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This Summer issue of The Burra Flyer is brought to you by the local businesses advertised herein. The booklet is produced by a small team of volunteers and the Like Minds class at Korumburra Secondary College. You can also read the Flyer on our website along with other information for exploring Korumburra and surrounds.

## **KSC Like Minds Editorial**



At KSC recently, our brave and resilient Year 9 and 10 Advance students finished the final stage of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award . The students designed and completed a camp, selecting activities that allowed them to experience the historical and cultural significance of the Peninsula. They planned all their meals and were expected to be independent in managing the challenging weather conditions of torrential rain and gale force winds that were dealt to us. Each student kept a positive attitude and embraced the outdoor adventure that saw us spending some time with the wallabies at the Moonlit Sanctuary, exploring the Forts at Point Nepean National Park and enjoying a trip on the famous Arthurs Seat Chairlift. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and perseverance.

In the Like Minds class, we recently ran a market day with our VM students to raise money for a variety of not-for-profit organizations. This was part of a unit on Business and Economics, learning about expenses, markets and profits, as well as experimenting with some different marketing techniques. We have been learning about Body Systems through their inquiry time in Science. Working models, interactive and colorful displays were combined to produce a Body Systems Museum! Parents and families of the class were invited to come along and immerse themselves in the displays.

After producing the last 8 editions of The Burra Flyer, this will be the last edition produced by our current Year 8 students. For this edition, they handed the reins over to our current Year 7 students, who will work with next year's new students to the program to produce the 2024 editions of The Burra Flyer. We hope you enjoy this Summer edition of The Burra Flyer.

## **KCDA Editorial**

As always, there has been a lot happening in our great town of Korumburra since the last edition.

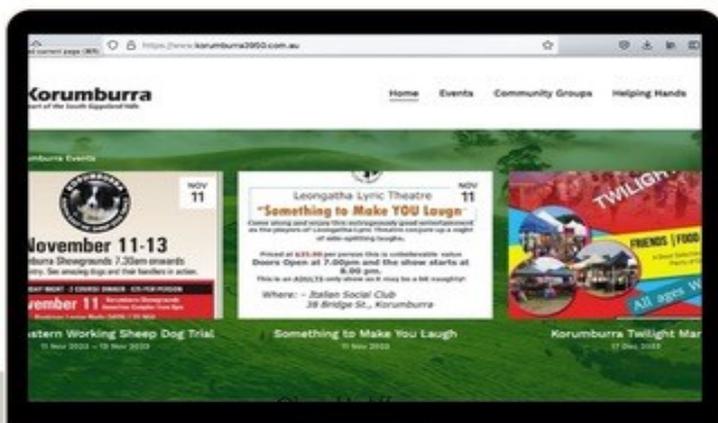
Congratulations to the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum and the Korumburra Lions Club for the recent All Hallows Eve event: which was a sellout success. Congratulations also to Art Connect South Gippsland who recently held a month-long Open Studio Art Trail across South Gippsland. With over 33 venues and 70 artists: the event was a great success however measured.

We have been working hard behind the scenes with the team from Korumburra Staying Strong to revamp the Korumburra Community Website. We are pleased to say that the website is now much improved, easy to use and most importantly, current. Please visit [korumburra3950.com.au](http://korumburra3950.com.au) for further details.

Lastly, congratulations to the South Gippsland Shire Council and their partners in the very recent opening of the Korumburra Community Hub. The Community Hub is a very well architected light filled space and as a community we should embrace it.

President KCDA

# KCDA.



You can now stay connected with the local community by visiting the Korumburra Community website.

Content includes:

- community events & calendar
- local news
- community group profiles
- helping hands project information, and
- electronic copies of the Burra Flyer!



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Korumburra's new  
Community Hub building.

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See pages 31—34 for more  
photos from the official  
opening.

# **KCDA: Korumburra Community Development & Action Inc.**

Our 'Reason for Being' is:

We focus on the people of the Korumburra community – ensuring our community members 'feel' united, welcomed and connected.

