

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS Neil McInnes and Kate McInnes



A very significant milestone and heartfelt thanks to Neil McInnes and Kate McInnes who both acquired their 100th volunteer credits at this Trebeck Reserve Park Run. This is by means no small measure and it is imperative that we acknowledge the significant input that both contribute each week, with no fuss and both are founding volunteers who were heavily involved in getting this event to fruition. Thanks so much Neil and Kate for all your effort and contribution.

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Letters to the Editor

Hi Sasha,
May's Jumble Sale went really well with something of everything selling including sheep manure. We really appreciate the support people of Winch are giving us.
Blessings and many thanks,
Maureen L. Barrabool Uniting Church

Hi Judy and Susan.
Congrats on another successful year with thanks and best wishes to Neil.
Jane Bartier, Secretary, Growing Winch.

BlazeAid is currently desperately looking for volunteers in Gellibrand

Kaylene Stocks

If you can spare even a bit of your time, it would mean so much to the local residents.

I often hear people say, "I wish I was brave enough to help at fires," or "I couldn't do what you all do."

Well—this is the perfect opportunity to step in and make a real difference, helping communities get back on their feet after tough times.

If you're interested, please head over to the BlazeAid page to find out how you can get involved. blazeaid.com.au/current-camps



Welcome to the New Secretary Growing Winchelsea

Jane Bartier



I have been a member of Growing Winchelsea and its committee for several years. I joined when much work had been done, especially where Growing Winchelsea identified its five operating pillars, People, Place, Planet, Participation and Prosperity (refer to www.growingwinchelsea.com). This work continues with several members participating in the recent Surf Coast Council led 'Winchelsea Place Plan' that was accepted by Council this March 2026 while also building upon the 'Winchelsea Community Action Plan'.

These plans, or expressions of our community interests have guided Growing Winchelsea when we are advocating in meetings with Council or other organisations that work with us in this community. Sometimes people want to get on and do things, and I love those conversations where ideas and aspirations are realised.

I am old enough to have benefited from the Whitlam era of free university, supported with a \$30 per month scholarship when I moved from my parents' home in Inverell to study in Sydney. I have lived in towns, cities and rural areas and am so fortunate that the great wealth of knowledge and richness in Indigenous culture influences my life.

I was a partner in a business, but I was predominantly an employee – earning money to contribute into family, and



eventually to focus on my love of working with textiles. I value learning and have undertaken several qualifications with my most recent, graduating with a PhD in Philosophy within a creative arts environment from Deakin.

Where does this lead to? It meant for me an opportunity to become involved in the community when Ann, my partner and I moved to Winchelsea in 2017 – we explored this area, connected with Landcare, and had people introduce both of us to fellow residents. I have since participated in the Arts Trail with two Shed Talks as well as being one of the three members of the No Through Road Collective and continue my involvement with landcare.

Ann died in 2022 and is buried at the Winchelsea cemetery. My father moved from NSW to live at Hesse in 2019 at the age of 90. I am incredibly fortunate to have my family of friends here and I trust this sense of place, home and welcome continues to be offered and strengthened as the town increases in population.



Performing Arts



Our Foundation to Year 2 students continued their exploration of Drama. Students have been focusing on body awareness and vocal technique using the books *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* and *The Gruffalo* and inspiration for our lessons.

The students had their first experience getting up on 'the stage' in small groups and performing for their class mates.



Literacy Block Open Classes



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1st Modewarre Scout Group News

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From Hikes to Billy Carts

When Forest Fire Service decided to burn off around Anglesea 2 weekends ago, it required some flexibility to adjust our camp program so that we could continue. They burnt off on Thursday and Friday, blanketing Eumeralla with smoke which would have impacted our comfort and, perhaps health. The Camp staff organised for us to change our camp site to a higher site which was largely unaffected. Our planned hike route from Iron Bark basin into camp was officially closed, so we swapped to Anglesea side of camp, hiking out to Point Roadknight. The weather was kind – the days were lovely, the rain appeared after we went to bed, and stopped before we got up.

Arriving on Saturday morning, first order of the day was to put up our tents, then set up stretchers and sleeping bags. The Cubs pitched in, all very keen to hammer in pegs, although they are still working out the best techniques. We refuelled with morning tea, before putting together personal first aid kits for the newer Cubs. These are taken on hikes and camps, so the Cubs learn to manage simple injuries. As soon as a few Cubs came in after their morning footy game, we started off on our hike from Eumeralla Scout camp to Pt Roadknight. This section of the Surf Coast Walk is firstly through areas of bush, then along the cliff tops where we stopped for lunch. It was shoes off for the beach stretch between the caravan park and the Surf Club, then back on for the final leg through the bush to the car park. It's about 6.5kms and the Cubs went really well. Cars were waiting to take us back to camp for a well-earned afternoon tea.



Cooking Meal

The Cubs then had to prepare our camp oven meals for tea. We made Apricot Chicken and Devilled sausages, with each Cub preparing vegetables – spuds, carrots, celery, capsicum, onion and pumpkin. These went into the Camp Ovens with either the chicken and French Onion soup & apricot nectar, or the chipolata sausages, devilled sausage casserole mix, tomato paste and water. The Cubs lit the fire to burn down to coals, and when ready, the camp ovens went on for an hour or so. We cooked some pasta to go with the casseroles. The food was delicious, with only a little left over (just enough for the Leaders for breakfast!)

The Cubs washed their prep dishes before tea and afterwards washed up their eating dishes. They all did well. Each of them was very careful with the sharp knives and respectful of the need to do a good job with the washing up.



Hike

Our evening finished by joining other Barwon District Cubs for a camp-fire, where we learnt some new songs and put on 2 skits for everyone. They were very funny. A supper of S'mores – heated marshmallows squashed in chocolate coated biscuits – and Milo was a great finish to our day.

