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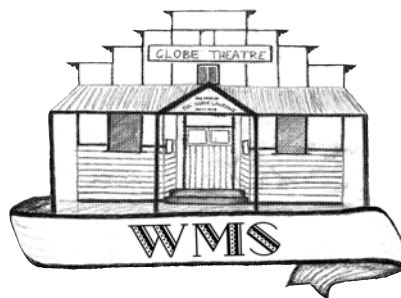
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Letter to the Editor

Thank you for running and formatting our revised article - looks fab. Much appreciated. Well done to you and the team.

Regards
Richard Butcher, Growing Winchelsea

20% cut in car registration

Victorian Government

War in the Middle East continues to push up prices at the pump and put families under pressure.

That's why the State Government is slashing the cost of catching the train – and driving your car. The Victorian Budget 2026/27 will provide 20 per cent back off your registration.

Currently, light vehicle registration costs up to \$930.70 every year, for every car. With 20% off rego, a driver with one car will receive up to \$186, and a family with two cars will receive up to \$372.

How 20% off rego works

From 1 June, eligible vehicle owners can apply for 20% off registration through Service Victoria.

Applications will be open until 31 July – so you have two months to claim the rebate.

The rebate will refund you back 20 per cent of your registration payment for 2025/26.

It will be open to Victorians who own light vehicles for personal use: cars, utes, and anything under 4.5 tonnes.

You can claim rebates for up to two vehicles in your name, regardless of how many vehicles are in the household.

Stock containment that works

When: Wednesday 29 April, 9 am – 2 pm
Where: Modewarre Hall, 910 Cape Otway Rd
Cost: Free

Producers are invited to take part in a free, practical workshop focused on planning and designing stock containment areas that suit your business.

The day will start with a tour of 2 local producers' stock containment areas, where you'll hear first-hand:

- how the pens were designed
- what works well in day-today operation
- what they would change or improve in the future.

Following the farm visits, Jessie Wettenhall (SFS) will step through stock containment design and help you think about what a "best-fit" containment system could look like for your operation.

This event is delivered by Southern Farming Systems on behalf of AgVic as part of the statewide Drought Support Package.

https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/drought-support?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Western%20Ag%20News%20%20Thursday%2023%20April%202026&utm_content=Western%20Ag%20News%20%20Thursday%2023%20April%202026+CID_b170beec2e4aa94b56e066bb94613715&utm_source=email&utm_term=Drought%20Support



Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who placed flags on the graves of returned soldiers buried at the Winchelsea cemetery this ANZAC Day

Linda Carter

Members of Winchelsea RSL placed Australian flags on all the graves of every service person buried in the Winchelsea Cemetery, to commemorate Anzac Day. They will remain there for about a week and will be an annual event.

This has not been an easy task and the RSL have done their very best to find everyone. If you know of anyone they have missed please contact David Loone, or any member of the RSL, and we can add them in future Anzac Day Remembrances.

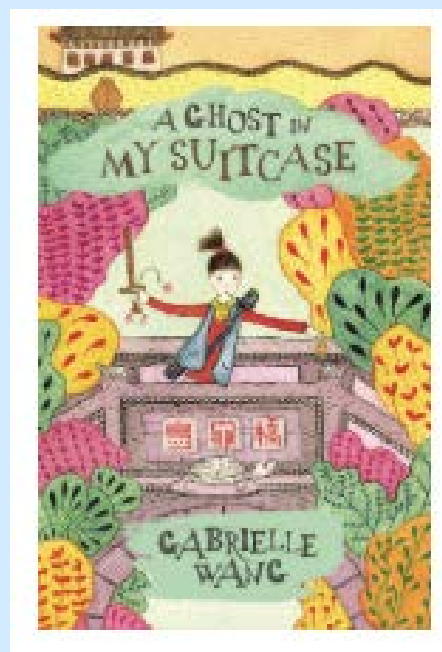


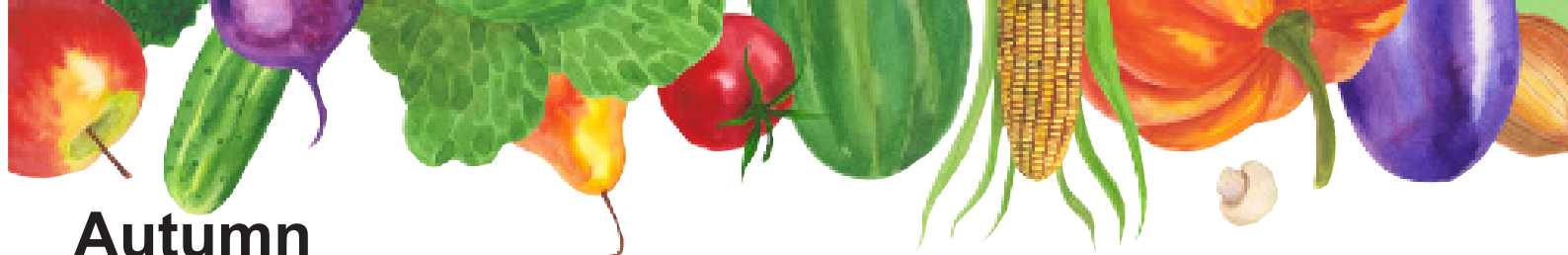
Winchelsea Primary School

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

5/6B - Madison Justin - For persisting with her BODMAS and achieving great success! Well done Madi!

5/6O - Patrick Humphries - For making such a great start to term 2 and showing great determination and understanding in BODMAS. Well done Patrick.



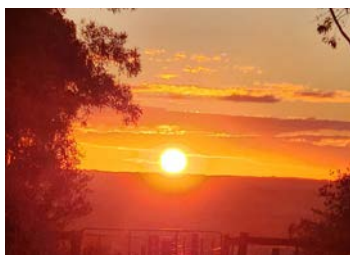


Autumn

Julia Holohan

It's autumn with beautiful warming weather. The deciduous trees' leaves are changing colour, their shadows are long in the afternoon sun and the sunsets can be magnificent. The warmth of the sun filters through your whole body and it's wonderful to be out in the garden without the annoying strong winds that feel like they've been blowing forever.

I've been busy picking up sticks, there's been heaps of fallen sticks, large, small, long and short strewn all over the place from the many strong winds we've had.



During the fire season I gather the sticks - just a bit of fire protection

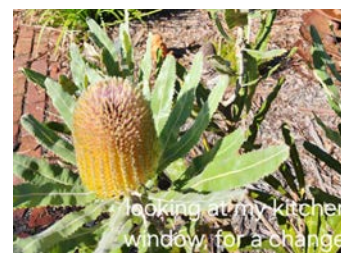
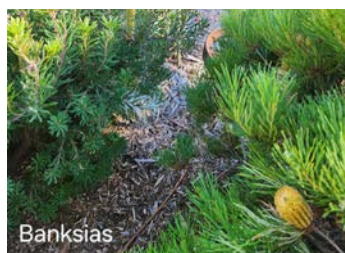
- and pile them in an old corrugated iron water tank which Paul cut in half. These two tank halves are kept out of the way of the house area and will store the sticks until after fire restrictions when we can enjoy them in our fire pit these autumn afternoons with a drink of some sort to celebrate a day of pottering around in the garden.



Autumn is a time to remove worn out summer veggies and tidy any straggly ones still bearing veg. The berries are straggly too but not quite ready to be pruned, the fruit trees will have a light prune when their nets are removed.

It's time to prepare & plant out beds with winter vegetables taking care to protect them from cabbage moths, slugs, snails and slaters. For this we'll protect seedlings with plastic and cover them with fine netting making sure the netting is held down with weights. We use broken bricks, old tool heads, even sods of dirt, which will help stop those pests from sneaking in underneath & the butterflies / moths from landing on them from above. The netting may need to be left on the brassicas as those pesky pests will continue to attack them. If you don't want to net them you can use vegetable dust to protect them from these white flying brassica destroyers.

Shrubs in the garden that have finished flowering will have a little prune. Not the banksias, they are starting to flower and looking like they'll do well.



We've lost more natives, some are old, than we care to admit this year, it was a harsh summer for our garden which has to be able to survive with minimum watering. Autumn is the time of the year we like to replace any natives. The weather is milder and usually we'll have a decent rainfall to settle them in and we can afford to use a bit more of our tank water as well to get them established and have them as independent as possible before next summer when we'll need to be diligent with sharing our tank water with our garden.

The lawn is now greening and has had its first mow in a very long time. Between the summer heat drying it out, slowing its growth and visiting old kangaroos nibbling we've been relieved from mowing for months & hope this relaxed amount of mowing will last until springtime springs it back to rapid growth and lots of mowing.

Wild mushrooms are popping up now, but you should not touch or eat them.

DHHS

Stay vigilant with poisonous mushrooms beginning to appear during autumn as conditions become cooler and wetter.

Deputy CHO Dr Evelyn Wong is warning people not to pick or eat wild mushrooms growing in home gardens or publicly accessible areas, as they can be poisonous and unsafe to consume.

"Adults and children are advised not to handle wild mushrooms with bare hands or eat them, and pets should be kept away from where mushrooms are growing. Eating wild mushrooms can make you very sick or even kill you." Dr Wong said.

There is no home test available to distinguish safe and edible mushrooms from poisonous mushrooms. Unless you are an expert, do not pick and consume wild mushrooms in Victoria, including in your home garden. Only eat mushrooms purchased from supermarkets, greengrocers or reputable retailers.

Poisonous mushrooms, including death cap mushrooms and yellow-staining mushrooms, are more common through autumn and winter, particularly after rain.

Wild mushrooms growing in home gardens should be removed wearing gloves, placing them in a bag and disposing of them in a closed general waste (landfill) rubbish bin. Hands should be washed thoroughly afterwards.

"Common symptoms of mushroom poisoning include stomach pains, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea. Ingesting death cap mushrooms can lead result in death."

