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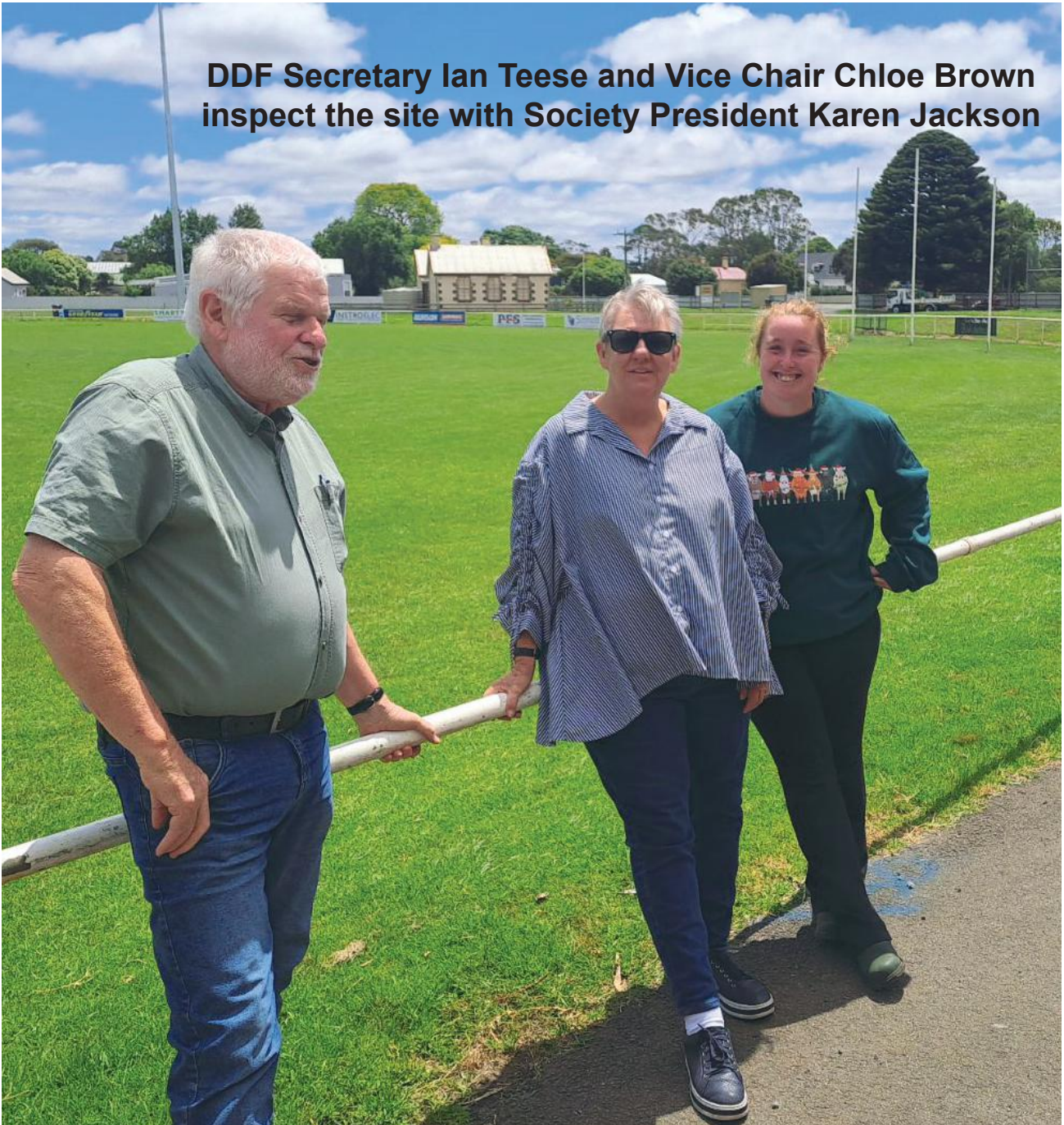
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DDF Secretary Ian Teese and Vice Chair Chloe Brown inspect the site with Society President Karen Jackson



Agricultural Field Day coming to south-west Victoria

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Pilk Purriyn Traditional Owner truth-telling story to continue on 26 January

Wadawurrung Traditional Owners will welcome Surf Coast Shire community and visitors to Country for a third deep listening event accompanying Pilk Purriyn – sunrise – in Torquay on 26 January 2025.