Our Goals are:

1. We strive to keep the Korumburra community connected
2. We encourage enjoyment and pride in our township
3. We actively welcome people into the community and support them to feel connected
4. We encourage and support collaboration to achieve community aims

Our main activities include:

- the production of the Burra Flyer in partnership with the Like minds class at Korumburra Secondary College.
- the management of the KCDA meeting rooms at 3 Radovick Street. The rooms are used by other community groups for activities and meetings. Please contact us if you would like some more information about booking the room.
- providing Welcome Kits to new residents via local real estate agents and Milpara House
- we partner with Korumburra Staying Strong to provide the newly revamped Korumburra Community website
- we have provided some small grants in recent months to:
  - Art Connect South Gippsland for the Open Studio Art Trail
  - Milpara Food Bank – to contribute to the costs of the monthly Community Meal
  - Korumburra Primary School - to sponsor the human powered vehicle team
  - St Joseph's Primary School – to contribute to their community garden
  - Maturity Matters – to contribute to a new laptop to assist in supporting older people in our community
  - Korumburra Secondary College – a scholarship for the Like Mind Class

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# MS Plus, Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS)



For many elderly residents, getting older can be a lonely experience. Seeing a friendly face and having a regular visitor can help change all that. The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (formerly known as the Community Visitors Scheme) matches volunteer visitors to residents living in an aged care facility, or to someone living in their own home that is in receipt of (or waitlisted for) a home care package.

The purpose of this program is to help diminish the feelings of isolation and loneliness. As the program coordinator of the ACVVS over the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, I would love to see more volunteer visitors join. While we have older people waiting for a visitor all over these regions, there is currently a particular need right here in Korumburra. I am looking for people who enjoy spending time with the elderly, and who want to be a listening ear, friendly face, and a friend. In the elderly community, isolation is a major issue. Incidental contact may be minimal, and some residents can find themselves spending a lot of time sitting in their room, alone.

The ACVVS invites something new into their week, and the benefits go both ways. Many of our volunteer visitors talk about how much they too, get out of the program. They have someone new in their life that becomes special to them and end up getting more out of it than what they give. We ask that our volunteer visitors come to the program with the ability to commit to weekly (preferred) or fortnightly visits and are with the program for a minimum of 12 months.

Jen Riley, MS Plus ACVVS program coordinator Bass Coast and South Gippsland

The advertisement graphic is enclosed in a thin black border. At the top left is the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme logo. To its right is the MS PLUS Neuro Wellbeing logo, which consists of a red square with "MS" in white, followed by "PLUS" in red and "Neuro Wellbeing" in smaller red text below. Below the logos, the text reads: "ACVVS Volunteer Visitors make a real difference in the life of those living in aged care or their own home by providing friendship." Further down, it asks "Are you our next ACVVS Volunteer?" and provides the website "Visit msplus.org.au" and the phone number "1800 042 138". At the bottom of the graphic is a photograph of an elderly woman with short brown hair, wearing a light blue top, sitting and smiling while looking at a book held by a younger woman with long red hair, wearing a light-colored top. The background of the photo is a soft red gradient.

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# Korumburra Lions Club

## Named District Club of the Year for the second year in a row!



What a busy few months we've had! It seems that whenever there's a community event on, the Lions are called upon to help organize it, or provide volunteers, or do a barbeque.

Lucky our motto is 'Where there's a Need, there's a Lion'.

Our Club members have given their time and skills for the launch of Helping Hands and the new Korumburra Community Development and Action website. At the Korumburra Italian Social Club Children's Week event at Coal Creek, Burra Brush n Bubbles #5. At the Burra Brewery, All Hallows Eve at Coal Creek, Lyric Theatre's show "Something to make you Laugh" at the Korumburra Italian Social Club. Food Drive outside Michael's IGA for Milpara's Food Bank, The completion of the garden and picnic setting at the Lions shelter opposite the Showgrounds. As well as the sale of Lions Christmas cakes at various events and markets.

To keep up this community work, we are still looking for new members, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact Val Wilson, our Membership Chair on 0439 572 263, or email [korumburrallions@yahoo.com.au](mailto:korumburrallions@yahoo.com.au). We'd love to hear from you if you have ideas and/or skills for new projects.

Coming up, we have Christmas Carols at Coal Creek on December 15, when we'll be helping out Scholarships and school awards to be funded and presented,. Gippsland Historical Automobile Club South Gippsland Branch Swap Meet on January 14 (catering), Korumburra's annual A&P Society Show on February 10 at the Showgrounds. (Catering and sponsoring exhibit prizes), Coal Creek's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in March (whatever we're asked to do!), And of course, our own Christmas party!

**The Lions Club of Korumburra would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.**

Facebook.com/lionskorumburra  
[www.korumburrallions.org.au](http://www.korumburrallions.org.au)



# Korumburra Golf Club

The Korumburra Golf Club welcomes new members and visitors, with competitions generally on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Friday night teas are usually on the third Friday of each month, so consider coming up for a meal from 6–8 pm but please phone the club to confirm your booking.

Daylight saving brings the opportunity to enjoy golf over extended hours and the following competitions are available to members and non-members. Phone John at the club for more information or to be included in these events.

