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# Winchelsea Community Bank Village Open Days – You're Invited!

The Winchelsea Community Bank Village is now complete and will be open for public inspection with a free sausage sizzle at 2 – 4 pm on Friday 22nd August and 12 – 2pm on Sunday 24th August at 42 Harding Street, Winchelsea.

The 10 purpose built two bedroom homes are now available. All units are generously spacious with a 9-star energy rating, flooded with natural light, and surrounded by both private and shared gardens. A communal BBQ area, proudly provided by the Winchelsea Lions Club, is ready for neighbours and families to gather and enjoy the communal gardens.

Perfectly positioned just two minutes from the Barwon River and its scenic walking tracks, the Village is also a short stroll to the shopping centre, medical and sporting facilities, and local cafés, everything residents could need, right on their doorstep.



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**Village**  
**OPEN DAYS**

Come and take a stroll through our brand-new Village, meet the locals who made it happen, and see what we've built together for Winchelsea. These 10 purpose-designed homes are filled with light, surrounded by gardens, and perfect for low-maintenance living - right in the heart of town.

**42 Harding Street, Winchelsea**  
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**Free sausage sizzle**

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**Winchelsea Community Bank Village**

This is more than just housing, it's the comforting feel of a small rural community, a community built project that has been over two years in the making and started as a vision for long term residents looking to downsize and stay within their community. "For far too long, there were no options for people in Winchelsea who wanted to retire or downsize into comfortable housing while remaining part of the community they've built their lives in. The Winchelsea Community Bank Village changes that. Not only does it allow our older residents to stay close to family, friends, and

familiar surroundings, it also frees up much-needed housing stock for younger families to make their home here." said Community Bank Chair John Knuckey. The Village has great appeal to people aged 55 and over, looking for low maintenance living and staying close to friends and family. With major funding from our very own Winchelsea Community Bank this project is created by locals, for locals. It's about connection, sustainability, giving Winchelsea seniors a place they are proud to call home.

This is your chance to see the future of community living in Winchelsea, built with care, backed by community spirit, and designed for a lifetime of comfort.

Join us in celebrating this milestone with a sneak peek inside these beautiful new homes:

- Friday 22 August – 2pm to 4pm
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# This Week's Garden Tip

by Peter Groves



**If you want to attract birds to your garden plant Grevillias.**

**If you want to attract more birds, plant more Grevillias!**

*Notes and photos from wikipedia*

- There are over 380 species which are endemic to Australia.
- Plants in the genus Grevillea are shrubs, rarely small trees.
- The genus was named in honour of Charles Francis Greville, an 18th-century patron of botany and co-founder of the Royal Horticultural Society
- Many animals rely on the pollen and nectar from grevilleas as a source of food, in particular, insects and birds.
- The insect-pollinated species tend to have smaller, more fragrant

flowers than bird-pollinated species as insects are more drawn to fragrances than birds are.

- Most species of grevillea appear well-adapted to pollination by birds - the most prominent are the honeyeaters
- Aboriginal peoples utilise grevilleas for a wide variety of uses, including food, medicine, tools and ceremonial purposes.

**Chat with your Councillor**

**Tony Phelps**

1st Thursday of the month  
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Winchelsea Shire Hall  
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## Take A Stroll Back In Time To The Amazing Historical Blue Stone Bridge

by Ivy Tudball and Sky Sunderland

The Bluestone bridge plays a significant role in the history of Winchelsea. Built by James Sinclair, it cost around \$9,598.94 to build in 1866 - 1867. The bridge was opened on the 3rd of December 1867 by Prince Alfred Duke of Edinburgh.

Located on the Princess Highway near IGA. You can catch an amazing view of the Barwon River. The three arch bridge is 25.9 meters long. The Bluestone bridge has held many events such as celebrations, community art markets and many others.

It was originally a two way bridge that you could drive on and was the only bridge in Winchelsea. Now it's a walking bridge, but it is such an amazing walk. It's walking distance from the shops, playground, cafe and pool.

In conclusion the Bluestone bridge is an amazing historical landmark that makes Winch an AWESOME place to live, grow, learn and visit. We think it's a great spot to hang out and relax in nature.

The grade 5's at Winchelsea Primary School have been exploring things they love about Winchelsea as well as learning how to write a newspaper article. We have written a series of articles. We hope you enjoy them.

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# Cromwell's Quirks

## Gender-Based Taxation?

Cromwell Forgansen

### Part One: Retirement Comfort Determined at Birth

The old “Equality Versus Fairness” debate is winding up again, this time for superannuation gaps, feminist calls for structural reform, a radical tax debate is asking whether fairness means treating everyone the same, or reshaping the rules themselves. Few would argue the statistics, women retire much poorer than men. My thoughts today lean towards how this is not from their lack of effort, far from it, and that to address this inequality, the system itself, which proudly accommodates all manner of “special cases” with agility and grace, will be not so very greatly taxed to remedy this imbalance. When economists Alberto Alesina and Andrea Ichino first proposed Gender-Based Taxation (GBT) in the early 2000s, the idea was striking in its elegance: if optimal tax policy demands that lower rates apply to goods or services more sensitive to taxation, then women, (whose labour supply is generally more sensitive to tax rates than men’s), should face lower personal tax burdens. At its heart, the proposal was not framed as a moral argument but as a technical one. If men are more likely to stay in the workforce regardless of tax rates, while women are more likely to adjust their hours or exit employment when taxation rises, then differential tax rates could, in theory, maximise efficiency by encouraging greater female participation. Yet once the idea escaped academic journals, it opened a larger and far more contentious debate: should men and women pay different rates of tax?