If you or anyone in your care may have eaten a wild mushroom, do not wait for symptoms to develop. Call the Victorian Poisons Information Centre immediately on 131126 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - for advice.

If you or anyone in your care feels unwell with severe gastrointestinal symptoms after eating wild mushrooms, call 000 immediately for an ambulance. Do not call the Poisons Information Centre in an emergency.

If your pet has ingested a wild mushroom, contact the Animal Poisons Helpline on 1300 869 738 for advice.



This is a place for passionate foodies. Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.

Alice Cloake



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au.

APRIL
Ingredient of the Month

Eggplant



Yumm---Baba Ganoush. Thank you, Alice. Can't wait to try these recipes. Editor

To any readers out there - I'm curious, have you been enjoying these recipes? Have there been any that you've tried? Next month, as per Julie's request, we'll be looking at carrots. Would love to receive any carrot-inclusive recipes you cook and would like to share. *Alice*

We've now come to our last week on Eggplants and I'm sharing with you a great recipe for Baba Ganoush.

Baba Ganoush is a smoky and creamy eggplant dip made from roasted or charred eggplant, tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, and garlic. Proper Baba Ganoush requires roasting an Eggplant over an open flame and I've included a recipe from my favourite cookbook - Moroccan Soup Bar - which uses this method. But in an effort to streamline the process, I also gave this recipe a go with the airfryer. Those notes are also included

Baba Ganoush is delicious on crackers, in falafel wraps or paired with meat!

RECIPE: BABA GANOUSH

From Moroccan Soup Bar

Ingredients:

- 1 eggplant
- 2 gloves of garlic (mashed)
- 2 tsp tahini
- Squeeze of lemon juice
- 1sp yoghurt
- Mint to garnish
- Olive oil to serve
- Salt
- Sumac to garnish



Method:

- With a fork, pierce some holes in the eggplant. Hold the eggplant over an open flame and allow it to scorch. Rotate until the entire vegetable is cooked. Each rotation should take 2-3 minutes, and no more than 4 rotations. When done it should appear scorched and look overcooked.
- Take the eggplant off the flame. Under cold running water, peel the charcoal skin away, holding it by the stem.
- Once peeled, place in a bowl and add the mashed garlic, tahini, salt and lemon juice. Add the yoghurt if desired. With a fork, whip well.
- Garnish with mint and a sprinkle of sumac. Drizzle with olive oil and serve with fresh flatbread.

RECIPE:

BABA GANOUSH (Alice's Version)

Ingredients:

- 1 eggplant
- 3 gloves of garlic
- 2 tsp tahini
- Squeeze of lemon juice
- Dash of oil
- Salt



Method:

- Cut up the eggplant in chunks, drizzle with oil, sprinkle generously with salt and put in the airfryer along with the garlic (unpeeled) on 'ROAST' 190 degrees for 15 minutes.
- Peel the garlic and put into a blender with the eggplant and the Tahini and lemon and blitz.
- Finish with a dash of oil.



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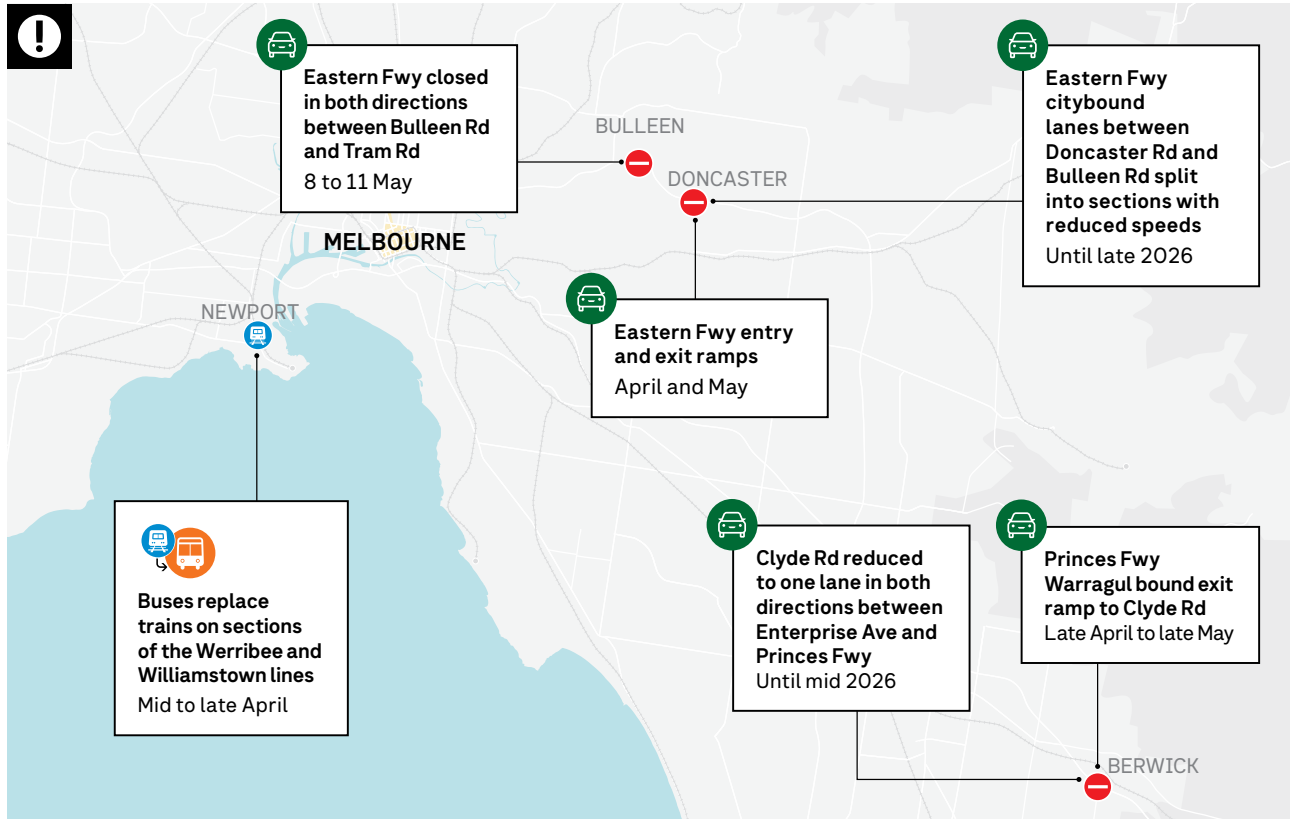
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Heading to the Footy?

Victoria's Big Build continues works across the state with buses replacing trains on the Werribee and Williamstown lines and road disruptions on Clyde Road and the Eastern Freeway. These works could impact your travel around Melbourne to attend AFL games.



Avoid delays and check before you travel at bigbuild.vic.gov.au



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Zinaida Campion

Saturday May 2nd is fast approaching. This is, of course the opening night of the musical showstopper, "Longing". It is not too late to purchase your tickets, but you will have to hurry. Editor

You are invited to Longing!

One century of the Globe, one night of music.

One of Winchelsea's most venerable edifices, the Globe Theatre, has reached its centenary year, and the launch of the Winchelsea Music Season is set to celebrate it with a bang!



Globe Theatre 1926-2026

The big week is finally here! The atmosphere in the community is absolutely electric, with an undercurrent of excitement running through every interaction. The concept of Longing as a fitting emotion for a centenary has resonated to the very core of our community, and ticket sales are proving it. So before the big day, let's introduce the artists, creatives, and community members whose dedication is making this splendid gala possible.



Helen Ling is an acclaimed Melbourne-based soprano recitalist, celebrated for her ethereal high register and stylistic versatility. She holds a Bachelor of Music and is currently completing a Master of Music at the University of Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Career highlights include appearances in Morning Melodies at Hamer Hall with the Mia Sorella Trio, for whom she is principal arranger, and regular solo and trio performances at St Paul's and St Patrick's Cathedrals, as well as the Diamond Creek and Winchelsea recital series. Helen has performed with the Melbourne Opera chorus, appeared as a University of Melbourne

Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, Co founder of Cecilia's Daughters, Vice President of Geelong Opera, Artistic Director of the Winchelsea Music Season, and founder of Rural Arts Victoria. A keen arts writer, she has a strong background in languages and a love of local history. She is dedicated to working with the local community, and has an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

Graduation soloist, and is the curator of the Songbird recital series and High Tea Diva livestreams. She has also been featured on 3MBS FM's The Talent and has performed recently with the Bacchus Marsh Light Orchestra.

Further highlights include performances of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater at St Paul's Cathedral. A dedicated educator, Helen has taught voice and piano at Overnewton Anglican College for 20 years, while continuing to share music widely through church and community programs.



David Stewart has been a piano teacher in the Colac area for over 30 years. He has been involved with many schools teaching keyboard, music theory and accompanying instrumental students through to VCE level.

David has previously performed as one half of the Perfect Harmony duo playing and singing for weddings. He has been a member of the team of organists at St Mary's Church in Colac for 40 years. He is very privileged and excited to have the opportunity to perform with Zinaida and Helen in the 'Longing' concert.

Zinaida Campion is the Artistic Director of the Winchelsea Music Season, a project of her new community focused arts initiative, Rural Arts Victoria. She was inspired to create the Season from her experience growing up as a young artist in Winchelsea, and the difficulties she encountered in accessing live performances without having to travel to the city.



Her mission as the Creative Director of Rural Arts Victoria is simple: bringing world-class music directly to the heart of regional communities, and inspiring the next generation of rural musicians. She is also the Vice President of Geelong Opera, co founder of Cecilia's Daughters, and holds a Windfire Vocal Scholarship.

The program itself is a fitting emotional journey for a centenary, exploring all aspects of longing, both joyful and sad, anticipatory and nostalgic, within the soprano repertoire. Highlights include beloved popular pieces like Summertime, The Sound of Music, Over the Rainbow, and Time To Say Goodbye. There will also be hallowed classics like O Mio Babbino Caro, the Flower Duet, Ave Maria, and the Barcarolle. Performed by local musicians in such an iconic local venue, they promise to be nothing short of showstoppers!