A seven-hole social competition is played on Sundays.

There is a nine-hole competition available to Juniors later in the day on Friday afternoons.

Twilight golf, on Thursday evenings, is a social competition played in pairs and is suitable for those new to golf as well as experienced players. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer and starting times are approximately 4.30 till 6 pm. BYO dinner if you can stay on to catch up with the other participants.



The club-house is a relaxing environment with amazing views over the course, and beyond, and can be hired for a range of functions. More information is on Korumburra Golf Club's Facebook page, ([www.korumburragolf.com.au](http://www.korumburragolf.com.au)) or phone John Payne at the club, 5655 1886.

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## Korumburra CWA



With our AGM and Christmas break up around the corner, we reflect upon what we have achieved this year. We are proud to report a successful fundraiser for Love Your Sister and the addition of new members to our group! We will head into 2024 with new office bearers and extend our absolute gratitude to the office bearers who are stepping down, particularly our Secretary - Treasurer that has kept us going through thick and thin.

Moving into the new year, we are planning two big fundraisers, one of which will be for our branch (these funds are distributed to benefit our community). Did somebody say old school dinner dance? Stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates!

## Korumburra Friends of Red Cross



As we are coming up to summer Red Cross always talks about being prepared for emergencies. We are now also warning about heatwaves and heatstroke. Do you check on friends, neighbours and relatives on really hot days to make sure they are well? Those people with health issues and the elderly are most at risk. Help our community by helping those less resilient than we are. Below is the website for Heatwave advise on personal care.

[www.redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/emergency-services/preparedness/how-to-prepare-for-a-heatwave.pdf](http://www.redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/emergency-services/preparedness/how-to-prepare-for-a-heatwave.pdf)

The other website that might be of interest is:

[www.redcross.org.au/prepare](http://www.redcross.org.au/prepare)

which gives information on how to prepare for any emergency. There is also an app that can be downloaded with information on how to be prepared for any emergency.

[www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/get-prepared-app/](http://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/get-prepared-app/)

If anyone would like to join our group, or if any group would like to have a presentation about Preparedness, please contact

[korumburraredcross@gmail.com](mailto:korumburraredcross@gmail.com)

Please stay safe this summer.

## Friends of Coal Creek

The "Friends" have good news to announce however would firstly like to thank the Koringal Ladies for their assistance for the night of entertainment as well as begs2differ, and sponsors for the raffle prizes, Burra Plants and Garden, Dogtopia and Parry's Gift, and of course all those who attended the night to make it a success.

They have since held their A.G.M. and thank the out going committee for their hard work over the last year; and have pleasure in announcing that the L.O.U. has been signed allowing "Friends" to proceed with their plans to assist in the "Park".

Congratulations to the new committee, especially to the newcomers Phil Fowler as Vice president, Kevin Cook secretary. Thank you to Frank Hirst Minute secretary, and Roger Powell as the new President.

It was great to see so many people and groups working together for the "All Hollow Eve" event both financially and volunteering making the night a success for Coal Creek our Town and enjoyment for the children.

We now look forward to the year ahead, following "Carols at the Creek" on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The 50th year for Coal Creek will be celebrated on the Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Lots to look forward to including music, dinner dance, raffle, celebration wine and beer as well as a 50<sup>th</sup> year, Souvenir Booklet to be prepared. Lots happening!

Friends are constantly looking for more members, and volunteers, they are also looking for people who may be interested in joining as committee members. If you are interested in becoming involved, please phone the president on 0418 537 153.

To the right is the Miner statue, Korumburra's icon has been relocated to the entrance of Coal Creek. A garden is to be planted to enhance the statue when the weather is suitable.



## South Gippsland Shire Brass Band

It was a privilege for our Band to be part of the very enjoyable 'Voices for Kiki Concert / Fundraiser' held in Meeniyon on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Kiki Joseph, a professional singer who hails from Mauritius, joined our Band in February, and as well as taking up the Cornet is also our new Vocalist.



The Band enjoys getting out into the community and performing to an audience. You can see us at the following events:

Great Victorian Bike Ride, Fish Creek	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 1pm
Leongatha Community Carols	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm
Moe Community Carols by Candlelight	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 7pm
Carols at Koorooman House & Leongatha Hospital	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December, 4:30pm
Australia Day Ceremony Leongatha	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 8am
Australia Day Ceremony, Pound Creek	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 11am

### Fire Brigade

The Band warmly welcomes any Brass players, or anyone wanting to learn. We provide 'free' training and loan of an instrument, for young and mature age people wanting to learn a brass instrument and be part of a Brass Band. You are never too old to start, and there are very positive health and social benefits.

