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GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

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JUNIOR'S BLASTERS REGISTRATION DAY!

Winchelsea Cricket Club invites all Junior's aged 5-10 years, interested in playing Junior Blasters Cricket to come along and register your details.

When: Sunday 11th September
Where: Eastern Reserve
Time: 11.30AM

For anyone who cannot make it on the day, please contact James on 0409 232 926




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WPS celebrates all things Reading and Writing!

Last Thursday our students, staff and families celebrated Book Week. As a whole school we started the celebrations with a parade.

We welcomed the Year 4 Kinder students along to participate in the parade as well. The students and kinder kids looked fantastic in their costumes and we were incredibly impressed with the extra effort everyone put in to their costumes and book choices. A big well done to our student leadership team (Nadis, Levi, Holly, Weston, Eliza, Karlee and Latoya) for hosting the event.

After the parade, our preps and the kinder kids participated in a book reading with Ilona from the Geelong Regional Library. We are excited by this renewed partnership post COVID and are pleased to announce that Ilona will be a regular visitor at WPS.

During the middle learning block after recess, all classes participated in a school wide teacher swap and completed book week based activities.

A big thank you needs to go out to the community for their support of this event. We are so glad things are returning to normal and that we can continue to welcome our families back to school events.

We are also very excited to be hosting our third writing celebration for the year. The celebration will be held at the Winchelsea Shire Hall this Friday the 9th of September. Every student will have a writing piece on display. Our school will have staggered visits to the shire hall in the morning and afterwards the hall will be left open for community members to visit during the day to view the amazing persuasive writing work our students have been working on over the term.

The hall will be open until 3:30pm for families and the community to visit throughout the day. We hope to see you there!





Public Transparency Policy Review



Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking community feedback on an updated Public Transparency Policy.

The Policy outlines Council's commitment to transparency in its decision making and operations.

The Public Transparency Policy is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020.

You can view the draft Policy and have your say at:

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/transparency

If you'd like to access a hard copy of the draft Policy or submission form, please contact us at info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or **(03) 5261 0600**.

Submissions close **2 October**.

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St. John's Catholic Church Winchelsea

As school holiday season is rapidly approaching, we would very much appreciate parents being aware of where their children are and what they are doing in these hours.

Over the past 18 months we have had many breakages with windows in the house, hall and toilets on the property.

Also what appears to be teenagers setting up camp and areas for illegal use of substances

We have been in constant contact with the local police who have taken fingerprints and are regularly patrolling the area.

We request that you speak to your children as we would much rather solve this problem than see a young person unwell or charged because the matter is now well and truly out of our hands.

Concerned Parishioners

Women's Workshop

Any ladies out there who are interested in learning some workshop and home maintenance skills?

The Winch Mens' Shed are running free workshops starting in August. Let us know what you would like to learn and what days and times are most suitable. We can tailor the workshop to cover what is most requested and on days that suit most.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Men's Shed on 0407839139 (Ray) or email winchmenshed@gmail.com

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Gold! Gold! Gold!

Rev Lynne Clarke, Acting minister, St Thomas' Anglican Church, Winchelsea.

I drive over the hill and it's gold!
Gold spread out across the
country. Gold in the scrub too.

Everywhere in the district just now, the
gold delights the eye. Even when clouds
are heavy, the gold lifts the spirits.
When the sun comes out, the glory of
the Canola crops and delicacy of
Golden Wattle dazzle with their
brilliance.

It will be gone in a few weeks. It's
seasonality is part of its charm, but we
must wait till next year to be charmed
again. No wonder the beauty of golden
metal, and its permanence, have always
attracted us humans.

I was reading about King Solomon in
the Bible yesterday. He lived about
three thousand years ago, but the
glories and challenges of life were just
the same then as they are for us. His
father, King David, had left him a
substantial legacy – lots of gold, among
other things - and he was a young man
of promise.

He was challenged to ask God for
whatever he wanted. He did not ask for
riches or power, but for wisdom and
understanding. These he was given,
and ever since his wisdom has been
proverbial, better than gold.

This treasure is for us too, if we ask.
The people who received the letter of
James, in the New Testament, were
facing various trials (What's new?).
James tells them, paradoxically, to
count it pure joy! Gold! Why??
Because the testing of our faith
produces perseverance, and then
maturity.