### The Case for Gender-Based Taxation

Proponents argue that GBT could deliver multiple benefits simultaneously,

including increasing workforce participation; women are more likely than men to take on unpaid caregiving roles, to work part-time, or to exit the workforce altogether. By lowering the tax burden on women, policymakers could make it more financially attractive for them to remain in paid employment. Greater participation would not only benefit women individually but could also boost national productivity. Addressing lifetime income gaps would be of great benefit, even in advanced economies, women retire with significantly less accumulated wealth. In Australia, women’s superannuation balances are, on average, around 25–30 per cent lower than men’s. In Submission 36 to the Economic Security for Women in Retirement inquiry, Mrs Buckley stressed that a 12 per cent Superannuation Guarantee “would definitely help women in achieving some form of balance.” A gender-sensitive tax system could complement such measures by helping women accumulate more over their working lives. Circumstances-based tax is far from radical, we already recognise income splitting and tax credits for dependants and progressive tax brackets depending on marital status, family structure or income level are practiced in one way or another over much of the world. (I.e. if taxation is already conditional, then why not include gender?) My research hasn’t found many countries explicitly embracing GBT, and nevertheless I greatly doubt this won’t change soon. The ongoing argument in Canada for example is the criticism of disproportionately benefitting higher-earning men, some saying which strengthens the case for more explicitly gender-addressing policies. Sweden has long used individual rather than household taxation, reducing the disincentive for second earners, (disproportionately women), for entering the workforce. Favourable points by their very nature attract objections, and these, fiercely so. Some argue that

GBT will codify gender roles and reinforce stereotypes. Also, were women taxed less, in accordance with their more marginal participation, would this not entrench the very inequality reformers profess to seek? GBT could be argued to raise practical concerns regarding administration and legal complexity. On the surface it appears this would require taxation agencies to formally gather gender-identity data. Would the relevant legislation require exactly how systems account for non-binary individuals? Then there’s that demographic of people who always try to beat the system, and could it ever be defended that more tax schedules would not create opportunities for evasion, or complexity that tempts those who see the benefits of undermining compliance? The philosophical objection just might end up the most powerful “people’s” critique. For those societies who still attempt to make at least some pretension to equality before the law, GBT will always be perceived as discriminatory, regardless of how positively so. Senator Jane Hume’s provocative question, “Should men and women pay different tax rates?”, captures just such discomfort. It could also be argued that more targeted measures may represent an improvement over GBT, for example, superannuation tops up during parental leave to ensure breaks in career do not adversely affect anyone. Mandated parental leave between both parents, paid, as they do in Iceland and Norway, would encourage a better balance through men’s participation in caregiving. Universal childcare subsidies would certainly ease the “cost of working” burden, known to be borne disproportionately by women. By such approaches we could tackle the system itself, mitigating the structural drivers of inequality without the state being required to resort to GBT

**Part 2 next week!**





# Co-working Conversations Spark Local Business Opportunities and Strategic Alliances

At the Winchelsea Shire Hall on Monday 21 September 2025 — A simple question—“Do you like Honduran food?”—sparked more than just a conversation at the Co-working Space; it ignited meaningful dialogue between two local businesses, leading to the exchange of experiences, services, and mutual friends.

This spontaneous interaction highlighted the real-world benefits of co-working environments - fostering genuine connections, developing strategic alliances, and growing professional networks—all within a shared space.

What started as casual conversation evolved into a discussion about how business networks can directly benefit the local economy. Topics included:

- Supporting Local Employment: Encouraging businesses to give work to skilled locals, boosting economic participation.
- Forming Strategic Alliances: Leveraging shared goals and complementary services to strengthen each business's offerings.
- Expanding Local Connections: Building a trusted network within the immediate area to enhance visibility, referrals, and growth.

“This is what co-working is really about,” said Zac Marshall of Victorian Geology & Survey Solutions “You don’t just rent a desk—you join a community. A single question can lead to partnerships, client referrals, and ideas that impact the whole region.”

As co-working becomes a hub for collaboration and innovation, moments like these demonstrate its power not just for productivity, but for community and commerce. So take up the opportunity to come and quietly work in a friendly warm environment each Monday 9.30 to 200 pm.

“If that time doesn’t suit it’s worthwhile having a discussion with Rhani Bayon about accommodating your needs at other times, just like I have,” concludes Zac, a Geologist who manages an Australia wide business from Winchelsea.

For media enquiries, contact:

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Coordinator, Winchelsea Shire Hall  
Mobile 0425651338



Zac Marshall & Cynthia Sabillon

## Council meeting in Winchelsea

A Council meeting will be held at The Hub - Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St, Winchelsea on Tuesday 26 August.

### The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

Pop in for a chat and cuppa with councillors at 5.30pm, before the meeting starts at 6pm.

The agenda for this meeting will be posted prior to the meeting at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings).

