



## Winchelsea Girl Guides

Recruiting new girls to join the unit now  
Girls aged 5-15 years welcome!



Would your daughter like to make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities? Girl Guides helps build confidence, determination, respect for others, citizenship, self-respect, and self-awareness. Through challenging fun activities, including craft, badges, outdoor skills, fitness, camping, etc.

Take advantage of a 3 week free trial - no cost, no obligation.

If interested, call leaders Yvonne Orchard ph 0448 672 630  
or Lily Del Rennie ph 0428 936 441

The Winchelsea Unit meets at  
**St John's Catholic Church Hall, Harding St Winchelsea**  
**4.30-6.00 pm on Monday evenings**

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# You may be contacted for Community Satisfaction Survey

## Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire residents and ratepayers may be contacted in coming weeks as part of the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey. Between the start of February and the end of March 600 people will receive a call to their landline or mobile from an independent research agency, asking for perceptions of Council's performance across a range of service areas.

This year there will be an option to take part online, also managed by an independent research agency.

The annual survey is commissioned by the state government, with all local governments in Victoria able to participate. Mayor Libby Stapleton said Council's results would be benchmarked against state-wide results and other large rural councils. "If you're contacted and invited to participate, we encourage you to take part and give your opinions of Council's performance," Mayor Stapleton said. "The results will give us a good sense of how the community feels we're going, what's working well and what can be improved."

Survey themes include:

- overall council direction
- local infrastructure, facilities and services
- community consultation and engagement
- decisions made in the interest of the community
- customer service

Responses are kept confidential, with only the overall results shared with Council.

## Community Satisfaction Survey On now



**You may be contacted by an independent researcher during February/March as part of the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.**

The annual survey, commissioned by the state government, will ask for your perceptions of Council's performance.

Interviews are via phone and online. You'll be asked for basic demographic information, but not personal details such as name and address.

For more information please call 5261 0600.

Researchers will ask for basic demographic information such as age, gender and location, but will never ask for personal details such as name, address or income.

They will seek responses from a representative cross section of the community. "If you're advised after providing your age or location that the quota for your demographic has been met, you are welcome to contact Council directly to provide feedback if you would like to," Mayor Stapleton said.

If you have questions about the survey phone 5261 0600 or query online via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request).



# parkrun 100



50 participants and nine volunteers celebrated the 100th event of Trebeck Reserve parkrun this week

Black being the colour of 100 milestone T-shirts, it was logical to have a black theme for our celebration.

So there were Black balloons, Black jelly beans, Black grapes, Black lollies, Black Pepsi, Black clothing and music by the Black Sorrows.

Congratulations to Donna Loone who completed her 100th parkrun, dressed in Black.

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at [parkrun.com.au/register](http://parkrun.com.au/register), this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

To volunteer please email to [trebeckreserve@parkrun.com](mailto:trebeckreserve@parkrun.com)

## Local Scout Leader awarded OAM for services to Scouting

**Tony Phelps**

A huge "CONGRATULATIONS" to Marie McPadden for her award of an Order of Australia Medal! Very well deserved, Marie has been a community stalwart for decades, with over 30 years as a Scout leader (including Winchelsea & Modewarre), plus active at pet rescuer GAWS and cat desexing charity Project Meow Geelong.

**Government House CANBERRA ACT**

**26 January 2026**

**Australia Day Honours List 2026**

**Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia**



**Mrs Marie Elin MCPADDEN**  
Wurdiboluc VIC 3241  
For service to the community through a range of roles.





**WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB**  
 In conjunction with  
 Winchelsea Primary School  
 Are holding a  
**FREE PICNIC**  
 At Winchelsea Primary School Grounds  
**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**  
**12 - 3PM**  
 For all children under 12 who reside in 3241  
 Must be accompanied by a responsible adult  
 This is a free picnic but you must have a ticket to receive your food  
**Enquiries: Alan 0476 475 422**  
**CHUCK WAGON** **COFFEE VAN**  
 FOR TICKET BOOKINGS go to - [www.trybooking.com/DIAZC](http://www.trybooking.com/DIAZC)



Have you thought about joining the local Movie Club?  
 Winchelsea Movie Club enters its ninth year of bringing affordable, entertaining movies monthly to the Globe theatre.

**Membership is essential -**  
 10 screenings annually - \$70 Conc \$65  
 5 screenings Autumn /Spring seasons - \$40 Conc \$35

**WHEN -**  
 Movies will be shown third Thursday of each month (except July) at 7.30  
 Come early.

**WHERE -**  
 The Globe Theatre  
 17-19 Willis Street Winchelsea  
 Opp Winchelsea Tavern (Top Pub)

<b>Movie List for 2026</b>	
19.2.2026	The Castle
19.3.2026	Tina
16.4.2026	One Life
21.5.2026	Roofman
18.6.2026	Gifted Hands
BREAK	
20.8.2026	Rachael's Farm
17.9.2026	The Book Thief
15.10.2026	Mr Burton
19.11.2026	My Favorite Cake
10.12.26	Thelma

Membership can be paid by CASH on the first night February 19<sup>th</sup> or by direct debit to bank account.  
 Enquiries re bank account details to email - [movies@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:movies@growingwinchelsea.com)  
 Jenny 0409672054 Sue 0413487915  
 Further information about the Movie Club - [www.growingwinchelsea.com](http://www.growingwinchelsea.com)

**VOLUNTEER, LEADER, CHANGE MAKER, INNOVATOR**

## Nominate a Local Legend 2026

**Nominations open 1 February**

Council is calling for nominations for the 2026 Surf Coast Shire Local Legends Awards, seeking to recognise and celebrate unsung heroes making positive differences in our community.

Local Legends contribute around us every day, helping our community to thrive with their selfless and inspiring contributions.

The 2026 awards introduce four categories for nominations:

- Community Commitment and Community Impact awards for individuals, and
- Community Inclusion and Volunteer Excellence awards for groups.

The 2026 Local Legends will be named, and all nominees recognised, during a Council ceremony in May celebrating National Volunteer Week.

Find more category information and nominate via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends), by phoning 5261 0600 or visiting Council's civic building at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

**Nominations are open until 15 March.**



## It's time to celebrate our Local Legends

Surf Coast Shire

It's time to recognise our unsung heroes and community contributors through the Surf Coast Shire Local Legends Awards. The program celebrates individuals and groups making positive differences in our community – whether as volunteers, organisation leaders, change-makers, innovators or more.

Nominations will be open from 1 February to 15 March and Local Legends will be named and celebrated during National Volunteer Week in May.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Joel Grist encouraged people to help give Local Legends the recognition they deserve. "I'm sure many of us know these people who make such significant contributions to our community with so little fuss, giving up that precious thing – their own time – for the good of others," Cr Grist said. "They share their energy, skills, passions and inspiration helping to make Surf Coast Shire a better place and help power organisations doing truly meaningful work."

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# New Committee. Fresh Approach.

Growing Winchelsea Inc is entering an exciting new chapter, with a new committee stepping in and a renewed focus on connection, conversation, and community led ideas.

## An Open Invitation to Get Involved.

This year marks a deliberate shift in how Growing Winchelsea operates. The new committee is moving toward a more relaxed and welcoming format that prioritises networking, listening, and the sharing of ideas. The aim is simple. To create a space where people feel comfortable turning up, having a conversation, and contributing in ways that suit them, whether that is through big picture thinking, practical suggestions, or simply being part of the discussion.

This refreshed approach comes at a crucial time for Winchelsea. Members of Growing Winchelsea Inc have been actively involved in the Surf Coast Shire Council workshops that are shaping the *Winchelsea Place Plan*. Through an expression of interest process, 29 local community and business members were selected to take part. Together, they have helped shape a shared vision for Winchelsea as it grows toward an expected population of 18,500 people by 2050.

The draft Place Plan sets out what matters most to the Winchelsea community and is guided by seven key principles to support thoughtful and sustainable growth. It also recognises that the success of the plan relies on partnership, with Council and the community sharing responsibility for turning ideas into action.