After a damp night, Sunday was dry and pleasant. Breakfast was cereal, followed by French toast cooked by Gus and Charlie, and eaten with lashings of maple syrup. The Cubs did the dishes again.

We then donned helmets and brought the billy carts across to the hill for 3-at-a-time races. It's always a bit competitive but in a very friendly way. The first aid kit was at hand but, fortunately, it wasn't needed.



Billy Carts

Back to camp for morning tea, then to the caving centre. This is 2 shipping containers, one on top of the other, with 4 levels of tunnels built inside it. The Cubs wear helmets with torches on them, and enjoy crawling around in the dark. As 12 o'clock passed, it was time to return to camp to make lunch. Each Cub made a sandwich for toasting on the bbq, with cheese, ham, and/or tomato on offer. They were a little perplexed at putting the butter on the outside but understood better once the sandwiches were cooking and turning golden brown.

Finally, it was time to take down the tents which had dried a bit. The trailer was packed and the camping facility tidied just in time for parents to arrive to take their Cubs home. All of the Cubs passed several requirements of their Outdoor Adventure Skills over the weekend, and had a great time doing so.

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Three Cheers for Jim at 90

Linda Carter

On Sunday May 17 th the Barwon Hotel was jumping with over 70 family and friends all eager to celebrate local identity Jim (James) Duggan's 90 th birthday. Relatives and friends had come from far and wide, some in caravans and RV's, some staying at the local motel and some coming from only a couple of streets away.

Jim lived in Winchelsea 60 years ago before moving to Melbourne, returning with Marg a few years ago. Jim was a speedway racer and still races in the vintage section so the party had a strong racing theme. He's talking about hanging up his helmet but we will believe it when we see it. He even featured on the front page of the Winchelsea Star a couple of years ago after such an event.

Jim and the lovely Marg, who also shares a birthday on the same day (different years!!) are very active in the Winchelsea Lions Club as well as other areas of the community.

It was a wonderful celebration for a lovely, lovely gentleman.



Jim and Marg



Lions John, Linda, Ray, Jim, Brian and Don



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YOUNG AT HEART

Elaine Atkinson

Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre

Have you visited the Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre yet! If you are over 55 you are very welcome to join our activities or tell us what activity you might like. Have a cuppa, share a laugh and a story - there is always something happening at the Centre.

Our weekly program offers something for everyone:

- **Monday (1–3 pm): Craft** – a wonderful group of talented members who love all things craft – a great opportunity for a chat and to learn something new.
- **Tuesday (10:30 am – 12 noon): Bridge** – friendly games with plenty of support for beginners.
- **Wednesday (10–11 am): Exercises** – coordinated by Hesse Rural Health.
- **Wednesday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls**, followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.
- **Thursday: Mahjong (1–3 pm)**, with a **bring-your-own lunch at 12 noon**. It is starting on Thursday 21 May 2026 – we are all learners so why not come and learn with us.
- **Friday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls** again—always a lively afternoon!

Our members are always open to new ideas. The introduction of Mahjong has come about through new members expressing interest. Any other ideas we'd love to hear from you—the Centre is here for everyone.

For more information, please contact:

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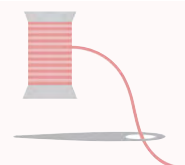
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Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group



The Tree of Life wall hanging having the finishing touches added using tiny beads for the birds' eyes.

We have a box of assorted beads in the cupboard at Winch House Wednesday Craft Group, if you ever need beads for a project come along and see if what you need is in the box, it's great to be able to just get a few beads instead of having to purchase a full packet.

We also had a large number of knitting needles donated, we added a few odd sizes to our collection with the rest going to the Thursday morning knitting group. If you are looking for a particular size set of needles please come along to check our 'stash' before purchasing new ones.

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Winchelsea travels together

Local bus trips offer connection, independence and a lifeline for residents

Elaine Atkinson

When Winchelsea lost local bus services, many older residents were left wondering how they would continue to shop, attend appointments, enjoy outings, or simply stay connected with others.

Rather than accepting fewer opportunities and increasing isolation, local community groups came together determined to find a solution.

Now, thanks to collaboration between Winchelsea Community House, local seniors groups and Surf Coast Shire, a new series of community bus trips has officially been confirmed — creating opportunities for friendship, connection, independence and community participation.

The initiative has been driven by local volunteers and organisations including Probus, the Senior Citizens Club and the Men's Shed, all working together to ensure older residents and those without reliable transport are not left behind.

But organisers say the future of the program now depends on the community itself.

“These trips are about far more than transport,” organisers said, “They are about people getting out of the house, catching up with friends, sharing a coffee, attending appointments, enjoying experiences together and feeling connected to their community again.”

In small rural towns, social connection matters. A simple outing can make an enormous difference to someone who may otherwise spend long periods isolated at home

Community members are now being encouraged to actively support the initiative by registering for trips and spreading the word to friends, neighbours and family members who may benefit. “If these opportunities are not used, we risk losing them,” organisers said.

“We need to demonstrate that there is genuine demand for affordable community transport in Winchelsea — not just now, but into the future as our community continues to grow.”

“Every booking helps strengthen the case for future services and future funding.”

Organisers say the project is already showing what can be achieved when communities work together to solve local challenges. “This initiative shows the strength of community spirit in Winchelsea. People saw a need, worked together and created something positive. Now we are asking the wider community to get behind it, so these opportunities continue well into the future.”

For bookings or further information contact Winchelsea Community House 5267 2028.

