house, I can hear the trucks all night. I was told there were two near misses with a truck recently," they said.

"We came here for the peace and quiet of a rural lifestyle and affordability, why should that be jeopardised for resources?"

In the SERA, a State Resource Overlay was split into three areas with the largest being around the eastern side of Lang Lang, where trucks pass through Westernport Road to access South Gippsland Highway.

The draft SERA was met with opposition from the community, who felt they were being trampled for the needs of the big city.

The council recognises the need for the industry, but Mayor Kowarzik asks, "How many trucks on Lang Lang roads is too many?"

"Currently, we have no way of regulating the number of trucks using the road through the shopping precinct, leading to increased traffic congestion, heightened safety risks for residents, and potential environmental damage," he said.

"Similar situations elsewhere have shown that unregulated quarry traffic can lead to accidents, infrastructure damage, and significant environmental harm.

"The unchecked expansion of sand mining could exacerbate these issues, severely impacting the quality of life in our township.

> "80 trucks pass through the main road every hour on weekdays...

"This is why a bypass is desperately needed. Without it, our community faces an uncertain and potentially hazardous future."

It did not help the State Government's case that the SERA also proposed to strip any appeal rights from the public, even from the council, around these new sand mines if they were outside of a small buffer zone.

These details and much more were revealed, yet there was no mention of the Lang Lang Truck Bypass, a project that has been sought for almost two decades, well before the SERA was ever imagined.

This town of only a few thousand sits on an invaluable resource that could drive considerable wealth through the town, yet the calls for safety and amenity have had little response.

No new mines until bypass

The State Government didn't pick a good time for feedback on the SERA.

It was exhibited over several weeks during September and October 2024, which just so happened to be when councils were in the middle of elections.

During these times when councillors largely suspend their roles as they campaign, the council offices enter a "caretaker mode" where they reduce their activities to routine administration, limit their public profile and withhold any major executive decisions.

The council was in caretaker mode when the SERA's consultation ended and the State Government received no submission from the local authority.

The council persisted when it returned from elections and would make their submission after the deadline in December, which the State Government accepted.

They were still not very pleased as the council submission called for the consultation to be entirely redone.

The central demand was for the bypass to be fully completed, not just started, before any new or extended sand mine is approved.

Much of the planning has already been started by the council, the bypass was incorporated into the Lang Lang Township Strategy adopted in 2009.

The bypass is mapped out to wrap around the south of Lang Lang; turning off Westernport Road to go around the Lang Lang Rifle Club, over McDonalds Track and to re-enter Westernport Road passed the Showgrounds.

Most of the land is already in the hands of the council, acquired through permit conditions on new subdivisions.

This was down over many years, but even with all the time in the world, the council could never afford to do it themselves.

Furthermore, existing permits make the rest of the land difficult to acquire, the council is also calling on the State Government to use their powers to acquire the rest.

One of the sources they have tried to raise funds for the bypass has been through imposing levies on the mines themselves.

This process has been difficult on the council as they have reported having to pursue the levies "aggressively" through VCAT, arguing over some quarry permits that date back to the Shire of Cranbourne.

The beginning of the project is in two stages, split geographically between either side of McDonalds Track.

Expected to cost over $40 million in total, the council puts a two to three-year timeline on the construction.

The council is calling for the State and Federal Governments to fund one stage each, at a cost of $24 million from both.

"This is a significant project that requires the support of the incoming Federal Government to achieve a range of economic and social benefits, including supporting this major sand extraction industry which will help the State and Federal Governments deliver infrastructure projects and support housing development across the south east region," Mayor Kowarzik said.

"The project will also result in more jobs and economic opportunity and, most importantly, will significantly improve the health, well-being and safety of local residents and the liveability of the local community."

Left out at the end of the shire

Though arguably the most pressing, the bypass is not the only issue in the small town of Lang Lang.

From police presence to a local volunteer service shutting down, there is a lot that Lang Lang residents have been agitated about in the last few years.

Residents have expressed to the Gazette before a feeling of being left out and Lang Lang seemingly treated as just the "end of the shire."

Whether or not residents will continue to feel that way can be decided by the aspiring pollies this federal election.

Both major parties are throwing cash at major road works. The Labor Party is slowly unveiling different projects as part of their $1.2 billion road blitz in Victoria.

Several of the ones already announced sit right outside the La Trobe electorate in the neighbouring and more marginal seats of Holt and Monash.

The Liberals also have billions to promise after Dutton said he will withdraw over $2 billion of federal funding for the Suburban Rail Loop if elected.

La Trobe MP Jason Wood said a Coalition Government will establish a $600 million fund dedicated to road upgrades for mining and agriculture.

"Projects like Cardinia Shire Council's Lang Lang Truck Bypass would be able to apply to the Ag & Mining Roads program," he said.

A spokesperson for Minister for Infrastructure Catherine King said it will go through the usual budget considerations. "We work in partnership with state governments and should the Victorian Government identify a truck bypass for Lang Lang as a priority for future investment, we would consider funding through the usual Budget processes."





Representing the Bendigo Bank Bashir and Breshna Keshtiar, Mona and Joe Esmaty, Armon and Freshta Esmaty, Haris and Sonia Faiz, Haida Keshtyar and Joshua.



CCF board member Kate Lempriere, CCF executive officer Kara Norton-Jones, South East Metropolitan MP Michael Galea, Sharryn Marshal and Jenny Robson.



Part of the Star News Group contingent (back from left) Jim Hall, Garry Howe, Paul Clark, (front) Paul Thomas, Gaylene Howe, Mandy Clark and Sue Hall.

Charity begins at home

Two organisations dedicated for community building and care combined for a charity fundraiser at Pakenham Racing Club's Tynong facility on Saturday night.

The event was a joint venture of the Cardinia Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pakenham, hosted by comedian Des Dowling.

Proceeds from the night will go towards worthwhile projects and initiatives in the Cardinia region.

Rotary Club of Pakenham president Ian Wake said one of the club's proudest achievements was the establishment of the Rotary Park along Toomuc Creek.

He said the club wanted to a playground and exercise area dedicated to older people, pointing out there was plenty of equipment geared toward younger people, but not much for that demographic.

Cardinia Community Foundation chairman Paul Thomas said the organisation had a "deeply local" focus.

"As many of you know, the Cardinia Community Foundation is a place-based philanthropic foundation that exists to ensure everyone in our region has a chance to thrive. Our mission is simple, but powerful: we help make our region a great place to live, for everyone," he said.

"We do that by connecting generosity – yours - with real, local needs. Through our annual grants program, we fund projects that support health and wellbeing, build social inclusion, and strengthen the vital connections that hold our communities together.

"This work is deeply local. It's driven by the people of Cardinia and for the people of Cardinia. And whether you're giving back through a donation tonight, considering a gift in your will, supporting us through your business or workplace, or simply sharing the word—you're helping good grow.

"Because in the end, this is about more than just giving. It's about uniting around a shared vision – one where no one is left behind."

Mr Thomas played a video produced pro-bono by Kaiser Tangso from From the Head Films that brought the foundation's work to life – through a donor, and a grant recipient.



Rotary Club of Pakenham president Ian Wake (third from left) and special guests Berwick MP and State Opposition Leader Brad Battin and wife Jo (centre) with Cardinia Community Foundation board members (from left) Chris Banbury, Kristine Ash, chairman Paul Thomas, Ravi Bhatt (kneeling) Christine Bailey, Kate Lempriere and Cr Liz Roberts. (Photos: Gaylene Howe)



Dan Cameron from SEJ knocks down an auction piece.



The crew from SJD Homes had a great night (from left) Rod Fitzsimmons, Andrew Stickley, Bec Straub, Jo O'Connor, Kim O'Connor, Dan Malter, Brianna Edwards, Mark Whitney and Amy Whitney..

Auction items included a helicopter ride to Yering Station for lunch and a chauffeur-driven ride in a Rolls Royce for lunch.

Sadly, the forklift up for grabs had to be passed in because it didn't reach the reserve.

New State Opposition Leader Brad Battin and wife Jo were special guests and the Berwick MP picked up a day at the helm of the Gazette at auction (see About Town).

Three businesses leave from Emerald Lake Park

By Corey Everitt and Afraa Kori

Three businesses, including the iconic paddleboats, have left Emerald Lake Park since Christmas last year in what has been described as a serious downturn for the Puffing Billy stop.

In December last year, one of the cafes at Emerald Lake Park closed up right in the middle of the Christmas season.

In February, Lakeside Paddleboats left, leaving the lake devoid of the popular self-powered boats that many visitors had enjoyed.

This past weekend was the last for the current operators of Emerald Lake Model Railway, which has been going 43 years.

Owner Steve had decided to move on to full retirement after three years of running the model railway.

The main motivator was his retirement as he is close to turning 73, but it didn't help that business traffic had clearly declined recently.

"We were down 36 percent in Christmas, the whole of last year has been tough, averaging 25 percent down," Steve said.

"It's declining, it's like everything, like the lack of hospitality, we aren't going to hang on for another year or two to see if it picks up."



The paddleboats and two other businesses have left.

Puffing Billy is as busy as ever in the summer, however, it unfortunately isn't translating to traffic at the park.

"Just from what we see, demographics are mostly tour groups, Puffing Billy supports us very well, but their visitors come for Puffing Billy and that's it," Steve said.

"That's our observation, it's not the majority of our customers."

President of Emerald U3A, Pat Buoncristiani said the closure of businesses at Emerald Lake Park has left locals and families with fewer recreational options.

"There's not many things to do there anymore. So it's just a really important family amenity that disappeared," she said.

"The loss of the paddle boats really upset people locally because they had been there forever. They were a real icon of the place. My kids went there when they were little, and other parents have also taken their kids there. Then all of a sudden, they're gone."

As part of the Emerald Lake Precinct Masterplan, the cafe building was planned to be demolished and repurposed as a picnic and barbecue area.

In the last Cardinia Shire Council meeting on 17 March, Cr David Nickell moved a motion to stop its demolition and explore using the current site for an arts space.

The successful motion included a review of the masterplan and a report detailing the current works scheduled for this financial year.

The decline in businesses at the park was mentioned by Cr Nickell as a motivator for the call to review.

Pat, coordinator of the Arts Subcommittee within the Emerald Village Association, played a pivotal role in establishing an arts centre in the old Tea Rooms building. She acknowledged that the collaboration between the community and council is helping to revive the local business and creative scene in the hills.

"We've seen the community come together with the art gallery—what was an empty building is now becoming something really special. The council couldn't have been more helpful in getting this up and running," she said.

"It would be a wonderful if the art gallery could actually become an ongoing concern, because we've got a lot of artists in the area who won't be able to hang their work.

"This would be another reason for people to go there, to be able to see art and to have art displays at workshops. It's a great venue for that sort of thing. I'm hoping that there's a chance that this will continue beyond the paved festival which begins on the 6th of April."

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Health comes first.

Janine Bone has spent decades saving lives until she realised she needed to save her own. Now, the Drouin resident is on a mission to help women ditch burnout and rediscover their spark, Gazette journalist **AFRAA KORI** reports.

Answering a new calling

Before joining Ambulance Victoria, Jenine worked in the Health & Fitness sector with Victoria Police, helping elite teams like Search & Rescue and the Special Operations Group through their strides.

She thought about joining the Police many times, but then one day during lunch, an ambulance screamed past with lights and sirens, and she thought, 'that looks incredible - fast driving and helping people?'

Janine applied not long after and joined AV in 2001, where she also met her husband and became a proud mum to three teenage girls.

"Together we cast a dream and built our lives in this community - our careers, our home, and our little family of daughters, side-by-side through shift work and service," she said.

Unfortunately, her experience as a paramedic negatively impacted her own health, shifting her from training others daily to having no time for self-care.

"My story is not special, there are so many women out living the daily grind and not seeing a way out. And like all these women, I believed I was being a good mum and a good wife, by putting myself last. But it left me depleted and disconnected."

For the last few years, she hesitated to leave the industry, afraid of losing the identity she had built around being a Paramedic.

"Being a paramedic came with admiration, respect, and validation," she said. "Walking away meant redefining myself, and that felt messy and uncomfortable and scary all hell. Who am I without this uniform?"

Eventually, her body made the decision for her, breaking down with frequent illnesses during each shift—migraines, colds, and nausea—despite once being strong and resilient.

"My husband gently pointed out the toll it was taking, and I finally began therapy. All the trauma I'd tucked away came rushing up," she said.

"I couldn't go back. My time was done, I'd done my duty, I'd served my time of saving lives, now I needed to save my own."

What motivates her now is helping women break free from burnout and the never-ending Superwoman narrative.

"We're not here to sacrifice and run ourselves into the ground," she said.



Janine. (Stewart Chambers: 467071)

> "I'm still saving lives - just in a different way. I'm not pulling people out of a crisis anymore. I'm walking alongside them before they fall in."

Janine transitioned from a long-standing career to pursue her passion for women's wellbeing and health. Her initiative began with casual walking groups that encouraged fresh air and genuine conversations. It has since evolved into workshops for women aged 35 and over, focusing on nutrition, hormone-friendly movement, mindset, and lifestyle. Her approach takes a holistic view, addressing root causes and promoting sustainable, long-term health changes.

"I'm still saving lives - just in a different way. I'm not pulling people out of a crisis anymore. I'm walking alongside them before they fall in," she said.

"I've lived what it's like to be burnt out and lost in the fog of busy. I've also lived the joy of reclaiming energy, strength, and clarity in my body and my mind. And I want every woman to know: it's not too late for you. Not even close."

Janine has spent the past 18 months deeply immersed in the topic of perimenopause—both through personal experience as a woman in her 50s and through extensive research and education. With growing national attention and government campaigns now highlighting this once-overlooked stage of life, she's found that many women are craving honest, evidence-based support.

"I love helping women feel informed, empowered, and excited again – it's like witnessing new birth, but instead of a new baby coming into the world, it's a new woman being re-born!

"I want Gippsland women to feel seen, supported, and celebrated - not just for what they do for others, but for who they are. I want to normalise conversations around hormones, nourishment, and connection, and to shift old narratives around calories and exercise that just don't serve us in this stage of life. This is not about deprivation and lack, it is about nourishment and abundance, and it isn't just about wellness - it's about wholeness."

Janine sees her initiatives expanding into bigger events, mentorship and coaching, maybe even retreats and travel adventures - all built around wellness, joy, and lifestyle freedom.

"It's about helping women lead their lives into thriving, not just running on default survival mode," she said.

"When women feel good, their families feel good. And that ripples out into schools, communities, and workplaces. The change starts with one woman saying yes to herself - and that yes can change everything."

On a personal level, she wants her daughters to see what it looks like to live empowered, passionate and purpose-led.

"I spent so much of my early life complying with what I was "supposed" to do: stay small, be polite, fit in. No more. I want my girls to know they can take the reins of their own lives, that change is possible at any stage.

"Modelling this way of life to myself and my girls and my husband helps me to guide other women into it too."

If you would like to be part of the conversation, join an upcoming event, or follow Jenine for more inspiration and insights, you can connect with her here:

- Facebook and Instagram: @i.am.janine.claudette
- Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/janine-claudette-womens-wellness-106786975641



Pastor Jared Williams with fellow members of The Way Church Pakenham. (Stewart Chambers: 468446)

New church to launch in Pakenham

By Corey Everitt

Pakenham has its fair share of places of worship, and it continues to grow as a brand new church will be launched this Easter Sunday.

Residents may have noticed the new sign on the community noticeboard on the corner of Princes Highway and Duncan Drive.

The Way Church has taken the spot to announce their upcoming launch on Easter Sunday at Lakeside College.

The church is led by Pastor Jared Williams, who has been living in Pakenham with his wife since 2014.

"We didn't move here with the idea of planting a church, but because we could afford it here. We didn't buy a house in Pakenham with the thought we'd be here long term, but we made friends in the local area, our kids started school, God called us to start a new church and now we're here for the long haul," Pastor Williams said.

The Way is a Baptist Church connected with Regeneration Church Monash, based in Clayton.

The establishment of the church is also receiving support from the Baptist Union of Victoria.

"We want to bless the local community and for Pakenham to be a better place because The Way Church is in Pakenham," Pastor Williams said.

The launch service will be held at Lakeside College from 10am on Easter Sunday, 20 April.

Cockatoo mansion sold

By Corey Everitt

A run-down, graffiti-ridden mansion in Cockatoo has sold for close to $1 million.

The striking property at 650 Woori-Yallock Road made headlines for going back on the market in 2024. After an extended listing and a price drop, realestate.com reports a buyer has been found.

The residence has fallen into a dilapidated state after years of being unoccupied with scores of graffiti across the exterior and interior, damaged windows, overgrown vegetation and reported evidence of animals taking up brief periods of residency.

Originally listed early last year by Ranges First National Real Estate Belgrave and Cockatoo, the asking range was set for $1.1 million to $1.2 million for the 5.2ha site.

A new listing saw it drop to $900,000 to $950,000 after a time, and it's reported that a man from South Australia has emerged as the buyer within that range.

Real estate director Mick Dolphin said they received 230 email inquiries about the mansion.



This well-known property in Cockatoo has been sold. (File)

Coles still has interest in Officer

By Corey Everitt

The one industry that could kick-start the development of the Officer town centre is the supermarkets, but there is yet to be certainty that Coles or Woolworths will arrive in town anytime soon.

Coles has an application in Officer that has been pending for over three years, while a recent announcement by Woolworths for a store close by has seemingly gone silent.

So far, the only supermarket close to the town centre are two small IGA grocers that are within housing estates north and south of the freeway.

With the recent news of American retail giant Costco making another application for a local warehouse, this time in Pakenham, it puts the underdevelopment of Officer in fresh perspective.

Even though the Officer town center has large areas zoned for retail, Costco is still opting for an industrial area south of the Princes Freeway.

The big Australian supermarkets do have an interest in Officer; Coles has applied for a permit to build a supermarket just north of the council's civic centre and Woolworths conducted consultation regarding a supermarket on the corner of Princes Highway and Whiteside Road.

Coles made their application for 458 Princes Highway in November 2021 with no final decision made yet on the $20 million build.

The council and Coles confirmed that the application is still being actively sought by the latter.

"We are excited about delivering a new store for the community on this site and continue to work collaboratively with Council on the best way forward," a Coles spokesperson said.



Officer town centre (File: 394081)

The council's General Manager Community & Planning Services, Debbie Tyson said Coles advised that they "plan to proceed" with the application last month following the approval of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP).

The CHMP is among other responses the council has been waiting on for some years.

"Council officers have been awaiting additional documentation from the applicant, including responses to requested changes to the application plans," Tyson said.

"These changes were initially requested in September 2022 and relate to site access from Siding Avenue, built form and urban design along interfaces, sustainability initiatives, and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

"As the land is situated in an area of cultural sensitivity, this plan must be completed before any planning permit can be granted."

In August 2024, Woolworths conducted community consultation around a proposed store on 235 Princes Highway.

The feedback forms posed it as "Woolworths is coming to Officer North", even though the address is in Beaconsfield and "Officer North" is not a suburb.

The location sits on the border with Officer, the same way the Woolworths at Arena Shopping Centre sits on the border with Pakenham.

Star News contacted Woolworths to ask about the outcome of the consultation and whether the proposed store is still being pursued at that site.

Woolworths has not responded at this stage.

Measles outbreak

A new locally acquired measles case has been reported in Victoria, who has been infectious at multiple locations, including Pakenham and Berwick.

The Department of Health issued an alert about the outbreak on Friday 4 April, and provided a list of exposure sites.

The sites include Casey Hospital's emergency department, Emerald Medical Clinic, Beaconhills College Pakenham Campus, Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve and many more locations across Melbourne and Gippsland through late March and early April.

To see the list of exposure sites and the respective times, go to: health.vic.gov.au/health-alerts/new-measles-case-in-victoria-4

Anyone who has attended a listed exposure site during the specified times above should monitor for symptoms and seek medical care if symptoms develop for up to 18 days after the exposure and follow the recommendations below.

Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, sore or red eyes (conjunctivitis), runny nose, and feeling generally unwell, followed by a red maculopapular rash.

This case has no history of overseas travel or links to recent measles cases, and most likely this case acquired their infection in the Melbourne area, the Department of Health said.

Further information can be found in the alert linked above.

The editor's desk

Gazette

The first footy and netball liftout for the year in last week's Gazette was an interesting read.

Not only for quality content compiled by sports editor Dave Nagel and his team, but for the insight into the make-up of the competitions these days.

I've spent years following and covering local football.

Many seasons ago, I served on the executive of the Gippsland Latrobe league and more recently served on the committee at Nar Nar Goon, including a short stint as president.

But I haven't had any real involvement for 10 years, so there's no real contemporary knowledge of the football and netball landscape.

Flicking through the pages, I was amazed that many of the teams that used to be fierce rivals now never meet each other in the field of battle.

The loss of the fierce rivalry between Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon has been lamented for years, but these days there is no Battle of the Creek between Beaconsfield and near neighbour Berwick.

Old timers like Gavan Bourke would be turning in their grave. 'If you live in Pakenham you play for Pakenham' he declared when told one of our sons had followed mates out to play at the Goon.

That trend hasn't slowed. These days you rock up to the Goon and it's like you're at a Pakenham game five or 10 years ago.

Under the current structure, on any given weekend Pakenham could be playing in Alexandra, Officer in Upwey, Berwick in Blackburn, Beaconsfield in Doncaster, Narre Warren in Port Melbourne, Hampton Park might head to East Malvern, Berwick Springs to St Kilda, Narre South to South Yarra.

That can't be good for football.

Clubs in the Ellinbank league and a lot of the old West Gippsland teams fare a lot better – and the footy atmosphere is the better for it.

Happily, the rivalry still exists between powerhouse clubs Narre Warren and Cranbourne, which was celebrated on Saturday night.



Some of these town rivalries need to be resurrected over time, for the sake of the clubs, the players and, just as importantly, the viewing public.

- Garry Howe

LENSCAPE



Harry runs through the water sprayed by Meagan at the Devon Meadows PS colour run on Friday. (Stewart Chambers: 468671)

Revealing visit

Peter Dutton visited Jason Wood MP for La Trobe in Berwick recently.

Two Liberal party members who have a record of tough treatment of refugees and asylum seekers given page 4 and 5 coverage in The Age 3/4, "Migrant business close to home for shadow Wood".

It struck me as an own goal for Dutton!

This visit allowed the contentious question of his wife's migration business to be aired again in the press.

And for us to question both these parliamentarians' records in relation to migration issues.

Neither Dutton nor Wood have anything to be proud of in their roles overseeing migration and border force when in government. It was a litany of horrors.

Wood's wife Judy Chen Wood is the half owner of a firm Ferntree Migration, which assists students "navigate the complexities of the process so you don't risk your prospects" (The Age 3/4).

Mr Wood oversaw the Office of Migration Agents Registration Authority when he was an assistant minister during the previous government. No conflict of interest? Dutton's agent stated that "Any conflict of interest would be managed in an appropriate way in a Dutton Government" (The Age 3/4). Really?

Student visa applications have been clogging up the processing system for the thousands of genuine refugees and asylum seekers, (many of whom are still waiting after 12 years), for many years.

It's good that Peter Dutton's visit to Berwick this week shone a light on migration in this country.

There is so much to be done to improve the processing of visa applications, not just for students, but most importantly for genuine refugees and asylum seekers who need permanent protection in this country so they can end the years of uncertainty.

I dream of a government with a humanitarian approach to the plight of those genuine people exercising their right to seek sanctuary and build a new life in Australia. Is that really too much?

Margaret Edwards,
Berwick

A vote for kindness

I write to plead for a vote for kindness in the upcoming federal election on May 3.

When we decide who will get our vote, whether a major party or an alternative, can we first consider which of the candidates would be most likely to bring policies and actions that will engender kindness and care: for our own households and families, our neighbours, our communities, our environment and our national wellbeing.

Who amongst your candidates would be willing to try to reduce, and not increase, the social divisions that bedevil us?

Sadly, we see an example from the United States of America of how things can go badly wrong when greed, hate and cruelty are the focus.

No one wants that for this country.

Australia has so many wonderful attributes, and we can do better, by healing division in our society, especially those that emerged as a result of the 2023 Voice referendum, and the newer division arising from Israel's relentless bombing of Palestine.

Remember some of the lines of Australia's National Anthem? "Australians ALL let us rejoice" and in another verse, "we've boundless plains to share..."

Let us approach this election through a lens of what we think is best for our community and our country rather than "what's in it for me"?

Voting is a privilege. Please give your vote serious thought and vote for kindness.

Shirley Hynes,
Pakenham

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THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

Thumbs up
Thumbs up to David Bull. An absolute local legend who will be sadly missed.

Thumbs down
Thumbs down to the general state of the shire. Everything is overgrown most of the gutters are overflowing with dirt and rubbish and the amount of dumped rubbish.

Thumbs up
Here's to the community supporting the return of the gala fundraising event of the combined Cardinia Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pakenham on Saturday evening .. making awareness is so important of both these loved community groups Thank you to all.

Thumbs down
Thumbs down to the two-way road under the sky rail on McGregor Road. After spending all that money, why didn't they make it dual lanes both ways?

Thumbs up
Thumbs up to the Pakenham Road Runners and other community members who took part in Run for the Kids, raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Thumbs down
The roads to Kooweerup are just disgusting and to see all these workers doing nothing.

Thumbs up
Thumbs up to my neighbours and all the people who walk past with their kids and dogs. All happy to wave and say hello. Great neighbourhood. Still nice people in the world.

Thumbs down
Thumbs down to the people that are dumping their rubbish on the side of the road absolutely disgusting.

Thumbs up
Thumbs up to football and netball back on, huge thumbs up to Pakenham Football Club and Pakenham Lions Netball Club for a successful start to the season.

Thumbs up
Thumbs up to Jamie and staff at Shanikas Restaurant. You and the restaurant are all a great asset to Pakenham.

Taskforce "waste of time"

By Sahar Foladi

A call for a family violence taskforce including victim-survivors by South Eastern Metropolitan MP Rachel Payne has been resisted by service providers.

Critical bodies such as Wellsprings for Women and the nation's crisis response centre Safe Steps instead are urging for better funding for existing family violence prevention programs.

Ms Payne says the taskforce would be a specialised team with a direct line to state parliament. It would include victim survivors to add their voice about the support services they received from not-for-profits and government agencies.

"Members of the taskforce could speak to their south-east experiences, reporting on what is working, which services are lacking and how they can support police and government departments," the Legalise Cannabis MP said.

"Victim survivors can offer police, support agencies, and Members of Parliament real-world solutions."

Based on statistics, she said action was needed to tackle an "epidemic" in family and domestic violence in Casey, Dandenong and Frankston.

"Casey, as a Local Government Area, has the highest rate of family violence in Victoria, and Frankston and Dandenong are also in the top 10.

"Last year, police conducted a five-month family violence blitz in the south-east which saw 2,700 people arrested."

Chief executive officer of Wellsprings for Women, Dalal Smiley strongly opposed the taskforce idea, calling it a "waste of time".

She said the exisiting Southern Melbourne Family Violence Regional Integration Committee already identified what is needed, where the gaps are, what is working and what is not.

"Setting up yet another overarching body to tell us what we already know to reduce and eliminate gender based violence is just a waste of time and money when our sector is facing critical shortage of funding for front line services and prevention programs."

Ms Smiley said funding to Wellsprings' family violence prevention program and specialist case management work was due to lapse at the end of June.

"We work with women from migrant and refugee backgrounds facing multiple forms of family and domestic violence and abuse and require a culturally responsive, safe and tailored response.

"Their needs are complex and require engagement and support over an extended period of time to ensure they remain safe, heal and recover.

"What we need is ongoing funding to continue both the Prevention and Response efforts."

However, Ms Payne says the "bottom-up" taskforce would only "guide government" for a limited time instead of telling the committee what to do, with a goal to bring down the increasing domestic violence rates in the south east.

"This taskforce could make a compelling case to secure long-term funding for local organisations, and the members with lived experience would identify which services are most in need of increased funding - a vital tool in shifting government and policy."

"On the taskforce I want victim survivors, who can speak about the support they received from local not-for-profits and government agencies."



Legalise Cannabis MP Rachel Payne says action is required to stop a family violence 'epidemic' in the south-east. (Supplied)

The national crisis response centre Safe Steps chief executive officer Dr Chelsea Tobins says the state's Royal Commission into Family Violence's 227 recommendations from February 2015 have already achieved what the taskforce is trying to set out to do.

"I'm not sure of the government's appetite for a taskforce.

I feel like it might have done that, and now 10 years later do we need to have a more contemporary look, ensure we're evidence informed on what's working and what's not working? Absolutely.

"Should we place fundings into supporting men and boys as opposed to not taking away a dollar from women who's fleeing?

"I find those conversations very unhelpful because it shouldn't be a 'or' and it should be an 'and plus.'

"It should be a multi-dimensional strategy that appropriately funds all aspects of what a very wicked problem it is."

Although she says the recommendations "hasn't significantly been able to shift the needle on the number of police call outs to family violence" it has increased reporting family violence and awareness in the society.

Safe Steps is Victoria's only 24/7 family violence response centre providing family and domestic violence information and support, safety planning and risk assessment, access to crisis accommodation.

Calls received by Safe Steps' crisis line increased by 38 per cent in December compared to 2023.

Dr Tobin says that is a huge increase as the centre already make and take 130,000 calls every year from Victorians seeking support - this can be up to 400 calls a day.

Two of the 17 Family Violence Regional Integration Committees are in the South east metropolitan region which advise the government on local community needs and work collaboratively to strengthen responses to family violence.

The committee includes family violence services, children and family services, Victoria Police, justice and legal services, housing, community and health services.

A number of the Committees include community members with lived experience of family violence.

A Victorian Government spokesperson says they "must do more" on family violence.

"That's why we're delivering new reforms - changing laws, changing culture and delivering new support for victim survivors to target family violence at every stage.

"Our nation-leading Orange Door Network helps people right across Greater Dandenong and the south-east with access to coordinated help and support for families and children."

Last year, Safe Steps provided 33,000 nights of crisis accommodation for people who were not safe to go home.

As reported previously by Star Journal, there were 2651 reported family violence incidents in Greater Dandenong in 2023-24 according to Crime Statistics Agency data.

In more than 800 (almost 31 per cent) of the incidents there was a child present either as a victim or witness.

The highest rating form of abuse was verbal and emotional followed by physical abuse in Greater Dandenong Council.

If you or someone else you know needs help, call 1800RESPECT

$1.5 million election promise to Edwin Flack Reserve

The Edwin Flack Reserve in Berwick has seen a promise of $1.5 million for a major upgrade to sports facilities from Labor if re-elected this upcoming election.

This election commitment builds on a $2.5 million investment from the City of Casey and is said to benefit thousands of locals, including members of Berwick Little Athletics, Berwick Football Club, Berwick Cricket Club and Casey Tuskers Cricket Club.

Julian Hill, local Federal member for Bruce, said that "community sport is the great connector in Australian life".

"It brings people from right across the community together and welcomes new people to life in Australia."

The $3.75 million facility upgrades will include reconstructing the main AFL and cricket oval boundaries, upgrading the drainage and fencing for the main oval, and securing a fit-for-purpose home for the rapidly growing Berwick Little Athletics club by reconfiguring the existing pavilion.

Further upgrades include the construction of a brand new spectator terrace seating on the north of the athletics track and upgrading existing spectator seating with new all-weather shelters.

"Renewing and upgrading facilities at Edwin Flack Reserve will also help to nurture future generations of Australian sporting champions, as every elite athlete started somewhere local," Hill said.

Works will be undertaken in line with the Edwin Flack Reserve Masterplan and local community consultations.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants and Principles.



Bruce MP Julian Hill at Edwin Flack Reserve with members of the clubs that use the grounds as their home base. (Supplied)

Certainty as school zone information is updated

The State Government says it is making sure families across the state can find and enrol in a great local school, with 2026 school zoning information released this month.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll on 1 April launched the updated Find My School website. He said it would give families certainty they need as they begin the process of enrolling their child in a great local school, close to home.

"Every Victorian kid deserves access a great local school and a quality education no matter where they live – that's why we're building the Education State with the biggest school building program in the country," Deputy Premier Carroll said.

"We're opening another 19 schools next year, and we're making sure families can start planning which great school they're going to enrol in now with updated school zones for 2026 on the Find My School website."

The updated website includes school zones for 17 of the new government schools opening in 2026, and adjustments to seven existing school zones.

As enrolment processes begin in early Term 2 2025, the updated 2026 school zones will give families with children starting primary and secondary school next year the most up to date information, the government said.

The Find My School website allows families to find their local government school and other government schools nearby – ensuring they have access to a world-class education.

Schools can be found by typing in a residential address or searching by school name or categories such as primary, secondary, or specialist school.

The 2025 school zones are still available and should be used for any further enrolment decisions for the 2025 school year.

More information can be found on the Find My School website findmyschool.vic.gov.au



More great schools near every family.

Free breakfast for students at all government schools

All Victorian government school students are on track to receive free, nutritious breakfasts for the first time.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Education Minister Ben Carroll last year announced $21.1 million in the State Budget 2024/25 to expand the School Breakfast Clubs Program.

An extra 150 schools were invited to join the program at the start of 2025 – supporting up to 200,000 students – before rolling out to remaining schools from June 2025.

One thousand schools were already participating in the program last year, which provides healthy breakfasts for students as well as lunches, snacks, and take-home food packs for students experiencing disadvantage or financial strain.

"School Breakfast Clubs make a huge difference to students whose families need a little extra support to give their children nutritious meals that power their school day," Mr Carroll said last year.

Going to school hungry has a big impact on children's learning, affecting their behaviour, ability to concentrate, and ability to retain information.

"Kids can't learn on an empty stomach," Ms Allan said last year.

Food provided through School Breakfast Clubs meets Healthy Eating Guidelines, prioritises fresh foods, and caters for different preferences, with menu options like cereals, fresh fruit, soups, and rice dishes.

"This program has made a big difference to thousands of students who need a bit of extra support to have a nutritious, delicious meal every morning – and we're proud to roll the program out to every government school from next year," Mr Carroll said.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School, Officer

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Helen Staindl
School Principal

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Logos banned to make school uniforms cheaper

School logos on shorts, pants, skirts and socks in Victorian government schools will be banned from next year in order to make uniforms cheaper.

The change announced by the state government on Tuesday follows consultation with families, schools and suppliers which found that branded, customised items (e.g. items with logos, stripes or other markings) are the biggest contributor to uniform costs, particularly if the items are used daily and replaced often.

Branded items are more expensive and can usually only be purchased from one provider.

Compared to 'generic' store alternatives, some individual branded items were found to cost up to $56 more.

Under the changes, schools can continue to have branding on hats, tops, shirts, dresses and jackets – everything from the waist up – to maintain school price and help identify students.

In addition, the updated statewide student dress code policy will require schools and school councils to ensure that their student uniform is affordable.

"Government school uniforms should be worn with pride, but we need to make sure they're affordable for families," said Premier Jacinta Allan in announcing the changes.



Tree Day aids growing minds

Schools across Australia are being encouraged to take learning outside on Friday, 25 July for Schools Tree Day, the nation's largest tree-planting and nature care event for students.

Schools Tree Day is part of the National Tree Day program and provides young Australians from early learning to high school with a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on environmental learning while gaining significant health and wellbeing benefits.

Research published in MDPI's Education Sciences journal in January highlighted the powerful impact of outdoor learning on students' development, showing nature-based activities significantly enhance psychological well-being, social connectivity, and environmental awareness among children and adolescents. By participating in Schools Tree Day, students can experience these benefits firsthand while contributing to a greener future.

Planet Ark, the organisation behind Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day, is calling on teachers and students to get their hands dirty and plant trees in their school grounds or local communities. Planet Ark CEO Rebecca Gilling says that Schools Tree Day is more than just an environmental initiative—it's an opportunity to support student learning in a meaningful and engaging way.



Thousands of students around the country will get their hands dirty to do something good for the environment on Schools Tree Day. (Planet Ark)

"Outdoor learning has been proven to boost students' cognitive and emotional development and Schools Tree Day provides the perfect chance for educators to integrate nature into their curriculum, helping students connect with their environment while improving their overall wellbeing," Ms Gilling said.

Since its inception, Schools Tree Day has seen thousands of schools across the country take part, fostering a generation of environmentally conscious students. Educators, parents and students interested in taking part in Schools Tree Day can sign up, access educational resources, and share their experiences by visiting treeday.planetark.org/get-involved/schools

St Margaret's Berwick Grammar

2025 Scholarship Program is Open for Applications



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Thriving and growing

At Pakenham Secondary College, 'We Grow Through Connection'

Thinking about a secondary school for 2026? Our College Principal, Mr. Aaron Smith, invites you to consider Pakenham Secondary College for your child in 2026 and beyond.

Our College Motto, 'We Grow Through Connection', will best support our College Community in the years to come. Our SOAR Values of Social and Personal Responsibility, Opportunities for All, Achieving Your Personal Best and developing Respectful Relationships align well to support our College Motto and guide our College Community to achieve its goals.

We are a great school. At Pakenham Secondary College we are committed to positive relationships. We understand that student growth is linked to the positive and meaningful connections that they have with others. At Pakenham Secondary College, we are dedicated to further improving the learning and wellbeing outcomes of all of our students by building respectful, positive and productive connections with our College Community - We Grow Through Connection.

Pakenham Secondary College strives to provide opportunities in areas important to our College Community – Student Learning Growth and Pathways, Sport, Performing Arts, Student Leadership and Our Community. Our new multi-million dollar building program (set to commence in 2025) will further add to our outstanding buildings and grounds.

With a rich 50 year plus history in our region, we continue to be well placed to offer a personalised approach to teaching and learning ensuring that we best work with students to tailor individual pathways important to them. We provide outstanding opportunities for our students in the classroom and as part of our co-curricular program.

We are a school that continues to be on the move. Our standing in the community has always been strong and now it is getting even stronger. We have a dedicated and hardworking staff who are committed to our students. Our students want to succeed in a way that is important to them, and we will continue to provide pathways opportunities that they are interested in.

There is a very strong sense of community at Pakenham Secondary College with students, families and staff connecting strongly to get the best outcomes we can for our students. We are very proud of our College and what we represent including how we best support all of our students. I am proud to be the Principal of our great school, and I look forward to working with families, students and staff into the future to get the very best outcomes for our students.

I want to welcome families to the Pakenham Secondary College Community. I very much looking forward to showing prospective families around our great school as part of a College Tour and/or at our Open Night on Tuesday, 29 April, 2025.

Aaron Smith

College Principal –
Pakenham Secondary College

Book a College Tour through our website at pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au or call the office on (03) 5945 1433.

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Pakenham Secondary College school captions with Aaron Smith College Principal.



Farmers shrug off 'beef'

By Corey Everitt

US President Donald Trump singled out Australian beef when he announced worldwide tariffs on all imports, but local producers are "not losing sleep" over the historic move.

Trump announced a ten percent tariff on all Australian imports this week, on what the administration called "liberation day" where the President announced taxes across all world imports to the US market, ending decades of entrenched free trade policy led by US interests.

In his lengthy conference, Trump mentioned Australia's ban on the import of US beef, which has been in place for over 20 years.

Australia's beef export to the US hit a record level in 2024, reaching almost 400,000 tons in total.

The US is the largest market for Australian beef, but the latter does not reciprocate the former since bovine spongiform encephalopathy was detected in the US in 2003.

A 10 per cent tariff is the minimum applied to all world imports into the US; Australia avoided the possibility of severe rates such as the 46 percent faced by Vietnam.

"They're wonderful people – they're wonderful everything – but they ban American beef," Trump said.

Officer South's Simon Beard, from the cattle farm Meat Me At The Gate, said, "he isn't going to lose sleep over it."

"Wherever we lose out, we will gain it back elsewhere.

"I don't worry that much about these things, things I can't control."

It was only last year that most of China's sanctions on Australian beef were lifted.



President Trump (Mary Altaffer/AAP) and Isaac from Meat Me At The Gate (File: 361152)

In 2020, China withdrew export licenses from a number of Australian abattoirs which were then mostly reversed in May 2024.

Australian producers faced sanctions from the country's top overall trading partner, but will the tariff from the US prove more difficult?

For Bayles resident Tony Morgan, it's a matter of wait and see.

"America is a very big market, but I'm not sure you can say anything definitive at this stage," he said.

Morgan feels there won't be any immediate impacts as any changes take time in agriculture.

"If beef herds were to scale up in the US, that would take years."

Wood family's interest in migration firm revealed

By Corey Everitt

Amid a heated debate around migration numbers, local Liberal MP and shadow minister for migrant services, Jason Wood, declared his family's stake in a company that assists migrants in securing visas.

The register of members' interests reveals that Wood's wife, Judy Cheung-Wood, is a director and significant shareholder of Ringwood-based company Ferntree Migration.

The consultancy firm assists migrants in securing their visa, from the application process to as far as "reviews concerning refusals or cancellations," the company website says.

Wood made the declaration in December 2023, the ASIC registry further confirms Cheung-Wood's directorship alongside Cathrine Burnett-Wake, a former State Liberal MP who appears to be the face of the company.

The company was registered with ASIC in August 2023, since that time, Wood has been the opposition's spokesperson on migrant services, multicultural affairs, and community safety.

A spokesperson for the Liberal Party told the Age an "administrative error" had resulted in the interest being declared outside of the required time.



Opposition leader Peter Dutton and La Trobe MP Jason Wood. (File)

"Mr Wood's wife's business dealings are a matter for her, and he does not involve himself in the business," the spokesperson said.

The Coalition has wedged the Albanese Government heavily on migration, with the promise to significantly cut numbers down as a core part of their platform.

Opposition leader Peter Dutton has previously been critical of the appeals process for visas, particularly for international student numbers where he suggested it is like the "modern version of the boat arrivals."

The Age reports Cheung-Wood has a 50 percent stake in the company according to the ASIC registry.

If the Coalition were to form government this election and Wood were to be elected, there is a possibility he could take on his respective portfolios on the frontbench.

"At all times, Mr. Wood has complied with his obligations as a Member of Parliament and a Member for the Dutton Shadow Ministry," a spokesperson said.

"Any conflict of interest would be managed in the appropriate way in a Dutton Government."

Criticisms after proposal to cap international students

The National Tertiary Education Union has criticised the crucial decision to cap international student intake, following the recent announcement by the Coalition to cap it to 240,000 a year if elected.

A recent release from the NTEU condemned the 25 per cent reduction, warning that the policy will devastate the higher education sector, threaten thousands of jobs, and undermine Australia's research capability and international standing.

In addition to the cap, this would only see pubic universities limited to 115,000 places, with the policy specifically targeting metropolitan and Group Eight universities.

NTEU national president Dr Alison Barnes said that the policy represents a direct attack on public universities.

"This reckless policy will cost the Australian economy approximately $5.8 billion and potentially lead to thousands of job losses across the sector, based on previous impacts witnessed during Covid-19," Barnes said.



The Coalition has proposed to cap international students at 240,000 a year and only 115,000 for public universities. (File)

"The trauma from tens of thousands of Covid-era job losses remains fresh in the workforces' mind, with two-thirds of university staff already employed insecurely, our sector cannot sustain another round of devastating cuts."

The Group Eight universities represent Australia's leading research capabilities, in addition to high academic repertoire, this includes both Victoria's University of Melbourne and Monash University.

The proposed policy would introduce prohibitive visa fees - increasing to $5000 for Group Eight universities and $2500 for other institutions, with an additional penalty $2500 penalty fee for students who change providers.

"International education is not just a revenue stream for universities - it's a cornerstone of Australia's educational ecosystem, cultural exchange, and global standing, yet as we approach the election, international students ae increasingly caught in the political crossfire," Barnes said.

"Peter Dutton's Coalition has adopted rhetoric that demonises international students, using extreme Trumpist language that evokes harmful stereotypes rather than addressing real policy issues.

"Last year, he referred to international students as 'modern day boat arrivals' - rhetoric that damages Australia's reputation as a welcoming destination for global talent."

Barnes further added that Dutton's policy is simply a move to use international students as a scapegoat for housing constraints, a "theory that was debunked" by Barnes' cited source from an article titled 'Scapegoating international students for the rental crisis? Insights from large-scale evident (2017-2024) in Australia.'

The NTEU as a whole has pointed out the ongoing decline in government funding as the root cause of universities' financial vulnerability, with federal funding falling from 0.9 per cent of GDP in 1995 to 0.6 per cent in 2021.

"International education contributes over $40 billion annually to the Australian economy,

supporting approximately 250,000 jobs across multiple sectors; beyond economics, these

students enrich our classrooms with diverse perspectives and create vital global networks that benefit Australia for decades to come," Dr Barnes said.

Superules for a super day

By Afraa Kori

The Beaconsfield Superules Footy Club hosted a jam-packed Family Day featuring three thrilling home games and a range of fun activities for all ages.

Held at Perc Allison Oval in Beaconsfield on April 6, the event kicked off with an exciting lineup of matches, including over 50s vs Eastern Warriors, over 45s vs Frankston, and over 35s vs Mordialloc.

Families in attendance enjoyed face painting, a jumping castle, and balloon twisting, while the Rush Coffee van was on hand to fuel up supporters.

In a generous gesture, all families, supporters, and players were treated to a free dinner at the end of the day.

The perfect weather added to the festive atmosphere, making it a fantastic day out for the whole family.

The event was a great showcase of community spirit, with many attendees cheering on the teams and enjoying the activities.

Overall, the Beaconsfield Superules Family Day was a huge success, and the club is already looking forward to next year's event.



L-R Darren Hansen (President) and Shelby Newman-Christian.



Shelby Newman-Christian giving Layla a go on the jumping castle. (Photos Garry Sissons: 470140)



Sue Hawkins and Leighton from Clyde North.



Face Painting and Balloon twisting. Kiddly-Winks.



L-R Darrin Kyval, John McGough, Luke Axelby and Paul Wood.



Reebe from Berwick collecting his colourful balloon.



Lilliana from Clyde North had a butterfly painted on her face.



Crowd enjoying the day.



The footy match was underway.



Competitive game.



Footy action entertained the crowd.

Emerald now proudly boasts own art gallery

Cardinia Shire now has its own Art Gallery in Emerald to showcase local artists.

There has been a flurry of activity to get the old tea rooms in the Emerald Lake Park precinct ready as a Pop Up Gallery in time for the PAVED Festival.

Members of Emerald Arts Society (EAS), Hills Photographic Society and Cardinia Art Society (CART) have been hunting down their best art to showcase the amazing talent in Cardinia Shire.

It all became possible following the success of the motion at the last Council meeting on 17 March by Cr David Nickell to halt the demolition of the old tea rooms in the Emerald Lake Precinct and make it available to be part of the PAVED Festival.

President of EAS, Russell Simpson contacted the other art groups in the shire to see if they could form an alliance and make a call to action.

With everyone on board, the can-do approach of Cardinia Shire Council, some artistic imagination and plenty of elbow grease, the dream has become a reality.

President of CART Jillian Ronald has been advocating for a space to showcase amazing local talent for ten years and is excited to see that it has finally come to pass.

"The old tearooms make a great gallery," Jillian said.

"It is set in a beautiful location and if you haven't visited the park lately, come and see it in all its Autumn glory.

While you are there, pop into Art in the Park. We will be open daily from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free."



Pop Up Gallery at the old team rooms in the Emerald Lake precinct. (Supplied)

The Gallery's exhibition has been curated with the theme of Autumn in mind, but there is a great diversity of art on display, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Each weekend, artists will be demonstrating their talent.

EAS President Russell Simpson said, "If you have a blank space on your wall and have been looking for a special artwork, come down for a visit to see what is on offer.

"All the art on display is for sale."

The gallery also has a gift shop filled with bespoke items crafted by participating artists, which make great presents.

The Pop Up Gallery will remain open daily until 4 May 2025. The alliance hopes that this gallery will be so successful that it will remain open into the future.

To get to the gallery, follow the art signs up the hill from the carpark.

The Gallery is in the old kiosk and is about a 5-minute walk.

More details can be found online by searching "Art in The Park" at whatsoncardinia.com.au



Cardinia Art Society President with her "Nature Vacuum" artwork, which still works as a vacuum. (Supplied)



Emerald Arts Society President, Russell Simpson with the old saws artwork. (Supplied)

PAVED Festival kicks off

Emerald's PAVED Festival kicked off with the annual FunFest this past weekend with great success, attracting a large crowd of locals and visitors.

Held at the Gemco Players Community Theatre on Sunday 6 April, highlights included live music performances, family-friendly activities like carnival rides, and an array of food trucks offering delicious treats.

The FunFest is at the start of the almost weeklong PAVED Festival, standing for Performing and Visual Arts in Emerald & District, celebrating all things arts and culture in Emerald.

PAVED will include a host of events each day until Saturday 12 April, such as an open mic night, exhibitions and art workshops.

The FunFest brought the community together in a celebration of culture, creativity, and fun. To find out about the other events during PAVED Festival, go to: paved.org.au


L-R Margaret and Ian Anderson serving drinks in the renovated train carriage.