Looking ahead, the final Place Plan will inform a new Winchelsea Structure Plan in 2026. Growing Winchelsea Inc is committed to working alongside both processes, advocating for local priorities and ensuring community voices continue to be heard as decisions are made about the town's future.

### Now is the perfect time to get involved.

This is a pivotal and exciting time for Winchelsea. If you would like to be involved, share your ideas and suggestions, make a commitment to shaping Winchelsea's future, or simply

enjoy being part of a proactive and positive community, Growing Winchelsea welcomes your interest and input. **Let us know by sending an email with your interest to:**

[secretary@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:secretary@growingwinchelsea.com)

Growing Winchelsea Inc will hold its first meeting of the year at the historical Winchelsea Railway Station on **Wednesday 25 February, 6.30pm – 7.30pm**.

Come along and learn about the current planting and seating project as well as future ideas. The meeting will follow the final Place Plan session and will set the direction and tone for the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome. Be comfortable, bring a chair. Come along, meet your community advocacy group, and be part of what comes next.



# Garlic

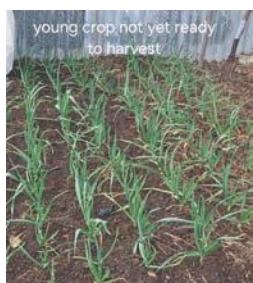
Julia Holohan

We love garlic, growing it and the wonderful flavour it gives our meals.

On the whole it grows well in our garden so long as we follow its rules. We missed the "right time to harvest it" rule & also nature's extra hot & humid days while it cured didn't help this season. Although we reaped a good size crop we lost quite a few bulbs with moisture causing softening & some rotting bulbs.

We now have our fingers crossed we'll have enough to last a full year. We have surplus left from last year and we can always start using the immature plants like spring onions until the rest of the crop ripens next season.

There's always next season to keep us hopeful.



We usually plant 2 crops of garlic as I always worry we won't have enough and then set about planting a second smaller patch, finding room for this crop that will be in the ground for 6 months can sometimes be difficult!

As a general rule garlic is planted on the shortest day which is mid June, then harvested on the longest day which is mid December. If planting by the moon, bulbs are planted on a waning or shrinking moon.

**Soil prep:** As far in advance as we can, we will weed the intended plot adding some compost and maybe a little watering in. Then we regularly lightly turn the surface of the soil to help keep it pliant for easier bulb growth.

Plant unpeeled cloves about 5cm deep with the pointy end up.

Once planted, regular weeding, which is usually whenever we pass by, pulling the weeds before they get too big as their root system may disturb the developing bulbs. Keeping the bulb area free helps the bulb develop nicely, also some watering if rainfall is not sufficient, but not too much or you run the risk of rot.

**Harvesting:** this can sometimes be a bit of a contentious issue between the two of us as we try to get the optimum harvest! They are best harvested when the lower leaves dry off & before the flower stem develops.



Once harvested all the plants are put on a rack, spread out so they can dry off. For our racks we use either our old fire surround, an old gate which has been hung up from the shed roof or the old Guinea pig cage. We leave the plants in an open shed, under cover, on the rack to dry out completely for about a couple of weeks.

Then it's time to take a seat while you neaten them up. Trim the roots, then trim & cut the leaves to desired length unless you want to plait them. Plaiting is not our forte, I'm happy to give it a go each year but usually end up with a hotchpotch of funny looking bunches which doesn't worry me as I proudly hang them inside.

I will not be plaiting them this year as the flower stem is too hard to plait & I feel they may run the risk of more of the bulbs softening. Instead I have peeled them right back so the air can get around the cloves and cut their stalks short, I'll leave them in cane baskets for air circulation. Then cross my fingers this will work!

Being garlic feens, we relish making a garlic pie with our fresh crop, I've included the recipe which I hope is not too hard to understand as I wrote it down quickly while watching it being made.

## GARLIC PIE (this pie is like a quiche)

### Ingredients

- \* 1 sheet of frozen pastry, thawed or your own home made pastry.
- \* 1/4 - 1/2 cup pine kernels, chopped (I cheat and use ground almonds).
- \* 1 - 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan.
- \* 7 or more garlic cloves, crushed.
- \* 3 eggs, beaten with 100- 200ml cream.

### Method

Line a greased 15 - 17cm pie dish with pastry. Mix together the first three ingredients & spread on top of pastry. Top with egg & cream mixture. Bake 40 minutes in a preheated 170' Celsius oven. Serve warm or cold.



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



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.

## February Ingredient of the Month

### Cucumber



How underrated a vegetable (technically, a fruit) is cucumber! Not something we pay much notice to as we add it to salads and cut it up into sticks for dipping. But cucumber is much more than just a sidekick, as I'll aim to prove over the next month as we celebrate it.

Worth noting from a health perspective is that cucumbers contain essential nutrients like Vitamin K, potassium, and magnesium and are remarkably low in calories. So let's lift up cucumbers this month and give them the kudos they deserve for being an important summer ingredient!

### Recipe of the Week Cucumber & Mint Raita

From *Fresh India* by Meera Sodha

Submitted by Alice Cloake

#### About the Recipe

Raita is a popular, chilled Indian condiment and side dish made from yogurt mixed with grated vegetables (commonly cucumber), herbs, and spices. I love Raita so much I could eat it for breakfast (and have, on occasion). Raita is stunning as a companion to curries but also by itself with some papadums. This is a no-fail recipe for making delicious Raita, enjoy it!

**Ingredients** (Serves 4 as a side and can be doubled easily)

1 teaspoon cumin seeds (plus extra to serve)

200g cucumber (plus extra to serve)

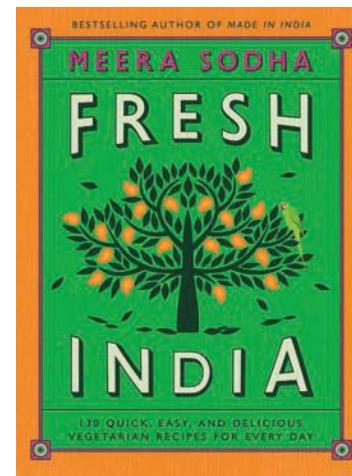
250ml Greek yoghurt

10g fresh mint leaves, shredded

½ teaspoon salt

#### Method

1. Place a frying pan over a medium heat and, when hot, add the cumin seeds. Toast the seeds for 3 to 4 minutes, until chocolate coloured, shaking the pan every now and then to ensure they toast evenly. Then lightly grind with a pestle and mortar.
2. Grate the cucumber and place in a sieve. Squeeze out as much water as you can over the sink, and put the cucumber in a bowl.
3. Add the yoghurt, mint leaves, salt and ½ teaspoon of the cumin.
4. Mix together, then grate a little cucumber over the top and sprinkle with a little more cumin before serving.



#### About the book

A gift from my sister in law a few years ago, *Fresh India* has played a very important role in my kitchen. As it says on the cover, the recipes really are fresh. Using all vegetarian ingredients, this book offers the novice cook an easy introduction into Indian cuisine with most recipes taking 30-minutes to create. Later in the year I'll introduce you to the cauliflower korma recipe and you won't know yourself, it's that delicious.

### Thank you CFA, thank you IGA!

Would love to extend a word of thanks of course to all CFA members for your tireless work this fire season, but also to our local IGA for allowing the community an opportunity to do a small bit to show our support by offering this donation trolley.

On my drive home from work on Tuesday I was accompanied by seven fire trucks making their way to the Gellibrand fires. I was overcome with wanting to reach out and thank them all for leaving their families to protect their communities, and strangers communities. Stopping into the IGA I noticed the trolley and was relieved at the opportunity to say thanks.

So thank you IGA, for giving us the ability to do just that.



## YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL IS GROWING



### 1 Growing confident young readers

78% of our Year 1s were at or above level in their Phonics Check (state average 58%)



### 2 Growing parent endorsement

71% Parent Endorsement in the 2025 Family Survey, up from 43% in 2023

### 3 Growing facilities

A new playground just completed, with a master plan currently being funded by State Government to increase capacity and improve buildings.



### 4 Growing community presence

Our big kids visit Hesse Rural Health fortnightly, visit the local kindergartens and are regular contributors to community events and the Winchelsea Star publication!

