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at Coal Creek, Korumburra. Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is open 10am to 4:30pm
Thursday to Monday, and 7 days a week in the school holidays. For more information, see
In 1893, a public meeting was held in the Mechanics Hall. It was decided at this meeting to form the “Korumburra Agricultural & Pastoral Society.” Just three weeks later, their first show was held.

In 2020, on Saturday 8th February, the Korumburra Agricultural & Pastoral Society will be holding its 125th Annual Show. Two exciting chainsaw carving artists have been booked for the show. The first is Rob Bast, who is the 2017 Australian Chainsaw Carving champion. The second is Angie Polglaze, pictured right, who is also incredibly talented.

For updates and notification of other events coming, check out the “Korumburra Show and Other Events” Facebook page.

Sheepdog trials

A very successful three day sheepdog trial has just been completed in Korumburra. This event has been going for sixty five years, and despite the weather, all involved were extremely happy with the trial. Our competitors enjoyed the event, which involved not only the trials, but also a spit roast dinner and live entertainment. We had over a hundred dogs and forty competitors travelling from all over Australia, including one from Tasmania who crossed Bass Strait with nine dogs!

We wish to thank our sponsors for their support this year and look forward to next year.

It’s safe to say handlers and dogs alike had a great time.
The ever popular music festival is on again and will be held in conjunction with the 2020 Korumburra Show on 8th February. Please confirm your booking to Shirley Cowling by 29 January 2020, either by phoning her on 0400 976 248 or by emailing her at shirley.cowling@bigpond.com. There will be a ‘Battle of the Bands’ along with prizes for various categories. There will be several prizes for Vocal Solo, Musical Solo, Under 16 years, Under 12 years, Vocal with Musical Accompaniment, plus several encouragement awards.

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As we move into the holiday season, looking back on our Probus year, we treasure the happy times together this year. It was with much regret that life member John Myors has retired from committee. Over the course of 17 years, John has held several positions that have helped to make our club so successful.

Our guest speakers have been very interesting. One example is Cavell Ferrier from the South Gippsland Shire, who was most informative regarding the upcoming Seniors Week. Bryan Sword, also from the Shire, updated us on where the Shire is at this point of time. Bryan also sought suggestions from our members for future improvements for our shire.

One of our members, June Berthelsen, offered to tell some of her life story. This lady has given so much of her life to assist other people throughout the world.

As this club always supports the Wildflower Restaurant, it was no surprise that we had another beautiful meal there, which was a credit to the staff. We enjoyed a bus trip to Tesselaar’s Tulips, where a million bulbs are planted each year on 25 acres.

An enjoyable lunch followed at ‘Kelly’s Bar & Kitchen’ in Olinda. Our Annual Christmas trip to the Drum Theatre, followed by lunch at the Lyndhurst Hotel, is planned for December.

The Getaway Club has been to Paynesville where they had a great time visiting Dargo and Metung and more recently, Yarram.

Merry Christmas to everybody: come and join our happy, friendly club.

Monthly meetings are held at the Amenities Complex every second Monday at 9:45 am. For further information contact President Helen Checkley on 5665 2247 or Secretary Helen Willison 0429 810 311.

Would you like to meet other people in your local community? Semi-retired/retired it doesn’t matter; just come along and join in.

Probus is all about fellowship, friendship and having fun.

Our great club has now been going for 16 years and we continue to offer many varied and interesting activities. ‘Dine-Out’, book exchange and tours are three popular examples. At our monthly general meeting we usually have a guest speaker or special activity.

After the October general meeting formalities, members enjoyed a delicious soup and sandwich lunch. Two club members supplied some fine music. Our December (Christmas) meeting will be held at the ‘Black Tie’ Restaurant, Warragul.

The club continues to offer many interesting day tours. We have recently visited the Ambulance Victoria Museum in Bayswater; the Australian Synchrotron in Clayton, and the Box Hill Town Hall for a tour and tasty high lunch. November saw the members going via Vline to Ballarat for a ‘sleep-over’. Highlights included the light show at Sovereign Hill, Botanical Gardens and cruise on the lake.

The new year will start with an outing to see the musical ‘Chicago’ and plans are underway for a tour in May to Warrnambool and district.

Our general meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Korumburra golf club. Meetings commence at 10:00am. New members are welcome.

For more information please contact our President Helen Taylor on 5655 2785 or our Secretary Dianne Schellekens on 5655 2504.

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Friends of Coal Creek

We would like to thank the volunteers who have assisted in the restoration of the Lands Office and the public for their support. We are grateful for their monetary assistance by both renewing their membership and making donations. Work is nearly finished, with painting still to be completed. It will not be long now before the building will be in its original condition.
The Friends encourage their members to join the F.O.C.C. customer tag (community benefit membership) at Michael’s I.G.A., and once the restoration of the Lands Office has been completed, any additional money raised will assist renovations in other areas in the park.
The Friends of Coal Creek plan to organize more entertainment for the community in March.

These plans include up-tempo dance music and easy listening dinner music, country and jazz with popular music as below.
This will include music by artists such as Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald Songs, Kasey Chambers, Sara Storer and more. Look out for flyers and the next edition of the Burra Flyer.
Friends of Coal Creek hold their meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. To become a member and support us, the fee is $20 each, or $40 for a family; (the term begins from the 1st October each year.) Anybody interested in assisting with the repairs to the buildings, in the form of labour, or in becoming a member may contact Joan on 5655 2126, or Syd on 5655 1247.

Korumburra Business Association

Christmas Street Celebration - Saturday 14th December

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Korumburra! We will be holding our Christmas Street Celebration on Saturday 14th December from 10am to 1pm, where we will have free activities to entertain the whole family.
These activities will include: Santa photos, an animal farm, a dunking machine, jumping castle, ‘guess the lollies’ competitions, and a visit from the Korumburra CFA fire trucks.
Live music will be provided by the South Gippsland Concert band, supported by students from St Joseph’s and Korumburra Primary schools.
Korumburra’s Christmas street party is brought to you by our Korumburra Business Association members. Show your thanks by supporting local business.

Take on Korumburra’s Christmas Challenge

We encourage you to support local Business and make this the most “Korumburra Christmas” possible.

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**Stamp Clubs**

*Annual Stamp Fair - January 25th 2020*

The Korumburra stamp club meets at the Anglican hall in Bridge St on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:30pm.

There will be no meeting in December, as we will be joining forces with the Inverloch group for the Christmas party. January’s meeting will be on the 16th, and February will be on the 20th. It is to be a joint meeting with the Inverloch club, then a trading night ensues.

On January 25th, the Korumburra stamp club will be running their Annual Stamp Fair at the Anglican Hall in Bridge St.

The Andersons Inlet stamp club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, at the Uniting Church in Inverloch.

The December 11 meeting will be a Christmas party at a member’s house. It will be a joint meeting with the Korumburra group. January will be on the 8th; the theme for the night will be the letter K. February will be on the 12th, and the theme will be the letter L. On March 7th, they will be holding their annual fair at the Inverloch Uniting Church.

All interested people are welcome. Tea and coffee are available each night and we wish to see you there.

For any other information, please contact Peter Treadwell on 9024 0206.
South Gippsland Concert Band
Carols at Mirboo North - Friday 6th December

The band is about to launch into our busy Christmas season which will see us perform carols for nursing homes Alchera, Hillside and Carinya. Residents will be encouraged to sing their favourites which always adds to their enjoyment. New on our calendar this year will be carols at Boromeo Park in Mirboo North, taking place on Friday 6 December. All are very welcome.

If you wish to catch the band in action come along to the Farmers market at Coal Creek on Saturday 14 December, or in the main street of Korumburra for the Business Association Christmas street party on the same day. As always new members are welcome. We are a friendly, fun loving group who enjoy playing music together.

We rehearse Monday nights 7.30pm at Coal Creek. Drop in and say hi.

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Gippsland Symphony Orchestra Concert
St Josephs Korumburra

The Gippsland Symphony Orchestra, with 35 musicians under the direction of Mr David Williams OBE, recently held a concert at St Joseph’s Catholic Church on 15th September, which delighted the audience. Their renditions of popular classical music included ‘Serenade for 13 wind instruments’ by Strauss, ‘Serenade for Strings’ by Elgar, ‘Violin Concerto No 1’ by Bruch, and ‘Carmen Suite’, by Bizet. The feature soloist for the ‘Violin Concerto’ was Ms Ann Roffe, who is the head of music at Catholic College, Sale.

