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Syd Whyte, KCDA President.

MEDIA RELEASE

Danny O'BRIEN
MEMBER FOR GIPPSLAND SOUTH

A better deal
for Gippsland South
REGIONALS
for Regional Victoria

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Statement from Danny O'Brien MP on coronavirus pandemic

We are facing unprecedented and worrying times. It is extremely frustrating for Gippslanders to again be subject to restrictions when most of us had done the right thing and our case numbers remain relatively low, but we must all continue to do the right thing.

That means to stay home where you can, wear a mask and support local businesses.

I understand people's frustrations and I am heartbroken for the many businesses and employees who are suffering heavily, some of whom will lose their livelihoods. However Gippslanders are a resilient bunch – we've already dealt with drought and bushfire this year and we will get through this latest setback.

Please ensure that you support local businesses as much as possible given the stay home restrictions. Our local businesses need our support now more than ever.

As I talk to people and engage with them electronically, I am conscious that there are very strongly divergent views in the community between frustration about, and opposition to, restrictions and concern to keep local areas free of coronavirus.

The balance needs to be somewhere in the middle and I am trying to provide information and support to my constituents to help us get through this challenging period.

It is so important that we abide by the rules and practice good hygiene because doing so will hopefully lead to the lifting of restrictions sooner rather than later.

This is a difficult time for all of us, but I know that working together we will get through it.

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Media Release

AUGUST 2020

With COVID-19 drastically affecting the community the Citizens Advice Bureau has been forced to temporarily close its doors until the situation eases.

However, the Centrelink and Medicare agency is still open to help clients (at least for now) with their day-to-day Centrelink and Medicare activities.

“Emails and phone messages sent to the Bureau will still be checked regularly and responded to,” said Jackie Horobin, the Bureau’s president.

In normal times the Bureau’s Visitor Information Centre helps visitors passing through Leongatha although all this is currently in recess.

Also, in normal times the Bureau provides information and help with regard to community services and can also access web-based information services for clients where needed. ~~The Bureau also offers a photocopying service, and offers the use of a tourism computer for those clients who haven’t got smart phones.~~

Covid-19 Getting Testing - NO REFERRALS REQUIRED

Current testing sites are located as follows

- Traralgon Town Hall, No appointment required.
- Berwick, Monash Health No appointment required.
- Pakenham, IYU Recreation Reserve **66 Koonwarra Road, Leongatha,** no appointment needed.
open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am-4.00pm.

The Respiratory Clinic Test appointments can be booked online or by phone.
Drive through. Appointment needed, please call 5654 2777.

- Latrobe Valley Respiratory Clinic by appointment 5191 9321

If you live in a remote or regional part of Victoria and cannot leave home to attend a testing site, you should contact your GP, community health service or local hospital for assistance and to discuss options available to you. For more information about what's available near you, call the 24-hour coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398.

COVIDSafe Resources for Business

If notified by an employee that they have symptoms of coronavirus? The employer must direct the employee with symptoms to travel home immediately. They should be advised to be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) as soon as possible.

The personal workspace and/or areas in the work premises frequently used by the employee, as well as other high-touch surfaces (such as door handles, kitchen facilities) frequented by the employee should be cleaned.

If notified by an employee that they have tested positive for coronavirus? You must direct the employee to travel home immediately. They should be directed to not attend the workplace until advised by the department their isolation period is complete. All employees and the health and safety representative should be advised there has been a case of coronavirus and to be vigilant for the onset of symptoms. Advise employees to isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.

You must undertake a risk assessment to help determine what actions are required.

The following pro-forma resources are available to support business owners meet their obligations under the new directions including:

- Workplace guidance for managing suspected and confirmed cases (Word) (including risk assessment template)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Disposing clinical waste (PDF)

- ~~COVIDSafe Plan~~ template
- COVIDSafe Plan guidance
- ~~Managing COVID-19 Risks – Face coverings in workplaces~~
- Preventing infection in the workplace
- Close contact spreadsheet (XLS)

Korumburra Show Society

(Korumburra & District A & P Society)

Cancellation of the Korumburra Show is not unprecedented. The shows for 1898 and 1938 were also cancelled. A decision was made for the third time in the History of the Korumburra Show by members of the Korumburra and District A. & P Society to cancel the show for the safety of it' s town and community.

The decision has not been made lightly to cancel the show for 2021, however, again the people of Korumburra and its community need to be protected. This time it is the coronavirus which has the committee members concerned., as they cannot facilitate the correct grounds of social distancing & the unknown of where our state will be as the show comes around. These are difficult times with difficult decisions to be made.

The Korumburra Show was first cancelled in 1898 following a committee decision to postpone the show, due to the fires which were likely to still be burning at the time of show. Their decision was made a week prior to the show.

In 1938 a similar decision was made due to the dangers of infantile paralysis (the Warragul and Lang Lang shows had already been cancelled) as it was considered more important to protect the children of Korumburra and its Community from infantile paralysis, than holding the show.

The committee will keep working towards a returned show in 2022.

Brooke Howard - Secretary

Korumburra A & P Society.

FEBRUARY 2021
SHOW CANCELLED

Landcare Group

There is no way to say this that has not been said before, this has been a year so far like no other for businesses, volunteers, sports groups, farmers and individuals. Korumburra Landcare has been affected too.



The executive committee were just starting to organise a special guest and get some dates together for a meeting when the first lockdown occurred in March. Through emails the committee has stayed connected, and between both stage 3 lockdowns we even held a physical committee meeting.

Thankfully for volunteers, we were able to conduct a Covidsafe community planting in Bena. We managed on the cold drizzly morning to get about 1100 plants into the ground. The landholder also provided a great bbq luncheon, where we were all able to keep our physical distance yet enjoy each other's company out of the wind and wet weather.

Between the lockdowns there was a working bee at Richie Reserve where a few of our members got involved. Woody weeds had been cut and painted (using glyphosate in dabbers), and smaller ones pulled out. This is a great little reserve hidden on the right just out of town on the main road to



Planting at Bena.

Once again stage 3 restrictions came into place which halted our 2nd community planting at Outtrim Reserve. Thanks to the Bass Coast Landcare Network works crew the plants are now in the ground. Thanks to Jumbunna Engineering that provided and set up the steel frame removable fencing. Once these plants grow to a wallaby friendly size, the “cells” will be moved and set up again for another planting. This project was in conjunction with Korumburra Landcare, Bass Coast Landcare and has been made possible through support from the Australian Federal Government’s Communities Environment Program.



Looking through the steel mesh at planting in Outtrim reserve.

Look for **Korumburra Landcare Group** on Facebook for updates, webinars, information, and lots of things in the biodiversity and farming world.

Vale MARIE GERRARD STATON

One of KCDA’s own members, Marie, passed away August 20th. Marie was very active in the South Gippsland Rates Challengers.

Korumburra PROBUS

Our amazing group held our last members' meeting at the beginning of March, when we elected 2020's new Committee with a general meeting to follow. With the advent of "you know what" we have held no more general meetings since then.



2020 Committee - Graham Walker (P), Corrie George (VP), Helen Checkley (Guest Speakers),m Doug Close (Tours), Helen Willison (S), Don Lyon Jones (B and A), Marj Ross (Apologies), Les White (T) and Helen Lyon Jones (Carer.).

The 2020 Committee have met in June and July to catch up with each other and to talk about possible future options. We have used that time to contact every Probud member to see how they are coping with the current times. We have also asked members to let us know their address, phone numbers and emails so that our records should be up to date and in working order.

After our next Committee meeting, hopefully to be held some time in September, we will again contact our members about the possibility of any meetings in 2020.

Members of the Committee, especially our Carer Helen 2, have been in contact with various Probudians, by phone or in person, to make sure they are staying safe and well.