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## Mansions that made Winchelsea

### Thomas Austin and the Rabbits of Winchelsea

Mícheál P O'Dhonnabháin

Most Winchelsea locals have heard the story of Thomas Austin of Barwon Park being the first settler in Australia to release rabbits in the wild. You can see the symbol of rabbits as a reminder of this throughout the town today. In 2022, a study of genomic data confirmed Australia's feral rabbit population was entirely descended from the rabbits introduced by Austin.

As a member of the Acclimatisation Society of Victoria, Thomas Austin of Barwon Park helped to introduce many species from England. In 1861, he wrote that he had introduced hares, blackbirds and thrushes, and that he was breeding English wild rabbits and partridges.

In October 1859, he introduced 24 breeding rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) on his estate as game for shooting parties. While other settlers praised his efforts at the time, he has borne the brunt of blame for introducing this pest to Australia.

In December 1867 Queen Victoria's son, Prince Alfred, visited Australia. He stayed at the Austin's homestead and went shooting there. In three and half hours over 1 000 rabbits were shot by the party. The Prince alone shot 416 and was so delighted with the shoot another was arranged for the Prince's return visit to Victoria the following February. On that occasion he claimed 432 of the 1,532 rabbits shot that day.



THE PRINCE AT THE RABBIT WARREN, BARWON PARK.—DRAWN BY N. CHEVALIER.

*The Prince at the Rabbit Warren, Barwon Park*, engraving by Robert Bruce, drawn by N. Chevalier. Image Source National Museum of Australia



Mícheál 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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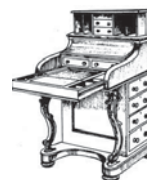
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# What's on Weekly

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
(03) 5267 2028

### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028  
Winch Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

### WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

Accessible - 24 hours  
Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St  
5267 2336.

## MONDAY

### CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### MAINLY MUSIC

Interactive Music 0-4yrs  
10-11am (school terms)  
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce  
0407838256

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)  
St John's, Mercer /Harding St  
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630  
Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441



### 1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

Cubs: 6:30-8pm (School term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

### VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

## TUESDAY



Senior Citizens Centre,  
36 Harding St, Winchelsea  
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616



### 1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

Joeys: 5-6pm (School term)  
Scouts: 6:30-8:30pm (School term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

### COUNCIL MEETING IN WINCHELSEA

Tuesday 26 August 5.30 for 6pm  
The Hub, Eastern Reserve  
70 Hopkins Street, Winchelsea  
[surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)

## WEDNESDAY

### WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am  
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)  
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea  
[ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au](mailto:ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au)

### SENIORS SHOPPING & CUPPA WAURN PONDS

for Winchelsea Seniors Card Holders  
13 August, 27 August  
Contact Jill 0427 633 277 to book

**Winchelsea  
Community Market**  
First Sunday on the Month (except November)

**Shire Hall  
9am to 1pm**

**Upcoming Dates:**

July 6th	Nov 9th (2nd Sunday)
August 3rd	Dec 7th
Sept 7th	Jan 4th
Oct 5th	Feb 1st

Food, Produce, Coffee, Plants, Crafts  
Homewares, Candles, Bags, Skincare  
Jewellery, Soap + Baby Goods

Stallholders - Contact via Growing Winchelsea Inc Website  
(Scroll Down to Market)

**Winchelsea  
Community  
Foodbank**

**Fridays, 12 - 2PM**  
30-32 Hesse Street Winchelsea

For more info, contact Tess  
[healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au)  
0417 848 292

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Reaching into the community

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**WINCH HOUSE**  
Reaching into the community

**HESSIE RURAL HEALTH**

# AUGUST

## What's On

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.

To add an event to the calendar, please email [news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.  
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.  
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036  
[zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com](mailto:zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com)

### MAT PILATES

7pm \$25  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse Street, Winchelsea  
Ray Atkinson 0407839139  
[winchmenshed@gmail.com](mailto:winchmenshed@gmail.com)

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm  
36 Harding St, Winchelsea  
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263  
[jeanshinnars@gmail.com](mailto:jeanshinnars@gmail.com)

### MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

### MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

Wed afternoons/evenings  
Pre-school - teens  
Winch Senior Citizens Club  
[www.melsdancecentral.com.au](http://www.melsdancecentral.com.au)

### CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly  
Senior Citizens, Harding St  
[winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com](mailto:winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com)



### SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Drive,  
Winchelsea



## THURSDAY

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR TONY PHELPS

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

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5  
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am  
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au)  
0417 848 292

### WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)  
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea  
[growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/](http://growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/)

### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness  
and Gold class  
Fun for all ages and abilities.  
6:30pm-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.  
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036  
[zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com](mailto:zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY



Friday and Saturday 12 & 13 Sept

### WINCHELSEA RSL

will be celebrating their  
100 year anniversary.  
*Help them celebrate.*  
*More details later.*

### TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

10.30am (1-3 yrs) 11.30am (3-5 yrs)  
(School terms)  
[www.robotreg.com.au/pages/shae](http://www.robotreg.com.au/pages/shae)

### CHATTY CAFÉ

10.30am-12.30pm  
Gold Coin Donation  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

### WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm  
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea  
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263  
[jeanshinnars@gmail.com](mailto:jeanshinnars@gmail.com)