The audience and orchestra are always overwhelmed by the wonderful acoustics at St Joseph’s, and really love performing in our beautiful church. Keep an eye out for future concerts in the new year; we are hoping to feature some choral work.
Inverloch Jazz Festival  
Friday March 6th to Monday March 9th, 2020

We are holding a jazz party in Inverloch, from Friday 6th March until Monday 9th March, 2020. The weekend of music begins with a gala performance on Friday evening, and concludes with a free concert in the park on Monday. In between are two full days and nights of jazz music in several venues right in the heart of beautiful Inverloch. We present more than forty bands and hundreds of artists playing all styles of jazz. Tickets are available online and at the ticketing desk throughout the festival.

Please visit our website www.invjazz.com and make sure to take advantage of the Early Bird offers. If you are still short of that extra special Christmas gift, consider purchasing a Jazz Festival ticket and putting it in a nice musical Christmas card for your partner or best friend (or even for yourself!). One more gift ticked off the list! Just $50 for a day ticket or $25 for an evening ticket on Saturday or Sunday.

South Gippsland Brass Band

The band has just completed a very successful concert in the Meeniyan Hall which featured our three musical ensembles.
The intermediate group started the proceedings with a fine performance of light classical and modern music. Led by the deputy music director, Greg Wright, this group consists of young players who have been playing for just over three years, and some of our senior players. The highlight of the day was our learners’ group, and this was their first public performance. They really rose to the occasion and performed exceptionally to a very appreciative audience. They finished their part of the show with a very rhythmic lead into the senior band’s first number. Under the baton of music director, Rod Coughran-Lane, the senior group provided an entertaining program that covered a variety of musical styles.

We are busy preparing for community carols, an RSL concert and some other Christmas events. If anyone would like some carols at their Christmas party, we may be able to help you out. We can provide a musical ensemble to suit most occasions either with our intermediate group or the senior band so give us a call.

We are working hard to expand our repertoire and to perform a mix of music that includes traditional and modern. We are always on the lookout for new members. Perhaps you have just moved into the area, haven’t played for a while or want to learn. You will be very welcome.

We charge a modest membership fee to cover costs which includes instrument hire and provision of a uniform for formal use.

If you enjoy music, and would like to come along and listen or play, you would be most welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, Learners group at 4:45pm, intermediate ensemble at 5:45pm and senior band at 7:30pm at the Leongatha Courthouse, or contact Darryl Hunt on 5662 3623.
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Milpara Community House

Connect over Food Luncheon - Tuesday 17th December

‘Connect Over Food Luncheon’ is something new at Milpara this term: the next one is December 17 at 1 pm. We expect it will finish around 2.30 pm, but if the conversation is good, you can stay longer. The idea is to bring along a dish to share and enjoy a lovely lunch together.
Some people love to share their favourite dish, for others it may be their quick go-to meal that they think others should know about! Whether made from scratch, or from a jar or packet, all dishes are worthy.
It is more about sharing and enjoying some friendly company. Bring along your recipe just in case others would like to recreate your dish. If you do not have a recipe that is OK too.
We do ask you RSVP so we can set the table, please call Milpara on 5655 2524.
The free Community Meal is on Friday December 6 and Friday February 7. Join us at the Anglican Church Hall on Bridge Street at 5.30 pm. No need to book just turn up.
If you would like to come but require transport assistance, please call 5655 1007.
Newcomers to our wonderful community, please join us for a welcome morning tea at Milpara, 21 Shellcot Road Korumburra, on Wednesday March 18th at 11 am. Please RSVP a week ahead to help us prepare yummy snacks and organise a welcome pack.
Milpara closes for the summer break from Friday December 20 until Tuesday January 28. However,

Green Waste Amnesty Period

Published Tuesday, 29th October 2019

Council’s Green Waste Amnesty period begins on Saturday 2 November and will finish at the end of December.
Until Tuesday 31 December residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council’s transfer stations.
Council offers this service to encourage residents and holiday home owners to get ready for the fire season each year by removing overhanging limbs, dry leaves and cutting long grass.
Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Pampas Grass, Palm fronds, Cordylines, Yuccas and related species are not included in the amnesty. These must be disposed of in the general waste and the applicable disposal fees paid.
For more information on transfer stations and operating hours go to www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips
Koram burra Friends of Red Cross

We wish to thank all those who have supported our branch through the past year. We are always delighted with how generous the people in this area can be.

After another successful year we are pleased to announce that we raised $389.75 with our Christmas raffle which will be drawn on December 2nd.

Our final meeting for this year is lunch and there will not be a meeting in January. We invite anyone who would like to join us to do so next year on the first Monday of the month at 11am in the Senior Citizens Centre in Radovick St. Please have a safe summer and be prepared for any emergency by at least reading the Rediplan that can be found on the Red Cross web site. For a presentation to a community group by a Red Cross Emergency Services team member, contact us at korumburraredcross@gmail.com

Burra Poets

Burra Poets meet every month to enjoy an eclectic range of poetry, from original works by members and guests, to passages from Shakespeare, or Winnie the Pooh. Poets and poetry lovers of all ages, from all places, are welcome. You can bring your own work to read, read from your favourite poet’s works or just come along and listen. We read in an informal, fun and supportive atmosphere, and there is always cake.

Afternoon Tea and Poetry: On the third Monday of each month we meet at the Korumburra Library, 165 Commercial Street, for afternoon tea and poetry from 2pm to 4pm. Our next meets will be held on December 16th, January 20th and February 17th.

Gippsland Stories: We are please to announce our new project called Gippsland Stories. We will be creating a poetry journal to distribute around our local libraries accompanied by a poetry installation at the Federation Gallery. We will be taking submissions from December.

Poems must relate to or be inspired by events, people or places in Gippsland.

Up to three poems per person can be submitted. Please provide a short note with each poem explaining the inspiration behind the poem, and a line or two about yourself.

Full details will be released next month on our Facebook page or you can email to subscribe to the mailing list.

We would also like to announce the release of a new book, especially for Christmas, by Burra Poets member C. S. Hughes. ‘Sweet Christmas!’ is a wry and riotous Australian bush Christmas poem, about a very naughty dog that steals the Christmas chook and chases the postman up the washing line. Suitable for readers and reciters from eight to eighty, with cute, funny illustrations .by UK based international artist, Aisha Haider. ‘Sweet Christmas!’ is available online through the publisher at https://sweetchristmas.maximumfelixmedia.com or from Merchants, 61 Commercial St, Korumburra, Poowong Post Office, Inverloch Post Office, and Wonthaggi Newsagents. There are also copies available to borrow at both Korumburra and Wonthaggi libraries.

You can also hear C S Hughes read ‘Sweet Christmas!’ at our next Burra Poets meeting. Please check our Facebook page for updates and extra meets:

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Local volunteer greyhound rehoming group ‘Racing 2 Rehome’ has initiated an Australian first, with the development of a pilot program to rehome retired racing greyhounds in the United States. The program is an alliance between Racing 2 Rehome and two US west coast greyhound rehoming groups (Royal Hounds and Greyhound Pet Inc) to ensure that every racing greyhound is given the opportunity to live a happy life as a much loved family pet. Ten retired greyhound ‘pioneers’ embarked on a 15 hour journey across the Pacific to find their forever homes in October and five more greyhounds are scheduled to fly to the United States later this month.

Racing 2 Rehome Adoption Co-ordinator, Rebecca Miller, said that due to their gentle and loving nature, the greyhound has a long and successful history as a pet in North America. “At its peak, rehoming groups in the United States were finding loving homes for tens of thousands of greyhounds annually. Of recent years the desire for these dogs as pets has outstripped the numbers of dogs available for rehoming, leaving many adoption groups without dogs and potential greyhound owners on very long waiting lists.”

“Once we became aware of the massive demand in the USA and the strict adoption protocols in place in these groups, we thought the rehoming of Australian greyhounds to loving homes in the USA was an opportunity that deserved investigation.”

“Of course, we will continue to rehome retired greyhounds here in Victoria and are always looking for foster carers to help the dogs on their rehoming journey and loving homes to adopt these beautiful dogs,” she said.

For more information you can visit the webpage www.racing2rehome.org

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Lions Club of Korumburra

Sometimes change is difficult but in reality it is inevitable. This is where we find ourselves with a low level of membership, and a feeling of having a rewarding and useful service to our town and community. I have had the pleasure of attending the meetings of several community interest groups in our town recently, and I’m amazed at the skills and enthusiasm amongst our local residents. Korumburra and district is fortunate to be welcoming a considerable number of new residents who are enjoying our marvellous community.