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# Winchelsea

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcoming Prep Families for 2027



### Principal Tours for Families

8:45am at the school - please RSVP by phone or email

Families encouraged to come to one tour listed below

Tuesday, March 3rd

Monday, March 30th

Thursday, May 7th

Wednesday, May 27th

Friday, June 5th



### Come 'n' Play Evenings for Families & Students

5pm-6pm at the school - no RSVP required

An opportunity for your child to come into our school and familiarise themselves with our classroom and staff

Families and students welcome to attend all of these sessions

Wednesday, February 18th

Tuesday, May 5th

Monday, August 3rd

Contact Bron & Jen in our office - we look forward to hearing from you!

[winchelsea.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:winchelsea.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
(03) 5267 2134

Enquiries welcomed from 27<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Enrolment applications from 20<sup>th</sup> Apr





Zinaida Campion

## How I became a model

My journey from dress ups to producing photo shoots

When I was a little girl there were a few things I was passionate about: food (only toddler I know of that could eat 10 large pancakes for breakfast and still be fine), interior design (I pored over homemaking books before I could read the words and tried to replicate the displays depicted within), cooking (I made great mud pies and was a bona fide expert at creaming butter and sugar, just ask Mum), music (though not yet melodious, my voice was loud enough by age 3 to project across 40 acres, and I had no scruples about making up the lyrics either), and FASHION! At an early age clothes were the centre of my universe. One of my first spoken phrases was "pretty pink dress", and after all these years not much has changed. A very old photo shows me after a typical raid of Mum's wardrobe, wearing everything from petticoats to a fur to jewellery, all stacked on higgledy piggledy. My look of pride is unmistakable. I would even brave Mum's wrath and put on her makeup, and even though the collection was small (lipstick, eyeliner, mascara and clear nail polish), to me it was Picasso's palette!

In primary school my art was completely fashion centred. Whether I was drawing real people or fairies, they were always wearing intricately detailed outfits, and were always female. Eight year old girls don't really like boys you know, and anyway I always found men's clothes uninspiring, sorry guys!

Homeschooling during high school, I began my singing career, which in turn heavily influenced my fashion choices. The high diva styles of the likes of Maria Callas and Angela Gheorghiu inspired a more classy me, as did my keen interest in the royal family. I revered Catherine, Princess of Wales, at that time the Duchess of Cambridge, and could not get enough of the Queen's hats, God bless her. I even had a craze for corgis at one point!

I loved the glossy magazines, but the five figure prices in Vogue always terrified me. By then in my late teens, I'd made it my mission to create looks of similar quality, for Kmart prices. Wait, WHAT? Op shops. All that near new Laura Ashley and Max Mara that I had a special instinct for sniffing out from between piles of fast fashion. Hooray for the age of recycling. But my treasure hunts are a story for another time.

I never considered myself a photogenic person. I admired people who could pose and I loved dressing for all my occasions, and even when there wasn't a special occasion, but I never thought I could have a future in modelling. That is until I had to take an enforced break from singing due to health reasons last year. With time hanging heavy on my hands, at the encouragement of a friend who had started modelling herself, I decided to have a go.

**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, and Co President of Geelong City Opera. She has a strong background in languages, a love of local history, and an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.

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

It didn't take long to find many Facebook groups in Melbourne dedicated to the photography and modelling industry, where I could see what the others were doing and how shoots were even organised. I also kind of felt there was room for improvement. I'd be crucified for saying this, but the Melbourne fashion world is not, in my opinion, very original! (Is it my imagination, or is everyone copying Hailey Bieber? Her bland facial expressions and minimalist aesthetic seem to be everywhere). Wanting something more realistic, I started producing my own photo shoots very quickly. I prefer outdoors in natural light, and I generally avoid the city. My concepts are mainly nature based or vintage/heritage, and for both Winchelsea has proved very rich in locations. A shoot in front of the Shire Hall was published in the international Vigour Magazine, a proud moment. I plan to stage many more shoots here, putting Winch on the map, growing my "Winch Girl" series which I hope to exhibit, and hopefully hosting our town's very first runway show in the future! Let's keep it local.

Ciao!



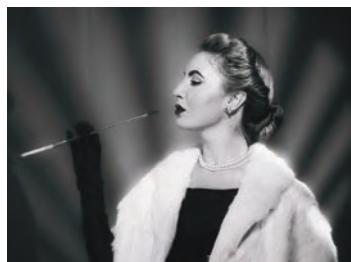
The Shire Hall, Winchelsea.  
Photo by Keith Müller



With Huzafa Fayyaz,  
Botanical Gardens Geelong  
Photo by Anthony Cleave



With Alex Stone,  
Point Roadknight  
Photo by Keith Müller



Old Hollywood shoot  
at Silver Noir Studios  
Photo by Tim Hetherington



The Barwon River,  
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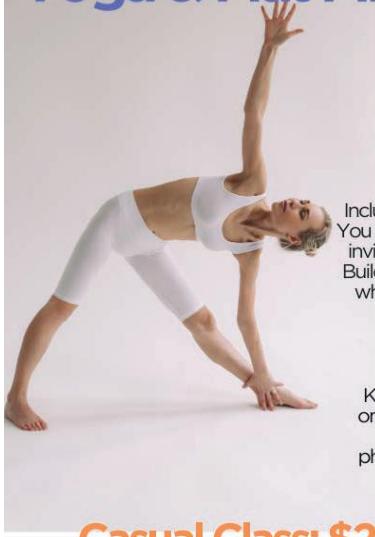
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28 Hesse Street, PO BOX 75, WINCHELSEA, Vic. 3241

Phone: (03) 5267 2028

ABN: 48 932 340 254

## Yoga & Mat Pilates in the Shire Hall



### Mat Pilates 6.45pm Tuesdays

Pilates original style, on the Mat. Guided movement that supports strength and postural alignment, with a strong focus on building core, balance and flexibility. Move with intention, build resilience, and feel stronger in your body.

### Wednesdays Yoga Flow 6.30pm

Inclusive, all levels of experience are welcome and encouraged. You will not be limited by age, shape or by being a beginner. Lisa invites you to unlock the ancient wisdom stored in your being. Build strength, clarity and bliss as you move through a dynamic whole body experience. Expect a playful, powerful class that leaves you feeling refreshed.

### Thursdays Vinyasa Yoga 7pm

Kate offers dynamic vinyasa-style class with a strong focus on core strength and balance building. Each session weaves together pranayama (breathwork), meditation, yoga philosophy, and mindful movement. Students can expect to enhance their practice in every class and deepen their connection to yoga.

**Casual Class: \$25 or 5 Class Pass: \$100**

Email: [shirehall@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:shirehall@winchhouse.org.au) or call: 0352672028

*A Heart Centred Yoga Immersion*

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
@ Winchelsea Shire Hall

*Saturday February 7th 9.30am -11.30am*

*Pranayama Vinyasa Yin Nidra*

Slip into a moving meditation as we journey gently into the heart space.

All levels of experience from absolute beginners to experienced practitioners are warmly welcomed and supported in our friendly environment. Recommended for 12yo and above. Please BYO mat and cushion if possible. This gathering is offered via donation.

Places are limited and registration is essential.

<https://events.humanitix.com/free-heart-opening-yoga-workshop-with-lisa-grace>

**TAI CHI**

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

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health suitable for all ages.

**Winchelsea Tai Chi**

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Kate offers dynamic vinyasa-style class with a strong focus on core strength and balance building. Each session weaves together pranayama (breathwork), meditation, yoga philosophy, and mindful movement. Students can expect to enhance their practice in every class and deepen their connection to yoga.

**Casual Class: \$25 or 5 Class Pass: \$100**

Email: [shirehall@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:shirehall@winchhouse.org.au) or call: 0352672028

*Stitch it,  
Don't ditch it!*

Wednesday's from 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2026  
9.30am - 4pm

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'  
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER available.

Bring along a craft project you'd like help with, learn to sew, knit, crochet or repair clothing and homewares yourself with the guidance of our knowledgeable community volunteers.