Of course, it takes a village to create an event of this scale, and I am both grateful and humbled to say that my call for volunteers was answered en masse. A huge thanks to both the locals and

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Season could not exist without you. Also many thanks to the CWA for catering, photographer Phil Thomson for offering his time so freely to cover the event, Rob Davies for volunteering for sound and lighting, Patty George for volunteering as page turner, and Mícheál P. O'Dhonnabháin for writing a history of the Globe for the programs. *Gracias.*

Some housekeeping: the hall is accessible by ramp and has accessible bathrooms. Tickets may be purchased at the door with cash or card, or via Trybooking, with discounts for concession card holders. School students are free. The catering will include gluten-free and vegetarian options. Programs will be by donation.

Please refrain from photographing or videoing the performance; the artists would love to pose for selfies after the show. ("One, two, three smile and say Longing!"). With that, I warmly invite you to be a part of the opening of the Winchelsea Music Season - a seminal moment in our town's story! Make history with us!

Ciao!

Longing, Sat 2 May 5pm
Globe Theatre, 17 Willis St Winchelsea.

Tickets at the door or via Trybooking,
Adult \$50, Concession \$40, School
Students free.

Light refreshments to follow.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJVZK>

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The Ripple Effect

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Winchelsea Town Sign

What does a town sign actually do?

At face value, not much. It tells you where you are. Maybe you glance at it, maybe you don't. Then you keep driving.

But done well, signage does something more subtle — and far more powerful.

It creates a sense of arrival.

For towns like Winchelsea, that matters. We're not just a destination in our own right — we're also a gateway. Thousands of people pass through on their way to the Great Ocean Road, and in many cases, their decision to stop (or not) is made in a matter of seconds.

That's where signage plays its role.

Clear, well-placed, and thoughtful signage can shift a town from being somewhere you pass through ... to somewhere you notice. It can spark curiosity, signal identity, and quietly say: there's something here worth your time.

It also works on another level — for the people who already live here. Good signage reflects a shared sense of place. It tells a story about who we are, what we value, and how we see ourselves as a community.

And when that story is consistent, it becomes stronger.

Which brings us to an interesting position here in Winchelsea.

We already have elements of that story.

The Gateway Sculptures mark our entrances — sunrise and dusk — a symbolic nod to movement, to transition, to being a place people pass through. We have town signage that names us, even if it's modest. And at certain times of year, we have the Twinkle Trees — a distinctly local expression of creativity and community, built by the Men's Shed and brought to life by residents.

Each of these says something.

But like many towns, they don't always speak together.

And that's where the real value of signage starts to emerge — not just as individual markers, but as part of a broader sense of identity. When signage, public art, and community expression align, they reinforce each other. They turn small moments — arriving, stopping, looking — into something more memorable.

Without that connection, even good elements can be overlooked.

This isn't about adding more for the sake of it. It's about recognising what signage can do at its best — shaping perception, inviting engagement, and giving a town a clearer identity.

In a place like Winchelsea, where so many people are just passing through, that identity matters.

We've started the ripple — whether it leads to change, or disappears, is now up to us.

Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group

Winchelsea stitchers are back to their regular weekly meetings, with some projects in the pipeline. There's lots of fabric to be used up, and you'll be warmly greeted if you drop in.

It was lovely to be back at the start of the new term. No projects were finished over the break, but there was still lots done.



Julie piecing

A lot was done to get a gorgeous pink theme quilt nearer completion, just the quilting and binding to be finished.

A couple of members spent some time working out a sock pattern — nothing feels nicer than a pair of hand knitted socks on a cold day, hopefully they will be finished before the cold weather gets here.

The group had a shared table at the Pre Loved Market. We sold some of our excess donated material. We still have lots of material in our cupboard if anyone would like to come along and see if there is anything you can use.

Barrabool Hills UCA Jumble Sale

Maureen Lange, Secretary

Just a short report on last Saturday's Jumble Sale.



On Saturday, the 18th April, the Barrabool Hills Uniting Church had another successful Jumble Sale to boost our building fund total.

We opened our Art Gallery where local artists were invited to hang their works, so far, we have 7 active participants which is really encouraging. One artist in particular had several offers on one of her contributions and as you can imagine, she was really chuffed.

Some of the exhibits shown were by Ian Duncan, Raina Mackenzie, Pina Colicchia, Kimberley Thomas and Mila Elek. Mila sold one of hers. The display of these works is really worth a visit.

We also now have furniture, some new and keenly priced. So we are on our way, thanks to everyone who has helped to make this day possible.

Next Open Day is the 16th May, 2026.

BARRABOOL HILLS UCA
(Combined Congregations of Barrabool, Ceres and Moriac)



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WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP TERM 2 EVENTS

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MAY 28	POP UP PLAYGROUP - MOPA GEELONG 10AM - 12PM	JUN 11	MESSY PLAYGROUP AT THE HALL 10AM - 12PM
JUNE 25	CRAZY HAIR DAY AT PLAYGROUP IN THE HALL 10AM - 12PM	JULY 23	FIRST PLAYGROUP SESSION FOR TERM 3

To stay up to date with the latest Playgroup Information please follow us on Facebook

Winchelsea Playgroup

Are you ready? Let's NET SET GO!

Join Woolworths NetSetGo, Australia's leading netball program for kids aged 5 to 10. It's where netball begins but the fun never ends!

Why join?

- Learn new skills in a fun, supportive environment
- Make friends and build confidence
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- Aged-based stages, which are welcoming of all experience levels - everyone can join!

Starts Thursday 24th April 4pm!

Find out more Shae 0409641550

1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



1st Modewarre Scouts and families came together for the Dawn Service

In the past week, all Sections have been involved in discussions around the meaning of Anzac Day and the differences between the Australian and New Zealand flags, with the Joeys and Cubs also cooking Anzac biscuits.

All our Youth members were very respectful and interested in discussions at their level.

On Friday evening our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders gathered at the Modewarre Hall to prepare for our Scout led Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

Our poem, read by Heman, was

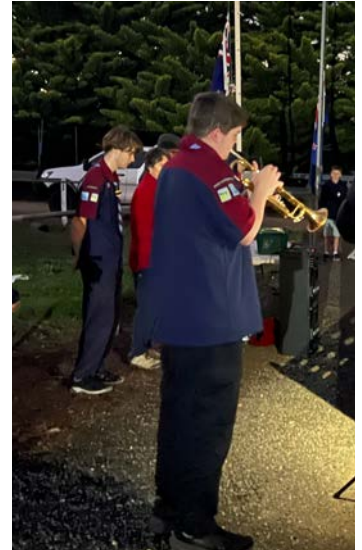
'Take a Minute'

Take a minute to pay respect
to a soldier you'll never know.
Take a minute, to think about
his grave where the poppies grow.
Take a minute to walk a mile
in his boots that marched to war,
the fresh face of the young and brave
forever changed by what he saw.
Take a minute of reflection
As the haunting bugle plays,
and as the 'Last Post' calls him home,
think of the day he never came.
Take a minute to appreciate
the sacrifice of his mates.
In the morning, and
the going down of the sun,
remember them on ANZAC Day.

Lest We Forget.



Wreaths



Last Post played by Jensen

An evening of activities included a wreath making workshop with Anna Loughlin for the Scouts and Venturers. They made 4 wreaths with beautiful flowers and foliage, ready for the morning.

After a few short hours of sleep, we were woken to the sound of Reveille. Everyone was quickly up, dressed in uniform and outside to join family, friends and other locals for our Service.

The Scouts were involved in introducing the service, reciting the Ode of Remembrance, reading a poem, playing 'The Last Post', raising the flags and laying wreaths and sprigs of rosemary. We play the moving song 'Spirit of the Anzacs' by Lee Kernigan and friends.

Initially, our Service was just for us but it has grown to include members of the local community who also want to show their respect to our Anzacs. All comment on the solemnity of the occasion and how well the Scouts present the Service.

Winchelsea Primary School

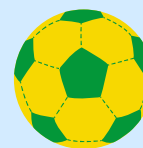
Wheely Wednesdays continue to be a huge hit at our school. Most Wednesdays we see well over fifty bikes/scooters here on-site. It may be worthwhile for families to consider labelling bikes/scooters and helmets – we are starting to see some helmet double-ups. Students are welcome to ride their bikes and scooters at recess and lunch breaks. Our staff are implementing strict traffic controls (I saw arrows painted on the courtyard this week) to manage safety.



The Upcoming Term

There are quite a few upcoming activities this term. Some highlights include:

- Do it for Dolly Day - Wear blue & BBQ (Thurs 30th April)
- SSA Athletics for our Grade 3-6 students (Tue, 5th May)
- Mothers Day celebration (Thu, 7th May)
- Preps visit the local police station (Thu, 14th May)
- Education Week (week of 18th May)
- Grade 6 visits to Hesse Health begin
- Grade 5/6 campers are off to Melbourne in the week of 10th June
- A Green 'n' Gold Day (Fri, 26th June) – this is a new event.



Student Free Day Next Friday

Our teachers are headed to Colac to see literacy specialist Emina McLean, who will be presenting on effective instruction in writing. The school has partnered with Emina for the last few years to implement effective instruction in reading.



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WHERE'S OUR LOST CAT?

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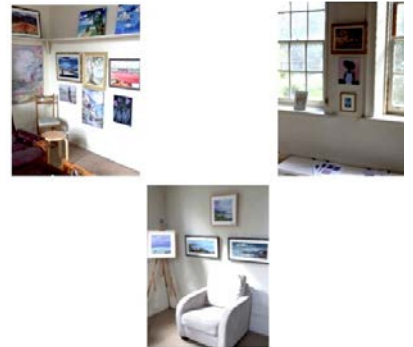
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Know someone who deserves an Award for Senior of the Year?