But we might think we are not wise
enough for that. So James tells us: 'If



any of you lacks wisdom, they should
ask God, who gives generously to all,
without finding fault, and it will be given
them.' But we must know and believe
that this is true, and not be double-
minded about it.

God does indeed give wisdom, beyond
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but ask.

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The draft policy and guidelines aim to provide clear directions on how residents and businesses can safely landscape and use nature strips.

We'd love to know your thoughts.

View the draft policy and guidelines and share your feedback by 29 September at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/NatureStrip



Winch House Where To From Here?

by Tony Phelps, Committee Chair

In common with quite a few community centres, the pandemic has held back the development of the next Strategic Plan at Winchelsea Community House.

Our last Plan expired in 2020, and we are now looking to set the directions for Winch House over the next 4 years. With all the changes that are going on, your local community centre also needs to change in order to achieve its ultimate ambition "To be Winchelsea's community centre for inspiration, growth and enjoyment".

Winch House has a small but very dedicated Oversight Committee which is responsible for setting and guiding the goals and objectives for the organisation. We made a good start on the next Strategic Plan last year as part of the process to adopt and extend into the adjoining Shire Hall. We have 3 high-level goals, each of which has a number of objectives;

Goal 1 - Positive Revenue

The financial squeeze has been on since forever, but it is getting intense. High inflation, reduced government funding, ever more red tape, and legislative developments are seeing greater expenditure in parallel with reduced income. Winch House is predominantly funded by State government with a major contribution from Surf Coast Shire, and Federal income through the child-care service. The financial year just past will

see an overall loss (come along to the AGM 7pm October 19th for the details). So our most important goal must be the financial sustainability of Winch House.

Goal 2 - Community Engagement

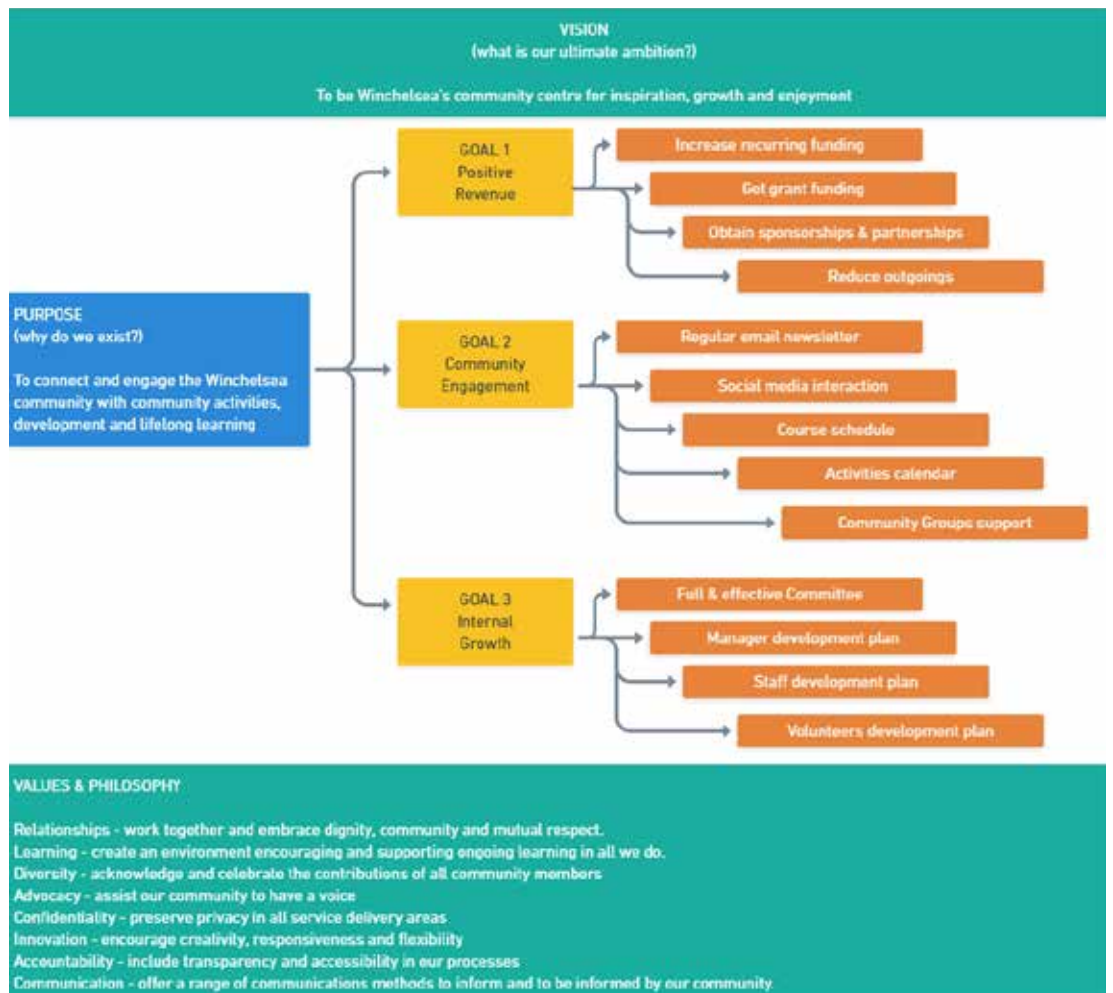
Well, the clue is in the name. As a community house, the place exists to foster connections between people, get people engaged in activities and courses, draw people together around issues and topics of interest, to combat inequality, help improve mental health and generally build a shared community spirit for the Winchelsea area. So this goal maps out what will get people through the doors.