Band rehearses at the old Leongatha Court House on Wednesday evenings from 7:30–9pm.

Contact: Darryl Hunt, President. 0407 444 210.

Ariane 'Kiki' Joseph  
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South Gippsland Shire Brass Band.



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# St Josephs Primary School



This year at St Joseph's we have continued to focus on learning with a particular emphasis on explicit direct instruction. In our junior classes, the children have been taught phonics in a targeted and specific way. They have learnt all about how sounds make up words and we are delighted with the results we are seeing. They are reading and writing like never before!

This approach has been extended into our middle and senior school where the children are learning about the meaning of words and expressing themselves in carefully constructed, high quality written pieces.

We have just begun to embed the new Mathematics curriculum which is being rolled out across the state.

Our teachers have been building their skills and knowledge of an evidence-based approach known as *The Science of Learning*. They understand that the brain is a complex piece of machinery which, when taught in a particular way, retains and retrieves information. With this in mind, our children have been experiencing knowledge units which are exciting and thought provoking. The year 3/4s were so engaged in their knowledge unit about Mountains and created amazing models to reflect what they had learnt. Our Year 5/6s creativity and expertise shone when they invited their families in to be part of a Learning Expo about space, weather and natural disasters.

As always, the children have been involved in lots of hands on fun activities, excursions and incursions. Highlights over the year have been 100 days of school for our littlest people, Grandparents Day, our whole school excursion to Science Works, our Footsteps Dance Program, class Masses at the Church, Fathers' Day breakfast, so many incursions, special events and of course, lots of sporting opportunities, including lawn bowls!

Most of all, we are delighted with the way the children continue to uphold our school wide expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Care.

Everyone is welcome at St Joes and we invite you to visit us to experience what we love about our school.

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## Bena Hall

Recent events at Bena Hall have included a kid's Auskick footy day & sausage sizzle, a Song Writer's Collective music concert and Bena Hall's first Art Show.

Each of these events have been very successful and enjoyable, which encourages our Committee to continue to host different types of activities with the aim to be more inclusive of a wider demographic of our community and local area.

At the Friday night official opening of the Art Show, Councillor Jenni Keerie acknowledged the talent of local artists whose work was on display and for sale. Items of several different mediums were exhibited and many were purchased. As always, our hall looked spectacular, and the food prepared by our fabulous Committee ladies was delicious.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the initiative and work of Steve McNabb, Rob Grave & Maureen Benson who executed the bulk of the work to stage this event.

Upcoming events in the lead up to Christmas include another Bena Community pancake breakfast, and following last year's success, Christmas carols evening in the park for families, which will feature and be led by the South Gippsland Concert Band.

The last 12 months has been a challenging time for this Committee; but has seen us achieve further improvements our Hall and continue to bring new residents to our functions and feel included in our Community.

Finally, we welcome Matt Burns to our Committee who will be tasked with keeping us old fogies on our game.



# Milpara - Korumburra's Community House



Milpara Community House has officially moved to the new Korumburra Community Hub.

While our location has changed, Milpara's welcome, warmth, flexible programs and vibrant volunteer presence will come with us.

We look forward to introducing some new faces to our team – welcome Bonnie and Val, with more to come - and to working alongside local community groups and organisations to make the beautiful new Korumburra Community Hub not just functional and useful, but a place of belonging, interaction, creativity and connection.

Put the final Community Meal date of the Community Meal in your calendar – Friday 1st December. The fabulous Community Meal volunteers have a break over Summer and will meet again across the table in March 2024.

As an organisation, we love to hear your ideas and often have a role in supporting new projects, nurturing groups and getting things started. With the transition to a new location and all the changes that come with it, we will be reviewing our strategic plan in the first part of 2024. We welcome community input into this plan and are also on the look-out for new members and volunteers to join our Committee of Governance.



Great things are happening in Korumburra. We'll see you at the Hub.

**Korumburra-Kooweerup**

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## Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

The Group is committed to our own self-education about First Nations history and culture, and to working alongside First People towards greater understanding in the wider community. To this end we have been active in the Yes case for the referendum.

The Group was formed in 2005 and we have evolved through a number of activities and campaigns. We have run the NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition in Inverloch for the last ten or so years. We have held Indigenous film festivals and worked with local libraries in the showing of films. We have participated in Sorry Day and NAIDOC Week gatherings. We played an active part in changing the name of the McMillan electorate to Monash in 2017, after a long collaborative process with the Gunnaikurnai Lands and Waters Aboriginal Corporation and the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. For the last five years, we have managed, with the Bunurong Land Council, a commemoration of the first two people hanged in Victoria (then Port Phillip) in 1842, after capture in Harmers Haven and an unjust murder trial. This trial was in complete denial of the hundreds of Aboriginal men, women and children already, and about to be, murdered in the Gippsland area.