Christopher Tabecki from Emerald playing the Melodeon.


Ulla Taylor artist from Windsor painting a Gang Gang Cockatoo.


Phil Young from Tecoma. Emerald Engine Club.


10yo Lilly from Emerald.


Tambura Belly Dance group from Ferntree Gully.


Nathan and Evie from IGA. (Afraa Kori)


Richard cooking.


Garry serving.

Gembrook unites to raise funds for community

By Afraa Kori

The Gembrook community group came together last month to raise vital funds for both the local CFA and defibrillator maintenance.

Nathan, the owner of Cockatoo IGA, and Evie, the community services manager, provided all the food, equipment, and support for a BBQ held outside Cockatoo IGA on March 27. Their generous donation ensured that every cent raised went towards helping the community, with $818 raised for the Gembrook Community Group during the event.

A second BBQ held on the Saturday before the CFA Trivia Night raised an additional $380.

The funds raised are essential in maintaining the defibrillators stationed throughout the town.

Garry McGough, leader of the Gembrook Road Action Team, emphasized that, while there are a few defibrillators in Gembrook, accessibility in public spaces remains a concern.

The Gembrook Community Group, which receives no funding from the council, relies on local support to sustain such services.


Garry, Richard, Nathan and Evie.


Rose Vince.

"We're raising money to give back to the community, and that's what makes Gembrook such a strong and supportive place," Garry said.

"When we work together, we build something special, and these fundraising events are a perfect example of that."

The funds raised will help ensure Gembrook remains a safer, more connected place for everyone.

Officer local for Greens


Greens candidate for La Trobe, Jamie Longmuir. (Supplied)

By Corey Everitt

The Greens have chosen their candidate for La Trobe: Officer resident Jamie Longmuir, who says he will fight for better living standards and make corporations pay their fair share.

The 25-year-old announced his candidacy on Monday 7 April, he will contest Liberal Jason Wood and Labor's Jeff Springfield among other contenders in the 3 May federal election.

He grew up on a farm in Officer and said his family roots in the community have inspired him to follow in their steps.

He has worked in the disability support sector as well as in the renewable energy sector.

Longmuir says it was the Black Summer bushfires of 2019 - 2020 that got him into politics, as it increased his deep concern for the environment.

"Leading scientists warn that such extreme events may become the norm by 2040 in Australia under the current climate trajectory," he said.

"Additionally, the Great Barrier Reef has suffered massive coral bleaching, with studies suggesting that 50% of the reef has died due to rising ocean temperatures.

"This is particularly saddening as, having seen the reef firsthand in my youth, I fear

future generations may not have the same opportunity to experience this natural wonder."

Co-founder of the South East Climate Action Network, Longmuir reports experience in climate activism with groups like Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and Rising Tide.

As the Greens candidate, Longmuir hopes to present an alternative to Labor and Liberal for people who wish for more urgent action on climate change and to see Australia's powerful mining and fossil fuel companies held to account.

"Both the Liberal and Labor parties continue to provide billion-dollar subsidies to the declining, harmful finite fossil fuel industry, which risks undermining Australia's global competitiveness to become a renewable energy exporting leader and our future of living in a safe climate," Longmuir said.

Alongside halting new coal and gas projects; he and the Greens call for reducing the cost of living with such measures as including dental and mental health into Medicare, implementing rent freezes during this housing crisis and promoting publicly owned utilities in the transition to renewables.

"At the Greens we want to make multi-national corporations pay their fair share of tax and fund $514 billion for things we all need," Longmuir said.

"Residents in the electorate of La Trobe deserve a better standard of living and a safe climate to live in, and I am ready to demand it."

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Bridget (aide) and Elsa (teacher).


Imogen.


Nate. (Stewart Chambers: 465141)


Elijah.

Colour run fun day delight

By Violet Li

Devon Meadows Primary School held its annual fun colour run on Friday 28 March.

According to the school's mental health and well-being leader Nicole Lockhart, it has been approximately the fifth year of the event and this year, it was such a success.

"They (students) just run around for about forty-five minutes. There are little obstacles like inflatable doughnuts, so they start off being sprayed with water by the parents, and then they go around and get immersed in all the colours," Ms Lockhart recalled.

"Just such a joy and all children of all ages and abilities just don't wipe the smile off their face for the whole time.

"They absolutely love it and look forward to it every year."

About 20 community members were involved in the organisation of the colour run, Ms Lockhart shared.

"The initiative was something that came from the parent and friends committee, and they just wanted an effective and fun way to raise some funds for the school," she said.

"So each child developed their own profile online and then received sponsorships through that. And once they have raised a certain amount of money for the school, they get prizes as well."


Willow and Aubrey.

Heritage returns to treasured Harewood House

One of the oldest properties in Cardinia hosted its annual celebration of history and tradition on the weekend.

Harewood Heritage Day was held on Sunday 6 April at the famous Harewood House. The day sees the more than 150-year-old property in Kooweerup open up to the public.

It serves as a yearly fundraiser for the Kooweerup Regional Health Service, all proceeds go to the Ladies Auxiliary to help purchase much-needed equipment for the service and the Westernport and Killara Nursing Homes.

Old garments, classic vehicles, traditional lacemaking and embroidery, the popular pipe band performance, Irish dancing and much more were enjoyed on the day.

The big ticket item is the Shetland Pony Showcase, which holds a special place at Harewood as the original settlers were the first to bring Shetland ponies to Australia.

MC Graeme Moore got out his best top hat for the occasion, alongside many locals who love old-fashioned dress.

Harewood House was completed in 1868 on the coast of Western Port Bay by the Lyall Family, who migrated from Scotland.


Music in Harewood House.


From left: Megann, Alice and former councillor Kaye Cameron. (Supplied)


Alice with Ned Kelly (Mayor Kowarzik).


Diane from Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group.


Shetland Pony Showcase.

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The State Government released 35,000 rainbow trout into lakes across the state in September last year.

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Many of the freshly-stocked lakes have fishing platforms, walking tracks, barbecues, and playgrounds, ready for a fun and easy day out for the whole family.

Families can join the fun at lakes across Melbourne and in regional areas.

Rainbow trout are the perfect catch for beginners because they can easily be caught using widely available bait.

"These catchable size rainbow trout for kids are part of our record-breaking stocking program, which released more than 11.5 million fish, more than all other states and territories combined," Victorian Fisheries Authority CEO Travis Dowling said.

The State Government provided Little Angler Kits to school students across Victoria, including a rod and guide to fishing with advice on how to catch a rainbow trout, what bait to use, and more handy hints for reeling in a catch.



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To view the full list of lakes and see what's been stocked at your local fishing spot, head to vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout.

More information about fishing can be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide, which is available free at most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide, or via the free Vic Fishing app.











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Prepare yourself with a variety of fun kids activities for the next school holidays.

Keep your children busy and the planet happy

With the next round of school holidays quickly approaching, many parents and guardians may be scratching their heads trying to think of activities to keep their kids occupied.

Read on to find out a few fun ideas to keep the kids busy in a sustainable way:

- Make your own backyard games: rather than buying new toys for the holidays, use a few common household items to create some fun games. For example, find empty plastic bottles, paint them white with red stripes and use tennis balls to make your own pin bowling set.
- Go on an insect scavenger hunt: create a checklist of insect pictures of the bugs and other critters found in your backyard. Go outside with the kids and a magnifying glass and teach them about the little beasties around your home.
- Build a little veggie garden. Pick up a small garden bed from your local hardware store, along with enough bags of soil, manure and other products to fill it. Plant some easy veggie seedlings and use some icy pole sticks to write the name of the plants in the garden.

Not only will these activities keep your kids entertained and happy for some time over the holidays, they will also benefit the planet!

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Q&A

with Berwick artist Warda Sajid

What/who inspired you to pursue your current profession, and what drives your passion?

I've been painting since I was a kid, and it's always been my way of expressing myself. I'm self-taught, so I've had the freedom to explore and figure things out on my own. What really drives me is the idea of connecting with people through my work. Art has the power to transform a space, bring peace, and make people feel something deep inside. I want to pursue this full-time and show that art is a real, valuable profession especially for those who think it's not. It's more than just a hobby; it's something that has real impact, and I'm determined to make it my full-time career.

What's the arts scene like in your area? What local events, festivals, or exhibitions would you recommend? Is there anything exciting that the community should expect from you?

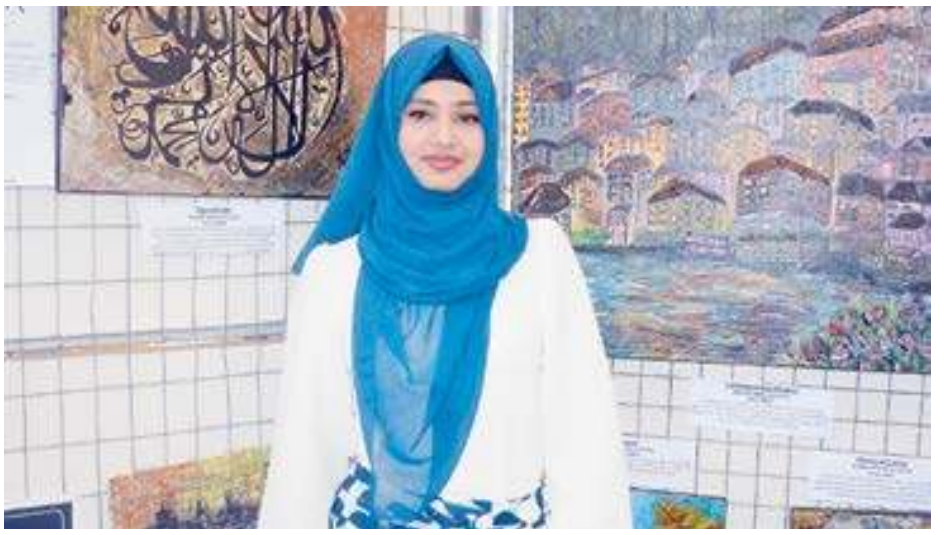
The art scene in Melbourne is vibrant, and locally in Pakenham, there's a lot of creativity in the air. I've had the opportunity to showcase my work in a local library exhibition, and I'm looking forward to more exhibitions and events soon. I'm also exploring new platforms to share my art, so there's plenty of exciting stuff coming up, hopefully.

If you could effect change in your field or community, what would it be?

I'd love to see more opportunities for artists like me to get their work out there. The art world can feel exclusive, and it's tough when you don't have formal training. I think there's a lot of untapped talent that deserves to be showcased. I also want to challenge the perception that art is just a hobby. It's a real, valuable profession that can impact lives, bring healing, and transform spaces.

What's your favourite artwork that you have created, and what's the story or meaning behind it? Also, what do you tend to paint/draw/create?

One of my favorite pieces is Shadow and Shimmer. It explores the contrasts of light and dark, things seen and unseen kind of like how life often has both visible and hidden layers. My art is all about evoking emotions, bringing peace, and enhancing spaces. I want people to feel something when they look at my work whether it's calm, nostalgia, or inspiration.



Warda Sajid. (Afraa Kori)

What is your biggest accomplishment that you are most proud of?

My biggest accomplishment so far is having my first exhibition. It was a huge milestone for me as a self-taught artist, and it felt amazing to finally have my work showcased to a wider audience. It was the moment I realized that my art was starting to make its way into the world, and that was such a fulfilling feeling.

What is something on your bucket list?

Exhibiting internationally is definitely on my bucket list. It would be amazing to see my art reach people from different parts of the world and connect with other artists in diverse cultures.

What is your legacy, or what do you want to be remembered as?

I want to be remembered as someone who followed her dreams, pushed boundaries, and embraced the beauty of growth. Art is a journey, and I hope it will inspire others to step out of their comfort zones, pursue their passions, and create without limits.

What have you learned about yourself as an artist or individual throughout your journey?

I've learned that the best growth comes when you push yourself beyond your comfort zone. Being self-taught means you'll make mistakes, but it also means you'll learn from them and keep evolving. I've learned to embrace the process, be patient, and trust that each step—no matter how small is progress. Art has taught me to take risks and keep moving forward, even when things feel uncertain.

THREE ...

facts about young people

1 **Increased Focus on Mental Health:** Young people are prioritising their mental health and well-being, recognising the importance of self-care and seeking help when needed.

2 **Digital Fluency:** Young people are naturally adept at navigating the digital world, using technology to connect with others, access information, and express themselves.

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Lions win scrap with Tigers

By Justin Schwarze

Pakenham Football Club has begun its journey into the unknown with a spark, taking down Yea in the first test of the Outer East Division 1 season.

In the hour and 40 minute trek from Toomuc Reserve to the Yea Showgrounds, the Lions had to make sure their trip to unfamiliar territory was worth it.

The Tigers seemed primed to be kings of the round one jungle, pouncing on the sluggish Pakenham half-backs to get rolling in the first period.

Ben Sandells kicked the first of the season in front of the home fans, before the Lions responded through Bailey Stiles and Josh Haggar majors.

The hosts then steadied, booting the final three goals of the opening term to lead 4.1 (25) to 2.2 (14) at the first change.

"Some basic skill errors cost us in the first quarter and they scored off the back of turnovers," Pakenham senior coach Justin Stanton said.

"We managed to go inside and kick a couple of goals which was good but overall they had the better first quarter."

The second period was back and forth, with Pakenham narrowly winning the quarter by kicking four goals to Yea's three.

A very late Stiles goal had the Lions kick three of the last four, trimming the margin back to just two at the main break.

Yea's accuracy in front of goal at 7.1 (43) had its nose in front of Pakenham 6.5 (41).

"The second quarter was similar, they generated a fair bit of run off half-back," Stanton said.

"Our half-forwards weren't working hard enough to stop that, and they got good looks inside 50 and managed to capitalise.

"They kicked really accurately because they opened us up and got themselves easy goals."

The Tigers threw the first punch out of the rooms, with Corbin Sutherland kicking truly to give the hosts a nine-point cushion.

From there, the Lions dominated, recording eight out of the next nine scores for the match, being 4.4, with Stiles booting his third for the day.

Haggar's third at the 20 minute mark had Pakenham in front by nearly three goals, a complete momentum switch.

Some late behinds meant at the final intermission, the Lions 10.9 (69) had opened up Yea 8.3 (51).

In the final term, emerging talent and young gun Mason Hall kicked truly twice in the span of 90 seconds, further pushing the difference on the scoreboard out of reach of the hosts.

Sandells booted his third and final for the day late in the term, but the damage was already done as Pakenham 12.13 (85) ran over the Tigers 9.4 (58) in the second half.

"In the third quarter, it was an all-out effort and our intensity level lifted really well," Stanton said.



Bailey Stiles played an important role for Pakenham, kicking three goals. (Euan Poulton: 470630)

"Our third quarter was our best quarter for the game by a mile, maybe not so much on the scoreboard, but it was more just the way we attacked the footy and our tackling pressure was really high, which was good.

"We had 15 inside 50s to four, so we really turned the table on them but we didn't capitalise as much as I would've liked.

"The last quarter was a bit of an arm wrestle, it ended up being a four and a half goal win which was good because going into round one, we didn't know anything about the opposition and we had seven guys make their senior debut for the club."

In the second half, Pakenham kicked six goals to two to turn the game on its head.

With a third of the team pulling on the Lions guernsey for the first time, Stanton was impressed with how the team managed as a unit.

"I thought our leaders collectively stood up really well," he said.

"Tanner Stanton, Luke Ryan and Bailey Stiles, those three in particular really stood up when it counted.

"Our forwards led by Josh Haggar and Sam Cachia worked really hard all day."

Stanton, Stiles, Haggar, Ryan, Oscar Jones and D'Angelo Taito were among the best on field for the visitors.

A young side, five of the seven debutants was aged 20 or younger.

However, the resilience shown after going behind by 16 points early in the second was noteworthy to Stanton.

"After going three goals down, the way the on-field leaders just settled things down was great and we just won the footy and retained the footy for a few minutes and we were able to score," he recalled.

"Before we knew it, it was a couple of goals and we went into halftime only a couple of points down.

"That was a good, pivotal moment, midway through that second quarter, where we just wrestled the momentum back off them.

"Even though we were down at halftime, I knew if we could get that energy up in the third quarter, we were going to be hard to stop."

Walking away with a 27-point victory was a big achievement, especially with how blindsided the club was with intel and matchups.

The new challenge of Division 1 will come with plenty of surprises, obstacles and adjustments.

"We noticed the belief once we started to open the game up in the second half, we were able to cover the ground a bit better than them and we were able to stick tackles," Stanton said of adapting to the new opposition.

"Our players were able to look at their opponents and some were standing there with their hands on their hips and sort of struggling a bit, so that gave our guys the motivation to think that we were on top."

Haggar, Stiles and Hall were key for Pakenham as forward threats, kicking eight of the team's 12 goals for the afternoon.

This comes with extremely dynamic and exciting young talent Zak De Bono booting an unbelievable 10 goals in the under-18s earlier in the day.

"They've just got a really good work rate," Stanton said of his forwards.

"They're a hard matchup because they're so fit, athletic and aerobic.

"Sometimes they'll sit deep, other times they'll work up really high, they cover a lot of kilometers in a game and that's part of the way they try and break down their opponent."

For Stanton, it was his first game in charge of the Pakenham Football Club as senior coach.

He and the Lions made their mark by clawing a win, and they hope to bring the momentum into a colossal clash with Powelltown at Toomuc Reserve this week.

"It's always good to get a win early when you take over the main job at a new club, so that was exciting," Stanton admitted.

"I got a thrill, when I was driving home I thought about the smiles on the faces of the guys that made their debut, and their parents were in the rooms afterwards taking photos with their match guernseys.

"Those sorts of things made it fulfilling and the hard work from the committee throughout the week and to get up there early Saturday morning to help support, it's a huge effort and its good reward for them also."

Powelltown will charge into Pakenham after knocking off Yarra Junction, 15.15 (105) to 11.7 (73), thanks to a five-goal bag from Josh Cowan.

At Belgrave Recreation Reserve, Warburton Millgrove 14.20 (104) held off Belgrave 8.10 (58).

Tom Barr and Bailey Humphrey kicked three goals each for the Burras.

Seville's prelim loss last season after finishing first is still in its mind, as it thumped Yarra Glen at home, 16.18 (114) to 4.12 (36).

Ryan Farrow booted four goals and skipper Jack Nolan kicked three in victory.

Alexandra had the bye in the opening round.

In round 2, Pakenham hosts Powelltown, Yea visits Yarra Junction, Yarra Glen welcomes Belgrave to town, Alexandra has its first game of the season away at Seville and Warburton Millgrove has the bye.



Outer East Football Competition

PREMIER

SENIORS

HEALESVILLE	2.3	5.5	7.6	9.7(61)
UPWEY TECOMA	1.1	2.3	4.6	5.7(37)

Healesville Goals: Tyler Barclay 3, Aidan Rouse 3, Hugo Munn 2, Max Donegan. Best: Nick Mende, Liam Daly, Aidan Rouse, Hugo Munn, Callum Bradley, Tyler Barclay.

Upwey Tecoma Goals: Spencer Richards-West 2, Oscar Miles, Jack Murray, Jai Sheehan. Best: Heath Sartori, Jai Sheehan, Bailey Oates, Corey Wakefield, Spencer Richards-West, Nathan Waterman.

MONBULK	2.3	5.11	7.14	10.24(84)
GEMBROOK-COCKATOO	1.1	4.1	5.4	7.4(46)

Monbulk Goals: Joel Wensley 3, Ryan Burleigh 2, Adam Banks, Lochlan Beecroft, Declan Browne, Brodie Emmett, Josh Rak. Best: Ryan Burleigh, Lachlan Sheppard, Lochlan Beecroft, Josh Rak, Max Thornton, Riley Finlay.

Gembrook-Cockatoo Goals: Ashley Beck 2, Michael Bourne, Michael Firrito, Robin Nahas, Patrick Snoxell, Louis van Dam. Best: Christopher Bourne, Benjamin Schultze, Brad Frater, Robin Nahas, Patrick Snoxell, Michael Bourne.

OFFICER	1.3	4.4	5.5	5.6(36)
OLINDA FERNY CREEK	2.8	6.10	12.12	16.17(113)

Officer Goals: Omar Ashkar, Taj Beddows, Matthew Di Biase, Brent Moloney, Mark Seedsman. Best: Jake Gains, Antonio Quach, Joshua Westra, Diesel De Santis, Bowen Johnston, Brent Moloney.

Olinda Ferny Creek Goals: Lachlan Kennedy 5, Luca Smith 5, Patrick Rosier 2, Lachlan Taylor 2, Anthony Giacobbe, Stuart Horner. Best: Stuart Horner, Lachlan Kennedy, Matthew Scharenberg, Luca Smith, Francis Seal, Kelsey Currie.

WOORI YALLOCK	2.2	11.4	14.7	23.8(146)
EMERALD	4.3	4.6	5.9	8.11(59)

Woori Yallock Goals: Taylor Gibson 11, Harvey Smith 3, Roy Ray 2, Archie Spencer 2, Joel Adams, Kody Busoli, Christian Cameron, Tyler Ormsby, Hunter Ryan. Best: Taylor Gibson, Archie Spencer, Kane Thompson, Hunter Ryan, Angus Smith, Roy Ray.

Emerald Goals: Ewan Wadsworth 4, Braydon Bell, David Johnson, Ben Lewis, Bradley Pepi. Best: Ewan Wadsworth, Aidan Grose, Luka Pukitis, Isaac Seskis, Steven Kapahnke, Ethan Grose.

MT EVELYN	1.1	2.5	3.8	4.10(34)
WANDIN	7.6	14.6	23.9	27.13(175)

Mt Evelyn Goals: Daniel Chamberlin, Michael Gibbons, William Gordon, Daimon Kift. Best: Lucas O'Neill, Luke Inaps, Jack Hourihan, Tom Burkitt, Daimon Kift.

Wandin Goals: Aaron Mullett 9, Joel Garner 4, Macauley Beckwith 2, Patty Bruzzese 2, Cody Hirst 2, Tom Merlino 2, Brodie Atkins, Cayden Black, Patrick Hodgett, Ben Johnson, Harrison van Duuren, Joshua Vennix. Best: Aaron Mullett, Joel Garner, Cody Hirst, Brodie Atkins, Patty Bruzzese

RESERVES

HEALESVILLE	0.1	2.2	4.2	5.2(32)
UPWEY TECOMA	0.8	2.12	5.14	12.14(86)

Healesville Goals: Shane Mansfield 2, Max Renouf, Tyler Tweedie. Best: Kyan Barclay, Daniel Ebbels, Riley Cameron, Daniel Plozza, Tyler Tweedie, Max Wallace.

Upwey Tecoma Goals: Thomas Brady 2, Beau Eagle, Blair Sheppard, Andy Sinclair, Nathan Zietz. Best: Zane Smith, Rory Burke, Ethan Wright, Simon Orenshaw, Sam Murray, Thomas Brady.

MONBULK	2.0	7.3	10.3	12.6(78)
GEMBROOK-COCKATOO	0.1	1.1	4.1	5.2(32)

Monbulk Goals: Steven Shankly 3, Lachlan Smith 3, Bailey Rutherford 2, Thomas Berman, Kieren Galloway, Ben Grimes, Johnathon Hevern. Best: Josh Wentworth, Steven Shankly, Charlie Barge, Lachlan Smith, Tim Rickard, Coby Passingham.

Gembrook-Cockatoo Goals: Reece Pepi 2, Brayden Baguley, Giordan Nguyen. Best: Zachariah Shelton, Kurtis Tjepkema, Hudson Jenner, Jesse Pantorno, Reece Pepi.

OFFICER	4.4	9.7	15.9	19.11(125)
OLINDA FERNY CREEK	0.1	1.1	1.2	2.2(14)

Officer Goals: Tommy Marks 5, Tyler Astle 3, Lachie Ward 3, Lachlan Balzary 2, Angus Clavarino 2, Nathan Fitzpatrick, Jack Hamilton, Connor King, James Southgate. Best: Byron Neale, Tommy Marks, Joshua King, Connor King, Kyle Gains, Jack Hamilton.

Olinda Ferny Creek Goals: Oliver Clarke, Charlie Hooper. Best: Oliver Clarke, Ethan Royle-Young, Bon Sullivan, max Monkhorst, Chris Darling, Caleb Johnson.

WOORI YALLOCK	2.7	5.9	7.14	7.17(59)
EMERALD	2.0	4.0	6.0	7.1(43)

Woori Yallock Goals: Luke Boontjes 2, Maximus Iskra 2, Gabriel Conboy, Hamish Gemmill, Zac Matheson. Best: Zac Matheson, Hamish Gemmill, Caleb Lee, Ryley Dare, Leigh Vander Vlugt, Gabriel Conboy.

Emerald Goals: Oscar Dempsey 2, Steven Paull 2, Ambrose Berry, Robert Cracknell, Lachlan Hoye. Best: Jack Raukola, Jye Raistrick, Ambrose Berry, Hendrix Boyle, Charles Allan, Steven Paull.

MT EVELYN	2.1	6.4	6.4	8.5(53)
WANDIN	2.1	4.5	4.5	5.11(41)

Mt Evelyn Goals: Not Available.

Best: Not Available.

Wandin Goals: Josh Atkins, Blake Chrisfield, Alistair Gray, Harry Mitchell, Tyson Smith. Best: Thomas Leech-Hines, Tyson Smith, Nicholas Pike, Joshua Dymond, Abachez Piper-Matthias, Darby Huggins

UNDER 18

HEALESVILLE	4.3	7.6	10.10	12.15(87)
UPWEY TECOMA	2.1	2.1	4.5	5.7(37)

Healesville Goals: Samual Anderson 4, Gideon Houlihan 3, Tyler Braden, Lucas Frazzetto, Hayden Green, Christian Hammond, Gabriel Houlihan. Best: Not Available.



Scarlett Henderson was one of the stars of round one in Outer East, booting eight goals for Warburton Wesburn against Officer. (Stewart Chambers: 469871)

Upwey Tecoma Goals: Aden Mulligan 3, Logan Chandler, Tom Hutcheon. Best: Connor McInerney, Aden Mulligan, Tom Hutcheon, Logan Chandler, George Tingay, Harrison Burrows.

MONBULK	0.4	3.4	5.6	6.10(46)
GEMBROOK-COCKATOO	4.1	6.2	9.3	9.5(59)

Monbulk Goals: Charlie Seamer 3, Riley Broadbent 2, William Hughson. Best: William Hughson, Eamon Dawson, Finn Horsfall, Charlie Seamer, Brock Downey, Myles Koelewyn.

Gembrook-Cockatoo Goals: Trey Pantorno 4, Charlie Eyssens 3, Brayden Allcott, Harrison McLean. Best: Dylan Martini, Charlie Eyssens, Trey Pantorno, Harrison McLean, Ricky Harris, Jye Madden.

OFFICER	2.2	4.2	7.4	10.5(65)
OLINDA FERNY CREEK	2.1	3.3	3.3	3.4(22)

Officer Goals: Jordan Gwin 2, Sebastian Sottile 2, Taj Kinder, Cameron Liddle, Mackenzie Rees, Brayden Richards, Zac Rob, Brock Thompson. Best: Tyler De Jong, Archie De La Rue, Taj Kinder, Nathan Hathaway, Anhadpal Singh Kang, Sebastian Sottile.

Olinda Ferny Creek Goals: Lennix Barry, Cassian Hine, Zachary Seal. Best: Campbell Hutchin, Charlie Hooper, Etienne Griersmith-Rowe, Lennix Barry, Tom Ford, Lachlan Tonkin.

MT EVELYN	2.1	7.5	10.7	12.12(84)
WANDIN	1.0	3.2	4.3	6.4(40)

Mt Evelyn Goals: Not Available.

Best: Not Available.

Wandin Goals: James Burns 2, Cooper Aitkins, Lachlan Alderman, Lachlan Holt, Bailen Smart. Best: James Burns, Lachlan Alderman, Kody Wilson, Mitchell Foletta, Cooper Aitkins, Hayden Paterson.

Bye: Woori Yallock

DIVISION 1

SENIORS

YEA	4.1	7.1	8.3	9.4(58)
PAKENHAM	2.2	6.5	10.9	12.13(85)

Yea Goals: Ben Sandells 3, Corbin Sutherland 3, Riley Aldous, James Marasco, Jack Rennex. Best: Jack Christie, Sam Nicholson, Zac Fawdry, Zack Papadopoulos, Hayden Witton, Jack Rennex.

Pakenham Goals: Joshua Haggar 3, Bailey Stiles 3, Mason Hall 2, Sam Cachia. Best: Bailey Stiles, Joshua Haggar, Tanner Stanton, Luke Ryan, Oscar Jones, D'Angelo Taito.

Other Games: Powelltown 1.15(105) def Yarra Junction 11.7(73), Belgrave 8.10(58) def by Warburton Millgrove 14.20(104), Seville 16.18(114) def Yarra Glen 4.12(36). Bye: Alexandra.

RESERVES

YEA	0.1	0.2	1.2	1.3(9)
PAKENHAM	6.0	8.5	10.9	13.12(90)

Yea Goals: Jye Aldous. Best: Zain Neicho, Hayden Gilmore, William Schwab, Josh Cunningham, Lachlan Scott, Julian Mahon.

Pakenham Goals: Matthew Vaiano 8, Caelan Addis 2, Mitch Moresco, Kade Perkins, Campbell Sheedy. Best: Daniel Peart, Ryley Green, Matthew Vaiano, Sebit Tit, Lochlan Menzel, Jai Cook.

Other Games: Powelltown 7.11(53) def Yarra Junction 5.7(37), Belgrave 15.4(94) def Warburton Millgrove 5.8(38), Seville 22.15(147) def Yarra Glen 1.1(7). Bye: Alexandra.

UNDER 18

YEA	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4(4)
PAKENHAM	5.6	10.13	17.17	24.19(163)

Yea Best: William Granter, Angus Antrobus, Harry Dignam, Thomas White, Tyren Duncan, Benjamin Birchall.

Pakenham Goals: Zakery De Bono 10, Liam Wilson 3, Corey Browitt 2, Brock Lyons 2, Samuel Matti 2, Paddy Fairclough, Noah Morrell, William Papas, Lachlan Rice, Triyaan Wijesekera. Best: Brody Hoppner, Zakery De Bono, Mason O'Dwyer, Lachlan Rice, Samuel Sollberger, Samuel Matti.

Other Game: Seville 15.10(100) def Yarra Glen 3.5(23). Byes: Alexandra, Warburton Millgrove.

WOMEN'S

DIVISION 1

HEALESVILLE	0.1	1.1	1.1	3.1(19)
UPWEY TECOMA	0.1	1.2	4.4	5.4(34)

Healesville Goals: Amelia English, Megan Schelfhout, Belle Watson. Best: Not Available.

Upwey Tecoma Goals: Alexandria Bantock 2, Jessica Occhipinti 2, Emma Caccetta. Best: Niamh Hunter-Clear, Kiana Oates, Sarah Payne, Emma Caccetta, Ari Dousset, Keira McCarrick.

WOORI YALLOCK	0.1	0.2	2.4	2.4(16)
PAKENHAM	0.0	1.0	1.0	3.0(18)

Woori Yallock Goals: Emelia Robin, Sky Wilson. Best: Emily Spicer, Belle Price, Emelia Robin, Piper Crymble, Sky Wilson, Frankie-Ella Taylor.

Pakenham Goals: Tianah Vandesteeg 2, Rachel Betteridge. Best: Beth Quadara, Courtney Stephens, Annalise Ryan, Charlotte Jones, Rachel Betteridge, Tianah Vandesteeg.

BELGRAVE	0.0	1.0	2.1	4.2(26)
OLINDA FERNY CREEK	0.0	0.2	3.7	4.9(33)

Belgrave Goals: Jess Walker 2, Charlotte Crabtree, Sophia Thomas-Tatti. Best: Not Available.

Olinda Ferny Creek Goals: Olivia Edwards 2, Madeleine Collins, **Eloise Tyler. Best:** Lily Carlin, Olivia Edwards, Anna Hughson, Maeve Higgins, Madeleine Collins, Vanessa Bateman.

Bye: Mt Evelyn.

DIVISION 2

YEA	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.7(7)
WANDIN	2.4	4.7	5.9	5.9(39)

Yea Best: Madison Sawyer, Sarah Arbuthnot, Bella Philpot, Madison Albers, Emily Kerr, Kate Elliott.

Wandin Goals: Lauren Sullivan 2, Mikayla Best, Emma O'Hare, Kiara-Shae Ryan-Bader. Best: Maeve O'Hare, Alysha Henskens, Aimee Atkins, Chloe Stokes, Emma O'Hare, Sarah Cobb.

OFFICER	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1(1)
WARBURTON-WESBURN	5.4	8.13	12.20	18.24(132)

Officer Best: Not Available.

Warburton-Wesburn Goals: Scarlett Henderson 8, Trinity Sullivan 2, Gabrielle Woods 2, Hollie Eckhardt, Jasmine Enever, Lilian Pagels, Madi Ward, Emerson Woods, Madelyn Wray. Best: Scarlett Henderson, Emerson Woods, Hollie Eckhardt, Madi Ward, Lilian Pagels, Ruby Ross.

SEVILLE	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.2(14)
THORNTON-EILDON	1.2	2.2	3.3	5.3(33)

Seville Goals: Jess Beraud, Emily Oliver. Best: Jess Beraud, Emily Oliver, Kaylen Tilney, Emer Murray, Orla Murray, Chelsea Gooren.

Thornton-Eildon Goals: Lucy McRae 2, Maya Fuller, Tahnee Heard, Trinity Tebbutt. Best: Rose Kealy, Jade Mewburn, Jamee Cousens, Imogen Paine, Lucy McRae, Tahnee Heard.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

PREMIER

		RD	TOTAL
Taylor Gibson	Woori Yallock	11	11
Aaron Mullett	Wandin	9	9
Lachlan Kennedy	Olinda Ferny Creek	5	5
Luca Smith	Olinda Ferny Creek	5	5
Ewan Wadsworth	Emerald	4	4
Joel Garner	Wandin	4	4
Tyler Barclay	Healesville	3	3
Joel Wensley	Monbulk	3	3
Aidan Rouse	Healesville	3	3
Harvey Smith	Woori Yallock	3	3

DIVISION 1

Josh Cowan	Powelltown	5	5
Leigh McCombe	Yarra Junction	5	5
Ryan Farrow	Seville	4	4
Dean Roy	Powelltown	4	4
Ben Sandells	Yea	3	3
Corbin Sutherland	Yea	3	3
Joshua Haggar	Pakenham	3	3
Bailey Humphrey	Warburton Millgrove	3	3
Josh Hawkins	Yarra Glen	3	3
Jack Nolan	Seville	3	3
Mason O'Neill	Seville	3	3
Tom Barr	Warburton Millgrove	3	3
Bailey Stiles	Pakenham	3	3

FIXTURE

PREMIER

Wandin v Woori Yallock
Emerald v Healesville
Gembrook-Cockatoo v Mt Evelyn
Upwey Tecoma v Officer
Olinda Ferny Creek v Monbulk

DIVISION 1

Pakenham v Powelltown
Yarra Junction v Yea
Yarra Glen v Belgrave
Seville v Alexandra
Bye: Warburton Millgrove

WOMEN'S

DIVISION 1

Pakenham v Mt Evelyn
Healesville v Belgrave
Olinda Ferny Creek v Woori Yallock
Bye: Upwey Tecoma

DIVISION 2

Wandin v Officer
Thornton Eildon v Warburton Wesburn
Emerald v Yea **Bye: Seville**

LADDERS

PREMIER

SENIORS	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Wandin	1	0	0	175	34	514.71	4
Woori Yallock	1	0	0	146	59	247.46	4
Olinda Ferny Creek	1	0	0	113	36	313.89	4
Monbulk	1	0	0	84	46	182.61	4
Healesville	1	0	0	61	37	164.86	4
Emerald	0	1	0	59	146	40.41	0
Gembrook Cockatoo	0	1	0	46	84	54.76	0
Upwey Tecoma	0	1	0	37	61	60.66	0
Officer	0	1	0	36	113	31.86	0
Mt Evelyn	0	1	0	34	175	19.43	0
RESERVES	**W**	**L**	**D**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Officer	1	0	0	125	14	892.86	4
Upwey Tecoma	1	0	0	86	32	268.75	4
Monbulk	1	0	0	78	32	243.75	4
Woori Yallock	1	0	0	59	43	137.21	4
Mt Evelyn	1	0	0	53	41	129.27	4
Wandin	0	1	0	41	53	77.36	0
Gembrook Cockatoo	0	1	0	43	59	72.88	0
Healesville	0	1	0	32	78	41.03	0
Olinda Ferny Creek	0	1	0	32	86	37.21	0
UNDER 18	**W**	**L**	**D**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Officer	1	0	0	65	22	295.45	4
Healesville	1	0	0	87	37	235.14	4
Mt Evelyn	1	0	0	84	40	210.00	4
Gembrook Cockatoo	1	0	0	59	46	128.26	4
Monbulk	0	1	0	46	59	77.97	0
Wandin	0	1	0	40	84	47.62	0
Upwey Tecoma	0	1	0	37	87	42.53	0
Olinda Ferny Creek	0	1	0	22	65	33.85	0
Woori Yallock	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0

DIVISION 1

SENIORS	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Seville	1	0	0	114	36	316.67	4
Warburton Millgrove	1	0	0	104	58	179.31	4
Pakenham	1	0	0	85	58	146.55	4
Powelltown	1	0	0	105	73	143.84	4
Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	4
Yarra Junction	0	1	0	73	105	69.52	0
Yea	0	1	0	58	85	68.24	0
Belgrave	0	1	0	58	104	55.77	0
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	36	114	31.58	0
RESERVES	**W**	**L**	**D**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Seville	1	0	0	147	7	2100	4
Pakenham	1	0	0	90	9	1000	4
Belgrave	1	0	0	94	38	247.37	4
Powelltown	1	0	0	53	37	143.24	4
Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	4
Yarra Junction	0	1	0	37	53	69.81	0
Warburton Millgrove	0	1	0	38	94	40.43	0
Yea	0	1	0	9	90	10.00	0
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	7	147	4.76	0
UNDER 18	**W**	**L**	**D**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Pakenham	1	0	0	163	4	4075	4
Seville	1	0	0	100	23	434.78	4
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	23	100	23.00	0
Yea	0	1	0	4	163	2.45	0
Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Warburton Millgrove	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Upwey Tecoma	1	0	0	34	19	178.95	4
Olinda Ferny Creek	1	0	0	33	25	132.00	4
Pakenham	1	0	0	18	16	112.50	4
Woori Yallock	0	1	0	16	18	88.89	0
Belgrave	0	1	0	25	33	75.76	0
Healesville	0	1	0	19	34	55.88	0
Mt Evelyn	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0

DIVISION 2

	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Warburton-Wesburn	1	0	0	132	1	13200	4
Wandin	1	0	0	39	7	557.14	4
Thornton Eildon	1	0	0	33	14	235.71	4
Seville	0	1	0	14	33	42.42	0
Yea	0	1	0	7	39	17.95	0
Officer	0	1	0	1	132	0.76	0
Emerald	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0



Taj Beddows prepares to dribble it through for Officer in the second term. (469883)



Aaron Mullett booted a massive haul of nine in Wandin's statement win. (Rob Carew: 430149)

Olinda draws first blood

By Justin Schwarze

OUTER EAST FOOTBALL
PREMIER REVIEW - ROUND 1



Olinda Ferny Creek had Officer surrounded all day in round one of Outer East Premier. (Rob Carew: 469883)

As the ball was bounced for the first time in Outer East Premier this season the anticipation and excitement was finally released with Officer hosting Olinda Ferny Creek.

The Bloods look to rebound after losing in last season's semi-final and rolled into Rob Porter Reserve with confidence.

For Officer, the game was new senior playing coach Nathan Allen's first time in charge of the Kangaroos outfit.

Olinda Ferny Creek dominated the first term in every aspect but failed to maximise the advantage on the scoreboard, despite being brave in the contest and winning the football repeatedly.

The visitors set the tone by racking up inside 50s, most of which resulted in minor scores or rushed kicks out of defence from Officer.

After three behinds, including a desperate smother on the goal line, skipper Lachie Taylor took matters into his own hands, brilliantly wrestling the ball from a ruck contest before throwing it onto the boot for the first major of the afternoon for the visitors.

Just two minutes later, a laser kick from Patrick Rosier found Luca Smith on the lead, as Smith kicked truly for a 16-0 start.

However, the trend of inaccuracy continued to plague the Bloods, scoring a further three behinds after Smith's goal.

A horrible turnover from a kick in the backline gave Taylor an easy opportunity that went begging when he missed to the right.

It was then Officer's turn to rain down minor scores, with a touch on the goal line, a missed set shot, and 2024 club leading goalkicker Mark Seedsman hitting the post providing its first scores.

Young gun Jackson Liddle was superb in the opening frame, lacing out teammates and standing up in the contest.

Just before the quarter time siren, Matt Di Biase was able to find space on the run in the hosts' forward 50, booting the first goal of the season for the Kangaroos that more importantly stopped the bleeding.

At the first change, Olinda Ferny Creek 2.8 (20) led Officer 1.3 (9).

The Kangaroos jumped on the opening clearance of the second period, creating a nice build-up which resulted in Brent Moloney capitalising with a major.

The visitors responded through Smith's second via a free kick, before Seedsman retaliated with a strong mark and goal for Officer.

Following that, Taylor continued his imposing start with a solid grab in the pocket before wheeling onto his right boot and snapping it through.

He wasn't done there, as a miss-kick from the Kangaroos at half back was intercepted by Lachlan Kennedy, who quickly hit a streaking Taylor on the chest for two in two minutes.

The hosts looked to hit back as Taj Beddows ran onto the ball launched inside 50 on a counter attack out of the backline.

Beddows had plenty of space, gathering himself to dribble it through to bring the margin back to 11 points.

With the clock winding down, the ball was sent in towards a pack inside Olinda Ferny Creek's 50, where Kennedy propped himself, but he was illegally held out of the contest and the umpire blew his whistle for a free kick.

As the siren sounded, Kennedy booted a goal that was a momentum crusher.

As the Bloods flocked to get around him, the scoreboard read Olinda Ferny Creek 6.10 (46) to Officer 4.4 (28).

The visitors came out on fire in the second half, booting the first four goals of the quarter to expand the margin to 43 points.

In that run, Smith managed his third and Kennedy snagged his second.

The streak of five unanswered Bloods goals ended when the Kangaroos got their first of the quarter through a clever midfield linkup.

Seedsman then took a strong mark and kicked his second poster of the day, a kick that resembled how the game was transpiring for Officer.

Smith wasn't finished in his attack, taking a brilliant grab and booting the ball straight and over the goal umpire's head late in the period.

In the dying moments of the term, the ball was sent back inside 50 for Olinda Ferny Creek, where Kennedy held onto a heavily contested mark and went back and slotted the goal after the siren yet again.

At the final break, the Bloods 12.12 (84) were well and truly on top of the Kangaroos 5.5 (35).

Kennedy had his fingerprints all over the fourth; kicking a further two majors to finish his outing with five.

Smith's final frame major meant he joined Kennedy with a five-goal haul of his own for the visitors, guiding them to a result of Olinda Ferny Creek 16.17 (113) to Officer 5.6 (36).

Taylor booted three for the Bloods, meaning Kennedy, Taylor and Smith combined for 13 of the Bloods' 16 goals.

Over at Healesville, the newly promoted boys from Don Road made their Premier mark by upsetting Upwey Tecoma, 9.7 (61) to 5.7 (37).

The perfect start was inspired by three goals each from Tyler Barclay and Aidan Rouse.

Emerald's attempt at slowing down 2024 league goalkicking winner Taylor Gibson were unsuccessful, as Gibson ran riot at Woori Yallock Reserve with an incredible bag of 11 goals.

Club best and fairest winner Ewan Wadsworth was at his usual best in defeat for the Bombers, starring in the forward line with four majors.

Gibson booted five of his 11 in the fourth, launching the Tigers into jubilation for the first time in 2025.

The final score had Woori Yallock 23.8 (146) defeat Emerald 8.11 (59).

Monbulk's inaccuracy kept it from blowing out Gembrook Cockatoo at home in the first hit out of the season.

The Hawks only managed 10.24 (84), but it was enough to get over the Brookers 7.4 (46).

In Sunday's lone game, Aaron Mullett and Wandin mauled Mount Evelyn, as the Bulldogs kicked 27 goals and charged to a 141-point road thrashing.

Mullett booted nine for the afternoon and outscored the hosts by himself, including three in the third where Wandin managed nine as a team in the period.

Joel Garner also kicked three in the third on his way to a four-goal effort.

When the siren sounded, the Bulldogs 27.13 (175) thrashed the Rovers 4.10 (34).

In round two, Wandin will head home to face Woori Yallock, Emerald hosts Healesville, Gembrook Cockatoo matches up with Mount Evelyn at Gembrook Recreation Reserve, Officer travels to take on Upwey Tecoma and Monbulk visits Olinda Ferny Creek.

Bombers make early sound

By Justin Schwarze

OUTER EAST NETBALL
NETBALL REVIEW - ROUND 1



Leah Mibus was excellent in ROC's narrow defeat to Olinda Ferny Creek. (Rob Carew: 469883)

As the whistle blew marking the beginning of the 2025 Outer East Netball season, Emerald's campaign took flight with a victory over Woori Yallock in Premier Division.

With the Tigers on home turf, the game was all square at the end of the first term.

The Bombers won the second frame, taking a two goal lead into halftime.

An even third quarter saw both sides score 12 goals and Emerald holding its two-goal advantage on the scoreboard into the fourth.

A dominant final period from the visitors had them outscoring their opponents 16-6 to run away with the victory, 51-39.

Goal Attack and co-captain Mackenzie Fox was brilliant alongside shooter Jackie Cutting, with other co-captain Casey Rhodes-Anderson standing tall in defence.

New Premier side Healesville outscored Upwey Tecoma in three out of four quarters to cruise to a 56-41 win.

Peri Reid's 61 goals ensured Monbulk absolutely pumped Gembrook Cockatoo at home, 85-20.

Mount Evelyn got the job done in front of the home fans against Wandin, riding a massive second quarter after trailing at the first break to come up with a 53-43 result.

A low-scoring, defensive affair between ROC and Olinda Ferny Creek came down to the wire at Rob Porter Reserve.

The visitors led by just one at quarter time, before giving themselves a five-goal buffer at the main intermission.

The Kangaroos regrouped in the second half, winning the third frame 11-6 to tie the game at the final change.

To start the fourth, Olinda Ferny Creek scored five of the first six goals, applying significant crunch time pressure.

From there, the teams exchanged blows, and two late goals from ROC couldn't get them back into it, as the visitors claimed the 39-35 victory.

Leah Mibus was outstanding for the hosts, while Mitzi Henry was great through the middle.

Eloise Argoon and Dana Millwood were rock solid and locked in on defence for the Bloods.

In Division 1, recently relegated Pakenham made a statement to the rest of the competition by handling business comfortably against Yea on the road.

A 14-4 first term had the Lions on the front foot early, with shooter Charlotte Hudolin doing damage.

Superstar keeper and team skipper Caitlin Cooke navigated the team with fantastic defending, holding the Tigers to just 14 first half goals.

Millicent Utber showed impressive versatility while at Centre, directing traffic and facilitating play for the visitors.

Hudolin finishing with 43 goals, partnered with an even better defensive second half, helped Pakenham leave Yea with a 58-27 win.

Yarra Junction rode a monstrous third term to blow away Powelltown as the Eagles won 61-20.

After leading 26-13 at halftime, Yarra Junction outscored its opponent 20-3 in the third frame to put the game completely out of reach.

Reigning premiers Warburton Millgrove were imposing at home, taking down Belgrave 74-30.

Bianca Daniels scored 30, Jordana Butcher contributed 25 and Karly Wappett recorded 19 goals in an all-around offensive output from the Burras.

At Seville, the hosts cruised to a 65-43 win over Yarra Glen.

After it was just a four goal margin at the first break, Seville took control of the matchup and made impact on the scoreboard.

The two-headed threat of Olivia Ray and Taylah Werner was too much for the River Pigs, especially after back-to-back 17 goal quarters in the second and third frames.

Outer East Netball Scoreboard

PREMIER DIVISION

A GRADE

Healesville 56 v Upwey Tecoma 41, Monbulk 85 v Gembrook-Cockatoo 20, Woori Yallock 39 v Emerald 51, ROC 35 v Olinda Ferny Creek 39, Mt Evelyn 53 v Wandin 43.

B GRADE

Healesville 3 v Upwey Tecoma 76, Monbulk 61 v Gembrook-Cockatoo 30, Woori Yallock 75 v Emerald 53, ROC 63 v Olinda Ferny Creek 43, Mt Evelyn 39 v Wandin 43.

C GRADE

Monbulk 30 v Gembrook-Cockatoo 20, Woori Yallock 31 v Emerald 39, ROC 55 v Olinda Ferny Creek 19, Mt Evelyn 32 v Wandin 28. Bye
Upwey Tecoma.