Their historic truth-telling story will continue with first-time testimonies from members of one of seven Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Family Lines, seeking to deepen understanding of the deep sadness, loss and hurt brought by colonisation.

This year will include stories from Wadawurrung Ngarrweet (Senior Male Elder) Uncle Mel and his family.



L-R Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Mike Bodsworth, Wadawurrung Ngarrweet Uncle Mel, Wadawurrung Elder Aunty Mary.

The event will start at 5.30am before the new day dawns on Warri Dja – Sea Country – at Cosy Corner in Torquay.

People of all ages, genders, races, religions and backgrounds are welcome to attend in quiet, compassionate reflection.

The event will include traditional Welcome to Country, Smoking and Dance ceremonies, but the emphasis is on deep listening.

Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation is again presenting Pilk Purriyn with the support of Surf Coast Shire Council and Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks.

Organisers are encouraging people to register for the free 2025 event via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PilkPurriyn to help gauge number and enable sharing of updates. About 2500 people attended Pilk Purriyn in 2024, and 2000 people in 2023.

Comments from 2024 patrons included:

"It was beautiful. It felt really powerful and heartwarming seeing so many people coming together."

"A highly significant event for truth telling in a spiritual place."



Wadawurrung Ngarrweet Uncle Mel and Wadawurrung Elder Aunty Mary exchange Pilk Purriyn message stick

"Everything about the event was wonderful – the venue, participants, agenda, words, stories, set-up."

"Amazing event, very thought provoking and inclusive, even shed a tear at the storytelling, will definitely come again."

Wadawurrung Ngarrweet (Senior Male Elder) Uncle Melville Robinson: "We, the people of Wadawurrung Country, invite the community to join us at Pilk Purriyn, to deeply listen to our Truth-Telling and understand the lasting impacts colonisation has had on Wadawurrung and all First Nations people."

"Wadawurrung Culture and Connection to Country extends back into the past, so far back that it is almost incomprehensible. We ask you to koling wada ngitj – walk forward together – with us."

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Mike Bodsworth: "Council Acknowledges that 26 January is a day steeped in sorrow for many First Nations people, and proudly supports Wadawurrung Traditional Owners' staging of their third Pilk Purriyn truth-telling event."

"Through the sharing of hearts, truths and ceremony they give us a profound opportunity to grow our understanding of their culture and the loss and hurt inflicted since colonisation. We encourage community members and visitors to attend and take it all in."

"The breaking light of Pilk Purriyn – sunrise and a new day – and the ceaseless wash of the waves provide an evocative backdrop for reflection and sense of connection with people who have known and cared for Warri Dja – Sea Country – for millennia."

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Chief Executive Officer Jodie Sizer: "This is an opportunity for the community to come together for deep listening, reflection, healing, and truth-telling."

Organisers are committed to making Pilk Purriyn as accessible as possible, while respecting the cultural significance and natural beauty of the outdoor site.

Anyone who may find the terrain or lighting difficult is advised to arrive early with a support person if required.

People with additional access or support needs are encouraged to contact organisers directly at pilk-purriyn@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

People can find more information, including event FAQs via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PilkPurriyn.



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PhD student, Alice Shirley uses new technology to select more heat tolerant dairy cattle

Dairy Up

Innovative sensor technologies, such as those used on dairy cattle, are generating large data sets that open up new research opportunities.

The Dairy UP team is taking advantage of this, in a project that aims to improve the accuracy of the Heat Tolerance Australian Breeding Value (ABV).

