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# Hospital in crisis

By Eleanor Wilson

Casey Hospital is one of the most stretched hospitals in metropolitan Melbourne, according to new data from the Victorian Agency of Health Information.

Between January and March there were a staggering 46 patients staying longer than 24 hours in Casey Hospital's emergency department - up from just three in the same period last year.

Additionally, only 20 per cent of Casey Hospital category two emergency patients were seen within the recommended treatment times of 10 minutes. The mounting Victorian hospital crisis remains at the top of voter priorities as they head to the polls to vote in the federal election this Saturday 21 May.

When questioned about what a re-elected Liberal government would do to fix the Victorian health crisis, La Trobe MP Jason Wood said Casey Hospital's Paediatric Emergency Centre will reduce the demand for emergency services by half. "The big news from last election was a \$40 million funding commitment for Casey Hospital's Paediatric Emergency Centre and work for that starts in August," Mr Wood said.

"All emergency departments are completely overwhelmed and need to be upgraded but having this emergency department will reduce the demand by half." Bruce MP Julian Hill said Labor's proposal to implement 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, including one in Melbourne's South-East, would ease the pressure on hospital emergency departments.

"Medicare Urgent Care Clinics will take the pressure off hospital emergency departments by providing an alternative option for families needing urgent care from a doctor or nurse.

"They will treat sprains and broken bones, cuts, wounds, insect bites, minor ear and eye problems and minor burns," Mr Hill said.

Meanwhile, Bruce Greens candidate Matthew Kirwan said the underlying cause of the hospital crisis was a lack of health funding by the Federal Government.

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Triathlete teen Skye Wallace is representing Australian in the World Duathlon Championships in Romania next month. Picture: SUPPLIED

## Berwick teen takes on world

By Eleanor Wilson

Despite only receiving her Australian citizenship a few short years ago, 18-year-old Skye Wallace has wasted no time in her bid to represent the nation.

The Berwick student, who hails from a town near Manchester in England, has been selected to don the green and gold when she competes in the World Duathlon Championships in Romania next month.

The race involves a grueling sequence of a five kilometre run, 22.5 kilometre bike ride and a second two-and-a-half kilometre run.

"The dedication to the 4:15am alarms, tough training weeks, missed parties and forever sweaty and chlorinated hair has started to pay off!" she shared in a post on her Facebook page.

Mum Ruth Wallace said she was extremely proud of her daughter's dedication - which sees her train an average of two hours everyday across swimming, running and bike riding disciplines.

"I'm proud, I'm excited..she's worked very hard for it," Mrs Wallace said.

"When we moved here she was determined to represent Australia so she's really proud to achieve that."

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Visit our Open Data website at [data.casey.vic.gov.au](https://data.casey.vic.gov.au) to find out more and access the platform.

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Members of the community are welcome to attend the upcoming Council meetings which are held in the Bunjil Place Function Room, 2 Patrick North East Drive, Narre Warren.

Council meetings start at 4.00 pm and are also live streamed through our Facebook page and YouTube channel. For more information on Council meetings, or meeting minutes and agendas, please visit our website.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Tuesday 21 June
- Tuesday 28 June\*
- Tuesday 19 July
- Tuesday 16 August



\*The Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 June is for the adoption of the 2022/23 Suite of Corporate Planning Documents.



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# Voters eager at pre-polls

By Eleanor Wilson

Pre-poll voters at Akoonah Park on Tuesday 17 May held varying opinions when it came to the key political issues that would influence their vote, but there was also a strong sense of disillusionment in the air.

Candidates and party volunteers lined the pathway to the voting centre on the frosty May morning, handing out how to vote cards and trying to win the votes of passers by.

When it came to the issues that would decide locals' votes, housing affordability, cost of living, medicare and aged care, the environment and infrastructure were all mentioned.

Voter Justin Smith, who said he was typically not a Liberal voter, decided to vote for the party as he believes it isn't a suitable time for a change of government.

"I don't like Morrison at all. I think he's copped out of everything but I'm frightened that we've just got the country back together again and if we go to Labor they'll change everything and we'll go through another two years of absolute confusion before we get things going again," he said.

"So it's not who I want to vote for. It's who I don't want to vote for."

"I've got nothing against Labor, it's just that we don't need a change right now."

Fellow voter Suba Abeyratne said infrastructure was among the most pressing issues for her.

"Though it's a developed country, I find the traffic is always very congested. The Monash Freeway is crazy," she said.

"To [get to] work, it's a 30-minute drive for me but it takes more than an hour sometimes."

Loyal Labor voter Peter said Medicare and



Bruce Candidates James Moody (Liberal party), Matt Babet (United Australia Party) and Christine Skrobo (Liberal Democrats). 281301  
Pictures: STEWART CHAMBERS

aged care were the issues he cared about, adding he was yet to be swayed by Liberal policies.

Trying his best to win the votes of locals like Peter was Liberal candidate James Moody, who was present throughout the day alongside Liberal Democrats candidate Christine Skrobo, Greens candidate Matthew Kirwan and United Australia Party candidate Matt Babet.

"Obviously now it's the business end of it and we've had some really good feedback to be honest," Mr Moody said.

"I think there's a lot of people who are particularly keen for change locally in Bruce so there's a lot of people jumping on board that wouldn't have in the past."

He said a lack of support for local community groups and mishandling of the Covid

pandemic may sway the electorate away from incumbent MP Julian Hill.

Bruce has been considered a safe Labor seat since 1996 and currently leads with a margin of 7.3 per cent, which is considered 'fairly safe' by the Australian Electoral Commission.

Mr Hill noted the recent redistribution of the electorate cut Labor's leading margin by half, and said he takes "nothing for granted."

"It's pretty clear people have made up their minds. There's very few people walking through saying they don't know who they're going to vote for," Mr Hill said.

Campaigning at the Dandenong voting centre on Tuesday, Mr Hill said he hoped voters would consider that "the Liberal government has done nothing for the community



Greens volunteer Elaine Smith. 281301

over the last few years.

"They've provided no election commitments to the local area, no care and no concern," he said.

But Greens candidate Matthew Kirwan said the electorate was ready for change.

"It's very clear the days of Bruce being a safe Labor seat where you can expect the majority of people to vote Labor or Liberal are definitely gone," he said.

"There are so many people who are looking for an alternative and we're finding that it is with the United Australia Party and the Greens."

Pre-poll voting at Akoonah Park is open from 8am to 6pm on Thursday 19 May and 8am to 6pm on Friday 20 May.

## Inner Wheel engages with multicultural community

By Eleanor Wilson

"Within our African circles we believe that you educate a woman, you have educated a whole village and nation," remarked Rebecca Mphande, president and co-founding director of community organisation AfriAus ILEAC (Inspire, Lead, Educate, Advocate for Change).

This belief was put into practise earlier this month as Mrs Mphande took up an invitation to speak at female Rotary group, Inner Wheel Narre Warren's May meeting, hoping to inspire a stronger sense of community engagement between the African community and broader South-East population.

Inner Wheel Narre Warren president Linda Wallace said Mrs Mphande gave an endearing speech about African family life, the challenges African diaspora face and how the local community can support and uplift them.

"Members were just delighted in meeting Rabecca and were pretty enthralled with

what she had to say," she said.

"The African community is a growing community within the City of Casey and Dandenong - they're on our doorstep and yet we don't know anything about their culture and family life.

"I think it's important to open up and understand the needs of other cultural groups."

According to 2016 Census data, The City of Casey had the highest number of residents born in an African country, compared to other LGAs across Victoria.

Based in Pakenham, AfriAus ILEAC is one of several community groups acting as a support system for vulnerable African minorities including women and girls, CALD communities and youth at risk.

The organisation was recognised at the Multicultural Awards for Excellence last year for its work supporting CALD and at-risk communities throughout the Covid pandemic.

But Mrs Mphande noted more engage-

ment with the broader community was needed in order to help the African community thrive.

"A lot of people from the African community want to connect, but don't receive many opportunities to, so I was very pleased when Inner Wheel reached out to give us a platform," Mrs Mphande said.

She encouraged the local community to understand the diversity of Africa - a continent made up of 54 countries and over 3000 ethnic groups.

"Ask them about not only what their needs are but also what they can bring to the table," Mrs Mphande said.

"They're obviously a far richer community than what you see on the news and that's what we want to discover," added Mrs Wallace.

Mrs Mphande and Mrs Wallace said they planned to meet again to discuss ways in which they can work together to benefit their respective communities.



Rabecca Mphande spoke to the Inner Wheel group about engaging the local African community. Picture: SUPPLIED



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# THE LOWDOWN

## Q&A

with triathlete Skye Wallace

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself!**

I made state level in table tennis in year 7.

**What are you most passionate about?**

Triathlon, and my border collie, Skippy.

**What would your last meal be?**

Spaghetti bolognese!

**What was your most memorable moment?**

I have a few but I think the first that comes to mind are the family parties we would host back in England, lots of happy memories.