Upcoming Community Trips



Wawn Ponds Shopping & Social Trip Wednesday 24 June 2026

Hosted by Jill Evans and Winchelsea Community House, this community outing, leaving from Senior Citizens Centre Harding Street Winchelsea, will provide residents with the opportunity to:

- Shop independently
- Attend appointments
- Enjoy coffee or lunch
- Spend time with others and socialise

Departure from Winchelsea: 10.30am
Leave Wawn Ponds: 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Residents who have difficulty getting to the Senior Citizens Centre are encouraged to discuss transport assistance with Winchelsea Community House.

Gold coin donation

To register interest: Winchelsea Community House 5267 2028

Additional shopping trips are planned for:

- Thursday 17 September 2026
- Wednesday 2 December 2026



RAAF Museum Point Cook Trip Thursday 28 May 2026

Hosted by Probus, this day trip includes a visit to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook and will depart at 9.00am returning 3.30pm at a cost of \$25 pp with lunch at Gateway Hotel at your own expense.

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A blanket of mulch and a season of rest

Julia Holohan

It's feeling like hibernation time with the winter solstice only a month away, June 21st. The daylight hours are shorter, the temperatures are dropping, there's the odd mushroom in the paddocks and I can feel my body clock slowing.



Awaiting the sprouting of carrots, beetroot and garlic

In the garden: it's a slow growth period in the veg garden, there's not many flowers in the regular garden, the lawns don't need mowing so often and those amazing deciduous trees are in colour, dropping their leaves and getting ready to sleep the winter months - I kind of feel the same.

But, those leaves will need raking and bundling for a wonderful compost come spring. The pot plants need a bit of TLC, with either repotting or adding some fertiliser / compost.

The veg garden will desire a heap of compost too and maybe a green manure crop, I'll throw in some mustard seeds for this. The regular garden from my kitchen window and beyond is well mulched, like a warm blanket to keep the plants cosy over these soon to be very cold days and nights.

We don't have as much in the veg garden now. We've recently planted and they are now sprouting; lettuce, carrots, beetroot, peas and our first crop of garlic, we'll plant another lot shortly.

I'm waiting on the coriander and rocket to sprout. The broccoli is doing well, it's still a way off maturing, in the mean time we still have the ever reliable silver beet and warrigal greens!



Pumpkins

The pumpkins are harvested and stored in their airy cupboard with one lone Queensland blue pumpkin still in the garden trying to ripen and will hopefully make it to the cupboard before a frosty morning gets it.



Tomatoes ripening inside

The tomato plants have all been pulled from the soil, they are now on the bonfire awaiting for a night time lighting, maybe on the winter solstice weekend. We picked all the green tomatoes from them which are now slowly ripening, they're inside, a single layer in cardboard boxes.

It's time to light the fire inside, get the house toasty, cook up a warm meal and get ready to see the long cold months through. .

SES Wear Orange Wednesday

Judy Cameron

WOW Day is the national day of recognition to say 'thank you' to SES volunteers. It is the most proactive day in the VICSES calendar held in the middle of National Volunteer Week. In the last 12 months alone our Victorian volunteers have responded to over 32,000 requests for assistance to keep our communities safe.

We can't thank our SES volunteers enough - they are heroes in orange

Locals Kerri Cropley and Jon Burton held a stall outside the IGA last Wednesday 20th May. They had a lovely morning chatting to passers-by about what they do, providing information about storm prevention and received many generous donations. Kerri noted they could not do their important work without the support they receive from the community.

NOTE: The SES can always use more volunteers. To volunteer for VICSES, applicants first go through a selection and screening process to ensure they understand the role and can meet the time commitments required for training and performing volunteer duties.

For more information on volunteering - and to make a donation to the SES - go to: <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/join-us/training-for-new-volunteers>



Kerri Cropley and Jon Burton

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history of winchelsea

Hardyman's Hotel 20 Willis Street "The Top Pub"

Known to locals as the "Top Pub" as distinct from the Barwon Hotel being the "Bottom Pub", The Winchelsea Hotel, 20 Willis Street, Winchelsea, has significance as one of the longest-serving commercial buildings in Winchelsea and continues to serve its original hotel purpose, a function that spans over 140 years.



Top Pub c 1908 Winchelsea Football team with horse and cart

Originally built in late 1864 for owner and hotel keeper, Timothy Hardyman, (also spelled Hardimann in some newspaper sources) the site also included a garden by 1865. The hotel has continued to serve the local Winchelsea community throughout the 19th and 20th and into the 21st centuries.

The hotel is a local heritage landmark as one of the longest-serving 19th century commercial buildings in the town of Winchelsea

While the Winchelsea Hotel has been substantially altered and extended since its original construction in 1864, the changes to the building in the 1920s and in 1940 are clearly discernible and express the evolution of the place over time. These changes in themselves contribute to the historic and social significance.

The hotel is associated with the evolution of Winchelsea's commercial development since the 1860s when the town was a growing stopping post on the route between Geelong and the Western District. Since that time, it has been a local landmark, recognised for cultural and social reasons and valued by sections of the local community as an important meeting place.



Top Pub c 1930s

The Winchelsea Hotel has architectural interest. While the building is not highly intact to any particular style or era (ie. 19th century era or interwar era) and therefore not considered to be of architectural

significance, the historic and social significance of the place is embodied in the surviving fabric representing the important developmental eras. The building appears to be in good condition.

The Winchelsea Hotel is historically significant at a local level. The hotel has experienced substantial change throughout the 20th century. The visible changes to the building from various parts of its history are to me, one of the most interesting things about this building, and provide an appreciation of the historical evolution of the place.

Between c.1916 and 1920, a rear outbuilding was constructed. In the late 1920s, the front facade, central and rear portions of the building were largely destroyed by fire and the hotel was rebuilt to an interwar design. A further change in 1940 witnessed the construction of brick facades and new porches on the Willis and Austin Street exteriors. The exterior was altered and dominated by a post supported return verandah from 2005.