**Gold Coin Donation**

## WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

**Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00**

**Winchelsea community house.**

**Returning Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026**

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



### CHATTY CAFÉ

**Friday's 10.30am – 12.30pm from Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.**



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

Winchelsea Shire Hall.

Everyone Welcome, Gold coin donation.

## Craft & Crochet

## Group

\$5 per person.

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

**Next session: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb**

[reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

Please take some time to fill out the community survey and share your ideas for Winch House in 2026! Enter the link into your browser to complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/EnrxZVTMfEPEG8ap9>



# history of winchelsea

## Winchelsea Presbyterian Church, Hesse Street Winchelsea

Today Winchelsea, as most country towns, is a secular, modern and multicultural community. This is part of our modern identity and is to be celebrated.

In colonial times however, religious institutions were at the centre of community and provided services to supplement those offered by the state in terms of public welfare, education and medicine. Churches also provided hubs for social cohesion and brought individuals together as communities.

Colonial Churches in Victoria were usually exclusive to ethnic groups with landed Brits tending to favour Anglican Churches, Working class Anglo-Celts tending to favour Wesleyan Methodist churches, Scots tending to favour Presbyterian Churches, Working class Irish tending to favour Catholic Churches, Germans favouring Lutheran churches, and Jews establishing synagogues in Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

While Muslims were present in colonial Victoria, there is no evidence of a purpose-built mosque in Victoria during the colonial era, with the earliest mosques in Australia being constructed in Marree, South Australia in 1882, Adelaide, South Australia in 1888, Broken Hill, New South Wales in 1887.

We have examined the role of the Austin Family in establishing St. Thomas' as Winchelsea's first religious institution, and the short-lived Methodist Chapel which became Mr Carse's School house. our next few articles will feature other early churches in the township.

By 1869 it was believed that Presbyterians formed a major portion of the inhabitants of Winchelsea, and required a minister of their denomination. The Rev. T. M. Fraser and the Rev. J. Brownlie were commissioned to visit Winchelsea to establish a church here.

The first Presbyterian services were held in the Shire Hall on 19 September 1869 crowded with an attentive audience and motions were set in place for the foundation of the Presbyterian Church. Local Presbyterians made a petition to the Presbytery at Geelong and raised funds for the foundation of their own church in Winchelsea, raising over £100 in the year before the building began, which was the equivalent of a year's wages for a skilled trades worker and would be worth approximately \$14,000 to \$16,000+ in today's money. At least £20 of that was donated by non-Presbyterian Winchelsea locals who supported the cause.

The Winchelsea Presbyterian Church was built in 1870. In May there was a public ceremony for the laying of the foundation stone and a time capsule, attended by Mr. George Lee, secretary to the building committee. The corner stone was then formally laid by James Stirling, Snr., Esq., followed by loud applause, and Mr George Anderson gave a speech. The church officially opened on 30 April 1871. The stonework was completed by William Lauder, Stonemason of Winchelsea whose descendants are still living in the town today. The Carpentry for the church was done by J.H. Sarks and the plastering by Robert Marchain.

The building is now heritage-listed and serves as the Winchelsea Uniting Church, located on Hesse Street next door to the

Winchelsea and District Historical Society. It remains an active part of the local community, serving under the Presbytery of Port Phillip West.



Hesse Street Winchelsea

The Rev. Mr. Giles was the first minister from 1871-1873, but he resigned two years later due to lack of funding. In 1874 a large and successful concert was held in the Shire Hall to raise funds for the Presbyterian Church. The highlights were an exceptional piano performance by Miss. E. Austin and singing by miss Sharp, Miss Cooper, Messrs Walker, Urquhart, and McMullen.

In April 1878 the Winchelsea Presbyterian Church held a fundraising Bazaar including lotteries in the Shire Hall. The event was attended by members of all denominations, entertained by local amateur vocalists. Roughly £150 was raised for the Church from the event.

By the 1880s the ladies of the church were organising and hosting an annual tea and sacred concert of the Winchelsea Presbyterian Church, decorating the Church and the tables with every kind of delicacy, and profusely decorated with flowers with over 200 guests attending.

In 1880 the Rev. Mr Lind described the church, though in an unfinished state, as a model church, and when completed would rank amongst the best sacred edifices in the colony.



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.

## Bushfire

# Supporting communities after emergencies

### Jumpleads

With the recent bushfires, we know so many people want to help and that generosity is deeply appreciated by those impacted across Victoria.

Right now, though, it's not always clear what's needed most. Random donations of clothes or household items, while well-intentioned, may not be helpful yet and can overwhelm local efforts.

The best way to assist is through official channels and platforms set up to coordinate support. These ensure help gets to where it's needed most.

### Across Victoria

VicEmergency Relief Assistance

<https://emergency.vic.gov.au/relief>

Red Cross Disaster Relief

<https://www.redcross.org.au>

Wildlife Victoria

<https://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au>

GIVIT Connecting your money, goods or time with people in need

<https://www.givit.org.au>

BlazeAid – volunteers helping rebuild fences & infrastructure for rural families

<https://blazeaid.com.au>

### Donations & Financial Support

FRRR Disaster Recovery Appeal

<https://frrr.org.au>

Bendigo Bank Victorian Bushfire Appeal

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au>

### Victorian Emergency Relief & Recovery

Foundation – 2026 Bushfire Appeal

<https://www.vic.gov.au/2026-Victorian-Bushfire-Appeal>

# Wurdale Brigade fire support

Stewart Mathison

Nine Wurdale members volunteered on crews sent to the fires at Gellibrand and Carlisle River, some doing 3 or 4 shifts amounting to over 200 hours on the fire ground.

In addition 3 brigade members assisted at the Mt Mercer fire.

*The Wurdale Fire Brigade is an official volunteer-powered fire and emergency brigade in the Country Fire Authority (CFA) of Victoria.*

70 Wormbete Station Road, Winchelsea South 3241

[wurdalecfa@gmail.com](mailto:wurdalecfa@gmail.com)

# Climate pollution driving deadly heat

Climate Council

CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology's State of the Climate report concludes our country is heating up around the year - not just over summer - with both daytime and night-time temperatures rising, and more frequent extreme heat driven by climate pollution.

Climate Councillor Dr Kate Charlesworth said: "When nights stay hot, bodies cannot recover, and that is when heat stress becomes most dangerous. Hotter days and hot nights drive heat stress, dehydration and collapse, and the danger ramps up fast for older people, young children, people with pre existing illness, and anyone working outside or stuck in a hot home without adequate cooling."

Dr Kate Wylie, Executive Director, Doctors for the Environment Australia: "Bushfire smoke carries tiny particles that lodge deep in the lungs and can even enter the bloodstream, hitting hardest for children, older people, pregnant women, and anyone with asthma or heart and lung conditions. Climate pollution from coal, oil and gas is driving longer, hotter, more dangerous heatwaves, we need urgent action to protect our health and move beyond fossil fuels."

# Fire Danger Period NOW

Country Fire Authority

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting.

**The Fire Danger Period is NOT the same thing as a Total Fire Ban.**

Your local council or shire may have their own local laws about lighting fires. Contact your local council to find out what municipal local laws may be in place. Local laws may be in place all year

Municipality	Start	End
SURF COAST	24/11/2025	01/05/2026

If you need to use fire in the open air during the Fire Danger Period or on a day of Total Fire Ban you may require a permit.



# Winchelsea CFA acknowledgment

**Kaylene Stocks, Winchelsea Fire Brigade Captain**

The last few weeks have been full-on and, at times, incredibly stressful.

One thing I can genuinely say, though, is how grateful I am for the support not just for me, but for my brigade and CFA as a whole.

Life doesn't stop just because there's fire in the landscape.

We're extremely fortunate not to have been under direct threat, but for volunteers like me, taking days off work means missing out on pay, and that hits the pocket hard.

This isn't a pity party, it's simply the reality for so many of us who choose to step up for our community.

And honestly, even if I had to live on rice and beans, I'd still do it. Helping those less fortunate will always matter more.

To everyone who has supported us: thank you.

To those who've dropped off donations, supplied food day after day, and to the business in the Otways who created special firefighter lip balm — your kindness means more than you know.