Under the supervision of Dr Anna Chlingaryan, Dairy UP PhD student, Alice Shirley, is using data from rumen sensors to explore how cattle respond differently to heat events.

The team is using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to develop a hybrid AI-based model to improve the assessment of heat tolerance in dairy cows. The model draws upon more than 20 years of historical climate and dairy cattle production data the model to improve the identification of more heat-tolerant animals.

By collaborating with DairyBio and DataGene, Dairy UP researchers aim to contribute to a better tool for breeding dairy cattle with improved heat tolerance.

The current Heat Tolerance ABV, published by DataGene, allows farmers to identify and breed animals with greater ability to tolerate hot, humid conditions with less impact on milk production. However, it is derived only from genomic DNA testing and has relatively low reliability, leading to slow uptake by farmers.

The research will develop phenotypes – indicators of animal performance that can be measured in commercial animals - to add to the model for the Heat Tolerance ABV.

Combining genomics with traditional and new measures of heat tolerance should improve the reliability and accuracy of the Heat Tolerance ABV.

The research used data* from three Australian pasture-based dairy farms with more than 1400 cows fitted with rumen sensors to monitor core body temperature, every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day. A water threshold model has been developed to track the impact of drinking on core body temperature. Climate data from the past 20 years obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology has been used to match observations from the cows.

Initial research has found significant variation between animals' core body temperature and their drinking behaviour and demonstrated core body temperatures increased at lower Temperature and Humidity Index levels than previously thought.

The research will continue with a collaborative project undertaken by DairyBio and La Trobe University PhD student Laura Jensen under the supervision of Professor Jennie Pryce that will combine the animals' genetic and performance data with a variety of approaches, including the sensor technologies from the Dairy UP project.

More information: www.dairyup.com.au

* Data supplied by SmaXtec



Cows on three Australian pasture-based dairy farms have been fitted with sensor technologies to monitor drinking behaviour and core body temperature, every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day.





16 January 2025

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

Neil McInnes

59 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week. One person completed their first ever parkrun and nine people completed their Personal Best time for Trebeck Reserve.

Congratulations to Mick Hobson, Brook Pay, Natalie French, Eva Phan, Melanie Wheelan, Dee Kuchenmeister, Anthony Keogh, Sue Rawson and Liz Bennett. We had three generations with Liz being joined by daughter Dee and granddaughters Sammi and Milli

We had visitors from France, Bendigo, Cowra and Mt Eliza.

Well done Kristen Czerkiewicz who completed her 100th parkrun.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Ann Jones * Helen Woodall * Ann Morsby * David Woodall * dDon Smith * Kylie Thornton *Kristen Czerkiewicz * Murray Bennett * Neil McInnes

Further details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results

Please check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

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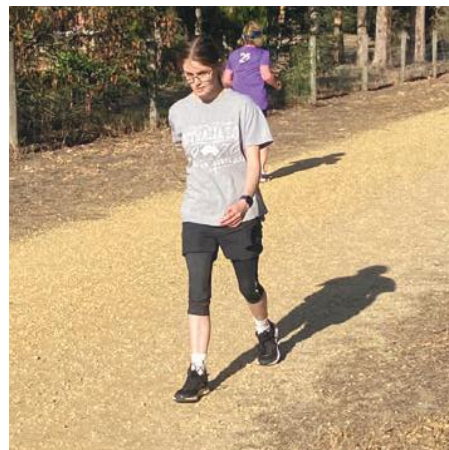
parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week.



Kristen completed her 100th parkrun



Sam I and Mille



Lily



Dee



Liz Bennett



Gary and Bernadette



Agriculture Field Day

DemoDAIRY Foundation

The reintroduction of an agricultural field day at Koroit is filling a void in south-west Victoria and exceeding organiser expectations.

The field day will be held on Saturday February 22 as part of the Koroit Show and has attracted more than 25 exhibitors with more expected in coming weeks.