### WINCHELSEA RSL

7.30 15 August,  
1.30 19 Sept, 17 Oct,  
7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec  
Winchelsea Men's Shed,  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
David Loone 0488 165 109

### GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY (MOBILE) 2-5pm

Old Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street  
0408384331 (During scheduled stops)





# What's on Weekly

## SATURDAY



### PARKRUN

8am Trebeck Reserve  
Sussex St, Winchelsea  
[www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/](http://www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/)

### FLOW YOGA

8am, \$25  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

### MONTHLY WORKING BEE

9am End of Dwyer St.  
Rod Stone 0428 549318  
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054



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### WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-10am (Last Sat monthly)  
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street  
[www.winchelseastar.org.au](http://www.winchelseastar.org.au)  
5273 0295

### WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm 2nd Saturday each month \$5  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 5pm each week (Winter season)  
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm (Last Sat each month)  
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea  
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

## SUNDAY

### RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot

### CHEESE MAKING WORKSHOP

24 August Shire Hall  
[shirehall@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:shirehall@winchhouse.org.au)  
52672028



### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly (except Nov)  
Shire Hall car park, Main St  
[growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/](http://growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/)

### WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
0475 777 301  
[uca.winchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:uca.winchelsea@gmail.com)

### ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
0477 672 042, [stthomaswac@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaswac@gmail.com)



## Celebrating Our Grade 5/6 Program

Our Grade 5/6 program is a reason for celebration. Alongside a number of sporting events where students are able to represent our school, the school is weaving in a number of opportunities to connect in with community and enhance learning opportunities.

Students head to Biocats to support their science learning and participate in weekly incursions focussed around wellbeing and positive health (including yoga, art and personal development).

Students in Grade 6 regularly head over to Hesse Rural Health to build relationships with residents of the aged care facility and all students have been able to head to our local kindergarten feeders to connect with the 3 and 4 years olds who will join our school in the coming years.

A big public shout out to Mrs O'Mara and Ms Bartlett who are ensuring the final years at our school are filled with community connection and learning opportunities.

## Getting to know our Staff at WPS - Rochelle O'Mara

I have been a Teacher for a long time (about 28 years but maybe longer - I've lost count!). I have taught in Inner City Melbourne, Broadmeadows, Vanuatu and Winchelsea.

My roles have been many and varied from Instrumental Brass Teaching, Classroom, Music, Performing Arts, Kitchen Garden and Casual Relief Teaching. I have been at WPS for about 16 years and my current role is 5/6 Classroom teacher which I love!

The people who keep me sane and remind me to come home are my beautiful family; Tony my partner and my

three grown up boys Sam, Jamie and Charlie. I love my dogs, Tully the Labradoodle and Banjo the Jack Russell. I also have nine sheep that are better trained than the dogs as they always come when I call them.

A long time ago, way back in the 1970's, I went to Winchelsea Primary School and I was taught by my mum in grade 5/6 in the same room where I teach the 5/6's now.

On the weekends and school holidays you will find me cooking, reading and gardening, but my absolute favourite thing to do is travel and explore new places and cultures in Australia and around the world.

I love teaching and would not want to do any other job. The humour, the unexpected questions, the joy of seeing students have a 'light bulb moment' in learning make it an amazing career. The grade 5/6's make me smile and laugh every day.

# SERVICES & ACTIVITIES IN WINCHELSEA

## VLINE TRAIN SERVICES

### TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 6.21(coach) 07.55, 11.10, 14.04, 16.58, 19.21  
Sat - Sun 9:34, 14.04, 16.58 19.18

### TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 8.58, 11.51, 14.46, 17.28 (coach), 18.43, 20.53  
Sat - Sun 8:48, 11.41, 14.46, 20.38



## WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Our Unit meets at the Catholic Church Hall,  
Harding St Winchelsea each Monday 4.30pm-6pm  
All girls 5yrs- 15yrs Welcome!  
Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630  
or Lily Del Rennie Ph. 0428 936 441



## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month  
Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall



## 1st Modda & 1st Winchelsea SCOUT GROUP

**Joeys:** Tuesdays of school term 5-6pm  
**Cubs:** Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm  
**Scouts:** Tuesdays of school term 6:30-8:30pm  
All at Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
**Venturers:** Wed at Walton's Rd Venturer Den  
Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147

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**Winchelsea Unit** 325 Mousley Drive **132 500**

## BUS TO THE HUB



For reservations on the weekly bus  
to the Eastern Reserve Hub,  
please phone 52671202.

## Winchelsea and District COMBINED PROBUS CLUB



Senior Citizens Rooms,  
Harding St, Winchelsea.  
New members always welcome.  
Enquiries Lorraine 0417 467 927

## SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

**Hesse St, Fridays, 2pm-5pm**  
Surf Coast Mobile Library  
parked in Hesse Street (outside Shire Hall)  
Fridays 2:00 and 5:00pm unless it is a Public Holiday.



## SOCIAL BRIDGE

Senior Citizens Centre  
36 Harding Street Winchelsea  
New players always welcome  
Contact Elaine Atkinson 0458009616

## WINCHELSEA TAXI

0429 672 888 or 5267 2888  
Wheelchair accessible  
10 seater bus available.

## WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION 55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Tuesday 2pm-4pm Saturday 1.30-3.30pm  
Thursday 2pm-4pm Sunday 9.30-12.30pm



Closed on Christmas Day,  
but open on other public holidays  
that fall during their normal operating hours.  
[www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites)

## WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Every second Thursday 10am-12pm  
St Thomas Anglican Church Hall  
cnr Barwon Tce and Hopkins St, Winchelsea  
Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)  
Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019  
**New families welcome**



# The Leadership Opportunity Hiding in our Childcare Crisis

by Bec Lane

"It's hard to find good people." You've probably heard it said about recruitment in regional areas.

But there's something many businesses don't consider - there's an entire pool of skilled, experienced professionals, particularly women, who want to work but can't fit into the traditional full-day, office-based roles anymore. And it's not because they don't want to.

Across the Surf Coast, Geelong and Golden Plains, childcare shortages are biting hard. Places are limited, waitlists are long and the cost can make full-time work financially impossible for many families. Add in school drop-off and pick-up times, and other challenges that come with regional living, and you start to see why even the most capable candidates might not be able to take a standard 9-5 role.

This doesn't mean they're any less committed or skilled. We're talking about former managers, technical experts and senior professionals - people who've delivered projects, led teams and built



businesses. The kind of people who add enormous value wherever they land.

This is where regional businesses have a real advantage - we already understand the realities (and juggle) of distance, school hours and family life. By rethinking the way roles are structured in our teams, we can tap into talent that bigger, more rigid organisations miss.

This might mean:

- Offering genuine flexibility in hours and location
- Considering job-share or part-time arrangements for traditionally full-time roles
- Utilising contracted support to get expert help, without taking on a permanent employee

This isn't about "accommodating working parents" - it's about removing barriers so great people can continue to

Helping regional businesses run better behind the scenes

do great work that benefits your business. Organisations who do this aren't just filling roles, they're:

- Attracting top-tier talent they might otherwise miss
- Gaining high-level capability without the full-time overhead
- Getting ahead while others resist change

The childcare shortage is a community issue. But it's also a business opportunity, for those willing to lead.

By embracing modern ways of working, we're not just helping local families. We're building stronger, more resilient businesses and communities.

***I help local businesses make these changes work in the real world - reach out if you'd like to chat about what's possible.***

## Senior Netballers Are Heroes In The Eyes Of Our Junior Players

by Angie Mawson

This is one of the best parts of being involved in our small community based club - B-Grade player and 13&U coach Izzy Ryan with Eadie Canavan and Poppy Finch, and A-Grade superstar Grace Pullen and Ally Mawson.





# Breath testing millions of drivers this year.

Police are out there to keep our roads safe. If you've been drinking, don't drive. Getting caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05 and over will result in loss of licence and significant fines. Chances are you will be caught.  
**Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.**





# Winchelsea Projects Update

AUGUST 2025



## EV charger installation

**Winchelsea residents and visitors will be able to plug into a new public electric vehicle, EV, charger by the end of October.**

The 50kW charger will be installed in Willis Street near the town's former library building, with two parking bays allocated for charging and an adjoining parking bay providing disability access.

Increased power capacity will be provided to the site via underground cabling to a new main switchboard at the former library.

Several sites for the charger were considered before selection of Willis Street due to factors including:

- Availability of Council land with ability to connect to Council-owned and operated switchboard and metering equipment
- Availability of power supply
- Convenient access for travellers, with supporting amenities
- Disability access



- Minimal impacts to heritage buildings.

Costs for use will be 45c per kilowatt hour while vehicles are charging. If vehicles remain on the charger from 10 minutes after charging, an idle fee of \$1 a minute will apply.

Surf Coast Shire Council is supporting EV use through installation of public charging stations at several locations across the municipality, with supporting funding from the Victorian Government through its Destination Charging Across Victoria program.

## Memorial grandstand improvements

**Upgrading of the heritage-listed Soldiers Memorial Grandstand at Eastern Reserve is scheduled to start this week.**

The building has provided a home for Winchelsea RSL Sub-branch members for close to 100 years and the renovation project is of great importance to veterans, members, their families and the wider community.

Work will include:

- Construction of a new entry ramp to improve safety and accessibility
- Expansion of library, museum and work spaces
- Opening of an internal wall connecting two ground floor rooms
- Repairs to windows and doors
- Internal and external painting, and

- Installation of downlighting which will highlight the building façade.

Work is expected to take up to eight weeks and an official opening is expected to be late in October.

RSL members will be joined by community on 13 September for a celebration acknowledging a century of RSL use of rooms within the memorial grandstand.

The upgrading project is being jointly funded, with a contribution of \$49,728 from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing via the Victorian Veterans Capital Works Program 2023-2024, and a \$10,000 in-kind contribution from the RSL Sub-branch.

Council is managing the project in collaboration with the sub-branch and contributing \$37,000.

[surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchprojects](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchprojects)



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**Phonics with Robot Reg**  
**Friday Mornings**

Walkers – 2 years 10.15am  
 Pre-School 3 – 5years 11.15am

'A fun, High energy class to introduce and teach Phonics Skills to Kids'  
**Bookings at [robotreg.com.au](http://robotreg.com.au)**



**WINCHELSEA TODDLERS**

TUESDAY MORNINGS  
 9:30AM-10:00AM  
 WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL  
 \$10 PER CHILD - CASH OR CARD AVAILABLE-  
 PAY AS YOU GO

**New Preschool Dance Classes!**



**Friday's**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**"Sip, Chat, Share, Care"**

In the Winchelsea Shire Hall. Everyone Welcome, Gold coin donation.