We, the current Lions Club, are passionate about our club and want to see it thrive into the future. Our Lions Club is part of the larger organization which enjoys a comprehensive range of amazing projects including Diabetic Retinopathy, Lions Eye Health Program, Ride for Sight, raising money for Low Vision Research, Youth Development Projects, Disaster Relief - Need for Feed, Assistance for the Disabled and building Community Infrastructure, to name a few. Check out the website: lionclubs.org.au

Most people, when asked why they belong to a community group, respond that is gives a feeling of satisfaction, a sense of belonging, to make lifetime friends and to help where needed. We are appealing to you and hope you may be motivated to express your talents and make a difference through the local Lions Organization. We would be delighted to hear from you.

If you would like to join or would like further information on the Lions Club of Korumburra please contact the Membership Chairman Ian Wilson on 0407 572 265.
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The KCDA was formed at a public meeting in 2002 from the merger of the Korumburra Community Development Committee and the partners in the Community Building Program. Our mission statement is: To work together with all sectors of the community to further improve the quality of community life. There are a number of benefits available to your community group through the KCDA. The first is the use of 3M FM for free advertising of Korumburra community events. If your group is not incorporated and wishes 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, and we can see what assistance we can provide. Community Groups are encouraged to use our website: www.korumburracommunity.org.au. If you would like to advertise an event, the email address to provide your information is administratorkorumburracommunity.org.au. There is a notice board situated outside the Korumburra Hotel. The public may use this community board for events in the Korumburra area and neighbouring towns. Have a look and find out what’s happening in our town. Community groups may book the meeting rooms in the old Access Centre now known as the KCDA. Inc Meeting Room. Bookings may be made by contacting Don Patterson on 5658 1083 or emailing kcda@korumburracommunity.org.au.

Welcome Kits: are you new to the area? Ask your estate agent for a welcome kit. Don’t forget to promote your community group in the Burra Flyer to increase your group’s membership and promote your events. Contact the editor at burraflyer@gmail.com. Finally, get the Korumbura Town app to see what is happening around town.

The KCDA would like to thank all those who supported the open gardens on Saturday 16th November, raising a grand total of $1880 for Multiple Sclerosis Research. A special thanks to Fiona, Mardi, Cath, Lorna, Herb, Lew, Elaine, Fay and Ken for sharing their beautiful gardens with the public, and of course all of the volunteers who assisted on the day with their time and donations to this worthy cause.

FixIt Korumburra

FixIt Korumburra is up and running, and looking forward to helping our community. What is FixIt Korumburra? It is a bi-monthly event where visitors can bring their broken item from home and sit down with a volunteer fixer. It provides an opportunity for valuable knowledge to be passed on, save unnecessary replacement costs and of course reduce our ever-increasing landfill. We know people can be hesitant to volunteer, not wanting to be locked in. We are conscious of that and we want it to be fun and not a burden. All we ask is that volunteers let us know if they are attending, what repairs they are interested in doing and that they sign in as a repairer on the day.

Our first event was in October and it was a great success. A quick summary: 25kg of repaired items, of which 700g (1 item) was referred for professional attention. Fifteen items went home repaired, with one item a work in progress. With skills shared, the item will be finished by the owner! With great conversations over cuppas, and repair skills imparted, it made for a pleasurable afternoon for all.

FixIt Korumburra is the 2nd Saturday of every second month, falling on even months. The next two are are Saturday December 14 and February 8, from 1 pm to 4 pm at Milpara Community House. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please email Belinda on milpara@outlook.com or call Milpara 5655 2524.
Burracudas - Korumburra’s swimming squad

Korumburra’s Swimming Squad, the Burracudas, are preparing for the summer carnival season. Summer training will commence in the Korumburra Outdoor Pool on Monday 2nd December. Training sessions will be held throughout the summer season on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:45pm to 7:00 pm.

Participation in the squad offers members the chance to refine their swimming technique to participate in competitive swimming. There is no age limit for new members, but you must be competent in two strokes and able to swim at least 25 metres if under 10 years of age, and at least 50 metres if over 10 years of age.

The season’s first carnival will be held in Wonthaggi on Saturday 7 December. Further carnivals will be held throughout the region on Sundays in February 2020.

For information contact the Squad Manager, Lesley Turton on 0418 547 323.

Korumburra Horticultural Society

The Korumburra Horticultural Society has just had Melbourne Cup day celebrations at a member’s property, complete with a sweep and a bountiful afternoon tea. We had a short meeting and then got down to the business of the day, ie. the sweep, watching the race, and scoffing afternoon tea. Thanks to Ron and Carol for organising the sweep.

In October, instead of a meeting, we carpooled to the Australian Gardens at Cranbourne. It was a lovely day and the garden was looking very good. We thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In December we usually have a meeting and a Christmas celebration at the home of a member, but this year we are gathering for lunch at the Leongatha RSL. We don’t meet in January as many people are away or worn down with Christmas and New Year. We resume regular meetings in February.

Korumburra had a lovely flowering this spring. The magnolias around town were magnificent, the flowering cherries dripped with blossom and the rhododendrons are still hanging on to flowers.

By now the roses are well out and the deadheading will have begun. The open garden season is upon us, with gardens open all over Gippsland. These are well worth a look. There is always something to see and learn in someone else’s patch.

The Morwell Rose Garden will be bursting with bloom and is a credit to the town and the volunteers that work in it.

Recently I visited the little village of Chudleigh in Tasmania, where years ago the community sought advice on how to beautify the town from noted rosearian Susan Irvine, who had her wonderful rose garden in the area. She advised them to start with rugosa roses, which are tough, disease resistant, and need little care. You can prune them with a chain saw, as indeed you can most roses. They flower for months, are well perfumed, develop decorative hips and are great for beginners.

Now Chudleigh’s streets are lined with beautiful roses, many gardens are also sporting roses. This project has beautified the town, brings in visitors and benefits the entire community, as does the garden at Morwell.

The Korumburra Horticultural Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Coal Creek, except for January. Visitors and new members are always welcome and members provide afternoon tea.
**Korumburra Indoor Swimming Pool**

The Annual General Meeting of the Korumburra Amateur Swimming and Life Saving Club (KAS&LSC) was held on Tuesday 20 August. Newly elected Office Bearers for 2019/20 are: President Davin Nicholas, Secretary Anita Roberts, Treasurer Noeline Cosson, Assistant Treasurer Maureen Trewin, and Squad Manager Lesley Turton. The Committee also includes seven general committee members. Meetings are held at the KAS&LSC Clubrooms from 7.30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

The volunteer committee manages the indoor pool for the benefit of the community. The facility operates on a very tight budget and has been fortunate to receive support from local families and businesses, including a recent contribution through the IGA Community Rewards program. The pool is available for hire in half hour blocks for only $15. If this is for you, call our message bank 5655 1681 and we will get back to you. Ongoing weekly bookings are available, as well as once-off bookings. These are great for a school holiday or Sunday activity with family or friends.

If you have injuries, medical conditions or are recovering from an accident, you are welcome to join our rehabilitation and self-help sessions that operate on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1.30pm to 3 pm for just $2 per session. No bookings required, just come along to a session and someone will assist you. For further information, call the message bank: 5655 1681.

For school age swimming lessons call Colette on 0417 058 154 and for Water Babies and preschool swimming sessions call Kaye on 5657 3317.

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**Korumburra Bowling Club**

A lot has been going on in the bowls scene. Recently Year 9 students from Korumburra Secondary College visited the club and participated in a fun afternoon of bowls under the watchful eye of Mick Manning.

The idea of this is to look at a range of community sporting activities which shows a healthy lifestyle, along with strong competition and personal enjoyment of being outdoors. Hopefully we can get some up and coming bowlers in the future.

Our bowls competition is going ahead again this year on Thursday nights, and is already a great success. Maybe it's to do with the colourful shirts and shorts? Even if you don't play bowls, it's worth coming down just to watch, listen to great music, have a hamburger and coleslaw and a chat. It's great fun. Thanks to those who cook, clean and wash up every week.

Pennant has had mixed resultd in all divisions. The weather has unfortunately hampered us.

Cup day on November 5th saw a big crowd for a chicken and champagne lunch. Lots of fun games were played, a lot of funny stunts and costumes were very creative. Good job to the organisers.

Our Christmas raffle has been a huge success this year, thanks to Tommy Brown, and our dinner night was beautiful.

We are so grateful for those who volunteer their time with these events so that we can enjoy ourselves.

In the coming months, we have annual pairs tournament in January, and March sees our Mary Wrench Memorial Day, sponsored by the Wrench family.