D GRADE

Monbulk 35 v Gembrook-Cockatoo 21, Woori Yallock 36 v Emerald 32, ROC 40 v Olinda Ferny Creek 28, Mt Evelyn 30 v Wandin 30. Bye: Upwey Tecoma.

17 UNDER

Monbulk 15 v ROC White 43, Woori Yallock 32 v Emerald 19, Mt Evelyn 33 v Wandin 38. Bye: ROC Blue.

15 UNDER

Monbulk Maroon 34 v ROC White 18, Pakenham Maroon 13 v ROC Blue 34, Woori Yallock 20 v Monbulk Gold 29. Bye: Pakenham Gold

DIVISION 1

A GRADE

Yea 27 v Pakenham 58, Powelltown 20 v Yarra Junction 61, Belgrave 30 v Warburton Millgrove 74, Seville 65 v Yarra Glen 43. Bye: Alexandra

B GRADE

Yea 23 v Pakenham 69, Powelltown 36 v Yarra Junction 45, Belgrave 30 v Warburton Millgrove 43, Seville 62 v Yarra Glen 24. Bye: Alexandra

C GRADE

Yea 9 v Pakenham 55, Powelltown 20 v Yarra Junction 20, Belgrave 24 v Warburton Millgrove 40, Seville 58 v Yarra Glen 17. Bye: Alexandra

D GRADE

Yea 15 v Pakenham 40, Powelltown 7 v Yarra Junction 21, Belgrave 18 v Warburton Millgrove 32, Seville 51 v Yarra Glen 15. Bye: Alexandra

17 UNDER

Seville 71 v Powelltown 5, Pakenham Gold 34 v Alexandra 9, Pakenham Maroon 29 v Warburton Millgrove 18.

LADDERS

PREMIER DIVISION

A GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Monbulk	**1**	**0**	**0**	**85**	**20**	**425.00**	**4**
Healesville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**56**	**41**	**136.59**	**4**
Emerald	**1**	**0**	**0**	**51**	**39**	**130.77**	**4**
Mt Evelyn	**1**	**0**	**0**	**53**	**43**	**123.26**	**4**
Olinda Ferny Creek	**1**	**0**	**0**	**39**	**35**	**111.43**	**4**
ROC	**0**	**1**	**0**	**35**	**39**	**89.74**	**0**
Wandin	0	1	0	43	53	81.13	0
Woori Yallock	0	1	0	39	51	76.47	0
Upwey Tecoma	0	1	0	41	56	73.21	0
Gembrook Cockatoo	0	1	0	20	85	23.53	0

B GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Upwey Tecoma	**1**	**0**	**0**	**76**	**3**	**2533.33**	**4**
Monbulk	**1**	**0**	**0**	**61**	**30**	**203.33**	**4**
ROC	**1**	**0**	**0**	**63**	**43**	**146.51**	**4**
Woori Yallock	**1**	**0**	**0**	**75**	**53**	**141.51**	**4**
Wandin	**1**	**0**	**0**	**43**	**39**	**110.26**	**4**
Mt Evelyn	**0**	**1**	**0**	**39**	**43**	**90.70**	**0**
Emerald	0	1	0	53	75	70.67	0
Olinda Ferny Creek	0	1	0	43	63	68.25	0
Gembrook Cockatoo	0	1	0	30	61	49.18	0
Healesville	0	1	0	3	76	3.95	0

C GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
ROC	**1**	**0**	**0**	**55**	**19**	**289.47**	**4**
Emerald	**1**	**0**	**0**	**39**	**31**	**125.81**	**4**
Mt Evelyn	**1**	**0**	**0**	**32**	**28**	**114.29**	**4**
Upwey Tecoma	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Gembrook Cockatoo	**0**	**0**	**1**	**30**	**30**	**100.00**	**2**
Monbulk	**0**	**0**	**1**	**30**	**30**	**100.00**	**2**
Wandin	0	1	0	28	32	87.50	0
Woori Yallock	0	1	0	31	39	79.49	0
Olinda Ferny Creek	0	1	0	19	55	34.55	0

D GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Monbulk	**1**	**0**	**0**	**35**	**21**	**166.67**	**4**
ROC	**1**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**28**	**142.86**	**4**
Woori Yallock	**1**	**0**	**0**	**36**	**32**	**112.50**	**4**
Upwey Tecoma	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Mt Evelyn	**0**	**0**	**1**	**30**	**30**	**100.00**	**2**
Wandin	**0**	**0**	**1**	**30**	**30**	**100.00**	**2**
Emerald	0	1	0	32	36	88.89	0
Olinda Ferny Creek	0	1	0	28	40	70.00	0
Gembrook Cockatoo	0	1	0	21	35	60.00	0

17 UNDER

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
ROC White	**1**	**0**	**0**	**43**	**15**	**286.67**	**4**
Woori Yallock	**1**	**0**	**0**	**32**	**19**	**168.42**	**4**
Wandin	**1**	**0**	**0**	**38**	**33**	**115.15**	**4**
ROC Blue	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Mt Evelyn	0	1	0	33	38	86.84	0
Emerald	0	1	0	19	32	59.38	0
Monbulk	0	1	0	15	43	34.88	0

15 UNDER

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
ROC Blue	**1**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**13**	**261.54**	**4**
Monbulk Maroon	**1**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**18**	**188.89**	**4**
Monbulk Gold	**1**	**0**	**0**	**29**	**20**	**145.00**	**4**
ROC White	**0**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**34**	**52.94**	**4**
Pakenham Lions Gold	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	4
Woori Yallock	0	1	0	20	29	68.97	0
Pakenham Lions Maroon	0	1	0	13	34	38.24	0

DIVISION 1

A GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Yarra Junction	**1**	**0**	**0**	**61**	**20**	**305.00**	**4**
Warburton Millgrove	**1**	**0**	**0**	**74**	**30**	**246.67**	**4**
Pakenham	**1**	**0**	**0**	**58**	**27**	**214.81**	**4**
Seville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**65**	**43**	**151.16**	**4**
Alexandra	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Yarra Glen	**0**	**1**	**0**	**43**	**65**	**66.15**	**0**
Yea	0	1	0	27	58	46.55	0
Belgrave	0	1	0	30	74	40.54	0
Powelltown	0	1	0	20	61	32.79	0

B GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Pakenham	**1**	**0**	**0**	**69**	**23**	**300.00**	**4**
Seville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**62**	**24**	**258.33**	**4**
Warburton Millgrove	**1**	**0**	**0**	**43**	**30**	**143.33**	**4**
Yarra Junction	**1**	**0**	**0**	**45**	**36**	**125.00**	**4**
Alexandra	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Powelltown	**0**	**1**	**0**	**36**	**45**	**80.00**	**0**
Belgrave	0	1	0	30	43	69.77	0
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	24	62	38.71	0
Yea	0	1	0	23	69	33.33	0

C GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Pakenham	**1**	**0**	**0**	**55**	**9**	**611.11**	**4**
Seville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**58**	**17**	**341.18**	**4**
Warburton Millgrove	**1**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**24**	**166.67**	**4**
Alexandra	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Powelltown	**0**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**20**	**100.00**	**2**
Yarra Junction	**0**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**20**	**100.00**	**2**
Belgrave	0	1	0	24	40	60.00	0
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	17	58	29.31	0
Yea	0	1	0	9	55	16.36	0

D GRADE

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Seville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**51**	**15**	**340.00**	**4**
Yarra Junction	**1**	**0**	**0**	**21**	**7**	**300.00**	**4**
Pakenham	**1**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**15**	**266.67**	**4**
Warburton Millgrove	**1**	**0**	**0**	**32**	**18**	**177.78**	**4**
Alexandra	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**4**
Belgrave	**0**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**32**	**56.25**	**0**
Yea	0	1	0	15	40	37.50	0
Powelltown	0	1	0	7	21	33.33	0
Yarra Glen	0	1	0	15	51	29.41	0

17 UNDER

TEAM	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Seville	**1**	**0**	**0**	**71**	**5**	**1420.00**	**4**
Pakenham Gold	**1**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**9**	**377.78**	**4**
Pakenham Maroon	**1**	**0**	**0**	**29**	**18**	**161.11**	**4**
Warburton Millgrove	**0**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**29**	**62.07**	**0**
Alexandra	0	1	0	9	34	26.47	0
Powelltown	0	1	0	5	71	7.04	0

FIXTURE

ROUND 2
Saturday 12 April, 2025

PREMIER
Gembrook-Cockatoo v Mt Evelyn
Wandin v Woori Yallock
Emerald v Healesville
Upwey Tecoma v ROC
Olinda Ferny Creek v Monbulk

DIVISION 1
Pakenham v Powelltown
Yarra Junction v Yea
Yarra Glen v Belgrave
Seville v Alexandra
Bye: Warburton Millgrove

Magpies soar in Southern

By Blair Burns

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 REVIEW - ROUND 1



Kurt Mutimer was one of Narre Warren's best in the 25 point win over Cranbourne. (Rob Carew: 469859)

Footy was back and so was the rivalry which we all know and love, as Narre Warren hosted Cranbourne for a Saturday night special under lights with the Magpies making a statement winning the clash 12.13 (85) to 9.6 (60) with plenty of promising signs.

Hundreds of spectators filled Kalora Park for the big occasion as Narre Warren unveiled its 2024 premiership flag from the Outer East Football Netball League, before both sides met on field to battle it out.

Since their first ever clash at Racecourse Oval back in 1955, the two powerhouse clubs have now played 128 games without a draw, including 14 finals and three grand finals.

There is not a lot splitting them with Cranbourne leading the head-to-head tally by only two victories (65-63) while they have won seven finals each, but Narre Warren have got the edge in the grand finals 2-1.

The siren sounded and the game was underway as the ball rocketed from one end of the oval to the other with some electric ball movement, but the Magpies quickly gained control of the contest.

It was clear that Narre Warren was a class above in the first term as the side executed its plans, transitioned the ball efficiently, and set up well behind the play to put the Eagles on the back foot.

Hamish West was slippery in the forward line and got off the leash to kick his first for the day and the margin was 17 points at the first break, which could've been worse for Cranbourne if the Magpies had kicked straighter than 3.6.

Narre Warren coach Steven Kidd was happy with the intent of the side and the way his players embraced the challenge.

"I was really pleased with how we started the game, our clearance work was really good and we put pressure on them ... that created a few turnovers in the first quarter but it would've been nice to put a bit more scoreboard pressure on them," he said.

"To Cranbourne's credit, they fought for the rest of the game and kept coming, we just couldn't get clear of them.

"We found out that it's not going to be easy to pull away from anyone in this competition, if we have any lapses with our defence, we will let sides back into it."

At quarter time, Cranbourne coach Angelo Soldatos urged his players to be more composed with the ball, encouraging them to be brave and use the corridor, and that's what they did.

Halfway through the second term and it was starting to come together for the Eagles, they had lifted their intensity and had closed the lead to just two kicks as the main break approached but it wasn't before Narre Warren forward Will Howe plunged a couple of late daggers into the Cranbourne hearts.

Howe took an uncontested mark in the goal square in the final minute and slotted his first of the game.

Seven seconds later and he had the ball in his hand again lining up 20 metres out directly in front.

Teammate Tom Toner was slung to the ground and a 50 metre penalty took him to the goal line, kicking after the siren to extend the half time lead to 24 points.

But he wasn't done yet as another contested mark and a sweet set shot from beyond the arc at the beginning of the third quarter handed the star his third in as many minutes, and all of a sudden a 12 point lead had ballooned out to 30.

"Those couple of goals to Will were huge, I thought he had a really good game and clunked some big marks which were important going into half time," Kidd said.

Cranbourne refused to give up and had enough entries, but the lack of a big forward target like Jake Richardson and Howe at the other end was hurting their winning chances.

The Eagles managed to stay within striking distance throughout the third quarter and after Eagles' veteran Ryan Jones kicked the first of the last term and had another shot straight after, they were threatening a comeback but Narre Warren did enough to win by 25 points at the final siren and start their season on a high.

There was one major injury from the game as Dan Toner hurt his knee when he was stepped by a Cranbourne player on the wing in front of concerned spectators, Kidd said scans will determine the severity but had his fingers crossed.



Narre Warren coach Steven Kidd addresses his troops. (469859)



A huge crowd was in attendance for the big rivalry as the Magpies' 2024 premiership flag hangs on the right. (469859)

"We're hoping it's not the worst case scenario but it's either going to be an 8-12 week injury or the worst possible ... he will have scans today," he said.

Kidd wasn't satisfied with the final quarter where the Magpies were outscored (20-14) and wanted to see a stronger finish against East Brighton this weekend.

"We would've liked to have seen a little bit more in that last quarter, we will be better for the run and hopefully finish next week's game off a bit stronger," he said.

"They've got some AFL experience in that side and we're expecting a really tough game."

Howe, West and Jett Kearney kicked three goals each for the Magpies with Josh West, Peter Gentile, Kurt Mutimer and Trent Papworth some of the best players.

Cranbourne's Ryan Jones and Mitchell Tharle kicked two each in the loss, while Matt Alister, Tom Freyer, Callum Pola and Shaun Keenan all performed well.

In other games, Dingley proved that they are the early premiership favourites after destroying Cheltenham by 61 points in a grand final rematch as Caleb Lewis booted six goals for the Dingoes.

Both sides were expected to be among the top teams as the Rosellas challenge for a three-peat, but to be held goalless for the first half of round one was a far from ideal start to their premiership defence.

Dingley, on the other hand, look the real deal; if they can do that to a team which only lost one game last year and won back-to-back flags, what can they do to the rest of the competition?

St Pauls McKinnon got the better of Bentleigh in a two-point thriller at Bentleigh Recreation Reserve to win 14.10 (94) to 13.14 (92).

The Bulldogs trailed at every break before hitting the lead in the last quarter and securing a hard fought comeback victory to start their season in a big way, with an even contribution of scorers at the offensive end.

Port Melbourne opened their season account with a crucial victory over Springvale Districts as some exceptional accuracy helped them to a nine point win finishing with 14.6.

Despite a final quarter resurgence from Springvale Districts where they outscored the Colts (28-9), Port Melbourne limped to the line and secured the four points with five goals from Mitch Clarke making a huge difference.

Despite Murrumbeena's recruits performing well in their new colours, the team's inaccuracy in front of the big sticks ultimately cost them, while East Brighton was the opposite and couldn't miss, kicking 17.8 to win by 53 points.

East Brighton would've been pleased with its new signings as Tom Bracher (Richmond VFL) and Ben Reid (former Collingwood AFL) combined for eight goals, with a further four players kicking multiple majors.



Doveton's Ryan Hall looks inside the corridor. (469873)



Hampton Park captain, Liam Myatt celebrates one of his four goals. (469873)

Redbacks in a killer mood

By Blair Burns

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION 2 REVIEW - ROUND 1



Hampton Park made a statement in Round 1 defeating Doveton by 120 points. (Gary Sissons: 469873)

Hampton Park made light work of Doveton as they belted the Doves by 120 points in round one of the Southern Football Netball League Division 2 competition, running away to a massive win, 21.16 (142) to 2.10 (22).

Coming into the season, coach Luke Bull guaranteed that his side would play an exciting brand of football, and they did not disappoint.

The new coach said it was the "perfect" way to start the season after a loss in their second practice match against Albion Football Club (Western Region Football League) got the boys fired up.

"We were a bit flat about losing that practice match, so we had a point to prove coming into the game against Doveton," he said.

"We just wanted to focus on what we could control and play a really high pressure game, once we kicked the first goal, the others came pretty quickly."

While hopes were high for the Doves at the opening bounce, the floodgates opened for Hampton Park and it was one-way traffic as they piled on goal after goal.

The Redbacks controlled the game from the outset as they dominated the first quarter kicking 5.5 (35) to 0.1 (1), and it was going to take a miracle for the Doves to turn things around.

Makaio Haywood had the football on a string as he bashed and crashed through packs, while some of the other recruits which have bolstered the new-look Hampton Park side also impressed.

At quarter time, Bull instructed his players to not let the foot off the pedal and he wanted to see them extend the margin much further.

"The message was to make sure we don't finish this game unsatisfied with not playing four quarters, we must play four quarters and we did," he said.

"We played how we've been training, holding onto it, switching the ball well and making sure that when they had the football, they were under the pump."

Doveton managed to get the ball down their end a bit in the second quarter but a few wayward shots on goal and some rushed behinds meant they were yet to register a goal at the main break, trailing 10.7 (67) to 0.8 (8).

"The players we have bought in excelled with Makaio Haywood and Liam Scott playing really well, Liam played like a man possessed in that first quarter … they are going to be two of the best players in the division," Bull said.

"Scott is a forward but a bit of a utility, he can play back or forward and he took six contested marks in the first 15 minutes (on Saturday) and was a real problem.

"Haywood is a big guy and would probably be 6ft 3in and 100 kilos but he's fitter than most guys at the club, he's a hard unit to try and stop and will probably get the best defender each week."

The dynamic duo form part of what is a very dominant forward line and to make the side even more dangerous, all of the midfielders have the ability to impact the scoreboard.

"We had 12 different goal scorers which was really pleasing because the big guys Liam and Myles (Wareham) only kicked 2.6 between them," Bull said.

"Our midfield has a lot of genuine goal kicking mids in there like Luke Sloan who was great … we haven't even played together much so once the players get more comfortable and understand how each other play, it's going to be exciting."

The third quarter was the biggest scoring term for both sides as Hampton Park got on a roll kicking seven goals but they conceded two late-quarter goals as Doveton got on the board through Matthew Jameson and Cameron Williamson.

However, with the margin sitting at 92 points at the three-quarter time break, the damage was well and truly done and another four goals in the last quarter pushed the final margin to 120 as Hampton Park stamped authority over the rest of the competition with a statement win.

The Doves finished second last year with a 14-4 record and fell short in a preliminary final, while Hampton Park was knocked out in the semi-final having finished fourth (11-7).

If last weekend's result is anything to go by, the Redbacks will be incredibly hard to beat in 2025 and with five players yet to return to the side (four of those from suspension), you'd expect that they will only get stronger.

Bull played 15 seasons at Noble Park before making the move to Hampton Park this season as playing coach and started his career at Robert Booth Reserve in fine form with a huge victory.

"The crowd and the supporters were saying 'we haven't seen a brand of footy played like that at Hampton Park almost ever' so it was good to hear that sort of feedback," he said.

"Don't get me wrong, we were still really sloppy at times and we've still got a lot to work on, but I'm looking forward to the game against Caulfield now."

Declan Brunell and skipper Liam Myatt (four goals each) led the way for the Redbacks, while Tristan Fernandez-Phillips (three goals) and Kyle Grigg (two goals) also hit the scoreboard - Trent Thomas, Mitchell Woolgar and Jye King were also impressive in the big win.

For the Doves, Matt Parker, Harley Primrose, Jake Ingaliso, Ryan Hall, Luke Daidone and Dylan Bayley were named in the best players.

Endeavour Hills started its season on a positive note as it defeated Caulfield Bears by 28 points thanks to a dominant performance from forward Baron Grant who booted four goals and was named the best player in his return game – Ethan Landman (three goals) and Sam McLean (two goals) also found the middle of the big sticks.

Bears' coach Lynden Dunn worked hard to give his side a fighting chance with three goals but it was to no avail as they lost 13.10 (88) to 9.6 (60).



Redbacks' ruck Mason Hawkins soars above his opponent to win the hitout. (469873)

Frankston Dolphins got its Division 2 campaign underway with a victory against Highett after a five-goal final quarter gave them some breathing space to win by 24 points, 14.11 (95) to 10.11 (71).

The Dolphins started the game well and had established a 23 point lead at half time before things tightened in the third quarter with the margin only seven points at the final break, but Frankston was far too strong for the Doggies as Dolphins' Archie Zarb booted four goals in the win.

After a hot and contested first quarter of football where just two goals were scored (one apiece), premiership contender East Malvern took hold of the game to score 26-1 in the second term against Keysborough and set up a 68 point victory.

Panthers' star Isaac Morrisby picked up where he left off last season kicking four goals to lead the side to victory, but the young and rebuilding Burras would've found positives in the first quarter, also in the performance of new young player Kyden Vella who kicked two of his team's four goals.

Chelsea Heights (2-16) and Mordialloc (0-18) were both relegated from Division 1 last season after tough years but it was Mordialloc who found another gear in the last quarter to win by 11 points at the final siren.

The only two matches that Chelsea Heights won in 2024 were against the Bloods and by significant margins of 74 and 79 points, but after a winless season last year, Mordialloc tasted victory.

There was a battle within the game as Jesse Murphy (Chelsea Heights) and William Avery (Mordialloc) took turns in kicking goals at each end in what was almost a two-man show, and despite Murphy winning the mini-battle with five goals, Avery's four goals were part of the win, which gives him the bragging rights.

Skye not a limit for Titans

By Dylan Beaumont

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISIONS 3&4 - ROUND 1 REVIEW



It was smiles all around for Lyndale in a comfortable win over Narre South Saints. (Gary Sissons: 469889)



Narre South's coaching staff had a tough day at the office. (469889)



Lyndale captain Corey Reeves with a deft touch in their 57 point victory. (469889)

Berwick Springs has had a successful start to life in the Southern Football Netball League with the Titans breaking clear of Skye in the second half to record a breakthrough win in Division 3.

With a one-point lead at half time, the Titans piled on nine goals to two in the second half en-route to a 43-point victory, 15.190(100) to 7.15(57), over the Bombers.

Ty Ellison slotted five goals for the winners and Brent Urwin alongside Rhys Fletcher got their season off to the perfect start.

It was a big week for Carrum Patterson Lakes who begun their 2025 campaign with a booming 72-point victory over Ashwood.

Jack Conroy, Alex Wilson (3 goals) and Brad Seamons starred in a wire-to-wire win where the side increased their lead in every quarter.

The Lions sit atop the Division 3 ladder with the highest percentage.

The home side was held to two goals at three quarter time, an alarming sign for their offence.

Heatherton burst out of the blocks with three unanswered goals before maintaining their lead against Lyndhurst to prevail by 10 points.

Sam Gibbins, Wayne Groves and Callum Cusack were among the best afield.

Last year's runner-up South Mornington has been given as wake up call, walloped by 46 points against an inaccurate St Kilda City, who kicked 10.20.

Jack Rolfe kicked two goals for the winning side, while Thomas Burton, Thomas Sargent and Sebastian Harris-Knipe all impressed.

The Tigers only trailed by 25 points at three quarter time, but a goal conceded within 30 seconds to begin the final term courtesy of Sebastian Harris-Knipe was the final nail in the coffin.

Facing a 16-point deficit at half time, Black Rock surged late in a seesawing affair against Hampton to win by three points.

Aaron Cloke, who is 13 away from 1000 goals, punished the Hammers with four goals while Luke Huber and Ricky Wait were prominent in their performance.

Cloke's fourth and final goal came at the 21st minute mark to put the game beyond doubt, until the Hammers returned fire with not long remaining.

Black Rock was able to hold out.

Leading by 28 points at quarter time and 23 points at half time, Hallam poured every ounce of their survival instincts into the last half to hold on by a solitary point to the dismay of Dandenong West in Southern Division 4.

Brenton Wells kicked a goal for the home side to put them up by seven, before Hallam responded with a goal and two behinds, hanging on by the smallest of margins.

Jack Sharlassian and Billy Wilson set up the win, with seven goals between the pair, while Dylan Thompson and Jimmy Sarinn were also notable.

Despite a turbulent off-season, Moorabbin stuck with it to take down Doveton Eagles by double their score, 14.10 (94) to 6.11 (47).

Ahmed Kandakji kicked six goals to begin his year perfectly, following on from 48 goals in 12 appearances last season.

Thomas Marron and Jake Giles had a spectacular start to their year.

In another tight tussle, Clayton had the upper edge against South Yarra, defeating them by 11 points. With a 23-point lead at halftime, the Clays coughed up three goals to their own one in the third quarter, before holding the Lions off in the last with three goals of their own.

George Skaliaris had three goals to his name and Aaron Mills had best on ground honours.

After a valiant effort in the first quarter, Narre South Saints were dismantled by last year's preliminary finalists Lyndale at home.

Lyndale dominated ball use after quarter time, kicking seven second quarter goals to three.

Mark Stevens had five goals for the visitors and David Velardo and Harkireth Calais were standout stars.

For the Saints, Ryan Jordan and Matija Sigeti played well, while Nicholas Green snaffled two goals.

Sides keen to get the chocolates before Easter break

By Dylan Beaumont

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISIONS 3&4 - ROUND 2 PREVIEW



Narre South Saints will be keen to turn things around after a big loss to Lyndale last week, NSS No: 6 (Gary Sissons: 469889)

After their first win in over a year Berwick Springs' morale could not be higher in their preparation for its clash against Black Rock at home in Southern Division 3.

Black Rock are kings of the close contest to start the year but will have their hands full with Ty Ellison down back.

Black Rock is driven by Luke Huber, Ricky Wait and Callum Reed, who were some of their best players last week.

After their tenacious 10 point win last week, Heatherton will make their way down to the biggest winners of last week, Carrum, to overlap the ladder leaders.

The last time these two sides faced off was the elimination final, where Heatherton won 10.9 (69) to 8.7 (55).

The familiar names were classy, Callum Cusack, Sam Gibbins and Jacob Beswick all with two goals apiece.

The victims of Heatherton's win last week, Lyndhurst, will play their first home game of the season against an attainable opponent in Ashwood.

South Mornington will have fire in their belly following a large defeat last week when they play Skye, who also started their season with a sizeable loss to Berwick Springs.

Their three meetings from last season were all close, with the highest margin of 22 in favour of Lyndhurst in round two.

In round eight, Lyndhurst went to Ashwood and triumphed 13.12 (90) to 13.8 (86).

Five weeks later, it was the complete inverse, with Ashwood taking it up to Lyndhurst at Marriott Waters Reserve to win 7.7 (49) to 5.11 (41).

Going at 33-percent goal accuracy last week, St Kilda City will visit Hampton with the intention to boost their percentage.

Hampton are still feeling heartache from their three-point loss against Black Rock.

The two sides have no prior history against each other, which will make for an intriguing contest.

In Division 4, with 2-0 in their sights, Clayton line up against Doveton Eagles full of confidence this weekend.

The Eagles are coming off a 47-point loss to the Moorabbin Kangaroos.

Last year, Clayton won the season series 2-0, with 21 and 50 point wins in round two and 11 respectively.

The local showdown for the week includes Hallam and Narre South.

Hallam's defence deserves plaudits for their weekend efforts and coach Tom Dalton will have them sailing in the right direction if they are victorious this weekend.

Narre South will be eager to fire back from their tough loss to Lyndale.

The Kangaroos and Ahmed Kandakji have made it clear they are all business in 2025, building a strong reputation to start the year.

The Kangaroos will play at home against South Yarra, whose first half woes are still haunting them from last week.

The Lions will need to start quickly on the road if they are any chance.

Moorabbin defeated South Yarra by 101 and 49 points in their two matchups last year.

Lyndale can continue their admirable form at home against Dandenong West, who will have a burning desire to right their wrongs from last week in a one-point loss.

Gun David Velardo and goalkicker Mark Stevens will be up for the task if they follow last week's framework.

Lyndale were 37 point winners in their most recent outing at Barry Powell Reserve in round 14 last season.



Beaconsfield's boom-recruit Jake Aarts warms up for the big clash against North Ringwood. (469881)



Travis Stewart was impressive in the ruck for Beaconsfield in his first game for the club. (469881)

Eagles rusty but too good

By David Nagel

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EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 REVIEW - ROUND 1



Jake Bowd was the dominant forward on the ground, booting six goals in Beaconsfield's 37-point win over North Ringwood. (Rob Carew: 469881)

Beaconsfield has shaken off an early bout of ring-rust to storm home over the top of North Ringwood in the opening round of the Eastern Division 1 season at Holm Park Reserve on Saturday.

The Eagles conceded four of the first five goals of the match, before settling into their work nicely to record a 12.12(84) to 7.5(47) victory over the Saints.

The core of Beaconsfield's preliminary final team from last year remains largely intact, although there was a different look and feel to the team that lost to Park Orchards on the penultimate day of last season.

Jake Aarts, Ali Zijai and youngster Marley Appleyard had a noticeable impact around the ground, while Travis Stewart gave the Eagles a fresh new look in the ruck.

Ethan Winterton was also a new face at the defensive end of the ground.

The Eagles started the new season in style, with Myles Currie recovering from a dropped mark to kick the new year off with a goal from a dribble kick.

But North Ringwood was quick to return fire, with Luke Patterson providing the quick answer before skipper Luke Fenton snagged a long one from outside 50.

Tom Stubs then smacked home another bomb from the arc, before a contested mark from key forward Taylor Davidson rang alarm bells for Eagles' coach Mick Fogarty.

After kicking the first of the afternoon, the Eagles were 16 points adrift.

The class of Jafar Ocaa then calmed the nerves for the Eagles, before a combination that Fogarty hopes will prove lethal cut the margin to just four points at quarter time.

Former Richmond player Aarts, found his skipper Jake Bowd on a lead with the captain ramming home the first of six majors for the afternoon.

By quarter time, the Eagles appeared to have absorbed the Saints best shot.

A quick goal to Fenton then extended the gap to nine; before Bowd answered with a set shot from 40 to cut the margin back to three points at the major interval.

The game appeared to be free-flowing and skilful; but slow growth on the scoreboard was telling a different story.

The Eagles then opened their shoulders in the second half, kicking 8.6 to 2.2, although their eventual dominance did take time to mature.

Star defender Brandon White found Bowd for his third, before a large pack in the North Ringwood forward pocket produced some carnage.

Key-forward Davidson was carried form the ground on a stretcher, accidentally knocked-out in the marking contest and hitting the ground heavily.

Having lost control of his faculties, Davidson fell across the legs of Beaconsfield co-captain Damien Johnston, who also hit the deck hard.

Fortunately for Beaconsfield, what initially didn't look good…would prove a non-event for Johnston, who would return to his midfield duties a short-time later.

After a lengthy delay, the game recommenced with Patrick Dunne taking Davidson's free-kick and converting with a right foot snap from tight in the pocket.

Bowd then received silver service from Devon Smith and Charlie Muley, booting his fourth and fifth for the day to open up a 12-point lead for the hosts.

But Stubs was hearing nothing of lying down, reading the play brilliantly in the goal square to cut the margin back to six points at the final change.

Despite their efforts, it would be the last time the saints would pierce the big sticks.

The Eagles were relentless in the final term, kicking 5.2 to 0.1 to finish things off in style.

Currie kicked things off with an enterprising snap from stoppage, before Zijai put his classy left foot to good use with a ripping goal on the run from deep on the half forward flank.

The Eagles were almost home, and when Hayden Brough converted a mark from beside the point post…the home side had banked the four points.

Bowd then marked and goaled, capping off a great game with his sixth, before Muley launched one from range to finish off some nice work from Tylah Stokoe.

Stewart was influential in the ruck for the Beaconsfield, while wingers Josh Mounter and Ethan Harris found plenty of space on the outer extremities of Holm Park.

White and Finn Devine were rock-solid in the back half, while Aarts, Smith, Zijai, Johnston and Kade De La Rue were serviceable contributors through the midfield.

With a bye in round two, followed by a league-wide rest over the Easter break, the Eagles now rest up for a fortnight before a mammoth clash against South Belgrave on the road on Saturday 26 April.

South Belgrave will have redemption on their mind…after the Eagles knocked them out at the semi-final stage last year.

EASTERN DIVISION 1 – ROUND 1 SUMMARY

BEACONSFIELD			
3.3	**4.6**	**7.10**	**12.12(84)**
NORTH RINGWOOD			
4.1	**5.3**	**7.4**	**7.5(47)**

Beaconsfield Goals: Jake Bowd 6, Myles Currie 2, Hayden Brough, Charlie Muley, Jafar Ocaa, Ali Zijai. **Best:** Jake Bowd, Travis Stewart, Ethan Harris, Brandon White, Joshua Mounter, Finn Devine.

North Ringwood Goals: Aaron Fenton 2, Tom Stubs 2, Taylor Davidson, Patrick Dunne, Luke Patterson.

Other Games – R1: Montrose 13.18(96) def Bayswater 13.11(89), Mooroolbark 12.22(94) def Norwood 3.8(26), South Belgrave 15.16(106) def Park Orchards 9.10(64). Bye: Boronia.

Ladder: Mooroolbark, Beaconsfield, South Belgrave, Montrose 4, Bayswater, Park Orchards, North Ringwood, Norwood, Boronia 0.

Fixture R2: Bayswater v Boronia, North Ringwood v Mooroolbark, Montrose v Park Orchards, Norwood v South Belgrave. Bye: Beaconsfield.

New colours...fresh faces





Pakenham's pre-season focus on tackling intensity was clearly evident against Yea on Saturday. (Euan Poulton Photography: 470542)

2024, what a ride!

An incredible hardworking and passionate playing group refused to allow themselves to lose focus on our goal and together we now share memories that will last forever; with lifelong friendships and a premiership medal each to savour.

And just like that, the navy polo with the quirky mascot of Nar Nar Goon has been packed away and the proud distinctive colours of the Pakenham Football Club become my new footy attire.

Welcome to 2025 and with round one at our doorstep, I thought we could look at what a typical preseason looks like for a senior coach at a new club.

Undoubtedly, one of the most important working relationships at a football club is that between senior coach and the footy operations manager.

Re-signing the playing list from the previous season is the number one thing on the agenda.

We had some initial challenges, with several senior players choosing to move on prior to my appointment

Then, like roadkill, opposition clubs were circling the remainder of our list to pick off other players.

After conducting several player meetings throughout October, we were able to sign the remainder of our list and add some new faces to the group.

Recruiting is always challenging, especially if you don't have clear objectives of what you need.

Luckily, Paul Jones (footy operations) and I were united in our vision regarding the types of players we wanted to target and we couldn't be happier with the quality of young men we've added to our playing list.

With quality, experienced coaches being appointed throughout our 18's, Development and Senior men and women sides, all is readiness for night one of preseason training.

Every coach has their own style and philosophy.

Mine is very much focussed around developing relationships with the players, establishing team rules, clarifying goals, setting a positive tone and fostering open communication to ensure a successful season.

A question always asked by a sub-committee when interviewing candidates to be their next coach is, "tell us about your game plan".

My advice, don't lock yourself into a game plan/style until you've had time to assess the list, identifying its strengths and weaknesses.

Too many coaches place undue pressure on themselves selling the "we are going to play a fast transition game with a focus on being heavily offensive", only to find you have a list that's one paced and with no genuine forwards.

With 30 training sessions complete, we've focussed on fitness, ball movement from D50 and our tackle/intensity as being the three areas that will define us and our success in 2025.

After you've completed your first block of training up to Christmas, you need the players to maintain their fitness over the festive season so that once they return in mid-January, you can roll straight into half-ground and then, full ground match simulation.

A focus on stoppage set ups at centre bounce and around the ground, kick in's and defending opposition kick ins are just some of the areas we have concentrated on.

Practice matches are a key component in every preseason.

I prefer an intra-club game followed by two matches leading into round one.

This preseason, we played neighbouring side Officer under lights followed by a hit out against Carrum-Paterson Lakes where my young brother coaches.

I like to reward players who've put the work in over preseason so in both games we went in with a different squad to ensure we were able to get a good look at 30 odd players.

These games give us coaches the perfect opportunity to experiment a little but more importantly, see how our ball movement holds up against an opposition.

These games are also a good way to get your runner, board rotations, trainers and stats person, acclimatising to their respective roles.

Post game recovery and your trainers/medical staff, are imperative to a team's success.

We are in a fortunate position where we have several experienced trainers who are at ever session along with our qualified physio, to ensure we can provide the best advice and recovery programs to ensure we keep the playing group fit and healthy.

Finally come the all-important team selections for round one.

There will always been disappointment for some, a couple of left field selections along with some debutants eager to wear the club colours for the first time.

Coaches don't always get these selections right, but they're made with the best intentions.

I always feel for the 8-10 players who aren't selected in any side who have done the work over preseason but unfortunately missed out.

Their time will come, they just need to remain patient.

In round one we travelled to Yea and had seven players make their senior debut with the Pakenham Football Club...how exciting!

Next Week: Mick Fogarty - Beaconsfield

Hawks and Bulls to lock horns in Eastern Premier derby

By David Nagel

EASTERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION PREVIEW - ROUND 1



Noble Park coach Steve Hughes has lost some star talent but will have an exciting young list to mentor in 2025. (Rob Carew: 328960)

Rowville and Noble Park will be harbouring different ambitions for the 2025 season when the Hawks and Bulls kick off their Eastern Premier Division campaigns with a blockbuster clash at Seebeck Oval on Saturday.

Rowville has a proven track record over the last three years and is widely considered one of the leading chances for this year's crown.

The Hawks made the grand final in 2022, losing to this week's opponent Noble Park, before savouring the ultimate success with a thrilling victory over Vermont in the 2023 decider.

Under the tutelage of Ben Wise, the Hawks finished third on the ladder last year and confirmed that ranking with a six-goal loss to East Ringwood in the preliminary final.

But there's no room for complacency for Rowville, who did finish third and earn a double chance; but finished just one game clear of sixth-placed Blackburn last year.

"The sides are so evenly matched; winning home games is so important, but we're going in to have another crack at making a grand final," Wise said.

"We've been able to get some VFL-quality players back full-time, which is great for the club."

Noble Park, meanwhile, is a proud football club that will look to bounce back after finishing seventh on the ladder for the last two years.

The Bulls defeated the Hawks in the 2022 decider, but it will be a completely different looking Bulls outfit that takes to Seebeck on the weekend.

Some great names have left the Bulls in the off-season, with nine-time best and fairest winner Kyle Martin the name at the top of that list.

Martin has moved to Springvale Districts in 2025, where he will continue his playing days with Noble Park premiership-winning teammate Jackson Sketcher.

A 2023 Chandler Medallist, Sketcher leaves the Bulls as their reigning best and fairest winner.

Chris Horton-Milne has also departed for Dingley while Luke Bull and Nathan Noblett have joined Hampton Park and Morwell respectively.

Coach Steve Hughes will have a young list at his disposal, with most of the Bulls' list still heading towards their mid-twenties.

Expect a lively contest between the two rivals, but its Rowville to kick off its season with an impressive victory on its home deck.

In other games this week, Berwick will look to get half-way to its 2024 total of two wins when the Wickers hit the road to take on Doncaster East on Saturday.

The Wickers have a new coach, with former West Coast and Collingwood forward Andrew Williams taking over the reins from Clint Evans.

Williams has some elite talent at his fingertips, but is expecting speedhumps along the journey with a very young list on paper.

But Williams is also reluctant to use youth as an excuse for poor performance.

"I've told the group to throw their birth certificates in the bin, they mean nothing to me, it's about preparing well and understanding your role and going out and executing for us," he said.

"We're going to be young and with that comes some highs and lows, but the growth of the group is heading in the right direction."

This is a good opportunity to make a positive start for Berwick, with Doncaster East finishing just one place above it last year.

We'll go for the Wickers to make a winning start to their season.

EASTERN PREMIER – ROUND 1

Saturday: ROWVILLE v Noble Park (2.20pm), Doncaster East v BERWICK (2.20pm), EAST RINGWOOD v South Croydon (4.45pm). Sunday: Mitcham v VERMONT (2.20pm). Good Friday – April 18: Blackburn v BALWYN (2.20pm).

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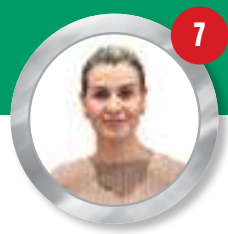
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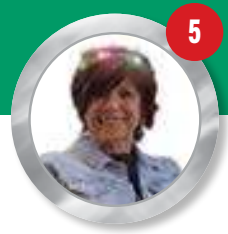
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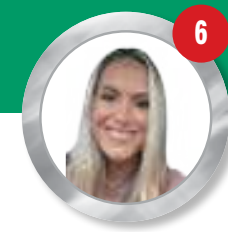
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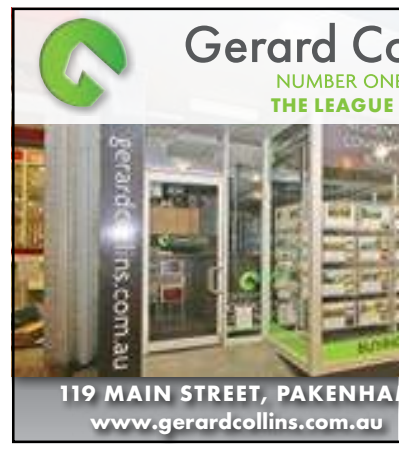
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Experienced outdoorsman **Muzza** is ready for almost anything on **Alone Australia**



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Cover Story

Survival of the fittest

Braving the elements in Tasmania's West Coast Ranges for as long as they can without any outside contact or assistance, the cast of *Alone Australia* are made of tough stuff. Participants Muzza and Karla tell **Siobhan Duck** what drove them to take part in TV's ultimate endurance challenge



Going solo: Ten determined contenders take on *Alone Australia* season three, from left: Eva, Matt, Corinne, Shay, Karla, Ben, Yonke, Tom, Muzza and Ceilidh. *Images: Narelle Portanier*

FOR most people the idea of being left stranded on a desert island – à la Tom Hanks in the 2000 movie *Cast Away* – is the stuff of nightmares.

For Muzza, that sort of extreme isolation is a dream come true.

It's little wonder then that the Bendigo retiree signed up for TV's toughest endurance test, *Alone*. The only question is, what took him so long?

"I'd never heard of it," Muzza chuckles of the vastly popular global franchise which debuted in America a decade ago, with an Aussie version launching on SBS in 2023.

That's because Muzza doesn't watch a lot of TV. He's the sort of guy who prefers to be pushing himself outside his comfort zone, rather than snuggled up on the couch watching others do that on a screen.

"I've been obsessed with survival stories my whole life and I have always hoped that one day I'd have my own to tell, where I got stuck out on an island for months or something like that," he explains of growing up enchanted by stories of swagmen who slept rough and spent their lives on the road.

"I just like the idea of the pureness of it, where people have to get real."

Muzza is one of 10 aspiring survivalists taking part in the third season of *Alone Australia*. This year, each member of the group braves the wild West Coast Ranges of Tasmania, where they attempt to build shelter and live off the land for as long as possible without a single soul to talk to or assist.

The person who can survive for the longest pockets $250,000.

At 63, Muzza is the oldest competitor in *Alone Australia* history. Far from seeing his age as a handicap, Muzza sees it as an advantage, shrugging: "I feel for the young ones who do it.

"The commitment [it takes] for them to do it is much harder, [whereas] I am retired. I'm not rich, but I don't particularly need the money.



Numbers game: Muzza, 63, is *Alone Australia*'s oldest participant.

"And I've got less distraction at my age. I know who I am. You've worked out [your] strengths and weaknesses because 60 years of experience gives you confidence in your abilities in the bush."

His decades spent hunting and camping have given Muzza a resilience and patience to endure anything that nature throws his way.

"I was prepared to be uncomfortable," he reasons.

"To be wet, cold and miserable out there.

"When it's raining for days and days and you can't hunt, you have to find some way of enjoying it."

Until recently the hardworking father of two and grandfather of five has not had the time to indulge his passion for going off the grid over such a long stretch.

Now that he's retired and his kids have grown up, he has been able to make the commitment that an experience like *Alone* requires without cost to his family.

That being said, Bronwyn, his wife of 44 years, still worried about packing him off into the middle of nowhere without being able to contact him.

"I've been so lucky that this show came along in my lifetime, at my age, for me to do it," he enthuses. "If it had been 20 years ago, I'd have been still working."

Having time to be alone with his thoughts allowed Muzza the space to really appreciate the "depth of love" he has for his wife and family.

"When I came home I said to Bron: 'We have said: 'I love you' to each other for our whole lives without really thinking about it'," he says.

"They become just words... but when you spend so much time by yourself it becomes a physical thing. I really understand what those words mean now."

Apart from missing his family, the other thing Muzza craved most was food.

"The starvation is cruel," he says.

"I have seen a few [past] shows now and seen a few people complained about the boredom.

"I still don't understand that because mentally I was non-stop trying to better my situation, whether it be physically or mentally.

"I was always coming up with a plan, hunting or foraging. And some days, when I did get time to just sit there and soak it up I was still like 'Wow' [appreciative of his surrounds] as I soaked it all up. So boredom? No, that wasn't a problem."

"I'VE BEEN OBSESSED WITH SURVIVAL STORIES MY WHOLE LIFE AND I HAVE ALWAYS HOPED THAT ONE DAY I'D HAVE MY OWN TO TELL

Although she's almost 30 years Muzza's junior, fellow survivalist Karla is a kindred spirit when it comes to her passion for living on the land.

A former Girl Guide who has worn many hats including being a wildlife zookeeper, helicopter pilot, member of the Army Reserves and fishing tour guide in the Kimberley, Karla, 35, seeks out any chance she gets to test herself.

"I think it's just about getting back to your roots and that primitive style of living," she explains.

"Back in 2017, we had Cyclone Debbie come through at Airlie Beach and we had no water and no power for nearly two weeks.

"And I looked at my local community, and everyone freaked out. Nobody knew how to survive without the modern-day things like running water and electricity. But I have always been a camper, living out of my four-wheel-drive.

"I've always been into that self-sustainable lifestyle and that experience with the cyclone made me want to lean into it more so that I knew that if everything 'went to poop', I'd be OK."

Karla's readiness to take risks stems from a teenage trip to Europe. Because Karla's friend had already climbed the Eiffel Tower on a previous visit and didn't want to do it again, Karla elected to skip the opportunity, too.

Filled with regret, Karla says: "From then on, I promised myself to never miss out on doing something just because someone else didn't want to do it.

"From there I decided to do lots of things on my own and get out there and try things even if there's nobody else who wants to.

"And that's just developed more and more over the years until I have become so comfortable with doing things on my own that it's become a preference."

■ *Alone Australia*, Wednesday, 7.30pm, SBS and streaming, SBS On Demand



Risky business: Survivalist Karla loves giving new things a go.

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



Street smarts: CIA agent Emma (Dakota Fanning) offers help to vigilante Robert McCall (Denzel Washington, far right) in *The Equalizer 3*.

Sunday
THE EQUALIZER 3
7mate, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2023)

Where do retired assassins settle down after a lifetime of taking out the bad-guy trash? Sicily, of course, even though it's sprawling with, you guessed it, the Mafia. This is where the merciless vigilante Robert McCall (Denzel Washington) finds himself after giving up his life as a hired gun for the government. He soon discovers his friends are under the control of local crime bosses, and as events turn deadly, McCall decides to fight back against the criminals, with the help of CIA agent Emma Collins (Dakota Fanning). Despite its unrelenting violence, there is catharsis to be had in this final instalment of Antoine Fuqua's action-thriller trilogy, as McCall delivers his unique brand of implacable retribution one last time. ★★★★





UNFORGETTABLE
ABC Entertains, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2017)

The role of vengeful ex has been hard to pull off ever since Glenn Close set an impossibly high standard in 1987's *Fatal Attraction*, but Katherine Heigl gives it her best shot in this intense erotic thriller. She plays Tessa, a woman who isn't prepared to let go of her ex-husband David (Geoff Stults) after learning that he's engaged to Julia (Rosario Dawson, pictured). In an obsessive bid to reconcile her family, an increasingly volatile Tessa inserts herself into Julia's life in concerning ways. ★★★



LOVE AGAIN
7mate, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2023)

Best known for kicking butt in a pair of spy series (*Quantico* and *Citadel*), Priyanka Chopra Jonas (pictured) makes a change of pace with this sweet rom-com. In this remake of a 2016 German film, Chopra Jonas plays Mira, a woman grieving her late partner. Two years after his death, she still sends text messages to his old phone number, which has since been assigned to music journalist Rob (Sam Heughan). It's a sweet tale, with an added thrill for fans of Céline Dion, who appears as herself. ★★★



ROMAN HOLIDAY
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 6.20pm, PG (1953)

The most pure of romantic comedies, this flight of fancy marks the Hollywood debut of Audrey Hepburn, who almost completely eclipses silver screen icon Gregory Peck (pictured with Hepburn) in her role as Princess Ann. Longing for respite from her packed schedule of official duties, the young royal escapes into the city of Rome, where she runs into American journalist Joe Bradley (Peck), and the rest is history. Filmed on location, it's a beautiful snapshot of an era gone by. ★★★★



DUNE
9Go!, Sunday, 7.30pm, M (2021)

At first glance, *Dune* looks like *Star Wars* meets *Mad Max*, but in fact, Frank Herbert's 1965 source material was one of the first novels to establish the science fiction tropes that we know today. This superb adaptation from Denis Villeneuve focuses on themes of colonisation and politics as Paul (Timothée Chalamet, pictured), the teenage heir to his father's fiefdom, wrestles with his destiny amid the breakout of war on desert planet Arrakis. This faithful interpretation was worth the wait. ★★★★★



THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Nickelodeon, Monday, 7.30pm, PG (1991)

This kooky, spooky family flick sees the iconic Addams clan unexpectedly reconnect with Gomez's (Raul Julia) long-lost brother Fester. Little do they know, "Fester" (Christopher Lloyd) is a con artist plotting to rob them. Stellar casting choices peak in Anjelica Huston and Christina Ricci (both pictured with Jimmy Workman) as macabre mother-and-daughter Morticia and Wednesday. Keeping the spirit of the '60s TV show intact, this delightfully dark family flick is a bona fide hit. ★★★★



ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES
Nickelodeon, Tuesday, 7.30pm, PG (1993)

Joan Cusack (pictured) joins the cast of this spooky sequel as Debbie, the nanny hired by Gomez and Morticia Addams (Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston) to care for their newborn son after a number of attempts on his life by elder siblings Wednesday (Christina Ricci) and Pugsley (Jimmy Workman). Director Barry Sonnenfeld squeezes maximum detail into each frame – the ghoulish Addams mansion works like a character – and glides from one charming joke to another with class. ★★★★

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JUDI LOVE'S CULINARY CRUISE
SBS Food, Saturday, 7.30pm



A self-confessed foodie, British comedian Judi Love (pictured) was named champion of *Celebrity MasterChef UK* in 2020, where she easily won over viewers with her candid and cheeky style. Now, she's setting sail on her own taste adventure, travelling to five Mediterranean destinations on a luxury yacht and whipping up dishes for her fellow passengers, using local produce along the way. Her first stop is Kotor, Montenegro, a town famed for its seafood. Love explores the historic old town and heads to some oyster and mussel farms to collect ingredients. For Aussie viewers who would be most familiar with Love's UK panel show and *Taskmaster* appearances, it's a charming insight into her off-stage personality.