Yesterday someone even came out and cooked waffles for us, which was such a welcome distraction from the planning and preparing for what we knew was coming.

## Here's what matters in 2026

### Jumpleads

As we step into 2026, our hearts and thoughts are with everyone impacted by the recent fires across regional Victoria and other extreme weather events across Australia. These events remind us of the incredible care within our communities & the importance of connection and trust in times of challenge

Here are some practical and meaningful ways you can assist with disaster responses

- Donate to trusted relief funds
- Volunteer with local recovery groups
- Offer skills, tools and items that are needed by registering on local platforms
- Provide emotional support - sometimes a simple check-in means everything

For a list of Victoria specific links and platforms relevant to the recent fires: Visit the latest Jumpleads blog post  
Jumpleads NFP is a social enterprise that "jump-starts" arts & community initiatives, with a mission to change cultures & invigorate communities for a better future



A big thank you as well to our local bakery and IGA for making us lunch. All of this happened just before one of our trucks was sent to Lismore and another to Gellibrand.

To our families at home thank you. You carry a huge part of this load in silence: worrying, waiting, and keeping everything running while we're out on the line.

To those who manned the station day in and day out — your steady presence keeps everything turning.

And to all the emergency services working alongside us — FFM, CFA, FRV, firefighters from other states and across the sea, Police, Ambulance Victoria, SES, all the helitack crews who at times risk it all, and the many services working behind the scenes (far too many to list) — thank you for everything you do.

Last week we were fortunate; things could have been much worse. But it's far from over, and we all need to take the quieter moments when they come, rest, and recharge after the days we've just had.

## Lorne Bushfire Place of Last Resort

### Surf Coast Shire

Point Grey site to close from 2 February; Lorne foreshore stays open

Point Grey in Lorne will temporarily close to the public from Monday 2 February while the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority carries out redevelopment works, and will therefore be unavailable as a Bushfire Place of Last Resort.

**The foreshore area along Mountjoy Parade will remain as a Bushfire Place of Last Resort within the town.**

Residents and visitors are always encouraged to enact fire plans and leave early. Places of Last Resort are locations to attend only when all other personal bushfire plans have failed.

They do not replace a well-thought-out and practised plan; they are simply clear areas that provide separation distance from the bushfire hazard.

Stay informed and prepare for the fire season: [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FireReady](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FireReady).



# The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

## What happens to the human body in 49C heat?

### Australians are finding out

*Donna Lu, The Guardian*

Doctors warn there are biological limits to temperatures we can survive, and exposure to extreme heat can provoke a heart attack.

Extreme heat is the most common cause of weather-related hospitalisations in Australia, and kills more people than all other natural hazards combined.

What does exposure to extreme heat – such as a temperature of 49C – do to the body?

- In warm environments, the body dissipates heat through the skin, which is responsible for about 90% of heat loss. It does so by sweating and by increasing blood flow to the extremities.
- Prof Ollie Jay, academic director of the heat and health research centre at the University of Sydney, says: "Your heart has to work a lot harder because you're basically redistributing this blood in an effort to keep cool towards the skin, but what this means is that your blood pressure would drop unless your heart beats more times per minute."
- The degree of heat people experience could far exceed forecast figures, because the Bureau of Meteorology's weather stations record ambient temperature in the shade. "If you're out in the middle of the day in direct sunlight, the temperature can be as much as 15C hotter," Jay says.
- "We have to be careful when a risk [is] associated with a given temperature," Jay says, because it depends on several other factors – including the amount of wind and humidity. "If there's more moisture in the air, it makes it more difficult for the sweat that we're producing to evaporate, which is the only way in which we can keep cool when it's hot."
- Clothing can prevent sweat from evaporating through it – a problem for those in certain work environments.
- Age is also a factor - particularly above 75, our ability to sweat is quite diminished, which means that you're a much greater risk of overheating.
- Public health authorities suggest staying well hydrated – drinking six to eight glasses of water a day, and avoiding alcoholic, hot or sugary drinks. People with heart failure and other medical conditions that may require limiting fluid intake should consult their medical practitioner.
- If it's not humid, wetting the skin can also help, because most of the heat the body loses in warm environments is due to sweat evaporating.

The full story, including a link to a free HeatWatch tool that provides individualised heat risk scores that take in weather conditions: [https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2026/jan/27/what-happens-to-the-human-body-in-49c-heat-australians-are-finding-out?CMP=share\\_btn\\_url](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2026/jan/27/what-happens-to-the-human-body-in-49c-heat-australians-are-finding-out?CMP=share_btn_url)

## New data uncovers dire situation about global food production

*Tina Deines: Yahoo News*

- Staple crops are going to be harder to come by as the world continues to warm, new data warns.
- The dataset found that every additional degree Celsius of

warming on average will slash the world's food production abilities

- If planet-heating pollution were to rapidly decline to net zero, global crop yields would only decrease by 11%, but if it continues to rise unchecked, yields would go down by 24%.
- This unsettling agricultural future comes even as the world continues to waste vast amounts of food. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 30-40% of our food supply is wasted each year.
- Meanwhile, both waste and agricultural challenges associated with a warming climate contribute to food shortages and higher price tags at checkout. Full story: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/data-uncovers-dire-situation-global-080500072.html>



## Antarctic penguin breeding cycles changing rapidly in response to climate change.

*Jano Gibson, Antarctic reporter ABC News*

- Phenology is the study of climatic influences on recurring life cycle events, such as breeding, in animals and plants.
- A long-term study has found the breeding cycle of a penguin species in Antarctica is changing at the fastest rate recorded in birds, likely in response to climate change.
- Time lapse cameras were equipped with thermometers, allowing the researchers to measure temperature changes at each colony
- The results showed they warmed up by an average of 0.3 degrees Celsius per year over the 10-year study period.
- The report warned that earlier and overlapping breeding periods due to warmer temperatures and changes in the extent of sea ice could increase competition between species.
- As penguins are considered 'a bellwether of climate change', the results of this study have implications for species across the planet.

Full story: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-01-20/antarctic-penguin-breeding-cycles-changing-climate-change/106247472>

# New poll reveals climate stress hitting Aussie homeowners

Climate Council

National polling commissioned by the Climate Council shows that most Aussie homeowners are concerned that extreme weather is creating unaffordable insurance costs, with many considering going without cover.

A YouGov survey of more than 1500 Australians found that 54% of people with home and/or contents insurance are worried that extreme weather (such as bushfires, floods or storms) will make home insurance unaffordable or unavailable where they live. Almost half (46%) have already experienced a hike in premiums. As climate pollution from coal, oil and gas drives more frequent and severe disasters, one-in-five people (22%) with home and/or contents insurance say they are likely to consider going without insurance if worsening extreme weather keeps pushing up the cost of insurance.

The Insurance Council of Australia last week revealed that extreme weather events in 2025 cost almost \$3.5 billion in insured losses from 264,000 claims.

As of 2023, one in 20 Australian households (5.1%) was under insured, and about one in 30 (3.3%) was uninsured. That equates to more than two million people.

Climate Councillor and economist Nicki Hutley said: "An ever-growing number of Australians are finding themselves caught between an insurance rock and a climate hard place. Families know their homes face greater risk from climate-fuelled disasters, and those same risks are helping drive insurance costs — and insurance itself — out of reach as more Australians struggle to pay their premiums.

"It's a blunt reminder that climate pollution is already costing us - as more disasters anywhere, drive up costs everywhere - and those costs are growing."

Climate Councillor and infrastructure expert Janice Lee said: "Unfortunately, this summer is another reminder that more and more often we're seeing wild and unpredictable weather that burns and floods houses. The costs of these events, driven by climate change, hurt families, impact the value of homes and create additional cost of living pressure. In 2025, Australians paid up to \$700 more for home and contents insurance premiums than in 2024."

"Reducing climate pollution is critical to Australia's economic security. Either we invest early to avoid climate change tipping points, or we pay for constant repair and adaptation, with ordinary Australians footing the bill."