*Mother Goose*

**SONG & RHYME**

2pm, Wednesdays during school term  
 Winchelsea Shire Hall

**TAI CHI**

Friday Mornings  
 Winchelsea Community house  
 9am - 10am  
 \$10 Per Class



**Craft & Crochet Group**

\$5 per person.

1pm, every second Saturday in the Winchelsea community house.

Register your interest at [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)



**Next Class, Aug 23rd<sup>th</sup>**

**WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP**

**Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00**  
**Winchelsea community house.**

All Welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat



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# Winchelsea Churches



## Winchelsea Uniting Church

0475 777 301

uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241

Services 9.30am Sundays

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

0404598558

Father Joseph Panackal

Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

Winchelsea 5pm Sat. Aug 9, 16, 23, 30

Anakie NO MASS

Meredith 9am Sun. Aug. 10, 24

Bannockburn 11am Sun. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24

Inverleigh 4pm Sun. Aug. 17

## St Thomas' Anglican Church

0477 672 042

Rev Barbara Colliver

stthomaswac@gmail.com

Barwon Tce, Winchelsea

Service 10am Sundays

## Thought for the Week

"At times like these  
man is helpless.....  
it is only God  
who can speak the words  
that calm the sea,  
still the wind,  
and ease the pain....  
so lean on Him  
and you will never walk alone!"

Have a Blessed week.

**John Bader**  
Christian Pastoral carer



## Save the Date – Carols by the Barwon

Carols by the Barwon will return to the picturesque banks of the Barwon River on Saturday 6 December 2026 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Becoming an annual tradition the Carols brings the community together for a magical evening of Christmas music, family fun, and festive spirit.

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Lions Park, the event will feature community choirs, talented local performers, and a joyful mix of traditional and modern carols for all ages to enjoy. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic rug, settle in under the summer sky, and sing along to the sounds of the season.

Another exciting development is the Twilight Christmas Market which will be held the same day from 4 - 8 pm providing a great opportunity to shop and mingle while the kids search the stalls for hidden elves.

Carols by the Barwon is part of the wider Christmas in Winchelsea – A Season to Sparkle celebration — a town-wide program that transforms Winchelsea into a vibrant Christmas destination.

Throughout the season, visitors can

- enjoy the whimsical Elf Trail
- marvel at the Lions Christmas Lights Competition
- be part of decorating timber trees, generously made by the Men Shed in readiness for -
- a stroll beneath the glow of Twinkle Trees on Main later in December 2025.

Mark your calendars now and join us in creating another unforgettable night of music, community, and Christmas cheer.

### Event Details:

Date: Saturday 6 December 2026

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Lions Park, Barwon River, Winchelsea

Bring: Picnic rug, chairs, festive spirit!

### For more information:

Follow the Christmas in Winchelsea Facebook page, back up again shortly after a 2 year hiatus or visit [www.growingwinchelsea.com](http://www.growingwinchelsea.com) for updates.





# The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

## Why some climate policies are more popular than others – a psychologist explains

(By Wouter Poortinga; Professor of Environmental Psychology, Cardiff University via The Conversation UK)

In a UK-wide study, my team and I asked more than 2,000 people what they thought about 12 different climate policies that focused on diet, home energy and transport. These included “push” measures such as taxes and bans that aim to discourage carbon-intensive behaviour, and “pull” measures such as subsidies and support that encourage lower-carbon alternatives.

We found that most people strongly favour pull measures.....

People want to know that a policy will actually reduce emissions. They also care deeply about how its benefits and costs are shared. Taxes and restrictions often fail both these tests: they are seen as neither effective nor as fair.

We also investigated how much people think others support or oppose a policy. We found that people consistently underestimate how much others support climate action. This phenomenon is known as “pluralistic ignorance”. On average, respondents underestimated support by 18%, and overestimated opposition by 16%. This creates a kind of shared illusion that climate policies are less popular than they actually are.....

Climate action does not just need good policy, it also needs good psychology. Understanding and addressing how people perceive climate measures is essential to avoid backlash and build lasting public consent.

## Why China is becoming the world's first electrostate

(by ABC climate reporter Jo Lauder)

In April this year, China installed more solar power than Australia has in all its history. In one month.

China became the world's factory at the end of the 20th century, manufacturing cheap, low-quality products. This industrialisation modernised the country but also caused widespread environmental damage and drastic air pollution.

The factories were powered by fossil fuels, causing China's emissions to skyrocket and it to become the largest polluter in the world

“Even if you have pretty poor-quality natural resources, you can still squeeze quite a bit of electricity out of a solar panel. It's really changing the geopolitics,” the Australian National University's Dr Gosens said.

“Renewable energy is the most secure form of energy that there is because you just eliminate the need for imports.

“But also the cost of it, right? It's a stable cost. You lock it in as soon as you build it. You know what the price of your electricity is going to be. You get insulated from both those risks if you have more renewable energy.”