The positive response could lead to the event being extended next year.

The field day will fill a gap left by the Sungold Field Days that were last held at Allansford in 2020. The event had run since 1981 and was recognised as the one of Victoria's premier agricultural shows.

Koroit field day co-ordinator, Julie Houlihan, said the response to the new event had shown the need for a local agricultural field day.

"When the much-loved Sungold Field Days stopped, we knew there was a gap in the market," Mrs Houlihan said. "We decided to have a go and combine it with the show and we've been overwhelmed with enquiries and bookings."

"Because it's the first year, we didn't know if it would take off, but with the response we've had, next year we might have to run two days or look at running the show separately."

The field day will feature more than 25 exhibitors, including tractors, drones, contracting and irrigation equipment, dairy innovation and feed and pasture companies.

The event will cover all agricultural fields but with a special focus on dairy. All the usual agricultural show events will be also be held, including horses, cattle, poultry, cooking, flower/vegetable and photography classes. "The field day is just adding another dimension and making sure we remain relevant to the community, especially agricultural industries," Mrs Houlihan said.

Most of the field day will be based on land owned by the agricultural society on the side of Victoria Park, with the oval being kept for traditional show activities.

Mrs Houlihan said the field day would provide a platform for farmers to learn about new technologies, techniques, and products; facilitate networking opportunities between farmers, suppliers, and industry experts; showcase the latest research and development in agriculture, including new crop varieties, farming methods, and equipment; offer hands-on demonstrations and trials of agricultural products and services; and provide a forum for discussions on key industry issues, such as sustainability, climate change, animal husbandry and environmental management.

"Koroit Agricultural Field Days aim to promote the development of sustainable and productive agriculture, and to support farmers in improving their operations and contributing to the growth of the agricultural industry," Mrs Houlihan said.

Innovation technical presentations and workshops will run through the day where selected suppliers and service providers can outline how their products features are innovative and would be useful to attending farmers. DemoDAIRY Foundation is assisting with this activity.

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VALE Merle Rigby

Volunteers for the Winchelsea Star, both past and present, would like to acknowledge Merle Rigby, who sadly passed away this week. Those of us who knew Merle would know of the invaluable role she played in the production of the Star as its original printer. Thank you, Merle

Winchelsea Star

Production Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025

Everyone is invited to come along to a monthly meeting - with coffee of course - on the last Saturday of each month.

Your comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events are welcome - or simply to say Hi!

Next Production Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025 9 - 10am

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Are you interested in dropping a line?

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Victorian State Government

Plenty of fish thanks to record stocking

Victorian fishers are in for a bumper season, with more chances to hook, line and sinker a Murray cod thanks to 10 years of record fish stocking by the State Government.

6,000 Murray cod fingerlings were today released for fishers and to celebrate the State Government's continued investment in Victorian fishing.

Since 2014, more than 66 million fish have been released across Victoria including golden perch, Australian bass, estuary perch, trout, salmon and dusky flathead – that is more stocking than all other Australian states and territories combined.

The fingerlings released today were produced at the Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery, near Shepparton, which is being upgraded to triple its size and will see it produce up to six million native fish each year, part of a \$15 million investment.

Since 2014, more than 22 million Murray cod have been stocked into Victorian waters at more than 60 locations across the state.

Several Victorian lakes are open year-round so fishers can wet a line and reel in a Murray cod including Lake Eppalock, Rocklands Reservoir and Lake Eildon. Since 2014, Lake Eppalock alone has scored 2.4 million cod, with locals and visitors now catching increasing numbers of fish – which are likely upward of 3-4 years old.

Near the Grampians, Rocklands Reservoir has been stocked with millions of Murray cod since 2017, plenty of which are now being caught by freshwater anglers.

Several other waterways are flourishing thanks to record stocking and delivering benefits for nearby communities like Melton Reservoir, Cairn Curran, Taylors Lake near Horsham, Eildon and Lake Nillahcootie.