**What was your favourite subject in school?**

Definitely PE.

**What event past or present would you like to witness?**

Not so much an event but it would be so cool to see a dinosaur in real life.

**Which three dinner guests, dead or alive, would you invite to dinner?**

Troy Bolton from high school musical, Jess Learmonth the triathlete and Garfield the cat.

**What are you currently listening to/watching or reading?**

Listening: a podcast named WITSUP, nearly finished them all but trying to string them out as long as possible because its so good!

Watching: The dog house or gogglebox, my two favourite shows.

**If you had to compete on MasterChef, what dish would you cook?**

I'm not exactly known for my cooking skills so I would have to keep it simple, I do make a pretty good sandwich though.



Berwick teen Skye Wallace is representing Australia at the World Duathlon Championships next month. Picture: SUPPLIED

**Where is your dream holiday destination?**

Anywhere with lots to do and see, I'm too impatient to just lie around and sunbathe all day.

**What was your first job?**

Clip'n climb Berwick, nearly four years later and still going strong.

**What were you like as a kid?**

Very loud, confident and talkative, and not to mention the biggest tomboy.

**What's one question you have never been able to get the answer to?**

Why did we have to do Shakespeare at school?

## THREE ...

### Andre The Giant

**1** Andre the Giant was 236 kg and stood at 226cm. The gentle giant was the highest paid wrestler in the world and had an annual salary of almost \$400,000 which equates to \$2 million by today's standards. The money would be used to make him comfortable in a world that was too small to him.

**2** The giant was driven to school by English playwright Samuel Beckett. The Nobel Prize winner and Andre would bond over their love of cricket and the theatre, although Andre never went to the theatre through fear he would block the view of other patrons.

**3** Andre was the star of the highly acclaimed film The Princess Bride but disliked the food on set so much, that he would drive to France to bring back his favourite foods. Andre would share the food with rest of the cast.

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Aaron Baker on board his father's T900. 280510 Pictures: GARY SISSONS



The long procession on Princes Highway, Hallam. 280510



Stuart Baker with his beloved Kenworth.

# Truck tribute for legend

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A 100-plus convoy of truck drivers wound through Hallam, Dandenong and Dandenong South in tribute to a much-loved friend, husband, father and grandfather Stuart Baker.

At the front of the pack on the morning of 11 May was his son Aaron - alongside Stuart's "best mate" Mark - driving Stuart's beloved Kenworth T900.

Stuart's wife Lisa, daughter Emma and son Shannon followed.

As a tribute, the show-stopping procession of trucks "blew it out of the water", Aaron said.

"I said to a good friend of mine that I'm going to give him the send-off he deserves.

"I knew it was going to be pretty big but it was mind-blowing."

The procession rolled along for 45 minutes on Princes Highway, South Gippsland Highway, Dandenong Bypass and Frankston-Dandenong Road to the funeral service at Bunurong Memorial Park.

His truck sported new number plates 'STU 900' in lasting tribute to Mr Baker, who worked at Membrey's Transport and Crane Hire for 30 years.

"It will always be Stuey's truck," his long-

time boss Craig Membrey said.

"He was a true legend in our industry."

Following the tradition, Mr Baker's sons Aaron and Shannon also drive for Membrey's.

"We've been part of it since we were kids," Aaron said.

"We started washing trucks as soon as we were old enough. We always used to ride with Dad on the weekends.

"It was an honour and a privilege to work side by side with him and my brother."

Aaron remembers his father as devoted to his family, doting on his 20-month-old grandson.

"When he was away he would be talking to him on the way. He'd say give him a hug for Pop, and I'll see him on the weekend.

"Family was everything to Dad.

"For all the time he was out on the road, he always made up for it

"He was just perfect."

Mr Baker, 59, was tragically killed after being crushed by a falling gate at work on 22 April.

The gate is believed to have been under repair by an external third-party at the time.

WorkSafe is investigating.



Stuart Baker is remembered as a loving family-man and truck-industry legend.

## Jail for drug trafficker found sleeping in his car

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A serial drug offender found asleep in his car with meth and thousands of dollars of cash outside a primary school has been jailed.

Craig Pout, 45, with a 41-page criminal history, pleaded guilty in the Victorian County Court to trafficking methamphetamine.

Behind the wheel of his BMW, Pout was awoken by police outside Lysterfield Primary School about 4.30am on 6 December 2019, Victorian County Court judge Justin Hannebery said.

Police seized about 217 grams of methylamphetamine of 81 per cent purity, as well as weigh scales, zip lock bags, numerous sy-

ringes, two phones and a glass pipe in his car.

During a search of an "erratic" Pout, police found \$9221 in his cargo shorts pocket.

He told police he'd won the money at the pokies.

At the time, police had a whereabouts file on Pout over a stolen vehicle. He'd been twice jailed for drug trafficking earlier that year.

In sentencing on 11 May, Judge Hannebery noted the amount of ice was substantially more than the trafficable quantity of three grams, but short of a commercial quantity of 250 grams.

"It cannot be concluded beyond reasonable doubt that you were aware of the pu-

rity and intended to traffic in a commercial quantity.

"I can, however, consider the high purity of the substance in assessing the gravity of the offence, as it provides some guidance as to the relative risk to the community posed by the substance the subject of the charge."

Pout, who grew up in South Australia and Croydon, Victoria, had a long history of "problematic" use of illicit drugs, Judge Hannebery said.

His criminal record was "indicative of this history of drug abuse", including drug priors going back as far as March 1996.

Pout had shown progress during his pre-

sentence detention, becoming a peer support worker in the Atlas personal-development program in jail, the judge noted.

"Whilst your extensive prior criminal history makes it difficult to be excessively optimistic about your future, your efforts whilst in custody indicate that your situation is by no means hopeless.

"I consider your prospects of rehabilitation to be guarded at best but would improve if you can finally address your drug problems."

Pout was jailed for up to two-and-a-half years, including a non-parole period of one year and nine months.

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# Focus on drug drivers

Roadside drug tests in Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia Shire by Frontline Tactical Unit police since 1 February have detected more than two dozen drug drivers, police say.

It's the first time police outside of Highway Patrol units and booze and drug bus operations have conducted driver drug testing.

So far, 27 drug drivers have been detected. "This trial means there is nowhere to hide if you think it's acceptable to drive on drugs," Senior Sergeant Luke Holmes of the Southern Metro Region Division 3 Frontline Tactical Unit said.

"Some people think they can spot the police cars that do this type of testing. Now, any police car in their rearview mirror could be the one that catches you."

According to Victoria Police, drug driving is a rising factor in the road toll. It contributes to about 30 per cent of deaths on the road.

Methamphetamine is the most common substance detected in roadside drug tests.

In 2021, 33 lives were lost on South East roads – more than four times higher than the nine deaths in the previous year.

Drugs were a factor in several of the fatal crashes.

So far in 2022, seven people have died on South East roads.

Assistant Commissioner Glenn Weir said: "Make no mistake. Drugs are a killer on Victoria's roads."

"This initiative is just one way we're detecting and deterring impaired drivers who think it's OK to get behind the wheel and put the safety of others at risk."

The trial will continue until the end of the month.

Victoria Police will then consider whether to expand its drug driver testing regime of about 150,000 tests a year.

## LENSCAPE



Students from Maramba Primary School in Narre Warren celebrate Walk Safely to School Day. L-R: Jed, Matilda, Gopi and Jaxon. 281084  
Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Federal candidates who aren't campaigning in the seat of Holt are short-changing themselves, according to political expert Dr Zareh Ghazarian. The candidates under the microscope are Independent Ravi Ragupathy and One Nation's Sandra Ambar. Here's what our Facebook readers had to say.

**Gaye Guest:** These wannabes, no show candidates are treating our democratic right with disdain and making a mockery of our right to vote. For some the power of placing a vote for the right candidate is a privilege (even a luxury) that should never be abused

or regarded flippantly.

**Von Hoover:** Did we find out if the One Nation candidate is still an accounts payable worker for a dive company in Queensland?

**Ric Stewart:** I have not seen or heard anything from any of the local candidates...

I actually have no idea who they actually are.

**Julie Gifford:** Put the majors last.

We don't want a repeat of the last two years.

An altruistic Blind Bight couple who have been fostering children for nearly 20 years

received a Mother's Day home makeover thanks to a group of generous tradies from O'Brien Electrical Carrum Downs.

Here's what our Facebook readers had to say.

**Julie Duggan:** Well deserved. You have raised some beautiful kids that have grown into even more amazing adults.

**Cheryl Eaton:** Well done to all involved... Janet Armstrong, you and your Dennis deserve it all!

**Annie Sutherland:** Such a wonderful Gesture for a very special family.

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### Thumbs up

To me for overcoming my issue of obsessively scratching my nails.

### Thumbs up

To seeing local team Melbourne City in the A-League semi-final.

### Thumbs down

To the soccer being cut to an advertisement during a goal in the A-League.