The ‘Les and Jessie Chapman Memorial’ Australia Day fours tournament is on Sunday 26th January. This is always a pleasurable event. More news in the next edition.
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Our clubrooms have amazing views of the course and surrounding countryside, with new seating on the deck to appreciate the spectacular landscape.

Much has been done lately on the course, with some fairways undergoing major work for long term benefits. The bar has been painted and fixtures refurbished, so this area has a fresh and rejuvenated appearance. There are now delicious coffees available with the recent purchase of a coffee machine.

PGA Golf Professional John Payne provides lessons for all levels of experience. Junior clinics are held 9.30 to 10.30am on Sundays during Term 4 and will run again in Term 1, 2020. The practice lab is for new as well as more experienced golfers, from 10.45am until 11.45 am on Sundays. Call John on 0491 115 962 to book in for the clinics or individual lessons.

The club is offering a ‘2 for 1’ green fee summer special with golf-carts on Fridays and Sundays. Normally the price for two people playing 18 holes with a golf-cart is $50 each. With mention of this Burra Flyer Special, the price is just $35. This is a wonderful way to catch up with friends and family and has the additional benefit of enjoying the outdoors.

Twilight Golf runs on Thursday evenings from mid-November through to mid-March and is an ideal outing for people new to golf as well as more experienced golfers, with non-members more than welcome. Generally, players are in teams of two, both teeing off, selecting the preferred ball, then hitting alternately until the ball is holed. The cost of $15 per pair includes nine holes of golf, various prizes, as well as inclusion in the raffle. Participants are welcome to bring along a plate of food to share in the buffet dinner after golf. There is a timesheet in the club-house foyer, with starting times from 4.30pm to 6.20 pm. Please phone David for more information 0408 515 622. Competitions usually run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with new members and visitors most welcome.

Reasonably priced meals are available on Friday nights and can be ordered from 6pm until 7.20 pm. Some people stay on after dinner to play Bingo, which starts at 8 pm.

Individuals and groups hire the clubhouse for a range of occasions such as weddings, engagements, birthdays and daytime and evening meetings. The club has a built-in projector and large screen that is readily available for power point presentations for meetings or photo displays for special occasions.

Further details about upcoming golf events or hiring the club-house, can be obtained on www.korumburragolf.com.au, the Korumburra Town App, ‘liking’ Korumburra Golf Club on Facebook or by phoning the club, 5655 1886.

Next year’s Relay For Life will be held at Korumburra at the Showgrounds on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March. The committee is working hard to make sure that it is a success. The aim of the Committee is that at the conclusion of this event we will have raised $200,000 over three years to go towards research to try and find a cure for this horrible illness. We are looking for teams to enter and raise money towards the total. At this stage we have already got five teams and are hopeful that we will reach at least twenty. We are looking for entertainers who would be willing to give up some time to perform and make the day more enjoyable. If you require any further information please contact President Bill Rodda on 56 551 389 or Secretary Kate Rodda on 0418 526 333.

Events and Happenings
2020 is our centenary year and we are looking forward to a number of special events which are being planned. Our memorial garden is being established outside our hall and we invite descendants and friends of past servicemen and women to consider an opportunity of remembering a loved one in this space. Our new signage has been completed and will be installed shortly at the front of the hall.

We are looking for those interested in joining our proud RSL here in Korumburra.

There are 3 types of memberships available - ‘Service’ for current serving defence forces and veterans, ‘Affiliates’ for family members, or ‘Community’ which includes those of other services organisations such as Police Fire brigade, Ambulance and the general public.

Billiards/Snooker on our full size table is about to commence as is our RSL Active exercise. Please get in touch with our President if you are interested in membership, billiards / RSL Active or any matters regarding the RSL. Call David on 0474 136 469 and email is djfrt@bigpond.com
Burra Artists

Burra Artists is a community project of the Korumburra Baptist Church. We are a group of like-minded local artists seeking enjoyment in painting and drawing, in an informal environment. People wishing to explore their talents are encouraged by members in a way that helps to bring out the best of one’s art.

We recognize that all artists are different, and supporting these differences develops the artist, often with great results.

Art is being creative, and being creative is an art in itself!

Held every second Thursday of the month in the hall at the rear of the Baptist Church from 7pm to 9pm, the activities vary from abstract to realism, paints to pencils. A limited amount of materials is available to get you started. To cover costs and tea and coffee, there is a fee of $2 per night.

The art group has exhibitions from time to time during the year and it is important to note that it is an art exhibition and not competition. It is also a chance for artists to sell their work if they wish.

The welcome mat is always out, and for those interested in really getting into their art they should contact Clint Branch 0400 270 908.
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Once Cilla reaches her junior black belt degree she will have joined her three older siblings Reuben (junior 1st dan black belt) Ava (junior 1st dan black belt) and Ambrose (junior black belt).

The Korumburra Club would also like to welcome a new member. Eleven year old Sophi Vine recently joined and is doing well. She naturally possesses great strength and fighting spirit.

Anyone wishing to get involved in the Korumburra club can contact Kevin Johnston on 0409 601 371

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At the recent K. M. Johnston Taekwondo gradings, some local students were promoted to their next degree. Pictured front left is seven year old Zara Nobile who gained her grade 8 (yellow belt degree). Zara first began attending in April 2019 and has trained very enthusiastically since. She is showing great skill in her Taekwondo training for a beginner.

Pictured second from left is 11 year old Cilla Strentz who was recently promoted to her grade 1 (red belt black stripe degree) Cilla’s next grade will be her junior black belt degree and she is training hard to reach this goal by the end of 2019.

Korumburra Round Table

The Round Table continues to meet each month and discuss all issues affecting our town. At each meeting we are pleased to welcome the Acting CEO of the South Gippsland Shire Council, Bryan Sword, to brief us on latest developments within Council. At our November meeting he was able to inform us that the concept plans for the Korumburra Community Hub have been completed and are currently being viewed first by the major stakeholders, including Milpara and the Library, and then by Council, after which time they will be available for the public to inspect.

The Korumburra Hub is one of Council’s priority projects, as is the extension of the rail trail from Leongatha to Korumburra, which will eventually wind its way down through Loch to Nyora. This latter project does not preclude the return of passenger rail 20 years down the track, which would be absolutely wonderful for our booming town, but as no level of government supports the return of passenger rail yet, and engineering reports advise that the current tracks would have to be replaced in any event, the Round Table is keen to move ahead with the rail trail, and reap the benefits that will come from having this wonderful asset linking Korumburra and Leongatha.

At this time of year the Korumburra Business Association gears up for Christmas, with the street decorations and the big Christmas tree going up again, and plans well underway for the Christmas Street Party on December 14th. Along with Milpara’s free Christmas community meal on the first Friday in December, and the Churches’ free Christmas picnic in Coleman Park on Christmas day, Korumburra really is a pretty good place to live at this time of the year.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Pee-Wee Lewis, President.
Term 4 highlights so far include: the Annual Art Show, ‘Inspiration from Illustration’; Year 5 Urban Camp; Year 3 Phillip Island Camp; Year 2 Sleepover; Walking School Bus and breakfast.

The preps are eagerly looking forward to their excursion to Melbourne Zoo, which had to be initially cancelled due to bad weather. Fingers crossed the weather holds! The junior classes have commenced their aquatic education program at the Korumburra Indoor Heated Pool. Our annual soiree will be held on Wednesday 4th December in the senior building. Students will be showcasing a song of their choice that they have been learning in their lessons with their instrumental teacher. The evening commences at 5:00pm.

Our ‘Transition to School Program’ continues for next year’s preps. While the children experience a taste of school, parents are invited to attend information sessions running at the same time. Dates and times are available by contacting the school.

‘Statewide Transition Day’ is on Tuesday 10th December. Year 6s attend their selected Secondary College for 2020 and next year’s preps attend Korumburra Primary for their final orientation session.

Year six graduation will be held on 12th December, where students’ achievements are acknowledged and celebrated. This is always a very memorable evening for our senior students as they prepare to leave primary school.

Staff are busy testing students for the end of year reports. Reports will go live on Compass on the 16th December.

First day back for students in 2020 is Wednesday 29th January. The school can be contacted on 5655 1309, korumburra.ps@edumail.vic.edu.au

St Joseph’s Primary School

November 17th 2019 saw the return of St Joseph’s fete, after a year off due to our building works. After some early rain, the sun came out and a wonderful day was had by all involved. It was great to see the oval and amphitheatre filled with the community, all enjoying the day.

Grade 5/6 children are currently participating in Bike Education lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday. This includes both in-school and on-road lessons, so please keep an eye out for them when driving. In December they will be participating in the end of year rides, with grade 5 children riding to Meeniyan, and grade 6 to Inverloch for an overnight stay.