The second of only two hotels in Winchelsea, the historical development of the Winchelsea Hotel reflects the changing needs of the local community over the past 145 years. It has associations with numerous owners and occupiers during this period.



Top Pub post 1940

The hotel has architectural interest for its layering of architectural fabric that reflect changes brought about by the fire of the late 1920s and changing needs and aspirations of the owners. The interwar alterations and additions are largely discernible today in the overall roof forms of the building, while the brick construction and some detailing are representative of the changes made in 1940. At the rear, the outbuilding reflects an addition of c.1916-20, while the gabled amenities wing at the rear of the side (Austin Street) porch represents an addition of the 1920s.



Micheál P O'Dhonnabháin has lived in the Winchelsea area since 2010.

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.



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Thanks to our Winchelsea Volunteers

Rhani Bayon

The Surf Coast Shire and Winchelsea Community House hosted around 30 local volunteers in the Shire Hall on Wednesday to celebrate national volunteer week. Surf Coast Shires Circular economy expert Elsie Fulton talked about sustainability and recycling in our community.



Cromwell Forgansen and Elsie Fulton

Attendees were surprised to learn that items unable to be recycled in other shires can be accepted at the Anglesea Landfill and transfer station and some common items such as clear milk bottle lids, long-life milk cartons and metal glass jar lids can in fact go into your curb side recycling bin within the Surf Coast Shire.

We now have an e-waste and battery recycling collection bin located in the Winchelsea Community house, these items cannot go into your curb side bin as they pose a serious safety threat.



Jane Bartier and Tony Phelps

After some wonderful discussions amongst our volunteers at this event we will soon have a soft plastics recycling sub also located in the Community House that will be taken regularly to the Anglesea transfer station for recycling.



The Winchelsea Community House and wider Winchelsea community are so incredibly grateful for every single member of our community that volunteers their time and skills, in every capacity small or large to keep our community functioning and connected.

It is easy to take for granted just how much volunteers achieve in our town and is just would not be the same place without them. 2026 is 'Your Year to Volunteer'

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Thought of the Week

“God’s power is not limited by opposition. Even when circumstances look stronger than the promise, God remains in control. Sometimes the pressure rises just before deliverance comes. God allows the tension to reveal His strength more clearly.”

Have a Blessed week.

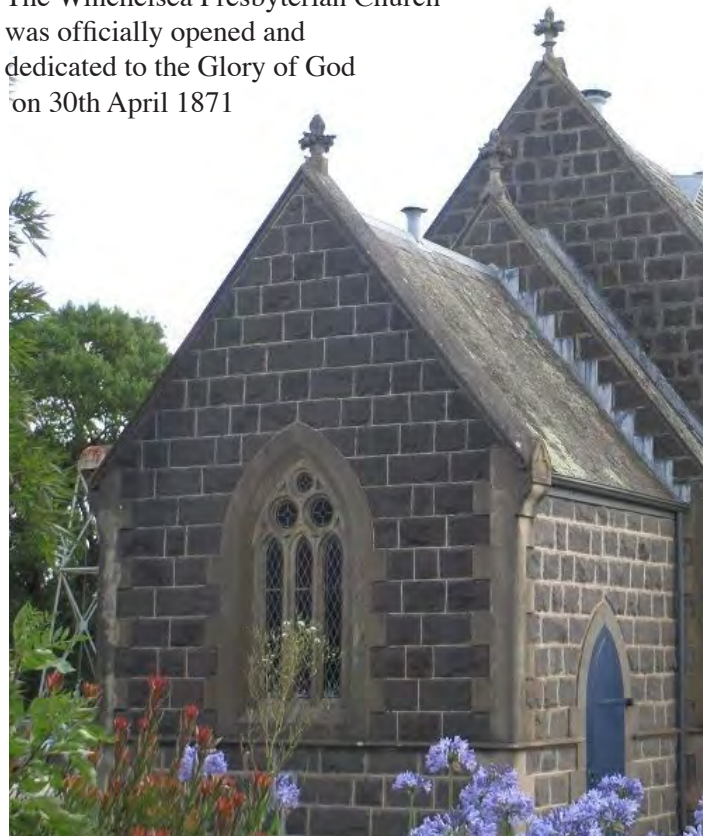
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Psalm 15 A Psalm by David

- 1 *Yahweh, who shall dwell in your sanctuary?
Who shall live on your holy hill?*
- 2 *He who walks blamelessly and does what is right, and speaks truth in his heart;*
- 3 *he who doesn't slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend,
nor casts slurs against his fellow man;*
- 4 *in whose eyes a vile man is despised, but who honors those who fear Yahweh;
he who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn't change;*
- 5 *he who doesn't lend out his money for usury, nor take a bribe against the innocent.*

Gateway Bible Psalm15 in World English Bible translation

The Winchelsea Presbyterian Church was officially opened and dedicated to the Glory of God on 30th April 1871





Zinaida Campion

The Embrace of Fire An evening of music and poetry

These days I usually try to centre my articles around Winch, but who doesn't enjoy a change of air now and again? To this end your columnist ventured forth to the distant wilderness of Geelong in search of more material.

St Paul's Geelong is a beautiful brick building in neo-Gothic style, and the venue for some truly remarkable musical concerts. The Embrace of Fire on 15 May, featuring local musicians Tom Healey (organ) and Helen Seymour (mezzo-soprano), was no exception. These artists are highly accomplished in their own right, and their gifts were amplified by the acoustic and ambience of the church.