To find out more about some of the state's top fishing locations, head to vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingdestinations.



Memory Walk & Jog is coming back to Geelong!

Dementia Australia

Dementia Australia's largest annual fundraising event, Memory Walk & Jog, is heading back to Geelong to help raise much-needed funds in support of people living with dementia, their families and carers.

This year walkers, runners and joggers will set off on Sunday 4 May at Eastern Beach Reserve, Geelong to raise money, awareness and to get active for their brain health.

Dementia Australia Ambassador Takaya Honda laid down a challenge for the community of Geelong calling on more people than ever to get involved in Memory Walk & Jog by either walking, running, volunteering, donating or supporting 2025 participants.

"The Victorian community should get involved in Memory Walk & Jog because dementia is a disease that touches so many lives—mine included," Takaya said.

"My mother passed away from dementia in 2023, and I saw firsthand how devastating and isolating the disease can be, not only for the person living with it but also for their family.

"For those affected, Memory Walk & Jog is more than a fundraiser, it's a place to connect with others who truly understand the journey. For me, it was comforting to share space with people who had walked similar paths, offering a sense of community in what can often feel like an isolating experience.

"When you join us, you're helping to create hope, connection and change for families like mine. Your support means the world to so many of us."

This year Dementia Australia hopes to have a record-breaking number of people sign up to participate across Australia, helping to raise more than \$2 million to fund invaluable support, education and services for people living with dementia, their families and carers.

Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said that communities participating in Memory Walk & Jog play an integral role in helping to deliver services and increasing awareness of dementia.

"There are more than 5,180 people living with dementia in the Greater Geelong region," Professor Buchanan said.

"Not only does Memory Walk & Jog help raise vital funds but it is an important opportunity to continue a national discussion about dementia and for everyone to get active and socially connect—two key things we can do to help reduce our risk of dementia."

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Gas imports terminal proposal may pose unacceptable risk to environment and community

GeelongSustainability

Viva Energy Gas Import Terminal EES Hearing - Ports Victoria Navigation, Safety and Further Dredging Concerns

Karina Donkers

Geelong Sustainability has been closely following the Environmental Effects Statement hearing for Viva Energy's Gas Import Terminal proposal, and significant evidence has come to light this week that warrants attention. This could make an impactful regional story.

Ports Victoria has formally expressed concerns to the Inquiry and Advisory Committee stating that Viva Energy has yet to complete a navigational and safety assessment for the proposed project.

Additionally, submissions from North Shore residents and others have highlighted critical issues with the shipping channel in Corio Bay. The channel's current depth and width are insufficient for the safe passage of typical Liquid Natural Gas tankers. To accommodate these vessels, extensive dredging may be required to deepen and potentially widen the channel. However, the environmental effects of such dredging—including marine habitat destruction, increased turbidity, and potential contamination from disturbed sediments—have not been adequately addressed in this EES.

There are also serious safety concerns. The narrow channel and inconsistent depths leave little margin for error during navigation, particularly at low tide. This increases the risk of grounding or other navigational hazards, with limited options for emergency manoeuvres.

See attached Letter from Ports Victoria to the IAC, as well as key evidence, quotes and further background information. The submission from the North Shore Residents Group is below.

Viva Energy Gas Import Terminal Key Evidence and Quotes

Quote from Ports Victoria Letter to the IAC:

"Ports Victoria is cognisant that the studies undertaken to date, and in particular since the date of the Report, do not adequately determine whether the scope of operations are achievable within the proposed footprint without further modifications exceeding the design scope as presented during the EES. Indeed, similar other project risk assessments in other State jurisdictions by comparison, have shown that reconfiguration of shipping channels may be necessary to enable the safe navigation of the LNG carriers, and to mitigate the deleterious effects of the trade on other users of the port."