## Polling Key Findings:

- 54% of people with home and/or contents insurance are worried that extreme weather will make their home insurance unaffordable or unavailable where they live;
- 46% of Australians with home and/or contents insurance report that extreme weather increased their premiums;
- 65% of home owners without insurance identify cost as the key barrier, alongside 53% of renters; and
- One-in-five people (22%) with home and/or contents insurance today are likely to consider going without insurance if extreme weather and insurance premiums continue to rise.

# Friends of the Barwon

Jane Bartier, Chair FOTB

The Barwon system comprises two basins or catchments and includes the Yarrowee /Leigh and Moorabool rivers, and several hundred kilometres of minor tributaries. It closely approximates the G21 region boundary.

A healthy, flowing and life sustaining Barwon River system is both our goal and our obligation to the generations to come.

Our group's purpose is to be an independent knowledge-based community leader and educator for the protection and improvement of the ecosystem of the Barwon catchment.

Friends of the Barwon works on the lands, waters and seas of the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation and the Gulidjan and Gadubanud people of the Maar Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders, past and present.

Friends of the Barwon met in December 2025 for our Annual General Meeting. Guest speaker, Justin O'Connor, an aquatic biologist who leads the Aquatic Connectivity Program at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research. spoke about:

- fish in the Barwon system,
- the need to improve fish passage at weirs and barriers,
- previous work on the lower Barwon barrage fishway, and
- the work he is involved in with enhancing fish passage at Buckley's Falls.

Justin has extensive experience as a freshwater fish scientist, with his work on understanding how native fish respond to human-induced pressures such as reduced connectivity, altered flow regimes, exploitation and habitat degradation. Justin collaborates closely with CMAs, land managers, community groups and research organisations to ensure catchment restoration programs are designed and implemented in ways that support the long-term sustainability and recovery of native fish populations.

I look forward to this year in which Friends of the Barwon can continue to bring a strong voice into the many complex discussions on achieving a healthy Barwon river system, amidst the myriad demands this living entity faces.

## Ramsar Week 2-6 February

Ramsar Week raises awareness of the importance and value of Ramsar listed wetlands which hold international significance for migratory birds and provide habitat for many threatened species. The Corangamite CMA region covers 13,340 square kilometres of south-western Victoria; two Ramsar-listed wetland systems are within the region. The Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula site covers approximately 22,694 ha near Geelong, and the Western District Lakes site covers approximately 32,898 ha around Camperdown.

## Donate through the Container Deposit Scheme

FOTB has signed up to accept donations via Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme. Donate your refund at any of Reverse Vending Machines, including 10 Willis Street Winchelsea. Download the free CDS Vic West App to your phone and set it up so that your recycling refunds are directly transferred to FOTB.

## Become a member!

For just \$20 a year (for a single subscription), you can be kept up to date with what's happening with our rivers and water resources, both in our region and beyond!

[friendsofthebarwon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthebarwon@gmail.com)



### WANTED: UKULELES

Winch House is looking for unwanted ukuleles to support a coming course "Intro to Ukulele". If you have an unloved Uke at home and wish to donate it, pls drop off at Winch House or ph 0408502611 to arrange collection.

### THE OP SHOP

The Op Shot cannot accept donations of these articles at the moment.' DVDs, CDs, books, hiking bags, backpacks, duffle bags, suitcases, and cases.

### WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

#### JUNIOR COACHING

Mon 3.30pm

with experienced Nicole Mullen \$10

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

The Tennis Club runs Pickleball every Wednesday 7pm at the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre! \$5 All equipment supplied Wear suitable footwear Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB

Large bags of pine cones for fire pits \$5  
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

### BED FOR SALE

Girls king single bed and new mattress. White with a heart bed head frame. Hardly been used, great condition \$20. 52672954. Must sell as I need a spare room.

### 1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

We have exciting programs for Joeys, Cubs & Scouts this year. We have a few vacancies at Joey & Cub levels, and plenty of room at Scouts. Group Leader Marie McPadden 0409 330 147

### DIAMOND DOT DAY

Resumes on 7 February Senior Citizens Centre, Winchelsea 10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch More info ph Tracey 0427500649

### UNITING GROVEDALE BOOK SALE

Friday 7 Feb & Saturday 8 Feb 2026, Friday 6 March & Saturday 7 March 2026 272 Torquay Rd, Belmont 10.00am-2.00pm. All books \$1.00, children's books \$0.50! Raises funds for local services

# Winchelsea Star



### This week's Edition

Editor Judy Cameron Designer Susan Corby

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# Watering a Garden

Peter Groves



While I observed a sprinkler watering a concrete path, it reminded me to write this article. I wonder if, while we suffer this relentless heat in recent days, whether we think of how plants in the garden are managing without normal rainfall for months.

There would be little or no transpiration whereby plants take moisture from a root zone to transfer to their leaves. When watering in the garden, and in recognition of this, I often allowed the hose without a sprinkler head, to run on to the base of the plant where soakage goes straight to the root zone. This must surely be an efficient way of ensuring the plant receives water rather than it running on a concrete path.



A good example is in Israel where I understand tomatoes are effectively grown by allowing just enough water to reach the root zone of the plant. Fortunately there are irrigation drippers available which push into plastic bottles and these are available at hardware stores. By filling bottles regularly this allows a measured amount of water to reach each plant.



In Hamilton I had a mulberry tree that every summer lost its fruit due to dry conditions. I arrested this problem by allowing a hose to trickle slowly onto the base of the tree. The result being juicy mulberries for all including the peacocks that roamed the garden.

## Save water and earn a rebate

Barwon Water

Did you know outdoor water use accounts for 50% of the average Australian's household water use in the summer months?

If you're a residential customer and would like to save water around the home and garden, our new WaterSmart Home & Garden Rebate Program can help.

Rebates of up to \$100 are available for Smart Drop Certified water saving products such as pool covers, drip irrigation, smart irrigation controllers, and pressure washers. Rebates are capped at \$300 per property if multiple products are purchased.

### WaterSmart Home and Garden Rebate

The WaterSmart Home & Garden Rebate is designed to support residential customers to save water around the home and garden by purchasing eligible water saving products. The rebate will be offered as a pilot during summer, commencing 1 December 2025 to 31 March 2026.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a WaterSmart Home & Garden Rebate, you must:

- be a Barwon Water customer that lives in a property within Barwon Water's service region that is charged a residential water charge (owner or tenant).
- have purchased an eligible product for the property that corresponds with your Barwon Water account number, on or after 1 December 2025 and prior to applying for the rebate (proof of purchase is required).

### Eligible products

Type	Product	Rebate amount	Rebate per household
Pressure Washer	Any brand	50% up to maximum \$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
Garden Hose	Must be a <b>SMART DROP Certified</b> product	50% up to maximum \$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
Irrigation controllers Wi-Fi	Must be a <b>SMART DROP Certified</b> product	50% up to maximum \$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
Drip irrigation	Any brand	50% up to maximum \$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
Pool Cover/blanket	Must be a <b>SMART DROP Certified</b> product	50% up to maximum \$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
Water efficient showerhead	5-star WELS rated only	\$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household
AquaReturn or other hot water recirculation device	Must be a <b>SMART DROP Certified</b> product	\$100	1 rebate claim per eligible household

To make a claim, <https://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/water-and-waste/saving-water/watersmart-home-and-garden-rebate-pilot/watersmart-home-and-garden-rebate-pilot-program-application-form>

# 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

### SURF COAST SHIRE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

24/11/2025 - 01/05/2026

### CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
(03) 5267 2028

### MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)  
Interactive Music 0-4yrs  
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### 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 MODDAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm (school term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd,  
Marie McPadden 0409330147

### VINYASA YOGA

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



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

### 1ST MODDAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Joeys 5-6pm (School Term)  
Scouts 6:30-8:30pm (School Term)  
Marie McPadden 0409330147

## WEDNESDAY

### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.  
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.  
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
Ray Atkinson 0407839139  
winchmenshed@gmail.com

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm  
36 Harding St, Winchelsea  
Jean Shinners 52672263, 0427672263  
jeanshinners@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

### STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT!

2-4pm Wednesdays  
Winch Community House, Hesse St  
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### KIDS ART & CRAFT SESSIONS

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### MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

Afternoons/evenings Pre-school - teens  
Winch Senior Citizens Club  
www.melsdancecentral.com.au

### CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly  
Senior Citizens, Harding St  
winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com



### SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



### GROWING WINCHELSEA

Winchelsea Railway Station  
Wednesday 25 February,  
6.30pm – 7.30pm.