We look forward to catching up with all Korumburra Probarians in the not too distant future.

Contact Helen [3] Willison, on 0429 810 311 for more information.



Presentation of 20 Year Membership Certificates to

Joan Rudd, Joan and Chas Bloqq by 2019 President Helen Checkley.



LEHP-Australia Lions Eye Health Program



The Korumburra Lions Club, anxious to get together physically, wishes to let you know they are ready to hit the ground running. In the meantime ...

Lions around the world are involved in many sight projects. The Lions Eye Health Program, 20 years in existence, aims to get the word around to look after your eyes.

Research has shown a very solid link between time spent outdoors and eye health especially the development of short sightedness in many students.

The LEHP website has important information about the initiative to get kids outdoors and away from their computer screens if only for an hour a day.

Can you think of a better way than to fly a kite?

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Jasmine Twite trying out a "Lions" Kite.

Music Festival Competition

The cancellation of the show next February 2021 also means there will not be a Music Competition, however I would like to thank all the sponsors (listed below) for the 2020 show's competition and judges who have assisted in the past.

Band prize

Instrumental and vocal

Solo Singer

Solo Instrumental

Under 16yrs

Under 12yrs

Encouragement award (open)

Encouragement (under 16yrs)

MJA Accounting, Treacy Real Estate,

Moriarty Transport and

Endeavour Petroleum

Williams, Edwards and Findlay

Relief and Awards planners Pty.

South Gippsland Optical

RSL Korumburra Sub Branch

Moriarty Transport

Parry's Korumburra (gift store)

Burra Plants and Gardens supply.

We look forward to better times, when again we may entertain Korumburra and its Community.

Shirley Cowling (*an entertainment member*)



COMMUNITY DINNER

IT WILL BE BACK!



The Community Dinner Programme was initiated November 2018. It is supported by the Anglican Parish of Korumburra and Poowong as part of the Combined Churches of Korumburra, 'Vinnies', Milpara Community House, the Lions Club and Rotary.

It is held in The Anglican Parish Hall, Korumburra on the first Friday of the month (with the exception of January) from 5.30pm.

It has been an event much enjoyed by many in Korumburra with an average attendance of 75- 80. Who wouldn't enjoy good food, good service, friendly faces and quality entertainment?

Like many activities, with Covid 19 restrictions in place, it has been on hold for most of this year and is likely to remain that way for a few more months yet.

It will be back and we look forward to meeting up once again to chat about nothing in particular and share fellowship with our neighbours and friends.

To our volunteers, get ready for a call, ¹¹⁴ to the community watch this space for information about when the next dinner will be.

Coal Creek Skip Track

The idea of developing into a walking track the site of the Sunbeam and Cardiff Mine's former skip track alongside Coal Creek was first proposed as a project for the Korumburra Rotary Club during 2006. The initial proposal was to have the track begin from the Coal Creek Overflow car park and follow the existing skip track formation all the way into Ritchie's Reserve. However this would have required crossing the present Transfer Station access road and the construction of a substantial bridge over the creek.

A modified version was decided upon which began just over the road bridge below the Transfer Station access road and followed the creek frontage for approximately 1.2 kilometres to the Ritchie's Reserve

Work began on this section by Rotary Club members with the clearing of the blackberries, weeds and fallen tree branches before the track was able to be graded to form a reasonable walking surface, some of the surface consisting of mine coal slack and burnt stone residue.



Several culverts were installed to facilitate all weather access to the track and to enable maintenance with a tractor possible. The Club also erected the information stand and built the replica coal skip, both of which now stand at the beginning of the track.



In spite of developing the first 600 metres of the track to a suitable standard, the project was halted from reaching its projected length and goal by an adjacent land owner who claimed to have a grazing lease over the rest of the surveyed creek frontage to the Ritchie's Reserve boundary and would not agree to allow the Club to proceed further. [It should be noted that a river frontage grazing lease does not bar pedestrians from using the land.]

While maintaining the present track until a couple of years ago and due to being unable to negotiate the required extension of the creek frontage, the Club decided to quit the project and allow any other interested organisations to carry on with the work.

John O'Neill

Friends of Coal Creek

Volunteers inducted for Coal Creek Lands Department building restoration 2019-20.



L-R Simon Van der Craats, Syd Whyte, Phil Fowler, Terry King, Rowena Asley Mgr, David Howden staff, Geoff Wyatt, Stuart Olsen commercial builder and Jake Enbom maint. Missing: Mick Belvedere, Ryan Wyatt, Kevin Luff and Frank Hirst

Indoor Swimming Pool

In line with COVID-19 restrictions, the Korumburra Indoor Swimming Pool has been closed since 23rd March. While this is disappointing for pool users, the Committee has been using this period to undertake maintenance and improvements. We have been fortunate to receive government assistance to cover expenses and running costs, meaning that the pool is being maintained in good condition.

The South Gippsland Shire has an upgrade of the disabled bathroom underway and has already completed maintenance work including painting and door repairs. The Committee has also undertaken some additional painting and repairs to seating and benches.

With support from Russell Broadbent, the Committee has successfully accessed a Community Volunteer Grant to purchase equipment for the Club's swimming program. We are looking forward to making use of these funds when swimming re-commences. In the meantime, the Committee is preparing for the health and hygiene procedures we will need to put in place to protect our users and allow us to re-open safely when government restrictions are lifted.



For further information, call our message bank and we will return your call: 5655 1681.

Burracudas

Korumburra's Swimming Squad – the Burracudas – finished a successful summer season taking out first place in the Association. A great team effort – well done to all the swimmers!

The Squad's presentation night was held in early March. Sophie McKenzie and Eric Zubcic were recognised as the 2019/20 Club Champions. Six new club records were set during the season – five by Sophie and one by Eric.

Other awards presented on the night were: Rachel Harms Memorial shield for Most Improved Swimmer : Gypsy Quaife;

Coaches' Award : Tristan Damman;

Encouragement Award : Noah Furness;

Special Coaches' Award : Heidi Nicholas;

Most Personal Bests : Jacqueline Turton.



or : Tyler Lovell and Gypsy Quaife, Eric Zubcic,
e : Thomas Walker Jess Zubcic,
and Orianne Jackman-Riches, Cassian Jackman-Riches,
or : Eric Zubcic and Sophie McKenzie, Orianne Jackman-Riches,

s : Jacqueline Turton, Zinnia Jackman-Riches,
Commitment medals were presented to Jacqueline Turton,

Tristan Damman,
James Downie,
Callum McLeod,
Noah Furness,

Club Captains: Gypsy Quaife,
Callum McLeod and Jess Zubcic
with the Association Shield Sophie McKenzie,

Aphra Lamers
and Bayley Nicholas



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Carinya Crescent, Korumburra

CEO: Cindy Nicholas

Carinya Lodge Homes Inc is a registered Not-For-Profit Organisation and a registered Charity. Our Committee of Management is run purely by volunteers who together with an amazing staff currently provide our community with one of South Gippsland's most desired Aged Care and Retirement Living facilities.



Our current major development will increase our occupancy for residential care from 43 to 60 beds, which we hope will help cater for the growing need in our community. This will also provide increased opportunities for employment in Aged Care for our district.

Carinya takes great pride in offering affordable housing for local and new elderly citizens of Korumburra and district. Four new units were completed earlier this year, bringing our total available for occupancy to 50. The majority of these are offered on a loan/lease tenure arrangement while some are available for rent at a very affordable price. People seeking accommodation and / or wishing to join our Carinya family should contact Carinya for a tour or for further information.