The program began with three organ solos. The first was the Allegro movement of Symphony VI by CM Widor (1844–1937, France). I am completely unfamiliar with Widor, but I was impressed by the stateliness and grandeur the piece embodied. The second was an Adagio by Melanie Bonis (1883–1972, France). Tom Healey specifically favours Bonis, and rightly so, as her music has a romantic and introspective quality that I find very calming. The third was Choral No. 1 by César Franck (1822–1890, Belgium/France). I really appreciated this piece because I felt it embodied some of the best attributes of late 19th-century music — the kind of music that does sound terrifically serious, but once you're into it, you find yourself by degrees relaxing back into your seat and sighing with contentment. Ahhh.

Now for the real magic. We fortunate audience members were treated to the world premiere of Across the Wetlands, a four-song cycle by local composer Michael Hannan. The music is set to a collection of poems of the same name, by Helen Seymour herself. I might add that Michael composed them specifically for Helen's voice, so this was definitely the definitive interpretation!

Across the Wetlands was the first song. "Across the wetlands after recent rain, the colours vivid, clear and crisp" – Michael's music perfectly painted the scene and Tom's excellent performance on the organ marvelously complemented Helen's bell-like voice. Wednesday's Wattlebirds was the second, and my personal favourite. "Wednesday's wattlebirds, belligerently bathe, in the blue bird bath, fluffing full feathers, jocund with joy". Charming

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.

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alliteration, charming music! The music was full of the "raucous cacophony" of the poem, with the bird call sounds not only written for the organ accompaniment, but for the voice too! Very unusual and quaint! What the Swan Knows was the third. "The swan knows how to build a fortress...The swan understands patience ... followed by her downy flock and vigilant mate ...". A beautiful portrait of the swan as a mother, homemaker, and mate. A meditation, In the Stream of Time was the fourth. "Floating on the lake, all cognisance, of time lost, the only sounds, the sudden swish, of a bird that takes flight from the water...an awareness, a meditation". Both Helen Seymour's poetry and Michael Hannan's music show such awareness of the nature of their subjects.



L-R Tom Healey, Helen Seymour, Michael Hannan in St Paul's

Between the first two and second two vocal pieces, Tom played The Song of the Rolling Hills, also by Michael Hannan, thus completing the nature theme.

The program finished with three more organ solos. Passacaglia in C minor is a monumental work by JS Bach, and Tom once again showed his excellent musicality by correctly interpreting the dance theme in the piece. I personally have never been able to understand the scientific composition style of Bach too well, though I have endless time for the equally scientific Wagner. Maybe two such intellectual geniuses give me information overload, but I digress! The piece the concert was named after, The Embrace of Fire by Naji Hakim (b 1955, Lebanon/France) was an unexpectedly explosive work that literally does sound like fire – rifle fire at times! It piqued my interest, I should listen to some more Hakim. One Day from the Pirates of the Caribbean was alight cinematic finish to the program. Composed by Hans Zimmer (b 1957, Germany), this version was arranged for organ by one of the world's most famous organists, Anna Lapwood (b 1995, UK). I can recommend her work, it's very accessible, have a listen!

All in all, a very impressive concert! I highly recommend that you catch their Choral Evensong next month, 5pm Sunday 28 June. Ciao!

Wednesday's Wattlebirds by Helen Seymour

<i>Wednesday's wattlebirds</i>	<i>The party is over</i>
<i>belligerently bathe</i>	<i>a swift retreat</i>
<i>in the blue bird bath</i>	<i>into the oleander</i>
<i>fluffing full feathers</i>	<i>a kerfuffle ensues</i>
<i>jocund with joy</i>	<i>Water settles</i>
<i>They click and squawk</i>	<i>silence descends</i>
<i>in proud competition</i>	<i>self-assured Maggie</i>
<i>a raucous cacophony</i>	<i>struts about in the freshly</i>
<i>A magpie swoops in</i>	<i>weeded beds under the</i>
<i>a panoply of panic</i>	<i>bird bath</i>
<i>water and feathers</i>	<i>She captures a fat worm</i>
<i>collide in the sun</i>	

Local voices shaping local health

Community invited to help shape Hesse's future

Hesse Rural Health

Hesse Rural Health is commencing the development of its next Strategic Plan, which will guide the organisation's direction and priorities from 2027 to 2030.

Cranham & Co has been engaged to facilitate the consultation process and support the development of the plan. The process will include listening to the community, staff, volunteers, partners and key stakeholders, alongside an analysis of population demographics, health data, community needs and current health policy directions.

The aim is to develop a Strategic Plan that reflects the needs, strengths and aspirations of the Hesse catchment, while also supporting Hesse Rural Health to respond to future challenges and opportunities in health and community care.

Hesse Rural Health is keen to hear from people of all life stages and backgrounds, including families, young people, older residents, carers, local workers, community groups, service partners and people who may use Hesse services now or in the future.

Community members from across the broader Hesse catchment are encouraged to participate, including those living in and around Winchelsea.



The consultation will be led by Jodie Cranham, who has worked alongside other rural and regional health services to support leadership and strategic planning. With a background in healthcare leadership and governance, Jodie brings a practical understanding of the realities that services and communities navigate daily.

Undertaking consultation provides an opportunity for community members to share their views on what is working well, what needs may emerge over the next three to five years, and what should be considered as Hesse Rural Health plans for the future.

Topics for discussion may include access to services, community

health and wellbeing needs, support for people at different stages of life, opportunities for partnerships, and the role Hesse Rural Health can play in supporting local communities into the future.

To have your voice help share the future of local health care provided by Hesse, community members can participate in the Strategic Planning consultation at the following sessions:

Location
Hesse Winchelsea
(53 Hesse St – rear entrance)

Date Wed 10th June
Time 2.30pm

Date Thu 11th June
Time 9am

Date Tue 16th June
Time 2pm

Further opportunities to provide feedback will also be available through a community survey. Hesse Rural Health encourages anyone with an interest in the future health and wellbeing of the local community to take part. Your voice will help inform the priorities and direction of the next Strategic Plan.