### Thumbs down

To the return of steep petrol prices after a brief respite.

### Thumbs down

To Essendon's extreme lack of physicality.

### Thumbs up

To having a right to vote and participate in democracy.

### Thumbs up

To seeing Dustin Martin return for Richmond.

### Thumbs up

To the ladies' day function at Garfield Footy Club last weekend.

### Thumbs up

To our amazing volunteers as we celebrate National Volunteers Week.

### Thumbs down

To all the electronic signs on the Monash around the works in Narre Warren and Berwick who list 'Princess' highway on their signs.

## NEWS

# Winter coat plea

By Eleanor Wilson

As we approach the colder months on the calendar, Casey North Community Support & Information Service (CNCISS) are seeking donations of unwanted coats and jackets, as part of its annual Winter Coat Drive.

While Victorians are yet to officially enter the winter months, CNCISS program manager Julie Leonidas said the program was already off to a flying start thanks to leftover stock from last year's drive.

"We had about 60-70 left over from last year as it was interrupted by Covid and they are already disappearing fast," she said.

"We've probably given away half of them and we've only been going for a couple of weeks so we aren't going to last the whole winter."

The Coat Drive began five years ago when



Volunteer support workers at CNCISS assist during last year's Winter Coat Drive.  
Picture: SUPPLIED

executive officer Susan Magee noticed clients were visiting the service during winter months without warm clothing, unable to afford coats and jackets.

"Susan had a look in her own closet and found some coats she barely used and decided to give them away to the clients," Mrs Leonidas said.

She said rising costs of living means the service is expecting a high demand for coats this year.

"There are other priorities people have to put their money towards aside from a winter coat."

"The number of people coming in is increasing and the complex nature of reasons people come in is just increasing also," she said.

"We're envisioning things are only going to get tougher."

The CNCISS Winter Coat Drive operates throughout the winter months, with donations accepted five days a week at the organisation's Narre Warren location in Verdun Drive.

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# PM visits Officer

By Shelby Brooks

Hot on the election campaign, Prime Minister Scott Morrison has shared birthday cake and roti with volunteers at an Officer Sikh temple.

The PM visited the Officer Sikh Gurdwara Siri Guru Nanak Darbar (SGND) on Saturday 14 May to help La Trobe candidate Jason Wood announce a Liberal election promise of \$500,000 for security upgrades to both Officer Gurdwara and Pakenham Gurudwara.

If elected, the funding would ensure the temples were safer for all users by upgrading new lighting, fencing and ensuring there was CCTV as well as improving overall accessibility.

Mr Wood said he was proud to have secured the funding promise.

"The Prime Minister has been very clear about our government's commitment to protecting places of worship in Australia, particularly after the tragic events in Christchurch," he said.

"In my capacity as the Federal Member but also the Assistant Minister for Community Safety, I want to thank the entire Gurudwara for their support of our wider Australian community, these upgrades will be welcome by many!"

While at the Gurdwara, the PM spent time

in the community kitchen where he learnt the cultural way to prepare the community meal langar, especially the Indian bread roti.

The PM was also given a birthday cake to celebrate his 54th birthday the day before.

In a Facebook post, Mr Morrison thanked the Gurdwara for the "warm welcome".

"A special thank you as well for the cake to celebrate my birthday, which was yesterday. Great to get some tips on how to make a good roti bread too," he said.

Officer Gurdwara spokesperson Harpreet Kandra said the PM was able to connect with multicultural communities in the La Trobe electorate during his visit.

Mr Kandra described the temple as the youngest Gurdwara in Victoria, having opened only three and a half years ago. He spoke of the several social cohesion and community wellbeing activities organised by Officer Sikh Temple.

"Many kids welcomed all dignitaries with flowers that had thank you messages attached to the stem," Mr Kandra said of the visit.

"The dignitaries were thanked for Federal funding to realise several projects such as the multipurpose room, kids' play area, library and organic farm."



Prime Minister Scott Morrison visited Officer Gurdwara on Saturday 14 May.

## NDIS will be reviewed

By Marcus Uhe

A Labor government would review the "design, operation and sustainability" of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), according to Holt Labor Candidate Cassandra Fernando.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data from 2016 showed the City of Casey has the largest number of residents living with a disability in Victoria, with 4.7 per cent of the population (14,144) living with a profound or severe disability.

People living with a profound or severe disability are defined as those who need help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication, because of a disability, or a long-term health condition.

The NDIS has come under fire recently after their quarterly report for March 2022 showed an average fall of four per cent in plan size per participant between 2020 and 2021.

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal, responsible for reviewing decisions made by Australian Government Ministers, departments and agencies, have experienced a 400 per cent increase in people disputing their NDIS plan.

Under Labor, cuts to plans amounting to more than 20 per cent per year would be subject to an 'Expert Review', an alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

"Labor is committed to ensuring that no Australian with a disability is left behind – from getting the NDIS working properly for those that need it, to coordinating support for all 4.4 million Australians living with disability," Ms Fernando said.

"Labor will act urgently to stop the Morrison Government's unfair cuts to NDIS plans by introducing an Expert Review that will guarantee plans are not being unfairly reduced," Ms Fernando said.

"We will bring forward a planned review of the scheme and consult on terms of reference that will consider all available evidence and look at benefits as well as problems inside and outside the NDIS."

Palmer United Candidate Gerardine Hansen echoed Labor's sentiment on the importance of the scheme.

"The NDIS is very needful for so many in our community," Ms Hansen said.

"We need to ensure NDIS is delivering to its best potential and UAP is committed to do this."

"When elected I will be working closely with the City of Casey with their plans to ensure the very best for people of Holt."

The Liberal Party and the Greens were contacted for comment.



Labor Holt candidate Cassandra Fernando. 278998 Picture: SUPPLIED

## Bipartisan support for local media

Federal Labor has announced a \$15 million pledge, if elected to Government, to support media publishers hit by skyrocketing newsprint costs.

The rescue package was swiftly matched by the Federal Government, sealing bipartisan support for independent outer-suburban publishers such as Star News Group.

On 13 May, Labor opposition communications spokesperson Michelle Rowland said he ALP would support local media diversity and public-interest journalism with a "principles-based, evidence-informed and sustainable" approach.

"Regional and local newspaper publishers remain exposed to external shocks, such as newsprint price increases which threaten to wipe out local newspaper titles for good," Ms Rowland said.

"Labor raised the alarm on the newsprint crisis last month and extended bipartisan support for the formulation of a crisis response during the pre-election caretaker period.

"If Scott Morrison had done his job properly by supporting public interest journalism with measures that were recommended well before Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine, the

sector would have been on a more sustainable footing to absorb this price increase."

The package includes a \$10 million fund for regional publishers, and \$5 million for independent suburban, First Nations and multicultural newspaper publishers.

Ms Rowland also announced a \$12 million fund for community broadcasting, and would keep community TV station Channel 31 on air.

She said regional, local and community media faced "challenges and uncertainty" because of "Scott Morrison's failure to provide policy coherence or a stable set of support measures to help sustain the local media that millions of Australians rely on".

"It is unacceptable that the Liberal National government has distributed tens of millions in grants without a clear plan."

Days earlier, the Coalition offered \$10 million support to regional newspapers only. It caused an outcry from snubbed outer-suburban publishers such as Star News Group.

After the ALP promise, Communications Minister Paul Fletcher swiftly matched the extra \$5 million for independent suburban, First Nations' and multicultural publishers.

"The Coalition Government recognises the important role our local newspaper publishers play in keeping Australia's communities informed," Mr Fletcher said.

"We also understand they are under pressure due to the dramatically rising costs of newsprint driven by ongoing volatility overseas.

"We will move urgently to deliver the funding, with payments expected to be made early in the new financial year."

Mr Fletcher said the Coalition remained concerned about the impact of "Labor's safeguard mechanism" on increasing costs for paper manufacturing in Australia and the "flow-on impacts that will have for the future of our local newspapers".

According to the Government, newsprint costs are expected to rise by up to 80 per cent from 1 July due to multiple worldwide factors.

They include international demand, Covid, the war in Ukraine, rising input costs in Europe, oil prices and global shipping issues.

Star News Group publishes newspapers in the South East, including the Pakenham-Berwick Gazette, Berwick Star News, Cranbourne Star News and Dandenong Star Journal.

## Patients left waiting in hospital crisis

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"The Greens Plan for Health at this election is to invest an extra \$8 billion by legislating equal funding of hospitals between the Commonwealth and states," Mr Kirwan said.

"This can be done by reinvesting the billions paid in private health insurance rebates back into the public system, slashing out of pocket costs."

Star News Group contacted Monash Health for comment about the under performance of the hospital, who said its employees have done an exceptional job in meeting demand over the pandemic.

The medical group also noted Melbourne's south east LGAs were currently experiencing some of the highest infection rates across Victoria, with 228 workers at Monash Health not working due to Covid-19 as of 12 May.