Grade 6 graduation will take place on 13th December, with Mass in the church at 6pm, followed by dinner in the Anglican Hall. We wish all our grade 6 children a wonderful night and every happiness as they head off to Secondary school.

St Joseph’s students will return to school on January 30th to find the completion of our new buildings. Our junior school is looking forward to moving in there for the 2020 school year.
It has been a busy term four for Korumburra Secondary College staff and students. Our school environment group completed construction of the ‘frog-bog’ where we are hoping to increase biodiversity on the school grounds. Thanks to Wonthaggi Seed Bank, Phillip Island Nature Reserves and an anonymous donor for their assistance to make this a constructive space for student learning.

Our year 11 Outdoor Education students demonstrated incredible resilience to complete a ride along the full length of the South Gippsland Rail Trail, as well as a paddle at Port Albert. The students had a wonderful time enjoying the local environment and appreciated the opportunity for some ‘real-life’ learning. The Class of 2019 left with a bang, performing a variety of choreographed dances for the school community. They have worked exceptionally hard this year to complete the requirements of VCE and VCAL, and we look forward to celebrating the end of their exams with them at the Valedictory Dinner. Our Year 7 boys interschool table-tennis team took out the Gippsland Region Finals, and are currently training to compete in the State Finals later this year. Well done boys!

Coming up; the 2020 Year 12s are heading to Forest Edge for a ‘Study Camp’ to set the tone for the year ahead. 2020 Year 9s are also headed to camp to try their hands at surfing, kayaking and water-sports. The end of the year also marks the beginning of Headstart, where we commence our studies for 2020.

2019 has been a memorable year at our school. We wish our whole school community all the very best for the summer holidays, and a wonderful Christmas shared with family and friends.
South Gippsland Rate Challengers and South Gippsland Action Group

Are you interested to know more about those exorbitantly high rates that are part of life in this peaceful beautiful corner of South Gippsland? Or perhaps you are curious about what goes on in your local council and how that money is spent throughout our shire.

Both the South Gippsland Rate Challengers (SGRC) and the South Gippsland Action Group (SGAG) originated in response to demands from within our local community.

Members come from all corners of the shire, although SGRC originated in Korumburra and SGAG originally formed in Leongatha.

Over the past year, as members of both teams watched the local political turmoil that featured in the shire they decided to work more closely together, combining activism for openness and transparency in relation to community issues, becoming a presence at local council meetings, working on submissions and questions to promote a fair go for all members of our great community and holding public consultation meetings at various locations throughout the Shire.

We welcome new members to our combined monthly meetings that occur regularly throughout the year.

We meet at the RSL meeting room, Leongatha on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

For more information contact Marie Gerrard-Staton on 0430 556 449 or by email : marie@gerrard-staton.me.

Facebook; South Gippsland Rate Challengers

Alternatively, you may contact Lindsay Love on 0418 307 430 or by email to sgactiongroup.gmail.com. Further contacts are David on 0418 515 682 and Steve 0491 636 777.
The Korumburra Italian Social Club is located at 38 Bridge St. Members get together to play cards and tombola (bingo) twice a week. New members are always welcome. We hold meetings on the 1st Friday of every month. The Committee plans events that we hope all of the community will enjoy. These include our famous homemade “Pizza and Pasta Nights”. Our next is on Saturday 1st February 2020. This night will be a local fundraising event for Carinya’s building project. Our last event for the year will be our Christmas Breakup on Saturday 14th December. This night is free to members, $30 to non members, $15 children 5 to 12yrs, and free under 5yrs. There is also a special guest visit from Santa.

Tickets are required for entry and to be paid prior to the event to avoid disappointment. (Tickets are non-refundable).

On Saturday 5th October we were excited to have a sellout crowd of over 200 guests, who came from all over South Gippsland. Australia’s funniest Italian duo “Pippo and Pasquale” entertained us with a live comedy spectacular over a two hour show.

Leongtha Lyric Theatre performed “Some Like it Boggs” on Saturday 16th November. This too was a successful night with our local talent making the crowd laugh.

Stay tuned in the Burra Flyer for our upcoming events and our Facebook page for all the details.

Our venues are also available to hire for any occasion.

For all enquiries and tickets contact:
Arc Gammaldi (President) 0419 507 410
Frank Parini (Treasure) 0456 056 507
Maria Condoluci (Vice President) 0437 288 822
Sarina (Secretary) Email: korumburraitaliansocialclub@gmail.com
Due to an increase in leader numbers, 2nd Korumburra Group can now admit more youth to their Joey Scout (5 to 8 year olds) and Cub scout (8 to 11 year olds) sections. So if you like doing fun things like going on adventures, camping, and hiking, now is the time to join our strong, progressive scout group.

The new year will see the Joey Scouts join several hundred others under canvas, enjoying some amazing activities, having lots of fun and making new friends at the Kangaree. The Kangaree is a mini-mini Jamboree for 5 to 8 year olds. The Cub Scout Section will also be off on a

Cuboree: five days of serious fun, camping, trying exciting outdoor adventures, and learning leadership skills that will last a lifetime. This year it will be held at Gilwell Camping Ground in Gembrook.

The Scouts (11 to 15 year olds) are currently planning their 2020 Calendar. This will include hiking 30km over two days, canoeing, rock climbing or sitting around a campfire toasting marshmallows with a bunch of likeminded friends: all the fun stuff you don’t get to do at home. At Scouts you gain a lot of valuable life skills: confidence, resilience, leadership and responsibility.

Our Coal Creek Venturer Scouts (15 to 18 year olds) - where the adult leaders provide advice and guidance as these young people run their own programs – is a mix of adventure, fun, personal development and friendship. The recent “Springtime” Debutant Ball held at Wonthaggi saw many of these Venturers present themselves to the public. Very well done Venturers and your Leaders.

We would love you to join us:

Joey Scouts is for those aged 5 to 8 years. Please ring Michael on 5659 2122 for information.

Cub Scouts are for children aged 8 to 11 years. Please contact Heidi on 0418 384 128.

Scouts is for youth aged 11 to 15 years; leader Debra can be reached on 0409 404 820.

Finally, the Coal Creek Venturers is for those aged 15 to 18 years. Further information can be obtained from Belinda 0407 838 268.

If you are over 18 and interested in leadership role please call Shirley 0427 804 361.
September is my favourite month at the CWA. Many of us have a birthday in that month so we all meet at the Top Pub and have a celebratory lunch together. This September was no different, with members, friends and family meeting up to have a lovely lunch. While that get together was not a fundraising event, we have enjoyed many such events throughout the year. These have included afternoon teas, ‘Bring a plant Buy a plant’, ‘Picnic in the park’ and much more. Our AGM was held the second week in November and so, with our office bearers elected, we are now off and ready for another year. We are always looking for new ways to raise money for local charities, schools and services. If you would like to contribute any ideas, come and join us on the second Monday of the month at 1pm at Milpara Community House, 21 Shellcot Rd Korumburra and add to the think tank. After the meeting we enjoy an hour or two of craft; bring along your latest project or just stay for a cuppa and chat, we would love to welcome you.

Our annual dinner auction held in October was a huge success and raised about $24,000 for the Robyn Holmes Foundation, which we manage. This outstanding effort is achieved through generous donations from local businesses and individuals. The Robyn Holmes Foundation was set up in 2014 as a legacy to local identity Robyn Holmes who was passionate about the future of children and young adults, and who sadly lost her battle with cancer in 2013. Since it’s inception, grants totalling $54,000 have been made to local students, families and organisations, to support their ongoing education, welfare and sporting pursuits. To apply for a grant, email us at korumburra.rotary@outlook.com (put ‘RHF submission’ in the subject line) with an overview of your reasons for applying, along with any supporting documentation, and your contact details including address. Our foundation committee meet regularly to consider the merit of all applications and you will be advised in due course of the outcome. We were delighted to present Ben Minchin, Senior Team Manager for Ambulance Victoria in South Gippsland with the very prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award. Ben was selected by the Rotary Club to receive this award as his life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. When Ben came to Korumburra thirteen years ago, he was the only ambulance officer at the station attending about twenty call outs per month. He has worked hard to build the station up to attending around 170 call outs per month with twelve crew members working 24 hours a day on rotating shifts. Ben was a very proud recipient of the award, only the third non Rotarian in Korumburra to do so.