For Australia, one of the world's largest exporters of coal and gas, there is plenty to take from this, with China's furious electrification paving the way for the rest of the world to follow.

## The science of a drying world

(by Pedro DiNezio, Associate Professor of Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder and Timothy Shanahan, Associate Professor of Geological Science, The University of Texas at Austin via The Conversation US)

For decades, scientists have relied on a basic physical principle to predict rainfall trends: Warmer air holds more moisture. In a warming world, this means wet areas are likely to get wetter, while dry regions become drier. In dry areas, as temperatures rise, more moisture is pulled from soils and transported away from these arid regions, intensifying droughts.

While most climate models simulate this general pattern, they often underestimate its full extent, particularly over land areas.

Yet countries are already experiencing drought emerging as one of the most immediate and severe consequences of climate change. Understanding what's ahead is essential, to know how long these droughts will last and because severe droughts can have sweeping effects on ecosystems, economies and global food security.

Drought is a growing problem, increasingly driven by human influence. The picture that emerges is sobering, revealing a much higher risk of drought across the world.

## Blue whales have stopped singing in the Pacific Ocean.

(from Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute)

In a harrowing message to humanity about changing ecosystems for the worse, blue whales have started going silent. You've likely heard of 'whale songs' and the species almost being the soundtrack of our seas, but worry is setting in for the scientific community as these songs aren't being heard as much. Marine biologists have become concerned with the trend, especially given that the species is endangered.

## Coastal erosion in WA

(ABC News)

Demolition work is underway to remove a popular lookout in Lancelin that has become synonymous with 360-degree views, sunsets and marriage proposals, due to the risk of it crumbling into the ocean. Local governments in Western Australia's Midwest are fighting coastal erosion as it eats away at public infrastructure.



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# Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen

## Thursday Theatrics Round 9 - Karthik? Kar-Slick!

Our premiership-hunting squad faced the Highton "Mid Court Crisis" in a crucial clash for a grand final spot.

Fletcher & Lachlan opened strong, beating a top doubles player + upcoming junior 6-2.

Highlight of the week: Karthik claiming his first ever singles win in competitive tennis! Taking on a speedy junior, he was cool under pressure, moved like lightning, and proved too slick with a 6-3 victory. Kar-Slick indeed!

Fletch & Karthik then dropped a tough set 2-6, while Lachlan battled through another long one to win 6-4.

Lachlan & Adri were outgunned 0-6, but Fletch finished strong with a 6-1 singles win.

Final score: 4-2, 26-22. Another step towards the finals! Next up: 3rd-placed Lara at Moriac to determine the finals

***Go Blues!***



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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

## ROUND 17

### Winchelsea Blues vs Bannockburn Tigers 16/08/25

Welcome to Blue's News where last Saturday saw the last of the home and away games for the Winchelsea Blues against the Bannockburn Tigers. In practice with the last 4 years the last of the Club's home and away games has become the Club's Community Day, with free entry, egg and bacon sandwiches available at the Netball courts, the Lion's Club providing their BBQ "Chuck Wagon" the very popular Mexican food truck, our regular Coffee Van and activities for the kids including the Reptile Show and face painting - there was a lot going on!!

The weather while chilly was better than the predictions from our Weather Bureau earlier in the week, not a breath of wind while there was the odd shower come through most of the games were played in bright sunshine.

## RESERVES:

### Winchelsea Blues 8.5.53 defeated the Bannockburn Tigers 6.10.46

The Blues went into Round 17 wanting to cement their final five spot coming up against Bannockburn were sitting just under them on the Reserves League Ladder.

Winchelsea got off to a good start, but Bannockburn were not letting them have it all their own way and fought back over the next 2 quarters even taking the lead at one point. Bannos inaccurate kicking helped keep the Blues in the third quarter, and tension was mounting in both Coaching camps as the scores drew level in the last. The Blues managed to hang tough and hold on for a 7point win. All being well that win should see them at St. Albans for the first time in 25 years. Last of the home and away games this week where the Blues will head to

North Geelong who are also in the Finals race, keep pushing up boys and make the most of training this week.

**GOALS:** Tom Kennedy 3, Angus Leigh 2, Matthew Sprigg 2, Matt Gillespie 1.

**BEST:** Dustin Baker (again!) Liam Turner, Matt Gillespie, Fraser Amos, Bailey Forsmann, Aaron Cooke.

## SENIORS:

### Winchelsea Blues 16.9.105 defeated Bannockburn Tigers 9.13.67

5 goals 2 points to 1 goal 1 got the Blues off to a great start at the first quarter break, but Bannockburn found their feet in the second quarter, both sides being wayward for goal and kicking 10 points between them in that second quarter.

The third saw the Blues regroup and kick away to a lead of 35 points, however the Tigers refused to go away and showed real spirit halfway through the final quarter which again saw the Blues rise to the challenge and come away with the 4 points, an entertaining game of footy for the many Blues supporters who were at the game.

**GOALS:** Cam Primmer 6 (again!!) David Isbister 2, Indi Parish 2, Patrick Dench 2, Cassidy Parish 2, Josh Freeman 1, Olli Mahncke 1.