We meet monthly, more often in Inverloch on the afternoon of the third Thursday of the month, but twice a year in South Gippsland and twice in the evening. The November meeting will be held in Leongatha at 6pm for a pub meal first.

We have about two hundred members and over one hundred friends. Members receive communication about events of importance or ones we organise, and other items of interest. They also get the minutes and agendas of monthly meetings and are very welcome to attend, though many of course don't. Friends receive the notices of events etc, and some other items of interest.

If you are interested in joining us, or would like to know more, please contact the Secretary, Marg Lynn on 0419 361039 or [marglynn@tpg.com.au](mailto:marglynn@tpg.com.au)

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## Combined Probus Club of Coal Creek



Our Club kept busy through the Winter and has a lot planned for the rest of Spring and Summer.

In September we all enjoyed a magical trip to the Chelsea Gardens at Olinda. The weather was perfect for us all. October we did a mystery tour which included the Koala Sanctuary at Pearcedale and lunch at Frankston RSL. The club has also had a couple of monthly lunches at Caldermeade and the Warragul Country Club.

Coming up we have a trip to the Musical Mamma Mia. An Elvis Gospel songs tribute and a trip to the Titanic Memorabilia in January. Plus our 5 day trip to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains in May.

As you can see we are a very social Club with lunches after our General Meetings and also another lunch during the month. We also have a book exchange for our avid readers plus our popular footy tipping comp.

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.

We would love to see more people join our Club. We invite you to come along and see what Probus is all about – enjoying friendship with like-minded people.

### SO COME TO A MONTHLY MEETING AND SAY HELLO

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 10am at the KORUMBURRA GOLF CLUB.

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# Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park Inc.



We continue to actively work to enhance & promote the Park in association with South Gippsland Shire Council. We have continued working on cutting & painting blackberries in part of a sizeable bush area in the Botanic Park and east of the Rotunda and elsewhere in the Park. We have applied for another SGSC Small Grant for \$442.50 to cover weed control & Indigenous plantings in a section of this bush area next Autumn/Winter. Further work parties will be held usually on Thursdays and Saturdays when members are available and the weather is suitable.

FOKBP is now a Member of Landcare Victoria Inc. (LVI) with LVI coverage for Insurance (Association Liability, Public and Products Liability and Voluntary Workers Personal Accident). Many thanks to Milpara Community House for giving FOKBP interim insurance cover until this was finalised. We continue to press forward with increasing our membership (now at 30 members) and developing a Strategy Plan.

Reminder!! National Eucalypt Day, Gippsland, will mark its sixth year in 2024 and will be celebrated on the weekend of 23rd & 24th March. More details when the event will be promoted in the March Burra Flyer. If you would like to join us you will find a membership application form on our Facebook site. Alternatively, you can email us at: [friends.burra.botanic@gmail.com](mailto:friends.burra.botanic@gmail.com)

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# Korumburra & District Historical Society

It's been a busy time for the Korumburra & District Historical Society since the last edition of the flyer.

By the time you read this, we will have finished the move into the Hub, and the official opening will have happened. Many hours of unpacking boxes and finding homes for all our treasures will have been completed. People will hopefully, be coming through our doors to visit us.

We have also had the 2023 AGM, and now have a full quota of committee members, President Bob Newton, with vice president Perry Neil, Secretary Janet Wilson, and Treasurer Barbara Burton. Also committee members Helen Comer, Dennis Conn and Gerald Brocklesby.

Onto the future...we are looking forward to helping people find the information they are after, whether they are researching their family history, the history of the area, or a local group or sporting club.

We will be open for visitors on Tuesdays from 1.30-4, and possibly other times depending on our volunteer availability. Monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Hub, except in winter when meetings are at 1pm. In January we are closed.

We are working on bringing back regular newsletters to let people know what we are up to.

New members are always welcome.

K&DHS contact details are [secretary@korumburrahistory.com.au](mailto:secretary@korumburrahistory.com.au)

Our website [www.korumburrahistory.com.au](http://www.korumburrahistory.com.au)

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## South Gippsland Concert Band



The South Gippsland Concert band is a long-standing Concert band in the South Gippsland area that rehearses every Monday night from 7pm – 9pm at the Anglican Church Hall. It is great to see 2 new members join the band this month bring with them their skills and talents to enhance the band's sound.