For more information about the consultation process, upcoming sessions or how to provide feedback, please contact: Jodie Cranham Ph: 0408 188 01 info@cranhamco.au

Or visit <https://www.cranhamco.au/hesse-strategic-plan>
Or you can follow the below QR Code to the Strategic Planning website that provides you with forum dates and survey links.



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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.

MAY
Ingredient of the Month

Carrot



RECIPE:

Carrot Halwa with Garam Masala Pecans

Beware - this recipe is for the adventurous. To wrap up our month on carrots I'm sharing a dessert recipe from Fresh India. Don't knock it until you try it!

Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 60g unsalted butter
- 80g pecans
- 1½ tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon garam masala
- 750g carrots, peeled and grated
- 250ml condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom (or finely ground seeds from 12 pods)

METHOD

- First caramelize the pecans. Line an oven tray with baking paper.
- Heat 10g of the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat, and when the butter starts to foam, add the pecans, jaggery and garam masala, and stir. Keep stirring until the jaggery melts and turns a warm brown, then take off the heat and



- tip on to the tray. Be careful as the sugar will be hotter than the sun. If you feel inclined to separate the nuts before the sugar sets, do so with a fork. Leave to cool while you make the halwa.
- Melt the rest of the butter in a non-stick pan over a low to medium heat and, when hot, add the grated carrot. Cook for 10 minutes, until wilted and soft, then add the condensed milk. Stir regularly for another 10 minutes, then add the cardamom and mix well. Cook for a further 5 minutes, then take off the heat.
- Spoon the halwa into bowls and distribute the nuts between them.



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MONDAY

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MAINLY MUSIC

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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
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TUESDAY



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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Tues-Joey's 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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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

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Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
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10-11.30am
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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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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
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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

Why town signs matter

A space for the issues that start small but matter deeply—because in every community, even the quietest ripple can create real change.

Last week, we asked a simple question: what does a town sign actually do?

This week, it's probably worth asking something slightly less comfortable.

Are we making the most of what we already have?

Because in Winchelsea, it's not a question of starting from nothing.

We have the Gateway Sculptures that mark our entrances — thoughtful pieces representing sunrise and dusk. We have town signage that identifies who we are. And we have something uniquely ours in the Twinkle Trees — a community-driven display that brings colour, creativity and identity into the town each Christmas.

Individually, these are all positives.

But do they add up to a clear message for someone arriving here for the first time?

Or do they pass by as separate pieces, each telling only part of the story?

For visitors - especially those stopping briefly on their way to the coast - there's a very small window to capture attention.

A few seconds to create interest. A moment to suggest that this is somewhere worth more than just a quick stop. If that moment isn't clear, it's easy to miss.

That's not a criticism — it's a common challenge. Many towns have good elements in place, but without connection, those elements don't reach their full potential.

And connection doesn't necessarily mean more infrastructure.

Often, it's about visibility. Placement. Consistency. Making sure the story you're telling can be seen and understood in the moment it matters.

Because when it is, something shifts.

People notice.

People pause.

People remember.

And for a town like Winchelsea — sitting at the gateway to one of the most visited regions in the country — that moment is an opportunity.

The question is whether we're fully using it.

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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

The climate crisis is a health crisis

Gregory Andrews, *Lyrebird Dreaming* blog

Climate change is usually talked about as an environmental issue. Coral reefs, glaciers, bushfires and endangered species etc. All of that matters enormously. But it's also increasingly missing the point. The climate crisis is now fundamentally a public health emergency.

This week, a panel of leading international experts convened by the World Health Organization urged it to formally declare the climate crisis a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" - the same highest-level warning mechanism used for pandemics like COVID-1. And honestly, they're right.

Because the climate crisis is no longer a distant future threat about penguins, polar bears and rising seas. It's already making people sick. It's already killing people. And it's already overwhelming health systems around the world.

Heatwaves now kill thousands of people every year across Europe, India, North America and Australia. Smoke from bushfires triggers asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes. Floods contaminate water supplies and spread disease. Changing temperatures are expanding mosquito-borne illnesses like dengue fever into places that never previously had to deal with them. And mental health impacts - from eco-anxiety to trauma after disasters are rising rapidly.

And then there's the air pollution. The same fossil fuels driving climate change are also poisoning the air we breathe. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), air pollution causes around 7 million premature deaths globally every year. Think about that for a moment. Governments like Australia's are effectively using taxpayers money to subsidise industries whose pollution contributes to millions of early deaths.

Despite claiming to take climate and health seriously, Australia still provides billions of dollars in fossil fuel subsidies every year - through fuel tax credits, exploration incentives and other support mechanisms. While hospitals struggle for funding and ambulance ramping statistics dominate news headlines, we're still underwriting the industries making us sick in the first place. It's the political equivalent of subsidising cigarettes while warning people not to smoke!



The irony is that serious climate action would produce enormous public health benefits almost immediately. Cleaner air. More walkable cities. Better public transport. Less heat stress. More green space. Lower rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Healthier diets. More active lifestyles.

Climate action is not just about avoiding catastrophe in 2050. It's about improving human health right now. This is also why the language matters. Calling the climate crisis an "environmental issue" subtly frames it as soft and optional - something to balance against "economic priorities". But calling it what it is - a public health emergency - changes the conversation entirely. Because governments are supposed to respond to public health emergencies urgently. And public health is recognised as an economic priority.

When COVID hit, governments mobilised trillions of dollars, rewrote laws, held daily press conferences and transformed entire economies almost overnight. Yet climate action, which the WHO already describes as the "greatest health threat facing humanity", is still at best treated as another policy debate.