DARBY AND JOAN
ABC TV, Sunday, 7.30pm



Bringing a dash of sunshine and an outback setting to the cosy murder genre, this relaxed Aussie series about a retired detective and an English nurse solving crimes on a Queensland road trip features a who's who of Australian actors in its second season: Debra Lawrance, Sigrid Thornton, Gary Sweet, Pia Miranda, John Jarratt and Natalie Bassingthwaite, to name a few. Tonight's penultimate episode finds Jack (Bryan Brown) and Joan (Greta Scacchi, pictured) in Maryville, where her estranged sister Max (Lisa Hensley) has some news: she's engaged to Dermot (Marcus Graham), a man she just met. However, when Dermot collapses suddenly, Joan investigates the possibility that he was poisoned.



SWINGERS: HOW TO WIN AN ELECTION
ABC TV, Tuesday, 9pm

The date is set, bulk bread and sausage orders are in, and tiny pencils are being sharpened: it's time for a federal election. But before Australians head to the polls on May 3, ABC analyst Casey Briggs (pictured) is here to chart the lay of the land, taking a particularly close look at the people who will decide the result of the election: swing voters. Australians have less party loyalty than ever before, which means that these voters, along with their "soft" counterparts (those who have an idea of where their vote will go but aren't firmly decided), hold the power. In this new, cheekily titled series, Briggs travels the country to find out who our nation's "swingers" are, and what they make of the 2025 campaigns.



Counter strike: *Travel Guides*' Kevin and Janetta celebrate as Kev and Teng watch on.

PICK OF THE WEEK

TIPPING POINT: TRAVEL GUIDES
Nine, Monday, 7.30pm

Before the *Travel Guides* cast embark on their eighth season of adventures, some of TV's most seasoned travellers try their luck against the *Tipping Point* machine in this fun-filled special. Victorian retirees Kevin and Janetta, Melbourne friends Kev, Teng and Dorian, and Newcastle couple Matt and Brett go head-to-head in Todd Woodbridge's game of wits, with a potential $40,000 prize for their chosen charities on the line. The jet-setting crew are known for their frank appraisals of tourist destinations and stepping outside their comfort zones, so you know there'll be plenty of laughs along the way as the teams risk it all, trying to reach the jackpot round and claim victory.

Wednesday, April 9

ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Four Corners. (R) **10.45** Q+A. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** National Press Club Address. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R)
2.00 Restoration Australia. (PG, R)
2.55 Back Roads. (R)
3.25 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R)
4.10 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
5.00 A Bite To Eat With Alice.
5.25 Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **6.55** Federal Election Announcement. (R) **7.00** ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG)
8.30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG) A satirical news program.
9.00 Fresh Blood: Urvi Went To An All Girls' School. (Mls)
9.30 Planet America.
10.05 Mayfair Witches. (Mal, R) **10.50** ABC Late News. **11.05** The Business. (R)
11.20 Aunty Donna's Coffee Cafe. (Mls, R)
12.15 Grand Designs New Zealand. (Ml, R)
1.00 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.50** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **2.25** Rage Closer. (R)
2.30 Sherwood. (Malv, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)
6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Curious Traveller. (R) **10.00** Food Markets. (PGaw, R) **11.00** Hidden Beauty Of Spain. **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Dateline. (R) **2.30** Insight. (R) **3.30** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PG, R) **3.40** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.45** The Cook Up. (R) **4.15** New York: The City That Never Sleeps. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Alone Australia. (M) Isolation begins to take its toll.
8.40 The Handmaid's Tale. (Return) June's unyielding spirit and determination pull her back into the fight to take down Gilead.
10.40 SBS World News Late.
11.10 Blackwater. (MA15+ln) Annie decides to leave the commune.
12.15 My Brilliant Friend. (Mav, R)
4.15 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)
6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)
12.00 Seven's National News At Noon.
1.00 MOVIE: Seasoned With Love. (2021, PGa) Patrick Abellard.
3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.30 The 1% Club UK. (PGa) Hosted by Lee Mack.
8.30 The Front Bar. (Ml) Hosts Sam Pang, Mick Molloy and Andy Maher take a lighter look at all things AFL.
9.30 Unfiltered. (PGa) Hosted by Hamish McLachlan.
10.00 Jimeoin: Result. (Ml, R) Stand-up performance by Jimeoin.
11.20 Autopsy USA: June Carter. (Mad)
12.20 Midnight Texas. (Premiere, MA15+hv)
1.20 Travel Oz. (PG, R) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)
6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00 MOVIE:** A Town Called Love. (2023, PGa, R) Emma Johnson, Marshall Williams, Marnie Mahannah. **2.00** Pointless. (PG) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R)
4.00 9News Afternoon.
4.30 [VIC] *Tipping Point Australia. (PG)*
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 [VIC] *WIN News.*

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 The Hundred With Andy Lee. (PGl) Comedy panel show.
8.30 The Grand Tour. (MA15+l) Richard Hammond, Jeremy Clarkson and James May head to Nashville, Tennessee.
9.50 Wild Cards. (Mv) Ellis is asked to rescue a kidnapped accountant.
10.50 9News Late.
11.20 The Equalizer. (Mav, R)
12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.05 Hello SA. (PG) **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** Global Shop. (R) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

TEN (10, 5)
6.00 Drew Barrymore. (PGas) **7.00** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **9.00** Lingo. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.20** Dog House Aust. (PGa, R) **11.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **12.00** GCBC. **12.30** Family Feud. (PG, R) **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News First: Afternoon. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa) **5.00** 10 News First.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. Hosted by Grant Denyer.
6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 The Dog House Australia. (PGa) Narrated by Mark Coles Smith.
8.40 Elsbeth. (Ma) Elsbeth suspects a wannabe astronaut is responsible after a billionaire dies in an accident during a space training simulation.
9.40 NCIS: Origins. (Mav) The team investigates the death of a marine's son.
10.40 10's Late News.
11.05 The Project. (R)
12.05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC FAMILY (22)
6am Children's Programs. **4.15pm** Millie Magnificent. **4.25** Builder Brothers Dream Factory. **4.40** Vida The Vet. **4.50** Bluey. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.10** Pfffirates. **5.20** Kangaroo Beach. **5.35** Fireman Sam. **5.45** Tish Tash. **5.50** Paddington. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.15** Bluey. **6.25** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Ben And Holly. **6.55** Odd Squad. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Inbestigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.35** BTN Newsbreak. **8.40** Abbott Elementary. **9.20** Doctor Who. **10.55** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)
6am WorldWatch. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** The Movie Show. **Noon** France 24 English News. **12.30** Hoarders. **2.10** Queer Sports. **3.05** The Weekly Football Wrap. **3.40** BBC News At Ten. **4.10** ABC World News Tonight. **4.40** PBS NewsHour. **5.45** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **6.10** Mysteries From Above. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30 MOVIE:** After The Sunset. (2004) **10.20 MOVIE:** The Last Full Measure. (2019, MA15+) **12.25am** Letterkenny. **1.45** Love And Sex In Scandinavia. **2.50** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

7TWO (72, 62)
6am Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Harry's Practice. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Medical Emergency. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Sydney Weekender. **2.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Medical Emergency. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Heartbeat. **8.45** Lewis. **10.45** Law & Order: UK. **11.45** Bargain Hunt. **12.45am** My Greek Odyssey. **1.45** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** My Greek Odyssey.

9GEM (92, 81)
6am Seaway. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Dales For Sale. **1.00** Antiques Roadshow. **1.30 MOVIE:** Three Hats For Lisa. (1966) **3.35 MOVIE:** Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None. (1974, PG) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Yes Minister. **8.40** Midsomer Murders. **10.40** The Closer. **11.40** See No Evil. **12.35am** My Favorite Martian. **1.00** Creflo. **1.30 MOVIE:** Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None. (1974, PG) **3.25** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)
6am My Market Kitchen. **6.30** Everyday Gourmet. **7.00** Drew Barrymore. **8.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **8.30** Ent. Tonight. **9.00** Neighbours. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Family Feud. **10.30** Drew Barrymore. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **1.00** Rules Of Engagement. **1.30** King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Rules Of Engagement. **4.00** GCBC. **4.30** King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Big Bang. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Rules Of Engagement. **Midnight** King Of Queens. **12.30** Ent. Tonight. **1.00** Shopping. **1.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **8.40** Spartakus. **9.40** The World According To Grandpa. **9.50** Chums. **10.00** Great Blue Wild. **10.50** News. **11.00** Over The Black Dot. **11.30** Black And Dusty. **12.20pm** Black As. **12.30** Unleash The Beast. **1.30** Hunting Aotearoa. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Waabiny Time. **3.25** Little J And Big Cuz. **3.35** Spartakus. **4.05** Cities Of Gold. **4.35** Motown Magic. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.25** Black As. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Great Blue Wild. **7.30** Home, Land & Sea. **8.30 MOVIE:** Empire Of The Sun. (1987, PG) **11.10** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am The Final Countdown. (1980, PG) **7.55** Heidi. (2015, PG, German) **10.00** Hounds. (2023, M, Berber) **11.45** Couch Potatoes. (2017, M, Italian) **1.40pm** Malcolm. (1986, PG) **3.15** Bride And Prejudice. (2004, PG) **5.20** Goal! (2005, PG) **7.30** Logan's Run. (1976, M) **9.40** Shin Ultraman. (2022, PG, Japanese) **11.50** This Is Spinal Tap. (1984, M) **1.25am** Motherhood. (2022, Japanese) **3.30** Falcon Lake. (2022, M) **5.20** White Lion. (2010, PG)

7MATE (73, 64)
6am Morning Programs. **7.00** My Fishing Place. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** Drag Racing. Australian Top Fuel Championship. Round 4. Highlights. **9.00** Motor Racing. Night Thunder. Silver Cup. Highlights. **10.00** Billy The Exterminator. **10.30** American Resto. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30pm** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Outback Truckers. **2.30** Railroad Australia. **3.30** Billy The Exterminator. **4.00** Mountain Men. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Highway Patrol. **8.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **9.30** World's Wildest Police Videos. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)
6am Children's Programs. **8.00** The Nanny. **9.00** Bewitched. **9.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **10.00** Seinfeld. **11.00** Project Impossible. **Noon MOVIE:** Stick It. (2006, PG) **2.00** The Golden Girls. **2.30** The Nanny. **3.30** Seinfeld. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** The Golden Girls. **6.30** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30 MOVIE:** Birds Of Prey. (2020, MA15+) **10.35** Ghost Hunters. **11.35** The O.C. **12.35am** Love Island UK. **1.30** Supernatural. **3.30** The Addams Family. **4.00** Teen Titans Go! **4.30** LEGO Jurassic World: Legend Of Isla Nublar. **4.50** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **5.10** Bakugan. **5.30** Pokémon.

10 BOLD (12, 53)
6am Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Jake And The Fatman.
9.30 Diagnosis Murder.
11.30 JAG. (PG, R)
1.30 Star Trek: Voyager. (PG, R)
2.30 Jake And The Fatman. (PGav, R)
3.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PGa, R)
5.30 JAG. (PGlv, R)
7.30 NCIS. (Mv, R)
10.30 The Weekly Kick-Off.
11.00 Fire Country. **11.55** Jake And The Fatman. **12.50am** Shopping. **2.20** Diagnosis Murder. **4.10** JAG.

CONSUMER ADVICE (P) Pre-school **(C)** Children **(PG)** Parental Guidance Recommended **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(R)** Repeat **(a)** Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence.

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Thursday, April 10

ABC (2)

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Foreign Correspondent. (R) **10.30** Back Roads. (PG, R) **11.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Miniseries: Best Interests. (Final, Ml, R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **3.00** Back Roads. (PG, R) **3.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.15** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
6.55 Federal Election Announcement. (R) An election announcement.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson.
8.00 Restoration Australia: Prahran Boarding. A couple reinvigorate a Melbourne institution.
9.00 Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Supershow. Features a line-up of festival favourites and new stars at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
11.00 ABC Late News.
11.15 The Business. (R)
11.35 Darby And Joan. (PGa, R)
12.20 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R)
1.05 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.25** Rage Closer. (R) **3.30** Sherwood. (Final, Mal, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.10** Matched. (PG, R) **11.00** Hidden Beauty Of Spain. **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **12.55** PBS News. **1.55** Alone Australia. (M, R) **3.00** Where Are You Really From? (PG, R) **3.35** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.45** The Cook Up. (R) **4.15** New York: The City That Never Sleeps. (PGal, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Concorde: Chasing A Dream. (PGa, R) A look at the Concorde.
8.30 Sydney's Super Tunnel: Down And Dirty. Teams continue to work underneath Sydney Harbour to complete the twin metro rail tunnels below the surface.
9.30 Virdee. (M) The victim of the nightclub attack is identified as another dealer in Riaz's organisation.
10.35 SBS World News Late.
11.05 Breaking Point. (Mlv)
12.00 Blinded. (Malns, R)
1.45 Desperate Measures. (Malv, R)
3.25 Inside The Modelling Agency. (PGl, R) **4.20** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)
12.00 Seven's National News At Noon.
1.00 MOVIE: Curious Caterer: Fatal Vows. (2023, PGav) Nikki Deloach.
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Football. AFL. Round 5. Adelaide v Geelong.
10.30 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the game.
11.00 Kick Ons. Kane Cornes, Josh Jenkins and Jason Richardson debate the hottest topics and preview the upcoming AFL matches.
11.30 The Chernobyl Disaster: Firestorm. (Ma, R) Firefighters battle the blaze.
12.30 Emergency Call. (PGa, R) Follows emergency call takers.
1.30 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Sunrise Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00 MOVIE:** Finding Mr Right. (2023, G, R) Elena Juatco, Marcus Rosner. **2.00** Pointless. (PG) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon.
4.30 [VIC] *Tipping Point Australia. (PG)*
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 [VIC] *WIN News.*

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 RBT. (PGl, R) Follows the activities of police units.
8.30 Emergency. (Mlm, R) A motorcyclist has a broken pelvis. Dr Steve Pinkus has shocking news for a patient.
9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mlm) Takes a look behind the scenes at three UK hospitals showing the night time challenges faced by staff.
10.30 My Feet Are Killing Me. (Mam)
11.20 9News Late.
11.50 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.40 Pointless. (PG, R)
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Global Shop. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

TEN (10, 5)

6.00 Drew Barrymore. (PGas) **7.00** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **9.00** Lingo. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.20** Dog House Aust. (PGa, R) **11.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **12.00** GCBC. **12.30** Family Feud. (PG, R) **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** News. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. Hosted by Grant Denyer.
6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 Gogglebox Australia. Opinionated viewers discuss TV shows.
8.30 Taskmaster Australia. (Mals) Comedy game show featuring comedians performing a series of tricky tasks. Hosted by Tom Gleeson.
9.40 Law & Order: SVU. (MA15+v, R) When a woman turns her husband in for possessing child abuse material, the case is complicated by a death.
10.40 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
11.05 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **6.05pm** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.15** Bluey. **6.25** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Ben And Holly. **6.55** Odd Squad. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Inbestigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.35** BTN Newsbreak. **8.40** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** Harry Potter: Wizards Of Baking. **10.05** Merlin. **10.50** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **10.00** The Movie Show. **Noon** WorldWatch. **12.30** Hoarders. **2.10** Planet A. **2.40** Insight. **3.40** News. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.40** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **6.05** Over The Black Dot. **6.35** Travel Man. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** History's Greatest Mysteries. **10.10** The UnXplained. **11.00** Homicide. **11.55** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Harry's Practice. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Medical Emergency. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** My Impossible House. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Seaway. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Tennis. Billie Jean King Cup. Qualifying round. Group D. Australia v Kazakhstan. **6.00** Yes Minister. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 6. Dolphins v Penrith Panthers. **9.45** Thursday Night Knock Off. **10.40** Outback Opal Hunters. **11.40** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Family Feud. **10.30** Drew Barrymore. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **1.00** Rules Of Engagement. **1.30** King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Rules Of Engagement. **4.00** GCBC. **4.30** King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Big Bang. **9.30** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **4.05** Cities Of Gold. **4.35** Motown Magic. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.25** Black As. **5.30** Te Ao With Moana. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.25** NITV Weather. **7.30** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. **8.30** DI Ray. **9.20** Wiyi Yani U Thangani. **9.30 MOVIE:** Mortal Kombat. (1995) **11.20** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am White Lion. Continued. (2010, PG) **7.00** Goal! (2005, PG) **9.10** Emu Runner. (2018, PG) **11.00** Gloria Bell. (2018, M) **12.55pm** Falcon Lake. (2022, M) **2.50** The Movie Show. **3.25** Shin Ultraman. (2022, PG, Japanese) **5.30** Goal! 2: Living The Dream. (2007, PG) **7.40** The Devil Has A Name. (2019, M) **9.30** Evil Does Not Exist. (2023, M, Japanese) **11.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Mountain Men. **11.00** American Resto. **11.30** Storage Wars. **Noon** American Pickers. **1.00** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Highway Patrol. **2.30** The Force: BTL. **3.30** Billy The Exterminator. **4.00** Mountain Men. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. **8.30** Britain's Got Talent. **9.45** The Amazing Race. **11.15** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Seinfeld. **11.00** Project Impossible. **Noon MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo. (2002, PG) **1.45** Innovation Nation. **2.00** The Golden Girls. **2.30** The Nanny. **3.30** Seinfeld. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** The Golden Girls. **6.30** The Nanny. **7.30** Survivor 48. **9.00 MOVIE:** The Hangover 2. (2011, MA15+) **11.00** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Jake And The Fatman. **9.30** Diagnosis Murder. **11.30** JAG. **1.30pm** ST: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **9.25 Blue Bloods.** (Mav) **10.20** Fire Country. **11.15** Jake And The Fatman. **12.15am** Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.



Friday, April 11

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Planet America. (R) **10.30** The Pacific. (R) **11.00** ANZAC Battlefields. (PG) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Unforgotten. (Mal, R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (R) **3.00** Back Roads. (PG, R) **3.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.10** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
6.55 Federal Election Announcement. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.35 Gardening Australia. Hannah Moloney visits Bruny Island.
8.35 Sherwood. (Return, Mdlv) A murder threatens to reignite historic turf wars.
9.35 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) A satirical news program.
10.05 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
10.35 Fresh Blood: Urvi Went To An All Girls' School. (Mls, R)
11.05 ABC Late News.
11.25 Father Brown. (PGav, R)
12.10 Mayfair Witches. (Mal, R) **12.55** Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv) **5.00** Rage. (PG)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.10** Matched. (PG, R) **11.00** Hidden Beauty Of Spain. **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** The Queen's Guard: A Year In Service. (Ml, R) **2.55** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **3.00** Nula. **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Mesopotamia 3D. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Mystery Of The Nazca Lines. (PG, R) Explores the mystery of the Nazca Lines.
8.40 Bettany Hughes' Lost Worlds: Nabataeans. (PG) Bettany Hughes arrives in Petra.
9.40 Scotland's Scenic Railways: West Highland Line, Forth Bridge, Blair Castle. (R) A look at Scotland's West Highland line.
10.35 SBS World News Late.
11.05 A Body That Works. (Mls)
12.05 Romulus. (MA15+av, R) **2.05** Agent Hamilton. (Mav, R) **3.45** Inside The Modelling Agency. (PGln, R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)
12.00 Seven's National News At Noon.
1.00 MOVIE: Nikki And Nora: Sister Sleuths. (2022, PGav) Hunter King.
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 AFL: Friday Night Countdown. A lead-up to the Friday night AFL match.
7.30 Football. AFL. Round 5. Collingwood v Sydney. From Adelaide Oval.
10.30 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the game.
11.15 GetOn Extra. A look at the weekend's best racing.
11.45 9-1-1: Lone Star. (Mav, R) An armoured truck heist is carried out.
12.45 The Black Donnellys. (Premiere, Mdsv) Four working-class brothers get involved with crime.
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer.
5.00 NBC Today.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00 MOVIE:** The Love Gala. (2023, PGa, R) Lesa Wilson, Marc Herrmann. **2.00** Pointless. (PG) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon.
4.30 [VIC] *Tipping Point Australia. (PG)*
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R)
5.30 [VIC] *WIN News.*

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 West Coast Cops. (Mv) The final wave of UK recruits are introduced.
8.30 MOVIE: Monster-In-Law. (2005, Ms, R) A woman faces opposition from her future mother-in-law, who is determined to prevent her son's wedding. Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan.
10.30 MOVIE: Moonstruck. (1987, PGal, R) A bookkeeper falls for the brother of her fiancé. Cher.
12.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.20 Talking Honey.
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.30 Global Shop. (R)
5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Postcards. (PG, R)

TEN (10, 5)

6.00 Drew Barrymore. (PGas) **7.00** Frugal Foodie. (R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **9.00** Lingo. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.20** Australian Survivor. (PGl, R) **11.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **12.00** GCBC. **12.30** Family Feud. (PG, R) **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** News. **4.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer.
6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 Airborne: Nature In Our Skies: In Flight Meals. (PGa) Takes a look at the quest for food, the fundamental need that unites all species across the planet.
8.40 The Graham Norton Show. (Ml, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Demi Moore, Lady Gaga, Colin Farrell, Richard Ayoade, Jack Savoretti and Miles Kane.
11.00 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
11.25 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **6.35pm** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Ben And Holly. **7.00** Supertato. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** Teen Titans Go! **8.00** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.25** BTN Newsbreak. **8.30** MythBusters "There's Your Problem!". **8.55** Robot Wars. **9.55** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament Of Houses. **10.40** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **10.00** The Movie Show. **12.10pm** WorldWatch. **12.40** The Nine Lives Of. **1.35** Hypothetical. **2.30** The Artist's View. **3.00** Cook Up Bitesize. **3.05** Over The Black Dot. **3.35** News. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **6.05** If You Are The One. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Secrets Of Polygamy. **10.10** Adam Looking For Eve. **11.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Harry's Practice. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Medical Emergency. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.30** Weekender. **3.00** DVine Living. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Better Homes. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Seaway. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Dales For Sale. **1.00** Antiques Roadshow. **1.30 MOVIE:** Are You Being Served? (1977, PG) **3.30 MOVIE:** Elizabeth Of Ladymead. (1948) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 6. Brisbane Broncos v Sydney Roosters. **9.55** Golden Point. **10.45** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Family Feud. **10.30** Drew Barrymore. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **1.00** Rules Of Engagement. **1.30** King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Rules Of Engagement. **4.00** GCBC. **4.30** King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Friends. **7.30 MOVIE:** Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. (2014, M) **9.30** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.50pm** Black As. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Waabiny Time. **3.25** Little J And Big Cuz. **3.35** Spartakus. **4.05** Cities Of Gold. **4.35** Motown Magic. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.25** Black As. **5.30** Nula. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.25** NITV Weather. **7.30 MOVIE:** The Witches. (2020) **9.40 MOVIE:** Get Hard. (2015, MA15+) **11.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Goal! 2: Living The Dream. Continued. (2007, PG) **7.10** Shin Ultraman. (2022, PG, Japanese) **9.15** Malcolm. (1986, PG) **10.50** This Is Spinal Tap. (1984, M) **12.20pm** Logan's Run. (1976, M) **2.30** The Movie Show. **3.05** Goal! (2005, PG) **5.15** A River Runs Through It. (1992, PG) **7.30** The Client. (1994, M) **9.45** The Secrets We Keep. (2020, MA15+) **11.35** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Blokesworld. **10.30** Billy The Exterminator. **11.00** Mountain Men. **Noon** American Resto. **12.30** Storage Wars. **1.00** American Pickers. **2.00** Pawn Stars. **2.30** Desert Collectors. **3.30** Timbersports. **4.00** Mountain Men. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Highway Cops. **8.30 MOVIE:** Love Again. (2023, M) **10.50** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Project Impossible. **Noon MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004, PG) **1.50** Innovation Nation. **2.00** The Golden Girls. **2.30** The Nanny. **3.30** Seinfeld. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** The Golden Girls. **6.30** The Nanny. **7.30 MOVIE:** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island. (2012, PG) **9.30 MOVIE:** Bad Neighbours 2. (2016, MA15+) **11.20** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Jake And The Fatman. **9.30** Diagnosis Murder. **11.30** JAG. **1.30pm** ST: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman.
4.30 JAG. (PGa, R)
7.30 NCIS. (Mav, R)
10.20 Fire Country. (Mv, R)
11.15 Jake And The Fatman. **12.15am** Shopping. **2.15** ST: Voyager. **4.05** JAG.

Saturday, April 12

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage Charts. (PG) **6.55** Rage Closer. (R) **7.00** Wknd Brekky. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **11.55** Rage Closer. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) **1.25** Darby And Joan. (PGa, R) **2.15** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **3.00** Dinosaurs Of The Frozen Continent. (R) **3.50** A Life In Ten Pictures. (PG, R) **4.40** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PGv, R) **5.10** Landline. (R) **5.40** Australian Story. (R)

6.10 Father Brown. (PGav) Brenda is embroiled in a deadly local dispute.
6.55 Federal Election Announcement. (R) An election announcement by the Greens.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Death In Paradise. (Final, Mv) The team faces their most confounding puzzle yet when a passenger seemingly vanishes mid-flight.
8.30 Vera. (Ma, R) Vera investigates when the body of the co-owner of a chip shop is found in his own freezer, uncovering secrets, lies and some unforgivable behaviour as she tries to unwrap the case.
10.05 Unforgotten. (Mal, R) The team finds suspects further afield.
10.50 Boat Story. (MA15+dlv, R) Janet and Samuel are caught in the crossfire.
11.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.05** Hugh's Wild West. (R) **11.00** Ageless Gardens. (R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Figure Skating. ISU Synchronised Championships. Highlights. **3.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Tour Of Flanders. Men's race. Highlights. **4.30** Heroines. **5.00** Going Places. (PG, R) **5.30** Shipwrecked: The Crispi Sinking.

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Wonders Of Europe: Schonbrunn Palace. Looks at Vienna's Schonbrunn Palace.
8.30 Snowdon & Margaret: A Scandalous Affair. (PGa, R) Explores Princess Margaret's marriage to British photographer Antony Armstrong-Jones.
9.25 Stanley Tucci: Searching For Italy: Rome. (PG, R) Stanley Tucci heads to Rome where he meets up with old friend Claudia della Frattina.
10.15 Great Coastal Railway Journeys: Tynemouth To Bardon Mill. (PGa, R) Hosted by Michael Portillo.
11.15 Paris Paris. (Ms, R)
3.10 Bamay. (R)
4.05 Peer To Peer. (PG, R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise.
10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG)
12.00 Horse Racing. The Star Championships Day, Golden Mile Race Day and PKF Italian Day.
5.00 Seven News At 5.
5.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) Biosecurity officers uncover a huge quantity of high-risk items in the luggage of a Chinese student.
7.30 MOVIE: The Day After Tomorrow. (2004, Ma, R) A climatologist tries to save his family after the planet is plunged into a sudden ice age. Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Emmy Rossum.
9.55 MOVIE: The Book Of Eli. (2010, MA15+v, R) In a post-apocalyptic future, a lone man fights his way across the US to protect a sacred book. Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman.
12.20 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Taupo Super400. Day 1. Highlights.
1.20 The Black Donnellys. (Mdsv)
2.30 To Be Advised.
4.00 It's Academic. (R)
5.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PGln, R)

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Getaway. (PG, R) **6.30** A Current Affair. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) **12.00** Destination WA. (R) **12.30** Young Sheldon. (PGadlsv, R) **1.00** Let's Eat With George. **1.30 MOVIE:** Oddball. (2015, G, R) Shane Jacobson, Sarah Snook, Alan Tudyk. **3.30** The Hundred With Andy Lee. (PGl, R) **4.30** The Garden Gurus. **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** Getaway. (PG)

6.00 9News Saturday.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 MOVIE: Mrs Doubtfire. (1993, PGal, R) A man resorts to posing as a devoted female housekeeper to keep in touch with his three children. Robin Williams, Sally Field.
10.00 MOVIE: The Birdcage. (1996, Ml, R) The son of a gay club owner persuades his father to pretend to be heterosexual. Robin Williams, Nathan Lane.
12.15 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PGds, R)
1.15 Let's Eat With George. (R)
1.45 Talking Honey. (PG, R)
2.00 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PG)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Global Shop. (R)
5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.30 Helping Hands. (PG, R)

TEN (10, 5)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** The Weekly Kick-Off. (R) **10.30** Australian Survivor. (PGl, R) **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **12.30** Australia By Design: Architecture. (R) **1.00** 10 Minute Kitchen. **1.30** Frugal Foodie. **2.00** Silvia's Italian Masterclass. (R) **2.30** Taste Of Aus: BBQ. (R) **3.00** What's Up Down Under. (PGl, R) **3.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **4.00** My Market Kitchen. **4.30** GCBC. (R) **5.00** News.

6.30 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Narrated by Mark Coles Smith.
7.30 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple have a five-bed Donvale home.
8.30 Gogglebox Australia. (R) A diverse range of people open their living rooms to reveal their reactions to popular and topical TV shows, with the help of special, locked-off cameras which capture every unpredictable moment.
9.30 Ambulance Australia. (Mdlm, R) A specialist critical care paramedic responds to a head-on collision that has left a driver trapped in their car.
10.30 Elsbeth. (Ma, R) Elsbeth investigates the death of a billionaire.
11.30 FBI. (Mv, R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Hour Of Power.

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **5.50pm** Paddington. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.15** Bluey. **6.25** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Ben And Holly. **6.55** Rocket Club. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Harry Potter: Wizards Of Baking. **8.10** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament Of Houses. **8.55** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.35** Speechless. **9.55** Officially Amazing. **10.25** Dragon Ball Super. **10.50** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **10.00** The Movie Show. **Noon** Bad Education. **1.10** Who You Gonna Call? **2.45** Beyond Oak Island. **3.30** News. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.30** Over The Black Dot. **6.00** Our Law. **6.35** Engineering Tomorrow. **7.30** Impossible Engineering. **8.25** Special Forces: Most Daring Missions. **9.20** The Hunt For Stolen Nazi Treasure. **10.10** The Artist's View. **10.40** Late Programs.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Harry's Practice. **11.30** GetOn Extra. **Noon** Escape To The Country. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Horse Racing. The Star Championships Day, Golden Mile Race Day and PKF Italian Day. **6.00** Dog Patrol. **6.30** Bondi Vet. (Return) **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** I Escaped To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Helping Hands. **10.30** My Favorite Martian. **11.00** World's Greatest Engineering Icons. **Noon** Tennis. Billie Jean King Cup. Qualifying round. Group D. Australia v Colombia. **6.00** Dad's Army. **7.00** Rugby Union. Super Rugby Pacific. Round 9. Queensland Reds v ACT Brumbies. **9.30** Super Rugby Pacific Post-Match. **9.45 MOVIE:** Broken Arrow. (1996, M) **11.55** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Bold. **8.30** Wheel Of Fortune. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** GCBC. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **2.00** Ridiculousness. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00 Friends.** (PG, R) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (PG, R) **10.30 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **11.30** Ridiculousness. **12.30am** South Park. **1.00** Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **3.00** Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Great Parks Of Africa. **2.20** Nula. **2.50** Nganampa Anwernekenhe. **3.20** Black As. **3.30** The First Inventors. **4.30** Tradition On A Plate. **5.00** Shepherdess. **5.30** The Barber. **6.00** The Last Land: Gespe'gewa'gi. **6.30** News. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Alone Australia. **8.30 MOVIE:** Cujo. (1983, M) **10.15 MOVIE:** Amazing Grace. (2018) **11.50** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am A River Runs Through It. (1992, PG) **8.15** Dancing At Lughnasa. (1998, PG) **10.00** The Big Chill. (1983, M) **Noon** The Devil Has A Name. (2019, M) **1.50** Goal! 2: Living The Dream. (2007, PG) **4.00** The World's Fastest Indian. (2005, PG) **6.20** Roman Holiday. (1953, PG) **8.30** And So It Goes. (2014, M) **10.15** House Of Pleasures. (2011, MA15+, French) **12.40am** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Timbersports. **1.00** Blokesworld. **1.30** Cool Cars & Bikes. **2.00** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **3.00** Football. Gather Round State Game. SANFL v VFL. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **8.30** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **9.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **10.30** Engineering Disasters. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Children's Programs. **8.00** Innovation Nation. **8.10** Allo! Allo! **9.10** Only Fools And Horses. **9.50** David Attenborough's Dynasties II. **11.00** Ancient Aliens. **Noon MOVIE:** Johnny English. (2003, PG) **1.45** Lost Gold Of World War II. **2.45** Hunting Hitler. **3.45** Jeopardy! UK. **4.45** Young Sheldon. **5.40 MOVIE:** The Addams Family 2. (2021, PG) **7.30 MOVIE:** The Hunger Games. (2012, M) **10.15** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **9.00** Jake And The Fatman. **10.00** Judge Judy. **10.30** JAG. **1.30pm** Escape Fishing. **2.00** Soccer. A-League Women. Round 22. Sydney FC v Perth Glory. **4.30** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 26. Sydney FC v Auckland FC. **7.00** Football Tonight. **7.25** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 26. Newcastle Jets v Central Coast Mariners. **10.00** NCIS. **12.45am** Late Programs.



Sunday, April 13

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Insiders. **10.30** Offsiders. **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Songs Of Praise. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30 Gardening Australia.** (R) **2.30 Monty Don's Japanese Gardens.** (R) **4.30 Restoration Australia.** (R) **5.30 Antiques Roadshow.** (R)

6.25 Federal Election Announcement. (R)
6.30 Compass: The Bishop Who Knew Too Much. (PG)
6.55 Federal Election Announcement. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Darby And Joan. (Mad) Jack and Joan investigate a poisoning.
8.15 Unforgotten. (Mal) Mel and Asif are taken into custody.
9.05 Boat Story. (MA15+v) Janet and Samuel plot their next move.
10.05 MOVIE: Windrider. (1986, Mdls, R) Nicole Kidman.
11.35 You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R)
12.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.00** Ask The Doctor. (PG, R) **3.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **4.30** Insiders. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Incredible Homes. (R) **10.00** FIFA World Cup Classic Matches. **11.30** Lap Of Luxury: Escapes Down Under. (R) **12.00** APAC Weekly. **12.30** PBS Washington Week. **12.55** Wrestling. (R) **1.00** Motor Racing. ProMX Championships. Round 2. **4.00** Heroines. (PG) **4.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Tour Of Flanders. Women's Highlights. **5.30** Operation: March On Rome.

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Ancient Empires. (Mav) Looks at the life of Julius Ceasar.
9.30 Clash Of The Crown Princes. Looks at Rudolf of Austria and Wilhelm of Prussia.
10.30 What They Found. (MA15+aw)
11.20 Mayhem: Secret Lives Of Georgian Kings: George II Warrior King. (PGav, R)
12.15 Rebel With A Cause: Neville Bonner. (PGal, R)
1.15 Empires Of New York. (MA15+ad, R) **3.45** Britain's Great Outdoors. (R) **4.15** Bamay. (R) **4.45** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** Al Jazeera News.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 NBC Today.
7.00 Weekend Sunrise.
10.00 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG)
12.00 Sunday Footy Feast.
2.30 AFL Pre-Game Show. Pre-game coverage of the match.
3.00 Football. AFL. Round 5. St Kilda v GWS Giants.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Football. AFL. Round 5. Port Adelaide v Hawthorn.
10.30 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the game.
11.00 MOVIE: Firestarter. (2022, MA15+av) A young girl tries to understand how she mysteriously gained the power to set things on fire with her mind. Zac Efron, Ryan Kiera Armstrong.
1.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Taupo Super400. Day 2. Highlights.
2.00 Home Shopping.
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer.
4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.00 Sunrise Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Hello SA. (PG, R) **6.30** A Current Affair. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** AFL Sunday Footy Show. (PG) **12.00** Wide World Of Sports. (PG) **1.00** Fish Forever. **1.30** Drive TV: Drive Car Of The Year. **2.00** Oz Off Road TV. (PG, R) **3.00** David Attenborough's The Mating Game. (PGa, R) **4.00** Space Invaders. (PGa, R) **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** Postcards. (PG)

6.00 9News Sunday.
7.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program.
8.00 RBT. (Ml) Follows the activities of police units.
8.30 The People Vs Michael Jackson. (MA15+a) Takes a look at the 2005 People versus Michael Jackson criminal trial from the jurors' point of view.
10.30 Footy Furnace. (Mlv)
11.30 9News Late.
12.00 The First 48. (Mav)
12.50 Destination WA. (PG)
1.20 9Honey Hacks.
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** Drive TV: Drive Car Of The Year. (R) **5.00** Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

TEN (10, 5)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Freshly Picked. **9.30** Loving Gluten Free. (R) **10.00** 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Pooches At Play. (R) **11.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **11.30** Buy To Build. (R) **12.00** Australian Survivor. (PGl, R) **1.10** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **1.30** Cook With Luke. (R) **2.00** Dog Down Under. (R) **2.30** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **3.30** All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) **4.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **5.00** News.

6.00 The Sunday Project. A look at the day's news.
7.00 Australian Survivor. (PGl) A group of 24 Australian castaways battles it out on the beaches of Samoa. Presented by Jonathan LaPaglia.
8.10 Matlock. (PGa) A pregnant woman asks for Olympia's help obtaining a divorce from her husband, whose family is a client of the firm.
9.10 FBI. (Mv) When an undercover FBI agent is killed in the field, the team makes the unnerving discovery that the identities of multiple undercover agents have been compromised, including Maggie.
11.10 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **5.50pm** Paddington. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.15** Bluey. **6.25** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Kiri And Lou. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.00** Supertato. **7.05** Rocket Club. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Moominvalley. **8.00** Horrible Histories. **8.30** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.10** Abbott Elementary. **9.55** Speechless. **10.15** Merlin. **11.00** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** The Movie Show. **12.15pm** Figure Skating. ISU European C'ships. H'lights. **1.45** Jeopardy! **3.50** WorldWatch. **4.20** PBS Washington Week. **4.45** The Artist's View: A-ha. **5.15** Domino Masters. **6.10** Abandoned Engineering. **7.05** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Paris-Roubaix. Men's race. **1.50am** Letterkenny. **2.50** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **10.30** Australia's Best Backyards. **11.00** I Escaped To The Country. **Noon** Escape To The Country. **1.00** The Surgery Ship. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Better Homes. **4.30** I Escaped To The Country. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** Great Rail Restorations. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** In Touch. **8.00** Beyond Today. **8.30** The Incredible Journey. **9.00** Turning Point. **9.30** TV Shop. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** Getaway. **11.00** NRL Sunday Footy Show. **1pm MOVIE:** Tonight's The Night. (1954) **3.00** Rugby League. NRL. Round 6. Newcastle Knights v Wests Tigers. **6.00** Dad's Army. **6.30** M*A*S*H. **8.30 MOVIE:** U.S. Marshals. (1998, M) **11.10** Late Programs.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Stephen Colbert. **2pm** Ridiculousness. **3.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **4.00 Friends.** (PG, R) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (PGs, R) **10.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **11.00** Ridiculousness. **Midnight** South Park. **12.30** Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **3.00** Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.20pm** Football. NTFL. Men's. Under-18s. Round 11. Wanderers v Palmerston. Replay. **2.35** Yorky Billy. **2.55 MOVIE:** The Endangered Generation? (2022, PG) **4.30 MOVIE:** Amazing Grace. (2018) **6.05** Queer & Here. **6.35** News. **6.45** Waterworld Africa. **7.35** The Frontier. **8.30 MOVIE:** Alick & Albert. (2021) **10.00 MOVIE:** The Piano. (1993, MA15+) **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am The World's Fastest Indian. Continued. (2005, PG) **8.00** It All Began When I Met You. (2013, PG, Japanese) **10.00** Kin. (2018, M) **11.55** The Client. (1994, M) **2.10pm** A River Runs Through It. (1992, PG) **4.25** Sometimes Always Never. (2018, PG) **6.05** Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PG) **8.30** The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button. (2008, M) **11.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Pawn Stars. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Fishy Business. **Noon** The Fishing Show By AFN: Best Of. **1.00** Fishing Addiction. **2.00** Step Outside. **2.30** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **3.00** Engineering Disasters. **4.00** Deep Water Salvage. **5.00** Hustle & Tow. **6.00** The Wash Up. **7.00** Border Security. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Equalizer 3. (2023, MA15+) **10.50** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Children's Programs. **8.00** Allo! Allo! **9.10** Only Fools And Horses. **9.50** David Attenborough's Dynasties II. **11.00** Ancient Aliens. **Noon MOVIE:** Short Circuit. (1986, PG) **2.00** Lost Gold Of World War II. **3.00** Hunting Hitler. **4.00** Jeopardy! UK. **5.00** Young Sheldon. **5.30 MOVIE:** Elf. (2003) **7.30 MOVIE:** Dune. (2021, M) **10.40 MOVIE:** Species. (1995, MA15+) **12.50am** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **8.00** Tough Tested. **9.00** Reel Action. **9.30** What's Up Down Under. **10.00** 4x4 Adventures. **11.00** Escape Fishing. **11.30** Roads Less Travelled. **Noon** Navigating The World. **2.00** I Fish. **2.30** JAG. **3.30** What's Up Down Under. **4.30** Top Gear Australia. **5.30** Australian Survivor. **6.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** SEAL Team. **11.15** Fire Country. **3am** 48 Hours. **5.00** JAG.

Monday, April 14

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Vera. (Ma, R) **11.30** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PGv, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. (R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **3.00** Back Roads. (R) **3.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.15** Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
5.00 A Bite To Eat With Alice.
5.25 Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Federal Election Announcement. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
6.55 Federal Election Announcement. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Australian Story. Presented by Leigh Sales.
8.30 Four Corners. Investigative journalism program.
9.15 Media Watch. (PG) Presented by Linton Besser.
9.35 Q+A. Presented by Patricia Karvelas.
10.35 ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (R) **11.10** Planet America. (R) **11.40** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) **12.10** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **1.00** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.45** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.20** Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **6.25pm** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Kiri And Lou. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.00** Supertato. **7.05** Dino Dex. (Premiere) **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Inbestigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.35** BTN Newsbreak. **8.40** The Crystal Maze. **9.30** Street Science. **9.50** Merlin. **10.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.35pm** Big Sky Girls. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.25** Black As. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.00** Aquariums: The Dark Hobby. **10.00** MOVIE: The Fringe Dwellers. (1986, M) **11.45** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.20** Matched. (PG, R) **11.10** Hidden Beauty Of Spain. (PGa) **12.10** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News Weekend. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Hour. **2.00** The Queen's Guard: A Year In Service. (Ml, R) **2.55** Travel Shooters. (Premiere) **3.25** The Cook Up. (R) **3.55** London's Super Tunnel. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Milan With Michael Portillo. (PGa) Michael Portillo gets behind the wheel.
8.30 Pompeii: The New Dig: The Final Hours. (Final, PGan, R) The archaeologists complete the excavation of a wealthy residence, a bakery and a laundry.
9.35 24 Hours In Emergency: Never Let You Down. (M) A 66-year-old woman is rushed to Queen's Medical Centre with burn injuries. An 88-year-old man is in resus after falling down stairs.
10.30 SBS World News Late.
11.00 Syndrome E. (Malv)
12.00 Infiniti. (MA15+av, R)
2.00 Son Of. (Madlv, R)
3.45 Inside The Modelling Agency. (PG, R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Small Business Secrets. **Noon** WorldWatch. **12.30** The Movie Show. **1.05** Most Expensivest. **2.00** Devoured. **2.55** Wine Lovers' Guide. **3.30** WorldWatch. **5.45** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **6.10** Mysteries From Above. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.30** News. **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** UFOs: Investigating The Unknown. **9.25** Myths: The Greatest Mysteries Of Humanity. **10.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Dancing At Lughnasa. Continued. (1998, PG) **7.05** Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PG) **9.30** Roman Holiday. (1953, PG) **11.40** And So It Goes. (2014, M) **1.20pm** The Cover. (2021, M, Spanish) **3.00** The Movie Show. **3.35** It All Began When I Met You. (2013, PG, Japanese) **5.35** Murder Party. (2022, PG, French) **7.30** My Old Lady. (2014, M) **9.30** The Longest Week. (2014, M) **11.05** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 Sunrise.
9.00 The Morning Show. (PG)
12.00 Seven's National News At Noon.
1.00 MOVIE: Darrow And Darrow. (2017, PGav, R) Kimberly Williams-Paisley.
3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.30 Highway Patrol. (PGa) A hit-and-run driver is found at home but is drugged, angry and not going to cooperate easily.
8.30 9-1-1: Lone Star. (Mad) The 126 races into action when a horse barrels into a brewery and a bus full of tourists all experience seizures.
9.30 The Agenda Setters. (R) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world.
10.30 Suits L.A. (M)
11.30 St. Denis Medical. (PGal)
12.00 Treadstone. (MA15+av) Bentley returns to the CIA.
2.00 Home Shopping.
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Sunrise Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Medical Emergency. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Better Homes. **1pm** The Great Australian Doorstep. **1.30** Australia's Best Backyards. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Medical Emergency. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Shetland. **11.00** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Boating. Circuit Boat Drivers C'ship. **2.00** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Taupo Super400. H'lights. **3.00** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Taupo Super400. H'lights. **4.00** Mountain Men. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** The Agenda Setters. **8.00** Outback Opal Hunters. **9.00** Gem Hunters Down Under. **10.00** Late Programs.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00 MOVIE:** Two Chefs And A Wedding Cake. (2023, G, R) Francesca Bianchi, Caitlin McCarthy. **2.00** Pointless. (PG) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon.
4.30 [VIC] *Tipping Point Australia. (PG)*
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 [VIC] *WIN News.*

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 Tipping Point: Travel Guides. Hosted by Todd Woodbridge.
9.00 Footy Classified. (Ml) A team of footy experts tackles the AFL's big issues and controversies.
10.00 9News Late.
10.30 The Prison Confessions Of Gypsy-Rose Blanchard: I Pulled The Trigger. (Malv) Gypsy Rose Blanchard is lured home.
11.20 Police After Dark. (Mlv, R)
12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.05 Hello SA. (PG)
1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Global Shop. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa)
4.30 A Current Affair. (R)
5.00 Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** Rainbow Country. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Dales For Sale. **1.00** Antiques Roadshow. **1.30** MOVIE: Turned Out Nice Again. (1941) **3.10** MOVIE: The Cracksman. (1963) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** The Madame Blanc Mysteries. **9.40** Grantchester. **10.50** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Seinfeld. **11.00** Adelaide Motor Festival. **Noon** MOVIE: Monster-In-Law. (2005, PG) **2.00** The Golden Girls. **2.30** The Nanny. **3.30** Seinfeld. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** The Golden Girls. **6.30** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** MOVIE: National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, M) **10.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10, 5)

6.00 Drew Barrymore. (PGas) **7.00** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **9.00** Lingo. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.20** Australian Survivor. (PGl, R) **11.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **12.00** GCBC. **12.30** Family Feud. (PG, R) **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** News. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. Hosted by Grant Denyer.
6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news.
7.30 Australian Survivor. (Final, l) A group of 24 Australian castaways battles it out on the beaches of Samoa. Presented by Jonathan LaPaglia.
9.00 Sam Pang Tonight. (Mals) A weekly tonight show hosted by Sam Pang, featuring a monologue roasting the news of the week.
10.00 Taskmaster Australia. (Mals, R) Hosted by Tom Gleeson.
11.10 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
11.35 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.35 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Family Feud. **10.30** Drew Barrymore. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **1.00** Rules Of Engagement. **1.30** King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Rules Of Engagement. **4.00** GCBC. **4.30** King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Big Bang. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.00** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Reel Action. **9.30** Camper Deals. **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.30** What's Up Down Under. **12.30pm** Navigating The World. **1.30** JAG. **2.30** ST: Voyager. **3.30** Jake And The Fatman. **4.30** JAG.
7.30 NCIS. (Mv, R)
10.20 Fire Country. **11.15** Jake And The Fatman. **12.15am** Shopping. **2.15** ST: Voyager. **3.10** JAG.