**BEST:** Cass Parish, Tavae Sauni, Jack Sampi, Indi Parish, David Isbister, Cameron Primmer.

This week sees the last of the home and away games for the W.F.N.C. INC. for season 2025, the Blues will head out to North Geelong at the Keith Barclay Oval, and while the Seniors season will come to an end the Reserves have a real chance of playing finals football for the Mighty Blues. Games are at the usual times ....

**COME AND SUPPORT THEM IF YOU CAN!!**

## BEST WISHES TO BAILEY:

All at the Club are sending Best Wishes to Bailey, Paris and their young family as they deal with the ongoing issues of Bailey's terrible accident playing football for the Reserves side 2 weeks ago. Teammate Angus Leigh has set up an independent "Go Fund Me" page with details on the Club social pages and in last Saturdays Geelong Advertiser. Just a little from many sees these pages work well to help people in need. Nugget will have a slow recovery from such an accident and will need ongoing support.

## THE BLUES BISTRO:

The Blue's Bistro will be operating as usual this Thursday! Menu will appear on the Club's social pages.

## GO BLUES!!

Please note:

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## Winchelsea junior football 2025 season

by Mark McDonald

Saturday saw the end to the Winchelsea junior football season. This year we fielded two junior teams, Under 10s and Under 12s..

It has been a tough year for the Under 10 team who are playing up an age group in order to field a team. The reward came three weeks ago when they notched up their first win of the season winning by 17 points. It is a credit to the whole Under 10 team who never gave up all year and continued to have fun throughout the entire season.

We look forward to watching them grow and have more and more success in the years to come.

The Under 12 team worked their way into the season really well. They managed to fight out five wins for the year and three consecutive draws against high performing opponents. Like the Under 10s they fielded a very young team in order to be able to play. It was fantastic to watch them start to unite and develop into a team that never gives up. Continued success is just around the corner for this young energetic team.

Let's continue to build momentum and support these kids by recruiting more junior players. All newcomers are welcome. Be part of our growing community and football club.

Thank You to Byron Matheson for his organising and to all our fabulous sponsors for 2025.

Look forward to seeing you all at Eastern Reserve in 2026.

Contact me, Mark McDonald, on 0418577100 for inquiries.

**Go Blues!**

Mark McDonald with the Under 12s



Byron Mathison with the Under 10s





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# Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

### Winchelsea Under 10s

The Winchelsea Under 10s continue to impress with their effort and enthusiasm each week. The young side is really starting to find their groove, showing great teamwork and enjoying the little improvements in their game. Their hard work at training is shining through on the court, and it's fantastic to see them beginning to click as a team.

### U11s Keep Undefeated Streak Alive

The Winchelsea Under 11s continued their undefeated season with a hard-fought 12–8 win over the Leopold Lions.

What makes this team so exciting to watch is their development – the players are still learning different positions and regularly rotating, giving everyone valuable game experience. The improvement week to week has been fantastic, and their teamwork and determination are shining through on court.

### U13s Show Fight Against Bannockburn

Winchelsea Under 13s went down to Bannockburn 26–8 in what was a much tighter contest than the scoreboard suggested. At half time, it was anyone's game with scores locked at a low-scoring 4–8, but Bannockburn's strength and experience shone through in the second half to secure the win.

Both sides displayed great skill across the court, and the young Winchelsea team showed plenty of fight and determination in challenging conditions.

### U15s Keep Building Against Bannockburn

Winchelsea Under 15s were defeated by a strong Bannockburn side 7–52. While the scoreline reflected Bannockburn's strength and experience, the young and inexperienced Winchelsea team continues to improve each week.

The players are learning and adapting as they face tough opposition, gaining valuable game-time that will help their growth and confidence for the future.

### U17s Edge Out Bannockburn in a Thriller

Winchelsea Under 17s defeated Bannockburn 18–17 in a nail-biting clash between 3rd and 4th on the ladder. The game lived up to expectations, with strong skills and determination shown by both teams right to the final whistle.

A vocal sideline crowd added to the atmosphere, cheering the Blues on as they held their nerve to claim a thrilling one-goal victory.

### U19s Show Fight Against Bannockburn

Winchelsea Under 19s went down to Bannockburn 22–36 in a competitive match. Despite the loss, the team showed plenty of fight and determination across the court, continuing to build on their improvement each week.

## Expression of Interest – Summer Netball with Winchelsea!

As the winter season starts to wind down, we're already looking ahead to the AFL Barwon Midweek Summer Netball Competition – a fantastic opportunity for players to step up into new age groups, gain valuable experience, and continue developing their skills over the off-season.

We're excited to announce that expressions of interest are now open for the competition, which runs from October through to March (with a break over the school holidays). By registering your interest now, we can begin planning teams early.

Games will be played at Kardinia Park and other venues across Geelong.

### Game Nights & Age Groups

- Under 11s (born 2017–2015) – Tuesday evenings
- Under 13s (born 2014–2013) – Friday evenings
- Under 15s (born 2012–2011) – Friday evenings
- Under 17s (born 2010–2008) – Tuesday evenings

Whether your child is a current player, new to the game, or part of our Rising Stars program, summer netball is a great way to learn, grow, and enjoy time on the court with friends in a fun and supportive environment.

### Register your interest now!

Please message your current team group chat or contact Shae on 0409 641 550 to secure your spot.

Let's make it another exciting summer of netball for Winchelsea!





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