Goal 3 - Internal Growth

It's all well and good to lay out what needs to be done; it's people that turn plans into realities. After a massive drop

in volunteering across the country and even the world, the challenge is to inspire people with skills, experience or raw motivation to join in and help out. We all know the massive good-feeling benefits that come from volunteering. Winch House needs more volunteers. In addition to volunteers, staff and the Committee itself can learn and grow with new abilities and awareness. So the goal is to make Winch House a great place to be and stay whether volunteer, staff or Committee member.

Over the coming weeks, I will expand on each of these Goals to outline their Objectives - and how you might be able to help with your ideas, your time, or your participation. After all, if Winch House isn't for you, it has no reason to exist.



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Winchelsea Bowls Club

By Kitty 'n Jack

Yet again the season is upon us from the 1st of October 2022.

We have been having practice and coaching on Saturday mornings however this will commence Thursday afternoons from the 8th September at about 4-15 p.m.

Opening Day For Winchelsea

Will be held on Saturday the 10th commencing at 1-00 p.m. please be early so we can get on the green.

Full uniform to be worn and please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

The following Saturday the 17th will be a practice match against Bannockburn at Winchelsea.

Saturday Pennant will commence 1st October and Midweek the 4th October.

Let's do our best to have a great year and may the bowls be with you!!

Whats on in Winchelsea

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Friday - Know Your Bible.
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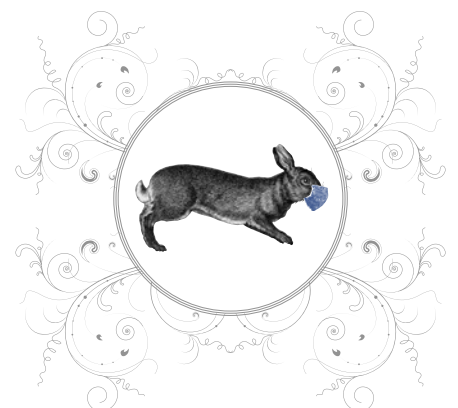


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Residents are being reminded that as the days become warmer, snakes will emerge to bask in the sun and search for food and a mate.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Officer, Abby Smith, said: "Snakes are ectotherms, which means they get their

heat from external sources, so residents are more likely to encounter them in spring."

"It's not uncommon to find snakes warming themselves on a path or in a clearing, particularly on a sunnier day, so it's important we're mindful that they can be out and about earlier than normally expected.

"Snakes are generally very shy and prefer to keep away from people and often when

a snake is found in a backyard it's because it's moving through the area to another habitat.

"In most encounters with humans, a snake will seek the fastest escape route and take off. However, if cornered and feeling threatened, a snake may defend itself.

"The most common snake species encountered in the Barwon South West region are the Tiger Snake, Lowland Copperhead Snake or Eastern Brown Snake.

"All of these species are venomous, but it is rare for them to bite people. Most snake bites occur as a defence mechanism when people try to capture or kill a snake.

"With snakes on the move, people and their pets are more likely to see them, increasing the need for people to be 'snake sensible'," Ms Smith said.

If you live in an area with snakes, please remember:

When left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people.

Wear long pants, stick to cleared paths and trails.

If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you (including pets) away from the area.