This year has been a challenging one for our Carinya family. Our residents have faced limited access to loved ones due to the various stages of lock-down brought on by the pandemic. Our staff have been truly amazing, facing so many challenges to keep our residents and themselves safe. While avoiding an outbreak is of paramount concern, staff have faced the enormous challenges in maintaining good mental health for our elderly. Extra staff have been employed to support and encourage greater digital access for families and maintain important connections with loved ones.

In addition to the challenging times caused by the pandemic, staff, residents and families have been dealing with the extensive interruptions to their lives caused by our major redevelopment. We are well into the final stages of construction of our new kitchen, dining room, laundry and 17 new rooms. We also have commenced the refurbishment of existing rooms, anticipating this will be completed by Christmas. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions

development, which includes the administrative area, consultancy rooms, meeting and staff rooms. Our priority as always being to keep residents and staff safe.

While our Fund-raising Committee has had to take a step back due to social restrictions we still invite local businesses, private citizens or families of residents past and present to participate in our major fund-raising venture: "Sponsor a Room". Michael's IGA of Korumburra generously kick started this initiative with the first \$10,000 room sponsorship donation. Korumburra Rotary Club followed by pledging \$10,000 over the next three years. The family of one of our dear past residents, Jean Kirk, has also sponsored a \$10,000 room. A beautifully inscribed plaque will be placed over one of Carinya's new rooms to acknowledge the generosity of each sponsor who supports this great program.



Another exciting Fund-raising project has been the "Raise a Calf" initiative, led by Eddie Hams and Alan Fraser and supported by Nutrien/Sth Gippsland Livestock and Alex Scott & Co. At present we have 64 steers on local farms and we look forward to inviting more farmers to participate in this program.

Greenhill's Benevolent Society has been a major sponsor for many projects at Carinya over many years and has pledged to once again fund additional solar panels when this is complete. Other sponsors for our Carinya include Korumburra Foods, Italian Social Club, Koringal Womens Service Club, Korumburra Indoor Bowls Club, Strzelecki and Korumburra Lions Clubs and Nyora Pharmacy. We welcome and thank all local groups for getting involved in supporting the needs of our elderly citizens.



Resident of Carinya, Flo Cooper celebrated turning 101 this year during Covid 19 restrictions, but still has a smile on her face as she helps CEO Cindy Nicholas and Executive Assistant Sarah Jackson open the new dining area at Carinya.

COVIDSafe Life in Carinya looks different but

Arawata Community Hall

At the end of March as Victoria entered Stage Three lockdown for the first time, the Arawata Community Hall media committee noted that, although the ACHA3951 Facebook page was a Public Page, we knew of some residents who were not internet savvy.



Those residents may be feeling worried and lonely. We decided to collate an Arawata Telephone Tree, which is simply a record of people who are in a position to help, whether that be shopping, collecting prescription medicines or just talking and supporting their neighbours. We also asked for the following, voluntarily provided, information for the conveners knowledge only : If you live by yourself, are elderly or have any health issues, we would like to hear from you to ensure you have everything you need. This could turn into a lonely time and we want you to know that you are not alone.

There were some participants who kindly offered pet minding, meal cooking and other very specialised care. The register for these services is kept by the conveners. The Arawata community has embraced the concept of phone buddies and to quote our oldest resident Jim White, (age 90) “some terrific ongoing friendships have been made” Sometimes, nothing in life is more valued than a friendly ear! As the community continues with the COVID pandemic safety protocols in this second lockdown period, there is comfort and strength to be found in your local community and we are proud to say Arawata is here for it’s residents.



*Geoff Whitaker, Yvonne Bell, Liz Ritchie and Tony Fitzgerald
Arawata landcare members at the Friends of Coal Creek, 12 July.*

Southern Lights Lantern Display

Did you miss the Southern Lights Lantern display in Commercial Street last year? Don't despair, we are bringing it back subject to COVID restrictions easing. Intriguing by day & spectacular by night the 13 steel drums laser cut with a combination of designed pattern, text and historic pictures provide a fascinating display when illuminated after dark. They will be installed along the Commercial Street pavement for a 6 week period and illuminated on a Thursday, Friday & Saturday evening. It will provide some much needed enjoyment after a long locked down winter.



A Tomato Tale

I had to check back to when I bought the tomato. Probably a month ago. It sat on the counter for maybe three weeks while its smaller neighbours on the truss got consumed.

I finally decided to use the big beauty - its diameter was a bit over 6cm - for a luscious tomato and cheddar sandwich on nifty home-made bread that I'd been given. The top/stem end was a bit over-ripe, but I hoped to use most of



But what was this? Scattered around the stem were half a dozen tiny pointy projections, like pinpoints under the skin, stretching it but not breaking through. Certainly not tampering.

The first cut revealed an incredible mass of germinating seeds, tiny white stems with minuscule seed leaves. Of course they had to be planted, potting mix topped with sand. Then on to the top of the fridge for nice warm bottoms.

I'd seen a seed sprouting in fruit before. I think in one of my own pulpy oranges. But never, as hordes, in a tomato. I now know the botanical term for it.

This is because I found that a major hothouse tomato grower, *Flavorite*, has a big operation just a few k's away, in Warragul. And when I asked them my questions, I got answers:

Premature germination of seeds is known as 'vivipary' - live birth. It occurs when the hormones that keep seeds dormant become exhausted by over-ripening or nutrient deficiency. It is generally only seen at the end of a crop in over-mature fruit. It's not very common and not inherent to any particular type.

The Tomato's Sauce?

Was my viviparous tomato one of theirs? Possibly. Flavorite and other producers sell through a central distributor. My local IGA Produce Manager was also ready with information. They select what's deemed best quality. It seems around the time of purchase the last of a Queensland crop was the most likely tomato source.

But back to the horticulture topic- vivipary. A skim through google is remarkably worthwhile. Those little corms on iris stems and baby plants on daylilies that some of us get excited about are a form of vivipary. Mangrove seeds are, by nature, viviparous. And occasional germination within fruits ~~gardeners know~~ ~~gardeners know~~ flowers (see the zinnia!) reveals a whole new field of

Ahh - the more you know the more you don't know.

Lillian Brittain, and Photos from Robert Hicks

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KORUMBURRA & LEONGATHA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

These two clubs, and others in our Region, are currently in recess. We have occasional communication with members, usually about something to do with gardening. Surprise!

Leongatha had to cancel the annual Daffodil and Floral Festival, now in its 64th year. The Leongatha Rose Spectacular will not take place in its usual form, but the Rose Show Committee hopes to be able put on a small display for its 49th year.

Korumburra's President, Gloria Walters, is providing her usual friendly, informative article for the Burra Flyer.

I, currently Korumburra Secretary, am offering an article that will appear in RHSV Gardeners' Gazette, as a contribution – should you choose to accept it.

As keen gardeners we all have plenty to do to keep ourselves occupied and happy. And good exercise rushing in and out between showers. An old style Gippsland winter!



The Korumburra Horticultural Society is not meeting due to the wretched virus, but there are better times ahead. Meanwhile, we are still in contact with members, one of whom made an interesting find while walking through the Botanic Park. He noticed a dead tree with a stone in front showing the tree had been planted to honour a founding member of the society. Mrs. Margaret Brumley, who was known to some current members, two of whom went to school with her sons. Various relatives still live in the area. We plan to replace the tree, which we think is a type of araucaria, perhaps the monkey puzzle tree *Araucaria araucaria*, which grows to approximately 30 to 40 metres. This is not a common tree, and nothing will be tempted to climb it, but it sure makes a statement. They are available, and when we are able to meet again the members will discuss how we might best go about planting.

