

The South Coast  
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the best way to ensure a profitable future for the South East and allow the development of plantation forestry.

"As plantation forestry uses 30pc of the water resources today it is simply not logical or conceivable that the region could allow substantial new forestry development without making them fully accountable," he said.

"Without being accountable for the water they use, significant expansion of new forestry plantations would simply take the water from existing users."

Mr Lyons said delays or "phasing in" of accountability would be devastating for existing irrigators who produce high-value products such as milk, wine, meat, seeds and vegetables.

A spokesperson for acting Environment Minister John Hill

said preliminary consultation on the Lower Limestone Coast water allocation plan (WAP) had been completed and the South East NRM board was seeking to improve the draft plan based on feedback received from community, industry and agencies.

"A key aspect of the draft WAP will be the inclusion of policies that account for the impacts of plantation forestry," the spokesperson said.

"These policies will help to carefully manage groundwater resources to support sustainable water use for forestry and other uses.

"The board anticipates that late this year or early next year the plan will be ready for B consultation which will provide a further opportunity for the community to have their say."

# Free tax return help

A FREE service to help people complete tax returns will be provided at the Community Support Centre on Ferrers Street from July 21.

Tax Help is an Australian network of community volunteers who provide a free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns.

They are not Tax Office staff, but receive training and support from the Tax Office.

Tax Help is for people on low incomes (\$35,000 or less) including senior citizens, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability and Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.

Since tax can be complex, volunteers are only able to help with fairly straightforward tax returns.

They can help identify and record income received through pensions or Australian government benefits and allowances, such as unemployment and sickness benefits, salary and wages, dividends, managed funds and interest.

The service operates on Mondays and appointments can be made by phoning 8723 0540 on week days between 12pm and 3pm.



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Picture: ANELIA BLACKIE.

## Pair to face court over drink driving

TWO Mount Gambier people were caught drink driving during the early hours of Saturday morning.

A 23 year old man was reported for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol at 4.45am after he was stopped on Commercial Street East for a mobile random driver screening test.

The man allegedly returned a breath analysis reading of 0.13.

He will be summoned to appear in court at a later date.

Just several minutes later at 4.52am a 43 year old woman was stopped on Kennedy Avenue for a mobile random driver screening test.

She allegedly returned a positive breath analysis reading of 0.177.

She was subsequently arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving unlicensed and driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol.

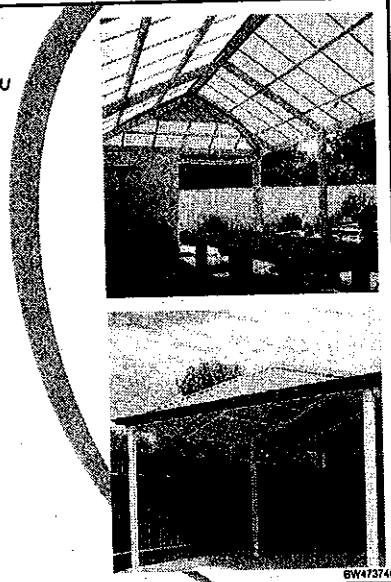
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