



**Easter cheer:** Keryn Kaye from the Leongatha Children's Centre and some of her charges enjoyed the annual Easter visit by the chicken and rabbit, alias sisters Val and Nola. Keryn is also a member of Leongatha Lions, which supports the sisters in their Easter visit.

## They're all smiles

IT'S 31 years since sisters Val Pistrucci and Nola Sneddon began bringing pre-Easter cheer to the streets of Leongatha.

Dressed respectively as a rabbit and a chick, they've dispensed Easter eggs to those in offices, child and aged care.

They do so in memory of their grandmother Eveline Smith, who was a resident in Woorayl Lodge.

"We get great pleasure from distributing some cheer, fun and in acknowledging Leongatha and district residents, especially the children, young at heart and the sick, in celebrating this special holiday

season," they said

The sisters, who were born and raised in the Leongatha area (their maiden name is Hengstberger) took Easter eggs to a Leongatha Senior Citizens lunch, Domain Seahaven Inverloch, Woorayl Lodge and Koorooman House Leongatha, Mirboo North's Strzelecki House and Grandridge Lodge and Korumburra's Hillside and Carinya lodges and Alchera House.

Their motto is: "Our smiles are your smiles."

Their Easter cheer is supported by Leongatha Lions, Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary, Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and Cadbury.



**Leadership learning:** Kyle Wright, Jake Roylance, Elly Wringfield and Olivia Peterson from Wonthaggi North and Inverloch primary schools with managing director of Impact Leadership, Andrew Strong.

# Good Friday, good cause

SOUTH Gippsland and Bass Coast residents dug deep on Good Friday, raising over \$100,000 for the Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital.

The most impressive effort went to the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, who raised a huge \$44,000, which is around \$7000 more than their 2011 total.

The Wonthaggi CFA and community raised a total of \$25,048 door knocking, while the Leongatha CFA

and community, Bowls Club, Safeway and Good Friday Ball's combined total of around \$16,000 is still rising, with last minute donations still coming in.

The smaller towns of South Gippsland, including Fish Creek, Foster, Welshpool, Port Welshpool and Toora, raised around \$16,500 and Inverloch's total was around \$5000.

Congratulations to everyone who organised an event, door knocked, or made a donation to such a wonderful cause.



**Ready to collect:** Leongatha CFA members and family took to the streets last Friday to raise money for the Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital. Despite the collection being interrupted by a callout to a grass and scrub fire on the Wild Dog Valley Road, members of both the Leongatha and Ruby CFA put it out quickly and returned to door knocking. Pictured here are Amanda Campbell and her children Will, Maddie and Shami, Scott Hillis, Dale Carruthers, Tristan and Matilda Morton Pedersen, Kathleen O'Keefe and Trevor Cashmore.

## Art show has a Good Friday

IN its 45th year the Bass Coast Artists' Society is the premier art exhibition in the Bass Coast region.

Art Society president, Colin Billington judged the opening night, on Friday, April 6, to be a big success.

"We had a great opening night at the exhibition and fortunately the heavens didn't open up until late in the night," Mr Billington said.

With over 100 members, the exhibition consists in excess of 150 items of all forms of the arts including photography.

The Bass Coast Shire Art Acquisitive major award winner, Adrian Johnson, received \$1000 from Bass Coast Shire Council and an invitation to provide five paintings to be entered in the Bass Coast Shire

Art Acquisitive Exhibition, which will be conducted later in the year for a further \$5000.

The other winners at the Exhibition were best oil, won by Susan Hall, and highly commended (HC) best oil won by John Duncan-Firth.

The best acrylic section was won by Judy Jennison, with HC acrylic going to Dennis Leversha.

The best water colour of the exhibition was won by Jenny Jackson and HC best water colour was taken out by Bill Lancaster.

The winner of the best pastel category was Maureen Loughran and HC best pastel was awarded to Hazel Billington.

