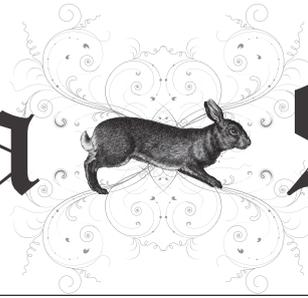


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Winchelsea Christmas entertainment for everyone

Saturday 7 December 2024 gates open at 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start

Come and share in the festivities of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Our Annual Christmas Carols are here, promising a jolly, rollicking fun time for all the family.

There are many performances to enjoy. You will be in stitches as "Nicholas Ridiculous" performs his whimsical slapstick routines and catchy music with his charismatic puppets.

Rob Davies, MC for the night together with the Colac Band will lead the carols sing along while Stewart Mathison and his fellow band members will entertain us with music.

Don't forget our young performers too from Winchelsea Occasional Care, Journey Early Learning Centre, Mainly Music and Mel's Dance Central with music, song and dance.

Winchelsea Lions will provide a sausage sizzle, Smooth Vibes will have smoothies and yummy gluten free options while the CWA ladies will have homemade foods to enjoy.

For those who can't do without their coffee don't worry we will have you covered as well.

So, bring a chair or a blanket and a gold coin donation and join us on the Winchelsea Primary School oval. If the weather turns bad the event will move to the Leisure Time Centre (LTC).

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Winchelsea Lions Club members and partners would like to extend their sincere condolences to Murray's family and friends on his sudden passing.

Murray was a much loved and valued member of the Lions Club since 1992 being involved in all aspects of the club holding many positions from President, Secretary and most recently Tail Twister. His policy of never letting the truth get in the way of a good story had us laughing at many dinners. His refusal to learn anything technical will mean our eftpos machine will always be known as "the electric thing".

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Shop local to share the Surf Coast Spirit this Christmas

Surf Coast Shire

Christmas activities in Torquay and Anglesea will encourage community members to shop local and Share the Surf Coast Spirit this festive season.

Surf Coast Shire Council is joining trader groups to organise festive fun in:

- Gilbert Street, Torquay – Saturday 7 December – 10am to 1pm. Roving Santa, face painting, local buskers, and a gift-wrapping station for a gold coin donation.
- Anglesea town centre – Saturday 14 December – 10am to 1pm. Take in Business Anglesea's Christmas decorations and listen to carollers outside Oaks Bakery Café. There's also a gift-wrapping station for a gold coin donation and face painting.



Santa and Councillor Paul Barker encourage people to Share the Surf Coast Spirit.

The activities are part of Council's Share the Surf Coast Spirit campaign, which is encouraging people to shop local shire-wide this Christmas.

A short video – to be shared with local businesses and promoted on social media – will showcase the variety of gift options available across the coast and hinterland.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Paul Barker said it was an ideal time of year to support local businesses. "Christmas is a special time for many people and early December is a popular time to start thinking about buying gifts," he said.

"Our local businesses are the backbone of our local economies. We know that a strong summer in our peak visitor season can be pivotal for local businesses, but we'd also love to see a wave of local support whenever possible.

People can check out the Share the Surf Coast Spirit video on Surf Coast Shire Council's social media accounts from 1 December.

Council will install Christmas stars in Torquay town centre (Bell St, Gilbert St, The Esplanade) and a Seasons Greetings billboard near Council office, at the entry to Torquay.

Council is also supporting community-run carols events. Check out the Surf Coast Events website for details: surfcoastevents.com.au.

What matters most to you?

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Survey closes 3 February 2025.

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Stay safe from COVID-19 this summer

DHHS

Victorians are being reminded to take steps to protect themselves from COVID-19 this summer, as COVID infections increase.

The latest COVID-19 Surveillance Report shows a significant increase in people in hospital with COVID-19, with a seven-day average of 197 – a 59% increase compared to last month. The number of cases has also increased 44% in the month.

The Chief Health Officer urges people to take steps to protect themselves and those around them. “Simple things can have a big impact: if you’re feeling sick, please stay home,” she said. “If you need to go out, or you’re visiting a higher risk setting like an age care home or a hospital, wear a mask.”

Stay up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations. “Immunity wanes over time so staying up to date with your vaccinations will be your best protection against severe illness.”

Victorian health services are well prepared and well equipped to handle escalations, which often occur at this time of year. The Department, together with health services, will continue to monitor the situation as it progresses.

For more information on how to protect yourself and those around you visit the Better Health Channel.

100 million reasons to travel around regional Victoria

Victorian State Government

Victorians are continuing to reap the benefits from the Victorian Government’s regional fare cap, saving passengers nearly \$100 million since public transport fares were capped at the same price as the daily metro fare.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced more than 37 million trips had been taken on regional trains and coaches since the fare cap commenced.



SHEDTalks



Jessi Rebel and Asha. Photo: Ula Majewski

Making Waves with Creative Women

Join a free panel discussion celebrating creative women in the surf for the Great Ocean Road Women’s Surf Festival.

Facilitated by Ula Majewski, hear from Jessi Rebel, Hannah Trigger, Noelani Le Nevez, and Katey Shearer as they share their creative journeys and how it intersects with their passion for surfing.

When: 1PM Saturday 7 December

Where: Great Ocean Road Womens Surf Festival Marquee - Located in Lorne beach carpark

Bookings: greatoceanroadwomenssurffest.com

Proudly supported by Surf Coast Shire Council and the Australian National Surfing Museum.



ART matters



Planning and Environment Act 1987

SURF COAST PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C138surf

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C138surf to the Surf Coast Planning Scheme.