Victorian Government

Minister for Ageing has opened nominations for the 2026 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards. Victorians are encouraged to nominate seniors who are making a real difference in their communities.

For more than 30 years, these awards have recognised the lasting impact of older Victorians. From mentoring young people, supporting Victorians experiencing disadvantage and promoting social connection, seniors are strengthening our communities.

Last year's Victorian Senior of the Year, Patrick Templeton, was honoured for his work supporting disadvantaged young people through community outreach programs.

Other recipients were recognised for backing road safety programs, strengthening social cohesion and spreading awareness about reconciliation and sustainability.

There are six categories of awards in 2026, including:

- The Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year for outstanding and lasting contributions
- The Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Award for local community champions
- The Emerging Impact Award recognising new volunteers that are already making an impact
- The Positive Ageing Award for promoting positive and active ageing
- The Promotion of Multiculturalism Award for advancing cultural diversity
- The Veteran Community Award for service to the veteran community.

The awards will be presented in October as part of the annual Victorian Seniors Festival.

Nominations are now open and close on 19 May 2026.

To find out more and nominate an older Victorian making a real difference, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards.



Winchelsea Senior Citizens Club

Elaine Atkinson

The Winchelsea Senior Citizens Club is a welcoming hub of activity, connection, and good humour in our community. Whether you're looking to learn something new, share a skill, or simply enjoy a chat and a cuppa, there is always something happening.

Activities

Our weekly program offers something for everyone:

- **Monday (1–3pm): Craft and Repairs**
A group of talented members happy to help with repairs for the community. From sewing on buttons and taking up trousers to repairing knitted or crocheted items—even clock and watch repairs—this is a fantastic local resource.
- **Tuesday (10:30am – 12noon): Bridge**
Friendly games with plenty of support for beginners.
- **Wednesday (10–11am): Exercises**
Coordinated by Hesse Rural Health.
- **Wednesday (1–3pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls**, followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.
- **Thursday: We are considering introducing Mahjong (1–3pm)**, with a bring-your-own lunch at 12 noon. Please contact Jean if you're interested.
- **Friday (1–3pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls again**
- Always a lively afternoon!

Jean Shinnars (Secretary/Treasurer) 0427 672 263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

Changes to the Support at Home program

Older Persons Advocacy Network

Older people on the Support at Home aged care program will no longer pay out-of-pocket costs for help with showering, dressing and support with continence management, with effect from 1 October 2026.

OPAN Samantha Edmonds says, "We welcome this reform and the significant difference it will make to the lives of older people.

No older person should have to jeopardise personal hygiene due to cost, which is why these changes are so important."

"This is a welcome step, but it does not address other significant issues older people are facing under Support at Home including long wait times for assessment.

"OPAN will continue to champion and advocate the rights of older people to ensure they receive the care they need."



DEFIBRILLATORS IN WINCHELSEA Accessible to the public 24 hours a day

Winchelsea Lions Club has compiled a list of public access defibrillators in Winchelsea.

If you know others, please contact Linda Carter 0439 817 263.

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- **Hesse Rural Health** 8 Gosney Street
- **Men's Shed** 51 Hesse Street
- **Netball Courts** Eastern Reserve Hopkins St
- **Senior Citizens Club** 36 Harding Street
- **Uniting Church** 33 Hesse Street
- **Winchelsea Bowls Club** Hesse Street
- **Winchelsea Golf Club** 13 Anderson Street
- **Winchelsea Primary School** Main Street
- **Wurdale Memorial Hall** 220 Wurdale Road

You will have to be quick to get these funds. Surf Coast Shire Council is inviting applications for creative action on climate change projects

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire's 2026 Climate Emergency Grants Program is open for expressions of interest until the end of the month, with a total of \$20,000 to be shared between successful applicants.

Cr Phoebe Crockett said, "We have many people already doing great work in this area across our Shire, but maybe there are meaningful projects that just need some funding to come to fruition. We invite organisations to look at our guidelines and get creative.

"Projects can take many different forms as long as they aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help our community adapt to the impacts of climate change and engage our community in climate action.

"The deadline for grant expressions of interest is approaching quickly, with submissions closing on Thursday 30 April."

Grants of \$10,000 and \$5,000 are available.

Following an initial expression of interest, projects will go to a public vote to determine which will be awarded grants on World Environment Day, 5 June.

Successful projects from previous years include:

- Winchelsea Primary School and Lorne P-12 College collaborations with Common Ground Project enabling students to learn about regenerative gardening.
- Installation of a solar power system at Torquay Spring Creek Community Garden.
- A dynamic hands-on education experience presented by the The Brinary-Geelong Regional Library Corporation-Arckit Sustainability Studio to learn about and create models of environmentally safe architecture.

Find more information on the grants program via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CEgrants or call Council's Grants Team on 5261 0600 to discuss ideas and ask questions.



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WHY DO I SEE OR SMELL SMOKE?

Communities can expect to see smoke in the air in coming weeks due to planned burns, private burns under CFA's permit system, agricultural burns and smoke from wood heaters.

FFMVic CFO Chris Hardman said it is crucial fire agencies take advantage of favourable conditions. "Planned burning on public land is one of the tools FFMVic uses to keep Victoria safer from bushfires," Mr Hardman said. "We are delivering as much planned burning as we can. Reducing dry vegetation such as grass, leaves, bark, shrubs and small fallen branches means fires are less intense and slower to spread."

"Victorians can register to receive notifications of upcoming planned burns at the Planned Burns Victoria website."

CFA DCO Alen Slijepcevic AFSM said landholders starting to burn-off on their properties should remain vigilant before igniting their burn and ensure conditions are safe to do so.

"Any burning activity must have someone in attendance, with enough water resources to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

"Burn-offs should be registered on the Fire Permits website or if you wish to start immediately, register by calling 1800 668 511."

Victoria's CES Jen Martin said smoke from any source, including planned burns and private burn-offs, can cause health concerns. "If you see or smell smoke, be prepared. You can check the daily air quality and find ways to reduce your exposure to smoke and on EPA's website," Dr Martin said. "Your nose is also an excellent smoke detector. If you can smell smoke, take the necessary precautions to protect your health."

The Planned Burns Victoria website has details of all planned burns currently on the three-year Joint Fuel Management Program <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>.

For tips about looking after health and reducing exposure to smoke go to www.epa.vic.gov.au/smoke-and-your-health. To check air quality in your area go to www.epa.vic.gov.au/check-air-and-water-quality.

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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

El Niño could be here by May

By Sophie Berdugo, U.K.-based staff writer at Live Science.

The climate event is poised to supercharge weather extremes and push global temperatures to new highs.

El Niño is forecast to return as early as May, which could bring above-normal temperatures to almost everywhere on Earth, according to a new report.

El Niño events occur every two to seven years as part of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) natural climate cycle in the Pacific Ocean. The ENSO cycle flips between the warmer El Niño phase and the cooler La Niña phase, with neutral periods in between. El Niño periods bring elevated sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific, thereby weakening or reversing trade winds and strongly disrupting global temperatures and rainfall patterns.

In a Global Seasonal Climate Update published April 21, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reported that El Niño is set to develop during the May to July season. Although the confidence of the prediction will improve after April, models currently suggest this El Niño could be a "strong event," according to the WMO.

"After a period of neutral conditions at the start of the year, climate models are now strongly aligned, and there is high confidence in the onset of El Niño, followed by further intensification in the months that follow," said Wilfran Moufouma Okia, chief of climate prediction at the WMO.

The impacts of El Niño periods on global agriculture are profound, with studies linking the events to famine in Europe; civil wars in tropical regions; and droughts, floods and forest fires around the world.

The most recent El Niño period lasted from May 2023 to March 2024 and contributed to 2024 being the hottest year on record. The WMO will publish a revised El Niño update in late May.

Full story: <https://www.livescience.com/planet-earth/weather/el-nino-could-be-here-by-may-new-forecast-reveals-heres-what-it-means-for-summer-weather>

How Antarctica warmed by 28°C in the depths of winter – and what it signals for the decades ahead

By Haosu Tang, Climate Scientist, University of Sheffield in The Conversation

In the middle of the Antarctic winter, during months of darkness when temperatures often dip below -30°C , the continent warmed dramatically.

In July and August 2024, temperatures in parts of East Antarctica rose by up to 28°C above average and stayed high for more than two weeks.

In a recent study, colleagues and I show the Antarctica heatwave was not simply unusual weather. It was a rare atmospheric disturbance, amplified by human-caused climate change, offering

a glimpse of what could become more common in the decades ahead.

This was not an isolated event. It followed a heatwave in March 2022, when temperatures in some Antarctic areas soared by nearly 40°C above average – one of the largest temperature anomalies ever recorded anywhere on the planet.

Together, these events point to a clear shift: extreme warming is no longer confined to traditionally vulnerable regions.

How the heatwave unfolded

A persistent high-pressure system developed over East Antarctica, opening a pathway for a long, narrow plume of warm, moisture-rich air – known as an atmospheric river – to move deep into the continent. This air mass transported heat from lower latitudes into the Antarctic interior – something that rarely happens in winter.

Clouds associated with the system acted like a blanket, trapping heat near the surface and preventing it from escaping back into space. Instead of a brief spike, the result was a prolonged and widespread heatwave.

At the same time, Antarctic sea ice was near record lows and the surrounding Southern Ocean was unusually warm, likely linked to the same large-scale atmospheric conditions and helping to sustain the flow of heat into the continent.

A warning signal from the coldest place on Earth

Natural variability helped trigger this heatwave. But it unfolded in a climate system already altered by human activity.

Our analysis, using computer simulations to compare today's climate with a world without human influence, shows climate change made the 2024 winter heatwave both stronger and more likely. Such extreme weather would have been exceptionally rare in the past, but today it is already significantly more likely – and could become up to 20 times more frequent by the end of the century under high emissions.