"Viva has not undertaken any significant further evaluations to inform of suitability or otherwise"

From North Shore Residents Group submission

• The Society of Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO) state: "Harbour channels should be of uniform cross-sectional depth and have a minimum width, equal to five times the beam of the largest ship."

• Liquid Natural Gas Carrier (LNGC) of 300 metres in length, 50 metre beams and 12 metre drafts will service Viva Energy's FSRU.

• Minimum channel width for LNGCs (per SIGTTO): 250 metres.

• The Hopetoun and Corio shipping channels where the LNG tankers will be transiting for the Viva Energy Gas Import Terminal are only 127 metres wide.

• Channels in Corio Bay have maximum allowable draft of 10.8 metres without tide, and up to 11.9 metres with tide.

• "Corio Bay is deficient against the basic safe navigation criteria recommended by SIGTTO for safe LNGC navigation, depth, width, length of approach channel and distance to safe anchorage".

• "Viva Energy has not worked closely with Ports Victoria and other Stakeholders to develop risk mitigation measures for LNGCs transiting Corio Bay. The most effective risk mitigation measure is to ensure that the dimensions of Corio Bay shipping channels meet minimum accepted safe navigational standards. Significant channel dredging is required to meet minimum accepted industry standards (i.e. SIGTTO; PIANC)."

Quotes from ACF and Geelong Sustainability

• "This letter from Ports Victoria regarding the missing navigational safety studies has confirmed our concerns that we still do not know if the Bay can be safely transited by huge LNG tankers and that there may be considerably more dredging required to make Corio Bay navigable for these ships. Further dredging could have significant impacts on the marine environment by impacting on seagrasses which support the ecosystem." **Peter Chomley, ACF**

• "Viva Energy's proposed gas import terminal poses unacceptable risks to our community and environment. The IAC and Planning Minister need full transparency on dredging impacts to assess the environmental effects properly. Viva Energy's failure to complete their safety assessment with Ports Victoria further underscores the need for the Planning Minister to reject this project outright." **Jane Spence, CEO Geelong Sustainability**

About Geelong Renewables Not Gas

Formed in response to Viva Energy's proposed gas import terminal in Corio Bay, the Geelong Renewables Not Gas alliance includes North Geelong residents directly affected by the proposal, people passionate about fishing and boating, and people concerned about pollution and the climate crisis. It is backed by peak local, state and national environment groups, including Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF Geelong), Geelong Sustainability, Environment Victoria, Surfers for Climate, Australian Parents for Climate Action, Patagonia and others. Learn more at www.geelongrenewablesnotgas.org

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Catastrophic loss of threatened wildlife habitat

The Australian Conservation Foundation fears for the future of native, threatened species impacted by the devastating Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park bushfires that have already destroyed a staggering 76,000 hectares of habitat. Gariwerd is the fourth largest National Park in Victoria and so far, precious bushland the size of Singapore has burned to the ground.

Renowned for its rich diversity of fauna and flora, it is a crucial ecosystem for over 300 species of native mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. This includes more than 50 threatened species such as the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby.

While cooler temperatures have brought important relief to residents protecting their homes and towns, the steep terrain, dense forest, and tinder-dry conditions of the national park mean the bushfire will burn well into the new year, resulting in catastrophic loss of wildlife.

Conservationist and CFA member Dr Tam Ramsay lives on a property in Gariwerd home to the Wildwood Wildlife Shelter. She spent the week leading up to Boxing Day fighting fires and protecting native wildlife.

"I was on the Victoria Valley tanker as part of a strike team when we spotted an eagle's nest perched at the fire's edge in the most magnificent tree in the area. Her nest is a haven for her and her chicks, now it was under direct threat. Two tankers used half their water to protect that tree and the surrounding bushland. The nest stood as a powerful symbolic reminder that forests are homes to countless lives," she said.

Dr Ramsay said a fellow nature advocate and Parks Victoria worker had documented that the last haven for long-nosed

potoroos in the National Park had also burned.

"Our big backyard is at breaking point.