The band has been rehearsing pieces from many different genres such as gospel, jazz, pop, musicals, rock, big band etc for the two concerts that were held in November. The band played at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Coleman park on 11/11 as well as playing an Afternoon of Music for the Community at the Anglican Church Hall.

The band is gearing up for many Christmas performances during December.

8<sup>th</sup> December - Bena Carols

9<sup>th</sup> December - Coal Creek market and Hillside Nursing,

15<sup>th</sup> December - Coal Creek Carols

16<sup>th</sup> December - Alchera and Carinya Nursing Homes

23<sup>rd</sup> December - Meeniyah Carols

If you play an instrument (no matter what level you are), the band is always looking for brass, woodwind, and percussion players. If you haven't taken your instrument out of the cupboard for years, give us a call and see how you can become involved.

We are keen to find a drummer, timp player, percussion players as we have the instruments, but no players for these at the moment. We are also looking for a Tenor Sax player and brass players.

Please contact Kath Moodie on 0400 332 851 or follow us on our facebook page to learn about our up-and-coming performances.

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## Korumburra Secondary College

Over the past year, Korumburra Secondary College has witnessed the impressive collaboration of a group of highly motivated and passionate student leaders. Their creative and innovative ideas have greatly inspired and enthused the community.



The diversity group at Korumburra Secondary College has worked hard to plan, design, and produce diversity stickers to be implemented directly with community businesses. Students will be visiting local businesses and requesting they display these stickers prominently at their entrance.

As a close-knit community, we must gradually progress to a more inclusive and diverse community. We can foster an increased understanding of respect and empathy, ensuring all individuals feel accepted.

The diversity sticker reflects the familiar logo of Korumburra Secondary College, recognising the significance of youth contribution to this new idea. The sticker consists of two wings to mirror the school logo. The left wing represents the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-queer) flag. The right wing represents the disability flag. The students express that although these are the only specific communities displayed on the stickers, it is not limited to these identifying individuals. These two groups aim to initiate a more welcoming environment that is inclusive of other associates. In the centre of the sticker is the phrase "All are welcome here", reassuring individuals that the sticker is not limited to specific groups.

In a world where people often hesitate and fear differences, the efforts of the student leaders at Korumburra Secondary College are truly commendable. Promoting diversity and inclusivity has shown us that we can all play a role in creating a more accepting and welcoming community. The diversity sticker, designed by the students, is a simple yet powerful symbol of their commitment to this vital cause. As members of this community, we can all join hands with them and take a step towards creating a more inclusive society. Let's embrace diversity and celebrate our differences, which makes us unique and beautiful. Together, we can make a difference.

Student Diversity Team

Korumburra Secondary College



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is approaching; commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November through to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. This is a signature event promoting equality action and awareness against and of gender-based violence.

There will be a display of photos of community members in the new Korumburra Community Hub. The photos will feature individuals with their response to one of the following;

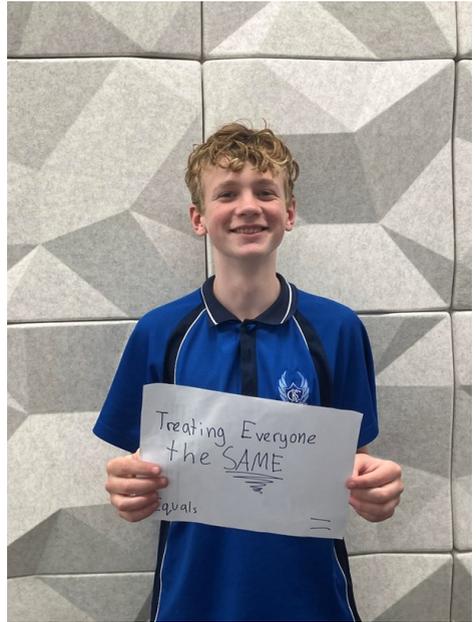
What Respect means to me...

I feel Respected when...

I show Respect by...

Demonstrating respect towards others creates a welcoming and supportive community where each individual can express themselves and reach their potential regardless of differences.

If you would like to participate, please contact Nicole at Korumburra Secondary College, [Nicole.Creaser@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Creaser@education.vic.gov.au). We look forward to sharing what respect means to us as a community.



## Arawata Landcare Group

We welcome members and guests to our next quarterly meeting, 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 December at Arawata Hall. Our guest speaker is Dr Paul Hardy-Smith, Arawata local and a specialist aquatic veterinarian. Paul's talk will focus on the fish, crustaceans and molluscs currently being farmed in Australia, the ways they are farmed and how to maximise their eating qualities.