We will be catering again at Krowera for the ‘New Year’s Eve on the Hill’ festival, which is usually attended by over 3000 revellers. This event gives our club the opportunity to take our fully equipped catering van to the masses, to not only raise vital funds but feed the hungry with yummy bacon and egg rolls, hot chips etc. We hope to see you there!
The Visitor Information Centre in the Memorial Hall complex in Leongatha has visitors from all over the country, with overseas visitors also often coming through. Many parts of Victoria are represented, and the statistics of visitor numbers to the centre have increased dramatically. Locals who drop in, find out just how much our own backyard has to offer!

The South Gippsland CAB works closely with the information centre to provide information and help with regard to community services such as youth issues, leisure and recreation, consumer affairs, and can also access web-based information services for clients where needed. The Bureau also offers a photocopying and scanning service, and offers the use of a tourism computer for those clients who haven’t got smart phones.

The Bureau plans to run a training course for new volunteers in the first half of 2020. For clients on low incomes, taxation office trained volunteers provide assistance with tax returns. The volunteers are trained to lend a sympathetic ear to clients who need to talk to someone who has the time to listen.

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**Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Bureau is also a Centrelink and Medicare agency (from 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday only).

The Bureau held its Annual General Meeting in August at the RSL building in Leongatha and appointed new office-bearers. They are: President, Jackie Horobin, Vice-president, Elizabeth Turner; Secretary, Shirley Reeves; and Treasurer, Jan Byrne. Other committee members are: Jenny Draper, Phil Head, and Judy Hetherington.

Consider contacting the South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau next time you want to find out something and don’t know where to turn. The Bureau is located in the Memorial Hall complex, Michael Place, Leongatha, or you can call 5662 2111 (Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm).

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**Tax Help finishes for 2019**

The Tax-Help service provided by the South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has ended for 2019. The Bureau in Leongatha can help wage earners with their tax returns. The service is absolutely free and confidential, and approved by the Australian Tax Office.

Nicholas Peck has been helping people complete basic returns in Leongatha for thirteen years. Fewer people have needed the service as the tax office has moved to making completion of returns online more and more simple.

“But many people prefer to deal with a person, especially if they are not comfortable with a computer,” said Nicholas.

The Tax Help program has been running for 30 years with about 750 accredited volunteers across Australia. There were 600 Tax Help centres nationally.

In the Gippsland region, over 500 people were assisted with the preparation and lodgment of their tax returns this year, and about 40 used the service at the CAB.

The South Gippsland CAB will continue to offer this service as long as there is a need. The program runs from early August to the end of October.
Bena Hall

Cafe Culture - Friday 6th December

The Bena Hall Committee are very excited that there has been an upgrade to the bathroom/toilet facilities at the Hall. Grants from the South Gippsland Shire Council, The Gardener Foundation and Burra Foods along with the generous donations from Loch Community Development Association, Korumburra Rotary Club, Korumburra Lions Club and local individuals, allowed the Bena Hall to undergo major renovations of the restrooms. A very big thankyou to all the donors.

The renovations were completed in time for our recent concert by Jan Preston, pianist extraordinaire. Jan presented a show last year celebrating the life of Winifred Atwell. This year her show celebrated the piano itself with an accompanying video of 88 pianos of varying designs.

The Bena Hall Committee had the hall piano restored and tuned to enable Jan to perform and present her extremely entertaining show to the audience.

If anyone in the community knows about the history of this piano, we would be grateful if you could contact our Committee.

A mini garden expo was held on 18th November at the hall. Many garden related stalls, informative presentations and children’s games on the lawn were part of the program. Thank you to the four residents who generously opened their gardens for visitors to explore.

The next Café Culture will be on Friday 6th December. The final show of this year will feature a funky reggae band with a three-piece horn section, percussion and Sally Ford’s soaring Spanish vocals. Book via our website or by phoning Maureen on 5657 2276.

Next year’s Café Culture Series has been secured with the first show being held on 31st January 2020. The first show will be The Royal Hi Jinx, a popular festival band who play Gypsy Jazz and Latin with a pinch of folk. Please check out our website, benahall.com.au for more information or email to info@benahall.com if you wish to join the mailing list.

You can also check facebook: ‘Bena Community Hall’ for events or goings on at the Hall.
Hi and welcome from South Gippsland Orchid Society. As we move into summer you should be well on the way with repotting your Cymbidium and Australian native orchids. It is extremely important to use a premium grade potting mix, this will assist with drainage; also add a a pinch of slow release fertiliser to each pot. Cover the fertiliser from direct sunlight and always use a pot that is big enough to hold your plant snuggly and allow for one to two years’ growth.

Don’t forget to water on a regular basis (at least twice a week) and always use a very weak liquid fertiliser.

To learn more about growing orchids, in a friendly and inviting atmosphere, come along to our regular club nights and become a member.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Angling Club rooms, Recreation Reserve, Wonthaggi. Doors are open from 7.00pm. Exceptions to this are: December when we have our Christmas Celebration at the State Coal Mine Centre, and January when we have no formal meeting. However, in January, we do have the President’s BBQ which will be on the 19th January from 12 noon.

In February we get right down to business with a talk on care and maintenance of orchids plus a repotting revision. We will also be having a number of renowned guest speakers throughout the year: more on that in the next issue.

Don’t forget we meet on the second Wednesday in the month: you will be made most welcome.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas, from all of us at South Gippsland Orchid Society.
Every month our group of avid gardeners and ‘modest’ experts meet to talk about what is dear to our hearts: our gardens, our plants and what everyone else is doing and growing in their own quarter acre of paradise.

In November, our members were industriously preparing for our annual Rose Spectacular which was held in the Memorial Hall: a perfect venue to showcase the best of floral endeavours. In spite of dire forecasts of record rainfalls and damaging winds, dedicated rose lovers were able to beat the odds by providing us with the most stunning display of beautiful blooms. The rich and evocative scent of hundreds of roses perfumed the Memorial Hall for the duration of the show.

Our feature rose, The RSL Rose, was prominent this year as a floral tribute to honour and celebrate the contribution of the RSL in their support of returned defence personnel, as well as recognising the centenary of the end of World War One.

It truly was a spectacular sight that gave pleasure to the hundreds of exhibitors and spectators who braved the elements to enjoy the beauty of such an iconic bloom.

Recently our gardening group enjoyed a November visit to Noel Fitzpatrick’s Truffle Farm in Jumbunna, followed by a ‘pot - luck’ supper provided by our members at the Jumbunna Hall. On the night, we potted up cuttings as part of providing potted plants to be sold at a later date for next year’s plant stalls.

On January 23rd, 2020, in addition to the activities of our general meeting, we will be welcoming Robert Dodson, who is a well-known nurseryman most noted for his expertise with all things to do with Hostas.

On February 27th 2020, our special guest will be Meryl Johnson of ‘Country Farm Perennials’ - renowned for their garden holidays, online plant shop and delightful nursery in Nayook.

The special guests/feature is not yet confirmed for our March 26th meeting.

On April 23rd 2020, our guest will be Andrew Briginshaw from Richgrow - the Australian-owned, fourth generation family business who specialise in manufacturing premium garden products. These include potting mixes, fertilisers, water savers and so on. April also features a ‘swap night’ of all things horticultural.

Our club members love to meet other gardeners and to share our knowledge and know-how. Every meeting concludes with a selection of delicious and homemade goodies for supper provided by our multitalented gardeners.

For more details find us on Facebook, search for the Leongatha Horticultural Society Inc.

Korumburra Croquet Club

Our members have been experiencing a very rare phenomena. Since our season opening in September, most Saturdays have been too wet to play! We have just held our doubles tournament and were pleased to welcome on board another sponsor. The Borough Department Store now joins our other major sponsor, the Bendigo Bank.

Health practitioners are now realizing the benefits of croquet: exercise of the body and mind, without all the injuries associated with more vigorous sports. Perhaps its time for you to check it out! We’re found at 44 Victoria St Korumburra, and play Tuesdays from 10am and Saturdays from 1pm.

For more information, contacts Helen on 5655 2247, or Joan on 5655 2126.
What’s on at the Library - Summer 2019/20

Unless specified, bookings for the following events are essential and can be made at wgrlc.eventbrite.com or by contacting the library on 5655 1105

Regular Events

Storytime 10:30am to 11am
Every Monday
Help your child develop a love for stories with these fun sessions for kids up to school age.

Lego Club 4pm to 5pm
Wednesday 4th December
Wednesday 5th February
Lego Club is an ideal activity for your kids to play, discover and explore the wonderful world of Lego.