Scorching heat. Catastrophic bushfires. Communities and wildlife without time to recover before the next disaster strikes. This is climate destruction, fuelled by gas and coal companies, and it is getting worse," said ACF's Climate and Energy Program Manager Gavan McFadzean.

"We are facing hotter fires of increased intensity that incinerate rather than rejuvenate the landscape. And we're seeing these at increased frequency and over a longer bushfire season. In places like Gariwerd, this results in permanent ecological damage and decline.

"This double whammy of deadly fires and extreme heat is leaving people and native animals alarmingly vulnerable throughout the long summer months," he said.

The black summer fires of 2019-20 killed or displaced 3 billion native animals.

People who find wildlife injured by the fire are asked to download the Wildlife Emergency App or call 1300 356 882. You can also find more information on how to care for distressed or injured wildlife in ACF's Wildlife care guide: fire, heatwaves and drought.

Donate to ACF's urgent Climate in Crisis Fund to help stop the big polluters fuelling these chaotic weather events, again and again.



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When was your Lightbulb Moment?

Climate Council

Electric Shock: Half of VIC in the dark on renewable energy progress, knowledge gap risks slowing transition

Australians are underestimating the speed and scale of our switch to renewable power. Four-fifths of our electricity is set to come from renewable sources by 2030, and all of our ageing coal-fired power stations closing by 2040. However, new Essential Research polling commissioned by the Climate Council—Electric Shock! Australia's Lightbulb Moment—shows a glaring knowledge gap that risks undermining trust in the energy transition. Addressing this gap is key to empowering Victorians to embrace and benefit from the increasing momentum of renewable energy.

- More than half (51%) of people in VIC think renewables will generate less than 80% of electricity by 2030, while only 6% correctly identify the figure as 80-89%.
- More than a third (36%) are unsure when all coal-fired power stations will close, despite the clear 2040 timeline from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).
- More than half (58%) of people in VIC underestimate how long renewable energy has been part of our history, with solar and wind farms dating back to the 1980s.

Climate Councillor and energy expert, Greg Bourne, said: "One in three Aussie households now have solar on their rooftops – making rooftop solar three times more common than the backyard pool. Yet a lot of Australians are surprised to learn that we've been building our solar and wind since the 1980s. These renewable energy sources have been powering us for longer than people think.

"Victoria gets more of its energy from renewable sources than Australia's other big states. Large-scale solar and wind, backed by storage, can deliver reliable, low-cost power 24/7, keeping energy costs low as coal phases out. Expanding our renewable energy capacity will also unlock thousands of new jobs and economic opportunities, particularly in Victoria's energy regions like Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula.

"However, this lack of public awareness leaves room for misinformation to fester, delaying progress and undermining confidence in the transition. Governments and energy companies have a responsibility to provide clear, accurate information about Australia's renewable energy milestones and opportunities. The more Australians understand, the quicker we can build momentum and ensure a smooth shift to renewable energy before the lights go out."

Climate Council Fellow and energy expert, Andrew Stock, said: "There's no room for delay and distraction. Coal is on its way out so we must act quickly to expand renewable energy solutions to firm up our supply before coal plants retire. And thanks to the state's investment in renewables, the wholesale cost of electricity in the state is declining and is already the lowest on the east coast.

The Climate Council recently launched its Momentum Monitor, which tracks the progress of climate solutions in Australia's energy, transport, and manufacturing industries. Data in the Momentum Monitor is updated quarterly.

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Department of Health, Victoria

Two new cases of measles have been reported in Victoria who were infectious across Melbourne in mid-January.

People who have attended exposure sites during the specified times on 15 or 16 January should contact their GP as soon as possible (today) to discuss post-exposure prophylaxis and monitor for symptoms of measles.

These new cases have been linked to travel in Vietnam, adding to the four recent Victorian measles cases also connected to travel in this region. There has been an increase in notified cases of measles in returned travellers across Australia in recent weeks. Growing outbreaks have been reported internationally including in Vietnam and Thailand.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can spread from person-to-person and potentially lead to serious health complications.