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) Secretary Lisa Fitzpatrick agreed Covid was contributing to added stress within the industry.

"This is an issue across Victoria and across the country particularly those states most impacted by pandemic and the Omicron outbreak.

"You can't have more than 1000 nurses unable to work and believe it is business as usual," Ms Fitzpatrick said.



Casey Hospital is one of the lowest performing hospitals in metropolitan Melbourne, according to statistics from VAHI. 153243

She said the ANMF was in discussions with the State Government about further financial assistance to recognise and incentivise nurses and midwives to stay in the workforce.

Yet, the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine said Covid was not to blame for a "national emergency" in hospitals.

President Clare Skinner said Covid only "exposed and worsened" systemic problems like emergency department overcrowding and ambulance ramping that had been "building for many years".

"Members all over Australia report to the College that these are the worst conditions they've experienced in their careers," she said.

Ms Skinner said parts of the health system

were "seeing almost double the amount of people they were designed for".

She said the State Budget's focus on health was welcomed, but noted a nationally-coordinated, long-term, whole-of-system approach was needed to retain burnt out staff.

Earlier this month, the State Government announced its 2022-23 budget would include \$236 million in funding to double the capacity of the Casey emergency department.

Shared between Casey Hospital and Werribee Mercy Hospital, the funds were announced in addition to a \$12 billion health boost through the Pandemic Repair Plan, to train 7000 extra healthcare workers, including 5000 nurses.

Despite the funding boost, Gembrook MP Brad Battin was outspoken in Parliament on Wednesday 11 May, saying the Andrews' Labor Government had "absolutely and utterly ripped off" the Victorian public when it came to the health crisis.

"At Casey last week we had wait times of over seven hours—seven hours in emergency," he said.

"That for people who are going in for urgent treatment is woeful, it is unfair and it should not be happening.

"It shouldn't be happening because the government should have invested at the right time to ensure that we can fix these systems."



The race consists of a five kilometre run, 22.5 kilometre bike ride and a final 2.5 kilometre run.



From left to right: Skye's father James, brother Caleb, mum Ruth and Skye celebrate her ATAR score of 96.4 last year.



Skye trains an average of two hours everyday, often rising at early hours to fit her training into her busy schedule.

# Skye's the limit for teen

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But the triumph doesn't come without its challenges.

Skye is now faced with the difficult task of financing her trip, including flights, accommodation, race entry, a race kit and training camps - a steep feat for an 18-year-old working part time while balancing training and a physiotherapy degree.

To assist with the heavy costs of making it to Romania for the race, Skye set up a dona-

tion page with the Australian Sports Foundation.

The page has amassed over \$1500 the short week it has been running, with friends, family and locals offering messages of support for the young sport star.

"We see you every morning on our way to the train station. Rain, hail, shine, dark. Our kids still asleep, lol. Well done and best of luck x," said contributor Noelene Laslowski.

"Go chase your dream. Wishing you all the

best, Skye," said another.

As well as helping to pay for necessities, Skye hopes the donation campaign might attract the attention of potential sponsors, to kick start her professional career as an athlete.

"I definitely want to pursue it professionally, that's the dream!," she said.

Mrs Wallace said the army of local support surrounding her daughter comes down to the fact "she's a great kid".

"I'm biased, but she's a really good kid," Mrs Wallace said.

"I think people see her around a lot, because she is always out exercising and she'll always smile and say hello."

Skye will compete in the World Duathlon Championships on 10 June and just nine days later will head to Germany for the European Junior Triathlon Championships.

To donate to her race fund, head to bit.ly/3yE0Ryd



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# Fernlea amendment

The City of Casey and property developer Balcon Group have agreed to propose an amendment to the current heritage overlay at the Fernlea homestead on Tuckers Road in Clyde.

According to the City of Casey, the developer has requested the amendment in order to accurately reflect the items of heritage significance while removing land from the overlay that does not hold any significant heritage value.

The homestead is a recognised heritage site in the Casey Planning Scheme.

The council moved a recommendation at Tuesday 17 May's Council meeting to request a Planning Scheme Amendment to correct the boundaries.

The proposed curtilage will add protection to the long driveway approaching the farmhouse and the mature English Trees along it, but remove protection for the outbuildings to the south west of the farmhouse.

"There are some, I understand, anomalies within the current mapping of the site which do not include aspects of primary and secondary heritage that are sufficiently within the current planning scheme amendment to protect the setting and cultural value of the place in the future," Administrator Cameron Boardman said during the council meeting.

"While this is a statutory process, there is a requirement and expectation from Council that we will protect the heritage associated with the Fernlea homestead which will include the farmhouse in its current form.

"Its materials in detailing the farmhouse representing the form and its construction at the time, the long driveway, the below-ground domed water tank which features a hand-pump, the well to the rear of the house, and a number of other matters that are listed in the public documents.

"The overall intent is to ensure the planning scheme amendment is undertaken to correct the boundary to ensure that all of those aspects of primary and importantly in those proposed amendment, the secondary heritage considerations are protected, and the developer undertakes their commitments to do so, commensurately."

Fellow administrator Tony Belmar was pleased that the trees along the driveway will be protected.

"In many respects it's the approach to a building of this type which is just as important to protect as the building itself," he said.

The council will submit the amendment proposal to the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning.

The future of the outbuildings, which will no longer be protected under the proposed new overlay, was not addressed in the meeting.

Heritage consultant Ray Tonkin prepared a report for the Victorian Planning Authority that outlined all items of primary and secondary significance which contribute to the historic setting and importance of Fernlea in the 2014 Clyde Creek Precinct Structure Plan.

His recommended heritage protection area included the driveway and the "corrugated galvanised iron clad outbuildings located to the south west of the house".

"The ownership by the Manks family and their chaff cutting and threshing businesses makes it an important link to the twentieth century agriculture of the district," Tonkin wrote

"It is likely that the corrugated galvanised iron sheds to the south west of the house are remnants of this activity."

The council was contacted for comment on what the proposal meant for the outbuildings but did not respond before deadline.

## Police arrest seven teens

Southern Metro Crime Team detectives have arrested seven teenagers after an allegedly stolen Mercedes was spotted in Hallam early Sunday morning, 15 May.

Officers first observed the car on Belgrave-Hallam Road about 2am on Sunday.

The Air Wing attended and followed the Mercedes to an address in Shetland Street, Endeavour Hills.

A number of units were called to the area including local vans, detectives and the Dog Squad, where police arrested six youths on Sunday and a recovered two allegedly stolen vehicles.

A 15-year-old boy from Cranbourne East has been charged with theft of motor vehicle, handle stolen goods, commit indictable offence while on bail and going equipped to steal.

A 15-year-old boy from Frankston has been charged with theft of motor vehicle,

commit indictable offence while on bail and theft.

A 15-year-old boy from Hallam has been charged with attempted aggravated burglary, commit indictable offence while on bail and theft of motor vehicle.

A 13-year-old boy from Hallam has been charged with theft of motor vehicle and commit indictable offence while on bail.

Another 13-year-old boy from Hallam was charged with attempted aggravated burglary, theft of motor vehicle and possess property suspected to be the proceeds of crime.

A 15-year-old boy from Doveton was released on summons for theft of motor vehicle.

A seventh teen, a 17-year-old boy from Dandenong, was arrested on Monday morning and remains in custody, assisting investigators with their enquiries, police said.



The car was stolen from Beaumaris on Friday 13 May, police say. 253041

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# Local student riding high

By Eleanor Wilson

A Berwick school girl is riding high after she was chosen to represent Victoria at the National Interschool Equestrian Championships in Sydney later this year.

Pearl Hodson, a Year 7 student at Haileybury in Berwick, qualified for the state team after placing first in the 95cm Combined Training event at the 2022 PETstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships.

Pearl and her horse, Charlton Veeza aced both the showjumping and dressage rounds to earn their place.

"I began riding on a grumpy miniature Shetland called Kitty when I was only three," Pearl said.

"My parents both ride and horses have always been an important part of our family."

Pearl rides her two horses most days and works with a coach once a week. Riding and caring for her horses — and keeping up with homework — mean she is one busy student!

"My horses take up most of my free time. I ride for about an hour a day and on top of that I spend at least another hour each day feeding, rugging, grooming and mucking out yards," she said.

"I love training and improving my skills and my horse's skills too, and I also enjoy jumping on bareback and galloping through the paddocks on our farm."

"The partnership and bond with my horses is special and it's all about respect and teamwork."

Pearl's success at the 2022 PETstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships comes despite her only having ridden Charlton Veeza for a few months.

"He is patient, talented and has such a gentle nature. Through spending time with him every day we've formed a strong bond and a mutual trust quite quickly," Pearl said.

"He definitely got lots of treats and cuddles



Pearl won the title with the help of her horse Charlton Veeza.

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after the win."