Arawata Landcare Group is very pleased to have received a Victorian Landcare Grant which will fund several projects in the coming year. Members will put around 8,400 indigenous plants in the ground over more than four hectares across seven properties. We will hold a farm-mapping workshop; a plant identification walk in Ritchies Reserve; and launch our on-farm biodiversity asset register pilot program on three member properties.

Our focus for the summer months is weed control, targeting ragwort, thistle and blackberry. Talk to your local supplier to find the products best suited to you and your property and include a wetting agent. Backpack spraying is more intimate and positive, however any regular spray regime will work. If you prefer manual management, cutting off flower heads and removing them from the paddocks is also an effective approach.

And if you are looking for a meaningful gift this festive season, please consider donating to the South Gippsland Landcare Network fund

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where you can direct your donation to Arawata Landcare's microbiome projects, supporting our farmers and landowners to continue our work on biolinks, koala habitat and shelter for livestock. Donations to the fund are tax deductible.

## Arawata Hall

The 40th Arawata Hall Farmers Breakfast was a fabulous event in October on Caulfield Cup day. The short order chefs served almost 100 cooked breakfasts and the produce stall was completely sold out. Many local businesses donated goods for the fundraising auction, the hall was packed and everyone had a great time. We had a number of new visitors from surrounding localities, and all of them expressed surprise and thanks for the warm welcome that they received.

There was terrific coverage in the lead up to this iconic event in the Sentinel Times, many social media platforms and radio interviews. The 40th anniversary breakfast was the largest fundraising event for the last 10 years. Once we get through the usual Christmas festivities the next major event is the Australia Day Picnic and Cricket match .

The Community driven Local Road Survey results have been presented to Shire Council . Changes are being implemented to address concerns such as speed being appropriate to road surface, middle line marking of unmarked roads and road maintenance .

Watch the ACHA3951 Facebook page for details of Christmas events .



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## 2nd Korumburra Scouts Group



Our annual reports night, held in August every year, was a night to celebrate the youth of our group. We had a fabulous Joey, Cub, Scouts, and Venturer of the Year. The youth for this year were outstanding, the kids attended many camps and group nights. All of our members wear their uniform with pride. What a spring we've had, with our kids getting outside and exploring new horizons. Our Joeys enjoyed spending time in and out of the hall. This includes Science Day at Bell Park, where they explored many exciting experiments, including how to make a lava lamp.

Our Cubs enjoyed going to Cuboree for 5 days and 4 nights at Gembrook. They enjoyed activities like the Mud Run, a disco, rock climbing and a visit to Healsville Sanctuary. Our Scouts have had nights in the hall doing construction, games nights, star gazing and even a First Aid night.

Our Venturers have spent a lot of time bonding and working as a team, including a sit-down meal and having a Goose Chase. Some will have also completed their Deb Ball by the time this is published. A massive thankyou to all our leaders who provide their time and help give our children access to fun and exciting activities. New members are always welcome, come and learn to grow your understanding of the impact you can have on our community. Please email our group leader to find out more information t [gl.2ndkorumburra@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.2ndkorumburra@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

Our sections are:

- Joeys is for children aged 5-8
- Cubs is for children aged 8-12
- Scouts is for youth aged 12-15
- Venturers is for youth aged 15-18 years

Photo of winners at our annual awards night on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023



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## Australia Day Celebration and Ceremony—January 26th

There are plans to hold the Ceremony event for Korumburra at Coleman Park (with the use of the Scouts Hall which will be beneficial should it rain on the day) with the successful nominations announced. (11.30am - 2.30pm)

WE THANK THE KORUMBURRA TOURIST PARK, Bourke Street Korumburra (Adam and Heidi Marshall), for their kind donation supporting the cost of the hiring of the hall.

There will be the usual sausage sizzle, facepainting for children; and Terry Lay (from beggs2differ) singing and performing with his guitar and mouth organ. He will be accompanied by the accomplished flautist Christine Mackenzie. She will be playing the tin whistle as well as the flute. Please look out for more information on noticeboards and newspapers etc., to be a part of this relaxing day of fun for all.

## Korumburra Bowling Club

The recent weather certainly hasn't been conducive to playing bowls. The summer Pennant has started now and there are teams in Division 1, Div 2 and Div 4 on Saturdays and teams in Divisions 1 and 3 in midweek Pennant. Fortunately the Club has players to fill all teams – most times and good sportsman ship is played in these games.



Our Twilight Bowls is still proving very popular run by our capable team of Peter Hearn and Mick Manning. Anyone can play in this event always Wednesday nights and names in by 6 o'clock. Ring the Club on 56551246.