A heatwave in Antarctica might seem remote from everyday life. But what happens there has global consequences.

Antarctica holds most of the world's freshwater, locked in vast ice sheets. Even short-lived warming events can influence snowfall, surface melt and the stability of floating ice shelves that hold back glaciers. When these ice shelves weaken, glaciers can accelerate into the ocean, contributing to sea level rise that affects coastlines worldwide.

Perhaps most importantly, the 2024 heatwave shows how climate change is transforming not just average temperatures, but extremes. Atmospheric processes that have always existed can now have a far greater impact in a warmer world.

This is why Antarctic heatwaves matter. Even the most remote and coldest parts of the planet are being transformed by global warming. And what happens there – through rising seas and shifting climate patterns – has consequences way beyond the poles.

Full story: https://theconversation.com/how-antarctica-warmed-by-28-c-in-the-depths-of-winter-and-what-it-signals-for-the-decades-ahead-281418?utm_medium=article_native_share&utm_source=theconversation.com



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Express your interest here

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Illegal felling of trees attracts a \$10,000 fine. Can you afford it?

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A Winchelsea man is the latest to be convicted through the Conservation Regulator's Taskforce Ironbark, receiving a \$10,000 fine after unlawfully cutting down trees and damaging wildlife habitat in the Otway Forest Park.

In the Geelong Magistrates' Court, the 28-year-old pleaded guilty to offences relating to illegally felling and taking messmate trees, damaging hollow-bearing logs which provide shelter for wildlife, and unauthorised off-road driving.

On 7 August 2025, Conservation Regulator Authorised Officers, with the support of VicPol, intercepted the man in connection with the illegal removal of timber from Paddy's Swamp in the Otway Forest Park.

The man accessed the site via an illegal trail bike track, unlawfully felled four messmate trees, partially processed the timber for firewood, and loaded it into his four-wheel drive.

The felled trees included hollow-bearing logs that provide critical habitat for native wildlife, including the gang gang cockatoo and swamp antechinus which are threatened species.

Domestic firewood collection from public land for personal use is only permitted in designated areas during the autumn and spring firewood collection seasons. For more information, visit vic.gov.au/sourcing-firewood

Suspected illegal firewood activity can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Reports can be anonymous.

Coming El Nino will bring more than reduced rainfall to rural communities

NRHA

Rural communities are facing

compounding pressures as intensifying drought conditions strain flood-recovery efforts and local resilience.



As El Niño drives hotter, drier conditions, farmers experience soil moisture deficits and water scarcity that threatens livelihoods and long-term sustainability.

National Rural Health Alliance CE Susi Tegen warns of compounding impacts. "Drought does not arrive alone – it brings health pressure, financial stress, workforce strain and rising risk for already vulnerable communities."

"For many rural families, drought is not just about rainfall. It is about rising cost of fuel, freight, fertiliser and keeping operations going while margins, energy and confidence are under pressure."

The 2026 El Niño, beginning in coming weeks, is likely to be one of the strongest on record, bringing drought, extreme heat and bushfires.

Conditions across Australia early this year have been drier than average, and this is likely to worsen as El Niño influences an extended period of hot, dry weather, forcing rural communities still grappling with the effects of widespread flooding to contend with intensifying drought conditions.

"Rural people cannot be expected to recover from one disaster while the next one is already taking shape", Ms Tegen says.

Dry conditions are compounding with rising costs, as inflated fuel and fertiliser prices linked to conflict in the Middle East squeeze stretched rural communities, amplifying financial stress.

Register now for Victoria's Biosecurity Roundtable 2026

AgVic

Victoria's Biosecurity Roundtable 2026 on Thursday 7 May will focus on how collaboration across government, industry, community and research is driving implementation of Victoria's Biosecurity Strategy.

Discussions will cover biosecurity leadership and engagement, outbreak preparedness and emerging threats, and biosecurity risk planning across communities and industry, through short plenaries, lightning case studies and facilitated group conversations.

Government staff are encouraged to attend online as minimal in person spots are still available for industry, organisations, Traditional Owners and community.

Places are limited in both formats and filling quickly - early registration is encouraged.

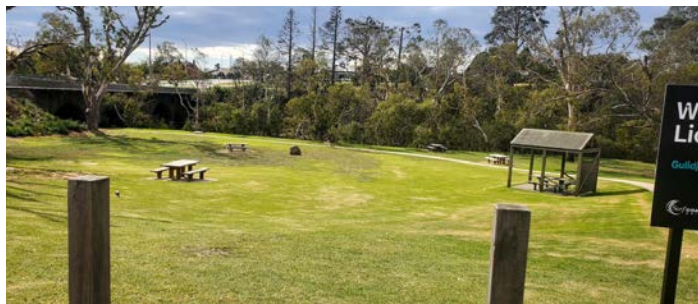
When: Thursday 7 May 2026, 9 am – 4:30 pm
Format: Hybrid - Online (Zoom) or in person at Monash University City Campus, 750 Collins Street Docklands
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For further information, contact biosecurity.strategy@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Thinking about a local Solidarity Event

Richard Lockie

hypha culture



An Earthfire evening. A safe place for all to gather and talk. Contact Richard if you would like to be part of it. Editor

Welcome to conversation around a local solidarity event to create potential for reconciliation.

As an outsider to Australia with a white Zimbabwean upbringing and an adopted African traditionalist view, I have lived experience I believe can share a unique lens that can be supportive in the contemporary view.

Mostly what I see around Reconciliation with my limited domestic lens is a two-way conversation between state or federal government and Aboriginal mob.

There is no place for non-Aboriginal mob to share story around the past and participate in Forgiveness.

What makes up non-Aboriginal peoples from the beginning to now?

- Traders
- Military, Church and government officials.
- Convicts (Slaves) ,
- farming pioneers, immigrants, asylum seekers.

Any more?

Point being there are many that make up this picture. Many stories, heart aches and traumas. Many joys, successes and celebrations.

The Political arena builds its house on the divide and conquer strategy the world over. In the context of Australia this is the original non original picture. Both sides are caught in the entitlement trap and seem to continually play into the historical separation narrative.

My suggestion (however naive some might think) is an annual gathering. An afternoon which starts with some talks and ends with gathering around the fire and sharing a meal and a drink.

A localized approach that honours the original peoples and the those who have come after. The good. Bad and the ugly.

Pays homage to the suffering and loss but also looks forward.



Richard Lockie is a 6th generation African farmer, he was born in Kwazulu-Natal South Africa and grew up in Manicaland, Zimbabwe. He lives with his family in Winchelsea.

Being one of the 'born free generation' he enjoyed show jumping, rugby and motorbikes. He was blessed to live on a farm close to a small town and go to a good school. He went to University in Cape Town to study fine art then went overseas. Completed an apprenticeship as a Biodynamic farmer. Completed It was a to be a Sangoma, a traditional healer. He has worked on and is passionate about earthen home building. Richard Loves life and being of service to the community through systems thinking and action . He loves karate, to dance, dig the earth and share a meal with friends. Bringing people together.

Opens a platform to hear stories from older families who have been here for a time and welcomes in mediation. Any conflict and then reconciliation needs mediation. A third factor.

The Hawaiian forgiveness practice of Ho opono pono offers a window to how this could look and maybe just the 3rd element needed to edge forward with something different. I imagine Mauri communities might have some thing similar.

So yarning, talking time. Hearing from elders on both sides of the Australian story and the third element to bring together or honour the separation. For those interested.

Tea and cake!!!

Going into the early evening. More social. Simple ceremony. Non religious but symbolic. Religious and spiritual people are welcomed for supportive prayers and presence.

With out much "woo woo " and with active participation from CFA.

'Reverence of fire'

Understandably there is a lot of fear around fire. What I would like to see at this event is a little fire education. the practical side.

Lighting and caring for a fire explained as many are growing up with no awareness which leads to greater issues.

Then some sacred acknowledgment and reverence for this intrinsic element.

An Aboriginal elder would conduct a smoking ceremony and light the 'Hearth' fire. This fire would burn for the evening in a safe place in a safe container and people would be welcomed to take from this fire.

With appropriate equipment and support some of that fire to light their own BBQs or mobile fire pits.

The completed visual would be a whole collecting of little fires going and people hanging out together cooking a snag or a marshmallow on their own fire. Music playing and an evening of connection.

This could be down at the river between the bottom pub and the blue stone bridge. Lots of space and safety.

It would look stunning from the highway passers and in a small way show a solidarity in action.

If there is any part for this that interests you and you would like to be involved in further shaping this idea be in touch.

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Photo Venue suggestion for Solidarity Event

Winchelsea Star

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Star Production Coffee Meeting

25 April 2026 The Mud Hut

Summary

Attendance: Susan Corby, Judy Cameron, Cerrie Forgan,
Neil McInnes, Cathy Cheadle

Main topic of discussion was the upcoming meeting with
Dr McAdam from Deakin University regarding student journalists.
We will need to provide them with a list of suggested topics about
Winchelsea to write about.

Suggested topics:

- Future of retail and in particular, proposed new supermarket
- Interview Mick O'Mara about the history of the Star
- About the Knuckey's and Davies' family and businesses
- Education, in particular, proposed secondary school
- Horses in the area – riding schools, clubs, trotters, racers,
riding for disabled, history of horses in the area
- Growth of housing stock in Winchelsea - which housing
estates are developing now, any further development
planned. What amenities and facilities are proposed to
service them? Which companies are doing the building?
Current cost of houses/flats and rentals in Winchelsea.
- Upcoming major events
- Overview of child and adult sporting clubs currently in the
area, possible future sporting clubs. Upcoming sporting
events

- Road maintenance issues. Which bodies are responsible for
the different roads and lanes in the area. How often is road
maintenance carried out and by whom? How many roads
currently need repair and when is this planned?
- Emergency services, especially profiles on SES and CFA
- Information about burn-offs that can be re-published each
year at this time
- What do the younger generation want to read about in the
Star, both online and in hard copy? Suggested door knock of
the Greens Estate
- Should we look more at presenting the Star and local news
on social media, eg Instagram?
- Interview people in the street about their interests and views
- Profiles on the various health professionals in town

Other topics:

Star could include

- A list of Justices of the Peace in town
- Monthly rainfall figures
- Local crime figures

Suggestion:

Print 4 page leaflet each week that can be left at strategic
locations around town to promote the Star, which people can pick
up for free. The front and last pages of the Star each week can be
adjusted to fit the bill, so nothing extra needs to be designed.

history of winchelsea

Murrell's Store at 22 Willis Street, Winchelsea

This article puts the spotlight on Findon Murrell and his influence on early Winchelsea Editor

In previous articles we have looked at the significant contribution made by the Stirling family and their shop in the centre of town.