Poetry Group 2pm to 4pm
Third Monday of each month
Join us for poetry

December events
Jan’s Plan 11am to 12pm
Thursday 5th December
Jan Hewitt talks about her life working for charity and has suggestions for alternative Christmas gifts

School Holiday Fun
January events
This January school holidays we will be running with the Get Show Ready ! Theme. We are supporting the Korumburra Agricultural show by encouraging kids to have a go and enter. All activities can be entered from the library. These sessions are free and materials are provided. Bookings are appreciated.
Book on line at www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au/events/

Get Show Ready! 2pm to 3pm
Thursday 9th January
Make a wind chime.

Get Show Ready 2pm to 3pm
Thursday 16th January
Make a puppet from a sock or glove.

Get Show Ready 2pm to 3pm
Thursday 23rd January
Decorate a photo frame.

February events
Home brew hints and techniques 2pm
Thursday 13th February
Learn with Phill from Burra Brewery

Boomerang Bags 10am to 2pm
Thursday 20th February
Boomerang bags of Korumburra are coming to sew and make bags in the library. Come in and learn how this initiative to reduce plastic bags has spread worldwide.

Please visit the library or our website to see what is happening. www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au.
Free use of PCs, WIFI, books, magazines, DVDs, access to ebooks, e-audiobooks, download magazines, and stream films.

Poowong Library
Poowong Library Hours
18 Ranceby Road
Thursday 3:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 11am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4.30pm
Closed Sat Wed and Public Holidays

Nyora Mobile Library
The Mobile Library visits Nyora every second Saturday in Mitchell Street opposite the General Store from 10:15am to 12:45pm.
Coming dates:
December 14th & 28th
January 11th & 25th
February 7th & 21st

Korumburra Library Hours
Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 5:30pm
Fridays and Public Holidays closed
Saturday 10:00am - 12noon

Phone/Fax 5655 1105
Koringal Women’s Service Club

Koringal Women’s Service Club has been busy catering and making donations of these funds raised throughout the community in the second half of 2019.

While quite a few of our members deservedly take time out in the winter months to travel to warmer climates, the rest of the members take up the challenge and work twice as hard. Thank you to all the ladies who volunteer their time and efforts for a wonderful cause.

We donated funds and helped out at the recent Halloween festivity at Coal Creek which was spooky and lots of fun despite the weather. After the night we took home the produce display and made casseroles, pumpkin soups and lots of other goodies for Milpara’s Foodbank.

We filled 18 Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes with items for children overseas. This is always a rewarding activity. We also donated some money to “Jan’s Plan” to aid in the ever growing expense of continuing Jan Hewitt’s work with orphans in Cambodia.

We recently held our AGM at the end of November, with a guest speaker and election of office bearers. We also donate money for Award prizes at the local schools, and to the research done by Cancer Council Victoria.

Christmas and New Year is close, and we look forward to another productive year in 2020. Our small band of volunteers is growing and staying strong.

If you would like to be a part of a very friendly group of women, please contact one of the members. Fundraising efforts include raffles and catering at a variety of events such as birthdays, funerals and special dinners. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month.

President Chris Grigg, 0423 381 793, or Secretary Sue Van Sinderen, 0401 039 824.
Church Service Times
St Paul’s Korumburra
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion
1st Sunday
9:30am Family Service
5th Sunday
9:30am All Parish Worship

All Saints Poowong
1st Sunday
11am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday
11am Family Service

Mainly Music
Every Wednesday term time
9:30am Parish Hall, Bridge St

Know Your Bible
Ladies Bible study group meets
Monday 10am (term time)
St Paul’s Hall Meeting Room Korumburra

Community Meal
Once a month on Friday evenings, at 5:30pm.
Dates are December 6th and February 7th.
Everyone is welcome

December Special Service Times
Sunday 8th December at 11am. ‘Mainly Christmas’ in the parish hall for young families.

Sunday 22nd December at 2pm. Service at St Pauls remembering those whom we have lost

Christmas Eve
5:30pm Crib Service at St Paul’s.
9:30pm Mass at St Paul’s

Christmas Day Holy Communion Service
8:00am at All Saints Poowong.
9:30am at St Paul’s Korumburra

St Joseph’s Catholic Parish
St Joseph’s Church, Guy’s Road, Korumburra. St Vincent’s Church, Victoria St, Loch

Weekend Mass Times
Korumburra: Sunday at 9:30am
Loch: 5pm, 1st Sunday of the month

Weekday Mass Time
Wed 10.15am

Parish Priest: Fr Aju Varghese
Parish Secretary: Ann Hemming
email: korumburra@csale.org.au

Parish Office:
37 Ogilvy St, Leongatha
Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-5pm
PO BOX 166, Leongatha 3953
Ph. 5662 2020

Korumburra Church Times
Korumburra Anglican Church
Sundays, 9:30am, Bridge Street
(see full details on this page)

Korumburra Baptist Church
Sundays, 10:30am, Mine Road
(see article p. 41)

Korumburra Uniting Church
Sundays, 10:00am, Bridge Street

Southern Hills Assembly of God
Sundays, 10:00am, 4 Mine Road
Pastor Rob Davey, 5655 2478

St Joseph’s Catholic Church
Sundays, 9:30am, Guys Road
(see full details this page)
People are often scared of the dark. When we cannot see clearly, we become apprehensive. Consequently darkness has come to symbolize fear, sickness, disaster and death. Think of Black Saturday, for example. On the other hand, we are comforted when there is light: think of night lights for children. Light symbolizes everything good: knowledge, life and enjoyment.

We decorate Christmas with lights. In the dark of night when Christ was born, angels appeared to shepherds (Luke 2). We can read the symbolism of light and dark into that experience, as John does in his Gospel (John 1:4-5). “In Jesus was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Hence, Jesus is called the Light of the World.

Back in the paddock, the glory of the Lord shone around the shepherds, and they were filled with great fear. On this occasion it was the sudden appearance of light on a dark night that caused their fear. What’s going on? We all have dark secrets that we don’t want to come to light. The appearance of pure light threatens us with the exposure of our thoughts, words and deeds of which we are ashamed. Too much of God’s light is a scary thing.

But the message of the angel was “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” The angel went on to announce that Jesus the Christ had been born in Bethlehem and that they could find him sleeping in a feeding trough. He is called Jesus because the name means ‘God will save.’ The angels were announcing that, through Jesus, God was taking action to rescue us from all our darkness, fears, the consequences of our foolishness, and from all that takes life away.

At the original Christmas God was shining the light of salvation and hope into a dark world. That’s a good reason to turn on Christmas lights, and even more so to let the light of Christ shine into your life this Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

We invite you to celebrate Christmas at one of our services:

Regular Sunday Services 10.30am
39 Mine Road, Korumburra

Christmas Day Service 10.00am.

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Scots Pioneer Church

Scots Pioneer Ecumenical Church in Mordan South holds a regular series of “Pleasant Sunday Afternoons”, featuring a variety of musical and other entertainers. These events resume on February 23rd when Sam tells of his return to the land of his birth. All enquiries are welcome, please contact Sam on 5664 9306 or samnicita@outlook.com

Community 55+ Electronic Newsletter

South Gippsland Shire Council has established a Community 55+ webpage and monthly electronic newsletter for those residents aged 55 and over. The Community 55+ webpage and link to sign-up for the e-newsletter is available at: https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hompage/291/community_55

Subscribers and contributions welcome. For further information, please contact Cavell Ferrier, Positive Ageing Officer, on 5662 9289.
Volunteering at Grow Lightly

Grow Lightly is a not for profit organisation with a greengrocer shop in the main street of Korumburra, selling local fruit and vegetables together with nuts, milk, bread eggs, honey and cheese.

By doing this it helps to support local growers and reduces food miles. Grow Lightly also runs a vegie bag scheme where you can get a weekly or fortnightly bag of fresh, local and seasonal produce delivered close to where you live.

There are other projects that Grow Lightly is involved with as well. All of this depends on volunteers. We have a great network of local people, male and female, young and old - sorry, middle aged! They help us out and make our venture possible. We love volunteers and are always looking for more.

Here is the story of one of our volunteers. Maybe you would like to volunteer as well. Dianne has lived in the Korumburra area for nearly two years and I caught up with her at the Grow Lightly Green Grocer.

Dianne has been volunteering at Grow Lightly for nearly twelve months and loves the social interactions with customers. Having retired from a working life in many forms of retail, she enjoys the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the shop. “I do a full day a week but if it is convenient people can offer half a day or even an hour of their time.”

Asked if she would recommend volunteering at Grow Lightly to others, she says that it gives you the chance to meet people, especially if you are new to the area, and you can make lasting friendships.