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Tuesday, April 15

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Aust Story. (R) **10.30** Compass. (PG, R) **11.00** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) **11.30** Space 22. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (PG, R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **3.00** Back Roads. (R) **3.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.15** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. **5.25** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **6.55** Federal Election Announcement. (R) **7.00** ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Foreign Correspondent.
8.30 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli: Tim Minchin. (Ml) Virginia Trioli meets Tim Minchin.
9.00 Swingers: How To Win An Election.
9.30 Finding The Archibald: Brave New Faces. (Final, Ml, R)
10.30 The ABC Of... (PG, R) **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** The Business. (R) **11.30** Four Corners. (R) **12.15** Media Watch. (PG, R) **12.35** Q+A. (R) **1.35** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **2.20** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **3.05** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.45** Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **6.05pm** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.15** Bluey. **6.25** Octonauts: Above And Beyond. **6.35** Hey Duggee. **6.40** Kiri And Lou. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.00** Supertato. **7.05** Dino Dex. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Inbestigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.35** BTN Newsbreak. **8.40** Deadly 60. **9.10** Ice Age. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Our Law. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.25** Black As. **5.30** Indian Country Today News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.30** News. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Four Kings. **8.30** Pro Bull Riding USA: Unleash The Beast. **9.30** Over The Black Dot. **10.00** Hunting Aotearoa. **10.30** MOVIE: Monkey Beach. (2020, M) **12.20am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.05** Curious Traveller. (R) **10.05** Matched. (PG, R) **11.00** Food Markets. (R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Mystery Of The Assassination Of JFK. (Mav, R) **2.50** The Weekly Football Wrap. (R) **3.20** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** London's Super Tunnel. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Great Coastal Railway Journeys: Bangor To Belfast. (R)
8.30 Insight. Kumi Taguchi explores escapism.
9.30 Dateline: Venice's Tourist Overload. (R) A look at the impact of tourism on Venice.
10.00 SBS World News Late.
10.30 Guillaume's Paris. (R)
11.00 Snow. (Mal)
11.55 Illegals. (MA15+al, R) **1.45** Faking Hitler. (Man, R) **3.30** Inside The Modelling Agency. (PGls, R) **4.25** Bamay. (R) **4.55** Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am WorldWatch. **10.00** The Movie Show. **12.10pm** WorldWatch. **12.40** Cult Of Elon. **2.00** One Armed Chef. **2.55** Bamay. **3.25** Uncovering Incels. **3.40** News. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.45** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **6.10** Mysteries From Above. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** James May: Our Man In... Japan. **10.30** Duelling Daredevils. **11.20** Taskmaster. **12.15am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **6.55** Sometimes Always Never. (2018, PG) **8.35** Little Nicholas' Treasure. (2021, PG, French) **10.30** The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button. (2008, M) **1.30pm** Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PG) **3.55** Mary And The Witch's Flower. (2017, PG) **5.50** All Roads Lead To Rome. (2015, PG) **7.30** The Promise. (2016, M) **9.55** The Handmaid's Tale. (1990, MA15+) **11.55** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 6)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG)
12.00 Seven's National News At Noon.
1.00 MOVIE: Darrow And Darrow: In The Key Of Murder. (2018, PGav, R) Kimberly Williams-Paisley.
3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.

6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PGa)
7.30 The Americas: The Amazon. (PG) Takes a look at the Amazon.
8.30 9-1-1: Lone Star. (Ma) The 126 races to save a man crushed under a vending machine. Owen finally faces his brother's death.
9.30 The Agenda Setters. (R) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world.
10.30 The Irrational. (Mav) An astronaut is trapped in space.
11.30 St. Denis Medical. (PGal)
12.00 The Act. (MA15+ans, R)
1.10 Travel Oz. (PG, R)
2.00 Home Shopping.
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7TWO (72, 62)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Australia's Best Backyards. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Medical Emergency. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** Better Homes. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** My Greek Odyssey. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Ludwig. **8.45** Foyle's War. **10.55** Late Programs.

7MATE (73, 64)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **10.00** Mountain Men. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30pm** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Outback Opal Hunters. **2.30** Gem Hunters Down Under. **3.30** Duck Dynasty. **4.00** Mountain Men. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** The Agenda Setters. **8.00** Outback Truckers. **10.00** Railroad Australia. **11.00** Late Programs.

NINE (9, 8)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00 MOVIE:** Zoe's Having A Baby. (2023, PGa, R) Nina Kiri, Ryan Bruce. **2.00** Pointless. (PG) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon.
4.30 [VIC] *Tipping Point Australia. (PG)*
5.00 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 [VIC] *WIN News.*

6.00 9News.
7.00 A Current Affair.
7.30 Paramedics. (Mm, R) A woman collapses with no heartbeat.
8.30 Australian Crime Stories: The Money Or The Bomb. (Mv, R) Takes a look at the 1971 case of extortionist "Mr Brown", who claimed to have placed a bomb on a Qantas flight.
9.40 Footy Classified. (Ml) Footy experts tackle the AFL's big issues.
11.10 The Equalizer. (Mav, R)
12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.50 Talking Honey. (PG)
1.00 Fish Forever. (R) **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** Building Ideas. (PG) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

9GEM (92, 81)

6am Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** TV Shop. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Dales For Sale. **1.00** Antiques Roadshow. **1.30** MOVIE: Miss Robin Hood. (1952) **3.05** MOVIE: Bonnie Prince Charlie. (1948) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** The Chelsea Detective. **10.40** Late Programs.

9GO! (93, 82)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Seinfeld. **11.00** Motor Racing. ABB FIA Formula E World C'ship. H'lights. **12.05pm** MOVIE: Journey 2: The Mysterious Island. (2012, PG) **2.00** The Golden Girls. **2.30** The Nanny. **3.30** Seinfeld. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** The Golden Girls. **6.30** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** MOVIE: Catwoman. (2004, M) **10.35** Late Programs.

TEN (10, 5)

6.00 Drew Barrymore. (PGas) **7.00** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **7.30** GCBC. (R) **8.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **9.00** Lingo. (R) **10.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **10.30** Australian Survivor. (l, R) **12.00** GCBC. **12.30** Family Feud. (PG, R) **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** News. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. Contestants compete in a high-stakes game where they must beat The Banker to win a cash prize.
6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.
7.30 The Dog House Australia. (PGa) Naomi loves a whippet but her daughters prefer a dachshund. A Bull Arab is Hayley's dream dog.
8.40 NCIS.
10.30 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
10.55 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news.
12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

10 PEACH (11, 52)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Family Feud. **10.30** Drew Barrymore. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal. **Noon** Stephen Colbert. **1.00** Rules Of Engagement. **1.30** King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Rules Of Engagement. **4.00** GCBC. **4.30** King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Big Bang. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.00** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (12, 53)

6am Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Navigating The World. **9.30** ST: Voyager. **10.30** Jake And The Fatman. **11.30** JAG. **2.30pm** ST: Voyager. **3.30** Jake And The Fatman. **4.30** JAG.
7.30 NCIS. (Mv, R)
8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv, R)
10.20 Fire Country. **11.15** Jake And The Fatman. **12.15am** Shopping. **2.15** ST: Voyager. **3.10** JAG.

On Demand



Troubled waters: *Hacks* stars Hannah Einbinder and Jean Smart return for a tense fourth season.

BOLD BETRAYAL

HACKS
Streaming from Friday, Stan

This critically acclaimed comedy series follows 70-something legendary Las Vegas stand-up comedian Deborah Vance (Jean Smart) and sardonic young comedy writer Ava Daniels (Hannah Einbinder) as they're forced to work together to keep both their careers alive.

To say the two have a love-hate relationship is an understatement. At first, they couldn't work with each other, but soon realised they don't work without each other.

Season four picks up right where we left the dysfunctional duo – with Deborah scoring the late-night hosting gig of her dreams and Ava having blackmailed her for the head writer job. The first three seasons have seen the pair bond, break-up and belittle one and all, but after betraying each other, their relationship has moved into seriously hostile territory.

With Deborah's TV show in the spotlight, there's scope for oodles of celebrity guest stars: Helen Hunt, Tony Goldwyn, Christopher McDonald and Poppy Liu all feature.

Meanwhile, there's a bit of real-life grounding for Deborah with daughter DJ (Kaitlin Olsen) set to have her baby, making her a grandmother.

Deborah and Ava find themselves on the biggest stage of their careers. Can they find some common ground to get their dream show off the ground, while making some history in the process? **– Kathryn Roberts**



G20
Streaming, Prime Video

This high-octane film casts Oscar-winner Viola Davis (pictured) as tough-as-nails US President Danielle Sutton. If dealing with a rebellious daughter while leading the free world was not enough, our heroine finds herself the No.1 target of some tech-savvy terrorists when the G20 summit comes under siege. President Sutton uses her nous and muscles to outsmart the enemy, protecting her family and her country all at once.



DOCTOR WHO
Streaming from Saturday, Disney+

Ncuti Gatwa returns as The Doctor for another season of this cult classic, travelling across time and space with new companion Belinda Chandra (Varada Sethu, pictured with Gatwa). She just wants to get back to Earth, but a mysterious force is preventing the TARDIS' return. From a futuristic 51st century to the 803rd Interstellar Song Contest, The Doctor and co. face greater enemies and wilder terrors than ever before.



YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV+

Jon Hamm (pictured) is Coop, a high-flying New York hedge fund manager whose glamorous life has just collapsed. Coming to terms with his recent divorce, Coop is fired and finds himself disgraced, but desperate to keep up appearances. He turns to crime, robbing the mansions of his ultra-wealthy neighbours – but discovers more than he bargained for.



BLACK MIRROR
Streaming, Netflix

This dark, satirical anthology series returns with six new episodes where nothing is as it seems. The standalone stories are mostly set in near-future dystopias containing sci-fi technology. This time, the star-studded cast bringing the twisted tales to life includes Peter Capaldi (pictured), Chris O'Dowd, Rashida Jones, Harriet Walter and Emma Corrin.



THE BIG EUROVISION PARTY
Streaming, SBS On Demand

Filmed late last year in Amsterdam, this concert brings together an ensemble of Eurovision legends to celebrate the iconic song competition. Hosted by Edsilia Rombley and with *Drag Race UK* alumni Tia Kofi having the time of her life backstage, prepare to sing along and relive memories with the stars – including our very own Guy Sebastian (pictured).



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Umpires working well bringing the ball back to the centre. (469862)



Bunyip's Jackson Smith pregame with his daughter Kyra. (469862)



Plenty of the Pearcedale Panthers faithful turned up to the derby against Devon at Glover Reserve. (469868)

Goon singing all the songs



It's finally happened, for the first time since the inception of the WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION (WGFNC) in 2017, PHILLIP ISLAND has lost all four games of football on the same day. The Bulldogs remarkable record came to an end on Saturday with NAR NAR GOON winning the seniors (67 points), reserves (8 points), thirds (1 point) and fourths (13 points) at the Cowes Recreation Reserve. It's quite incredible to think that's it the first time since 2017 that the Bulldogs theme song hasn't been sung at least once!

TOORADIN-DALMORE will have to wait until round two to unveil its star signing Shane Savage after the damaging midfielder put a nail through his hand with a nail-gun in the lead up to Saturday's game against CORA LYNN. The Seagulls were super-impressive and well-organised against the Cobras and will only be bolstered when the former HAWTHORN and ST KILDA player makes his debut in green, white and red.

It was great to hear experienced field umpires giving their younger boundary-line colleagues a boost in confidence at TOORADIN on Saturday. With the ball up the other end, the experienced umpire was standing close by when he said loudly, "You look fit and fast Logan Dickson". The young fella was beaming and took off with a huge smile on his face to patrol his boundary line.

While on umpires, CORA LYNN skipper Jaxon Briggs wasn't too impressed with some decisions that were made against his Cobras at Tooradin. At one point Briggs was so animated in his displeasure that co-coach Jimmy Munro decided to put his foot down. "Stop it Jaxon," Munro roared as players repositioned after a 50-metre penalty was given against the skipper late in the third term. For what it's worth, from our neutral vantage point, we thought the umpiring was very good.

There was a funny moment when TOORADIN-DALMORE coach Jordan Kelly witnessed the CORA LYNN senior team sheet for the first time on Saturday. "Tim Payne, he's playing in the twos," Kelly said while raising his eyebrows just prior to the game. Sure enough, as Kelly looked up, there was Payne in the thick of the action in the curtain-raiser. Things were quickly sorted and the three-time premiership captain was confirmed as a late scratching.

The move of VFL talent Luke Ryan from CORA LYNN to PAKENHAM in recent times has surprised some at the Cobradome, with few people aware he was considering a switch at all. Luke, wearing number 66, was named in Pakenham's best in its 27-point win over Yea, while his brother Matt kicked a sausage roll in a losing effort for Cora Lynn against TOORADIN-DALMORE. It's a big loss for the Cobras, with Luke on the NORTHERN BULLANTS VFL list this season after a previous stint with SANDRINGHAM.

It takes a lot to fluster NARRE WARRREN coach Steven Kidd on the football field, but 'Skidda' looked a little perplexed as he attempted to unfurl the Magpies senior premiership flag on Saturday night at Kalora Park. With both teams, Narre and CRANBOURNE, lining up for the ceremony, and a huge crowd in attendance, Kidd took control of the unfurling and watched on in horror as the flag slowly slid down the pole to head-height. Kidd showed his composure however, hoisting the flag back to its rightful position before pulling the right trigger.

The crowd at NARRE WARREN was enormous on Saturday night, with the terrace at Kalora Park almost filled to the brim. Among those in attendance were CRANBOURNE royalty, with champion full-forward Marc Holt, current-day player Luke Bee-Hugo and club stalwarts Troy Datson and Damian Whitnell watching on from the sidelines. Between them they would have played well over 1000 games for their footy club. Footy Shorts also had a chat to past Cranbourne president Shane Baker, and long-time familiar faces Frank Johnson and Steve Legg.

It was great to see SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE (SFNL) CEO Lee Hartman at NARRE WARREN on Saturday night, who was duly impressed with the turnout to watch a high-standard game of footy between the Magpies and CRANBOURNE. Hartman and his team have done a great job of growing the SFNL, and he didn't rule out the possibility of the SFNL expanding its boundaries even further. The SFNL have put a border in place to help them make decisions on who can come into their competition, but that boundary may extend from the City of Casey to the Shire of Cardinia if certain circumstances arise.

While on SOUTHERN, it's remarkable to think that 20 years ago a competition was started - the CASEY CARDINIA FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE (CCFNL) - that housed six clubs that now reside in the SFNL. NARRE WARREN is the latest to join DINGLEY, KEYSBOROUGH, HAMPTON PARK, DOVETON and CRANBOURNE on the list of clubs that were CCFL teams in 2005. The other six teams, DEVON MEADOWS (MPFNL), BEACONSFIELD and BERWICK (Eastern), OFFICER and PAKENHAM (Outer East) and TOORADIN-DALMORE (West Gippsland) have also found new homes since the collapse of the CCFNL/SEFNL at the conclusion of the 2018 season.

The uniform clash in the women's game between OFFICER and WARBURTON-WESBURN was not good on Saturday. The jumper situation wasn't too bad, but still not ideal, but the sight of both wearing royal blue shorts and socks was very confusing for players and spectators alike. Several times in the first quarter a player would shape to handball to an opponent, before quickly realising their potential error.

OLINDA FERNY CREEK superstar Matt Scharenberg skied for a wonderful contested grab against OFFICER on Saturday, and copped a knock in the contest in the process. His mark was 20 out from goal, and he pleaded with the umpire to let him quickly take his set shot while blood trickled from his head, but the umpire wasn't having a bar of it and he was sent off for the blood rule. Patrick Rosier took his place and slotted through the goal.



Janine Sawyer and Rod McConchie were there to watch Stacey Sawyer and the Seagulls. (Stewart Chambers: 469866)



Trafalgar supporters Eddie and Lateisha. (469862)



Former Warragul Industrials champion Shane Brewster in his new colours at Trafalgar. (469862)



Working the Bunyip canteen with bunny ears are Nicole Ashton, Janine Ashton, Karen Shift, Russell Bevan and Rachel Thorne. (469862)

Five-star Dusty boots a bag

By Jonty Ralphsmith



Cody Templeton in action for Warragul Industrials' seniors as a 15-year-old. (Stewart Chambers: 356287)

Warragul Industrials midfielder Cody Templeton has put his name on the map in the AFL talent pathway with an unbelievable 27-disposal, five-goal game against Dandenong Stingrays.

The Under-16s Vic Country representative kicked four of Gippsland's six goals in the second half as the Power pulled away from a plucky Dandenong, after showcasing his midfield craft across the first half.

The tenacious midfielder has long been known in the region, with a senior final against a Brent Macaffer-led Tooradin midfield in 2023 as a 15-year-old turning heads.

Templeton learned to drive through traffic on the footy field before learning how to drive, but the tough ball-winner has yet to show his versatility, highlighting the importance of his goal-scoring.

"He's such a natural centreman because he knows how to find the footy and be damaging around the contest and he's beautiful on both sides of the body," Power coach Rhett McLennan said of him in preseason.

Templeton was aided in the midfield by Drouin's Brodie Atkins and Vic Country player Zach O'Keefe who both continued their strong starts to the season.

Adelaide father-son prospect Mitch Stevens, defender Ollie Wilson and dynamic forward-midfielder Marlon Neocleous also performed well in the 11.8 74 to 8.8 56 win at Morwell Recreation Reserve on Sunday.

For Dandenong, Berwick key forward Tairon Ah-Mu was the standout.

An early contested mark and goal set the tone for the AFL Academy player's afternoon as he competed well all day.

Overaged trio Henry Hayes, Charlie Orchard and Adrian Cole all showed pleasing signs, while Jasper Russell, Callum Smith and Louis Hodder worked hard in the defeat.

Dandenong's girls, meanwhile, have kicked off their season in fine style, hammering Gippsland 18.14 122 to 2.1 13 on Sunday in the first match of the double header.

A 10-goal third quarter was the high point of a domineering win in coach Josh Moore's penultimate match at the helm.

Smooth-moving Vic Country halfback Matilda Argus started 2025 on a positive note, impacting with her 17 disposals following her first full preseason in the program.

Overaged midfielder Tahlia Sanger combined 22 disposals with seven tackles, with her skillset with ball in hand complementing her renowned work rate as Dandenong set the game up with a six goal first half.

Vic Country bottom-aged marking forward Alice Cunnington spearheaded Dandenong's attack with four goals, including the only two of the first quarter.

Cunnington's Vic Country summer hub teammate Nalu Brothwell finished with a game-high 25 disposals, playing off half forward.

For Gippsland, Vic Country summer hub member Ella Stoddart, and fine preseason performer Chelsea Sutton were gallant.

Fourth generation members keep family history rolling on

The town of Pakenham is littered with football and netball history with some famous family surnames decorating the walls of the proud local sporting club.

But even with a club with so much nostalgia associated with its history, Saturday may have produced a first as the Lions senior football side and A Grade netball team headed to Yea for round one of the 2025 season.

Among the 22 footballers and nine netballers that pulled on the Lions colours were cousins James Ahern and Evie Drake.

James was making his senior debut for the Lions on the weekend, while Evie continues to blossom after making her A Grade debut a few years back.

When Evie debuted for the Lions she became the fourth generation of her direct family line to play first grade senior netball at the Pakenham Netball Club

Her great grandmother Joyce Reid played netball for Pakenham in the 1930s-1940s, while her grandmother Barbara Reid was a regular fixture for the Lions in the 1960s.

Evie's mum Libby Drake played for the club in the 1990s, with Evie believed to be the first fourth generation player at the club.

Enter James Ahern, who returned to Pakenham this year from the Tooradin-Dalmore Football Club.

James is also the fourth generation of his direct bloodline to play senior football at the Pakenham Football Club.

Lyn Ahern played for Pakenham in the 1930s, before Tim Ahern had one season at the club in 1967.

Matt Ahern, James' dad, pulled on the maroon, blue and yellow in the 1990s-2000s, with James having now embedded his name in the long-standing family tradition.

It's believed Evie and James are both the first to do this as a direct family line.

Evie and James are cousins as their great grandmothers, Lorna and Joyce, are sisters, and sisters of the great "Cracker" and "Widow" Jackson.

- David Nagel and Matt Ahern



James Ahern and Evie Drake have both created history at Pakenham. (Supplied: 470748)



Lyn Ahern played for the Pakenham Football Club in the 1930s, the great grandfather of James Ahern who made his debut for the Lions on Saturday.

Casey Demons suffer first loss of VFL season to Cats

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Casey was outlasted by Geelong 16.13 109 to 14.9 93 in a shootout at GMHBA Stadium on Friday afternoon.

The Demons led at every break before conceding five goals in the last quarter in their third tight game of a season which has so far yielded 1-1-1.

Making his Dees debut against his former side, Mitch Hardie added important experience in the midfield, finishing with 26 disposals, nine tackles and a goal.

Also playing his first game in the new colours was Melbourne SSP signing and former Eagle Jai Culley, who initially signed with Casey before finding his way onto the AFL list.

Coming off a month on the sidelines with a foot injury, Culley finished with 12 disposals and four clearances as he looks to build his case for AFL selection.

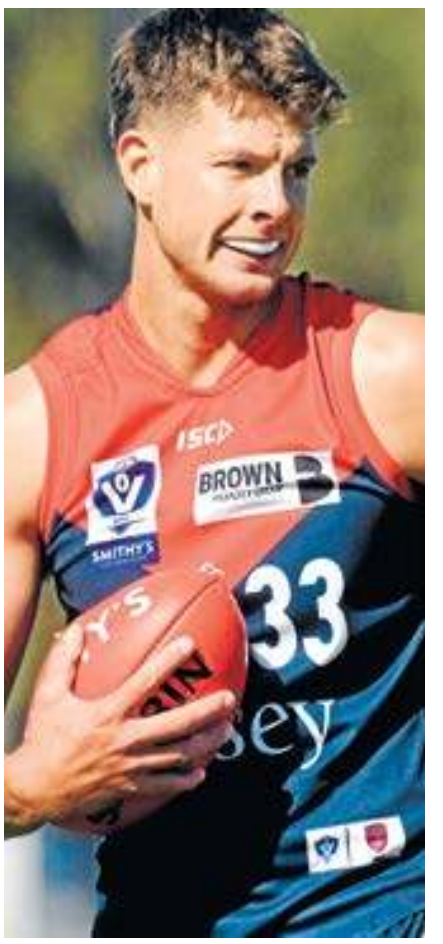
Tom Fullarton also performed well, spearheading the forward line as he hammered home 5.2 and took eight marks in a 19-disposal effort.

Casey fought hard in the midfield and got the lead to beyond three kicks on several occasions through the middle of the match, but they were never able to shake the plucky Cats who were better in some big moments late.

Other strong performers included disciplined AFL-listed midfielder Kynan Brown, the experienced Riley Bonner and Aidan Johnson, who kicked 2.2 after getting an early debut in his first year on an AFL list.

Highly-regarded Nar Nar Goon local Paddy Cross finished with 17 disposals and showed promise as he looks to build continuity following a wretched run with injuries in recent years.

Regular season VFL will be absent this weekend as a representative Victorian side is sent to Gather Round, with Mitch Hardie, Deakyn Smith and Riley Bonner all in the extended squad, and mentor Taylor Whitford on the coaching panel.



Tom Fullarton kicked five goals for Casey in round three. (Stewart Chambers: 466727)

The Demons will return to Casey Fields against GWS on Saturday 18 April at 11.05am, with the Dees' VFLW season to kick off later that day against Collingwood.

Crows quickly finding feet

By Dylan Beaumont

ELLINBANK AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
REVIEW - ROUND 1



Trafalgar recruit Kyle Beveridge is tackled by Bunyip's Matthew O'Halloran in a one-sided contest on Saturday. (Stewart Chambers: 469862)

Longwarry staved off premiership contenders Lang Lang in a nail-biter on Saturday despite not trailing for a moment of the game in the opening round of the Ellinbank and District Football League (EDFL).

Kicking three goals to one in the third quarter, the Crows entered the final change with a 22-point lead before having their backs against the wall, defending themselves to a 10-point victory.

Lang Lang got to within four points in the final quarter, before Jason Wells put them to bed with his sixth and final major of the day.

Jedd Serong and Bailey Stephens were enormous, while former Buln Buln premiership player Riley Rundell was also tremendous in the return to his childhood club.

Champion full-forward Marc Holt kicked five goals for the Tigers, while Kaden Finlay-Smith, Riley Dolan and Brad Harding were commendable.

Ellinbank spoilt premiership celebrations at Buln Buln in a welcoming return for the league.

Scoreless in the first quarter, the Eagles kicked five of the next six goals to take a small lead into half time.

Again, down entering the fourth, the Eagles pressed the afterburners to close out the reigning premiers.

Jordan Kingi's luscious left foot deliveries combined with coach Jake Harper's sealing goal were the finishing touches for a fitting start to their season.

Catani fought back from a 19-point deficit at quarter time to start the year on a positive note, winning by 29 points over Nyora.

Holding Nyora scoreless in the third term, the Blues posted four of their own majors, including Julian Suarez's second, third and fourth goals.

The former Tooradin-Dalmore stalwart ultimately finished with five for the afternoon.

Coach Ray Pickering said "we were very rusty, we had ample opportunity, but were a bit rusty which is normal for round one."

"We had some really strong patches of play."

Holding Nyora scoreless in the second quarter was also an important part of the victory.

"We had to change the midfield around a little bit, we were just getting a little bit forward of the contest line so we talked about being a bit more defensive," Pickering said.

"They were getting forward a bit too easily against the breeze, so we just told our boys to come back a few metres on the defensive side and it seemed to work.

"We had a couple of guys in new roles, so just a few little tweaks were needed."

The Blues are fourth on the ladder, their best start to a season in several seasons.

Bunyip has been given a rude welcome to the league, thrashed by 143 points at home against Trafalgar.

The Bloods found various sources of goals, in particular 17 between Danny Brewster, Isaac Caroleo and Kyle Beveridge.

Coach Shane Brewster chipped in with two goals of his own and captain Dylan Farrell was dominant in his own right playing ruck.

Yarragon's star recruit Braydon Preuss was unveiled, kicking four goals in a 50-point win over Poowong.

After a close start, the Panthers outscored Poowong by 28 points in the second quarter, allowing them to cruise home in the second half.

Dean Kelly, Bradley Morgan and Bradley Wadeson were also involved in the pool of best players.

Neerim South's potent forward line was in full effect against Nilma Darnum, with Lachlan Bambridge and Mason McGarrity contributing five goals each.

New recruit Will Papley, brother of Tom, was best on in his first game for the Cats, while Alf Walton medallist Kody Wilson picked up where he left off and Ayden Ramm stamped his authority.

The Campbell brothers were brave in defeat for the Bombers.

Dales claim decisive victory in round one clash at Glover

By Blair Burns

MORNINGTON PENINSULA FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION 2 REVIEW - ROUND 1



Pearcedale's Luke Daniel celebrates after kicking a sealer late in the game against Devon Meadows. (Stewart Chambers: 469868)

Pearcedale has had a huge pre-season and is hoping 2025 can be the season where it all clicks, where it secures the double chance, charges deep into the finals and lifts the Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League Division 2 premiership cup aloft.

Well, the Dales definitely took a step towards that dream as they defeated Devon Meadows on Saturday by 30 points.

Footy was back at Glover Reserve and the exciting contest between two premiership hopefuls began with an even first half with neither side prepared to give the other an inch.

It promised to be an intriguing clash after both sides played finals last season and were beaten by Somerville in the elimination final and semi-final respectively.

The Panthers had a six point lead at quarter time, before Pearcedale wrestled back a bit of momentum to lead by eight at half time.

The game was in the balance and it was looking like this opening encounter could be one for the ages but the Dales found a way to get on top around the stoppage and give their forwards some good looks.

Rising star Cruiz West was one of the focal points in the forward line as the young talent gave a glimpse of what he will bring to the league this season with four goals.

Pearcedale outscored Devon Meadows 42-20 in the second half to set the side up for the first of many victories in 2025, as they won 14.11 (95) to 9.11 (65).

Panthers' coach Dean Kent worked relentlessly for his side kicking two goals and was one of their best while Cody Ray also kicked two majors.

Nathan Drew, Nick Battle and Lucas Thompson were some other strong performers in Devon Meadows' 30 point loss.

West led the way with four goals while Luke Settineri (three goals) and the ever-reliable Brett Eddy (two goals) also kicked multiple majors.

Pearcedale's Jack McGuiness made a successful return from injury being named in the best alongside Aaron Hosking and Luke Daniel.

In other games across the MPFNL Division 2 competition, Chelsea was too strong for Crib Point winning by 27 points thanks to a five-goal fourth quarter as Nicholas Stamatis (three goals) led the way.

Despite the loss, Crib Point twin brothers or the 'Shepmates' as they are better known, Miles (six goals) and Archie Shepherd (three goals) combined for nine of their team's 10 goals on the day in an exceptional display of telepathic connection.

Frankston Bombers kicked straight with 17.9 to make light work of Bonbeach winning by 62 points at Baxter Park.

Jai Block had his kicking boots on with five goals to his name, while coach Jarrad Grant also kicked three in the victory.

Tyabb travelled to Hastings and an impressive first quarter from the visitors ultimately set up the 10 point victory as they made the most of the scoring end.

Rye was no match for Seaford and while kicking 3.10 didn't help their winning chances, they were always up against it.

The margin was only 21 points at three quarter time and there was a glimmer of hope but Seaford put the foot down and boosted their percentage kicking 7.5 (47) to 0.1 (1) in the fourth term to win by 67 points – Seth Kelly (four goals) and Matthew Kennedy (three goals) were dominant in the forward line.

Somerville made light work of Karingal at home which was somewhat expected with poor kicking preventing them from boosting their percentage even higher as they eventually won by 51 points, 10.18 (78) to 4.3 (27).

Eagles' captain Mason De Wit led from the front and kicked four goals in the team's victory while vice-captain Luke Burton kicked two and was named the best player for the victors.

Last-gasp Lions leave it late

By David Nagel

Women's football kicked off in grand style on the weekend with a competitive opening round of matches taking place in Outer East Division 1.

Reigning premier Pakenham had to call on its reserves of resilience to overcome a plucky Woori Yallock, coming from 10 points down at three-quarter time to win 3.0(18) to 2.4(16).

The Lions are a different looking outfit from the team that claimed last year's premiership, with only seven players from grand final day taking to the field on Saturday.

The first quarter was a dour affair, with Woori kicking the only point of the quarter to lead by that margin at the first break.

Pakenham kicked the only goal of the first half in the second term to lead by four points at the main interval.

Woori Yallock, last year's runners up in Division 2, and the only team promoted to the top-flight this season, then put its stamp on the contest in the third quarter.

With Emily Spicer and Belle Price in great form around the ground the Tigers kicked 2.2 to no score in the third, with goals to Emelia Robin and Sky Wilson opening up a clear margin at three-quarter time.

The Lions lifted in the final term, with the speedy Tianah Vandesteeg keen to avoid an upset loss on the opening day of the season.

Vandesteeg kicked two, and the returning Rachel Betteridge one, as the Lions capitalised on their total of three scoring shots for the day.

The ranking of both sides will become a little clearer this weekend, with Pakenham hosting Mt Evelyn and Woori Yallock paying a visit to Olinda Ferny Creek.

While Mt Evelyn had the first-round bye, Olinda Ferny Creek was forced to work hard for its 4.9(33) to 4.2(26) victory over Belgrave.

The Bloods trailed at half-time, but booted 3.5 to 1.1 in the third quarter to take control on the scoreboard.

The Magpies fought back hard in the final term, but the Bloods held on to kickstart their 2025 season.

Star forward Olivia Edwards slotted two goals for the Bloods, while one each to Madeleine Collins and Eloise Tyler kept the brave Magpies at bay.

Jess Walker kicked two and Charlotte Crabtree and Sophia Thomas-Tatti once each for Belgrave.

And Upwey Tecoma appears set for a good year after the Tigers rode a strong third quarter to a 5.4(34) to 3.1(19) victory over last year's runners up Healesville.

The Tigers led by a point at the main break, but a 3.2 to no score third term put the issue beyond doubt.



Scarlett Henderson was the star of the show on Saturday, booting eight goals for Warburton-Wesburn against Officer. (Stewart Chambers: 469871)


Officer's Stacey Jolly and Lilian Pagels from Warburton-Wesburn fight for the footy at Officer. (469871)


Hollie Eckhardt was amongst the best players for Warburton-Wesburn on Saturday. (469871)

Alex Bantock and reigning league-medal winner Jess Occhipinti kicked two each for the winners, who's form has been kicked along by the return of Kiana Oates and Emma Caccetta this season.

In Division 2, Warburton-Wesburn is the early-season frontrunners after a clinical 18.24(132) to 0.1(1) thumping of Officer.

The Burras were brilliant from the first bounce, with ruck Hollie Eckhardt feeding the midfield of Emerson Woods, Sally McIntosh and Maddi Andueza with some clever tap work.

Scarlett Henderson was the hero for the Burras, kicking three goals in the opening term on her way to an incredible eight majors for the morning.

In other games, Thornton-Eildon secured a 5.3(33) to 2.2(14) triumph over Seville, while Wandin opened its account with a 5.9(39) to 0.7(7) victory over competition newcomers Yea.

The Tigers were competitive in their first ever women's match, but just didn't have their kicking boots on.

In Southern Division 1, Casey Thunder got the better of Narre South Saints, winning 5.7(37) to 2.6(18).

Lana Fullwood and Alizha Roche kicked two each for Thunder, while Pakenham premiership player Bianca Moody slotted the other.

Moody was named best on ground for Thunder, while her former Pakenham teammate Sarah Ventura was an influential figure in the ruck.

Beaconsfield Netball Club

13 WHITE

Beaconsfield 10 v Berwick 28

It has been a pleasure getting to know this amazing group of girls over the past months. Training as a squad allowed us to observe their natural netball talent and work on areas needing attention before round one. To my nine girls who took the court yesterday, I could not be prouder of each and every one of you. Your heads stayed up, and smiles stayed wide. Despite the overall score, which did not reflect our effort, we saw some new combinations of both defence and attack that worked up and down the court. A shout out to the three award winners for both effort and leadership throughout the game, Edith, Ivy, and Jessica. We know what we need to work on at training, and we will be sure to implement that into next week's game. Awards: Grill'd – Edith, Slice'd – Ivy, Bellevue Farm Gate – Jessica.

13 BLUE

Beaconsfield 10 v Berwick 24

Our first game of the season was a great start, and I'm incredibly proud of how our new team came together to put up a strong fight against Berwick. Despite being a new group, the girls showed great heart and determination on the court. Abbey and Lu Lu were fantastic in defence, getting some crucial hands to the ball. Lucy hustled for the ball with lots of determination. Isla and Abill were exceptional in their adaptability, stepping into different positions with an impressive mindset and helping the team. Lexie's awareness and constant search for space created valuable opportunities
for the team, while Grace and Chloe showed great tenacity, driving hard for the ball and pushing forward at every opportunity. This was a good start, and we're all excited to build on this performance. The team is showing great potential, and we look forward to working together and improving every week as we prepare for our next game. Keep up the hard work, girls! Awards: Grill'd - Lu Lu, Slice'd – Lucy, Bellevue Farm Gate – Abil.

15 WHITE

Beaconsfield 17 v Berwick 17

Wow what a first game. We played Berwick and came away with a draw. Everything we have discussed in last few weeks at training the team put in on the court. They worked as a team, and it really showed. Kylie and I are so excited to see what this team can do for the season. Awards: Grill'd – Cayden, Slice'd - Mia B, Bellevue Farm Gate - Mia L.

15 BLUE

Beaconsfield 22 v Berwick 13

Wow what a great first game for the 15 Blues. This week we came out with a bang immediately getting a slight jump over Berwick. We worked hard and focused mainly on our set ups and having hands over pressure over every single ball and it all paid off! Each quarter we had a few minutes of rushed netball however collectively as a team we slowed down our ball movement and took control back. Everyone played an outstanding game and I could not have asked for anymore from anyone.
Can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings!! Awards: Grill'd – Louis, Slice'd Pizza – Tatiana, Bellevue Farm Gate- Abuk.

17 WHITE

Beaconsfield 26 v Berwick 16

In our first match of the year, we faced Berwick Whites. The first half was a tight contest, with us trailing by just one goal at half time. We took the opportunity to reset during the break, focusing on the fundamentals—communication, patience, and keeping our eyes down the court to improve our setups. For the final quarter, I set a goal of scoring 10 goals, and the team delivered, ending the match with a final score of 26-16. I'm incredibly proud of these girls and the potential they've
shown already. There's so much growth to come, and I can't wait to see how they develop throughout the season. Awards: Grill'd – Sara, Slice'd – Zarah, Bellevue Farm Gate – Chloe.

17 BLUE

Beaconsfield 24 v Berwick 29

What better way to kick off round 1 than a home game with all teams at Holm Park! Maybe a win would have made it a little better... but we focus on the positives. The girls came out super strong against Berwick in the first quarter, taking the lead early and putting in to practice everything we have been working on throughout preseason. It was too many avoidable errors from us and Berwick's strong defensive pressure that allowed them to pull in front in the second half. We showed great skill, composure and resilience regardless of the score. The girls stayed level headed and showed great determination in the fourth quarter to try to regain our lead. Unfortunately, it was too little too late but I'm confident that with more time playing together these girls will become quite the formidable force! Look out season 2025! The Beagles (Beacy Eagles) are coming in hot. Awards: Grill'd – Jayda, Bellevue Farm Gate – Piper, Slice'd – Bella.

D GRADE

Beaconsfield 32 v Berwick 27

First round seen Beacy play Berwick at home in perfect weather conditions. As this is a very new squad the discussions before the game was about connections and working together as a team. The first half was very much goal for goal with some structures we worked on in training coming together on court. We spoke at half time about applying the pressure which all girls did particularly our defensive end which ultimately forced turnovers giving our goal circle in Sienna and Maddi some great opportunities to convert that into a score. Midcourt played their role with some great feeds into the goal circle from Katie and Bella our under 17. Although today we got the win, we will continue to put in the hard work at training but I have great confidence in this group that this season is going to be a great one. Awards: Grill'd - Bella Evans, Slice'd - Sienna Cook, Bellevue Farm Gate - Chelsea Marini.

C GRADE

Beaconsfield 52 v Berwick 31

With pre-season complete, it was time for the group to lean into their hard work and launch the season. Understandably, there were some nerves before taking the court - but they didn't hang around for long. The team took control early, building a handy lead by midway through the second quarter. As expected, Berwick worked their way back into the contest early in the third, but we responded with a composed and dominant finish, ultimately taking home a strong win. We had nine contributors who all played their part in delivering a true team performance. The standout of the day was our defensive effort. Our focus was to keep things simple, play instinctive netball, and embrace a bit of chaos through relentless pressure - and the team executed that brilliantly. A couple of special mentions: Jorja Adams made her debut for the club and delivered a fantastic first game, working relentlessly in defence and showing great composure and adaptability. Welcome Jorja.
Chelsea Marini stepping up from D grade and making a fantastic contribution. Showed us all how hands over pressure can be a such weapon. Thank you, Chelsea.
Awards Winners: Grill'd - Hayley Gilchrist was outstanding in defence across all four quarters. Creating so many offensive opportunities I stopped counting them.
Bellevue Farm Gate - Kayce Castle worked tirelessly through the mid-court, setting the tone with her work rate, her on-court leadership and skilful feeding into the attacking circle.
Slice'd Pizza - Maddy Parker was unstoppable in goals and a key contributor to our scoreboard pressure. It was tough to split the group today - a great team win to kick things off.

B GRADE

Beaconsfield 58 v Berwick 21

Lots of excitement on court today for Round 1 – with a new-look B Grade taking on Berwick. As a team we talked about our intensity from the first whistle, and pushing hard to convert our centres and make the most of turnovers. The girls responded well with some great defensive efforts, and ability for our shooters to convert our opportunities. Our mids worked their tails off to transition ball
through court, and the girls showed real class today to earn a well-deserved victory. Congrats to Dayle Hill, Tash Majdis on your first official B Grade game, and Chelsea Adams on your Beaconsfield debut. And thanks to Jorja and Maddi P from our C grade team for the extra legs. Well done girls!
Awards: Tash Majdis – Grill'd, Slice'd - Ashlee Quinn, Bellevue Farm Gate - Chelsea Adams.

A GRADE

Beaconsfield 50 v Berwick 25

A strong first outing for our A Grade team against an always dangerous Berwick team. Our ability to control the pace, deny opportunities for the Wickers, and our ability to connect as a new-look team were key for today's performance. Defensively we worked hard to close down space, and cause confusion to turn over ball. Our attack in patches wasn't as tight as we would have liked, but we were able to reset and turn around our lulls in execution to charge through for an awesome win! Four great quarters of relentless effort – and belief in each other. Congrats to Char Shortis, Lisa Clark and Eliza Mettes on your official A Grade debuts. A big thank you to Suzie, Ash and Teages for coming into our game day team, and a big shout out to Tahnee for an awesome full game at WD today after playing B Grade! Awards: Grill'd - Jaime Quinn, Slice'd - Char Shortis, Bellevue Farm Gate - Tahnee Zeisler.

Bounce back for Brookers?


Michael Bourne and Gembrook Cockatoo will look to bounce back in round two against Mt Evelyn. (Rob Carew: 406514)

OUTER EAST PREMIER

The good thing about youth is the ability to bounce back and be resilient.

Gembrook Cockatoo searches to emulate that in its round-two matchup with Mount Evelyn at home.

The Brookers need to be solid at the back, allowing Monbulk 34 scoring shots on Saturday.

They can't afford to be shaky defensively, despite the Hawks routinely letting them off the hook.

That starts with the midfield standing up, being better around the contest and dragging out its clearance game.

The Rovers only managed four goals in the beat down they received from Wandin in the opening round, meaning Gembrook Cockatoo can work its way into the game with good coverage and spacing.

Despite kicking accurately, the Brookers will need to look for more scoring options, as Mount Evelyn is a side with plenty of size and strength around the ground.

Robbie Nahas will search for more goal scoring opportunities while he eases into the team, booting just one on his debut for the club.

Young guns Konner Allcott and Michael and Chris Bourne will continue to provide growth and promise for the hosts, but every game is a learning opportunity.

Gembrook Cockatoo must play an attacking style, with the Rovers conceding 40 scoring shots in round one, with 27 of those being goals.

Using speed around the ground and in the forward 50 to create space will be crucial on applying significant pressure to a Mount Evelyn team lacking confidence after being routed in its first hit out.

Michael Firrito's leadership is exceptional, and he will target scoring quickly and efficiently as the main points of emphasis for this key game.

-Justin Schwarze

OUTER EAST DIVISION 1

The round-one result over Yea will fill Pakenham with confidence, but every game is a new adventure with Powelltown paying Toomuc Reserve a visit this week.

The Lions roared in their opening Division 1 victory, but there was plenty to build on after the first half.

Pakenham allowed quality looks inside 50 to Yea on multiple occasions, with poor positioning, decision making and ball movement leaking scores for its opponent.

At Toomuc Reserve, a notoriously quick deck, the Lions will need to transition the ball better into great users Bailey Stiles, Josh Haggar and Sam Cachia, who can find the goals.

Through the middle, Tanner Stanton and Luke Ryan will need to win the ball like they did on Saturday, helping their side retain possession and link-up moving forward.

The Towners only won two games all of last year, but enter round two with a 1-0 record.

Their recruits had a massive impact, with Josh Cowan making his debut for Powelltown, booting five goals.

Cooper Ferries, coming across from Black Rock, kicked two of his own and Dean Roy enjoyed a bag of four majors.

The Pakenham backline will have its hands full, but if they can avoid costly turnovers and shift the ball efficiently and effectively through the guts, it will provide the Lions with momentum.

Senior coach Justin Stanton takes pride in his side's fitness and ability to run out games, so Pakenham as hosts will look to build on a hopeful scoreboard advantage and ride it to roll over the Towners in crunch time, just as it did in Yea.

-Justin Schwarze

SOUTHERN DIVISION 1

The task doesn't get any easier for Cranbourne this weekend when it takes on St Pauls McKinnon in round two of the Southern Football Netball League Division 1 competition.

The Eagles will be looking to bounce back from their loss against Narre Warren while the Bulldogs are coming off a morale-boosting victory over Bentleigh and the confidence will be high to make it two from two in front of their home crowd at McKinnon Reserve.

Cranbourne coach Angelo Soldatos would've been pleased with some patches of play last weekend and promising signs from young guns like Ethan Campbell, but they need to put it all together to get the job done.

Narre Warren will also have another big challenge when it takes on East Brighton at Hurlingham Park with Steven Kidd's men looking to get another early win on the board.

The Magpies' defence was strong last Saturday night repelling any inside 50s from Cranbourne but the Bloods' forward line will be much bigger than they were accustomed to last week with players like Ben Reid demanding the footy.

The Bloods took their chances in front of goal last week and the Magpies will have to make every shot on goal count this week if they are to get over the line, stakes are high and both teams are desperate to start the season 2-0.

Port Melbourne will face arguably its biggest test for the year as it faces up against Dingley who is a scary proposition after its dominance last weekend against the reigning premiers.

The Colts limped to the line last week to win by nine points but will have to bring some more firepower this week if they are to tame the Dingoes at JL Murphy Reserve.

It will be a big weekend for Cheltenham and an important opportunity to bounce back from last week's 10 goal loss against Dingley, and they must beat Springvale Districts this weekend at Jack Barker Oval to avoid a 0-2 start.

Springvale Districts is coming off a loss but will not be a walkover as the team looks to challenge again in 2025 after finishing fourth last season.

Murrumbeena and Bentleigh are two sides searching for their first win and only one of them will achieve that when they battle it out at Murrumbeena Park on Saturday.

Bentleigh will be hungry after its heartbreaking two point loss last week while the Lions are a bit of a wildcard and will look to guys like Nathan Scollo to lead them to victory.

-Blair Burns

SOUTHERN DIVISION 2

Doveton will travel to Barry Simon Reserve on Friday to take on Endeavour Hills as the players aim to get last week's result out of their heads to focus on the task at hand, with senior action kicking off at 2pm.

The Falcons are coming off a nice 28 point victory against Caulfield Bears and will be looking to make it 2-0 and you can expect the youthful side to be up for the challenge.

The Doves only lost four matches last season and this is a game they will have to win if they are serious about playing finals and going deep again this season.


Pakenham's forward line will look to flex its muscles in a round two matchup with Powelltown. (Euan Poulton: 470630)

Baron Grant is only just getting started for Endeavour Hills and is set for a big 2025 season after a four goal bag last week; it's not hard to see why coach Matt Peake was excited about welcoming the mid-forward back into the side after a couple of years off.

Whereas the Doves will be looking to their long list of recruits to get into the contest and if they can use the ball well to Jake Calvert going forward, the big man could be on for a big day.

Hampton Park raised the roof last week with a 20 goal win over the Doves and has also raised the expectations of fans as the Redbacks look to deal with Lynden Dunn's Caulfield Bears at home.

It's going to be a test for the Bears and they will need their leaders to stand up, along with their experienced players if they are going to give themselves a chance of winning this match.

Mordialloc has remembered how good wining feels after beating Chelsea Heights by 11 points last weekend, the Bloods are on the winners' list and will be determined to stay there when they take on Highett this weekend.

Highett is coming off a loss but is presented with a really good opportunity to get its first win of the season when the side travels to Ben Kavanagh Reserve on Friday with the opening bounce at 1.45pm.

East Malvern will host Chelsea Heights at Darling Park and will go into the match as favourites after a cruisy win over Keysborough last week.

Chelsea Heights has lost 17 of its last 19 matches having battled in Division 1 last year, and will look to get its season rolling with an upset victory.

Keysborough will have to bring something different to what they did last week if they are any chance of beating Frankston Dolphins at Overport Park, while the home side will look to replicate last week's performance.

-Blair Burns

Cobras too slick for Gulls

By David Nagel

WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION
NETBALL REVIEW - ROUND 1



Paige Brooks-MacMillan played a great game for Cora Lynn through the midcourt. (Stewart Chambers: 469866)

While the cat's away the mice will play!

With reigning three-time champion Inverloch-Kongwak sitting idle on the weekend, it was left to the Sea Eagles main challengers to set the scene for an exciting season ahead.