## THURSDAY

### Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday on the Month

(except November)

Shire Hall  
9am to 1pm



Upcoming Dates:  
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Apr 5 Oct 4  
May 3 Nov 8  
Aug 2 Dec 6

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## What's On

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm event 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)

# February 2026

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

### 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,  
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### MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
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### WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)  
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea  
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### TAI CHI

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### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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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  
Winch Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
5267 2028

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Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm  
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### WINCHELSEA RSL

Winchelsea Men's Shed,  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
David Loone 0488 165 109



### PARKRUN

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

### DIAMOND DOT DAY

Resumes 7 February  
Senior Citizens Centre,  
36 Harding Street Winchelsea  
10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch  
Tracey 0427500649

### WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9-12pm first Sat of month outside IGA.  
Proceeds to IGA Community Chest.

### WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

#### Citizen Scientists Working Bee

First Saturday of the month 9am  
Meet at Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace  
Rod Atone 0428 549318  
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

### WINCHELSEA STAR

#### PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-11am (Last Sat monthly)  
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street  
[www.winchelseastar.org.au](http://www.winchelseastar.org.au)

### WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5  
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St,  
Vee 0467 219 227

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 6pm each week  
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm last Sat monthly, except Nov/Dec  
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea  
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

## SUNDAY



Fun, Interactive music sessions for  
pre-school children (0-4 y.o.) and  
parents/caregivers

**When:** Mondays from 10 to 11 am  
(runs during school terms)

**Where:** St Thomas' Hall  
25 Barwon Tce.

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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

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Father Joseph Panackal  
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241  
Mass @ 6pm Sat. Jan. 17, 24, 31

## St Thomas' Anglican Church

0448 687 588  
Rev Christopher Duff  
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
Service 10am Sundays



## Thought of the Week

"God is always beside you,  
and you'll find when you smile  
your day will be brighter,  
and each of your burdens  
will seem so much lighter—  
for each time you smile  
you will find it is true.  
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# Winchelsea farmers revealed as finalists in The Weekly Times Coles 2025 Farmer of the Year awards

Finalists for The Weekly Times Coles 2025 Farmer of the Year awards have been announced, honouring Australia's best in agriculture across six categories: Beef, Cropping, Dairy, Horticulture, Innovation, and Sheep.

The Weekly Times Coles Farmer of the Year Awards - which have been running for 14 years - recognise Australia's greatest agriculture industry leaders throughout the previous year on three key farming principles: productivity, innovation and sustainability.

This year's finalists are pushing the boundaries of modern farming, transforming efficiency, sustainability and staff satisfaction across the industry, including the multi-generational Candeloro and Ruffo families from Bacchus Marsh, Victoria using groundbreaking AI technology for weed control.

From the finalists, one winner will be chosen in each of the six categories, along with an overall champion to be crowned at an exclusive invitation-only event on Friday, February 13, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Editor of The Weekly Times James Wagstaff said the extraordinary work being done across Australia by farmers made selecting finalists more challenging than ever. "I continue to be blown away by our Australian farmers and how they rise to the challenge of keeping pace with our fast-evolving world, nailing efficiency, using AI and other emerging technologies across all aspects of operations - from data collection to reducing labour-intensive tasks for staff."



## The Weekly Times Coles 2025 Farmer of the Year Finalists

### Beef Farmer of the Year:

Mactaggart family, Balcolmba Grazing, Duaringa QLD  
Grose family, 3D Genetics, Bukkulla NSW  
Barclay family, Mingawalla Ag, Beeac VIC

### Cropping Farmer of the Year:

Ingold family, John Ingold and Co, Dirlnaseer NSW  
Morshead family, Amberley and Co, Yenda NSW  
Thompson family, M&R Agriculture, Minlaton SA

### Dairy Farmer of the Year:

Vagg family, Leongatha South VIC  
Hicks and Jacobs families, Hicks-Jacobs Dairies, Mt Compass  
Ainslie family and Compass Agri, Woodrising Dairies, Cressy Tas

### Innovative Farmer of the Year:

Eather family, Bellevue Pastoral Co., Narrabri NSW  
Bolton family, Oasis Farms, Kununurra WA

**Wilson family, Murdeduke Agriculture, Winchelsea VIC**

### Sheep Farmer of the Year:

Bell family, Bellevista, Kangaroo Island SA  
Baldwin family, Bundilla Poll Merino, Young NSW  
Snodgrass family, Cudgell Creek Partnership, Young NSW

### Horticulture Farmer of the Year:

Candeloro and Ruffy families, Tripod Farmers, Bacchus Marsh  
Vandenberg family, Timmel Ridge Estate, Gol Gol NSW  
Prichard Family, Cudgen Road Farms, Cudgen NSW



## What's On at the MCN Shed?

### Jan-April 2026

#### **Men's Shed**

Every Wednesday and Saturday - 9am-Midday (reopens Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan)  
Kindling and Wood Shavings - for sale

Different activities available - contact Kelvin 0414 484 673

#### **Women's Shed**

Every Friday - 10 am-Midday - Art Class (limited spaces)  
Contact Jeanette 0408 466 122

BYO Craft and Chat 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 7pm  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> - contact Kim 0414 482 893

#### **Sustainability Group**

'Swap and Share' produce, jars, books, almost anything!  
Nothing to swap? No problem - gold coin donations welcome! 😊  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 11am-Midday  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup> - contact Sarah 0407 400 593

#### **Book Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month - 7.30pm  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> - contact Michaela 0418 370 469

#### **MCN monthly meeting**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov)**

7.30pm - Everyone welcome -

Feb (MCN AGM) 25<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - contact Kim 0414 482 893

#### **Other events- more TBC**

Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> MCN AGM - yearly membership renewals due - \$40 -  
a renewal form will be sent to all current members

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Women's Shed 'International Women's Day' 7 pm and art  
show. Cost TBC





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## Ross River virus in Anglesea

Surf Coast Shire

Council monitoring detects Ross River virus in mosquitoes at Anglesea

Surf Coast Shire Council is encouraging people to take special care preventing mosquito bites following detection of Ross River virus in mosquitoes trapped at Anglesea.

The specimens were captured as part of Council's routine trapping and testing program.

Ground-based larvicide treatment of mosquito breeding areas will continue in line with Victorian Department of Health advice.

Ross River virus has also been detected in mosquitoes trapped in Geelong and Gippsland during recent weeks.

People are urged to:

- Remove stagnant water which provides breeding areas for mosquitoes around homes, in places like gutters, bird baths, ponds, old tyres, pot plants, buckets and toys.
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing outdoors.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin on exposed skin.
- Help protect young children. Apply repellent to clothing rather than directly to skin.
- Avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.

People can learn more and find tips on staying safe via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mosquitoes](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mosquitoes)

"Simple precautions can go a long way to help keep us safe from mozzies and the diseases they can carry," Cr Mike Bodsworth said. "We love being outdoors this time of year, particularly during the summer evenings, but please take care and cover up including arms and legs, and use repellent with DEET or Picaridin," he said.

Symptoms of Ross River virus can include fever, joint inflammation and pain, rash, fatigue and muscle aches. People can find more information via [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Council's mosquito monitoring program includes trapping in problem areas, with specimens sent for laboratory analysis which identifies mosquito types and any diseases being carried.

## What to do if you come across a snake in the great outdoors!!

Benny, Snake Catcher Colac

- **Stay Calm:** It's natural to be startled, but panicking can lead to erratic movements that may provoke the snake.
- **Observe from a Distance:** Give the snake space to move away on its own. Sudden movements can make the snake feel threatened.
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** When hiking or in areas where snakes may be present, stay on designated trails, wear appropriate footwear, and be mindful of where you step.



**If Bitten by a Snake:**

immediately call for emergency medical help (000 in Australia) and perform first aid. (Snake Bite Bandage)

Snakes are protected under the wildlife act of 1975 it is illegal to capture, harm or kill snakes.