By the 1860s there were two general stores in Winchelsea, Murrell's Store being the second. While Sterling's store is unrecognisable today from its 1860s photographs, being on the site of the Bendigo bank today, Murrell's Store is largely unchanged today and is probably one of the most recognisable Victorian buildings in Winchelsea's heritage streetscape.



Murrell's Store has significance as one of the earliest and longest-serving 19th century commercial buildings in Winchelsea still continuing its original function. It was built in c.1864 for Findon Murrell, long term owner and storekeeper until the early 20th century.

Findon Murrell was born in England around 1831 and arrived in Australia in 1852 where he tried his luck in the gold rush. He started a business in Inverleigh and in 1861 purchased his General Store in the main street of Winchelsea.

He was the first Secretary of the Winchelsea Brass Band and elected a member of the Winchelsea Shire council in 1866. He served as a councillor continuously for 35 years and served as Shire President five times.

Cr. Murrell was largely responsible for the construction of the former free library building outside of the main toilet block and café La Hoot. Murrell died in 1909 aged 78.

Murrell Street in Birregurra was named for him.

In the 1860s bullock drays were one of the main forms of communication between Winchelsea and outside Markets, and a dray left from Murrell's Store regularly stocked with local farm and dairy produce to be traded abroad. Mr Murrell employed Mr Ben Ritchie as his cart driver and sold his business to Mr. L. Levey when he retired to Geelong. Later Murrell's successor employed Arthur Richmond as his driver.

You will note that the main street of Winchelsea, like most other colonial Victorian towns, is very wide. Colonial streets in Australian country towns were often designed at generous widths, sometimes exceeding one or two chains (66–132 feet or approximately 20–40 meters), to allow massive bullock teams and camel trains to turn around without unhitching their loads.

These wide thoroughfares, such as in Trundle, provided ample space for manoeuvring heavy traffic, parking horse-drawn carriages, and managing stock routes. In 1864 the then-Surveyor General issued a regulation that streets would be 150 lengths in width, or one and a half chains.

The original facade of Murrell's Store was remodelled in the very early 20th century, including the removal of the bluestone parapet and the construction of projecting rectangular timber framed shop fronts. These alterations and additions contribute to the significance of the place, reflecting its evolution as a commercial building.

Murrell's store also has associations with Louis Levey throughout the first half of the 20th century from 1905-06 until his death in 1952.

The building has significance as one of only two surviving Victorian styled commercial buildings in Winchelsea. It is associated with the earliest commercial developments in Winchelsea in the early 1860s, when the fledgling town was beginning to develop.



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What's on Weekly

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9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
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MONDAY-SATURDAY

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VINYASA YOGA

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TUESDAY



BRIDGE

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Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

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THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

Cr Tony Phelps

10am-12pm First Thursday of month
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St,

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
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FRIDAY

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SUNDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
Shire Hall car park, Main St Winch
[growingwinchelsea.com/project/
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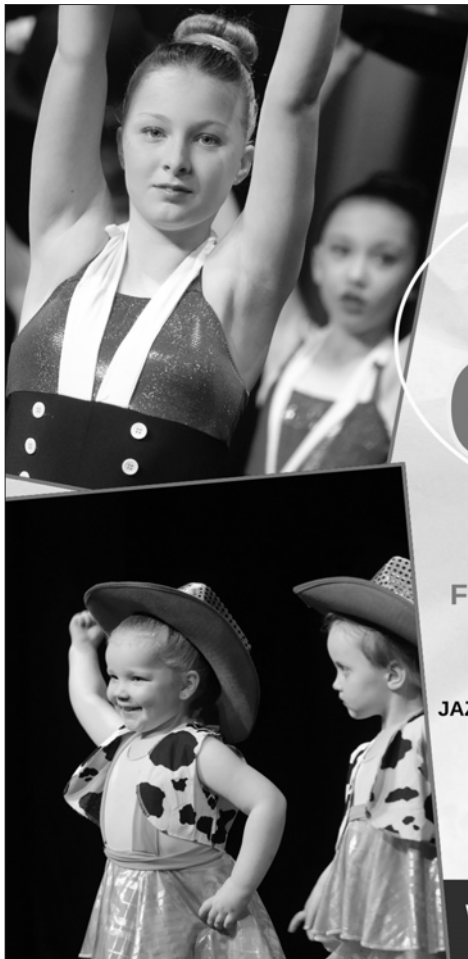
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Thought of the Week

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and guides us in what is right.

His truth is pure, steady, and never changes.
When we follow His ways, we grow stronger,
wiser, and more grounded in faith."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 10

- 10 Why are you so far away, O Lord?
Why do you hide yourself when we are in trouble?
- 2 The wicked are proud and persecute the poor;
catch them in the traps they have made.
- 3 The wicked are proud of their evil desires;
the greedy curse and reject the Lord.
- 4 The wicked do not care about the Lord;
in their pride they think that God doesn't matter.
- 5 The wicked succeed in everything.
They cannot understand God's judgments;
they sneer at their enemies.
- 6 They say to themselves, "We will never fail;
we will never be in trouble."
- 7 Their speech is filled with curses, lies, and threats;
they are quick to speak hateful, evil words.
- 8 They hide themselves in the villages,
waiting to murder innocent people.
They spy on their helpless victims;
- 9 they wait in their hiding place like lions.
They lie in wait for the poor;
they catch them in their traps and drag them away.
- 10 The helpless victims lie crushed;
brute strength has defeated them.
- 11 The wicked say to themselves, "God doesn't care!
He has closed his eyes and will never see me!"
- 12 O Lord, punish those wicked people!
Remember those who are suffering!
- 13 How can the wicked despise God
and say to themselves, "He will not punish me"?
- 14 But you do see; you take notice of trouble and suffering
and are always ready to help.
The helpless commit themselves to you;
you have always helped the needy.
- 15 Break the power of wicked and evil people;
punish them for the wrong they have done
until they do it no more.
- 16 The Lord is king forever and ever.
Those who worship other gods
will vanish from his land.
- 17 You will listen, O Lord, to the prayers of the lowly;
you will give them courage.
- 18 You will hear the cries of the oppressed and the orphans;
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Changes to NDIS must ensure ongoing support for palliative care patients

Palliative Care Australia

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) says changes must deliver support for people with disability linked to terminal illness - or risk worsening "bed block" in hospitals.

PCA Interim CEO Simon Waring said, "We recognise the Government's commitment to strengthening the NDIS and improving long-term sustainability. For people with terminal illness the issue is not whether they can access the NDIS, but whether they can get the support they need, when they need it, regardless of which system provides it."

PCA National Policy Director Josh Fear said the proposed shift from diagnosis-based access towards functional assessments would create uncertainty for many people with life-limiting illness.

Mr Fear said the palliative care peak body would be advocating strongly on several key issues.

1. People with terminal illness must not be left in limbo as access pathways change.
2. People whose health is deteriorating quickly need to have their support needs met rapidly.
3. Clarifying the boundaries between NDIS and mainstream services must lead to better coordination of care, and not more gaps, confusion or cost-shifting between systems.

"We call on governments to confirm that this group will be a priority. People with life-limiting illness should not miss out on essential support because they do not fit neatly into one system, or because broader cost pressures are being felt elsewhere in the NDIS," he said.

Health benefits accrue from walking 30 minutes most days. Some towns are laid out to better enable this

Public Health Association of Australia / Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health

New research by the Menzies Institute at the University of Tasmania shows that regional residents living in areas of medium walkability walk 60 minutes more a week compared to those in low walkability. Residents in urban centres walk 38 minutes more when walkability is high."

Dr Sharon Campbell said the study assessed walkability based on how convenient it is to get around an area by foot. For instance, how easily and quickly can you walk to the local shops, schools, parks or public transport."

Professor Verity Cleland said that with regional towns experiencing high rates of preventable chronic disease, improving walkability could offer a simple, effective solution to help address health inequalities.

"Traditionally government funding has prioritised roads and driving, particularly in regional areas, leading to lack of well-connected footpaths and facilities. Walkability shouldn't be limited to urban centres. No matter where you live you should be able to walk around your local area safely and conveniently. Governments need to set up regional towns with walkable infrastructure to help boost health."

Adjunct Prof Slevin said that less than 25 percent of Australians meet physical activity recommendations. "It is recommended adults do at least 30 minutes exercise most days. Walking is convenient, enjoyable and healthy. It's something families can do together, in almost all stages of life and is free.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

3,000 cyclists will complete a 145km cycling event throughout Surf Coast Shire and Colac Otway Shire on Saturday 2 May 2026. Starting in Torquay, cyclists will ride through Moriac, Deans Marsh, Lorne and return to Torquay. A 60km event will start in Torquay and ride to Moriac, returning to Torquay via Forest Road. A 204km course, will start in Torquay and cycle through Moriac, Forrest, Skenes Creek, Kennett River, Lorne and return to Torquay via the Great Ocean Road. There will be no road closures in place for the 204km event.