Since we have been staying home in the past months many people have take-up gardening, and those who previously just potted about have turned to gardening for the pleasure and solace it gives, not to mention flowers and food. Growing foods become more popular, and everyone can do it, from a potfuls of spuds to a full blown yard of fruit and veggies. Its an addictive and extremely rewarding activity. Any house can be improved by a garden, and Gippsland is a great place to be a gardener.

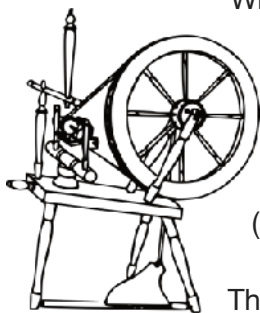
I have spent time this long winter planning a herb garden, solarising the ground & trying to to order plants I can't get locally. This is not as easy as you would think, due to high demand and postal woes. The herbs will be at the front & I hope my neighbours will also benefit from access to fresh herbs & eventually some citrus, and something more interesting to look at than mowed weeds.

Spring is just around the corner, and surely the rain will stop eventually & the sun will appear. Even in this cold wet weather the plants are gearing up, when we grout for a walk we have the pleasure of seeing the magnolias & michelins covered in flower, and the spring bulbs are putting on their annual show, even though they have needed a snorkel & flippers this year. The blossom trees are starting & the wattle is glowing along the roadsides.

Do yourself a favour, get out into the garden, join a club, and meet the generous & welcoming local gardeners.

The open garden season gets going soon. Already some are advertising, & they will all have virus safe plans in place. Go along and see some of the magnificent Gippsland gardens and get inspired.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SPINNERS AND FIBRE ARTS GROUP INC.



While many people have found it difficult isolating during the COVID pandemic, us spinners, knitters, weavers and felters are in our element. No longer do we feel guilty tucked up at home with our favourite hobbies... this is what we have been training for. With hours, days and weeks to fill, we can embark on that challenging project, learn a new skill or two and even tackle the UFOs (UnFinished Objects) lurking in the back of our cupboards.

Thank goodness for Zoom meetings. Twice a month most of our crafty members get to share their current projects, set challenges for each other, and generally socialise. Our first challenge was to create a tea cosy, many of which were entered into the Fish Creek virtual tea cosy competition. We have also been encouraged to try new skills, such as brioche knitting and Tunisian Crochet. Thank goodness for Pinterest and Youtube for tutorials.



Last month we had a go at making masks, and although sewing isn't one of our usual fibre arts, many of our members took to their sewing machines and it was interesting to see different designs and materials used, what worked, and what didn't.



We now have a web page to share what we are up to. Visit www.timeonyourhandscrafters.com to meet some of our members and see what creative things they have produced. You can also visit our Facebook page

South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group. If you would like to join our group (you don't have to be an experienced crafter) contact Janice Graham on 0490954915. She will email you an invitation to our Zoom meetings.



MAGILLAS PLAY CENTRE

Following a fire which destroyed their antique shop & business in Mine Rd in December 2017 Herb & Lorna Treacy were left with the decision as to what to do with the building going forward . They lost approx. \$75,000 worth of beautiful antiques & with no insurance were in two minds as to what to do with the building.

Herb on a lunch break from his Real Estate business was having a coffee in a shop down from his office when three young mothers pushing prams walked into the shop & ordered coffees . After some time the children started to get a bit bored sitting in the prams & demanded to get out much to the disapproval of their Mums. That is when I came up with the idea of a play centre where these girls can go & have a coffee plus let the children have a bit of a play . I did a bit of research & found out that there wasn't a play centre in the whole South Gippsland Shire . Made a phone call to the Shire to see how I could go about setting the wheels in motion . They were extremely helpful & said they would support the idea . So that is how it all came about & thank you to those three girls for giving me the idea !

At this stage we are all set to go & we were ready prior to Covid 19 coming along . We missed out by 2 days , which in some ways was lucky as we would have to close again anyway . We had the fridges full with ice cream but I'm having a lot of fun trying to eat it all before it goes out of date !

Lorna & I are very excited to be able to bring this to Korumburra & we feel it will be a great draw card for our beautiful town. We can cater for up to 60 people in there . Theres Rock Climbing Walls /Climbing Equipment like tunnels etc / Toddler Play area / Party Room .& of course a lovely coffee shop .



Grand Parents to bring their Grand kids when they come to visit & we all know loved an excellent manager & staff have the weather conditions around here is open the doors as soon as we get the ticks like so we have catered for the hot & ns are over. This is going to be great for cold days.

We just wish that we could be open but I can assure you that it is going to be worth waiting for.

Stay Safe everyone!

Herb & Lorna Treacy

Bena Hall

The last community event held at the Bena Hall was on March 15th just prior to the first lockdown. The BBQ and salad lunch was well attended and enjoyed by many locals. A delicious range of salads and desserts were on offer for everyone to share.

Since that time, the hall committee has taken advantage of the lockdown and completed some more renovations. The entry ceiling has been plastered and a new light fitting has been installed.

A very generous grant was obtained from the Loch Community Development Association towards the purchase of a new stove. The old stove was well over 35 years old and showing its age. Thank you so much to the LCDA.

The committee has also purchased a dishwasher that is currently in the process of being installed in the kitchen. This was made possible by receiving a Community Volunteers grant through Russell Broadbent.

Thanks to local tradespeople, Tom Colohan from Gipps Elec and Cory Arnold from Trowel Trade Plasterers who have been willing to work with us during the current lockdown conditions.

Members of the committee have been pursuing other means of funding for some upcoming events when the restrictions allow.

The 2020 Café Culture Series has been seriously disrupted with the cancellation of two shows and the probability of the final show not going ahead also. All up to date information will be on our Facebook page.

2nd Korumburra Scout Unit

2020 sees Scouting not only adjust to a change in Scouting programs and ideas, but Covid-19 brings a new reality.



Over the last six months, the Scouting community have been amazing in providing the many innovative ideas to see Scouting progress and stay connected.

It is the strong connections formed through Scouting, that have helped so many of our youth and adult members adapt in these challenging times. Now more than ever, members appreciate the value of belonging to our Worldwide Community of Scouting.

Term 2 flew by, but though we could not meet together in our Scout Halls and campgrounds; Zoom, Skype and online has seen all Sections 5-26 year olds, camping in our backyards- with frost on our tents, cooking on fires of all kinds, (haybox cooking making a comeback) Cyber safety and Kahoot nights, Navigation, Survival Skills and the ever popular Science night – lots of fun, learning and making lots of mess. National Science week has seen many of our Units check out this years theme ‘Deep Blue’.



All our Scouting persons interested in Radio and Electronics. To coincide with school holidays across Australia, between September 27th and October 4th, Scouting is hosting a special Echolink event. Members of scouting with an amateur radio license of any age are invited to join in during this week and to connect with other Scouts across the country in a different way. Echolink is an online platform allowing licensed amateur operators to communicate with each other without the need for a particular radio or access to any particular radio network.

Despite the challenges we’re facing, there are fantastic stories emerging within our own Unit showing we have found ways to adjust to this new normal.

Joey Scouts for those 5 to 8 years ring Michael on 5659 2122

Cub Scouts for ages 8 to 11 years contact Heidi 0418 384 128

Scouts for youth ages 11 to 15 years leader Debbra 0409 404 820

Coal Creek Venturers 15 to 18 years Belinda 0407 838 268

Korumburra Round Table

At a time of so much sadness and uncertainty for so many people, the Round Table has continued to work online and behind the scenes, liaising with council and the community, so that when restrictions are finally lifted and we are all out and about again, our town will see exactly where we are heading – and we have a lot of positives to tell you about!

At our latest meeting...