Last month's Counter tea was enjoyed by at least 80 people. These nights are every second Friday on the month and names on the sheet by the previous Wednesday.

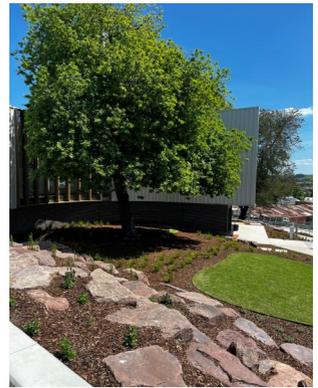
Also every Friday night is our Happy Hour with the members draw and Neil's swindle drawn each week. Starts at 5 o'clock and stay and enjoy the company of others with a few drinks etc. Everyone is welcome to join the members at this event. Just call in and sign the Visitors book and have a few laughs and share some stories.

Look forward to seeing you there.



## Korumburra Round Table

By the time you are reading this, the Korumburra Community Hub will have been officially opened and the Opening Week of Activities concluded. I am sure the hub has already been mentioned many times throughout this publication, but from the point of view of the Round Table, it deserves just one more plug. You see, from our point of view, the Hub was always part of a bigger plan for Korumburra, which is gradually coming to fruition.



First there was the total reconstruction of Little Commercial Street, with the parking changes, resurfacing, different access points leading into and out of the Hub and all the landscaping around the site, all of which caused some disruption for a number of months. Then the old kinder site started to be transformed into the building we see today, with its breathtaking outlook over our rolling hills. Both of these stages involved Council attending the Round Table's monthly meetings over several years, to answer every one of our ever-burgeoning questions on how it would all pan out, in an effort to ensure the best outcome for our town.

At the same time, works have continued up around the railway precinct, including the station itself, and that area will eventually not only provide a great deal more parking for our main street, but will be transformed into a recreation and arts precinct nestling up against the rail trail and the historic railway station, and I cannot wait to see all of that come together over the next year. And starting very shortly – the main street itself.

By the time the *next* edition of the Flyer comes out, the Commercial St revitalization project will be well underway. As with the building of the Hub, it will cause disruption. There will be pain and inconvenience on occasion, as well as an unsightly mess as the highway converts to one lane in each direction. But, just as with the Hub and the railway precinct, we would urge our local residents to look past the immediate inconvenience and look forward to the completed outcome. We know from this Hub experience that that's the trajectory of change – a little pain for a lot of gain; and if we sit on our existing facilities and resist these changes, we will be forever the poorer for it. But if we ride out the change and continue to look forward, the eventual outcome can be astonishingly good. And I provide, as proof of that fact, the accompanying photo.

Enjoy the summer, and be sure to immerse yourself in everything the brand-new Hub and its beautiful library have to offer and if you would like to be part of the Round Table and help contribute to the ongoing social and economic improvements in our town, we are currently recruiting new members. So please email us at: [korumburroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:korumburroundtable@gmail.com) and we will forward you the appropriate forms.

With projects such as the Korumburra Community Hub, Streetscape, and Railway Precinct all happening, Korumburra is the place to be!

The Korumburra Community Hub was officially opened to the community on Friday 10 November. A week of celebrations continued afterwards, enticing residents to come along and enjoy this amazing facility. Our residents can use the new Library, visit Milpara Community House, undertake Centrelink appointments, visit the Korumburra and District Historical Society and have a place for meetings and events.

The Commercial Street Streetscape project is going through a public tender process. Once this is complete, works are set to start during summer. The works include kerb and footpath replacements, new street furniture and landscaping, safety improvements and water main replacements that will be undertaken by South Gippsland Water. This project is really exciting and is set to rejuvenate the main street of Korumburra.

The Korumburra Railway Precinct is coming along really well. Of particular interest is the Railway Building, which is looking absolutely magnificent. A mural is also set to be installed during January and February 2024, with a winning artist being determined through a public voting process.

The Korumburra Showgrounds Changerooms upgrade is progressing. This will provide new facilities to the Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club.

There is plenty happening in Korumburra, and it will be great to see all of these works completed in the coming year or so.

Want more updates on what is happening in Korumburra and across the Shire? Subscribe for In The Know, Council's eNewsletter by visiting [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow)

Cr Nathan Hersey

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL  
Korumburra  
Community Hub



The Korumburra Community Hub officially opened its doors on Friday 10 November 2023.

The need for a building to consolidate community facilities into a central location was first identified in the Korumburra Town Centre Framework over 10 years ago. It has taken time, but the end result is a modern building with a clean design that has been inspired by the surrounding environment.

*Photos by Karli Michelle Photography*