Road Closures:

- Torquay (Event Start Line), The Esplanade, from Beach Rd to Gilbert St **closed from 5:00am - 9:30am.**
- Torquay (Event Finish Line), The Esplanade, from Zeally Bay Rd to Gilbert St **closed from 9:30am - 5:30pm.**
- Section 1 - Avoid the Anglesea Rd from the Bellbrae roundabout to Hendy Main Rd 7:00am - 9:15am to minimise delays.
- Section 2 - Hendy Main Rd to Cape Otway Rd Moriac is **closed from 7:30am to 10:00am.**
- Section 3 - Cape Otway Rd Moriac at Church Rd to Winchelsea-Deans Marsh Road is **closed from 8:00am to 10:30am.**
- Section 4 - Cape Otway Rd from Winchelsea-Deans Marsh Rd to Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd is **closed from 8:30am to 11:00am.**
- Section 5 - Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd to Deans Marsh is **closed from 8:30am to 12:15pm.**
- Section 6 - Deans Marsh-Lorne Rd to Neade St Lorne is **closed from 9:00am - 1:00pm.** Due to the safety concerns of both cyclists and vehicles, access will not be allowed during these times unless an emergency arises. Access will be available to Pennyroyal Valley Rd from Deans Marsh General Store
- Section 7 - Great Ocean Road from Skenes Creek to Torquay will be open in both directions.



No other road closures will occur throughout the course however please be aware that there are a number of speed restrictions and other traffic measures in place to ensure a safe event. Apologies for any inconvenience that these delays may present

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Introducing Richard Butcher

Vice President, Committee, Growing Winchelsea

Richard Butcher is a designer, maker, and community advocate whose work reflects a deep commitment to innovation, sustainability, and the power of community-led change. His story is not just one of personal achievement, but an invitation for others to become part of shaping a vibrant and thoughtful future for Winchelsea.

Richard completed a Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) in South Australia, where he developed a skill set including design conception through to production. He further honed his craft at the Jam Factory Centre for Craft and Design in South Australia, gaining valuable experience in steel and timber fabrication. These early influences established his lifelong approach to design, with a hands-on, practical, and driven by curiosity approach.

Through his business, studioButcher, Richard focuses on strategic imagination, research and development, CAD, prototyping, testing and production. His work is grounded in the belief that better outcomes emerge through continual iteration.

After two decades living in Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Richard and his partner Kerry made the move to Winchelsea to pursue a shared vision: to design and build a home that treads lightly on this ancient country. Their rail-side home is a reflection of this vision - an elevated, light-gauge steel structure designed to minimise environmental impact while responding to the challenges of the local landscape. Wrapped in high-performance insulation and minimising concrete mass, the home demonstrates how innovative thinking can encourage a more sustainable, responsive living ethos. Richard continues to advocate for better, smarter design that considers both people and planet.

Since arriving in Winchelsea six years ago, Richard and Kerry have become widely known and respected for their genuine commitment to community life. They are active contributors and supporters of numerous local groups, including 'Growing Winchelsea', 'Winchelsea Land and River Care', the 'Winchelsea Arboretum Trail', the 'Winchelsea Railway Precinct Project', and the 'Winchelsea Movie Club', to name a few. Their involvement reflects a strong belief that communities thrive when people step forward, connect, and contribute.

Richard's passion for Winchelsea's future extends beyond participation - he is actively helping to shape it. He was recently selected as one of a group of 29 community members to contribute to the Surf Coast Shire's 'Winchelsea Place Plan', helping to establish a shared vision for how Winchelsea might grow and evolve as its population is projected to reach 18,500 by 2050. This plan highlighted the importance of local voices in guiding sustainable, inclusive future development. This Surf Coast Shire initiative provides a real opportunity for our community to influence what comes next.

In a time of transition for Growing Winchelsea, Richard also stepped up to take on a leadership role, demonstrating his willingness to contribute wherever needed. He stepped forward to the role of Interim Vice President at the 2025 Annual General

Meeting and is supporting the organisation as it moves forward with renewed energy and direction.

Richard and Kerry are always happy to advocate for the environment, sustainable living, and the importance of community connection. Whether they are working on landscaping their property, collaborating with local groups, or contributing to a voice for future planning, they embody a simple but powerful idea: that the future of Winchelsea evolves through connection.

Their journey is a reminder that shaping a town belongs to everyone. And as Winchelsea grows, there has never been a better time to get involved, share ideas, and play a part in building a community that reflects the values, creativity, and care of the people who call it home.

As with the Surf Coast Shire's 'Winchelsea Place Plan', the Growing Winchelsea committee is also in a future planning stage. With current and new members, we are now reviewing our role and how best we can serve our community.

If you wish to become involved, we would love to have you on board. To meet Richard and the team of Growing Winchelsea members, please email secretary@growingwinchelsea.com



Richard and Kerry under the Winchelsea rail crossing over the Barwon River. *Photography: Paul Dunn*

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4,000km solo ride across Australia finishes in Geelong: Damien Kelly completes coast-to-coast journey

Callum & Jake Robinson Foundation

- 67-year-old completing 4,000km solo, unsupported ride across Australia
- Finished at Geelong Waterfront approximately 10am
- Final stretch through Victoria proves one of the toughest due to constant hills
- Emotional moment reaching the Great Ocean Road - first sight of the ocean since leaving Perth
- Strong community support, including the Australian surf ski network and social media following
- Riding in honour of Callum and Jake Robinson and supporting their Foundation

The Final Stretch

While much of the journey was defined by long, flat and desolate roads across central Australia, the final leg into Victoria delivered a very different test. Damien faced constant elevation changes, rolling terrain and sustained climbs as he approaches Geelong.

"You go from those long, flat roads where you can settle into a rhythm, to hills that just keep coming. It really tests the legs," Damien said.

Accumulated fatigue from weeks on the bike, combined with the demands of the terrain, made the closing stages among the most physically challenging of the entire journey.

A Powerful Moment on the Great Ocean Road

One of the most emotional moments came as Damien reached the Great Ocean Road and caught sight of the ocean for the first time since leaving Perth.

Damien said, "I hadn't seen the ocean since I left Perth, so coming around and seeing it again - it really hits you."

From Isolation to the Finish Line

Damien's ride took him across some of the most remote parts of Australia, including extended stretches of central Australia and the Nullarbor Plain, where long distances between towns and exposure to the elements required careful planning, resilience and mental discipline.

"In the middle of the country, you get used to the quiet, the space and the simplicity of it. Finishing here in Geelong, with people around, will be a pretty special moment."

Community Support Behind the Ride

"You set out to do this solo, but you quickly realise how many people are behind you. The support, whether it's a place to stay or just someone stopping for a chat, makes a real difference," Damien said


These moments of connection have provided both practical support and a powerful reminder of the strength of community across the country.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Last Saturday, the Blues football teams had a successful day against the Corio Devils. This was played against the solemnity of ANZAC Day, too. Well done guys. Editor

ROUND 3

Welcome to Blue's News where it's been a busy week in Football and Netball across the State. Local Winchelsea Football and Netball is no exception.

Last week saw another twilight game for the Winchelsea Blues at Eastern Reserve hosting the Corio Devils. The Autumn warm weather probably a tad too warm for our Winter Sports participants.

April 25th is such an important date across Australia and New Zealand to commemorate, and Australian Rules Football does it with great dignity, whether it be at AFL level or grass roots country football here in Winchelsea.

Last Saturday the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club was pleased and proud to attend and cater for the Winchelsea Returned Servicemen's League's Service and the following morning tea held in the Community Bank Room at Eastern Reserve. There was a big crowd of people of all ages to commemorate ANZAC DAY 2026 and a great proportion of those attending headed to the Community Bank Room in warm sunshine for a morning tea. A small army of Volunteers were up early to prepare and serve that morning tea which was given great feedback from those attending. It is a privilege to cater for this event.

LEST WE FORGET

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 14.17.101 def Corio Devils 3.5.23

The Blues got off to a solid start in the first quarter going in at quarter time 4.4.28 to the Devils 1.1.7 The home side continued to go on their merry way in the second quarter kicking 3 goals 6 points to Corio's solitary point. Things were looking good going into the long break. Corio came out hard after half time and revived their game plan in the third while the Blue's response to this was to render The Corio Devils scoreless in the last Quarter. Good solid work from the Reserves sitting 2 wins out of the 3 games played so far in 2026. Plenty of sharing the goals around from this side last week.

GOALS: Zach Ross 2, Tom Kennedy 2, Sean Thompson 2, Jackson Smith 2, Joss Church, Nick Hughes, Will McNeil, Lewis Lonsdale, Lachlan Carver, Hayden Ford all 1 goal.

BEST: Lachie Carver, Riley Berg, Jackson Smith, Eamon Dempsey, Joss Church, Blake Gardani.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 17.20.122 def Corio Devils 8.2.50

Before the commencement of the Senior game the ANZAC tradition was observed with the last Post and the oath to be read and a minute's silence observed for the fallen. With the RSL Grandstand as the backdrop in Winchelsea it is an eerie silence observed by both sides, each standing arm in arm on the Winchelsea Football Field.



Corio has never played in an ANZAC DAY game and were humbled to have had the opportunity to have participated. Thank you to the Corio Devils to have stuck around and shared in this special day.

The Senior side after last week's win was again wanting to make an impression in the first quarter and they started well, 3.3.21 to 2.1.13. It was the second quarter that blew the game apart with the Blues kicking an impressive 6 goals 5 points (accuracy could have been better the pressure applied by the Devils a contributing factor in those points) while allowing the Devils just the 1 goal added to their scoreboard tally.

The third quarter was a more even affair but at the Final siren it was a percentage winning margin which could have been even greater with while having most of the play and scoring shots, the barrage of points in the last a little frustrating. Goal kickers on the day were impressive with Cam Primmer kicking truly for a big 6, Indi Parish not far behind with 4 and Jordan Gould, Cooper Mumberson, and Rory Baulch all with a solid 2, with Jude Coverdale adding 1 goal.

Well done Blues – another 4 points obtained in the quest to play Finals in 2026.