The main item on the agenda was the update from the council's major projects duo of Penni Ellicott and Jareth Goss, who were able to update us on: the Korumburra Hub, the Rail Trail, the Streetscape, and the Skate Park, all of which are now no longer a pipe dream awaiting funding, but are some way along the process to completion.

Firstly, on the Community Hub at the old kinder site, we were excited to learn that there have been half a dozen meetings with the architects in the last week, and by the end of August, the detailed designs will have been completed. It is expected that the project will go out to tender in early September. We learnt that the hub will now also have a council presence; so rather than tripping over to Leongatha to speak to someone about your planning and rates matters, it will be possible, for example, to make an appointment to speak to someone at a council desk here at the Hub while you're visiting Centrelink or browsing at the library, having your weekly senior citizens lunch, or perhaps doing a course at Milpara. We cannot wait to see it all

Some concerns still exist over parking in Little Commercial Street, and of course with any venture of this size there will be some changes to parking. It will mean a reduction in parking in this area but not a reduction in overall parking for Korumburra. The design plan of this area that you may have seen floating around is a 'concept design' only and very much a work in progress. We are confident the outcome of the redevelopment will enhance the experience for all concerned. We just need to find a balance between business owners, employees, customers, and hub user.

By the end of the year you will also see works starting up around the railway precinct to the left of the Kellys/post office car park, where the current picnic tables and swings are. This area is to be transformed into a new entry level skate park, and will form part of a broader community space for all of us to enjoy, including plenty of all day parking.

And now the rail trail. Such great news to hear that we now have all the funding in place. The works will be delivered in two packages – one is the work necessary for all bridges between Leongatha and Nyora, and the other is for the trail itself. It's worth noting that the shire budget also

something which has been done by voluntary groups in the past. There are some heritage issues to be dealt with around our beautiful station, and these things always take time, but it is hoped that in two years the entire trail will be ready for us all to enjoy.

And finally, the construction works are nearing completion on the walkway from the Korumburra Secondary College to Guys Road. The walkway is both for pedestrian and bicycle use and is the corridor that links the school to the town. A bonus for school students and the general public alike and a great asset for the town. Given that most construction works have been undertaken in a Korumburra winter, it is truly a remarkable outcome!

We're so glad that in a time of so much isolation and uncertainty, there is a lot to look forward to in Korumburra. Stay tuned!

To

What's happening at Milpara



Yes

No

- Emergency Foodbank is still operating, with some alterations.
- Centrelink Agency is still operating normal hours:
Tuesday 10 am- 2pm,
Wed & Thu 10- 1 pm
- General classes and activities are cancelled until further notice.
- House is closed for non essential house visits.

Milpara is still operating

Stage 3 restrictions mean Milpara Community House will operate a little differently.

Milpara staff will be onsite to provide essential services so we will be taking phone calls. Remember we will only have limited staff, so we may not be as quick at answering calls as normal. You may leave a message, alternatively bounce us an email milpara@dcsi.net.au. If you need assistance finding a service/support please call us and we will do our best to assist, we acknowledge this will be a difficult time and help is available.

The Emergency Food Bank will be open Monday to Friday 9.30 am – 4 pm. Our preference is by appointment, please call to let us know what time to expect you, Ph 5655 2524. Milpara is located at 21 Shellcott Road Korumburra. Just a reminder YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN BAGs or BOX as these will not be provided. We would like to acknowledge that our community have been wonderful and the donations and support the Emergency Foodbank has received has been heart-warming, we extend our deepest thanks and gratitude.

For our vulnerable community we have free reusable as well as disposable masks available for distribution. This is with thanks to donations from the community as well as South Gippsland Shire Council. Please let us know if you need masks.

Centrelink will be open the following hours, Tuesday 10 am – 2 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am – 1 pm. You will need to call us when you arrive 5655 2524. We will grab your details and ask you to wait in your car until it is your turn. If arriving on foot (walking) please ring the doorbell and we will take your details and provide a waiting room for you. Customers will be served in order of arrival, please be aware you may need to wait so bring a book, your knitting or something else to keep you entertained.

General Classes and all non-essential activities on site are cancelled. Several classes/activities will be available online including English and Maths, The Art of Story Writing, Milpara Singers, Yoga for Beginners, Yoga, Speak English, Learn English, Art Class and Korumburra Men's Shed. An MS Excel Computer class will start soon. Please let us know if you are interested in any classes. We are also open to commencing new online classes and looking for people to facilitate as well as participate, feel free to get in touch.

Stay safe and remember a little kindness goes a long way particularly in these times.

K.C.D.A. Inc.

Benefits your Community Group may use through K.C.D.A. INC. include:

- free advertising of Korumburra Community Events on 3mfm.
- P.A. System for hiring.
- Welcome Kits- New to the area? Ask your Estate Agent.
- Korumburra Community Website www.korumburra3950.com.au
- Community Groups are encouraged to use the Website.

The email address is administator@korumburra3950.com.au

- Notice Board situated outside the Korumburra Hotel. The public may use this Community Notice Board for Events in the Korumburra area and neighbouring towns. Have a look and find out

Burra Flyer, don't forget to promote your Com to increase your groups membership.

If your group is not incorporated and wishing to hold an event perhaps you would be interested in joining us at our meeting held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm when the shut down for the Coronavirus restrictions have ceased.



Korumburra Town App

After four years the Korumburra Town App will be discontinued. The App was a project devised from a *Korumburra Futures Workshop* back in 2013 when the community were looking at ways of sharing community information.



A subcommittee was formed from the Korumburra Round Table. With an initial Shire Community Grant and ongoing funding from the Korumburra Community Development Action group (KCDA) the App was developed.

The App has served its purpose over that time but with declining usage and the voluntary hours required to keep the information current, the decision was made not to renew the subscription.

Anglican Parish of Korumburra and Poowong



Our Parish churches, St Pauls in Korumburra and also All Saints in Poowong, are centres that always seek to be at the heart of community issues and events. When open St Pauls church services are at 9:30 every Sunday with a Family Service on the first Sunday of the month. We also have a Parish Hall that is normally open for community groups to meet for a variety of activities.

All Saints Church in Poowong provides a local service for the communities of Poowong, Loch and Nyora and surrounding areas on the first and third Sundays at 11:00AM. At present we are planning a community garden behind the church in Poowong and groups in Poowong meeting place for locals, supported by the businesses

As you walk past St Pauls you would normally see an open door every day inviting you to come inside for quiet contemplation. Unfortunately, with the situation at the moment due to lockdown rules, the church has had to close. But our prayers are the key that will unlock the doors because although the Church may be closed God is still open for business. We still meet each Sunday via Zoom at 9:30 on a Sunday for a Praise, Prayer and Proclamation Service. You can also follow us on our Facebook page where a weekly message via a YouTube link is uploaded.

If you have any prayerful needs or would like to find out more about us please contact our

Minister: Rev Dr Fran Grimes, 5655 1007 - fgrimes@dcsi.net.au
or warden Martin Shaw, 0409 921 863 – beau_garden@hotmail.com

Mainly Music Group



New to mainly music? Discover who we are, what we do.

You don't have to imagine a time and place where you and your young child will find delight in shared experiences, be accepted for who you are, and grow educationally. It already happens. Every week of the school year – in a fun and exciting place called 'mainly music'. St Pauls runs a local mainly music group Wednesday mornings in term time – give us a call – and in no time, you'll be not only enjoying time with your child, you'll find friendship and encouragement.