"I'm very proud and very grateful to all the people who helped make my win possible. I'm still training and working with my coach to prepare for a few more local competitions, then Veeza will have a short break to make sure he is

fresh and well-rested for his big competition."

Pearl said she hopes to pursue a career with horses in the future.

"I can definitely see myself doing something with horses in the future, whether it's competing or just working with horses," she said.



Year 7 Haileybury student Pearl Hodson placed first in the PETstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships.

Year 9 Haileybury student, Nadia Serato, also took part in several days of competition on her horse, Highfield Summer Willow.

Nadia rode in the Intermediate Preliminary Dressage event, placing fourth in the state in a field of 70 riders.

## Koala arts to the rescue

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A monumental art project featuring 23 giant koalas has raised more than \$18,000 to help protect Australia's increasingly threatened koala populations.

About 100 students and staff across Haileybury College's campuses — including Berwick and Keysborough — as well as seven famous artists got behind the cause.

Each uniquely decorated their own six-kilogram koala fibreglass sculpture.

And after two Covid-interrupted years, the works were put up for an online fundraiser auction.

The aim of the Haileybury Koala Project is to raise funds for the Australian Koala Foundation to conserve koalas and their habitat after the devastating Black Summer bushfires in 2019-20.

Renowned public artist Pamela Irving, Academy Award winner and former Haileybury student Adam Elliot, and artists Joan Blond, Di Crawford, Ian Wood and George Manioudakis donated their talents.

Ms Irving said it was a "joyous event" to see all of the varied koalas together.

"It was quite beautiful. And it was fantastic to see all of the kids' works."

Ms Irving, who has closely observed koalas in the wild, "blissed out" in the trees at her brother's farm in Colac, didn't hesitate to help the cause.

"They're just so happy, very lovely animals.

"Then the images of those poor animals as a result of the fires with their paws burnt — I found it so sad. The pain must have been unimaginable."

She covered her sculpture in a deep lapis lazuli blue and her renowned animal and character forms — such as Larry La Trobe the bronzed dog that features in front of Melbourne Town Hall.

"I wanted to make something bright and happy, after the fires — which were such a sad thing that happened to our beautiful koalas."



Some of the 23 koalas on exhibition.



Artists Ian Wood, Pamela Irving and George Manioudakis.

During Covid lockdowns, she worked on her koala in her Bentleigh studio — which was fortunately within five kilometres of home.

Sitting in her studio window, the koala became a beacon for the cause.

People spontaneously started to drop off mittens and blankets for koalas, which were duly passed onto wildlife charities.

Haileybury art teacher and Koala Project coordinator Bambi Johnson said the project launched just at the start of the Covid pandemic.

And got bigger and "more formidable" over the ensuing two years.

"The koalas exemplified the hope and resilience of the local community (during Covid).

"The heart of the project was how we've been able to stay on board with it.

"We had to be creative in how to support it and make it work."

One of the koalas will stay at Haileybury College as a lasting reminder of the effort.



Pamela Irving with her creation for the Haileybury College fundraiser.



Berwick Junior School's decorated koala.



Newlands Early Years' koala artwork.



Adam Elliot's gold creation.



Di Crawford's koala

# Double Delicious delights

By Eleanor Wilson

“Growing up as a Chinese kid in a very white part of Australia, my identity was always questioned,” recalls writer and media personality Benjamin Law.

“I may not speak the language of my ancestors, but the one language that does connect me with my cultural identity is food.”

This sentiment makes up the very core of immersive theatrical experience Double Delicious - which sees Law and four other Asian Australian creatives combine storytelling with cooking at Bunjil Place this weekend.

Double Delicious co-director Courtney Stewart said the best way to fast track connection was through sharing a meal together, which is why directors decided to immerse audiences in the show by giving them a taste of each performer's dish.

“I think we generally underestimate what stories audiences want to hear and I think a show like Double Delicious proves audiences have an appetite for stories by human beings,” Ms Stewart says.

“What's so great about these stories is it removes the us versus them model and it just gets people to engage with each other.”

The show features a diverse range of performers including Korean Australian chef Heather Jeong, who recalls meeting her father for the first time at the age of nine.

Dancer-choreographer Raghav Handa grapples with the loss of ritual, and how it fits into his contemporary life in Australia.

Performer Valerie Berry recalls the shock of moving, as a child, from bustling Manila to outback Ceduna.

Writer and comedian Jennifer Wong recounts the many kinds of sweetness that nourish and heal. And writer Benjamin Law tells the hilarious story of growing up in the shadow of the Big Pineapple.



Writer and media personality Benjamin Law is one of five Asian Australian performers hosting Double Delicious. Pictures: SUPPLIED

“Chinese in Australia have been here for over 200 years now, yet we're still considered outsiders,” Mr Law said.

Born to immigrant parents in rural Queensland, Law said a major part of his upbringing was spent trying to suppress his Cantonese-Malaysian heritage.

“My teen years coincided with the rise of

Pauline Hanson's maiden speech and as a result you really want, partly out of shame, to bury your cultural identity,” he says.

“I felt both pride and shame at various points depending on where the political discussion was.”

Mr Law uses wontons, a dish rooted deeply in his Chinese ancestry, in the show as a



Korean Australian chef Heather Jeong recalls the emotional journey of meeting her father for the first time aged nine.



Performer Valerie Berry shares the story of moving from Manila to Outback Australia.

launching pad to discuss notions of identity.

“There's no such thing as a totally authentic wonton. Much like identity, you make it your own,” he said.

Double Delicious is playing at Bunjil Place from 20-21 May.

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Miss Gina (Educator) and Miss Josie (Assistant Educator) with the kids. 278696  
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# Pre-kinder has returned

By Eleanor Wilson

Three to four year-old children were having the time of their young lives on Tuesday, recommencing pre-kinder activities at Oakgrove Community Centre.

The pre-kinder runs at the centre in accordance with Victorian school terms, providing a caring and nurturing environment for the children to socialise and learn in.

Recent research from the UK indicates that children who have attended two years of a quality kindergarten program will, on average, have better cognitive and social skills when they start school.

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to take final year exams and go on to higher academic study.

Oakgrove Community Centre manager Mary Amalraj said the centre's kinder program was based around the notion that every child should be encouraged to develop at their own pace.

"[The kinder provides] activities set up for the children and group sessions for snack and mat time," she said.

"We incorporate music, relaxation time, children's yoga, exercise time, craft as well as free play."

Oakgrove Community Centre's kinder program currently runs on Monday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 2:30pm and Tuesday from 9am to noon.



Ellie and Toby. 278696



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Miss Josie (Assistant Educator) is swamped by the kids after she read a book to them. 278696

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# Hallam author writing on

By Jonty Ralphsmith

A Hallam-based author has had two books published with UK-based publisher, Olympia and says many more are on the way.

Gavin Catt is a sci-fi buff with a love of storytelling, harnessing his creative spark to work on a series of novels.

In January 2020, Gavin planned his year so he could dedicate lots of time to his writing - The lockdowns resulted in Gavin being asked to take leave from his role as a clerical officer, giving him more time to write the book, therefore speeding up the process of publishing.

Focussing on concepts of peace, escapism and humankind, Gavin's books log the adventures of the characters on an inter-galactic adventure, inspired by an episode of Star Trek.

The stories, which are handwritten twice before he types and submits them to sift out errors, are available on sale on Amazon and Kindle, at Walmart in USA and more.