Don't attempt to capture or harm snakes. Instead call DELWP on 136 186 for further advice.

Maintain lawns and clean up around your house, as snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, chook sheds, sheets of metal, and building materials.

Undertake first aid training and ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten, call 000 immediately.

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A Victoria first experimental trial is fighting back against plant disease that is threatening the Otways

A Victoria first experimental trial is attempting to re-establish native bushlands that have been infected with *Phytophthora cinnamomi* commonly known as dieback. The project will involve planting of native species that have been pre-treated with phosphite.

The plants will be treated with phosphite, a salt solution, prior to planting. This phosphite treatment is like an immunisation for plants, it helps them resist infection from this devastating disease.

A healthy natural environment is important for our plants, animals, and communities. *Phytophthora dieback* poses a significant threat to the Otways heathlands environment.

This plant pathogen can spread easily, causing yellowing of leaves and eventual death. If untreated dieback can result in the loss of susceptible plants like our iconic grasstrees in impacted areas.

Grasstrees and other susceptible plant species found in our heathlands provide habitat critical for the survival of a number of our native mammals, including threatened species such as Swamp antechinus, Long nosed Potoroo and Southern Brown Bandicoot in our region.

The aim of this trial is to reintroduce plant species that are susceptible to *Phytophthora dieback* to regain the vegetation structure and complexity of this habitat in areas affected by the disease.

There will be a focus on grasstrees, *Xanthorrhoea australis* a species identified by the National Threat Abatement Plan (EPBC Act) as a critical element of ecological function and an important species of very high cultural significance to Traditional Owners.

The trial is being run by Deakin University PhD student Campbell Learmonth who is collaborating with Barbara Wilson Pty Ltd, Corangamite CMA, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The seeds were obtained from areas in the Anglesea Heath and grown by Otway Greening and Aireys Indigenous Nursery.

Corangamite CMA's, Manager of Environmental Programs Jessica Miller says, "The battle against *Phytophthora* is being fought on many fronts through the Wild Otways Initiative.

The project is undertaking mapping of the disease, hygiene training and treatment using phosphite".

"This research is groundbreaking because a trial like this has never been delivered before in Victoria".

"Our research shows that a number of our threatened small mammals are effectively absent from these *Phytophthora* infected areas. This planting trial will recreate vegetation complexity and is another management tool that will support small mammal recovery".

"Most importantly, the community also has a role to play in stopping the spread of this devastating plant disease into our native bushland."

You can learn more about how to do your part in protecting the Otways from plant dieback by downloading the Corangamite CMA's *Phytophthora* Management Hygiene Guidelines here: <https://bit.ly/3AqRQt8>

This project is supported by the Corangamite CMA through funding from the Australian Government.



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Rocky Creek was the site of the largest military hospital in the Southern Hemisphere – a 3000 bed hospital which treated over 60,000 patients from 1943 -1945.

This year was the 77th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific, a memorial service was held on 14th August 2022.

The family of Kevin Bennett – daughters Sandra, Marilyn, Rhonda, granddaughter Veronica, niece Carleen and Geoff Davis and nephew Rodney Campbell had the pleasure of attending the day.

A plaque in Kevin's honour was unveiled on the wall of remembrance.

Family members were called to the microphone to give a brief outline of Kevin's life after leaving the army.

Then his name was read out, the bell tolled and poppies were placed on his plaque by family members.

Then a memorial service was held with guest speakers and wreaths being laid by many people.

After the Ode and Last Post one minute silence was observed. Followed by the Rouse and National Anthem and Benediction.

The first plaques dedicated in the park occurred on Victory Day 1995. A special



Placing poppies on Kevin's plaque

Wall of remembrance was erected in 2009.

Kevin was camped at Tolga and had revisited the site on his travels around the country and he knew that a plaque would be placed on the wall after his death.

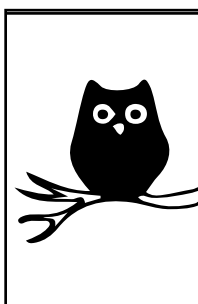
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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's news where the Club congratulates our A Grade side on a stunning season so far.

Proof of this was at last weeks League Vote Count .

The G.D.F.N.L.'s highest award in Netball the Margaret Webb Medal was won by Winchelsea's Gemma Stavenuiter 2 votes clear of second place getter Emma Witham from Thomson.

Gemma's win is the first time for a Winchelsea player to win the prestigious award since the Club joined the G.D.F.N.L.