Before lockdown we would meet weekly on a Wednesday in the Parish Hall for a fun music session for pre-school children. Each mainly music session is designed for delight. The sessions are not entertainment – they are entertaining! You and your child will be invited to enter into the music and music activities, together. Since lockdown we still continue to meet via zoom on Wednesdays

at 10:00 for a short-themed session with songs, actions and a story. We have covered themes such as transport, teddies, dinosaurs and homes and later this month we will be singing about Pirates

We aim to provide that village to help you raise your child. If you are interested in joining, we're keen to connect. Join our Facebook page to follow news and links – [Mainly Music Korumburra](#) - For enquiries see below

Rev. Dr Fran Grimes, 5655 1007 - fgrimes@dcsi.net.au
or contact Annie Brown, 0408 151 990 - ann.brown98@yahoo.com

Korumburra Croquet Club

Korumburra Croquet Club decided to close its doors during the first lockdown as most of our members are in the vulnerable demographic. However, once restrictions were eased a few stalwarts turned up to hone their skills while adhering to the DHHS & Croquet Victoria guidelines . We managed to hold our AGM before the second lockdown and had a bit of fun with weird and wonderful millinery at the same time (featured in the Sentinel Times). Croquet is mainly played in the warmer/dryer months - between September and May. It is one of the easiest sports in which to maintain social distancing. Members keep in touch during the off season by whichever means they have. Phone, text and email are the main forms of communication. We are a positive group and are looking forward to the day we can enjoy our favourite game.

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Scrabble Group

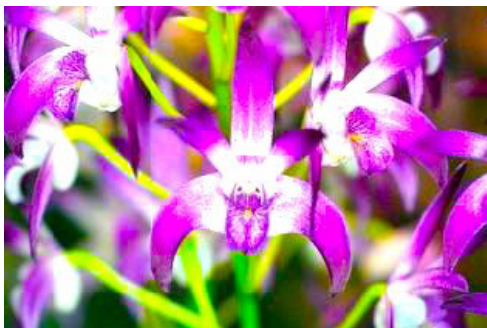
Normally, scrabble is played on a Thursday afternoon at the KCDA meeting rooms, 1 Radovick Street. Because of the restrictions on numbers and the guidelines regarding social distancing, we were unable to continue at that venue. It was also difficult to find a suitable venue when restrictions were eased as the meeting rooms were still out of bounds. There's always Plan B, so some of the more adventurous players started playing each other online. Others are raiding the 'hibernation' pages of the daily paper and doing the puzzles there. Because the town has a relatively small population, it's easy to keep in touch - even physically at the supermarket, the Farmer's market for example. Like every other organisation, we are keen to get back to socializing normally - face to face. It's a bit hard to wear and share a triumphant, winning grin during an online game!



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South Gippsland Orchid Society.

We are not holding meetings at this time, we have cancelled our annual show. If anyone has any queries re orchids they can ring me on 0428547466, if I can't help, I will find someone who can.



John Betts

Korumburra RSL Sub Branch Centenary Year 2020

Here are some of our ongoing plans for this year include –

The establishment of a Memorial Garden at the hall. Donations already received include “Centenary of Gallipoli Rose, RSL Rose, Rosemary and timber edging for the garden beds donated by Micks Yard.

A new sign at the hall by Gippy Signs and Electrical upgrade at the hall by Burra Electrical have been done.

Production of Student Honour Boards for the Korumburra Primary School are well on the way to be finished with a special thanks to Perry Neil for his tireless work in their production.

We have been fortunate to receive a couple of community grants from Dept of Veteran Affairs for the Honour Boards and for the second edition of “Far From Home” written by our own RSL historian Tony Moon.

Our Knitted Poppy drive is ongoing with over 400 already donated for our Remembrance Day this year.

A new fence to be made by Jumbunna Engineering will be erected shortly.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold traditional Anzac Day ceremonies due to Covid restrictions however we were delighted to see so many Korumburra people paying their respects at dawn with “Stand To at Home”.

The 75th Anniversary for the end of WWII and the National Vietnam Veterans day will not be commemorated as we would have liked, however wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph in Coleman park.
David Jackson Pres.

Hopefully we will be able to commemorate Remembrance Day in November this year as it should be.

47 new members is ongoing as well.

Finally, we are pleased to advise that we have plans to have regular community open days and evenings at the hall shortly.

From Kerry Ellis

South Gippsland Shire Council CFO

The announcement that regional Victoria will be returning to stage three restrictions has been a blow for all of us. Although the news was perhaps not entirely unexpected considering the increasing number of COVID-19 cases across Victoria, the restrictions mean that our movement and our ability to socialise with friends and family will again be



This closure will be difficult for many people. Stage three restrictions were hard the first time but this time it is even more important that we work together, that we reach out to others and that we “be kind” to all. Many in our community are still struggling with the impacts of isolation from the first lockdown and our local businesses are only just in the process of getting back on their feet. They will need our support. The one benefit we have is that we have been through this already, we know we can get through it and we know how we can do better.

Here is a summary of some lockdown restrictions that are in place:

❖ There are only four reasons to leave your home:

- ✓ necessary goods and services;
- ✓ medical care or compassionate reasons;
- ✓ exercise;
- ✓ work and education if necessary.

Exemptions include visiting a person with whom you are in an intimate personal relationship, including inside metropolitan Melbourne.

Face coverings are mandatory.

- ❖ You cannot enter metropolitan Melbourne for exercise or recreation.
- ❖ You are unable to have visitors in your home. Meeting in public can be with up to two people or household members only.

- ❖ Outdoor sporting facilities will **close** except for facilities where public gathering and physical distancing limits can be adhered to and there is no use of shared equipment or communal facilities (except toilets), eg: tennis courts, golf courses.
- ✓ Outdoor sports will only be **allowed** with one other person, or household members, providing 1.5 metre distance can be maintained, eg: activities such as fishing, golfing, boating, tennis, surfing.
- ❖ Swimming pools and playgrounds will **close**.
- ❖ Libraries will **close**. Caring Calls, Tech Talks, Online Chat, home deliveries, online programs and events and other online resources including ebooks, eaudiobooks, emagazines, kids' reading and activities will all still be available. More details are available at wgrlc.vic.gov.au
- ❖ Community venues including halls will **close** other than to host an essential public support service (such as Alcoholics Anonymous), or a wedding or funeral. This covers Memorial Hall and its associated meeting rooms.
- ❖ Community Transport and the L2P program will be put **on hold**.
- ❖ **All buildings and facilities managed by Council or through Section 86 Committees will close. This includes SPLASH and many halls and recreation reserves ‡. The outdoor facilities can still be used for casual activities – such as walking the dog or having a kick of the footy – but planned gatherings are not permitted. However please remember to respect the current social distancing guidelines to keep yourself and those around you safe. ‡ Botanical Park in Korumburra.**
- ✓ Travel within regional Victoria is **allowed** for work and education (if necessary), necessary goods and services and care or compassionate purposes only.
- ❖ Visitor Information Centres, **Coal Creek Community Park** and Museum and Council-run caravan parks will remain **closed**.



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PROBUS CLUB OF COAL CREEK

The last few months have been challenging for all of us.



Our Club is normally very social and by this time of the year we would usually have been on a number of monthly outings plus a trip away.

In early January we enjoyed the musical “Chicago”. February saw us at the Vietnam Veterans Museum plus a twilight boat cruise. We had outings planned for March and April plus a 5 day trip to Warrnambool and surrounds in May, but as you all know everything changed and everything had to be cancelled.

We would have normally just been to a nice restaurant and celebrated “Christmas in July”, now we all hope we at least get together to celebrate a real Christmas in December?

As previously mentioned we are very social with lunches after our meetings and also another lunch during the month, plus a monthly Friday evening at the Korumburra Bowls Club. We also have a book exchange for our avid readers.

We try to keep in touch with our Members who are unwell or very elderly, plus give support to Members and their families who lose a loved one. Our Carer and Committee work together to provide a network of support for these and all our Members.