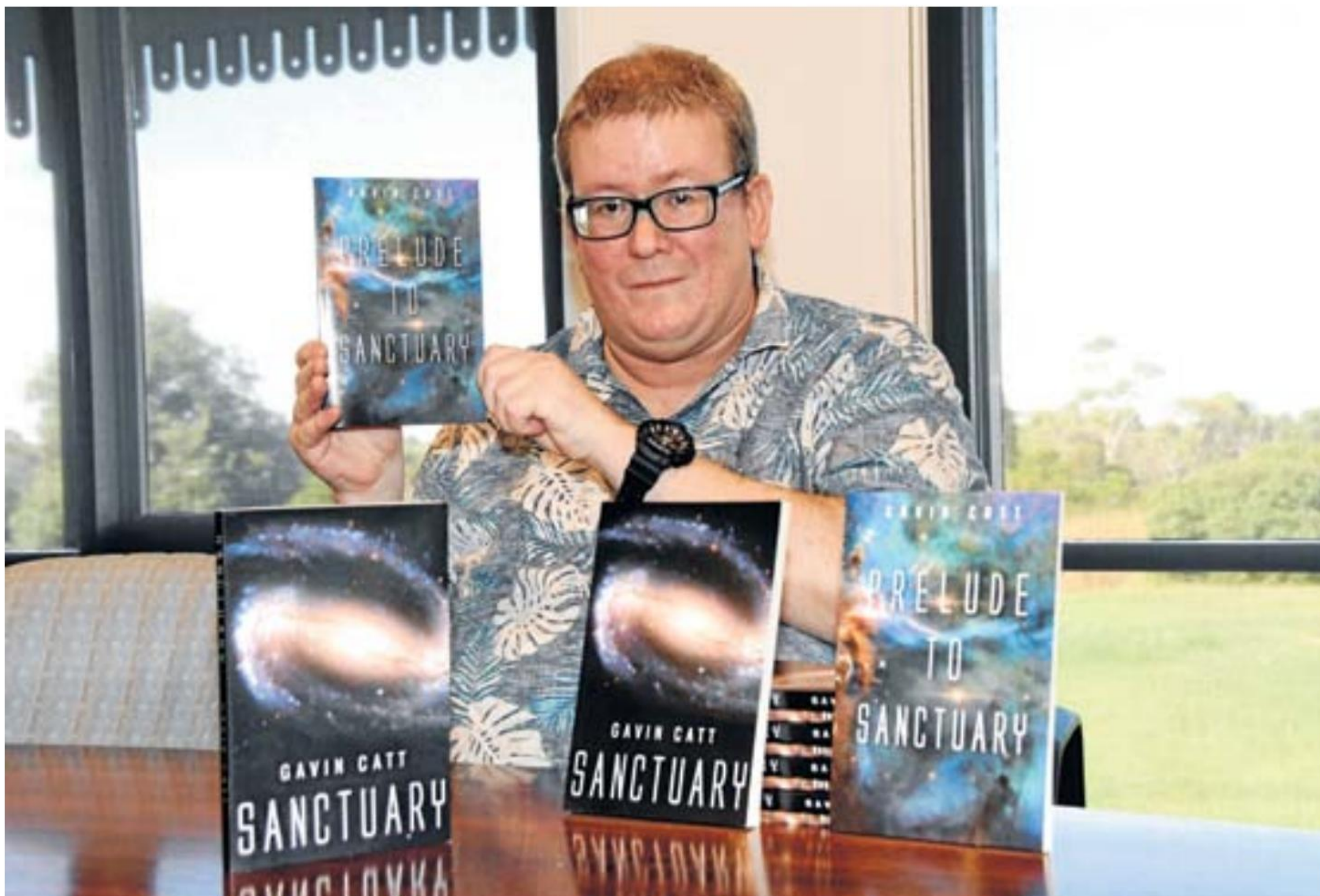
It took until the book was sent to the sixth publisher for it to finally be accepted, but Gavin was unfazed and knows it can take up to five years before prospective readers catch wind of its availability so is remaining patient and ambitious.

Gavin, now middle-aged, enjoyed writing short stories during his youth and has spent time on community radio, piecing together essays and writing songs in the intervening years. Through his stories, Gavin hopes to express humankind's need to evolve.

While it is set 400 years in to the future and outside the Milky Way, he has retained references to everyday life as people in 2022 so that it remains relatable for his readers.

"I want to show that irrespective of political orientation or personal characteristics, people are just people, he said.

"It doesn't matter who or what you are and, if you don't treat other people with respect,



Gavin Catt is a sci-fi buff. 277957

what hope is there.

Humans' war-like nature has helped us to evolve but we need to evolve past that and

make a physical conscious effort to evolve.

The advent of the pandemic influenced the narrative, as seeing Melbourne "look like a

country town on a Sunday afternoon" helped Gavin visualise what an alternate reality in another galaxy could look like.

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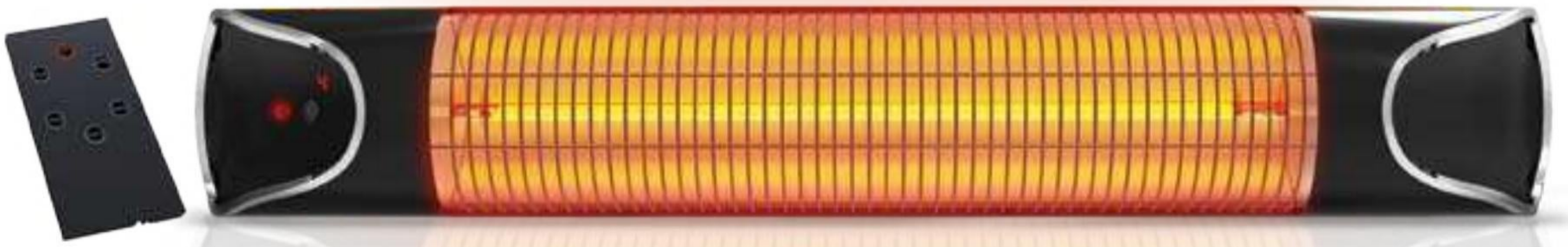
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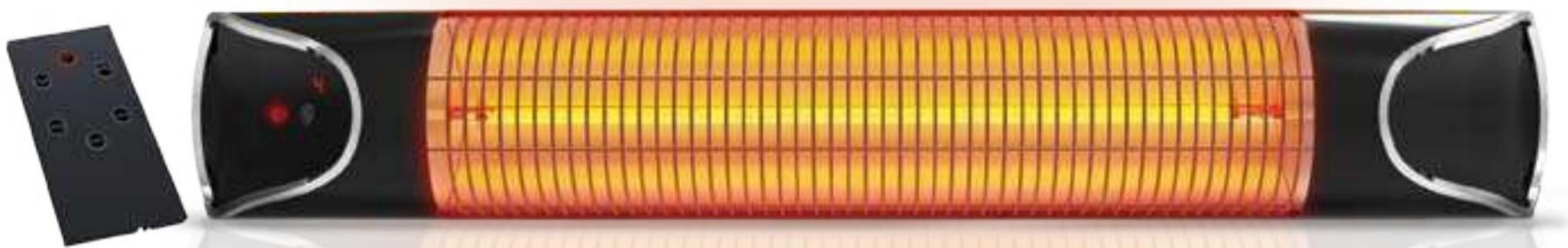
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# Casey Sings! ready again

By Eleanor Wilson

Local choir Casey Sings! is gearing up for its first official performance in two-and-a-half years after spending that time rehearsing on Zoom.

The choir is performing its concert *As Time Goes By* at Narre Warren Bowls Club on Sunday 22 May, with the help of inclusive choir organisation, Play it Forward.

Casey Sings! music director Patrick Burns said the choir can't wait to perform.

"This concert will be a wonderful selection of music, from old classics to new favourites," he said.

"It will be a huge celebration and so emotional for the choir to come together and to perform."

The concert was partly made possible thanks to the choir's commitment to weekly Zoom rehearsal sessions throughout the pandemic.

Mr Burns said despite a few initial growing pains, the choir adapted well to the technologically modern form of choir rehearsal.

"The early sessions were bugged with learning Zoom etiquette, because you can't actually rehearse with everyone's Zoom microphone on," he said.

"But they've all adapted and I think it's amazing what people can adapt to."

Casey Sings! manager Cate Marshall agreed the Zoom rehearsals were very difficult, but said they allowed community members to remain connected in what was a very isolating time for many.

"The best part about being in a choir is singing in a group and hearing the harmonies



Casey Sings! choir is performing for the first time post-pandemic this weekend.

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come together. There's nothing quite like it," she said.

"In the Zoom rehearsals we, of course, had to be muted so we couldn't hear anyone else singing and singing at home by yourself is just not the same."

"[But] the rehearsals were a wonderful way for people to feel part of the outside world even though they couldn't actually go out."

Describing Casey Sings! as "a community group that sings on the side sometimes", Mr Burns, who took over as music director this year from founding artistic director Jonathon

Welch, said the choir represented a particularly strong community of women.

"The Casey community is one of the strongest I've come across," he said.

Mrs Marshall agreed Casey Sings! was very welcoming when she joined the choir in its early days in 2014.

"When I joined the group a lot of the people already knew each other from other projects/choirs but they made me feel welcome and I now have lifelong friends because of it," she said.

Mrs Marshall said she was filled with ner-

vous excitement ahead of the concert this weekend.

"Singing in front of people next weekend is both exciting and immensely nerve wracking," she said.

"It's been over two years since we have performed and I'm sure I am not the only one that is quietly stressing out about doing it again."

Tickets to the show are available at [playitforward.org.au/events/astimegoesby](http://playitforward.org.au/events/astimegoesby)

Proceeds go towards keeping the choir singing.

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with a side of dishes straight from the heart.

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■ Call David on 0433 566 456 for more information.

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■ Saturday 4 June 4pm to 11pm at Selandra Community Hub. 7-9 Selandra Boulevard Clyde North.

### Endeavour Hills Deaf Hub Project Welcome Event

Join us for information sessions, sports clinics for kids, sports fun for adults, gym, coffee and a chat.

■ Sunday 22 May 10am to 4pm at 10 Raymond McMahon Boulevard, Endeavour Hills.