Cora Lynn looks well placed to build on its rapid rise last season after the Cobras rode a fast start to a 47-42 victory over Tooradin-Dalmore.

The Cobras were electrifying from the outset, with co-captains Annabel Sheppard (GK) and Danielle Cameron (GD) keeping the Seagulls to just five goals in the opening quarter of play.

Jessie Pruvlj (C), Lexis Schade (WA) and Paige Brooks-MacMillan (WD) provided great passing and carry for the Cobras in the opening term, allowing Kasey Brooks (GS) and Brooke Abu-Jaber (GA) to showcase their talents in the circle.

Brooks hammered home 10 goals in the opening quarter as the Cobras left a shell-shocked home side in its wake.

The visitors led 15-5 at the first break, before the Seagulls responded with a dominant quarter of their own.

The switch of Alex Maher from GA to GS paid instant dividends for the Gulls, with the classy goaler caressing 12 goals into the net during a 17-9 second quarter.

The introduction of Sara Howie (C) also gave the home side a boost, while Kelly Haynes (GD) did well in her first quarter of netball for the season.

The Cobras led by just two goals at half time, and then increased their margin with a 12-9 third term.

Having withstood the home-court thrust, the Cobras steadied to score a courageous victory against one of the best teams in the business.

Last year's runner up Dalyston will be a major contender again after the Magpies dismantled Kooweerup with a 44-27 victory at Dalyston.

With Eva Garnham, Chloe McRae and Ruby Brosnan providing plenty of drive through the midcourt, the Magpies narrowly edged clear in the opening half.

They then put the contest beyond doubt with a devastating spell of netball, that translated into a 17-10 third quarter and a healthy 13-goal lead at the final change.

Ellie Trembath, Kate Sidebottom and Pippa Cook fought the game out well for the Demons, but the class of Bella Schmidt and Britt Thomas carried the Magpies home to victory.

Garfield is also off to the perfect start after playing like Stars against Warragul Industrials.

The Stars prevailed 46-32, winning the opening half by 10 in a clear display of intent.

Chloe Bluhm, Holly Cheyne and Nat Sloan were instrumental figures for the Stars, while Hannah Finemore and Rebecca Van Rossen were efficient and skilful in attack.

Brooke Weatherhead and Kya Smith led a Dusties revival in the third quarter, cutting the margin to seven at the final break, but the Stars settled to bank a satisfying four premiership points.

In other games this week, a stunning second quarter propelled Korumburra-Bena to a 59-40 win over Kilcunda-Bass, while Nar Nar Goon proved too strong for Phillip Island, winning 52-42 at Cowes.

Scores were tied at 12 after the opening quarter in the game between the Giants and the Panthers, before Korumburra-Bena went on a tear.

The Giants went bang, with Mackenna Whiteside shooting 10 goals in the second quarter, and Elisha Nicholas seven, as a 17-5 stanza put the contest beyond doubt.

Grace Rand and Sophie Baker were good the Panthers in a losing cause.

Some great games are scheduled for round two, with Inverloch-Kongwak opening its quest for a fourth-consecutive flag with a visit from Korumburra-Bena, while Nar Nar Goon host Dalyston in a mouth-watering early-season contest.

TIPS - ROUND 2: Nar Nar Goon v DALYSTON, GARFIELD v Phillip Island, INVERLOCH-KONGWAK v Korumburra-Bena, TOORADIN-DALMORE v Kooweerup, KILCUNDA-BASS v Warragul Industrials. Bye: Cora Lynn.

WGFNC Scoreboard

A GRADE: Tooradin-Dalmore 42 v Cora Lynn 47, Korumburra-Bena 59 v Kilcunda-Bass 40, Warragul Industrials 32 v Garfield 46, Dalyston 44 v Kooweerup 27, Phillip Island 42 v Nar Nar Goon 52. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

B GRADE: Tooradin-Dalmore 48 v Cora Lynn 37, Korumburra-Bena 30 v Kilcunda-Bass 48, Warragul Industrials 28 v Garfield 63, Dalyston 54 v Kooweerup 30, Phillip Island 41 v Nar Nar Goon 54. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

C GRADE: Tooradin-Dalmore 24 v Cora Lynn 27, Korumburra-Bena 26 v Kilcunda-Bass 30, Warragul Industrials 42 v Garfield 35, Dalyston 23 v Kooweerup 32, Phillip Island 23 v Nar Nar Goon 38. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

D GRADE: Tooradin-Dalmore 20 v Cora Lynn 30, Korumburra-Bena 28 v Kilcunda-Bass 30, Warragul Industrials 20 v Garfield 57, Dalyston 5 v Kooweerup 32, Phillip Island 25 v Nar Nar Goon 47. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

17 UNDER: Tooradin-Dalmore 32 v Cora Lynn 36, Korumburra-Bena 36 v Kilcunda-Bass 25, Warragul Industrials 46 v Garfield 18, Dalyston 23 v Kooweerup 26, Phillip Island 35 v Nar Nar Goon 43. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

15 UNDER: Tooradin-Dalmore 30 v Cora Lynn 32, Warragul Industrials 19 v Garfield 28, Dalyston 4 v Kooweerup 30, Phillip Island 21 v Nar Nar Goon 37. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

13 UNDER: Tooradin-Dalmore 20 v Cora Lynn 34, Korumburra-Bena 37 v Kilcunda-Bass 16, Warragul Industrials 6 v Garfield 40, Dalyston 1 v Kooweerup 42, Phillip Island 4 v Nar Nar Goon 42. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

11 UNDER: Tooradin-Dalmore 11 v Cora Lynn 24, Korumburra-Bena 20 v Kilcunda-Bass 2, Warragul Industrials 2 v Garfield 32, Phillip Island 25 v Nar Nar Goon 25. Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

LADDERS

A GRADE	W	L	D	B	%	PTS
Dalyston	1	0	0	0	163.00	4
Korumburra Bena	1	0	0	0	148.00	4
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	144.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	124.00	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	112.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4

LADDERS

Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	89.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	81.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	70.00	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	1	0	0	68.00	0
Kooweerup	0	1	0	0	61.00	0
B GRADE	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	225.00	4
Dalyston	1	0	0	0	180.00	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	0	160.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	132.00	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	1	0	0	0	130.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Cora Lynn	0	1	0	0	77.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	76.00	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	0	63.00	0
Kooweerup	0	1	0	0	56.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	44.00	0
C GRADE	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	165.00	4
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	139.00	4
Warragul Industrials	1	0	0	0	120.00	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	0	115.00	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	113.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	89.00	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	0	87.00	0
Garfield Stars	0	1	0	0	83.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	72.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	61.00	0
D GRADE	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	640.00	4
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	285.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	188.00	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	150.00	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	0	107.00	4

Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	0	93.00	0
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	67.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	53.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	35.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	16.00	0
17 UNDER	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Warragul Industrials	1	0	0	0	256.00	4
Korumburra Bena	1	0	0	0	144.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	123.00	4
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	113.00	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	113.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	89.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	88.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	81.00	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	1	0	0	69.00	0
Garfield Stars	0	1	0	0	39.00	0
15 UNDER	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	750.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	176.00	4
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	147.00	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	107.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	0	0.00	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	94.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	68.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	57.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	13.00	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	0	0.00	0
13 UNDER	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	4200	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	0	1050	4
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	667.00	4
Korumburra Bena	1	0	0	0	231.00	4

Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	170.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	59.00	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	1	0	0	43.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	15.00	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	0	10.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	2.00	0
11 UNDER	**W**	**L**	**D**	**B**	**%**	**PTS**
Garfield Stars	1	0	0	0	1600	4
Korumburra Bena	1	0	0	0	1000	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	0	218.00	4
Inverloch Kongwak	0	0	0	1	0.00	4
Kooweerup	1	0	0	0	0.00	4
Nar Nar Goon	0	0	1	0	100.00	2
Phillip Island	0	0	1	0	100.00	2
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	0	46.00	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	1	0	0	10.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	0	6.00	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	0	0.00	0

FIXTURE

ROUND 2
Saturday 12 April, 2025
Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston
Garfield v Phillip Island
Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumburra-Bena
Tooradin-Dalmore v Kooweerup
Kilcunda-Bass v Warragul Industrials
Bye: Cora Lynn

Cobras crossed from list

By David Nagel

WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION
REVIEW - ROUND 1

Tooradin-Dalmore coach Jordan Kelly can scrub Cora Lynn from a rapidly diminishing list after his Seagulls scrapped and clawed for an 11.12(78) to 7.12(54) victory in the season-opener on Saturday.

Since taking over from Lachie Gillespie at the beginning of last year, Kelly has now tasted victory against all clubs bar Phillip Island, with the win over the Cobras ending a frustrating run against last year's minor premiers.

The Seagulls lost to the Cobras by nine and 13 points, the two biggest margins of the six games they lost last year.

The Gulls also lost to Phillip Island and Inverloch-Kongwak by five points, to Kilcunda-Bass by four, while also going down to eventual premiers Nar Nar Goon by just one point in round nine.

"It's nice to be on that side of it for a change, but they're a quality team Cora Lynn, well coached, and they play a very similar style to us that always make for a close game," Kelly said.

"We're obviously happy with the result, but we've got to keep going now and chase the next one."

Kelly said he and his coaching team reflected fondly on his developing list from 2024, but the need for change was obvious.

"We definitely reflected on the year in terms of the games we lost by close margins," Kelly said.

"We lost six games by under 13 points and five by single-digit margins.

"That means we were in every contest, but we knew we had to improve.

"It happened so many times that it can't be just about luck and the roll of the dice, we had to get better and it's nice to get across the line in a close one to give us confidence moving forward.

"It's going to be a pretty good comp, it's going to be really tight, and Cora Lynn is a really good side and the next time we play them will be just as tight again."

This one was an arm-wrestle from the outset, from the moment Cora Lynn skipper Jaxon Briggs intercepted a stray pass from Seagulls full back Rory Neate to slot home the first goal of the match.

It would be one of the few mistakes that Neate would make on the day, with the strong-bodied defender doing a wonderful job to keep the dangerous Nathan Gardiner to two goals.

Goals to new recruit Jack Flannery, Liam Adams and a ripper on the run from excitement-machine Brad Butler gave the Seagulls the early edge.

The Cobras fought back hard, with Gardiner kicking the last of the opening stanza, but when returning forward Andrew Dean produced two quality finishes at the start of the second term, the Seagulls looked the better team.

They had kicked five of six goals either side of quarter time.

But the Cobras are nothing but resilient and returned fire with the next five goals of the match.

Matt Ryan and Will Stephenson converted set shots to cut the deficit to six points at the major break, before goals to Briggs, Nathan Villella and a great banana on the run from Gardiner had the Cobras two goals ahead; midway through the third.

Jimmy Munro had really lifted for the Cobras through the middle of the ground, and the Seagulls needed a response.

Butler received a lucky free kick to kick the last of the third quarter; the Seagulls seven points adrift with a quarter left to rub.

Butler's goal would begin a streak of six straight goals for the Seagulls who dominated the final term.

The lively Butler levelled the scores, eight minutes into the final term, after some clever work from skipper Kris Sabbatucci.

Panos Papas then produced a classic small-forwards goal, being front-and-centre when his Seagulls needed it most.

Xavier Shinners then slotted a set shot, making it three goals the difference, before goals to Dean and Flannery put the issue beyond doubt.

Butler and Dean ended with three each for the Seagulls, while Adams, Jesse Craven Sabbatucci and Lewis Hill were influential figures through the midfield.

And Piva Wright had a huge impact in the final term, nullifying the impact of Billy Thomas in the ruck.

"We're pretty happy with Piva, he's put in a lot of work in the pre-season and got himself in good shape," Kelly said.

"He was huge in the last quarter; he was going pretty well in the ruck so we decided to leave him there.

"He carried us a bit in the last quarter and I thought he was awesome."

Matt Buntine was also important; not so much with his possessions, but his leadership around the ground.

Kelly believes Buntine has been a huge factor in the Seagulls development since his arrival at Tooradin-Dalmore last season.

"I am very, very fortunate to have Matt (Buntine), because I don't think you will find a better on-field leader in local footy…full stop…that's how highly I rate him," Kelly said.

"He holds everyone to a standard and gives the young blokes so much confidence, and the good thing is, he is always extremely honest.

"If he sees something that he doesn't think should be done a certain way; he will tell you.

"That's great for this group, because we can see how quickly these young guys have come on and he is a massive part of why that is happening."

The Seagulls stay at home and host Kooweerup this week, while Cora Lynn now has two weeks off - the bye and Easter – before hosting Inverloch-Kongwak at the Cobradome.



Seagulls' skipper Kris Sabbatucci can't escape the clutches of Cora Lynn terrier Lachie Peluso on Saturday. (Stewart Chambers: 469866)


Piva Wright produced a stunning last quarter to help his Seagulls get across the line. (469866)


Tooradin-Dalmore's Lewis Hill and Cora Lynn's Jimmy Munro hit the contest hard. (469866)

Miller magic leads Kooweerup to thrilling win over Pies

By David Nagel

The switch forward of one the best defenders in West Gippsland football has paid handsome dividends for Kooweerup after the Demons produced a brave second-half comeback to score a 10.10(70) to 9.6(60) victory over Dalyston.

The Demons looked in all sorts of trouble at half-time, 20 points adrift of a Dalyston outfit that was being inspired by a 10-year reunion of its 2015 senior premiership side.

With Hayden Wallis on fire up forward and Ben Lewis, Joe Alexander, Mitch Hallahan and Kyle Hutchison in fine form around the ground, the Magpies looked all over winners at the main break.

But a 4.3 to 1.1 third term from the Demons tied things away, leading to a drama-filled final term.

With one goal already to his name, Kooweerup star Tim Miller set his Demons on the path to victory with two early last-quarter goals.

Miller first received a head-high free kick and a 50-metre penalty to take him to the top of the square, before nailing a set shot after a perfectly timed lead from the square.


Defender turned forward Tim Miller kicked two last-quarter goals to guide Kooweerup to victory over Dalyston. (Stewart Chambers: 354789)

Miller's goals, at the four and six-minute marks, propelled the Demons to victory.

Dalyston's hopes were diminished when Tyson Andrighetto was sent from the field for rough play, but it couldn't stop the home side from making one last push.

A clever right-foot snap from Cale Love-Linay cut the margin back to a kick, before experienced Demon Nathan Muratore made the crucial play of the final term.

Muratore nailed a great set shot from the boundary after a great piece of tenacity to stay involved in the contest.

Brady O'Toole answered late for the Magpies, but the Demons celebrated hard after the epitome of a hard-fought victory.

Muratore and Miller ended with three each for the winners, who had skipper Nathan Voss produce a match-winning performance.

Voss had 32 possessions, took nine marks and kicked two goals, while new-recruit Billy Rolfe was also influential with 27 touches.

Josh Bateman, Trav Bindley and Mitch Cammarano also racked up possessions through the midfield.

Wallis ended the day with four goals for Dalyston, while Hutchison, Love-Linay and Hallahan can hold their heads high in defeat.

Bobby McCallum is off to a winning start as coach of Warragul Industrials after the Dusties held on for a 13.10(88) to 12.8(80) victory over Garfield.

Nothing much separated the teams all day, with the Dusties taking a six-point lead to the final change.

Eddie Morris and his Stars looked set for a magnificent round-one victory when Jake Van Den Berghe and Ben Tenace-Greenall kicked the opening two goals of the final term in the first five minutes of play.

Goy Lok then got the Dusties back in front with an opportunistic nudge from the goal-square, before key forward Tim Hancock settled the issue with a goal from point-blank range.

Hancock finished with three for the winners, while Bailey and Todd Beck were magnificent four-quarter contributors.

Morris led from the front for the Stars, who had Mitch Johnson and Van Den Berghe kick two each.

And an even team performance has guided Kilcunda-Bass to a 96-point thumping of Korumburra-Bena at the Showgrounds.

Trent Cartmel, Brody Connelly, Nathan Foote, Dean McRae and Travis Tuck all kicked three goals for the Magpies in the 23.12(150) to 8.6(54) rout.

Nick Besley rammed home three for the Giants, while Kyle brown and Jayden Deas fought a good fight to the bitter end.

Seagulls take deep breath

By David Nagel

Round-one winners Tooradin-Dalmore and Kooweerup will lock horns in a highly-anticipated clash of the local rivals in West Gippsland football this Saturday.

The Seagulls could hardly have been more impressive, out-running and out-gunning Cora Lynn with the last six goals of their contest.

But while the attacking nature of their finish was superb, coach Jordan Kelly was equally as impressed with his team's ability to nullify the Cobras when momentum was on their side.

"We spoke about when you play these quality opponents that they're going to have their turn, because they are quality, and we wanted to ride that out and then things would swing our way," he said.

"That was a real positive, that there was no panic within the group.

"We stayed calm and had good belief in our system and things eventually came good.

"That was the most pleasing part, for the boys to hold their heads and then persist with our brand of footy."

Kooweerup's win was built on blood and guts determination after a slow start on their visit to Dalyston.

The Demons looked a different unit with Josiah Farrer a focal point in attack and Billy Rolfe and Josh Bateman providing plenty of class around the packs.

The Demons look to have improved, but the Seagulls superior depth will lead to a 23-point victory.

Nar Nar Goon will be too good for Dalyston at home, while Inverloch-Kongwak will kick off its 2025 campaign with a big win over Korumburra-Bena.

The clash between Garfield and Phillip Island could be interesting, with the Stars clearly improved and the Bulldogs short of their best on day one of the season.

Mitch Johnson and Eddie Morris have stiffened the Stars resolve, but the Bulldogs will find a way.

And Kilcunda-Bass hosts Warragul Industrials in the intriguing match-up of round two.

Balancing the form lines is almost impossible, but we'll go the Panthers to make it a perfect start to the season with a hard-fought eight-point win.

WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION
PREVIEW - ROUND 2



Tooradin-Dalmore star Lewis Hill will be a player to keep an eye on for Kooweerup when the Demons visit the Seagulls on Saturday. (Stewart Chambers: 469866)

WGFNC Scoreboard

SENIORS

TOORADIN-DALMORE	3.1	5.4	6.8	11.12(78)
CORA LYNN	2.3	4.4	7.9	7.12(54)

Tooradin-Dalmore Goals: Brad Butler 3, Andrew Dean 3, Jack Flannery 2, Liam Adams, Panos Papas, Xavier Shinners. Best: Liam Adams, Jesse Craven, Rory Neate, Piva Wright, Kristopher Sabbatucci, Lewis Hill.

Cora Lynn Goals: Jaxon Briggs 2, Nathan Gardiner 2, Matthew Ryan, William Stephenson, Nathan Villella. Best: James Munro, Jaxon Briggs, Mark Banham, Luke Black, Matthew Butera, William Stephenson.

KORUMBURRA-BENA	1.0	4.3	4.3	8.6(54)
KILCUNDA-BASS	6.6	11.6	19.9	23.12(150)

Korumburra-Bena Goals: Nicholas Besley 3, Kodie Walker 2, Codie Anderson, Jayden Deas, Jake Fowles. Best: Kyle Brown, Jayden Deas, Byron Walker, Aidan Simmons, Josh Hopkins, Kye Benson.

Kilcunda-Bass Goals: Trent Cartmel 3, Brody Connelly 3, Nathan Foote 3, Dean McRae 3, Travis Tuck 3, Ned Bradley 2, Jed Rosenow 2, Darcy Clay, Angus McGillivray, Jack Rosenow, Joseph West. Best: Nathan Foote, Travis Tuck, Darcy Clay, Dean McRae, Steven Scott, Trent Cartmel.

WARRAGUL INDUSTRIALS	4.3	8.4	11.8	13.10(88)
GARFIELD	4.2	6.4	10.8	12.8(80)

Warragul Industrials Goals: Timothy Hancock 3, Bailey Beck 2, Nic Visser 2, Regan Awty, Todd Beck, Will Gibson, Goy Lok, Robert McCallum, Luke Walker. Best: Edward Morris, Jahmain Harrison, Jake Van Den Berghe, Jed Pinkerton, Cooper Reilly.

Garfield Goals: Mitch Johnson 2, Jake Van Den Berghe 2, Angus Emery, Eddie Morris, Jett Pickering, Jed Pinkerton, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Jack Tenace-Greenall. Best: Eddie Morris, Jahmain Harrison, Jake Van Den Berghe, Jed Pinkerton, Cooper Reilly.

DALYSTON	2.3	6.5	7.6	9.6(60)
KOOWEERUP	2.2	3.3	7.6	10.10(70)

Dalyston Goals: Hayden Wallis 4, Blake Carew 2, Cale Love-Linay, Brady O'Toole. Best: Ben Lewis, Joe Alexander, Kyle Hutchison, Hayden Wallis, Fraser West, Mitch Hallahan.

Kooweerup Goals: Timothy Miller 3, Nathan Muratore 3, Matthew Voss 2, Nathan Voss 2. Best: Mitchell Cammarano, Nathan Voss, Timothy Miller, Ethan McDonald, Joshua S Bateman, Thomas Glen.

PHILLIP ISLAND	3.1	3.3	6.8	7.11(53)
NAR NAR GOON	3.1	11.9	13.10	17.18(120)

Phillip Island Goals: Billy Taylor 3, Jack Taylor 2, Jay Ladson, Cameron Pedersen, Jaymie Youle. Best: Coby Olarenshaw, Cooper Walton, Daniel Pearce, Mikka Paulsen, Jaymie Youle, Jay Ladson.

Nar Nar Goon Goals: Private Player 5, Trent Armour 2, Jacob Keysers 2, Kyle O'Sullivan 2, Jake Blackwood, Harrison Brain, Matthew Gentile, Jake Smith, Jed Smith, Dermott Yawney. Best: Private Player, Nate Pipicelli, Aidan Pipicelli, Luke Bettio, Kyle O'Sullivan, Trent Armour.

Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak

RESERVES

TOORADIN-DALMORE	2.2	2.6	2.7	4.8(32)
CORA LYNN	1.1	3.1	4.2	6.2(38)

Tooradin-Dalmore Goals: Cooper Bassett, Nicholas Lang, Ray Lengyel, Private Player. Best: Adam Galea, Matthew Shaw, Ray Lengyel, Connor O'Riordan, Joshua Cope, Mitch Forgiarini.

Cora Lynn Goals: Luke Foreman 2, Dylan Ross 2, Chris Power. Best: Christopher Inverno, Nicholas Pastras, Dylan Ross, Timothy Payne, Dylan Di Vincenzo, Gus Da Costa.

KORUMBURRA-BENA	0.2	0.3	2.4	5.6(36)
KILCUNDA-BASS	3.3	4.4	8.5	10.8(68)

Korumburra-Bena Goals: Jasper Macri 2, Bailey Fowles, Jake Kelly, Hayden Simcock. Best: Rhys Dixon, Lachlan Smith, Tarkyn Walker, Bailey Fowles.

Kilcunda-Bass Goals: Sam Dickinson 2, Travis Stuckey 2, Adam Banks, Brodie Gude, Jack Hosking,

Kyle McGregor, Jonathon Rocotas, Brodie Simpson. Best: Sam Dickinson, Travis Stuckey, Lachlan Burns, Brodie Gude, Jonathon Rocotas, Dylan Susic.

WARRAGUL INDUSTRIALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2(20)
GARFIELD	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.10(46)

Warragul Industrials Goals: Not Provided.

Best: Joel Dunstone, Harrison Radcliffe, Declan Burton, Jack Commadeur.

Garfield Goals: Not Provided.

Best: Beau Scamporlino, Archer Burgmann, Lachlan Fernandez, Ben Hower, Oliver Whibley, Scott Simpson Brewer.

DALYSTON	1.1	1.2	2.2	2.3(15)
KOOWEERUP	3.0	6.1	10.5	13.7(85)

Dalyston Goals: John Jones, Wayne Luke. Best: Troy Alford, Wayne Luke, Robert Davey, Shannon Coldebella, Owen Luff, Edward Wines.

Kooweerup Goals: Matthew Cameron 4, John Ramos 3, Mitch Alderson, Matthew Drommel, Brodie Grace, Bayley Tytler, Ryan Wilby, Jonah Wright. Best: Brodie Grace, John Ramos, Troy Miller, Private player, Cooper Arthur, Matthew Cameron.

PHILLIP ISLAND	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5(47)
NAR NAR GOON	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.11(59)

Phillip Island Goals: Brady Ross 4, Nick Anderson 2, Jack Opitz. Best: Brady Ross, Oliver Hibbert, Henry Peppard, Blake Thompson, Thomas Niven, Jack Huther.

Nar Nar Goon Goals: Cooper Pursell 3, Nicholas Bransgrove, Lachlan Graham, Euan Grierson, Jack Murphy, Harrison Waters. Best: Lachlan Graham, Cooper Pursell, Chace Parker, Ethan Douglas, Max McGreal, Thomas Nicholls.

Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak

THIRDS

TOORADIN-DALMORE	1.6	6.8	10.8	14.11(95)
CORA LYNN	1.0	2.1	4.2	4.2(26)

Tooradin-Dalmore Goals: Chayse Campbell 4, Harrison Hardy 2, Kyan Kerslake 2, Joel Cochrane, Reece Cooper, Kasy Deren, Jack Gillespie, Will Setford, Adam Zoobi. Best: Joel Cochrane, Harrison Hardy, Will Setford, Koby Peck, Chayse Campbell, Mason Sorenson.

Cora Lynn Goals: Zander Pereira 2, Luca Dabaco, Adam Mainyal. Best: Jordan Tobar, Mandella Jaay, Gatluack Riek, Darcy Edwards, Asher Mitchell, Zander Pereira.

WARRAGUL INDUSTRIALS	2.1	2.5	4.5	6.8(44)
GARFIELD	3.4	3.4	3.6	4.6(30)

Warragul Industrials Goals: Ky Bannister 2, Stephen Oling 2, Angus Watts 2. Best: Zac Tepper, Thomas Vickery, Azariah Borg, Rylan Butler, Zack Reid, Thomas Youngman.

Garfield Goals: Ding Dieng, Jake Smit, Chara Wangkaew, Joseph Zaccari. Best: Ding Dieng, Chara Wangkaew, Alexander Stevenage, Joachim Hayward, Kai Kelsey, Nathan King.

DALYSTON	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4(4)
KOOWEERUP	6.1	6.7	8.9	9.13(67)

Dalyston Best: Joel Robinson, Max Toler, Harry Howell, Cooper Shepherd, Mackenzie Cameron, Callum Connell.

Kooweerup Goals: Kynen Dore-Wilson 2, Kai Galucho 2, Luke Briganti, Bryce Hobson, Seth Lawler, Liam Pirotta, Bailey Robson. Best: Liam Pirotta, Seth Lawler, Max Monckton, Matthew Simpson, Luke Briganti, Kai Galucho.

PHILLIP ISLAND	2.4	3.6	4.8	7.9(51)
NAR NAR GOON	3.0	4.3	8.4	8.4(52)

Phillip Island Goals: Jasper Cashman 2, Oliver Duggan 2, Blake Murphy, Charles O'Garey, Charlie Wilson. Best: Archie Ross, Jeremy Kelly, Charles O'Garey, Benjamin Chihotski, Oliver Duggan, Isaac Savona.

Nar Nar Goon Goals: Zac Ferguson 2, Tarrant Millar 2, Matthew Cross, Brock Radosavljevic, Archer Shorey, Jacob Spoard. Best: Archer Shorey, Mitchell Varty, Cooper Becker, Oliver Ratten, Ryan Fox, Blaine Attard.

Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak

FOURTHS

KORUMBURRA-BENA	1.2	2.3	4.4	4.4(28)
KILCUNDA-BASS	3.0	3.2	6.3	7.3(45)

Korumburra-Bena Goals: Billie Wrigley 2, Tyler Dole, Phoenix Lorkin. Best: Evan Belvedere, Jayden Douglas, Phoenix Lorkin, Kaiden Degrandi, Dallas Walker, Braedyn Swain.

Kilcunda-Bass Goals: Harvey Leary 5, Cooper Brown, Blake Eden. Best: Harvey Leary, Blake Eden, Charlie Burgess, Perry McKay, Angus Oats.

WARRAGUL INDUSTRIALS	9.4	14.11	20.14	31.18(204)
GARFIELD	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0(6)

Warragul Industrials Goals: Ky Bannister 7, Mathew Cornwall 4, Alex Ingham 4, Jack Morgan 4, Ronnie Buck 3, John Huggins 3, Cooper Vickery 3, Cooper Belsham, Henry Brooks, Nate Joiner. Best: Cooper Vickery, Ky Bannister, Mathew Cornwall, John Huggins, Cooper Belsham, Jack Morgan.

Garfield Goals: Not Provided. Best: Harvey Osborne, Blaize Koesemans, Chase Doherty, Heath Serong, Jasper McKenna, Jex Taylor.

DALYSTON	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5(17)
KOOWEERUP	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.10(52)

Dalyston Goals: Hamish bell, Angus Benetti. Best: Finn McNally, Jack Howell, Zack Hughes, Riley Pickard, Archie Moore, Hamish Bell.

Kooweerup Goals: Harley Monckton 2, Jaxen Wood 2, Kaiden Bertone, Nate Cuthbertson, Decklen Jeremiejczyk. Best: Sonny Giles, Zach Ducasse, Harley Monckton, Jaxen Wood, Shannon Filarski, Kaiden Bertone.

PHILLIP ISLAND	1.1	2.1	4.3	6.3(39)
NAR NAR GOON	2.1	6.1	6.3	8.4(52)

Phillip Island Goals: Sam O'Garey 3, Felix Bathgate, Ethan Rhee, Oscar Tuchtan. Best: Archie Williams, Sam O'Garey, Felix Bathgate, Hayden Power, Ethan Rhee, Jack Mascaros.

Nar Nar Goon Goals: Evan Loomes 4, Toby Holland, Mason Mathews, Morgan Robinson, Ty Trang. Best: Flynn Stephens, Aidy Patterson, Toby Holland, Jai Hall, Fynn Shorey, Chase Hamilton.

Bye: Inverloch-Kongwak.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		RD	TOTAL
SENIORS			
Taylor Whitford	Nar Nar Goon	5	5
Hayden Wallis	Dalyston	4	4
Nathan Foote	Kilcunda Bass	3	3
Nathan Muratore	Kooweerup	3	3
Dean McRae	Kilcunda Bass	3	3
Travis Tuck	Kilcunda Bass	3	3
Brody Connelly	Kilcunda Bass	3	3
Andrew Dean	Tooradin-Dalmore	3	3
Nicholas Besley	Korumburra Bena	3	3
Brad Butler	Tooradin-Dalmore	3	3
Timothy Miller	Kooweerup	3	3
Timothy Hancock	Warragul Industrials	3	3
Billy Taylor	Phillip Island	3	3
RESERVES			
Brady Ross	Phillip Island	4	4
Matthew Cameron	Kooweerup	4	4
John Ramos	Kooweerup	3	3
Cooper Pursell	Nar Nar Goon	3	3
Luke Foreman	Cora Lynn	2	2
Sam Dickinson	Kilcunda Bass	2	2
Dylan Ross	Cora Lynn	2	2
Jasper Macri	Korumburra Bena	2	2
Travis Stuckey	Kilcunda Bass	2	2
Nick Anderson	Phillip Island	2	2
THIRDS			
Chayse Campbell	Tooradin-Dalmore	4	4
Tarrant Millar	Nar Nar Goon	2	2
Stephen Oling	Warragul Industrials	2	2
Angus Watts	Warragul Industrials	2	2
Harrison Hardy	Tooradin-Dalmore	2	2
Oliver Duggan	Phillip Island	2	2
Jasper Cashman	Phillip Island	2	2
Zander Pereira	Cora Lynn	2	2
Ky Bannister	Warragul Industrials	2	2
Kai C Galucho	Koo Wee Rup	2	2
Zac Ferguson	Nar Nar Goon	2	2
Kynen Dore-Wilson	Kooweerup	2	2
Kyan Kerslake	Tooradin-Dalmore	2	2
FOURTHS			
Ky Bannister	Warragul Industrials	7	7
Harvey Leary	Kilcunda Bass	5	5
Alex Ingham	Warragul Industrials	4	4
Mathew Cornwall	Warragul Industrials	4	4
Jack Morgan	Warragul Industrials	4	4
Evan Loomes	Nar Nar Goon	4	4
John Huggins	Warragul Industrials	3	3
Ronnie Buck	Warragul Industrials	3	3
Cooper Vickery	Warragul Industrials	3	3
Sam O'Garey	Phillip Island	3	3

LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	B	F	A	%	PTS
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	150	54	277.78	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	120	53	226.42	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	1	0	0	78	54	144.44	4
Kooweerup	1	0	0	70	60	116.67	4
Warragul Industrials	1	0	0	88	80	110	4
Garfield	0	1	0	80	88	90.91	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	60	70	85.71	0
Cora Lynn	0	1	0	54	78	69.23	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	53	120	44.17	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	54	150	36	0
Inverloch-Kongwak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

RESERVES	W	L	B	F	A	%	PTS
Kooweerup	1	0	0	85	15	566.67	4
Garfield	1	0	0	46	20	230	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	68	36	188.89	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	59	47	125.53	4
Cora Lynn	1	0	0	38	32	118.75	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	1	0	32	38	84.21	0
Phillip Island	0	1	0	47	59	79.66	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	36	68	52.94	0
Warragul Industrials	0	1	0	20	46	43.48	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	15	85	17.65	0
Inverloch-Kongwak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

THIRDS - 18s	W	L	B	F	A	%	AVG
Kooweerup	1	0	0	67	4	1675	4
Tooradin-Dalmore	1	0	0	95	26	365.38	4
Warragul Industrials	1	0	0	44	30	146.67	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	52	51	101.96	4
Phillip Island	0	1	0	51	52	98.08	0
Garfield	0	1	0	30	44	68.18	0
Cora Lynn	0	1	0	26	95	27.37	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	4	67	5.97	0
Inverloch-Kongwak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FOURTHS - 16s	W	L	B	F	A	%	AVG
Warragul Industrials	1	0	0	204	6	3400	4
Kooweerup	1	0	0	52	17	305.88	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	0	0	45	28	160.71	4
Nar Nar Goon	1	0	0	52	39	133.33	4
Phillip Island	0	1	0	39	52	75	0
Korumburra Bena	0	1	0	28	45	62.22	0
Dalyston	0	1	0	17	52	32.69	0
Garfield	0	1	0	6	204	2.94	0
Inverloch-Kongwak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURE

ROUND 2

Saturday 12 April, 2025

Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston

Garfield v Phillip Island

Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumburra-Bena

Tooradin-Dalmore v Kooweerup

Kilcunda-Bass v Warragul Industrials

Bye: Cora Lynn

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Nar Nar Goon's tackling pressure was enormous as displayed by Sam Blackwood with this vice-like grip on Cam Pedersen. (470787)



Taylor Whitford celebrates the first of Nar Nar Goon's eight goals in the second quarter against Phillip Island. (470787)

Goon blitz buries Bulldogs

By David Nagel

WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL COMPETITION
ROUND 1 REVIEW - PHILLIP ISLAND V NAR NAR GOON

Nar Nar Goon's premiership defence is off to the perfect start after the Goon rode a dominant eight-goal second quarter to a thumping 17.18(120) to 7.11(53) victory over Phillip Island in the grand final rematch at Cowes.

A long-term right-hamstring injury to new recruit Bailey Rice was the only sour point for new coach Matt Shorey, who had seven different faces in the team from last year's premiership side.

Rice, Jed Murphy, Kyle O'Sullivan, Jacob Keysers, Zac Smith and Jake and Sam Blackwood were the inclusions for the Goon, while Phillip Island was almost unrecognisable from last year's big dance.

Only 10 players backed up from September to this weekend, with Hayden Bruce, Max Walton, Jordy Patullo, Jaymie Youle, Mark Griffin, Billy Taylor, Daniel Pearce, Coby Olarenshaw and coach Cam Pedersen joining skipper Jack Taylor on the round-one play list.

Kicking into what Shorey assessed to be a three-to-four goal breeze, the Goon shocked the hosts with the first two of the contest before the Bulldogs fought back to level the scores at quarter time.

But this game could never be judged accurately until the main break, with the Goon kicking with the breeze in the second term.

And didn't the visitors make it count; despite being a player down after Rice was deemed cooked at the 17-minute mark of the opening stanza.

The Goon dominated in every aspect of the game.

The ball lived in one end of the ground in the second term, with Nar Nar Goon creating 16 scoring shots at goal.

Those sorts of numbers were regularly seen last year against the Bulldogs; but that was of the Bunyip breed!

Danger-signs were noticed for Pedersen and his coaching staff when Taylor Whitford gained two possessions from a stoppage inside-30, with the second of those being a right-foot snap that pierced the big sticks.

Jake Smith was then also left unattended on the goal-line; gathering and converting to make it 15 points the difference after seven minutes of play.

Whitford was then left loose again at stoppage, with his left-foot snap in heavy traffic kicking the margin to 22 points.

Such was its dominance, the Goon had 10 scoring shots in the opening 13 minutes of the second quarter.

And the 25-point margin should have been greater; with 3.7 the result of those 10 opportunities in front of goal.



Jake Blackwood is mobbed by teammates after the defender slammed home a long-range goal during Nar Nar Goon's second-quarter blitz. (Kylie Pipicelli: 470787)

It took defender Jake Blackwood, returning from long-term injury, to show his forwards how it's done, riding the breeze with a long bomb from 60 out to bring the Bulldogs to their knees.

Even this early in the contest it appeared to be the knockout blow; the Goon 31 ahead and with 10-minutes of breeze assisted play to come.

Jacob Keysers and Whitford, once again loose at stoppage, then made it 43 points, before Smith kicked his second for the quarter after having his arms chopped in a marking contest.

The last goal of the first half summed up the play of both teams, with the Goon applying pressure, the Bulldogs making a skill error; and Harry Brain kicking truly after pressure led to a turnover.

The game was done and dusted, the Goon 54 points ahead with a half left to play.

That 8.8 to 0.2 second quarter was something very special and impressed Shorey immensely.

"I was pretty confident that we would get ourselves in front by half time, but the boys had a really good patch for 10 or 12 minutes and put a bit of scoreboard pressure on," Shorey said.

"It was pleasing to do that in a short space of time.

"The only thing I could pick on at half time was our inside 50s; we had a lot but we probably butchered it a fair bit.

"When we were against the breeze it was about a territory game and trying to put pressure on the ball carriers and stopping their entries, and we were good at that in the first quarter, and then we opened it up in the second.

"The boys changed the angles nicely and worked hard to find the right spots.

"They pushed some numbers back which made it a little more difficult, but it was very pleasing heading into half time.

"I knew Pedersen would have a few headaches heading into the second half."

Three key statistics stood out on the weekend, with the Goon dominating two of those.

They linked up very well, having 170 handballs to 113, while the visitors almost doubled the tackle count of their hosts, with 67 to 35.

Phillip Island had more marks, 76 to 52, but that was more the result of being forced into slow-tempo footy.

"I can't knock the boys one bit for their intensity, we got a bit tired towards the end but we were down to two on the bench," Shorey revealed.

"We did note that our groundballs and tackling pressure were good; and we didn't allow a lot of clean ball.

"As a new coach you're not quite sure what the intensity might look like, but from the first bounce I thought our tackling intensity was enormous."

Whitford was the star up forward for the Goon with five goals, while skipper Trent Armour joined Keysers and O'Sullivan with two each on the day.

Aidan Pipicelli led the way with 29 possessions for the winners, while Armour (24), Nate Pipicelli (22), Brain (21), Whitford (21) and O'Sullivan (21) all had 20 disposals or more.

Billy Taylor slotted three goals for the Bulldogs and his brother Jack two, while recruit Mark Collison had 13 kicks and 14 handballs in an impressive round one outing.

Shorey said he was relieved to finally get his coaching tenure at the Goon underway.

"There was a mixture of emotions heading in, for me personally there was anxiety going into the game; have we done enough work? But our fitness seemed great, we ran the game out, which was really pleasing," he said.

"You're always worried about (Hayden) Bruce getting off the handle, Pedersen starting to take grabs, it was always in the back of my mind about how we defend those threats.

"But to go to Phillip Island and get four wins on the board, which has never been done before, that's a really good day for the footy club."

Rice is likely to miss four to six weeks with his hamstring, but the Goon will have no problems filling the vacancy.

Key defender James Cairns will return after the Easter weekend bye, fully recovered from a fractured finger, while Berwick recruit Nick Hillard will also be available for the trip to Kooweerup on Saturday 26 April.

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The Rainbow Beach Best Book Club enjoying their Christmas party at the Illumina Show at Kingfisher Bay. From left, Kim Badcoe, Barb Watkins, Glenda Sambell, Rita Vinten, Ellisa Keen, Heather Stevenson, Rita Marigliani and Janine Fawcett.

Illumina Kingfisher Bay Resort is a light and sound spectacle launched at the Resort on K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) in October 2024.

Using the surrounding native environment as an artistic platform, Illumina uses a modern, theatrical show to immerse guests into the brilliance of K'gari by sharing visuals of the island's incredible ecosystem that's been recognised on the World Heritage list for more than thirty years.

Illumina is the first permanent light, laser, and projection installation of its kind in Queensland and is now showing nightly at Kingfisher Bay Resort.

The show uses cutting-edge lighting to take the audience on an incredible journey, celebrating the World Heritage-listed values that make the destination a global tourism icon.

It begins with the 'Return to Sky' show, an extraordinary journey into the heart of K'gari, exploring the island's unique landscapes, regeneration, and growth.

The show captivates audiences with ethereal beauty, casting vibrant hues and intricate patterns across the sky, celebrating the movement, texture, and colour of K'gari as the narrative of the world's largest sand island unfolds.

According to light artist Bruce Ramus, Return to Sky fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation for K'gari, and leaves guests in awe of the fragile ecosystem.

"This exquisite light portal lets you 'see the wind'... the light is offered, the island tells the story," Bruce explained.

Joining a long list of nature-based tours and activities offered by Kingfisher Bay Resort, Illumina provides guests with a unique perspective of the island.

After the launch in 2024, Cassie Duncan, Senior Ranger at Kingfisher Bay Resort said the first impressions of the show were amazing.

"Guests of all ages were blown away by seeing the island's natural processes in a whole new light. It's been magical to watch them connect with K'gari in such an innovative way."

Kingfisher Bay Resort manager David Hay explained that for more than thirty years "our resort has been the gateway to K'gari".

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"We're looking forward to letting Illumina take us into the future."

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Savour Lyon's rich culinary traditions and the Rhineland's hearty flavors and admire the landscapes that inspired van Gogh in The Netherlands and Provence.

Learn about the legendary lavender that graces the fields of Provence each summer and visit a medieval monastery.

Visit Lyon, one of Frances most captivating cities, known for its rich history, superb food scene and vibrant cultural life.

It is often called the gastronomic capital of France with world class restaurants, traditions 'bouchons,' with must try dishes such as Quenelles, a delicate dumpling made with fresh fish or meat in a creamy sauce or a Lyonnaise Salad, similar to the much-loved Caesar salad or Tablier de sapeur, a fried dish, popular among locals.

Lyon's old town is one of Europe's largest Renaissance districts, filled with cobbled streets, medieval buildings and secret passageways.

Some of the must visit sites with stunning architecture and Roman ruins include the Basilia of Notre-Dame de Fourviere which offers breathtaking views over the city and the Ancient Theatre of Fourviere, a Roman amphitheater which still hosts performances today.

Traverse one of France's most picturesque corners during a train excursion into the wilds of the Doux Valley, an untouched region inaccessible by road,

Sample Beaujolais's most beloved culinary treasures during visits to a wine château and two working farms.

Enjoy watching as the farmer's dog hunts for truffles and witness the production of chèvre, or goat cheese, a major export in France.

The serene region of Burgundy is French culture personified, where farmers and vintners are as respected as the harvests they produce. While the region's rolling hills are known for their superior wines and amazing cuisine, Burgundy's villages are celebrated for their tranquil beauty and historical heritage.



Lavender field, Provence Village, Banon.



Landscape mountain view Aix, Provence.



Cours Mirabeau Street, Aix en Provence.



Corner Grocery Market Fruit, Lyon.



Cloister Carving Cathedral Aix in Provence.

Basel, host city for this year's Eurovision song contest, is located where Switzerland, Germany and France meet and reflects a fascinating blend of traditions.

The city straddles the Rhine at the river's farthest navigable point, and an alluring cluster of old-town buildings huddles along the riverbank.

Around Market Square, guild houses recall Gothic, Renaissance and baroque splendor; the red-sandstone Rathaus, or Town Hall, is the centerpiece.

More than forty museums of art and culture lend modern polish to its history-rich streets, and there is no more refined way to sample it all than over cheese fondue or croissants.

View Strasbourg from the top of its cathedral and explore its historic, culture-rich center. Sample Alsatian and French flavors and pleasures and meet food merchants, a French sommelier and a local chef.

Sample regional specialties such as fine chocolates, pralines, kougelhopf cake, croissants, freshly made baguettes and pretzels, cheeses, and special regional meats or sausages.

Explore the treasures of Alsace, from its Renaissance beauty and distinct culture to its crisp, clean white wines.

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Enjoy dinner in a former Cistercian monastery whose lush vineyards have produced wines for centuries.

Panoramic Heidelberg is a must see and on this tour guests can join a group of modern-day students from the turreted Heidelberg University and hear their views on attending Germany's oldest university.

Visit Marksburg Castle, the only medieval-era stronghold in the Rhine Valley to have never been destroyed. This mighty castle has watched over the town of Braubach since the 13th century.

Ascend in a gondola to Ehrenbreitstein set high on a hill with magnificent views of Koblenz and the Eifel Hills and enjoy a fun and informative tour with a costumed and colorful actor/guide who takes on the persona of John Humfrey, a lieutenant colonel in the British Corps of Royal Engineers.

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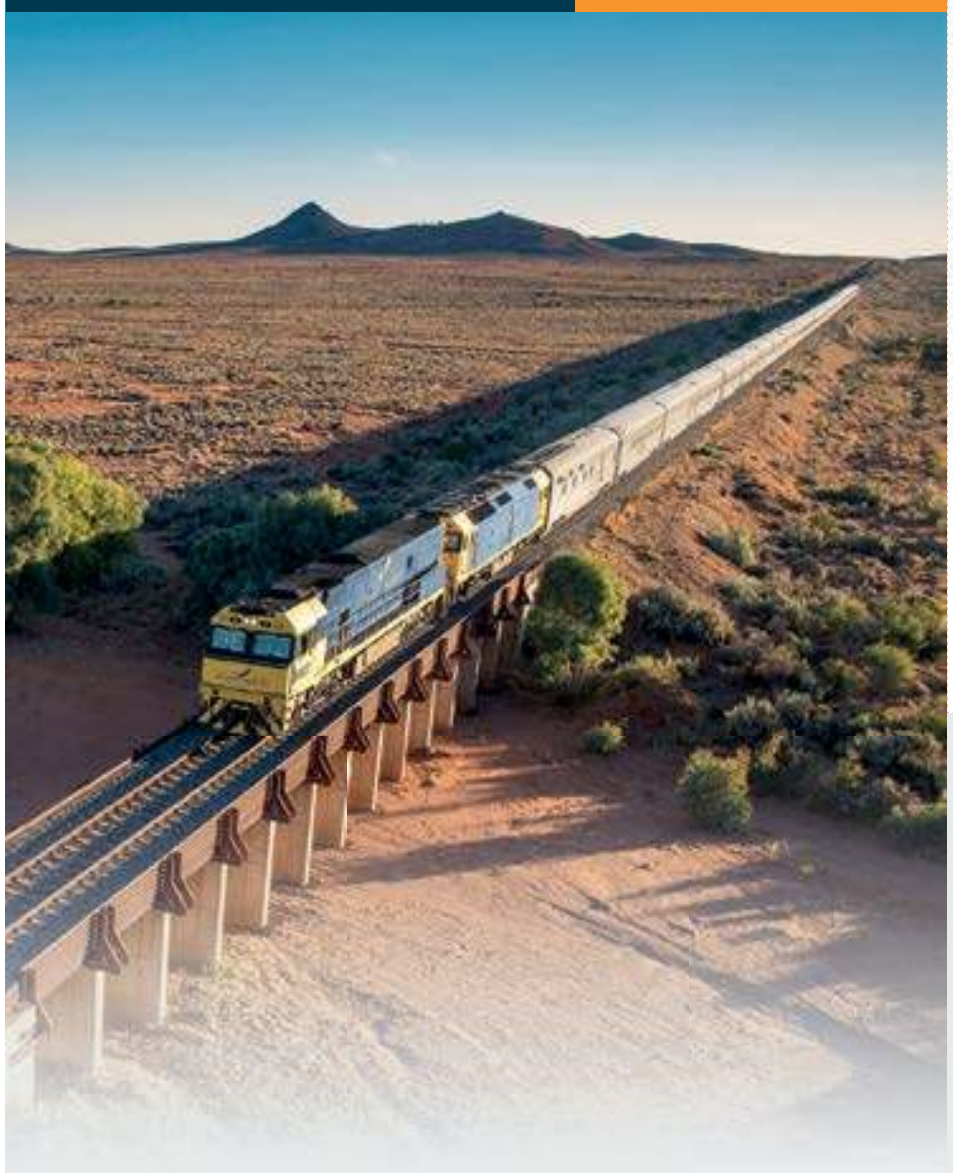
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Dealing with stock deaths

By Rachael Campbell, Dairy Industry development officer



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Stock deaths occur periodically, and farm managers are responsible for carcass disposal. Methods of disposal include knackery, rendering services or suitably licensed landfills. If these are not available, alternate biosecure options for use on-farm may include composting or burial.