Part of the reason is psychological. Pandemics feel immediate and visible. The climate crisis is unfolding more slowly and unevenly. But the cumulative death toll from heat, smoke, pollution, hunger, disasters and disease will dwarf most modern pandemics if emissions continue unchecked. And unlike many health emergencies, this one is being knowingly fuelled. We understand the cause. We understand the consequences. And we already have many of the solutions. What's missing is political courage.

Australia especially should understand this. We're already seeing worsening bushfires, floods, heatwaves and disease risks. Our health systems are increasingly exposed to climate shocks. Regional communities are on the frontline. And Aboriginal communities - who often contribute least to emissions - are disproportionately exposed to climate impacts, including threats to Country, food systems, housing and cultural wellbeing.

Yet instead of treating climate change like the public health emergency it is, our politics still treats fossil fuel expansion as economic common sense. Future generations will look back on this period with disbelief and anger. They will wonder how governments could simultaneously warn about climate danger while subsidising the industries causing it. They will wonder how we normalised mass pollution deaths. And they will wonder why we waited so long to call a public health emergency exactly what it was

Because this isn't just an environmental crisis anymore. It's a health crisis. And the emergency department's waiting room is already full.

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Greener, cooler towns

Surf Coast Shire Council is inviting community feedback on a long-term plan to create greener, cooler streets and public spaces across its townships.

The draft Branching Out Implementation Plan sets out a 10-year vision to guide how and where trees are planted on public land, supporting healthier environments, stronger local character and improved community wellbeing.

The plan is part of Council's multi-year Branching Out public tree planting initiative and outlines proposed objectives, targets and design principles to shape future planting.

A key target is to increase tree canopy cover across the shire's townships from 28.9 per cent to 32 per cent by 2036.

To help achieve this, Council proposes to support the planting of around 8340 trees over the next decade, consisting of street trees and trees in parks and open spaces.

Recognising the unique character of each township, the plan adopts a place-based approach, ensuring planting responds to local conditions and opportunities.

Community feedback is now open and will help refine the vision and objectives for the plan. Residents are invited to share their views by completing a short online survey by 15 June at: yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/branching-out.

Feedback is sought on:

- Overall support for Council investment in tree planting on public land.
- The proposed vision, targets, objectives and design principles in the draft plan.

All submissions will be carefully considered before the plan is finalised.



Deans Marsh Primary School Green Team members Elliot Cleland, Finley Ashton, Jaylee Butler with school dog Aslan

Early stages of the Branching Out project have already seen Council partner with local community groups to deliver planting projects in Deans Marsh and Winchelsea.

Students from Deans Marsh Primary recently helped water in new trees outside their school, planted as part of a Branching Out project in partnership with the Deans Marsh Streetscapers.



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Neil McInnes

Twenty four park runners enjoyed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week.

Three people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Meg Royal, Jack Steel and Brian Vagg.

This event was made possible by the following eight volunteers: Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Brian Vagg, Cherie Mordue, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Ann Jones Ken Loone and Don Smith.

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

We are seeking people interested in sharing the role of Run Director. It involves coordinating volunteers, setting up for the event and making sure things run smoothly. The role is easy to learn and there is plenty of support.

Further details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for more photos and further information.

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Parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week. Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please).



Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Photographs Sharon Primmer



Round 7

Welcome to Round 7's results where the Winchelsea Blues had good solid games in both the Reserves and the Senior playing teams.

Last week the Blues travelled to West Oval, home of the Geelong West Giants in cold, still and overcast conditions – great football playing conditions. Both the Reserve and Senior Teams were keen to get back on the winners list after Bell Post Hill the previous week.

There was a huge number of Winchelsea Blues supporters attending for both the Reserves and the Senior games, the Netballers staying as well gave the Senior last half great atmosphere to work with.

RESERVES:

WINCHELSEA BLUES 8.7.55 def G.W.G. 4.11.35

Such an even tussle between the 2 sides in the first half of this game, the Blues were 2 points in front at the first break, the Giants 1 point ahead at the long break. The Reserves Coach (Mr. J. Messenger) had plenty to say at half time and the Winchelsea side reappeared after half time with a different mindset of attack.

5 goals straight to the Blues saw them dominate in the third quarter only allowing the Giants 1 goal 2 points for the quarter. The Winchelsea Blues continued to hold and maintain the lead to win by 20 points – Coach, Players and Supporters all happy with the result. Well done Blues!

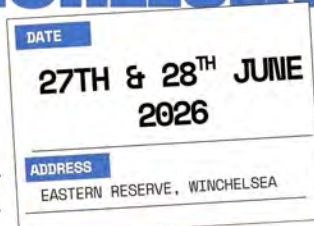
GOALS:

Will McNeil 2, Jackson Smith 2, Patrick Dench, Dustin Baker, Tom Kennedy, & Sean Thompson all 1 goal.

BEST:

Jackson Smith, Matthew Gillespie, Jack Milbourne, Byron Reid, Fraser Amos, Tayne Hewson.

WINCHELSEA



150 YEARS CELEBRATION

SENIORS:

WINCHELSEA BLUES 22.11.143 def G.W.G. 12.6.78

Similar to the Reserves match the first quarter was very even – 2 points Winchelsea's way at quarter time and early in the second quarter the Blues got right on top of the Giants to go to a 6 goal lead before a short kickout and a bungled hand pass saw the momentum of the game change completely and Geelong West Giants pour on 5 unanswered goals to be only 7 points down at half time.

Senior Coach (Mr. B. Moloney) also had plenty to say during the long break – much not heard before and clearly had the desired result. The Blues regrouped and powered away in the Third quarter and went on with the job in the Fourth.

Cameron Primmer on song with his best ever performance for the Blues kicking 11 goals ... an impressive effort.

Indi Parish was everywhere, continually driving the ball forward, the best 6 really deserving of their placings in the team Best Six this week.