Anyone who develops symptoms of measles should seek medical care. Wear a mask and call ahead to make sure you can be isolated from others.

Healthcare professionals should be alert for measles in patients with fever and rash, particularly those who have recently returned from overseas or attended a listed exposure site during the specified period.

Suspected cases should be tested, advised to isolate, and notified to the Department of Health immediately 1300 651 160.

Anyone planning overseas travel should make sure they have received appropriate travel vaccinations, including MMR vaccine. This is especially important for anyone planning on travelling to South-East Asia including Vietnam.

What is the issue?

Two new cases of measles identified in Victoria attended multiple public places in Melbourne while infectious from 13-16 Jan 2025.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can lead to uncommon but serious complications, such as pneumonia and brain inflammation (encephalitis).

There is currently a large measles outbreak in Vietnam. Vietnam's Ministry of Health reported over 38,364 suspected measles cases for 2024, including 13 deaths. At the present time, any overseas travel could lead to exposure to measles, with outbreaks also reported in areas outside of South East Asia including India, Africa, Europe and the UK, the Middle East, and the USA.

People who have attended the exposure sites 15-16 January should contact their GP as soon as possible (today) to discuss the need for post-exposure prophylaxis. Anyone who has attended an exposure site 13-14 January during the specified times should monitor for symptoms and seek medical care if symptoms develop for up to 18 days after the exposure. Anyone who presents with signs and symptoms compatible with measles should be tested and notified to the Department of Health immediately.

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Now might be the time to install that new dam - and here are a few pointers to get you started

Department of Agriculture, Victoria

Seasonal conditions have led to a shortage of stock water across most of Victoria which has renewed interest in constructing farm dams, and the addition of pumps, bores, tanks, troughs and piping.

Farmers are advised to ask some important questions before constructing a new dam or adding water infrastructure or equipment to their property.

Before engaging an earthmoving contractor for a new dam, investigate answers to important questions like: How much water do I need, will the dam hold water, will it fill most years, how big should it be, is there a good site for a spillway, do I need a permit or license, what will it cost?

Longer, hotter summers and decreased cool season rainfall has meant many smaller dams built in previous years are drying up. Lack of runoff, increased water consumption and evaporation contribute to this issue.

Many new dams built across Victoria are also failing within the first few years due to inappropriate materials or poor construction techniques. As a result, farmers need a bigger catchment area to improve the chances of filling dams regularly.

At least 10 hectares of catchment for every megalitre of water stored in a dam is recommended. Runoff from nearby roads and tracks is an effective way of getting water, especially in a dry year.

A livestock dam should be as deep as your site will allow and have a minimal surface area to reduce evaporation. Consideration should be given to planning a key large dam to use for reticulating water to troughs across the property, via gravity or pumps.

Allow a minimum spillway width of 5m. The spillway should end with a level spreader to ensure water leaves the dam in a thin wide sheet.

A gently sloping, well grassed area is essential for a safe and stable spillway. The spillway should have little or no slope with a flat cross-section.

The addition of a trickle flow pipe set below the spillway level will minimise ongoing maintenance.

Purchasing appropriately sized pumps, tanks, troughs and pipes is essential for providing the flow of water needed on a hot day. Ensure the construction and design of troughs are not vulnerable to livestock damage and are easy to maintain.

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When purchasing pipeline equipment and fittings, deal with a reputable supplier with a good track record, spare parts and after-sales service.

Selecting an experienced and reliable contractor, plus a few basic soil tests, will minimise the risk of failure. Ensure your contractor has the appropriate skills, a good reputation and up-to-date equipment. Ask the contractor for examples of their work and a guarantee.

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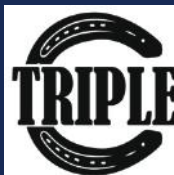
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