### COOK4CALD Support Market

The Support Market is an initiative to raise awareness to the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Youth community, of what support services are available to them. In addition to stalls held by service providers, there will

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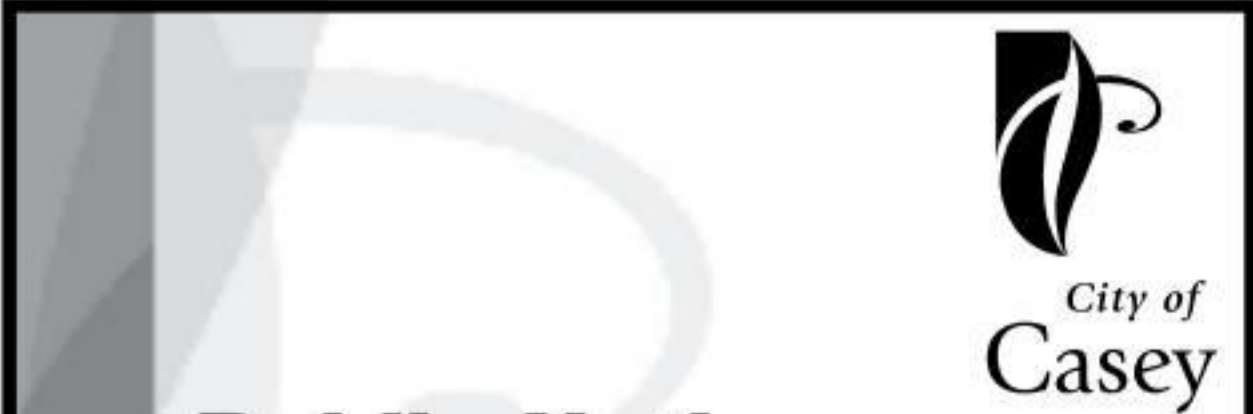
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The draft Development Plan provides guidance for future development and planning permit applications in the Estate. Future development includes up to 1,700 residential allotments, a local activity centre, a community centre, non-residential uses in a residential zone and open space networks. Once the development plan is approved, future planning permit applications are exempt from public notice under the Casey Planning Scheme.

The draft Development Contributions Plan identifies the infrastructure costs for the Estate to develop and distributes these costs equally between the landowners in the Estate.

The Collision Estate Draft Development and Contributions Plans are on community consultation from Friday 29 April 2022 until midnight Thursday 23 June 2022.

For further information, to make an appointment with a Council officer or to make a written submission, please refer to:

- the Casey Conversations: <https://conversations.casey.vic.gov.au/collision-estate-development-consultation>.
- the information at Council offices at Bunjil Place in Narre Warren during opening hours.

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The Casey Cardinia Libraries' (CCL) Board will meet at 4.00pm 22 June 2022, (online) to consider any submissions and to adopt the Budget for 2022-23, and (updated) Library Plan 2021-25 including Strategic Resource Plan 2022-26.

Copies of the Draft Budget and Library Plan are available for inspection on the CCL website [www.ccl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccl.vic.gov.au) or contact us on 1800 577 548 until 8 June 2022.

Written submissions under Section 223 of the Act on any proposal contained in the Budget must be made to CCL by 5.00pm 8 June 2022. CCL will give public notice of its decision in accordance with the Act. Submissions addressed to the CEO, Locked Bag 2400, Cranbourne 3977 or email [information@ccl.vic.gov.au](mailto:information@ccl.vic.gov.au)

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# Wicks back on the board

By Tyler Lewis

Berwick has got off the mark in extraordinary fashion.

The Wickers secured their first points of the Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL) Premier Division with a draw against Blackburn.

And while going from zero points to two is like a cricketer getting off the mark with an edge through the vacant third slip region, there were excellent signs for this young Wickers group.

After a week in which coach Clint Evans described as the flattest he had been after a game of footy, the Wickers coach was full of praise for his side, who competed – and should've beaten – a side that is pushing for finals.

"The boys played well, we were in the contest all day and we were probably unfortunate in the end – they kicked a goal with 30 seconds to go... we just couldn't hold on," he said.

"We fought really hard, it could've gone either way – we had it in our grasp but we couldn't hold on.

"I suppose it was a little win for us, we would've loved to win but where we're at and what we're going through – you know a draw probably isn't a bad result for us.

"We have been playing alright, just the fundamentals and little things have let us down, but this week, there were a couple things we want to do differently but, the things we worked on we did better during the game."

Harrison Money was at his brilliant best, booting six of the Wickers 12 goals.

Money's goal tally is now up to 13 for the season and the exciting forward has fired in each of his five matches so far.

Evans is confident with better ball use, and Tim Gunn alongside him; more goals are coming for his live-wire.

"On Saturday he was fantastic," he said.

"He has been really good and he is in the



Berwick coach Clint Evans believes the return of Tim Gunn will make life easier for Harrison Money. 279901

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leadership group now, we probably don't help him with our ball movement and the way we use it.

"He's always two on one so on the weekend, our delivery of the ball was a lot better and we had a lot of one on ones with him.

"One on one for his size he hardly gets beaten... especially with Tim Gunn back in the side, with those two guys I am pretty confident when we come in.

"We probably aren't going to get it in our forward 50 as much as other sides, but we have

to make sure when we do we score and on the weekend we did that."

The Wickers used the wind in the final term to kick four goals to two, but it wasn't enough to collect maximum points, with the scoreboard reading 12.7 (79) apiece at the final siren.

## Meticulous planning but it all comes down to intensity

By David Nagel

Even the best laid plans can sometimes go awry and a slow-starting Beaconsfield was left to rue that fact after a nine-point loss to Croydon at Croydon Oval on Saturday.

The Eagles went into the match with a clear focus on some key targets for the Blues, but a 5.2 to 1.2 first term had the home side buzzing on its way to an 8.9.57 to 6.12.48 victory.

The Eagles recovered well after quarter time, kicking five goals to three after the first break, but were forced to play catch up after lacking intensity in the initial stages of the match.

"It's unlike us, our starts have been really good this year," said Beaconsfield coach Mick Fogarty.

"We had no intent and lost one on ones around the ground, we were second to the footy and second to the contest.

"We went there with a plan to make sure we matched (Adrian) Ficorilli and (Matt) McKenzie, who are terrific mids for them and get some really good clearance, but we just lacked that desire and want.

"But certainly after quarter time I thought we were terrific."

Classy left-footer Troy Broussard and tall Riley Britton and Joel Koger did the damage for the Blues in the first quarter, with Beacy's lack of height a serious concern.

With ruckman Paddy Gerdan still out with an ankle, and back-up tall Harry Coe a late withdrawal, Fogarty and his team were forced to shuffle the deck chairs.

Key-forward Josh Smith was forced into the ruck, while gun-mid Matt Johnson was used to create a target up forward.

"As a coach I always ask the players to adjust to situations as they arise on the ground and we were exactly the same on the weekend," Fogarty said.

"Josh (Smith) has been our most consistent forward this year, and provided a real



Half-back Robbie McMillan played a great game for Beaconsfield against Croydon. 275025

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focal point for us, but with Paddy Gerdan and Harry Coe out through injury, we had to adjust.

"To get something, you have to take away from somewhere and hopefully you cover that.

"We had to throw a few things around, but the pleasing thing is that once we got it on our terms in regards to our game, our pressure, our tackling, and our ability to play a centre-forward game, we matched them."

Trailing by 22 points at half time, the Eagles played their best football of the match in the third quarter, with a crumbing goal from Hayden Brough at the five-minute mark proving great reward for effort.

Corey McKenzie kicked one against the run of play at the 12-minute mark, before goals to Damien Johnston and Jafar Ocaa cut the margin to just six points at three-quarter time.

The Eagles suffered an early setback, with Broussard kicking his third after just a minute of play in the final term, with both teams then engaging in arm-wrestle.

A late goal from Declan Everett gave the Eagles a glimmer of hope but the Blues held on in a tense finish.

Ocaa finished with two goals for the Eagles, while Robbie McMillan and skipper Jake Bowd did some terrific things in defence.

Whether the Eagles are a genuine finals contender or simply making up the numbers will likely be determined over the next three weeks of the season.

Home games against Upper Ferntree Gully (10th) and Mitcham (6th), are followed by a trip to Lilydale (9th) on June 4.

Fogarty answered directly when asked if the Eagles had pencilled their next three games as crucial to their destination this season.

"We have, we certainly have, and I try not to talk in cliches, with the week at a time thing pretty simplistic and obvious, but we have identified these three games as a great opportunity," he said.

"But the opposition will also be identifying us as an opportunity as well, but we've got a real belief and desire that if we can tick these next three off we give ourselves a real chance, because I think fourth and fifth are up for grabs."

The Eagles are only a game and percentage outside the top five.

A major highlight for the Eagles on the weekend was the debut performance of 16-year-old bottom-age Stingray Kade De La Rue, who played as a forward and acquitted himself quite well.