If on-farm disposal is to be used, then forward planning with appropriate siting, infrastructure and management is critical to minimise any biosecurity, environmental or other risks.

Burying carcasses on the farm may be the most appropriate option depending on the circumstances.

Stringent guidelines apply to appropriate burial sites, so they don't adversely affect the land, surface/ground waters or the air.

Detailed information on setback distances and other requirements can be found in the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) document Farm waste management.

The other on-farm option is composting of carcasses. In line with EPA guidance, when the average number of mortalities doesn't exceed one tonne per month, then a composting pile is appropriate.

When mortalities exceed this threshold, bin composting should be considered. Bin composting requires more dedicated infrastructure.

Detailed information on pile and bin composting can be found in the EPA's Composting mortalities on farm guidance.

It's important to realise composting is an active process, not a set and forget method. Failing to monitor and follow established composting techniques will result in an increased risk of harm to the land or the environment and a sub-standard final product.

Agriculture Victoria can provide guidance to farmers about on-farm disposal options in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority.

In the event of unusual signs or suspected cases of emergency animal disease, please report them immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. Early reporting increases the chance of effective control and eradication.

If an emergency animal disease outbreak is declared, Agriculture Victoria is responsible for the destruction and disposal of animal carcasses, including those that can be buried on-farm.

Further information on farm biosecurity and animal disease is available on the Agriculture Victoria website at agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases

Invest in dairy, says peak dairy farmer body

With Australia's dairy industry at a critical juncture, the peak body representing Australia's dairy farmers is calling on politicians to invest in safeguarding the sector's future.

Announcing a suite of funding priorities ahead of the election, Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) president Ben Bennett invited the Federal Government to support the industry to reinvigorate dairy production, modernise farm operations and strengthen regional dairy communities.

"Australian dairy production has declined from a peak in 2001-02 at around 11.3 billion litres, down to 8.3 billion litres in 2023-24 — a decline of 26 per cent," Mr Bennett said. "Over this time we've also seen an increase in cheap imported products."

"The Government Standing Committee into Australia's food security in 2023 recommended that the 'National Food Plan ... develop a specific strategy for reinvigorating the Australian dairy industry, one which lifts profitability and production while addressing the economic and environmental sustainability of the industry'.

"We are calling on both major parties, as well as minor parties and independents, to invest in the next generation of dairy farmers, on-farm development and production.

"This will ensure long-term industry prosperity, boost local economies, support regional communities, and strengthen Australia's food security."



(On file)

ADF's cohesive policy priorities recognise that dairy farming is more than just milk production—it provides essential nutrition, drives jobs, supports service industries, and fosters innovation through new technologies and modern workforce practices.

Mr Bennett said attracting new farmers and encouraging reinvestment in the sector will lead to greater productivity, enhanced sustainability, and stronger regional economies.

To make this vision a reality, ADF is calling on government to invest $399 million across five key areas:

First farm ownership and family succession support – Ensuring new and young farmers can enter and grow within the industry

Reinvestment in on-farm productivity and efficiency – Supporting modernisation through advanced technology and sustainability measures

Water security for dairy farms – Providing long-term solutions for managing scarce water resources

Workforce development and digital adoption – Equipping dairy operations with skilled workers and the latest farm automation technologies

Ongoing industry support – Strengthening the services and support farmers need to build and sustain a thriving dairy sector.

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Garth and Mary looking down the microscopes.

Australia leads chemical-free golf

The collaboration between professional golfer and coach Garth Cusick and renowned academic, plant pathologist, and soil microbiologist Dr. Mary Cole may seem unusual, but their combined expertise is paving the way for potential improvements to golf greens worldwide. Gazette journalist **AFRAA KORI** reports that while the progress is exciting, they're only just beginning.



Having lived and taught golf in both Beijing, China, and Australia, Garth Cusick has always been committed to providing the best for golf players.

Dr. Mary Cole came to his attention through someone who attended one of her extracurricular education sessions. As an entrepreneur, Garth heard about her impactful talk, looked her up and reached out, saying "someone told me about your work. I'd like to use your ideas in a practical way on our golf course."

Garth and Mary then met over a soil sample and discussed the possibility of this change in the management of golf greens given the heavy use they receive almost daily and the incredibly artificial manner in which they are constructed and managed.

"My methods of biological management appealed to Garth and we started this relationship to prove that my methods can improve golf courses into the future," Mary said.

"They will be healthier, more resilient in the face of a warming climate and be more efficient in water use."

Garth has access to a Melbourne Water-owned golf club in Bangholme, which made it easier to apply Mary's soil philosophies to improve the quality of the greens.



Garth received his certificate after completing Mary's course.

> "We've solved tomorrow's problem today. It's up to others to choose whether to continue the traditional route or change."

When Mary first visited the 300 square metres test site, she immediately warned him "you might fail".

"She said no one had tried it before. I said "let's go," Garth said.

Despite the challenges including no drainage and the use of effluent water, Garth was determined to push forward, saying, "It's my money, my time — I'm prepared to fail if we learn something."

"The club allowed us to test as long as the green didn't look visibly different from the others. If it started to suffer — if we couldn't keep it alive and green without fungicides or pesticides, we had to stop.

The progress has been remarkable, with the test green going from the worst condition to its current state in just 18 months.

The before-and-after photos, though green in both, highlight the key difference: one was chemically induced, while the other thrives without chemicals.

"By removing synthetic chemicals from the management program of the golf course and introducing compost and compost tea we noticed very quickly the reduction in thatch in the grass," Mary said.

"This is because synthetic chemistry kills most of the soil biota, especially the saprophytic fungi that break down dead and dying organic matter such as the grass clippings. We noticed that less water was required and the green was spongier when we walked on the grass. The colour was better – more vibrant green."

Their focus isn't just on improving soil but also on reducing the risk of contamination from synthetic chemicals.

"Golfers put their tees in their mouths as a habit. if a green has had synthetic chemicals such as herbicides, pesticides, fungicides applied then there is always a risk that contamination can occur," Mary said.

"I am sure no one has died from this habit but it is one more exposure that people of today have to toxic chemicals in their daily lives."

Working with golf clubs and their courses is new management especially here in Australia.

"We want to establish my soil health management throughout Australian golf courses and internationally," Mary said.


Garth, Russell (current mayor of Pambula) and Mary.


Cow.


Garth feeding animals.


Wildlife.


Garth.




Golf players playing on the tested site.


Garth with goat on site. (Afraa Kori)


Golf players.


The tested site.

"We are showing just with our first green, there is a difference in the response of the green to biology. Reducing costs of managing the golf courses is an advantage, making the environment more healthy and recycling water through wetlands, a waterways, all add to the circular economy and add to the esthetics of the course golf courses could become more profitable with reduced input costs."

Mary and Garth are thrilled with the overwhelming support for their successful site and the launch of their business, 'The Soil and Turf Society.'

"We have a first job at Merimbula but have interests from Adelaide, Canberra and more. I am excited because it gives me the opportunity to show that repairing contaminated soil works on a golf courses just as easily as in an agricultural soil," Mary said.

"It gives Garth the opportunity to show the world of golf that greens and fairways can remain playable without the addition of synthetic chemicals."

"We're using golf to prove this system works. Golf is happy, they're paying for it, and now we're exploring how this method can be applied to agriculture too. Whether it's tomatoes, wheat, or pasture for cattle — it's all about improving plant health using microbes," Garth said.

A chemical-free approach on golf courses lowers maintenance costs, promotes healthier plants, and creates new income opportunities through composting. It enhances the quality of greens and fairways, with the added benefit of autonomous mowers operating 24/7. This model supports player health and makes golf courses more appealing to managers and councils, ensuring their long-term sustainability.

"For us and for golf in general — the premise of our work is to offer a solution," Garth said.

"We've solved tomorrow's problem today. It's up to others to choose whether to continue the traditional route or change.

"We already know labor costs, fuel, and imported chemicals will rise. We don't know if those chemicals will even be legally usable in future — especially as other countries like Germany and California are banning certain ones. That trend will eventually reach us."

The long-term vision is for golf courses to operate off-grid, capturing and reusing their own water, generating energy through solar power, and managing the whole site without the use of synthetics.

This is not limited to golf courses and golf players; the wider community can also benefit from the shift from chemicals to biology.

"We produce more compost than we need, so the course can become a compost hub — even a learning space," Garth said.

"We can invite members and the community to learn how we feed the greens using biology instead of chemicals. It becomes a way to teach better food and health practices too."

Stolen plate hotspots

Casey and Greater Dandenong has been declared by police as the state's epicentre for number plate thefts.

Vehicle owners have been advised to garage their cars and install anti-theft number plate screws after Casey topped the state with 1987 reported thefts in the 12 months up to September 2024.

Hume ranks second (1408), followed closely by Greater Dandenong (1374).

Local hotspots where vehicles are being targeted include areas surrounding:

- Attenborough Street and Cheltenham Road, Dandenong
- Kidds Road and Power Road, Doveton
- Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
- Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- McGregor Road and Main Street, Pakenham

More than half of all thefts from vehicles across Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia relate to stolen licence plates.

Only 22 per cent of stolen registration plates are recovered.

"Stolen number plates are attached to other vehicles – many of which are stolen – to help offenders fly under the radar and commit further crimes including aggravated burglaries, arson attacks, drug trafficking and petrol drive-offs," Casey Local Area Commander Inspector Stu Richards said.

Several recent arrests include:

- A set of number plates were allegedly taken from a vehicle in Eumemmerring in July last year and were placed on a different vehicle that was used in several petrol drive offs. A week later, the vehicle was involved in a serious collision in Somerville. The driver – a 26-year-old man from Rosebud – was hospitalized and later charged with theft of number plates, handling stolen goods, and petrol theft.
- In January, a 41-year-old Pakenham man was arrested following an alleged suspect loitering incident in Beaconsfield. He was also allegedly found in possession of drugs. Following enquiries, it will be alleged his fingerprints linked him to three thefts of number plates. He was charged and bailed.
- In December, a 21-year-old woman from Beaconsfield was arrested over a spate of alleged car thefts and thefts from cars, as well as handling stolen goods in the Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham areas. It will be alleged she stole parcels in the lead up to Christmas. She was accused of committing 22 offences, including aggravated burglary, car theft, and twelve counts of handling stolen goods, including number plates. She was released on intent to summons.



Noel Tinio, rear from left, Leading Senior Constable Craig Davis, Dawn Vernon (Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch) and Senior Constable Nancy Lemieux, front from left, Richard Relucio and Genelou Bagayao at a recent Safe Plate event in Dandenong South. (Gary Sissons: 374886)



A Neighbourhood Watch Safe Plate event in Cardinia Shire in 2022. (Supplied)

Police advise residents to place their cars in garages where possible, and to use anti-theft screws.

"Parking in a secure area such a garage would be an ideal scenario, however, we understand that not every resident or visitor to the area is able to do so," Insp Richards said.

"Having to replace your plates is not only an inconvenience, it's also costly. Especially if you keep receiving tolls or fines once they're in the hands of criminals.

"That's why we encourage vehicle owners to use anti-theft screws to deter thieves in the first instance. These screws are available free-of-charge at your local police station."

The screws deter thieves by making it difficult to remove number plates in a hurry. They can be removed with brute force, but it often damages the plate and renders it unusable, police say.

Police and Casey Neighbourhood Watch are conducting Safe Plate days to provide more information on safeguarding number plates.

Share your feedback on Council's strategic objectives

Cardinia Shire residents are invited to provide feedback on Council's draft strategic objectives, which will guide the development of the new Council Plan 2025–29 and associated strategic documents.

The strategic objectives have been informed by priorities identified by the Community Panel during the deliberative engagement process in February.

Council is now seeking feedback from the wider Cardinia Shire community on the draft strategic objectives:

- **Thriving communities**
- **Vibrant places**
- **Adaptive environments**
- **Prosperous economies**
- **Responsible leaders**



Community consultation is open until **11 May.**

You can also get involved by sharing feedback online or face-to-face at community engagement pop-ups across the shire over the coming months.

For more information, session details, or to complete the survey, visit **creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/Future-Cardinia**

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Men cooking.


Residents joined the ceremony.


BBQ for all.

Bowling spruce-up

By Afraa Kori

The Bowling Green area at Pakenham Evergreen Retirement Village, which had become old and underused, has been completely revamped with new landscaping and garden. The space is now inviting for families and visitors to gather and enjoy the area together.

Evergreen manager Sharyn Allsopp is pleased it took shorter than expected, with the renovation completed in just three months.

"The workers that we had were absolutely fantastic! They were kind and serious, and they worked with all the residents. We were not put out by the workmen at all," she said.

The grand opening of the removal of the Bowling Green and the unveiling of the new landscaped area took place last month, with the president of the Resident Committee,

Shirley cutting the ribbon.

There was also a BBQ, where residents and visitors could gather, enjoy the new space, and celebrate the improvements together.

The reaction from residents has been overwhelmingly positive, with gratitude toward the building's owners for creating such a beautiful space.

"They're so happy. It's just a lovely, quiet space to enjoy. Now people can go out there and enjoy it, have family gatherings, just enjoy the space with everybody," Sharyn said.

Sharyn expresses a desire to set up a gazebo in their village and is looking for community support to make this happen.

"We want to organise a fundraiser or something to raise money for a gazebo in our village."


President Shirley Phelan and member Lena Grbic. (Supplied)

About town

80 years on the front line

This year marks a special milestone for the Tynong Fire Brigade as they celebrate 80 years since the formation of the CFA as it is known today.

Formed in 1946, the brigade has proudly served the local community for decades. The members of Tynong Fire Brigade are grateful for the continued support from the community and wish to acknowledge the many dedicated volunteers—past and present—who have made their service possible. If you'd like to be a part of our strong future and give our brigade a hand through a rewarding role as a volunteer visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer or drop in on Sunday morning at the fire station for a chat.

Battin's new role

Gembrook MP Brad Battin's dance card is pretty full of late, juggling his responsibilities as a local member with the new role of Leader of the Opposition at Spring Street.

But that didn't stop from putting his hand up for another job at the joint Cardinia Community Foundation and Rotary Club of Pakenham gala fundraising dinner on Saturday night.

Star News Group offered the rare privilege of being Gazette Editor for a Day as one of the auction items – and Mr Battin swooped on the opportunity.

So sometime in the near future, the MP will have the opportunity to put his mark on an edition of the Gazette, putting people up to be profiled or interrogated in a Q&A and have reporters focus on causes and issues close to his heart.

There was a rider that the prize could not be recouped during an election campaign, but Mr Battin said that when he takes the chair it will be more about highlighting his community and constituents than peddling a political agenda.

He may even enlist a couple of reporters to make cameo appearances.

Previous Editors for a Day have been real estate agent Dan O'Loughlin and former Cardinia councillor Carol Ryan.

Former CCF director Adam Sadiqzai has yet to redeem the prize he won years ago.


Gazette editor Garry Howe will be putting his feet up while Brad Battin assumes the role in the not too distant future.

LOOKING BACK

30 YEARS TO 1995

The Smoky Mountain people of Manila are now better off thanks to Pakenham couple Ian and Margaret Richardson. The Gazette featured the story of the Smoky Mountain people in late January and of the Richardsons' imminent return to the rubbish mountain that 18,000 people call home. They returned to the Philippines at the beginning of February for a month, during which time they helped many of the families who survive only be scavenging off the dump. Scores of families shack together in shanty towns among the rubbish and effluent, drinking from sewers due to a lack of fresh water. The Richardsons treated 250 babies, children and sick adults with a nutritional supplement and the improvement was remarkable. Nine typewriters, many donated by Gazette readers after the initial story, were used daily in two sessions to increase the secretarial experience of the women. Seven students from the typing class now put together a magazine called the Smoky Mountain Youth Magazine. The Richardsons also established a kindergarten, which allowed many of the children to eventually attend school. The Philippine government launched a relocation program, with nearly 3000 families relocated to temporary housing.

20 YEARS TO 2005

An era ended in Kooweerup, with a review of PMP Print's operations leading to a decision to consolidate its Victorian business at the nationwide printing giant's manufacturing facility in Clayton. Tears, beers and cheers marked an emotional last day of work for almost 100 people left without jobs. Workers gathered at the Royal Hotel for a wake. Friends and co-workers Ron Cross and Roger Ferguson have more than 35 years combined service with the company. "We put our heart and soul into it," Mr Cross said. "This is the end of an era." Father and son pair James and John Roden both said they were unsure what the future held. Client services manager Peter Thompson, whose 27 years made him one of the longest-serving employees at PMP, said he was sorry to see the plant close. "It's a loss for the town," he said.

10 YEARS TO 2015

Bunyip racer Josh Major is only three years into his off-road endurance motorcycle riding career but he already dreams of one day competing on the international stage in the famous Dakar Rally. If his current progress is anything to go by, he soon could be emulating his hero, multiple Australian off-road champion Toby Price. While he is still only 16 and in Year 10 at Drouin Secondary College, Josh's progression up the ranks has been astounding. He finished third in the Junior 2 Class at last year's Victorian Off Road Championships, winning five rounds, and he was the champion of the category in 2013. Josh is aiming to jump straight to the 'expert' category next season.


Looking back 10 years to 2015: Close to 2500 people turned out to watch Bryden Atkins win the main event at the Lang Lang Rodeo, including this group from Tynong – Bailey Wearne, Xavier Reid, Jayde Albrey, Crystal Lloyd, Jaden Lloyd and Tyler Wearne.

Survey's nuclear divide

By Violet Li



A recent Star News reader survey reveals more than two-thirds of the South East respondents backed the Coalition's nuclear energy policy. (AAP Image: Diego Fedele)

As a recent Star News reader survey reveals strong support for the Coalition's nuclear energy policy, experts say it highlights the "significant impact" that cost of living has on this election campaign, particularly the cost of energy.

Opposition leader Peter Dutton has proposed integrating nuclear power into the nation's energy strategy to bring down household energy bills.

The proposal will see seven nuclear reactors at existing coal-fired power plant sites, including the one in Loy Yang in Victoria.

The first reactor is anticipated to be operational by 2036.

The nuclear initiative is projected to cost approximately $331 billion and aims to have all reactors functioning by 2050.

About 71 per cent of the 111 respondents in the South East survey supported nuclear energy in Australia, and more than half of the South East respondents backed a nuclear plant in their local area. In contrast, the results in Melbourne's East and West indicated significant resistance to the nuclear option.

Monash University politics expert Dr Zareh Ghazarian first pointed out the sample was "very, very small", given that the South East has more than 400,000 voters across the electorates of Holt, Bruce, Issacs, and La Trobe.

A small sample may not accurately reflect the broader population, leading to biased results.

But Dr Ghazarian said the results highlighted the significant impact that the cost of living has on this election campaign, particularly the cost of energy.

"It is really important to a lot of voters across these electorates, but also more broadly as well," he said.

"The results reflect the overall dynamic in this political campaign in that it is focused on the cost of living.

"It is focused on people being concerned about how they will pay bills and also the responses that the major parties have to try to address these issues."

Peter Angelico, president of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance (SEMMA), said locals know that energy supply is a key to reducing the cost of living pressure and ensuring they have a consistent, sustainable supply of energy makes sense.

The peak body representing over 230 leading manufacturing companies located in the South East found the majority of members supported nuclear power.

They believe nuclear power can provide a cost-effective and reliable energy source for manufacturing businesses.

"As the population grows, our policymakers need to ensure our energy policies meet the growing needs of our city, our state and our nation," Mr Angelico said.

"People know that if we don't have a consistent, reliable energy supply one that is based on unreliawble renewables, we will be hit with blackouts, brownouts, and rising energy costs.

"Essential sectors, like manufacturing, hospitals and medical facilities, aged and childcare and our emergency services must have that certainty of supply, nuclear offers that certainty."

Speaking of the results of the survey, Mr Angelico believed locals understand that the future requires facts, not fear-mongering.

"People are more informed and understand the benefits and opportunities and want to give their children the best opportunities now and into the future," he said.

Bruce Labor MP Julian Hill said nuclear was "not a serious policy" and "by far the most expensive form of power generation for Australia".

"This week, new revelations show that Dutton's costings are cooked, as he has not even included the vastly expensive costs of dealing with mountains of radioactive nuclear waste.

"Australia needs new, cheap power now, through clean, reliable renewables."

Greens candidate for Bruce Rhonda Garad said the survey results were "interesting" and showed people in South East were fed with misinformation about nuclear power.

Ms Garad, who is a public health academic, said nuclear power was not safe, cheap, quick, or efficient.

"Nuclear power is going to put prices up. It is at least ten to fifteen years away, if at all," she said.

"What people also don't know is that nuclear reactors take a huge amount of water. In a drought-prone country like ours, it will deprive people of water because that will have to be prioritised. Otherwise, it will become a risk.

"People are being fed wrong information that these are cheap, quick, efficient, and safe.

"They are none of these. I understand that there is a high favourability because people are being told the wrong information deliberately."

Ms Garad flagged the finding by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

A draft report by the national science agency in December last year found no unique cost advantage in nuclear technology, due to the substantial nuclear re-investment costs required to achieve long operational life.

The draft report found renewables continue to have the lowest cost range of any new-build electricity generation technology.

The draft report also maintained the total development lead time for nuclear in Australia would be at least 15 years.

A report commissioned by the Coalition and written by economic consultancy Frontier Economics suggested that integrating nuclear energy into Australia's National Electricity Market could lead to significant reductions in total system cost, up to 44 per cent less than relying solely on renewables and storage.

However, the report did not provide explicit projections regarding the direct impact on household energy bills.

When asked if the support for nuclear power in South East shown in the survey could reflect the political tendency in the area, Ms Garad said the energy choice should be science-based.

"Energy should not be politicised," she said.

Mr Ghazarian from Monash University said the divide in energy choice goes to the heart of climate policy and the energy policy in Australia.

"For a very long time, national governments appeared unable to have a coherent and cohesive response to energy and climate policy," he said.

"We think back to the Rudd years, the Gillard years. We think back to Tony Abbott. We think back to Malcolm Turnbull, where climate as a policy issue was really troubling for them and very difficult for them to try and work through.

"I suspect what we have here is that continuation of the debate and questions presumably from voters about how the energy mix, energy security, energy price are going to impact them."

$190m road splash to include roundabout removal

By Violet Li



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King and Incumbent Holt MP and candidate Cassandra Fernando were at the roundabout of Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Clyde-Five Ways Road and Pattersons Road, which will be removed and signalised under a $100 million funding. (Supplied)

Labor has pledged $100 million to remove a roundabout along the boundary of Holt and La Trobe, marking about $190 million of road funding in the South East in recent weeks.

The intersection of Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Clyde-Five Ways Road and Pattersons Road will be signalised to make it safer for motorists and pedestrians while cutting down travel times, according to the ALP.

This project is part of the Federal and State Government's joint $1.2 billion Road Blitz, with contributions of $1 billion from the Federal and $200 million from the Victorian Government.

Since 2019, five crashes have occurred at the notorious roundabout.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King said: "We're fixing roads right across the state; we've doubled our road maintenance funding to local councils, reinstated road maintenance indexation that was scrapped under the former government and are investing heavily in our regions and cities."

Incumbent Holt MP and candidate Cassandra Fernando said she was pleased to have successfully advocated for the much-needed removal of this roundabout.

"This upgrade will mean less time spent in traffic and more valuable time at home with loved ones," she said.

Labor has so far also announced $41.75 million for the removal and signalisation of Thompsons and Berwick-Cranbourne Roads roundabout in Clyde North, $30 million for the duplication of a section of Evans Road in Cranbourne West, $10 million for the planning to upgrade Western Port Highway, $3 million to plan transport upgrades in and around Warragul and Drouin, $6 million to resurface a Princes Highway section and $4m for road blackspot uprades in Dandenong and Endeavour Hills.

Meanwhile, the Coalition announced the axing of $2.2 billion of Suburban Rail Loop funding, with the funds diverted to Airport Rail Link and other transport projects. None of that money has so far been announced for the South East.

Probus holds 36th AGM

In March, the Probus Club of Pakenham Inc. held its 36th Annual General Meeting, during which Dianne Roberts was elected and inducted as the new President, and a new committee was installed.

The meeting was attended by 36 of the club's members, along with guests from the other 2 Pakenham Probus Clubs and Ian Wake, the President of Pakenham Rotary.

At the meeting, we also remembered Margaret Turner, who had been a member of the club for nearly 32 years.

Margaret died on 17 February, aged 88. She was a Life Member of the club, having been an active participant in many of the club's activities, as well as serving as treasurer for a total of 20 years.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Probus, it is a world-wide social organisation for retired or semi-retired people.

There are clubs in every state and territory of Australia, and it aims to promote activity, fun and friendship in retirement.

The Pakenham club meets at the Cardinia Club on Racecourse Road at 10.30 am on the first Thursday of each month except January.

Meetings end at about midday, and include plenty of time for morning tea and a chat, followed by a guest speaker.

During the month, many members attend groups such as garden, dine out, book club, coffee mornings and cinema, and participate in activities such as craft, walking and ten-pin bowling.

Almost every month includes a day trip to places of interest.

If you would like to find out more about this friendly group of retirees, or wish to make enquiries about becoming a member, please contact the newly re-elected Secretary, Pat Sherwell.

She can be reached at secretary.pakprobusinc@gmail.com or on 0459 977 400.



From left: Back row: Lyn Stephenson (Immediate Past President), Hazel Green (Guest Speakers), Suzanne Mead (Activities,) Doreen Stitt (Welfare), Dianne Roberts (President), and Joan Vogels (Treasurer and Tours & Outings). Front row: Pat Sherwell (Secretary), Pat King (Newsletter and Membership) and Wendy de Wit (Vice President). (Supplied)

Support for retirees looking for connection

By Afraa Kori

Are you looking for a supportive and friendly group to connect with? The Pakenham OM:NI Day Group is currently welcoming new members!

The group is open to men around 60 years or older or those who are retired, with no other specific criteria—"come one, come all."

The OM:NI groups meet once a month at the Outlook Community Centre. Each meeting features a welcome, members sharing personal updates, refreshments, and a pre-selected discussion topic.

Facilitator Ken McMaster values OM:NI for its welcoming environment, equality, and simplicity. After joining the Berwick OM:NI group 15 years ago, he appreciates that there's no committee, which reduces power struggles and cliques. The group ensures confidentiality, operates independently, and allows all members to speak.

"That's really where the value of OMNI really comes into play," Ken said.

"A lot of men get lost when they retire. That's what it's aimed at – giving them support, providing a focus, and offering all those positives that can help people when they reach a point where they're a little bit lost because their whole world has changed."

However, the biggest challenges for the OM:NI groups are the impact of COVID and the decline in men's health as they age.

Ken said constant recruitment is necessary to ensure the group continues to thrive, as without new members, it may struggle to survive.

"The ultimate goal for the group is to maintain its numbers, meaning recruiting new members as others leave, so there's always someone to fill the void," he said.

"It's an ongoing process that never ends, as over time, new retirees in the district may become isolated, lonely, and in need of a focus outside their homes.

"If you're not constantly recruiting, your group will struggle, and eventually, it will come to an end. This is a challenge faced by all OM:NI groups across the metropolitan area."

Communities can expect a relaunch planned for June, and the decision has been made to give it a full rebirth to ensure it is done justice.

To join OM:NI contact Ken via 0419 574 865 or 5941 7400.



Facilitator Ken with members Trevor and Mick. (Stewart Chambers: 433984)



Celebrating our cultures

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School secondary students embraced cultural diversity during this year's Harmony Day.

On this special day, students were encouraged to either wear an item of cultural attire to celebrate cultural traditions or a splash of orange to symbolise social communication, the freedom of ideas and mutual respect.

Throughout the day, students discussed the importance of valuing diversity and inclusion, with Harmony Day serving as a reminder of Australia's multiculturalism.

The SRC invited students to unite for a picnic-style lunch on the grass, encouraging them to bring cultural foods and share the stories behind them.

In support of the day, students showcased their creativity by creating chalk art across the yard, decorating trees with orange ribbons and enjoying dancing to music provided by the co-curricular AV Club during lunchtime.

The celebration highlighted the school's commitment to promoting respect, inclusivity and cultural understanding as a part of holistic well-being.



Year 12 student Braydon Bousfield decorates a tree with orange in support of Harmony Day.



Year 10 students Georgia Stayner and Winter Wilks-Hansen who took part in chalk art in support of Harmony Day.



Year 7 students Anneke Beamish, Laylah McCauley and Charlotte McKenna supporting Harmony Day with a splash of orange.

WHAT'S ON

Emerald Library - Easter Egg Hunt!

Come join locals the Emerald library during the PAVED festival to participate in our interactive Cardboard Fort art display. Add your own touch to the Fort through drawing and play. The event runs from April 7 to 17, from 9am-6pm.

Paved Fort Festival

Join the fun at Emerald Library's PAVED Fort event, an interactive cardboard fort art display. Daily from April 7-17, 9am-6pm. Free, no registration required. Perfect for families. Call 03 5949 4600 for more info.

School Holiday Apple Picking

Get ready for a fruitful adventure at the School Holiday Apple Picking. Join in for a fun-filled day of apple picking and enjoy the beautiful scenery at Bellevue Farm Gate in Officer. The event runs from April 8 to 19 from 10:00am to 2:30pm

Colour Run

Have Hope is hosting a Colour Fun Run Day on Saturday 12 April at IYU Recreation Reserve, Henry Road, Pakenham.

Gates open at 9am, event starts at 10am. Tickets are $5, kids enter free. Colour fun t-shirts are $20.

Compost Giveback Program

Cardinia Shire households can reap the rewards of having a food and garden waste kerbside bin with the Compost Giveaway. In partnership with the Cardinia Environment Coalition, Cardinia Shire Council is giving two 25L bags of compost to households using a Council food and garden waste (lime green lidded) kerbside bin. To participate, households will need to register. Registered households can collect their compost from the CEC Nursery Coalition Nursery at Deep Creek Reserve in Pakenham on Fridays 9am-12pm (midday) or the last Saturday of each month 9am-12pm (midday). The Compost Giveaway is open now until Saturday 28 June or while stocks last.

Garfield Exercise Group

As part of the Bunyip Friendship Hub, they meet at the Garfield Football Club rooms on Tuesdays at 10am.

Garfield Sewing Club

Come along with your sewing machine or use one of ours and join a group of sewers creating clothes, quilts, crafts, repairing and upcycling.

All skill levels welcome but a gold coin donation. This event is held every Tuesday during the school term at Garfield Scout Hall.

Food Relief with Vegetables and Fruit

Available every second Wednesday at 2pm at Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House in Garfield.

Free meditation meetups

Meditation is a simple yet powerful tool that helps people regain clarity, improve emotional well-being, and enhance focus. Studies have shown that regular meditation can reduce stress, improve logical thinking, and promote overall mental health.

The Heartfulness Institute is running free meditation sessions in Berwick on Sundays.

The sessions are free. They will be held from 8.45am on Sunday at Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House & Community Centre, 21A Bemersyde Dr, Berwick.

Pakenham Arthritis Self-Help Group

Are you living with arthritis and looking for a supportive community?

Join the Pakenham Arthritis Self-Help Group (PASH) and discover the benefits of water and chair aerobics.

The group offers a safe and welcoming space to connect with others who understand your challenges.

Together the group learns strategies to manage pain, improve mobility, and enhance overall quality of life.

Warm water exercises are held at Cardinia Life from 8:15 am to 9:15 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays plus afternoon sessions at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Chair exercises are held at the Pakenham Hall in the Supper Room and run from 10:30 am to 11:15 am on Mondays and Thursdays.

For additional information contact bernadette.lilley56@gmail or Mobile at 0411 098 519

Cranbourne Senior Citizens

Not a member? Doesn't matter, come along and join the fun.

Weekly activities include line dancing from 10am to noon on Mondays, new vogue and old time dancing from 1pm to 3.30pm on Tuesdays, carpet bowls from 11.30am to 2.30pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays and bingo from 11am to 2pm on Thursdays.

For all enquiries or bookings, contact Marilyn on 0432 107 590.

Line dancing

The Berwick Senior Citizens Centre is hosting line dancing sessions from 10am to noon every Tuesday at 112 High Street in Berwick.

First session is free, with a small fee for future classes.

Morning tea or coffee included.

Inner Wheel Club of Berwick

The Inner Wheel Club (IW) Berwick is a ladies international friendship club which raises funds to support local charities and other worthwhile causes.

They have a dinner meeting on the first Monday of the month and enjoy a range of activities including guest speakers, morning teas, book club and craft afternoons.

For more information, visit their Facebook page or contact iiw.au.berwick@gmail.com

CHURCH

Uniting Church Pakenham Regional Mission Area

"Our vision as a Christian community is to honour each individual's experience of God, while sharing the love of Jesus in a positive, safe and inclusive environment."

Sunday's communion se4rvice was conducted by Pastor Jo Crisp as Denham Grierson is still unwell following his surgery. We wish him well.

Sunday was the 5th Sunday of Lent which is a turning point. It shows the extravagant love of Jesus shown by Mary as she anoints Jesus' feet with an expensive oil. The reading, John 12 1-18 is a turning point which heads towards Jesus' death on the cross.

Jesus has raised Lazarus from the dead and at the dinner given for him Martha is serving and Mary is anointing Jesus' feet with oil which was very expensive. It is as if she is preparing the body after death. The strong perfume which was very expensive was used by Mary and she let her hair down and used her hair to wipe Jesus' feet.

Judas was indignant and objected as he said the money for the perfume should have been given to the poor. But it is thought that he was just causing trouble and Jesus says to Judas to leave Mary alone as she has bought the expensive perfume to keep it for the day of his burial. Judas as always was causing issues and we soon find out that he betrays Jesus.

This ministry had Martha serving with food and Mary at Jesus feet. Pastor Jo asked us who we related to in this picture. Jo also related the story of her mother dying and the caring of her before her death. Have you ever been the receiver of extravagant love? Mary is the only person who understands what is to come.

Jesus in reply to Judas about giving the money for the perfume to the poor says "You always have the poor with you but you do not always have me"

Things to remember:

- Homework Hub Tuesdays In recess with school holidays
- Playgroup Wednesdays In recess with school holidays.
- It should be noted that the electoral Authority has pre polling starting Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 2nd May 7am – 7pm daily with the exception of Anzac Day.
- Church Council is Thursday April 24th 2025 7.30pm Note date change because of Easter.
- Combined service with Berwick UCA 13the April 10.30am

Please ensure that the doors are locked when you leave the building and the heating/cooling and lights are off.

Please continue to contribute to the Lazarus Food Relief which is being run by the COPTIC church who are providing hampers for the community which they distribute each Saturday at 2.00pm. A box is in the foyer for donations.

Psalm 126 V3 "The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced ".

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



"Think ya' can take ya' pants off on my beat bud?"

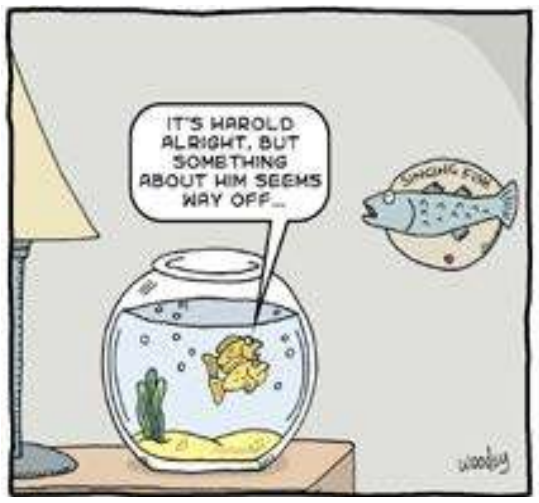
Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insert Brain Here



Insanity Streak



Doodley Squat



Ballard Street



Bob has a decorative grass eminence in his backyard.

WuMo



Grin Bin



Against the Grain



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PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 232

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

easy

	8	7	4	9		6	2	
2	9						5	
		5					9	
	4	3	7					
5			6		1			8
					4	9	3	
	3					5		
	5						4	3
	1	4		5	2	7	6	

medium

			1		9	3		
4	7	1						
					8			7
	9	6		1				3
7								5
3				8		6	7	
6			4					
						4	6	1
		8	3		5			

hard

			9	3				1
					1	4	9	8
			2			3		
7		6	3					
		4		6		2		
					7	5		6
		7			8			
1	2	9	6					
8				5	9			

easy

8	1	4	3	5	2	7	6	9
7	5	2	9	6	8	1	4	3
9	3	6	1	4	7	5	8	2
1	7	8	5	2	4	9	3	6
5	2	9	6	3	1	4	7	8
6	4	3	7	8	9	2	1	5
4	6	1	2	9	3	8	5	7
2	9	7	4	1	5	3	8	6
3	8	7	4	9	5	6	2	1

medium

1	4	8	3	6	5	9	2	7
9	5	3	8	2	7	4	6	1
6	2	7	4	9	1	5	3	8
3	1	2	5	8	4	6	7	9
7	8	4	9	3	6	2	1	5
5	9	6	7	1	2	8	4	3
2	3	9	6	4	8	1	5	7
4	7	1	2	5	3	9	8	6
8	6	5	1	7	9	3	2	4

hard

2	1	9	6	5	7	3	4	8
4	6	3	8	9	2	5	7	1
7	5	8	3	4	6	9	2	1
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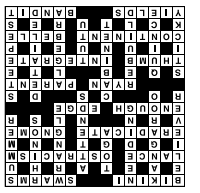
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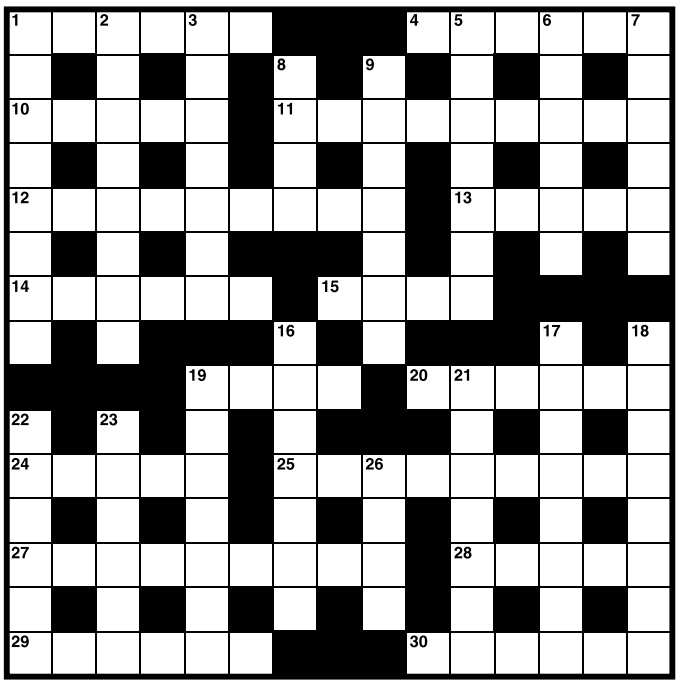
ACROSS

1 Beachgoer's two-piece (6)
4 Masses of bees (6)
10 Cavalry weapon (5)
11 Banishment (9)
12 Root out (9)
13 Popular garden figure (5)
14 Sufficient (6)
15 Brink (4)
19 Actor, – Gosling (4)
20 Family head (6)
24 Hand digit (5)
25 Blend (9)
27 A continuous expanse of land (9)
28 *Beauty and the Beast* heroine (5)
29 Bears (6)
30 Brigand (6)

DOWN

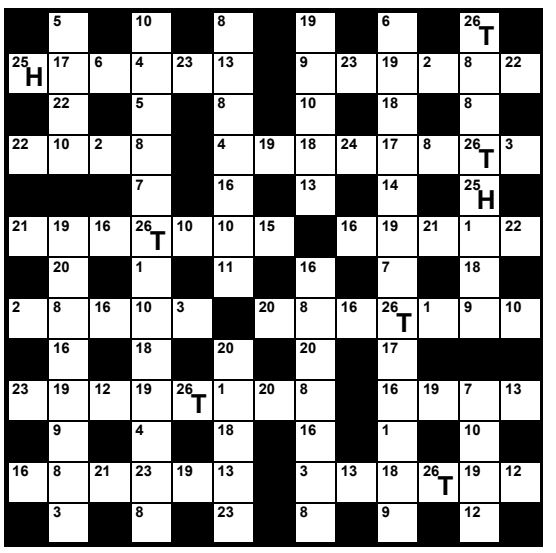
1 Follower of a particular religion (8)
2 Australian animal (8)
3 Requiring (7)
5 Argue (7)
6 Very large, horned, plant-eating animals (abbr) (6)
7 Season (6)
8 Roman garment (4)
9 Goes regularly to (an event, etc.) (7)
16 Executive group in government (7)
17 Exhaustive (8)
18 Sharpest vertical angle (8)
19 Reconstruct (7)
21 A branch of mathematics (7)
22 Adhesive (6)
23 Central Asian fruit (6)
26 Ballet skirt (4)





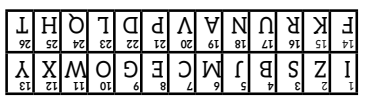
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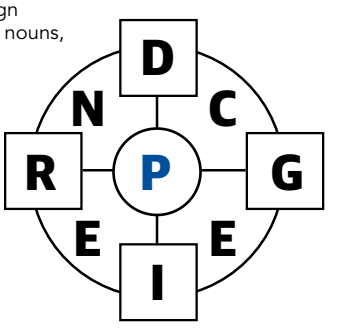
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9-LETTER WORD

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

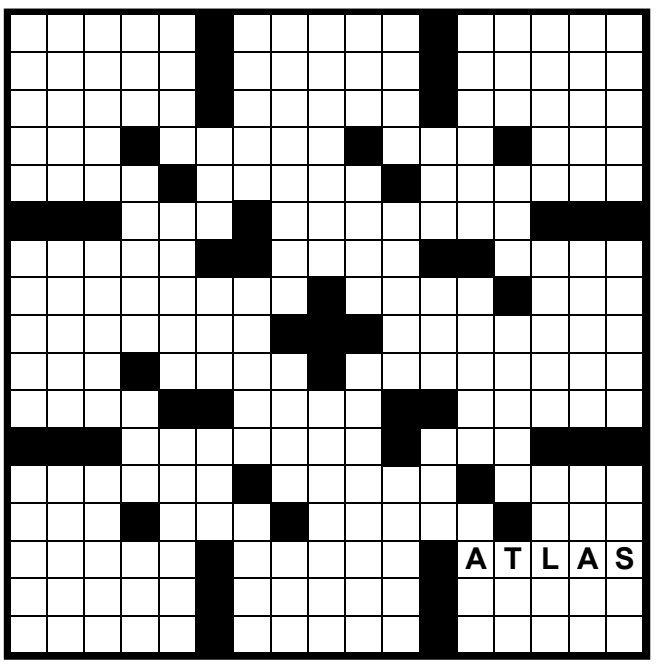
Today's Aim:
19 words: Good
29 words: Very good
39 words: Excellent



creep, creeping, crepe, deep, drip, epic, grip, gripe, griped, peen, peer, peering, pence, pend, piece, pieced, pied, pier, pierce, pierced, pincer, pine, pined, ping, pinged, PRECEDING, preen, price, priced, pride, pried, prig, prince, recipe, repine, repined, ripe, ripen, ripened

WORDFIT

No. 232



3 LETTERS
ADO
AGE
ART
ASH
ATE
AXE
BAR
BOA
EAT
GOO
HUH
ICE
INK
LOB
NEE
OUR
OWE
PUN
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SAW
SEE
TEA
VET
WIN

4 LETTERS
ARIA
BRAT
DEAD
DIAL
LEST
SALT
SEAT
SODA
TABS
TALC
TEAR
TEST
TRIO
TYRE

5 LETTERS
ABIDE
ABLER
ACTED
ARENA
ARISE
AROSE
~~ATLAS~~
AUNTS
AURAL
AVERT
BOARD
COAST
CREST
DEEPS
DETER
DRAWL
DUVET
EERIE
EGGED
ENSUE
ESSAY
EVENS
FATAL
FLAME
FLEAS
GNARL
HONEY
INFER
LARKS
LASER
LEERS
LILAC
LINGO
LOAFS
OCEAN
PRIOR
REVUE
RHINO
SASSY
SCENT
SHIRE
SLEWS
TAMER
TARDY
TENET
THESE
TONNE
TORSO
TRITE
WEIRD

6 LETTERS
ETCHED
LATTER
REVELS
TELLER

7 LETTERS
ENFORCE
ENTREES
INCLINE
OXIDISE
SCEPTRE
STAYING

8 LETTERS
CONSISTS
LICENSES
PAGEANTS
PRELUDES

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5x5

S		R		P
	R		W	
A		D		O
	E		N	
F		O		S

No. 339

Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

S	T	A	R	P
T	N	I	E	F
A	U	D	I	O
L	W	A	R	T
S	O	G	R	F

QUICK QUIZ



1 Whose song *How to Make Gravy* was also the title of his 2010 memoir?
2 Who played Luke Skywalker in the Star Wars films?
3 In which ocean is Christmas Island?
4 In which US drama series did Australian actor Jesse Spencer (pictured) star as Matthew Casey?
5 In the TV show *The Simpsons*, what breed of dog is Santa's Little Helper?
6 With which song did ABBA win the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest?
7 Giuseppe Verdi's 1871 opera *Aida* was originally commissioned to celebrate the opening of what?
8 What is the only part of the human body that can't repair itself?
9 Balaklava is a town in which Australian state?
10 Ca is the symbol for which chemical element?