GOALS:

Cameron Primmer 11, Jordan Gould 2, Rueben James 2, Lachlan Carver 2; One goal each to Indi Parish, Cassidy Parish, Bailey Mumberson, Jack Sampi, and Sam Adams

BEST: Indi Parish, Cameron Primmer, Reuben James, Lachlan Carver, Aaron Cooke, Jack Sampi

This week the club will be hosting our country cousins Anakie Roos, who the Blues have always had a great relationship with and we welcome to Eastern Reserve for great action on both the Football Field and the Netball Courts – games are at the usual starting times.

150 YEARS: 1876 – 2026

The weekend of our great Club's celebration is not far away (27th & 28th June) and while we will anticipate and enjoy, it is also a time for reflection on the Club's previous history and of all that has been in the making of that history.

The first pioneers of the Winchelsea Football Club, the Volunteers which include Committee Members and Presidents who without their effort, foresight and love of the Club and surrounding Community there would not be the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club as we know it today.

Thanks go to those who are Life Members – both past and present for all you have contributed to the Football Club over these many, many years, and to those who continue to do so, and to those individuals who have worked tirelessly over the years and generations so that those who wished to play for the Club were able to do so.

Those who sacrificed in the Great War and then again in the 2nd World War and who shall be forever remembered, the

Winchelsea Eastern Reserve Football Ground forever entwined with the RSL and the Grandstand designed by Walter Burley Griffin.

The Winchelsea Football Club has withstood 150 years of trials and tribulations and still stands this year to celebrate!

To those who are current in all forms of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Incorporated, you are the custodians of the Club for the present and future generations to follow for the next 150 years. Feel privileged to do so.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Another busy Thursday night in the Blue's Bistro, thanks to Secretary Clare Harper for standing in at short notice to help out.

This week the menu features

Chicken Kiev's, Seafood Baskets and Silverside.

DESSERT: Chocolate puddings.

Heaters definitely on early this week, and the lighting situation is being looked into. Thank you to those who continue to support the Club by attending on Thursday nights.

GO BLUES!!



FOOTNOTE:

The amount of dog poo around the ground is staggering and as usual it is the Club's Volunteers who are having to tidy up after other people's pets on practice nights and game days. Bags are provided by the Surf Coast Shire at the ground – can you please pick up after your own pets!



Cameron Primmer finished with 11 goals for the day



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Blues in Club room

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- 3rd - Stuart Beard (22) 35 points C/B
- BDL - Rob Wilson (19) 34 points
- BDL - Stephen Harvey (15) 32 points C/B
- BDL - Stephen Cole (13) 32 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Rod Batson

Ladies Results 20/5/26
STABLEFORD

- Winner: Di Bartel 37 pts
- R/Up: Robyn Vesey 33 pts CB

NTP (8th/17th) - Di Bartel

Best 9 hole Lyn Batson 17 pts

Results Saturday 23/5/26
WORKING BEE and
ARM STABLEFORD
15 Players

- 1st - Max Bubb (14) 35 points
- 2nd - Bill Spencer (16) 35 points C/B

- BDL - Matt Tench (10) 34 points
- BDL - Tara Steward (15) 34 points C/B

Golden Hole (11th)- Andrew Ellery
 NTP (6th/15th) - No Winner

Thank you for all our members that came and supported our working bee. The course is looking amazing and all your hard work is very appreciated!



Photo captured by Tara Steward

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The first competition of our Open was held on Sunday 24th with 52 Juniors competing for Golf Australia merit.

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Trees for Bees

When Bee Foundation

Communities across Australia will help create vital habitat for bees and other pollinators thanks to the Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants.

Habitat loss is one of the greatest threats to bees, with urban expansion, bushfires and floods steadily reducing the flowering plants and nesting sites they need for food and shelter.

Now in its fourth year, the Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program provides grants of up to \$500 to schools, clubs and community groups to plant pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs in their local area.

The program is run by the When Bee Foundation with support from Flow® and Rabobank's Rabo Community Fund, and launches on Monday, 25 May as part of this year's World Bee Day celebrations.

Since launching in 2023, the initiative has awarded 66 grants across Australia, supporting the planting of about 9,500 pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs and engaging more than 12,600 community members in local action for pollinators. When Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers said growing interest in the

program reflects a strong desire in communities to take practical action for pollinators.

“Every year we see more communities working together to plant trees and restore habitat”

Ms Chambers said, The tree planting helps create habitat, while the program also builds awareness in communities, among people young and old, about the practical steps people can take to support Australia's bees and other pollinators.

“Over the past three years we've seen kindergartens, schools, environmental groups, RSLs, Landcare groups, non-for-profits and many other community organisations receive grants, plant trees and help spread awareness about bees.” Flow® CEO Cedar Anderson said they're pleased to join the program and support community-led action for pollinators.

“Protecting pollinators by restoring biodiverse habitat is one of the most



crucial things people can do today,” Mr Anderson said.

“These grants show what's possible when communities take action together. We're excited to support this program through our Billions of Blossoms initiative and watch it grow.”

This year, the Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program has expanded to offer 40 grants to community organisations, not-for-profits, school groups, Landcare groups, sporting and gardening clubs and sustainability groups.

Rabobank Australia CEO Caroline Oosterbaan said the expanded program will see more communities band together to take practical action for pollinators.

“Through the Rabo Community Fund, we're proud to support initiatives that bring people together to deliver lasting benefits for communities and the environment,” Ms Oosterbaan said.

“By helping communities plant pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs, we're supporting local practical action that can make a real difference for bees and other pollinators. And as an agribusiness banking specialist, Rabobank is keenly aware of the vital role bees and pollinators play in environmental sustainability and agricultural productivity.”

Applications will be assessed based on their benefit to pollinators, scale of impact and community engagement.

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