Maybe you would like to volunteer as well - call 5655 2893 or pop in and have a chat with our shop manager Diana, pictured with Dianne above who is in the pink top.

‘What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.’ Jane Goodall

‘And it’s that, the feeling that you really have helped someone, that makes it so worthwhile’. Anonymous

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Korumburra Landcare

The warmer months are generally the better months for getting on top of your blackberry bushes (Rubus fruticosus aggregate). Spraying them once they are flowering or fruiting is the best time, as all their energy has gone into reproduction and they have less energy available for fighting the herbicide.

Landcare is one of the best places to get local advice on weeds and indigenous plants. We can help in a range of ways, from weed control to preparing an area for native/indigenous revegetation, to a lot of informative fun filled workshops and seminars (where there is always an abundance of yummy foods!)

Over 2019, we had two very knowledgeable guest speakers at different events. Back in June we had Dr Lynette Plenderleith talk to us on all things frogs, froglets and toads. We have an abundance of frogs: listen to the beautiful chorus next time you are near fresh water, especially at dusk. In October we had the President of the ‘Field Naturalist of Victoria’, Maxwell Campbell, who gave us a fascinating insight into videography of cryptozoic organisms (all the things we cannot see that help keep ecosystems alive and thriving).

We also had two properties that had planting during the cooler months. Between both properties there were 7000 indigenous plants put into the ground. Both plantings were to help protect and maintain natural creeks that run down some of the steeper slopes of the properties. Check out our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/KorumburraLandcare

Send us a message if you would like to join or need some advice.
**Grow Lightly Summer Events**

*All events are at the Grow Lightly Hub, Silkstone Rd, Korumburra (near the playground in Coal Creek carpark). Bookings can be made on Eventbrite or enquire at the Green Grocer, 25 Commercial St. Korumburra.*

**Weeds, climbers and perennials**

**Sunday 8 December 2pm – 5pm.**

An inspirational afternoon for vegie growers. Discussion will focus on Meredith’s experiences in her vegetable garden of 25 years at Kardella. Weeds: how should we think about them? How can they be used? Which ones absolutely have to go? How can we keep them under control, and how much does it matter? Climbing vegetables: peas, beans (green and for drying), cucurbits, mouse melons, tomatoes. Perennialising your garden, including saving your own seed – tree onions, Welsh onions, perennial leeks, garlic, chillis, lettuces, silver beet and chard, parsnips, rocket, mountain spinach, artichokes and many more. The program will combine discussion, a bit of hands-on propagation, short videos and afternoon tea; and there will be some seeds and other plant material to take away. Cost $20. All proceeds to Grow Lightly. Bookings via Eventbrite or in the Green Grocer.

**A musical evening with Penelope Swales**

**Friday January 10 from 6.30 pm till 9.30pm.**

An evening of music. Family friendly. Bring something to eat and make an event of it.

“The exuberant Penelope Swales is a great acoustic guitarist, bold songwriter and spectacular vocalist ... enough power to touch anyone.” - Brian Paterson, Sunday Herald-Sun.

Booking via Eventbrite or in the Green Grocer

**Preserving Summer Fruit with Susan Davies**

**Saturday February 8 from 2 pm till 5 pm**

Preserving your harvest - Fowlers Vacola method. One of life’s joys in the cold dark days of winter is opening up a bottle of perfectly preserved peaches or cherries. Join us for a workshop covering information about equipment and where to buy it, selecting the best fruit to bottle, techniques for success, ensuring safety of your products etc. Cost $20.

Book on Eventbrite or in the Green Grocer

**Indian Cookery with Jenny**

**Saturday February 22 from 1 pm till 4 pm.**

Learn how to cook rice perfectly and make a vegetable curry, dhal and spinach. You will also learn how to make the famous potato and cauliflower (Aloo Gobi) recipe.

Book on Eventbrite or in the Green Grocer

**Boomerang Bags**

**Thursdays in December and January from 10am to 1pm (excluding Boxing Day)**

**Thursdays in February from 10am to 1pm (except February 20th when we will be sewing at the library)**

Boomerang Bags is a not-for-profit organisation tackling plastic bag pollution at the grass roots level. Volunteers get together to make reusable bags with recycled materials as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to single use plastic bags. We would love your help! Volunteers are needed
**Korumburra Senior Citizens**  
Cnr Radovick & Victoria Streets  
Korumburra  

Luncheons held first and third Tuesday each month, 12 noon, $12  
Lunch bookings: Joy Anderson 5655 1143  

Every Tuesday: Bingo 1:00pm,  
Come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.  
Pres Joy Anderson, Sec Jan McLaren  
ph 5455 1458

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**South Gippsland/Bass Ostomy Social Group**

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.  
Call Thea on 0447 942 406 for the meeting place.  
All interested persons are welcome to come. Cost free.

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**Korumburra & District Historical Society**

Do you have an interest in the history of the region? Come along to the Korumburra & District Historical Society meetings on the first Thursday of each month.  
Meetings are held in the Historical Society rooms in King St, near the library.  
The next meeting is the 5th December, where we’ll be hearing more about the community hub, and we’ll also have a session on the Karmai festival.  
The first meeting of the new year will be the 6th February 2020.  
Contact Secretary Janet Wilson on 5657 2267 or 0409 248 603 if you would like more information.

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**Sth Gippsland Arthritis Support Group Coffee and Chat**

1st Tuesday each month  2-4pm, Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre  
For more information:  
contact: Adam 0408 353 785  
phomdin2@bigpond.com  
or contact Diane 5658 1443  
cost: gold coin donation

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Open Monday - Saturday  
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For information ph. 5659 0089  
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**Looking for a place for your community group to meet?**

The **KCDA Meeting Room** is in the centre of town and is offered **free of charge** to local community groups and clubs.  
The room has tables and chairs, tea/coffee making facilities and a heater.  

To arrange an inspection or to book the room, call Don on 5658 1083 or email  
kceda@korumburracommunity.org.au  

KCDA Meeting Room  
4 Radovick St  
(just behind Auddino First National)
**What’s on in Poowong?**

**Poowong Garden Club:** Every first Tuesday at the Poowong Uniting Church at 7:30pm. For further details contact Diane Sheedy on 0404 042 619

**Poowong to Warragul Bus:** Every Thursday a bus departs at 9:40am from the Poowong Post Office, returning to Poowong at 2:30pm

**Myn Myn Cafe:**
Poowong Uniting Church, every Wednesday from 9:30am to 3:00pm

**Line Dancing classes for beginners:** Every Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am - 12pm, Poowong East Hall. For further details ring Rose on 0418 992 703

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**Jumbunna Hall and Bush Market**

Jumbunna have been holding their market for over thirty years on the first Sunday of the month, in the hall on Cruickshank Road.

They have also been raising funds selling their products at the Farmers Market in Korumburra with all proceeds going towards running of the hall and restoration of the building.

They are celebrating their 125th year, and will hold an event next year for the community to enjoy.

They recently held their AGM and now have a new secretary: Peter Walker.

We thank Andrea Marshall for her work in the past.

The hall now has new trestle tables which are easier to handle. Bunnings have been most helpful. Thanks too to the ladies who gave the hall an additional lift for the last market. Come and see the effect they have made.

Enjoy a cuppa and luscious cakes made by the ladies and listen to the live music at their next market, provided by Tony and Maria Tehan.

Perhaps you would like to have a stall inside the hall away from the elements? Cost is only $6 for a stall all under cover. Why not go for a pleasant Sunday drive and see what the market has to offer.

We welcome more use of the Hall and it is available for hiring.

For details regarding the Hall or the market contact Brian on 5657 3261, Peter Walker on 5657 3319, or Dawn on 5657 3253

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FREE community MEAL

Friday December 6 & Friday February 7
Anglican Parish Hall - 5 Bridge Street Korumburra
5:30 pm

Join us for a FREE monthly community meal to celebrate our vibrant community - families welcome.

Need a lift to attend? For transport assistance please call 5655 1007

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CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER 2019, 12 NOON

COLEMAN PARK
39 QUEEN ST, KORUMBURRA

BYO picnic rug or chair. Limited seating available.
RSVP preferred by 20 December for catering purposes.
Dietary requirements catered for, and local transport
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5655 1003

Coal Creek Farmers’ Market

2nd Saturday each month
December 14th
January 11th
February 8th

This is a Victorian Farmers’ Market Association accredited farmers’ market

Mine Rd
TAKEAWAY
5655 2406
Monday to Friday 8.30am - 8.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 11.00am - 8.00pm
13 Mine Road, Korumburra
(opposite Primary School)

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5655 2354