ANSWERS: **1.** Paul Kelly **2.** Mark Hamill **3.** Indian **4.** *Chicago Fire* **5.** Greyhound **6.** *Waterloo* **7.** Suez Canal **8.** Teeth **9.** South Australia **10.** Calcium

HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Your week ahead

This week's hot astral goss is Mercury joining the sun, Neptune and Chiron in fiery Aries, while feisty Mars blazing into Leo adds extra heat in the celestial kitchen…

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Enjoy the glorious finale of this year's Aries season as Mercury joins the sun, Chiron and Neptune in your sign, and your ruling planet Mars charging into the sign of passion and radiance switches on your personal fairy lights to showcase your unique shine and genuine nobility of spirit.
Best day:
Friday 18 April

TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

With ringmaster Mars conducting this week like a global talent show, it would be easy to overstep boundaries without realising. The preventative? Let Venus in her most intuitive mode guide you gently through rapid developments which may require leaving parts of your former self behind for the latest upgrade.
Best day:
Sunday 13 April

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

Your ruling planet Mercury striding into its most inventive, impetuous and enthusiastic mode could have you bubbling with effervescent ideas and witty repartee - but also quick to make assumptions which may not be in your best interests. Remember you're an air sign and take a breath before reacting this week.
Best day:
Monday 14 April

CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

You've figured out by now that doing the same thing over and over only yields the same old results.
This week Mars in a daring mood encourages you to colour outside the lines and try some new tactics. If they don't succeed, well, making mistakes is the fastest way to learn.
Best day:
Wednesday 16 April

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Of the four elemental categories in astrology, fire is the one most strongly associated with creative inspiration, and when Mars flames into Leo on 19 April your personal heat will be palpable. Take advantage of this two-month fire-stoking transit to get harder and more difficult stuff done.
Best day:
Friday 18 April

ARROW WORDS



	Look	Curved structure	Reject Digits meaning nought		Playing cards		Light-coloured	Squad	
					Head of a committee				
	Zellweger, actress (pictured)						Not false	Aid	
	Yell				Drinking tube				
Fencing sword	Section of writing	Baltic, for example Region of London				Apply	Bull or carpenter, for example	Narrow boat	Steep
			Slippery	Sequence of sounds		Dressings Band			
_ Geller, spoon bender		Point (at)			Under An ordinal number				
		Pretty				Conned	Female title	Disappear	
Hen produce		Me					Travel		
		Inflate	Interested in Nitric _				_ Window, Hitchcock movie		
Simple		Truth				Age	24 hours	Slap	Perceive
				Had the position of				Relating to that man	
Offspring		Part of the face			Come to be				
				_ and the Tramp, Disney movie				French word for tea	

VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

This week's Mercury expresses in plain vernacular that things aren't necessarily what they seem and there's usually more to the story, so stay tuned for more revelations, more developments. Meanwhile, it's worth reconsidering, perhaps from a tough love point of view, certain beliefs which just aren't helpful anymore.
Best day:
Saturday 19 April

LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

This week rambunctious Mars barges into live out loud, look at me mode, while Venus is at her most sensitive, subtle and intimate. Meshing these differing energies and making an art of their interplay is this week's Libran balancing act. How? As always, let Venus take the lead.
Best day:
Sunday 13 April

SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

As Mars struts into his most dramatic placement, an emotion-intensifying Mars/Pluto face-off could bring leadership issues, dummy spits or showdowns. Finding common ground may be challenging with both planets in stubborn signs uninclined to compromise. Which makes your wisest strategy slowing down, saying little, observing a lot.
Best day:
Tuesday 15 April

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

This week's planetary pattern looks like a provocative psychological battlefield in which it might be easy to snap and lose your cool. Sagittarians' biggest challenge will be not reacting impulsively, no matter how tempting that may be, especially during the late week moon in your own fiery sign.
Best day:
Thursday 17 April

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

With Mars energising your zone of permanent bonds and shared resources for the coming couple of months, it's worth clarifying any misunderstandings so you can keep moving ahead with ease. Longevity is always Capricorn's goal, so treat each person and activity as carefully as you would any investment.
Best day:
Saturday 19 April

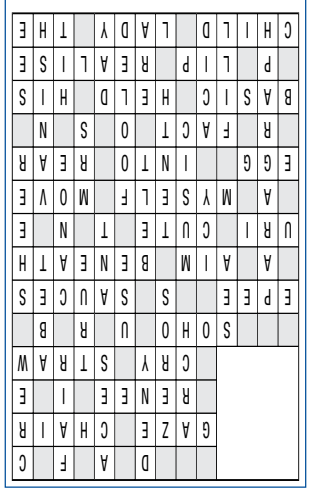
AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Changes that have been on their way are now speeding up, and this week a piece of information or insight could move the goalposts. As dancing on shifting sands becomes the trending choreography, Mars sending a blast of charisma into your partnership department sees you looking like quite the expert.
Best day:
Monday 14 April

PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Your mentor planet Neptune in the charged-up sign that inspires bold action is your positive signal for a new cycle of change. Fortified by the North Node in Pisces for 2025, this makes the invitation to pursue your life path impossible to resist and gives you the determination to do it.
Best day:
Wednesday 16 April

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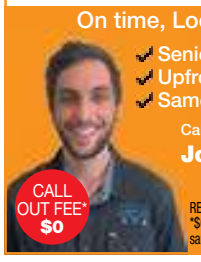
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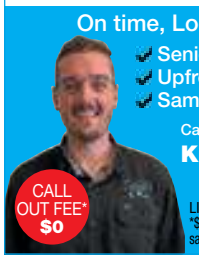
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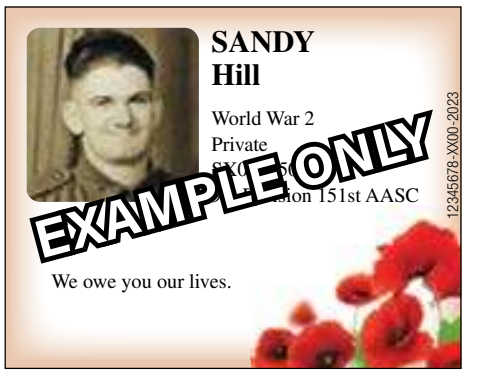
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Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King was flanked by Labor MPs Mark Dreyfus, Jodie Belyea and Cassandra Fernando for the announcement of a $10 million funding for the Western Port Highway at Lyndhurst on 2 April. (Violet Li: 469689)



Incumbent Isaacs MP and candidate Mark Dreyfus, incumbent Holt MP and candidate Cassandra Fernando, Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King, and incumbent Dunkley MP and candidate Jodie Belyea.

$10m pledge for highway

By Violet Li and Cam Lucadou-Wells

In a further election pitch, Labor has announced $10 million for planning work to upgrade Western Port Highway.

The early works are said to investigate options to improve safety on the 100km/h road that runs across three electorates: Holt, Issacs, and Dunkley.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King was flanked by Labor MPs Mark Dreyfus, Jodie Belyea and Cassandra Fernando for the announcement at Lyndhurst on 2 April.

"We're giving Victorians the infrastructure they deserve after being short-changed by the former Coalition government," King said.

"We're fixing roads right across the state; we've doubled our road maintenance funding to local councils, reinstated road maintenance indexation that was scrapped under the former government and are investing heavily in our regions and cities."

The project is part of a $1.2 billion Victorian Road Blitz, including $200 million of State Government funding.

Ms King noted a growing housing development along the Western Port Highway. She said with the planning funding, the authority would look into what needed to be done on different parts of the highway.

"You can see some parts of the road are already dual carriageway. It's separated. You've got good shoulders. It's relatively safe," she said.

"There are some intersections that are not coping with the volume of traffic. There are other parts of the road where it again narrows down to a non-grade separated road.

"We are trying to look at what safety treatments we can put upon those. Then for future planning, further full duplication is really what we're looking at."

When asked if further funding would be committed, she said: "If we're committing planning money, you can be assured that we will be looking to commit construction money when we know exactly what it is we're going to do.

"With this particular announcement, we know already there are need for safety upgrades, so they are relatively simple to do.

"When you're putting barriers along, when you're increasing the siding so that you're making sure people do have access to being able to move off the road if something happens.

"Those sorts of things we can do relatively quickly, but bigger infrastructure investments, that's what the planning component of this $10 million would do."

State transport infrastructure minister Gabrielle Williams, in a statement, said: "It's great to have a partner in Canberra that can find Victoria on a map and help deliver critical projects that people rely on every day."

Labor also announced $250 million for stage 2 of the Mickleham Road upgrade and $3 million to plan transport upgrades in and around Warragul and Drouin.

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Clutch victory for Warriors

By Justin Schwarze



Briahna Whatman's leadership and big shot were vital in Pakenham's OT win. (Stewart Chambers: 413421)

An absolutely stunning late comeback saw the Pakenham Warriors Championship Women get one of the most memorable wins in recent history, taking down Bulleen in overtime on Saturday.

The win improves Pakenham to 3-0 this season, an outstanding start with three quality wins.

Throughout the game, not much could separate the two sides, with the Warriors leading by just four at the main break.

The Boomers at home rallied in the third, taking the quarter 25-17 to establish a four point lead of their own entering the final frame.

In the fourth, superstar Grace Graham went supernova, dragging Pakenham back within striking distance that started with her nailing a three just 10 seconds into the period.

From there, it was back and forth, with both teams throwing haymakers trying to land the knockout punch.

After Graham hit her second shot from downtown with just a tick over five minutes to go to bring the visitors within one, Bulleen responded with what seemed would be a game-winning run.

A penetrating drive from Amy Baum off a screen forced the Warriors to rotate, so Baum fired a swing pass to the corner to an open Keira Lindemans, who swung the extra pass to Sarae Beveridge who knocked down a massive triple.

Following a good defensive possession, Keli Romas blew by her opponent and drew free throws on her drive to the rim.

Romas calmly sank both to extend the Boomers' lead to six with under four minutes to play.

The next few minutes were a stalemate, with both sides failing to score until Graham broke the drought by connecting on a baseline jumper.

On the other end, Abbey-Lee Wood denied Romas on her shot, wrestling for the ball and the possession arrow awarded the ball back to Pakenham.

Skye Rees then received an entry pass, spun baseline and drew contact to make her way to the line for a pair of free throws.

Rees knocked both down, bringing the score to 67-69 in favour of Bulleen.

The Boomers couldn't score and seemed rattled when Romas foolishly reached in and fouled Graham away from the basket while the Warriors were in the bonus.

With under a minute remaining, Graham went 2/2 from the line to tie things up.

Out of the timeout, Beveridge couldn't convert on her runner, and Pakenham had a chance to steal the game.

Graham got to her spot but her pull up was short, but in the fight for the rebound Rees came up with it.

She kicked it back out for a great look for Graham for three, but it bounced off the front rim and Bulleen didn't get up a good shot before time expired.

In overtime, clutch buckets from Kailey Neave and Wood gave the Warriors a two point advantage.

Baum broke free for a layup to tie it up, before Neave was fouled and drilled both free throws.

With less than two minutes to go and the shot clock winding down, Briahna Whatman quickly stepped into a jump shot from the elbow off a screen from Rees, and Whatman swished it home for a huge, gutsy shot.

The shot gave Pakenham a four point buffer, but the hosts weren't done.

The Boomers responded right back with a textbook pick and roll action, as Baum found Maddison Zugna cutting to the rim for a layup.

After that, Neave couldn't connect on her shot, which was followed by a misfire from Romas from three.

Zugna then stood tall to block Wood's shot, and the rebound was secured by Bulleen with a chance to tie with 20 seconds on the clock.

Baum got to the rim, went up and under but her layup hit front iron and Whatman hauled in the board.

Her two free throws after a Boomers intentional foul was the dagger, and somehow Pakenham had walked away with a miraculous win, 79-75.

"I'm extremely proud, I think our bench energy was amazing, they really helped keep our girls going, I know a lot of them were tired or exhausted after playing such a grind but they dug deep and they executed offense and they stuck to what was working," head coach Elli Gibson said of the win.

"I think it provides the group with belief and confidence that if we don't get rattled and we stick to our gameplan we can grind out a game even if we are down.

"We knew that it was going to be a grind, we needed to rely on our team defence playing together and make sure we're all on the same page offensively and defensively.

"This result just gives them a lot of confidence and belief in our group that if we are down we can find a way in a short period of time to turn it around."

Graham has been a revelation as a recruit, scoring 30 points and grabbing four rebounds in the win.

She currently leads the league in scoring, averaging 23 points per game.

"Grace was switched on from the start, she made some early buckets but she also made some late in the fourth quarter and OT to help us win the game," Gibson said.

"She's just someone who puts in the work outside of training so when it comes to game time she can rely on the work that she's done and she's confident in her shot."

Rees and Wood were new signings announced last week, with the club inking deals with the duo just before the season started.

Rees was massive in her Warriors debut, posting a double-double of 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Pakenham will host Warrandyte in round 3.

It was a tough weekend for the rest of the Warriors, with the Youth League Men going down in both of their double-header fixtures.

After starting the season scorching hot, Pakenham have lost three in a row, with Saturday's 73-78 loss to Ringwood at Cardinia Life frustrating.

The Warriors will rue their loss to Blackburn even more on Sunday, giving up a 12 point fourth quarter advantage and losing the quarter 20-33 to go down by four points, 87-91.

Pakenham had five players in double figures, including Youth League One Player of the Month Kaleb Beveridge who had a double-double of 12 points and 16 rebounds.

The Youth Championship Women also dropped both in their home double-header, 69-87 to Diamond Valley and 51-74 to local rivals Casey.

The Youth Men face Camberwell at home in round 5, the Youth Women host Altona and the Championship Men return to action in a double-header, with Camberwell coming to town Saturday and then visiting Blackburn on Sunday.

Cavaliers lock down Warriors in defensive masterclass

By Justin Schwarze

In a local rival clash, the Casey Cavaliers Youth League Women got the bragging rights over Pakenham at Cardinia Life on Saturday.

The Cavaliers entered the contest through an up and down season, but bought in defensively to hold the hosts to just 25 percent shooting from the field and 23 turnovers.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games, we worked really hard to win by 23, just a bit of inconsistency," Casey coach Michael Davies said.

"Overall, when we lock in and play great D, we're really good and we keep teams in the 50s in their scoring.

"That's something that I want to try and pride our team on, which is our defence, our hustle and our work ethic."

The Cavaliers led by 15 at the main break and didn't allow the Warriors back within reach of the game, finshing at 74-51.

Kendra Rivet and Katelyn Field both scored 16 each, leading the visitors on the offensive end.

"Katelyn and Kendra shot extremely well from three against Pakenham, between them they made eight threes so that was a big part of pushing that game out," Davies said.

"Kendra's stepped into a great role this season, getting more minutes and she's rewarding us for that, she's taken a good step forward.

"Katelyn has been an energy gauge for us, she always comes with a bit of hype to push us."

Following the win, Casey headed home to prepare for its game against Bulleen the next day, which resulted in a narrow one-point loss.

The Cavaliers shot poorly from three, with just 7/27 shooting from deep and they turned the ball over 22 times.

"It was a little bit disappointing for the standards we want to try and set ourselves," Davies said of the loss.

"Bulleen just worked harder than us and executed better.

"It would've been nice to think that would could have been 4-3 or even 5-2 but we let one or two games slip, but we're going to do the hard work at the backend of the season and keep trying to build so we'll see where we end up.

"There have been lots of individual highlights of giving opportunities to girls coming out of juniors or step up from last year so I think that's the big positive for this season and you can see the growth and development."


Kyra Webb had 12 points and 15 rebounds against Pakenham. (Supplied: 469337)

Single starts Storm surge

By Blair Burns



Cardinia Storm's Women's team got the season off to a flyer as it defeated reigning premiers OHA 1-0. (Stewart Chambers: 469870)

Cardinia Storm faced off against last year's premiers OHA at home in the Women's Metro 1 competition, showcasing a combination of fresh talent and experienced players.

There were five debuts in the much awaited clash with sisters Leandi and Deane Blignaut making their first senior appearances together, while Annabelle Fallu took the field alongside her mother, Jen.

Additionally, seasoned players Courtney Gibbons and Kate Storr also returned, contributing their experience to the squad.

The first half saw both teams engage in a tightly contested battle, with several opportunities to score for each side.

But all of them went begging as the close battle continued and half time approached with both teams still yet to register a score.

As the second half commenced, Cardinia Storm seized control of the match, exploiting OHA defenders to press forward with smooth transition.

The breakthrough came when Jennifer Fallu turned sharply and set up captain Teagan Peterson to score what would be the only goal of the match.

The Storm had more chances in the fourth but couldn't extend the lead, as the nerves began to kick in and OHA finished strong, firing chances at the back of the net.

However, Cardinia's goalkeeper, Jacqueline Kelly stood tall despite a barrage to defend the goals all day without conceding, earning her best on ground honours.

Coach Zena Nicholas was very pleased with the way the side performed on the day, supporting one another.

She was looking forward to the growth in confidence displayed by the junior players as the season progressed.

In Mens' Metro 1, Cardinia Storm faced off against a young and energetic Hawthorn side, securing a commendable 3-1 victory despite facing early challenges.

The day got off to a rocky start for the Storm with an injury to Troy White, leaving the team without substitutes.

However, the players showed resilience and adapted to overcome the hurdle and charge on with the match, putting Hawthorn on the back foot.

With four new players, there was some real excitement about the team as they began to hit the scoreboard.

The Storm's forward line was particularly effective, with newly-appointed vice captain Jean Blignaut playing a pivotal role assisting two goals.

His relentless running and strategic positioning created opportunities that were finished perfectly by Taylor Rae and Hasantha Jasinarachchi.

The Storm's final goal came from Bryce Alards, who capitalised on a short corner to convert a goal on the post, further extending the team's lead.

The match was called off at three-quarter time due to deteriorating light conditions, but the Storm had already done enough to secure a crucial Round 1 victory, 3-1.

Cardinia Storm will look to build on this performance and continue to improve as it prepares for the next challenge.

The new-look Men's Metro 2 side was full of youth as seven young players made their debuts in the opening round against Southern United.

There was an added special element to the match as Sammy and Riley Albrecht both played alongside their fathers Daniel and Ben.

The team battled hard all day and despite the scoreline of 0-8 at the end of the game, there were still plenty of positives to take out of the clash for the young side.

Harrison Byron was dangerous up forward and had a few opportunities to score a goal and will only get better with the more games he plays.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Tahlia Wilson, voted the Women's National Cricket League player of the season, represents which state?
2. Fergus O'Neill, voted the Sheffield Shield player of the season, represents which state?
3. Which Texas golf tournament was Australian Min Woo Lee's first PGA Tour win?



Wayne Rooney

4. At which English football club did Wayne Rooney begin his professional career?
5. Which state men's cricket team did South Australia defeat to win the 2024–25 Sheffield Shield?
6. American basketballer Cooper Flagg most recently played for which US college?
7. Which heritage-listed Brisbane park is the proposed site for a 63,000 seat stadium, ahead of the 2032 Summer Olympics?
8. Which NHL ice hockey team is based in Massachusetts?
9. Australian cricketer Steve Smith has announced his retirement from what form of cricket?
10. Which former NBA point guard co-hosts the popular *Club 520 Podcast*?
11. Who is the CEO of the National Rugby League?
12. Which German manager and former player became head coach of the English national soccer team in January?
13. From 2013–2015, St Kilda played a yearly international AFL game in which country?
14. Australian tennis players Max Purcell and Thomas Fancutt have both been suspended for breaching what anti-doping rule?
15. The Queensland government plans to retire the Gabba in what year?
16. In which sport would you play the official position of flanker?
17. What current sponsor is on the front of the Wallabies' jerseys?
18. What team did Josh Giddey recently win against with a buzzer-beater from beyond half-court?



John Cena

19. What state was sprinter Gout Gout born in?
20. What was John Cena's wrestling catchphrase?
21. Macklin Celebrini plays hockey for which NHL team?
22. What does LIV stand for in LIV Golf?
23. Tama Tonga is part of which WWE stable?
24. For how many years has Chris Scott been head coach of the Geelong Cats?
25. Which WBBL team does Alyssa Healy play for?
26. Who played ice skater Tonya Harding in the movie *I, Tonya*?
27. Shortstop is a field position in which two sports?
28. In what year did the Gold Coast Suns play their first AFL season?
29. The Seattle Sounders play which sport?
30. Joe Mazzulla coaches which NBA team?

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Let's Talk Sport

WITH DAVE NAGEL, JUSTIN SCHWARZE AND BLAIR BURNS



Great goals, guts, grudges

DAVE: Good morning boys, what a wonderful Monday morning it is after the opening round of footy and netball on the weekend. I said goodbye to my wife at 9.30 on Saturday morning and didn't see her again until 10.30 that night. I went to Officer, then Tooradin and finished up at Narre Warren on Saturday night. Let's kick off the way we always do, with our best piece of action from the weekend.

JUSTIN: I had my first experience of the Outer East competition at Officer, with the Kangaroos hosting Olinda Ferny Creek. The Bloods had their grasp on the game early, but Officer chipped away in the second quarter. They got to within two goals, but right on the siren, just before half time, Olinda key forward Lachlan Kennedy drew a free kick and slotted one from 30 after the siren. And he wasn't done there; Olinda dominated the third quarter and Kennedy took a strong pack mark just before the three-quarter time siren and kicked another one after the siren. The first one was more important, but to kick two goals after the siren in two consecutive quarters…that gets my best action.

DAVE: The red-time specialist! Blair, what caught your eye on the weekend?

BLAIR: Mine has a similar narrative to Justin, but mine comes from Narre Warren v Cranbourne and the efforts of Will Howe. Narre started the game well, all over them, but didn't hit the scoreboard like they should have, kicking 3.6 to 1.1. They dominated again in the second, but then Cranbourne had a really good 10-minute patch leading towards half-time. They got it back to two goals, but then Howe takes a mark just before half-time, nails it, then takes a contested mark, 20 out, from the next centre clearance and kicks another, after the siren at the main break. Then a minute into the third quarter he takes a big contested mark and slots one from 50. Howe kicked three goals, in two minutes either side of half time, and the Magpies were away. It changed the game; a real coach killer for Cranbourne.



Narre Warren star Will Howe gets Blair's best action this week for his goal-blitz against Cranbourne, either side of half-time. (Rob Carew: 469859)

JUSTIN: That was the first game for (Angelo) Soldatos (Cranbourne Coach) as a proper senior coach wasn't it?

BLAIR: Yeah, he's been an assistant at a couple of clubs in Eastern.

DAVE: He spoke really well at quarter time I thought; he was calm and composed and gave great direction. Boys, one of my favourite sports stars in the region is Brad Butler from Tooradin. He opens the bowling for the cricket club and bowls rockets, but he missed the entire summer just gone with a back injury. I was worried he might be out for an extended duration with his footy, but it was great to see him back in action on the weekend. He's a great athlete Butts, can run and jump with the best of them, and he kicked a ripper goal late in the first quarter that reminded everyone at the ground of the talent that he does possess. He gathered the ball at half forward, looked his opponent in the eye, took him on, took a bounce, and then kicked a snap shot on the run at full pace. It wasn't the best goal I've seen him kick; he normally takes three or four bounces before slotting them, but it was my best piece of action from the weekend. One of his teammates yelled out at quarter time "Butts is back"…and I for one feel the same way!

JUSTIN: Is it Dylan time yet Dave?

DAVE: Good call Justin…Blair and Justin can you please provide a drum roll as we introduce the newest member of the sports team (boys tap the table). Dylan Beaumont, welcome to the team mate.

DYLAN: Thanks Dave…thanks boys.

DAVE: We have a tradition here Dylan; when you start at the sports desk you need to tell us around the table, and more importantly our readers, your sporting claim to fame.

DYLAN: It's definitely not from my playing days at Beaconsfield where I missed a goal from the top of the square in a preliminary final (ooohs and ahhhs from the boys).

DAVE: Was it costly?

DYLAN: It was to kick our first goal for the afternoon. But I'd say my claim to fame is shooting nine three-pointers in a game of basketball. That's about it.

BLAIR: Nine threes…that's about it! That's a great get.

DYLAN: I tout myself as an alright shooter but it was one of those nights where it all clicked. I was two for eight early, then went ballistic in the second half and nailed five in a row. ("That's impressive," say Dave and Blair at the same time).

DAVE: Well done…and now for your best action.

DYLAN: I covered the Buln Buln v Ellinbank game, where the Lyrebirds started their premiership defence. Buln Buln was 22 points up at quarter time, but Ellinbank fought its way back and won by nine points. During the match there were probably five instances where players were almost knocked out on the ground after heavy contests. The commitment from both teams was extraordinary. There was a particular passage of play on the wing, where Angus Mitchell from Buln Buln and Brad Wolfe from Ellinbank collided heavily. Wolfe flew for the mark and his forehead hit Mitchell right on the nose and split him open. There were five instances like that…it was a hard hitting game of footy.

FOOTBALL EDUCATION

DAVE: What did we learn from the opening day boys?

BLAIR: I learned that Narre, coming into Southern, will be tough to beat if they play the way they started on Saturday night. They probably wanted to run away and win by a bit more, but I think they're going to be really tough to beat at the end of the season. And just quickly, in Southern Division 2, I learned that Hampton Park might be the real deal this year after pumping Doveton by 20 goals. Doveton made a prelim and finished above Hampton Park last year, so it was a great start to the season for the Redbacks.

DAVE: A great start for Luke Bull as coach?

BLAIR: Yeah, I spoke to him yesterday (Sunday) and he was pumped with the win. He also said they've got three or four to come back in from suspension.

DAVE: A bit of biffo last year…that's the Hampton Park way (boys laugh).

JUSTIN: I'm taking a look at Outer East Premier. I spoke to Emerald coach David Johnson last week and he said their main focus heading into round one was to stop the influence of Woori Yallock forward Taylor Gibson. They did not do that, and Gibson looks like a formidable opponent for all teams this year. He kicked 65 goals last year to win the lead goal-kicking, and started the season with bang on Saturday…booting 11! I also learned that Gembrook-Cockatoo is going to need to steady its midfield and backline after allowing Monbulk to have 34 scoring shots. They were lucky the Hawks kicked 10.24, because it could have got ugly. And Officer needs to get better at the ground-ball game. They're not a big side; Olinda Ferny Creek looked huge, and Officer struggled with giving away free kicks for holding and things like that.

DYLAN: I learned that the Ellinbank league is no joke this season. Bunyip entered the league with higher expectations than last year in West Gippsland, but Trafalgar towelled them up by 143 points. Longwarry and Lang Lang went down to the wire, they're two premiership contenders, and Neerim South defeated Nilma-Darnum by 101 points. I wouldn't say the gap between the top and bottom is as big as it was on the weekend, but there are six genuine contenders that all look the real deal. We're set for a cracking finals series…even predicting from this far out.

DAVE: Is it too early to wring a tip out of you yet mate?

DYLAN: I went with Longwarry in my pre-season prediction. Neerim South also has the offensive fire-power to trouble any team in Ellinbank.

DAVE: Boys, I learned that reigning premier Nar Nar Goon is going to be very hard to beat again. They went down to Cowes on the weekend to take on a depleted Phillip Island in a grand final rematch and won by 67 points. The second quarter was dominant; the ball lived down the Goons end of the ground and they kicked 8.8 to 0.2 for the quarter. It was pretty even for the other three stanzas, but that ability to turn it on quickly was quite impressive. I also learned that Tooradin-Dalmore is the real deal this year. They defeated reigning minor premiers Cora Lynn on Saturday and looked very organised around the ground. They've still got Shane Savage to come in, after he shot himself with a nail-gun last week, so they look well placed for success. Savage, Matt Buntine and Adam Oxley all have AFL experience, but the Seagulls only utilised 34 of their available 42 points on the weekend; so there's no trouble fitting them all in.

DYLAN: I believe the Goon's boom-recruit Bailey Rice went down with an ankle.

DAVE: I think it was a hammy. He copped a shove, fell to the ground, and then clutched high up on the right hammy while he was laying there. He knew he was cooked straight away; he kicked some fence advertising, ducked under the fence and walked straight to the change room without going through the interchange. He started well…but the Goon got the job done without much impact from Rice; who went off early in the first term.

FORGIVING OR NOT?

DAVE: Boys, Sam Kerr has been in the headlines for all the wrong reasons of late, but I noticed her smiling and waving to the crowd after the Matildas win on the weekend. Are you boys forgiving of people like that…or do you hold a grudge?

DYLAN: I thought of Andrew Gaff straight away with this one. I think there will always be that connotation beside his name. He played 300 games and won a premiership; then the very next year he basically tried to kill Andrew Brayshaw and took out a couple of teeth. There was no reason for it, you can't justify it in any way; I still love him as a footballer but there's no way I can look at him the same way. Fortunately Brayshaw has come back and is one of the best players in the competition, but it was a moment in time that people won't forget in a hurry.

BLAIR: I'm not so forgiving; I find it really hard to move past that stuff, depending on the incident of course. A recent one, being a Richmond fan, Noah Balta, he's a leader in a very young side and now he's been charged with assault after an off-field incident. I don't care how good a player you are, I don't like it, and if I was in charge at Richmond…off he goes. Things like that, off-field, say a bit about the club and what you want to stand for. I'm not so forgiving on these things.

DAVE: You're spot on about the off-field bit; Melbourne looks a damaged club from the outside after a string of off-field incidents over the last few years.

BLAIR: Melbourne has had a shocking few years, whether it be drugs, culture, all sorts of stuff.

JUSTIN: I'm the same as Dylan on this one. You can appreciate great players, but things like the Gaff incident will always tarnish careers. Jannik Sinner was banned from tennis for two months for having Clostebol in his system, which is a banned substance. He claims it was given to him because he had a cut on his hand. His physio and manager have both been sacked, because the spray they gave him had Clostebol in it and it got into the system via the cut. I am forgiving, because it was an honest mistake, but I think it's going to tarnish his career.

DAVE: Boys, I love Michael Long and what he has done for the indigenous community, but every time I see him I can't get past a bump he did on Troy Simmonds in the 2000 AFL Grand Final. Long could have put Simmonds in a wheelchair the way he hit him, it was the most disgusting thing I've ever seen on a football field. And Leigh Matthews is constantly lauded as a hero, but what he did to Neville Bruns in 1985 was a terrible act as well. I can't get past that one either; he busted his jaw 50 metres away from the play with an intentional clenched fist to the face. Imagine what I'd be like if Long and Matthews did that to Collingwood players (boys laugh). Good chat boys.

Froggy tops list at Cranny

By Michael Floyd

Craig Newitt rode his 150th winner at Southside Racing Cranbourne on Friday night breaking the long-standing record of the late Peter Mertens.

Riding the Lloyd Kennewell and Lucy Yeomans-trained On Broadway, Newitt settled third behind odds-on favourite Sumo Sandy over the 1600m maiden before taking a split on the turn and powering to his record-breaking win.

"It was brought to my attention the middle of last year that I was getting close to the record," said Newitt, better known as 'Froggy' in racing circles.

"Obviously Pete was a great rider and a local legend.

"He was a great friend; this is a very humbling moment.

"I sat alongside Pete in the jockey room for a number of years.

"He was good friends with my father which is a pretty special memory, and obviously Beau (Peter's son), who I'm good friends with as well, is following in Pete's footsteps."

Hailing from Launceston, Newitt rode his first Cranbourne winner in September 2002, the then apprentice guiding home Grand Falls for his former boss, Lee Freedman.

Newitt has ridden over 2300 winners - including 33 at Group 1 level - over his career, rating Cranbourne as one his favourite, and most successful, circuits.

"Cranbourne has been a good place for me, especially early in my career," he said.

"The guys that I rode for, Mick Price, Peter Moody and a lot of those Caulfield based trainers had a lot of runners here.

"The tighter track suited my style of riding so I rode a lot of winners early when I first moved over and it continued from there.

"It's a track I've had a lot of success at and hopefully it continues."



Craig Newitt is all smiles after riding his 150th winner at Cranbourne on Friday night. (Ross Holburt/ Racing Photos: 470760)

Among his Cranbourne highlights are his two Ladbrokes Cranbourne Cup wins, each coming in very different circumstances.

His first victory came on board Boom 'N' Zoom for local trainers Ken and Kasey Keys.

Settling at the back of the field in heavy conditions, Boom 'N' Zoom powered down the middle of the track to score a popular victory in front of a huge local crowd.

His second came aboard Mourinho, who would lead all of the way in fast conditions before going on to win at Group 1 level and finish his career with more than $1.3m in prize money.

"We were bananas and oranges me and old Mourinho," Newitt recalled.

"He had a really bad tendency to lay out, and me being a left hander really wasn't a good recipe but we seemed to click for whatever reason.



Craig Newitt pilots On Broadway to a special victory at Cranbourne on Friday night. (470760)

"I was confident so far from home with this horse that as long as I could get him around the corners that he was going to be hard to run down.

"Once he got into his rhythm, he was happy and wasn't too bad, but as he had a tendency to do, I ended up in the middle of the track and took a few with me.

"I ended up getting suspended and missed a Caulfield Cup ride so it was probably not a highlight, but it was a memory for certain."

Newitt will look to add to his tally as racing continues at Southside Cranbourne each Friday until the end of May, including the Good Friday Dual Codes meeting on Friday 18 April.

The meeting features free kids rides and activities, DJ 'Nothin But 90s vs 00s', and a concert featuring Dale Ryder from Boom Crash Opera and Tristan Ross after the last.

Camaraderie and spirit for "Men's Shed on Grass"

It's often described as a "Men's Shed on Grass" and provides aging ex-cricketers with the opportunity to continue their love of the great summer sport.

It's the perfect mix of building friendships and camaraderie, sharing good times with like-minded people, remaining active...and keeping the competitive spirit alive!

Veterans Cricket is a great way to tick those boxes, and 30 cricket veterans - players in their sixties, seventies or older – recently represented two West Gippsland teams at the ever-popular Echuca Cricket Carnival.

Teams from all over the state competed in three divisions over four days of friendly but keenly contested matches.

Both Gippsland sides had players from Phillip Island, Inverloch, Korumburra, Pakenham, Kooweerup, Wonthaggi, Foster and Leongatha.

The carnival is the culmination of another successful season of veteran's cricket.

The competition runs throughout the usual cricket season, with games played on Sundays (Over 60's) and Tuesdays (Over 70's) each fortnight.

Sides from Melbourne plus several local clubs make up the competition with an emphasis on participation as well as catering for the competitive spirit that stays with all who have played the game from an early age.

The competition is administered through Veterans Cricket Victoria, which oversee registrations, fixtures and insurance.

Games are played on both turf and hard wickets and travel to Melbourne venues is usually by carpooling or via a community bus.

Friendships are fostered or renewed in the 40-over games, or when taking part in the usual change room banter, and during the after-game celebrations with refreshments and a barbecue.

And the Veterans cricketers would love to have you on board.

Anyone interested in rediscovering their love of the great game and still has the urge to snare a wicket or send a ball to the boundary can contact Veterans Cricket for more details.

Further information about next season's competition is available from Brendon Thomas on 0437 930 851.

-Mike Newton



Building friendships and renewing their love of cricket, back from left; Jeff Phillips, Pieter Loos, Jim Gregory, John Moore, Rus Ferguson, Keith Houghton and Bob Rogers. Front row; Jon Martindale, Neil White, Fred Debono, Mike Newton, Jim Armstrong and Carl Muscat. (Supplied: 470232)



Pakenham has locked in its leadership group under coach Dean Alburey (pictured) for season 2025. (Stewart Chambers: 424432)

United announce leaders

By Jonty Ralphsmith

Mikey Rosa has been named Pakenham United skipper for 2025, ushering a new generation for the club.

Rosa has spent plenty of time playing under coach Dean Alburey, positioning him to be a conduit between the players and coaching staff

He will be assisted by co-vice captains Yaseen Laghmane and Omar Alshanqiti, player welfare representative Elias Yacoub and social cultural leader Ryan Woolf.

"We put it to the players to nominate their leadership group," Alburey said.

"Mikey knows what the expectations are and he'll help us to hold high standards.

"He leads by example and is one of the hardest working players every week.

"He brings energy and flair.

"Ryan was my captain at Dandy City in the past two years and has almost 200 games of experience at Dandy City so he has experience you can't replace.

"As well as having NPL experience, Elias is one of those kindhearted guys who wants to see everyone bee happy so his role made sense because that's where his heart lies.

"He's someone the players can come to who understands the pressures of being a player.

"Yaseen and Omar are two young men who epitomise what we're after on the pitch: a never-say-die attitude and determination to find a result even on a bad day."

Rosa was, however, missing from Pakenham's 1-0 loss to Mount Eliza in round 3, due to hamstring awareness.

It's a disappointing result for the club, given it dominated the first half at Emil Masden Reserve, and fired off plenty of shots, but was unable to finish off its work.

It was an issue that also plagued Alburey's side in round 1, though they were still able to emerge with the win.

"We dominated possession in the first 45 minutes and it looked like it would be a straight forward day but in the second half it became a scrappy match," Alburey said.

"It was one of those ones where we did everything right except for scoring.

"We generated a lot of scoring opportunities we didn't capitalise on and a lot of it was down to poor decision making in the final third."

Matthews mission complete

DROUIN GOLF

Paul Matthews was best of the 131 players that took to the Drouin Golf and Country Club on Saturday for a single stableford competition.

Matthews won A Grade in very impressive fashion, scoring 42 points, with runner up Scott Green four shots back on 38 points and claiming second prize on a countback.

Scott may have missed the top prize, but he secured the biggest buzz for the day by scoring a hole in one on the 17th hole.

Glen Ward won B Grade with 39 points ahead of runner up Danny Gorman who had 38 points.

C Grade was won by Gilbert Davis with 38 points and runner up was Mitchell Baker with 37.

Mike Duddy was the winner of D Grade with 38 points and Ray Smith finished runner up with 37 points.

E Grade and Super Six winner was Taurai Muzorori with 41 and 16 points respectively, while E Grade runner up was Jared Bester with 40 points.

Down the lines went to Justin Anastasiu 38, Mark Allen 38, Ricky Davies 37, Blaze Bester 37, Allen Mawayo 37, Lyriq Bester 37, Clive Metz 37, Jay Hanks 36, Grant Wilson 36, Tony Laycock 36, Jason Fritzlaff 36, Ryan Hammond 36, Brett Dyer 36, Frank Clebney 35, Anthony Lillis 35, Marcel Lalut 35, Jim Defoe 35 and Craig Stevens 35.

Nearest the pins went to 5th Dean Anastasiu (Commercial Hotel), 8th Ben Kelleher (Sharkey's Barbershop), 10th Chad McKie, 14th Mark Allen (Pro Pin) and 15th Anthony Lillis (Target Hole).

Wednesday

122 players competed in the midweek Stableford competition last week.

A terrific round was played by Robert Harley, who pared the course and went on to win A Grade with 45 points.

Runner up was Kyle Beveridge with 38 points.

Luke Batten won B Grade with 38 points, while Ken Cooper came runners up on a countback with 37 points.

C Grade was won by Steve Barr with 38 points and runner up went to Graham English with 36 points. Evan Eastwell won D Grade with 39 points and Murray Moore was runner up with 35 points.

Down the lines went to Duart Perrin 37, Trevor Hine 37, Nathan Thomson 36, Mark Robinson 36, Peter Smith 36, Jason Fritzlaff 36, Rob Piner 35, Luke Vanderligt 35, Mick Whitford 35, Robin Kane 34, Brian McKenzie 34, Glenn Robinson 34, Brian Quigley 34, Brent Eastwell 34, Denis Doherty 34, David Low 34 and Rick DeJonge 34.

Nearest the pins went to 5th Kevin Johnson, 8th Darren Hayes, 10th Dave Johnson and 14th Paul Robertson.

The 9 Hole Stableford Medley on Thursday was won by John Yuill with 22 points, while Tim Lawrence was runners up with 20 points and down the line balls went to John Fusinato and Ann Roberts.

Steven Clarke won the Stableford Medley on Sunday on a countback from Robert Bowden with both players scoring 39 points.

Pennant

The Scratch team made it through to the semi-final with a convincing win over Traralgon.

Handicap 1 finished the season with a 2-5 loss against Traralgon 1 and Handicap 2 won their final game 4-3.

The semi-final for the Scratch team is played on Sunday at Morwell with tee off at 1:30pm.

Upcoming Competitions this week are Stableford midweek and Sunday, while Saturday is Stroke for April's Monthly Medal.

DROUIN LADIES

Drouin Ladies contested the April Monthly Medal Stroke event on Tuesday April 1.

Division 1 winner was Leanne Pollard (10) with a nett 76 on a countback from runner up Kay Feaver (13).

Division 2 winner was Sue Hatfield (27) with 72 nett on a countback from runner up was Marg Murray (46).

Down the line balls went to Helen Moon 72 nett, Paula Logan 74 nett and Jeannette Phillips 75 nett.

Nearest the pins went to 5th (no-one), 8th (2nd shot) Wendy Hitchins, 10th Maryanne Batson, 14th Leanne Pollard and 17th (2nd shot) Shirley Roberts (chipped in).

Best scratch score was Leanne Pollard with 86 off the stick.

The winner of the April Monthly Medal will be decided on the next Medal Day, May 6 with Sue Hatfield, Marg Murray and Helen Moon in the playoff.

Saturday April 5 was a Stableford event for the women and the winner was Ciara Davies (21) with 34 points on a countback from Vanessa Campbell (23) also on 34 points.

Our Saturday clinic ladies also participated in a 9-hole Ambrose event to conclude their program, followed by a drink and cheese platters.

Some great shots were played on a fun afternoon and we hope to see them all out on the course in the near future.

Drouin's weekday Pennant team went to Traralgon on Monday March 31, and unfortunately Warragul B were too good scoring a 5-0 win over Drouin.

This week the course is closed for coring so the ladies Stableford event will be held Thursday April 10. This is followed by the Eileen Smith 4BBB over two rounds on April 15 and 22.

-Glenn Robinson and Sharon Rippon



John Wolswinkel admires his work after a great drive on the seventh hole at Drouin. (Stewart Chambers: 456361)

Local gym tests itself against fittest athletes on earth

By David Nagel

A local gym in Pakenham has once again been involved in taking the first step towards finding the fittest man and woman on the planet.

Roughly 50 members of CrossFit Innovation recently took part in the 2025 CrossFit Open, a worldwide competition held for three weeks that is for anyone and everyone, regardless of fitness level or ability.

For some, the Open is a chance to test their fitness and see how much fitter they've become over the past year.

For others, the Open is about putting themselves out there, showing up, and celebrating fitness and connecting with others in their affiliate and around the world.

For a select few, the Open is the first step in qualifying for the CrossFit Games.

Co-owner and coach at CrossFit Innovation, Scott Oliver, said there is always a buzz around the gym when the CrossFit Open comes around.

"Each year they run a competition to find the fittest man and woman on the planet, and that starts with all the CrossFit gyms around the world running the first stage of the worldwide competition," Oliver said.

"We ran the competition at our gym and well over 50 members of our gym participated.

"There are three stages, with the semi-finals in Brisbane and then the top-five males and females in Oceania go to America for the world championships.

"It begins with three weeks of workouts, which we hosted at Pakenham, and it creates a really fun atmosphere.

"All of our athletes then enter their scores in a worldwide leaderboard and get to measure their results against the best.

"It's the largest fitness event in the world in regards to participation, with about 140,000 participants across the globe.

"It's great to see them whittle them down to the top .001 percent."

CrossFit Innovation last year had six members make it through to the next stage, but a tightening up of standards make it very difficult to qualify this time around.

In 2024, the top 20-percent of athletes made it through to the next stage, while this year that number is for those only at the elite level; with the top one-percent making it through.

CrossFit headquarters announce the workouts for CrossFit Open on Thursday's, with competitors then having three days to complete the course and input their results.



Members of CrossFit Innovation in Pakenham came together recently to compete in a worldwide competition to find the fittest man and woman on the planet. (Supplied: 470735)



The CrossFit Open is designed to push athletes to do their very best. (470735)

Macs dish it up at Garfield

GARFIELD GOLF

Saturday was Monthly Medal Day at Garfield Golf Club with a three-way countback required to find the ultimate winner.

A great field of 145 were in attendance and a final score of nett 73 was enough to feature in the prizemoney.

Shane McNeill was the eventual winner, getting the nod from Peter McNeish and Brad Kelly with a signed for card of nett 65.

Other good rounds were posted by Kevan McMillan 75/nett 68, Stephen Barrett 75/nett 68, Grant McLure 77/nett 69 and Jackson Wade 75/nett 69, while Chris Thorn had the best A Grade scratch round with an even-par 69.

Peter Medwin had the best B Grade score with 81, by a countback; Glenn Wells was best in for C Grade with his 86 and Brad Kelly won the D Grade scratch event with his handy round of 87.

A total of 21 birdies were scored for the day on the par threes with the 9th and 13th giving up five each of those.

Kevan McMillan scored a pair of nearest the pins during his round.

The Ladies Monthly Medal was played on Tuesday with a field of 15 taking part.

It was the ever-consistent Karli Van Der Horst who scored the win by a countback from Marg Andrews with a round of 72.

Van Der Horst, as per usual, added three nearest the pins for her round.

On Thursday a great size field of 113 turned out for a game of single stableford where a couple of A Graders had the best of the conditions.

Tym Davey set the course alight with his brilliant round of six-under 63/nett 42 points, whilst Craig Hobson posted a round of 70/nett 42 points to finish runners up to Davey.

Well done to Tym and Craig on two very nice rounds there.

Arti Koopman made it two recent wins, this time winning the B Grade event with his round of 40 points, while Dale Evans won the C Grade event with his score of 41 points.

A final score of 34 points was required to finish in the money.

A total of 19 birdies were scored for the day on the par threes with the 11th being plundered on eight occasions.

Last Friday our ladies, along with a number of visitors totaling a combined field of 27, took part in the annual Garfield Bowl.

Christine Thomas, a visitor from Warragul, won the A Grade event by a countback with a score of 34 points whilst Maria Delaney won the B Grade event with a signed for card of 35 points.

The day's four-ball event was taken out by Maria Delaney, getting the double victory, and Bernie Clark and Jeanette Mitchell with a score of 95.

In other highlights this week, Trent Burge scored an eagle three on the par five 17th hole on Sunday.

This week - Thursday through Sunday - is the 2025 Annual Tournament.

In other news, the rainfall tally for March was 48mm compared to just 10mm for the same month last year.

All of the rain fell with just two days of heavy rain whilst the rest of the month was very dry.



James Wallace lets one fly on a beautiful day at Garfield. (Stewart Chambers: 460851)

RESULTS

- **Sunday/Single Stableford/Field Of 31**

A Grade: Mark Delaney (14) 36 C/B, second Trent Burge (12) 36, third Rob Coates (11) 35 C/B.

B Grade: Carl Murgia (22) 36, second Russell Kerr (16) 34, third Shane McNeill (25) 30.

Down the lines went down to 32 points (5).

Nearest the pins went to 8th David Manning, 9th Darren Allen, 11th David Manning, 13th Carl Murgia and 16th Stephen Barrett.

Eagle: 17th Trent Burge.

- **Tuesday/Ladies Monthly Medal/Field Of 15**

Winner: Karli Van Der Horst (13) 72 C/B, second Marg Andrews (39) 72 C/B, third Carol Beard (23) 72.

Nearest the pins went to 4th and 13th Jill Gay, 8th, 9th and 11th KarIi Van Der Horst and 16th Marlies Krummenacher.

- **Thursday/Single Stableford/Field Of 113**

A Grade: Tym Davey (0) 42 C/B, second Craig Hobson (7) 42, third Damien Martini (13) 37.

B Grade: Arti Koopman (17) 40, second Ian Nicolson (20) 39 C/B, third Don Towan (18) 39.

C Grade: Dale Evans (23) 41, second Tony Vallance (28) 38, third Alan Borch (23) 35 C/B.

Down the lines went down to 34 points (20).

Nearest the pins went to 4th Bob Calderara, 8th David Saint, 9th Peter Medwin, 11th Richard Stead, 13th Tym Davey and 16th Damien Martini.

- **Friday/Ladies/Garfield Bowl/Field Of 27**

A Grade: Christine Thomas (Warragul) 34 C/B.

B Grade: Maria Delaney (Garfield) 35.

Down the lines went down to countback scores of 32 points

Nearest the pins went to 4th Leahann Stewart, 8th Christine Thomas, 9th Maryanne Batson, 11th Leahann Stewart and 16th Karen Adams.

- **Friday/Ladies/Garfield Bowl/Four Ball** Aggregate Stableford

Winners: Bernie Clark, Maria Delaney and Jeanette Mitchell with 95 points.

Runners Up: Carol Beard, Kay Jones and Yvonne Barrot with 93 points.

- **Saturday/Monthly Medal/Field Of 145**

Winner: Shane McNeill (27) 65 C/B.

A Grade: Peter McNeish (7) 65, second Steely Matheariki (7) 67. Scratch: Chris Thorn 69.

B Grade: Gary Vitiritti (13) 69 C/B, second Dean Shannon (12) 69. Scratch: Peter Medwin 81 C/B.

C Grade: Hank Adams (18) 71 C/B, second Glenn Wells (15) 71. Scratch: Glenn Wells 86.

D Grade: Shane McNeill (27) 65 C/B, second Brad Kelly (22) 65. Scratch: Brad Kelly 87.

Down the lines went down to 73 (27).

Nearest the pins went to 4th Jim Accettura, 8th Paul Govaars, 9th Daryl White, 11th Glen Attwood, 13th Steve Kohut Jnr, 16th Gary Vitiritti.

Second Shots: A Grade: Harry Matthews. B Grade: Bruce Styles. C Grade: Shane McNeill.

Raffle: Ian Nicolson.

- **Saturday/Ladies/Stroke**

Winner: Jeanette Mitchell (27) 78 C/B.

Nearest the pins went to 4th Tina Cowie, 8th Stephanie Davey, 11th and 16th Jeanette Mitchell.

-Terry Webster

Kennedy un-Loch's the secret to Edge out Steve and crew

SWGMW Bowls

The 'full house' sign was almost up at the Loch and District Bowls Club on Thursday as 55 members of the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowling Group took part in the weekly challenge.

This week's battle to ultimately find the team of the week was perfect; with great weather, no wind to speak of, and the company absolutely first class.

The group was welcomed in by Bev and Vern while Clair, Rob and David all worked on arranging the teams for the day.

Trevor and Sue kept the kitchen stocked for all our morning tea and coffee needs and we always feel welcome at Loch by the lovely members there.

Out on the green it was once again a fun day with great quality bowling with a fantastic fun group of players.

There's always a bit of sledging and banter between friends, but I think that improves the quality of the bowling.

Just a quick compliment to Loch for the wonderful state of the green, it makes playing there a real pleasure,

There were a couple of wrong bias bowls to keep the Royal Children's Hospital tin filling and it's getting close to that time of year where we have to start filling a new tin very soon.

It was really good to see a couple of newcomers join in today, looking forward to continuing seeing them in the future.

This week's winners on a brilliant score of 38 were Pat Kennedy (S), Jenny Smith (L), Bev Elliott (3) and Rob Paganoni (2).

Runners up on a score of 37 were Amanda Bozelle (3), Steve Edge (S), Shirley Corcoran (2) and Ron Hughes (L).

The best one game winners on a score of 19 were Vern Elliott (s), Luke Monckton (3) and Lou Capsalis (L).

So many volunteers helped out after the game.

Trevor looked after our thirsty bowlers in the bar, Andrea and Paul cleaned up in the kitchen and Linda cleaned up the tables after we had all left.

I hope I haven't overlooked or forgotten anyone, with so many lovely helpers it's hard to keep track.

Next week we will be meeting up at Lang Lang.

Please, be on time as the numbers are getting very close to a full house and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Meanwhile, until then, have fun and stay safe.

-Laurie Bell



Winners at Loch were Pat Kennedy, Jenny Smith, Bev Elliott and Rob Paganoni. 470231)

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