GOALS: Cameron Primmer 6, Indi Parish 4, Jordan Gould 2, Cooper Mumberson 2, Rory Baulch 2, Jude Coverdale 1.

BEST: Rory Baulch, Fin Parish, Tom Rouget, Cameron Primmer, Indi Parish, Callum Nankervis.

Round 4 will see yet another Home Game – this week the Blues will host East Geelong Football and Netball Club – Starting times are as normal for a home and away schedule.

RESERVES 12 PM SENIORS 2.00 PM.

This will be a real test for the Blues early in the season - East Geelong remains one of the powerhouse teams in the GDFNL and win lose or draw the Blues need to play well!

Note of Thanks ... Committee Member Liam Harper has installed the fabulous new fire pits for the Club christened last Saturday. Already a great focal point last week, come mid July it will be a great addition the Club's atmosphere and warmth at our remaining home games. Love your work and commitment to the Winchelsea Blues Liam.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

This Saturday sees a rare event where our Junior teams will play at Eastern Reserve ahead of the Reserves and Senior teams, so it will be a full day of Football and Netball for the Winchelsea Blues. The Juniors kick off at 9.20am.

GOOD LUCK to our Junior sides .

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE BAR ON A THURSDAY EVENING AT THE BAR

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS GROUPS WORKING TOGETHER:

“Many Thanks” to our local Winchelsea CFA for their commitment and time spent assisting the W.F.N.C. with their working bee last month. Their expertise and assistance with several issues was gratefully received. Community volunteer groups working together will always beat government red tape and back wash.

Again, HUGE THANKS to the Winchelsea CFA. From the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club . Got the job(s) done!!

2026 again sees the Winchelsea Lions man “the gate” for the Winchelsea Blues on home game days. Will forever miss Murray Aisbett 's smiling face and humour, but great mates Neville Mawson and Don Smith carry on the great tradition and legacy that the Winchelsea Lions have created over the many years.

GO BLUES!!

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to Andrew Caldw, family and friends on the passing of his beloved wife Kelly.

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Junior Football

Clare Harper

We are thrilled to continue the build of our junior teams into season 2026.

This year we have over 40 girls and boys playing across Under 10 & Under 12 grades of footy.

Round 1

Round 1 kicked off on a very special ANZAC day.

Under 10

Our under 10's travelled to Lethbridge to open the season. The team came together very well in their first game and there were some exciting passages of play from the Under 10 cohort.

While they didn't take home a win on the day there were plenty of smiles on the kids' faces.

Under 12

Our under 12's travelled to Teesdale for their season opener. Teesdale were a few short on the day but we had a few extra, which meant we could share some players and make the game more fun for all.

The Blues got off to a flying start with a flurry of goals early which stood them in good stead for the remainder of the game and a convincing win. The midfield moved the ball very well and there were some exciting first goals for Will McCann, Jamie MacGregor Fraser and Isaiah Sharma.

Next Week

Our junior sides are playing at home.
Under 10 will play Teesdale from 9:20am
Under 12's will play East Geelong from 10:30am



Under 12 Moment of silence before their game



Under 12 Half time huddle

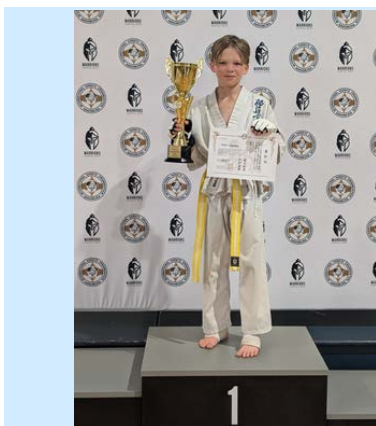


Under 12

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Raina and Rune D'Agostino both found in the IKON Victorian Championships in Melbourne on Sunday 29 March. Both entered the full contact divisions, with both taking home first place!

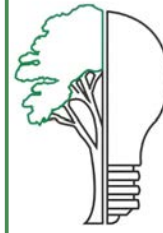


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Winner: Di Bartel 33 pts CB
R/Up: Elizabeth Alston 33 CB Sue Cuthbert

NTP 8th/17Th: Elizabeth Alston
Well done to Ann Davis having 23 pts for 9 holes

A huge congratulations to our team of Tara Steward, Di Bartel and Mary Parish taking out the Birregurra Bowl on the 20th of April.

Tara 41 pts, Mary 35 and Di 30 pts.

Fantastic effort Ladies! Tara came away with the best individual score of the day and Mary got the NTP on Niagra. Very proud of them!



Results Saturday 25/4/26 ANZAC Day Stableford 12pm start - 12 players

1st - Tara Steward (16) 35 points
2nd - Even Partridge (20) 33 points
BDL - Neil Hickman (10) 31 points
BDL - Alan Redmayne (12) 30 points C/B

Golden Hole (2nd/11th) - Philip Crook
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Netball

Angie Mawson

Congratulations to our Blues Netball teams. A fantastic effort again by all our girls. Editor

A dominating day on court by our senior netballers - wins in every grade on ANZAC Day

A Grade

17 year old Monet Drew made her A grade debut, playing well and will be pushing for ongoing selection. It is great to see utilisation of our juniors across all grades with Millie Partridge also firming her space with strength and accuracy in the B grade squad.

The importance of junior utilisation to strengthen our club is paramount and I couldn't have been prouder when we had 4 of our 17&U side from 13 years ago step onto the court together in our A grade side on Saturday.

Club stalwarts Meg Royal and Connie Lake (Royal) welcomed back into their side Katrina Filice and Makayla Bulte for the first time this year. This group of players dominated with power and accuracy.

Best players: Maddi McKeirnan and Meg Royal



17 year old Monet Drew debuted in A grade for WFNC on Saturday

B Grade

B grade also secured a 8 goal win. The team welcomed back Rose Hymus from holidays and she led the side well and defensively made the drives hard for Corio.

Millie Partridge was accurate in goals capitalising on every opportunity.

Best players: Rose Hymus and Grace Fechner.

C Grade

C grade looked good! Taking away the win by 12 goals. This small squad supported each other with splashes of brilliance through court systems and set plays. Defence has been the key across the entire club and this defending end were fierce.

Best players: Ella Clayton and Emma McLean.

D Grade

D grade demolished their opponents across all positions. They were fast, they are fit and the looked skilled. Again the defenders were stand outs getting intercept after intercepts giving the goalers plenty of opportunities to gain our biggest margin for the day.

Best players: Emily Wilson and Claire Harrison.

E Grade

E grade are going from strength to strength. The work this young but supportive group puts in on top of mandatory training is a credit to them. It was nice to see them on the winners list as well. Led well by the centre courters giving all players opportunity to shine.

Best players: Amanda Hilet and Josie Kavanagh.



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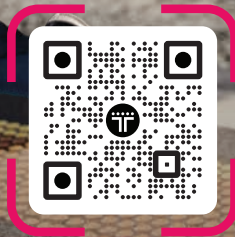


Katrina Filice, Makayla Bulte, Meg Royal, Connie Lake lining up together 13 years later for WFNC A grade side



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Junior Netball

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Across all age groups, moves and manoeuvres practiced at training were being employed in game play. Keep up the good work, girls. Editor

NetSetGo

It was fantastic to welcome a group of very enthusiastic NetSetGo participants to the courts on Thursday evening.

With children aged 5–10 of all abilities, the session was full of energy, smiles, and excitement. Some participants have big sisters or mums already playing at the club, while others are brand new to netball, and it's wonderful to see everyone come together and give it a go.

The focus on fun games and skill development created a great environment for learning, building confidence, and making new friends. It's a brilliant start to the program, and we look forward to seeing these players continue to grow and enjoy their netball.

Registrations will remain open, so there's still plenty of opportunity for new players to join in the fun.



Under 10s

Round 8 marked our first game back after the school holidays, with the U10 Blues going down 13–2.

It took the girls a little while to warm up, but once they settled in, they found their stride and showed some really positive passages of play. It was great to see them putting into action the skills we've been working on at training, and their effort around the contest was strong and competitive.

A special shout out to our Player of the Week, Lennie. Our little defending champion continues to impress week in and week out — her defensive effort and determination are unmatched. Keep working hard, girls! Go blues !

Under 11s

The Winchelsea Blues Under 11s put in a determined and encouraging performance this week, despite going down 10–3 to Corio. The scoreline didn't reflect the effort and growth shown by the team, who continue to improve with every game.

With a couple of injuries, most players remained on court for the full match, fantastic to see them rise to the challenge. The girls worked tirelessly, supporting one another right through to the final whistle and never letting their energy or spirit drop. There were clear signs of development across the court, with sharper passing, stronger defensive pressure, and improved teamwork.

Confidence is building each week, and it's great to see players backing themselves and each other in every contest. Most importantly, every player gave their all and maintained a positive attitude throughout the game, showing terrific determination and resilience. The future is bright for this group as they continue to learn, grow, and enjoy their netball.

Under 13s

The Winchelsea Blues Under 13s had a great game this week, showing strong improvement and a real focus on their development.

It was fantastic to see the team putting into practice the skills they've been working on at training. There was noticeable improvement in their driving to the ball and creating space, which



helped open up play and gave them more options down the court.

The girls showed great effort throughout the match and continue to build their confidence and teamwork each week. Keep up the great work, girls!

Under 15s

The Winchelsea Blues Under 15s faced a tough contest this week, going down 12–3 to Corio, but there were plenty of positives to take from the game.

The girls showed great effort from the first whistle to the last, demonstrating their willingness to compete and never give up. It's clear they are taking on board what's being worked on at training, with improved passages of play and a stronger understanding of their roles on court.

One of the most encouraging signs was their growing confidence. The players are beginning to back themselves more, make strong decisions with the ball, and provide great support for one another across the court.

While the result didn't go their way, the continued development, teamwork, and positive attitude from this group is fantastic to see.

Under 19s

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