The best drawing prize was picked up by Dennis Leversha with Gloria Growse gaining the HC best

drawing prize. The best contemporary artwork winner was judged as Ron Thomas, while Marion Quigley picked up the HC in the same category.

Anne Fogarty produced the best other medium artwork of the exhibition, with Ray Dahlstrom picking up the HC in that category.

The encouragement award was given to Isabella Caldwell.

Ken Rowe received the Moonya best body of work prize while Susan Hall picked up the HC for best body of work.

In the photography section, best photo was won by Chris Upton; second best photo was won by Trevor Allan and Zoe Kidd was awarded third best photo of the exhibition.

## TIDES

Here is an easy guide to tides in your area.

To determine tides for a particular area, add or subtract periods of times as shown below.

Earlier	Minutes
Apollo Bay	25
King Island (Grassy)	10
King Island (Surprise Bay)	40
King Island (Franklin)	40
Lakes Entrance	170
Lorne	20
Mallacoota Inlet	158
Rip Bank	15
Snowy River Entrance	170

Cape Schanck	Flinders, Mornington	Ocean Beaches, Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waralaha Bay, Woolamai	nil
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Later	Minutes
Altona	195
Barwon Heads Bridge	15
Carrum	195
Corinella	68
Coves Pier	50
Dromana	195
Frankston	195
Geelong	210
Hastings	66
Hovell Pile	195
Inverloch Pier	15
Melbourne	200
Mornington	195
Newhaven Jetty	30
No. 1 West Channel (Annulus)	50
No. 2 South Channel Light	70
No. 8 South Channel Light	150
Port Albert Pier	90
Portarlington Pier	190
Portsea Pier	80
Port Welshpool (Rabbit Island)	10
Queenscliffe Pier	30
Rhyll	60
Rosebud	195
Rye Pier	170
St. Leonards Pier	190
Sandringham	195
Sorrento Pier	130
Stony Point	40
South Channel Pile Light	190
Swan Island Dock	120
Tooradin	105
Warneet	84
Williamstown	200
Welshpool Pier	90

At Port Phillip Heads  
**APRIL**

	Time	height (metres)
<b>11</b>	0240	1.55
<b>WED</b>	0839	0.08
	1541	1.74
	2106	0.51
<b>12</b>	0324	1.55
<b>THUR</b>	0928	0.10
	1628	1.70
	2151	0.51
<b>13</b>	0419	1.52
<b>FRI</b>	1015	0.15
	1716	1.63
	2237	0.53
<b>14</b>	0457	1.47
<b>SAT</b>	1102	0.24
	1806	1.54
	2324	0.56
<b>15</b>	0549	1.40
<b>SUN</b>	1149	0.34
	1900	1.46
<b>16</b>	0015	0.59
<b>MON</b>	0651	1.32
	1239	0.46
	1955	1.39
<b>17</b>	0113	0.62
<b>TUE</b>	0808	1.27
	1334	0.57
	2051	1.34

All times shown in 24 hour clock  
0001 - 1200.....AM  
1201 - 2400.....PM

## Students learn to lead

PRIMARY school students from around the region merged on Korumburra to take part in a student leadership conference recently.

Student leaders from Coves, Wonthaggi, San Remo, Nyora, Fish Creek, Foster, Toora, Loch, Korumburra, Inverloch and Wonthaggi North primary schools were involved in the conference at the Korumburra Showgrounds.

Impact Leadership ran the conference and managing director Andrew Strong said it is a great way for the student leaders to further their leadership skills.

"The kids get to learn about the leadership principles, the need for integrity as a leader, meeting the needs of the school and motivating others to help lead," he said.

"It's a great way to get the kids interacting and thinking about their leadership roles."

All the student leaders enjoyed their time at the conference.



**Best piece:** the Bass Coast Shire Art Acquisitive award winner at the Bass Coast Artists' Society Easter Exhibition, Adrian Johnson (right) shown here with Art Society president, Colin Billington.