During Covid 19 many Members have kept in touch by phone and during our short “respite” between restrictions many small groups got together again.

We would love to see more people join our Club when we are up and running again. We invite you to come along and see what Probis is all about – enjoying friendship with like-minded people.

WHEN BACK TO NORMAL our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 10 am at the **KORUMBURRA GOLF CLUB**.

Contact: Kevin Loffler (President) 5655 1818

Helen Taylor (Acting Secretary) 5655 2785

Coal Creek Goes Virtual !!

Today Coal Creek Community Park and Museum hosted it's first virtual lesson from the old Jeetho School. It was a real mix of the old and new. 35 students and 2 teachers from Tyabb Railway Station Primary School joined our Education Program Leader, Emma Fellows-Cooke, in the online lesson.

They learnt about school life in the late 1800's, from the 3 R's right through to a virtual caning! For Emma, as a teacher, it was a very different experience. She is used to getting students to be active in her classes through hands on activities and questioning techniques. To overcome this students were quite happy to put questions in the chat box and she also shared images so they could still do the old style handwriting activity like we do on site.

Overall, it was a huge learning curve for Emma, but a very enjoyable one. There were a few technology glitches along the way, but It just shows what can be done if we think a little differently as to how we can achieve outcomes using different methods.

The school was very happy with the experience and said



Coal Creek Maintenance

The maintenance team have been busy taking full advantage of our shut down to get some valuable work done around the park. Below are some images of the amazing work they have been completing since the COVID shutdown. Landscaping train station area, post and rail fencing and completing the refurbishment of the Mine Managers have been just a few projects they have completed.



Korumburra Business Association

Well 2020 has been an exceptional year so far with many of us keen to put it behind us. COVID-19 at the very least has tested us in many ways.

Whilst these have been difficult times for some businesses, their families and employees, for others it has been relatively business as usual and has even seen those that are busier than ever.

For many it has no longer been business as usual, but it has been extremely uplifting to see how these businesses have adapted with takeaway menus, modifying appointments, using telephone calls and emails to communicate, creating new websites and online bookings, and strengthening their online stores.

The simple truth is adapting to change is something we all have to do in our lives and our business; nothing is forever and we are all having to find our new normal.

So what can you do to help?

Now more than ever, our local businesses need the support of our locals. Every purchase, whether it is small or large, makes a difference. Our local businesses are the ones that donate to your Schools, your Sporting Clubs, your Community, so now is the time to make sure you support them.

We encourage you to Think Local,	Cleaner 59	Petrol delivery45
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Evans Petroleum's Korumburra site (at the top of the hill) has experienced significant downturns in sales during the stage three restriction periods of the Covid – 19 pandemic as have most of our sites in Gippsland. This second phase of the restrictions appears to be not as severe on sales as the first but following on from the surge of custom between the two shutdowns, possibly it feels worse than it really is.

Our terrific Korumburra site staff led by manager Scott Van Lieshout have a strong customer following from the local's and coupled with a preparedness to ensure all are served in a happy and safe environment, we are buoyed by their support of our business. Customers have adapted extremely well to the distancing restrictions, wearing of face masks, courtesy to our staff and each as their challenges have been met.

Once some sort of normality returns, we are sure that outside people will be keen to visit our district again and coupled with the proposed growth of the Korumburra region and town precinct they will be prepared to stop and experience our local retail offer and put some cash back into our community.

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Buying fresh produce in bulk from **Grow Lightly** in Korumburra

All bulk supplies and purchases are organised by our Produce Manager. The Produce Manager's working week starts on Sunday with a mailshot to our growers and producers to discuss stock availability for the coming week. All of our fresh produce comes from within 60 kilometres of Korumburra.

Mondays are dedicated to setting up and managing our on-line, bulk order shop. Bulk order customers are typically cafes and restaurants but we also have customers made up of two or three families who buy produce collectively to take advantage of the reduced prices. The on-line shop is hosted by the Open Food Network, which allows us to 'virtually' stock the shop with minimum effort. The on-line shop is open from midday until eight in the evening every Monday.

Once the on-line shop closes the Produce Manager confirms order with the growers/producers that evening.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are all go, receiving deliveries and packing bulk orders. These are the best days as the team gets to see, and taste, the fresh produce as it comes through the door.

We are always looking for new growers and producers of all sizes. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email me at produce@growlightly.com.au so we can discuss our grower requirements.

If you would like to be added to the bulk order customer list please send your details to produce@growlightly.com.au and you will be sent a link to the online shop each Monday.




You are always welcome to visit the **Grow Lightly** shop, 25 Commercial

Elders Korumburra/Leongatha *Adapting to Covid-19 Restrictions*

When the first restrictions hit in March, the sales team at Elders Korumburra/Leongatha immediately started working from home. Initially the incoming calls went very quiet and then within a couple of weeks, the enquiry and request for inspections started coming through again. It was interesting as we found during this time a lot of the enquiry was from Melbourne buyers and they were interested in anything with a little bit of land around it. During the first round of restrictions we sold off a lot of our lifestyle properties on small acreage.

During this time, the team knew that we had to adapt to the changing circumstances and upskill in ways that would allow us to continue to service our vendors and buyers alike to the best of our ability. The team became very familiar programs which allowed us to sign authorities and contracts digitally, carry out virtual inspections and appraisals and also videoing and editing so we could continue to showcase our properties online to the ever increasing online buyer enquiry. Even now in August, the [search activity in the buy section on realestate.com.au](#) is up 36% compared to this time last year.

This latest restrictions are a little different as we are better prepared, however stock levels are down, the buyers are still there but stage 4 restricted buyers cannot physically inspect stage 3 restricted areas and we are doing all of these by virtual inspections. We are finding some property owners are not wanting to go to market just yet but what we are finding is if you do, you are currently selling in isolation rather than waiting until Spring/Summer when we expect there will be much more stock on the market and more choice for the buyer. It's a forever changing market but Elders is here to serve our vendors and buyers to ensure the best outcome for all.



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 **Real Estate**

Korumburra Plumbers & Pumps has been very fortunate to stay open and continue trading during COVID19. Stage 3 at the end of March we noticed a big change in foot traffic within our store, people being extra cautious and only shopping if necessary. Overall we found our install and maintenance hasn't been effected, which is keeping our workers very busy.

We are classed as an essential business, you never know when you'll have a burst pipe, a gas leak or a blocked septic, therefore please rest assured we are business as usual, masks and all!

We have hand sanitiser available when entering our store and ask that you please use this along with wearing your mask. We have a COVIDSafe Plan in place to ensure we are keeping our staff safe and whilst out working in the community.

We would like to say a big THANK-YOU for supporting not only our business but all local businesses. We have noticed many new faces shopping locally which is great to see! Every small or large local purchase goes a long way in keeping our town alive and running!

From all of us here at KPP stay safe, support each other and we will get through this together!



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Burra Brewing like many businesses didn't see this pandemic coming but understood it wasn't going to pass over anytime soon. At the first lock-down we switched to a takeaway venue, with a fantastic response from locals. This allowed us to keep on the full and part time staff and with some role changes it worked well. Introducing a home delivery service we picked up some new regular customers. A pamphlet drop around town also helped bring new people to the brewery for takeaway pizza and beer purchases.

Once Stage 2 commenced, we made the very difficult decision to not open for sit down patrons, deciding to wait for allowance for increased capacity. The announcement of an increase to capacity was made and we set our opening date. Unfortunately, the week prior to reopening, Melbourne went back into Stage 3 restrictions and the increased capacity was removed. This came as a big blow but we moved forward quickly to do what we could to keep the business going. The introduction of Prom Coast Ice Cream and free delivery Sundays have been excellent additions. Even with the current Stage 3 restrictions in place in Gippsland, we continue to get full support of our local trade.