### EASTERN DIVISION ONE

#### RESULTS - ROUND 6

**CROYDON** 5.2 6.6 7.6 8.9(57)  
**BEACONSFIELD** 1.2 2.8 5.12 6.12(48)

Croydon Goals: T. Broussard 3, R. Britton 2, C. McKenzie, J. Koger, J. Jones. Best Players: J. Koger, J. Lynch, J. Christie, T. Broussard, B. Hotker.

Beaconsfield Goals: J. Ocaa 2, M. Johnson, D. Johnston, H. Brough, D. Everett. Best: R. McMillan, H. Brough, T. Stokoe, C. Wassylko, D. Johnston, J. Docherty.

#### OTHER GAMES

■ Upper Ferntree Gully 6.8.44 v Mooroolbark 20.16.136, Lilydale 5.5.39 v East Ringwood 10.11.71, Montrose 10.9.69 v Mitcham 8.10.58, Wantirna South 15.11.101 v Bayswater 10.7.67.

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■ Mooroolbark 24, East Ringwood, Croydon 20, Wantirna South, Montrose, Mitcham 12, Bayswater, Beaconsfield 8, Lilydale 4, Upper Ferntree Gully 0.

#### FIXTURE - ROUND 7

■ Beaconsfield v Upper Ferntree Gully, East Ringwood v Wantirna South, Mooroolbark v Bayswater, Lilydale v Montrose, Mitcham v Croydon.

# Mixed bag for Cavs

By Lachlan Mitchell

The Casey Cavaliers were back on court in a big way over the weekend.

The Cavs played in a back-to-back, featuring on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday both the men's and the women's team were up against the Nunawading Spectres on a day of less than favourable results for both sides.

The women Cavaliers skipped out to a strong 15-0 start, Monique Conti and Sarah Boote converting under the net lay-ups to open their individual accounts.

The Spectres got themselves back in the contest through Rachel Antoniadou who made a perimeter three to trim the Cavs lead to 10 at the end of the first period.

Antoniadou continued to trouble the Cavaliers defence in the second period, leading to Sarah Booth fouling out of the game.

The Spectres went on a run in the second, as Alice Kunek proving lethal from within and outside the arc.

Casey could only manage 12 points in the second quarter to lead by four at the main break.

The Spectres continued to roll pile on the points putting on 28-14 in the third term, which ultimately led to the Cavaliers going down 95-76.

Rachel Bell and Monique Conti finished on 24 points each, while Spectres Alice Kunek finished with match-winning 40 points.

The men's, meanwhile, side suffered a heart-breaking six point loss to Nunawading in the first of its double-header.

The Cavs had to fight to stay in the contest, trailing at the end of every period.

William Hickey top-scored for the Cavs with 22 points to go with his six rebounds in the 70-76 defeat.

Sunday had a much better feel for Cavaliers fans, as the women's side bounced back in emphatic style.

The men started strongly to lead at the first change by four points.



One Win from four matches for the Cavaliers. 281504

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After the break the Miners ran rampant, Preston Bungei put up 23 points to lead the Ballarat side to an 89-76 win.

The Cavs women dominated their first quarter against the Miners, thanks to Monique Conti and Hailey Merrigan, who took matters into their own hands to skip out to a 18-26 lead.

From there the Cavs never looked troubled, in the 85-73 point victory.

Conti and Rachel Bell finished with 24 and 21 points respectively.

Louise Brown was also dominant with 11 rebounds in her sides win.

Women's coach Alex Palazzolo was pleased with his side's resilience to bounce back after a short turn around.

"It was a disappointing game against the Spectres, we got off to a great start, we were

15-0 up in the first quarter," he explained.

"Unfortunately are U.S import got fouled out in the first half (Sarah Boothe), when that happened we didn't respond like we needed to.

"It was great to see how we bounced back on Sunday; it was fantastic to go 1-1 from the weekend's action."

The back-to-back basketball isn't an issue for Palazzolo and his side.

"I thought we backed up really well and to get the result we did against a quality team like Ballarat, they have two Australian players on their team in Jade Melbourne and Zitina Aokuso," he said.

"To play away from home and respond the way we did, was exactly what I was after and a great result."

The Cavaliers next face Frankston away on Saturday Afternoon.

## A Pies pile on as Narre stakes its claim

By Tyler Lewis

Narre Warren flexed its muscles on Saturday, slamming home 27 goals against Mt Evelyn.

The Pies had nine individual goal-kickers and six multiple goal-kickers in the 27.20 (182) to 8.12 (60) thrashing.

Frighteningly for other sides across the Premier Division, Maggies coach Shane Dwyer is confident his side can hit its full straps now after a stop-start beginning to the season.

"We spoke about how now we get a run at it as of the weekend, we don't go one game (then) bye, or two games (then) bye," he said.

"We sort of spoke that we get a good run at four games in a row, so hopefully – because we have been patchy here and there – because we haven't got that continuous games.

"We have spoken about it before the weekend and the boys are pretty happy to get a run at it, it's pretty hard to get them up and about when they know they have a week off.

"The fact we're playing for a month in a row now gives us a chance to get to our best."

Youngster Will Howe fired seven goals and the ever-green Jake Richardson slotted another six in the big win.

Dwyer praised Howe for his early signs up forward and revealed the reason for Richardson's career best form.

"He was really good, he is a really good player, Will," he said.



Trent Cody kicked three on the weekend. 235926  
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"He played full-back for the first few weeks and we threw him forward when (Jesse) Davies was injured, he has been excellent the last two games – think he's kicked four and seven and he probably could've kicked 10 on the weekend.

"He is a lethargic type, but he is a really good young kid that can definitely play.

"I think with Jake it's the fact he is kicking a bit straighter, in the first two games he was a bit wayward.

"He's getting results because he is kicking straighter. He has done a power of work on it

and it's great to see him getting the results, he is a super player and he has been for a while... I think he is getting the same amount of looks each week, it's just he is converting."

Narre Warren's upcoming opponent – Woori Yallock – had a stumble on the weekend, dropping an expected win to Monbulk - 13.13 (91) to 13.6 (84).

Hawks star Taylor Joyce booted four in his side's first win of the year.

In Division 1 it was a round of beltings, as the closest game was played between Gembrook Cockatoo and Yarra Glen, in which the Brookers collected a 41-point win.

Jay Verhagen snagged six and Myles Wareham added another five to his tally, as the Brookers recorded the 19.11 (125) to 12.12 (84) win.

Berwick Springs, meanwhile, made it two wins in as many weeks with a win over Belgrave.

The 15.20 (110) to 8.9 (57) win leaves the Titans just one win out of the four, but will have its work cut out this week when it hosts Gembrook Cockatoo.

Emerald bounced back after its loss to Seville with a thumping win over Healesville.

Patrick Chin kicked four in the Bombers 14.15 (99) to 6.7 (43) win.

That Bloods outfit will have another big challenge this week, when it travels to Seville which is fresh off a bye.



Florin Berenguer could make his long-awaited return to the City lineup. 281542  
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## City begins quest for a dynasty

By Lachlan Mitchell

Melbourne City is ready and raring for back-to-back championships this week, as it faces Adelaide United in two-legs that started on Wednesday.

City had the bye in week-one of the finals, patiently waiting on other results to see who they would face for a spot in the grand-final.

The Casey Fields based side earned the bye after finishing on top of the table and claiming the Premiers Plate for the second-consecutive season.

Melbourne's opponents Adelaide finished fourth in the regular season and cruised past the Central Coast Mariners (3-1) on Sunday to book them a spot in the semi-final.

City coach Patrick Kisnorbo as also hinted that French international Florin Berenguer could also return for the clash after a hamstring injury.

Berenguer was an essential part of City's run before his injury, the injury resulted in the French-man missed the City's Asian Champions League campaign.

It's been a big week for the side with Connor Metcalfe taking home the 2021/22 Alex Tobin medal for professionalism and service as well as dedication to the game in a 3-2-1 voting system.

Metcalfe will be departing City at the end of the year to pursue his career further in Germany to join FC St.Pauli.

The midfielder made 22-appearances for Melbourne this season, missing only a hand-full due to international duty.

Jamie Maclaren was also honoured with his second-consecutive Golden-Boot award.

Maclaren finished the season with 23-goals and was crucial in City finishing the home and away season in pole position.

City defender Nuno Reis has also extended his contract to the end of 23/24 season.

Reis has now made 44 appearances for City and was a part of the championship side in 2019/20.

The other semi-final is between the other two Melbourne sides, with Western United taking on Melbourne Victory.

The layout of the finals campaign ultimately means one Melbourne side will feature in the A-League grand final on 28 May.

City's first leg was on Wednesday 18 May in Adelaide, with the return-leg on Sunday afternoon at AAMI Park.



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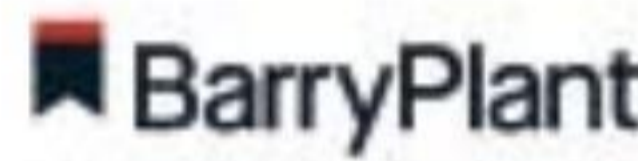
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