Great work throughout the entire season Gemma, congratulations from all at the Winchelsea Blues.

Gemma's response to her many well wishers – I'm happy to have been able to win it for the Club.

More congratulations for the A Grade side with the G.D.F.N.L. Team of the Year was dominated by Blues players with Mel Philpott (Goal Shooter), Casey Carroll (Wing Attack), Meg Royal (Centre), and Gemma Stavenuiter (Goal Keeper) all starting on the court, Casey Carroll also sharing the honour of Co Coach with Justine Radford from East Geelong.

This Winchelsea Blues A Grade unit have quietly gone about their business and worked so hard to get to where they are at present and deserve every bit of recognition they have received so far.

Congratulations to all those who polled well in their various grades.

A Grade - Connie Royal, Casey Carroll

B Grade – Bree Ferguson, Sarah Hampshire, Rhriannon Williams

C Grade – Bronte Middleton (Runner -up), Millie King, Belinda Czerniawski, Claire Mawson.

D Grade – Cara Mathison,

Claire Gaffney.

19's & Under – Claire Gaffney.

Goals:

A Grade – Melody Philpott (third) 569, Ebony Berg 285.

B Grade – Katrina Filice 245.

C Grade – Belinda Czerniawski (third) 552

D Grade – Chelsey Howell (third) 374.

The Blue's Bistro:

Thank you to everyone that continues to support the Blue's Bistro on a Thursday evening, at the time of going to print our last Blue's Bistro will be either Thursday September 22nd or Thursday the 29th.

This weeks menu will be as follows:

Seafood Baskets

Chicken Kiev's

Blues Bistro Hamburger with the lot!

Dessert to be announced

Great feedback regarding last weeks Jam Donuts with ice cream, sure to be a repeat performer.

Netball News

A Grade knocked out in the Preliminary Final

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Our A Grade's side's super season of 2022 has come an end 3 places short of top honours being defeated by seasoned final campaigners Werribee Centrals. With another injury last week to coach Casey Carroll we went with the different starting line up of Katrina Filice in wing attack.

It was goal for goal for the first half of the first quarter but a few loose balls



late in the quarter and bad timing of centre passes saw Werribee take an early 5 goal lead into the first break. Despite her injury Casey jumped on in the second quarter which proved effective in stalling Werribee's run but they soon regained their composure and pushed the lead out by another 5.

Gemma Stavenuiter was back to her best, after carrying a broken hand throughout the final's series, gaining plenty of intercepts and also picking up a few rebounds against the tall and strong Werribee goal shooter.

Our second half was better than our first with only a 3 goal deficit as we became more patient with the ball. However, we were unable peg Werribee back and will have to wait until 2023 to play in the big one.

Congratulations A Grade on a fantastic season we are extremely proud of the performance of the team throughout the year and we look forward to a bigger and better 2023.

Best Players: Gemma Stavenuiter, Casey Carroll, Melody Philpott

Goals: Melody Philpott 12, Katrina Filice 21

GDFNL Vote Count Results

Saturday may not have been a great day for Winchelsea but we had a wonderful night at the GDFNL Vote Count on Wednesday night with many players polling very well in the lower grades but unable to get the final medal. Claire Gaffney picked up 3rd position in the 19 & Under competition and Bronte Middleton picked up 2nd.

To our delight 4 out of the 10 players in the team of the year were from Winchelsea with all scoring a place on court.

These players were Melody Philpott (GS), Casey Carroll (WA), Meg Royal (C) & Gemma Stavenuiter (GK). Casey Carroll was also named as joint coach

of the year and Meg Royal as captain. Congratulations to all these girls on this well-deserved honour. Gemma Stavenuiter then went on to win the Margaret Webb Medal (A Grade Best and Fairest). This is the first time in the league history the medal has found its way to Winchelsea and we couldn't be happier. Congratulations to Gemma who has had the most amazing first season with Winchelsea.

We have been extremely lucky to have Gemma join the club this year, she is an inspiration and an excellent example for our junior players.

She and her family have really got involved in the family atmosphere of the club and she has thanked both the club members and the community for their fantastic support.

We hope that we can reward Gemma with a premiership next year as individual honours a great but there is nothing like a cup!