Our wholesale side of the business took a hit with many hospitality businesses unable to open and sell our product. Our sales team has been busily working away behind the scenes to get our much loved beer to new and existing customers. You can now find us in several new bottle shops and we're also offering online sales and delivery within Victoria. We felt it was important to get this underway, particularly in times such as these where increasing numbers of people are ordering online. This is going really well and our canning schedule is now back on track.

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Burra Garden Supplies & Nursery

Here at Burra Garden Supplies & Nursery, we have been extremely fortunate to be able to continue to remain open through both lockdown stages. The NGIV (our industry body) has been very proactive from the outset of the pandemic to put the case forward to the Federal Government that we are indeed an essential service for food production , green life as well as supplying firewood for heating and cooking .

As so many people have been house bound and unable to travel for holidays they have turned to their gardens for both their physical and also mental well being and we are humbled that our customers have felt our business is a safe place to visit. This has been the case Australia wide with the only downside



being that the wholesale plant growers have been placed under enormous pressure to supply stock , therefore sourcing plants is becoming a bit of an issue, so if the nursery doesn't look as brimming as it usually is that's the reason behind it! Rest assured we are looking far and wide for new suppliers to keep the stands as full and with as much variety as possible.

Firewood is another area of our business that has seen an unprecedented demand, far and wide. We are putting this down to people being home for much longer either working, home schooling etc and it did come in cool early this year. Add into the equation the bushfires, so wood from East Gippsland was not available, and the fact the Adelaide ran out a couple of months ago, and our



wholesaler himself ran out of decent redgum. We have been able to source grey box firewood, but it comes from way up near Grafton, NSW, which obviously impacts the freight costs. We have had to resort to rationing the wood to try to do our best to keep everyone warm, which we never thought we would have to do, and it has also come as a bit of a shock to our regular customers as we normally have wood available year round.

We have seen many customers new to gardening, whom we hope are delighting in their new hobby, and are sure that with the amount of garden supplies being picked up or delivered, plants being sold etc the calibre of gardens around our district should be magnificent going forward. Maybe the open garden scheme 2021 will

explode !

As I'm typing this the sun is shining through my office window giving a glimpse of what we hope will be a long mild spring. Let us all hope that the worst is behind us and we can get out and about further and see our loved ones sooner rather than later.

Kelly Hughes





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Most of my training courses were through the suppliers of the framing & machinery companies & the Picture Framing Guild of Australia. Then like all jobs you learn by practice & experiences. I also took up the opportunity to attend business courses ran by the South Gippsland Shire.

From the moment I started I have loved my job, it's given me a huge range of items to frame & I have meet some wonderful people on the way, that have trusted me to frame their items. I've enjoyed the challenges that some of my customers have presented to me with.

I've always said "**You name it - I'll frame It**" 3D Box framing – Jockey Saddle & Boots, Shark jaw, Football Vests, Christening gowns, World War II Flag, Medals & Memorabilia, stretch all sizes of canvases, jig saw puzzles, beading, just to name a few.

Also, lots of re framing items to update with the home décor. Also, custom made Mirrors.

All types of Artwork – oils, acrylics, watercolour, pencil, ink, pastel, wire work, tiles, seed pods, children's artwork, grain of rice ... the list goes on. Also, I love framing all sorts of needlework, which is laced the traditional way so there is no extra pressure put on the item.

I have a large range of mouldings, mat boards & variety of glass, to choose from. All work is framed on the premises. I treat every item I frame as it was mine own, taking care to frame to the design that was chosen to protect & present professionally.

My business has been very fortunate to be supported through the lockdown as customers have been going through cupboards finding items to frame or ordering prints or canvases online to frame.

This is keeping me very busy at the moment & I thank my loyal customers.

I'm very proud to be a member Korumburra Business Association, there support & encouragement to "Buy in the Burra"

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Another COVID experience

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The big difference pre-covid to now is the amount of cleaning we do between patients and after selecting frames. All staff and patients must sanitise hands and wear masks. This has been in place since April (this was hard due to shortages of both early on). We are very thankful to the local community for their support and the government for the covid grants that has assisted us through the shut downs.

Marc

From Williams, Edwards and Findlay

Most of our work today is by Phone, Zoom or Microsoft Team appointments, which are proving to be very successful with our clients. We practice hand sanitising and social distancing within the office at all times. One thing we would recommend all business owners⁵⁴ is to seek professional help to keep your business going.

Tee to Green Turf Solutions

I have been operating my landscape maintenance business for over 6 years now with the last 3 here in Korumburra.

Since the start of the Covid pandemic it has been a roller coaster ride of uncertainty financially and emotionally. People have understandably held off on their planned landscape work or cancelled maintenance jobs to hold onto every dollar they can.

While stage 4 has been in place I have been restricted to working close to home as I'm unable to work in the Melbourne region. Due to this fact and that we are in the middle of Winter my business has dramatically slowed over the last few months. We are always encouraged to "shop local" at the best of times but in times like the present where there is nothing more important that I can ask of the local people in our great community.

Country towns are known for pulling together when times are tough and I, like every other small, family owned business would really appreciate your support. (If you are in a financial position to do so of course.)

The thing I miss most in these times is the smiling face of my customers once I have completed their job to their needs or the simple hand shake of appreciation for their time and business.



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Working with COVID-19

At first Burra Electrical thought this flu would just blow over, but as time went on we became very concerned on what the impact on the business could be. Even out here in South Gippsland

BES complied with all the government warnings & recommendations at every notification. At first it was extremely difficult to obtain face masks and sanitizer for all our staff. There were some new behavioural learning curves to adapt to for the new normal.

All our staff must wear masks to all service works. Use sanitiser at every job site (before and after), sanitise the vehicle when returning at the end of the day. i.e. steering wheel, gear stick, door handles etc.

Everywhere every staff member had to social distance from each other. Also requesting our clients to be socially distant as well whilst essential electrical works were being conducted on their property. BES has had to make a COVID Safe Plan for our business as a WorkSafe requirement and as our suppliers and corporate customers require this as condition of working with. With more people staying home and utilising their household power more heavily, this has lead to more electrical breakdowns and some dangerous switchboards to overload. People are starting to realise that their household energy costs were skyrocketing. This has lead to more interest and enquiries for solar PV, more efficient LED lighting, to reduce energy consumption and a lot more power and data connection points as homes are catering to more home entertainment and online work capacity. This has kept all facets of our business turning over.

One thing BES had already planned for in advance was that the administration of the BES office can be done remotely using the cloud about two years ago, essentially only requiring one person onsite. Now we have put this into practice. This also keeps our administration staff apart and safe, whilst still able to maintain seamless customer service. Act Safe to Be Safe.

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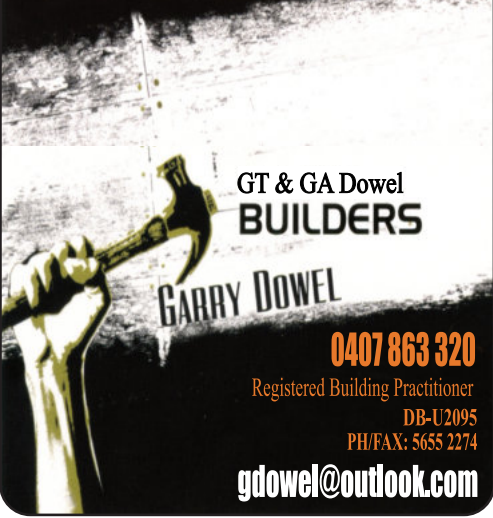
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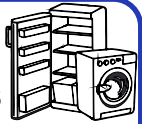
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