Do you have an unwanted visitor? Give Benny the Snake Catcher Colac a call 0498-063-229

## Professor Henry Brodaty AO named 2026 Senior Australian of the Year

Dementia Australia

Dementia Australia congratulates its Honorary Medical Advisor Scientia Professor Henry Brodaty AO on being named the 2026 Senior Australian of the Year.

Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said the national honour is a well-deserved recognition of Professor Brodaty's extraordinary lifetime contribution to dementia research, clinical care, advocacy and his unwavering commitment to supporting people living with dementia, their families and carers. "His contributions to the nation's health are immeasurable and certainly deserving of such a prestigious honour."

"Professor Brodaty was the founder and former President of Alzheimer's Australia NSW and President of Alzheimer's Australia, which is now Dementia Australia," Professor Buchanan said. "He founded the Dementia Australia Research Foundation and chaired its Board from 1995 to 2016. He has also provided global leadership as a co-founder of Alzheimer's Disease International where he continues as honorary vice-president."

"We are deeply grateful for Henry's enduring commitment to dementia care and research and congratulate him on this greatly deserved recognition."

If this story has prompted any questions or concerns, please call the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500 (24 hours a day, seven days a week) or visit [dementia.org.au](http://dementia.org.au)!

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# Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

## 28/1/25 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford 18 Players.

1st - Blair Cartwright (13) 44 points  
 2nd - Evan Partridge (21) 41 points  
 BDL - Stephen Harvey (16) 40 points  
 BDL - Andrew MacDonald (27) 39 points  
 BDL - Greg Rigby (24) 37 points  
 NTP (6th/15th) - Max Bubb

## 28/1/25 - Mid Week Ladies Results Stableford NTP 2nd hole

Winner: Lesley Mathison 40 pts  
 R/Up: Carol Stanesby 38 Pts CB Sue Cuthbert  
 NTP: Sue Cuthbert



Saturday Winners Di Bartel and Dennis Chappell

## Saturday 31/1/26 The Opening of the Greens

Mixed Pinehurst & Men's Stableford 9 Mixed Pairs and 9 Stableford players

### Pinehurst:

1st - Di Bartel/Dennis Chappell 82 - 14.63 - 67.27  
 2nd - Tara Steward/Cam Parke 78 - 9.38 - 68.62

### Stableford:

1st - Leigh Howard (15) 36 points C/B  
 2nd - Tom Shaw (16) 36 points C/B  
 BDL - Wayne Lawes (17) 34 points  
 NTP (2nd/11th) - Max Bubb  
 Golden Hole (17th) - Wayne Lawes

### COMING UP:

Wednesday 4th February - Weekly Stableford  
 Next Saturday 7th February - Working Bee (Alan Read Memorial ARM) followed by a round of Stableford. Course will be closed until 12.30pm for the working bee. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### VALE: Dennis Waterfall

A much loved and respected member of the club. Dennis was our Vets representative and always very active in the club. Most often seen cooking the BBQ, organising afternoon tea and raffles and dishing out a serve of lip from behind the bar. Dennis and his humour will be missed around the clubhouse.

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# Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen

## Saturday Superstars – Round 11 A Fresh Start to 2026!



Winchelsea TC kicked off 2026 with plenty of promise, with both teams showing fight and setting clear goals for the season ahead

### SECTION 7 MIXED

Away at Newcomb TC against 2nd-placed Wandana Heights White - a possible grand final preview? Jo and Kurt opened strongly with a 6-3 win, while Adri and Scott fell 1-6.

Jo and Adri dominated the ladies doubles 6-0, but the men went down 2-6.

Jo and Scott couldn't finish strong (1-6), before Adri and Kurt closed well with a 6-3 win.

### Result: 3 sets all, 22-24 games

MVP: Kurt - edging out Jo and Adri on games won. Season Goal: Win the grand final. This team has shown they can beat anyone and will bounce back 100%.

After a narrow 5-7 loss in the ladies doubles, Matt and Fletch responded with a 6-3 win.

Fletch and Emily sealed the win 6-3, despite Matt and Lesley going down 3-6.

### Result: 4-2 sets, 34-30 games

MVP: Fletcher - unbeaten on the day, leading with consistency and determination.

Season Goals: Snag 1-2 more wins and avoid the bottom spot - a well-earned finish for a team that's battled hard all season.



### SECTION 1 MIXED

At home, Section 1 claimed their second win of the season - a big step forward.

Matt and Emily started with a tight 7-6 tiebreak win, followed by Fletch and Lesley taking another close one 7-5.



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# Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson



Bowls Shield Winners

Paul Sorensen, Kevin McDonald, Lawrie Davie, Caroline Wojtowicz  
 Ross Erwin, Pip Ward, Roxy Ryder, Angela Littler, Marcia Brandenburg, Geoff Orchard,  
 David Littler, Ian Holmes.

Well, what a couple of unusual weeks we have had to draw the season to a conclusion. Cancellation of games, unbearable heat for practice and Club events. Hopefully we can get to the Finals without injuries and a bit more consistent practice.

Congratulations to both Pip Ward and Rhys Jeffs who performed very creditably at the Champion of Champions. Pip was narrowly defeated by the eventual Ladies winner Hayley Murnane, and Rhys was Runner Up by one shot to Leigh McIlvenny.

## MIDWEEK PENNANT RESULTS

Rd 13 Cancelled

Final round to be played 3 February. Both Divisions 1st position.

## SATURDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Rd 12 Cancelled

Rd 13

**Division 1 A** were def by Camperdown Magpies away winning 2/4 rinks, 88 shots to 92 shots.

**Division 1 B** were def by Colac Central away winning 1/4 rinks, 83 shots to 109 shots.

**Division 4** def Cressy at home winning 2/3 rinks, 88 shots to 37 shots.

All teams except 1B will play finals. 7 February will be the final home and away game.

## AROUND THE GREEN

On Wednesday 28 January 12 Winchelsea players were very happy to win a 4 week competition and the Inverleigh Bowls Club Country Night Challenge Shield.

Great effort all and a big commitment over the weeks of play. Club events are all at different stages of completion and results will all be published together when they eventually are played.

**BAREFOOT BOWLS** commences Friday the 6th of February and will run for 4 consecutive weeks. Once again live music with Brooke, children's activity area, free sausage sizzle, Mexican Cantina and Mr Whippy. There are plenty of bowls at the club and help will be available, hope to see you there.

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# Blues News

## Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's news where there is a lot of activity behind the scenes getting ready for the 2026 season in both Football & Netball. Netball tryouts continue to go really well judging by the turnout on the courts last Saturday morning where it was hot work out there playing – water bottles everywhere! Good work everyone.

The Football pre season is also in full swing – having to pick the training venue appropriately in the summer heat, Senior Coach Ben Moloney is putting subtle changes in practice around the Club. There are meetings of all sorts within the Club, with the League, sponsors and players as well – it's a busy time.

The “off season” is itself a special time of hope & expectations to move forward, become stronger and progress as a Club, both on and off the field.

The Club's Catering Team also works 12 months of the year, February and November in particular are very busy months. The Catering Team are also looking forward to the season opening of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club's BLUE'S BISTRO in early April.

Another important date to be announced shortly is the Club's Season Launch for our special 150th celebration season.

Saturday 27th of June 2026 will be an enormous day for the Winchelsea Blues..... Round 11 will see the Blues host North

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A roster will be in place for Footballers and Netballers, and Catering team to assist.

### **Preparing and operating Canteen duties will include:**

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- Chicken schnitzel burgers

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Congratulations to Donna Loone who completed her 100th parkrun, dressed in Black.

Nine volunteers made the event possible. Thanks to Alex Tigan, Liz Bennett, Maureen Gunson, Dianna Vesey, Ann Jones, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Don Smith, Kate McInnes and Neil McInnes.

We had visitors from Studley Park, Torquay and You Yangs.

Seven people completed their best time for Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to Kirsten Lieshout, Phil Streeter, Alex Tigan, Leandra Kubacki, Hamish Kelly, In Wakeman and Bronwyn Walker.

Full details of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results) or check out our Facebook page for more photos.

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