Senior Vote Count – Winchelsea's top

- A Grade – Gemma Stavenuiter – 1st
- B Grade – Bree Ferguson – 7th
- C Grade – Bronte Middleton – 2nd
- D Grade – Cara Mathison – 8th
- 19 & Under – Claire Gaffney – 3rd



Gemma Stavenuiter
2022 Margaret Webb Medallist



GDFNL Team of the Year: Meg Royal (Centre & Captain), Gemma Stavenuiter (Goal Keeper), Casey Carroll (Wing Attack & Coach) – absent Melody Philpott (Goal Shooter)

WFNC Junior Netball Development Program

With the forecast numbers across all junior grades for season 2023, to ensure the ongoing development and strength of the club and following the development guidelines of other successful clubs, we are excited to announce the commencement of our WFNC junior netball development program.

Winchelsea will be joining the AFL Barwon netball competition summer season leading into 2023 season. At the commencement of GDFL 2023 competition we may look having an A and B side for all age brackets. The A group will play the Saturday competition with the GDFNL comp and the B group will continue to play winter competition on a weekday at Kardinia Park.

The club will subsidise costs of this summer competition, however, we anticipate there will be some expenses for the families, we will try to keep this to a minimum.

Summer season will run Term 4 and 1. Winter season will run Term 2 and 3.

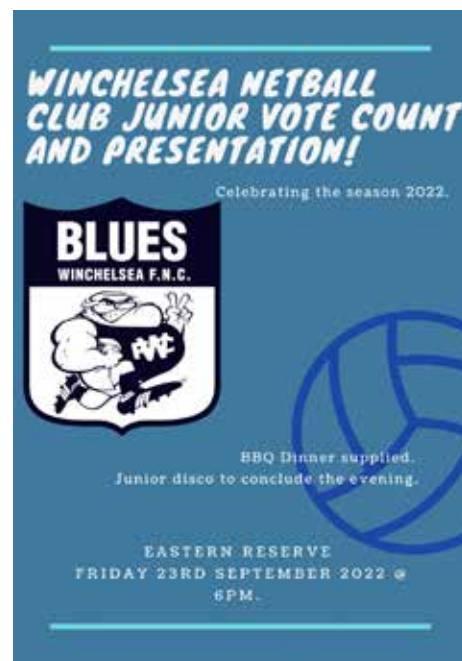
To ensure this development program runs smoothly we would need commitment from all players and we will also request assistance from parents/guardians to score, team manage etc. This competition will have our appointed accredited club coaches and umpires.

If your child would be interested this competition, please contact Claire Mawson (WFNC Netball Co-ordinator) at clairemawson1204@gmail.com



A Grade

- Back Row:** Sharon Ford, Jess Kelly, Ebony Berg, Brendon White (Coach), Katrina Filice, Gemma Stavenuiter, Connie Royal, Mel Philpott
- Middle Row:** Meg Royal, Rhiannon Williams, Casey Carroll (Coach), Angie Mawson (Team Manager)
- Front Row:** Mia White (supporter) & Elle Mawson (Supporter)





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What's happening at Playgroup?

Last week at Playgroup, we had a very special fuzzy visitor to come and play alongside the children, Elsa the lamb. Thank you to Grace who kindly bought the lamb in for the children to see it was such an exciting session!

What a fantastic time we had, the children had the opportunity to feed the lamb some of its bottle, they had a

gentle pat and watched it as it explored inside and out. It was lovely to see all of the children be able to interact showing care & empathy towards this very cute baby lamb. The children also heard it bleat and run.

Each fortnight at playgroup we try to work around a theme, it was farm week last week which is why we had the lamb and lots of other great things to play too such as sand, the pirate ship outside,

farm books & farm art & craft as well and of course we had some homemade play-dough.

Next fortnight's theme is around babies and our family! We will have some special spaces for pretend play, sensory play and also ask that you bring in a family photo to share with the group.

We have lots of fun things to do and see at playgroup; its such a great sense of community and it really helps to build connections within the town.

We'd love to see new faces, everyone is most welcome we are running Playgroup every fortnight; the next session is Thursday 8th September 10AM - 12PM at the St Thomas Church Hall where the playground is. Its \$5 per family and we ask that you bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. For more information please follow our Facebook Page 'Winchelsea Playgroup 2019'.



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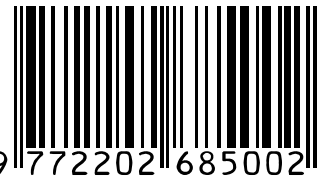
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