The Amendment came into operation on the 20 June 2024 when this notice was published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

The Amendment rezones the land at 25 Cressy Road, Winchelsea from Farming Zone to Industrial 1 Zone, applies Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 to the land, and amends the Winchelsea Framework Plan at Clause O2.O4-4. The permit allows subdivision of the land into 24 lots and construction of a fence.

The Minister has granted the following permit under Division 5 of Part 4 of the Act:

Permit No.	Description of Land
PG21/0085	25 Cressy Road, Winchelsea (Crown Allotments 1–9 Section 72 Parish of Mirnee)

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Transport and Planning website at planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting **1800 789 386** to arrange a time to view the Amendment and permit documentation. A copy of the Amendment and permit can also be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of the Surf Coast Shire Council, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay or on the Council website at surfcoast.vic.gov.au.



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Winchelsea Star Coffee Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025

Everyone is invited to come along to a monthly meeting - with coffee of course - on the last Saturday of each month.

Your comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events are welcome - or simply to say Hi!

Next Winchelsea Star Production Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025 9 - 10am

@ Sweet Thyme, Winchelsea

This Week's Star

Editor - Yvonne Stevens

Designer - Susan Corby



2024 Conference Community Newspaper Association Victoria

A month has gone by already after the annual October CNAV Conference in Bendigo. It was good to get together with many of our members, new and old.

The awards presentation was interesting, some made in person by the judges, while other judges sent video presentations. It was pleasing to hear the constructive comments from the judges.

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Thought for the Week

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John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
Lay Preacher

Adopt a Surfcoaster this Christmas

+Bringing Joy to Families in the Surf Coast Shire Spread Christmas Cheer - Help a Family in Need

How You Can Help

We're calling on our amazing Surf Coast community to make this Christmas unforgettable. Donations of gifts or essential items can bring smiles to the faces of local children.

Gift Suggestions
We welcome gifts for children aged newborn to 18 years. Consider donating:

- Toys & Games: Board games, Lego, beach toys, balls, puzzles
- Gift Vouchers (Mecca, Rebel, JB Hi-Fi, Bounce, Live Wire Park)
- Books (all ages)
- Art Supplies: Craft kits, drawing sets
- Beach Gear: Towels, hats, sunglasses
- Personal Care: Perfume, cologne, skincare packs, deodorant sets
- Chocolates/Stockings
- Fashion: Backpacks, water bottles, socks, jewellery, make-up packs
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Hesse Rural Health's Food Security Project – Auspice by Winchelsea Community House Report 2023/24

WINCH HOUSE



Sue Ryan

- \$10,000 funding received from the Give Where You Live Foundation for use over the 2023-24 year. Majority covered the cost of the Food Security Officer working 8 hours a fortnight for funded period.
- The Food Security Coordinator was Hesse Rural Health's Health Promotion Officer – Hannah Walker



This was a new and subsequently slow process to begin with.

- The Food Security Officer assembled a group of 8-10 community members who met 5 times over 6 months.
- This group was known as the Food Access Action Group and comprised a selection of community members who were well connected, had experience working within the food relief sector or had lived experience of food insecurity or were passionate about seeing the project come to life.
- Across the 5 months, the group was presented with a literature review (written by the Food Security Officer) that packaged the various food relief models and their pros and cons. Using this information the group voted anonymously for their preferred model.
- Once the model was selected – a foodbank – the group worked to design everything from the logo, operational hours and days, the location of the foodbank, eligibility criteria and operational processes
- It was initially hoped the foodbank would open early in 2024, however for a multitude of reasons the foodbank did not open until June 2024.
- Reasons for the delayed opening included:
 - Logistics of finding and moving into a venue
 - Establishing an account with Foodbank Victoria – this is a selection process and was slower than usual due to staff turnover at Foodbank Victoria.
 - Recruiting, conducting the relevant checks and onboarding volunteers.
- More than 20 volunteers have now been onboarded with 15 current volunteers.
- The foodbank has been opening weekly on Fridays between 12-2 and is seeing an average of 40 consumers per week, with a current maximum of 53 consumers through the door.
- When considering the number of people per household, the Winchelsea Community Foodbank is feeding an average of 97 per week. This equates to around 400kg of food and household necessities being distributed each week.
- We are proud that wastage is minimised through:
 - Transporting leftover fresh fruit and veg and bread to the Honest and Free stand on Barwon Terrace
 - Any subpar produce is either moved to the Winchelsea Men's Shed compost or collected by eager community members for their animals
- As we are now in our second year we are excited by being able to continue operating with the success of some additional grants for 2024/2025. These include \$20,000 from the Give Where You Live Foundation and \$25,000 from the Geelong Community Foundation.
- These funds will ensure the continued employment of a Food Security Officer who will be responsible for the ongoing management and growth of the Winchelsea Community Foodbank.
- It is envisioned that the Food Security Officer will support the Foodbank to provide skill and capacity building programs. These programs will teach and empower consumers to grow, prepare and cook their own nutritious food.

Hannah has resigned from Hesse and subsequently the Food Security Officer has been advertised and been successfully appointed. The incoming Food Security Officer will work 2 days a week until June 30th 2025.

Hesse's volunteer coordinator had resigned, and Hannah was initially waiting for this position to be filled. As it became apparent that the position was not going to be filled quickly, Hannah had to navigate the process of onboarding and registering volunteers.



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Down to business

Councillor Tony Phelps (Winchelsea Ward)

The two-week induction is over, with all Councillors finding out a (lot!) more about how local government works from the inside, how Surf Coast Shire is structured and likes to do things, an overview of major/significant activities and projects under way, and a road map of what we Councillors will be getting stuck into over the next 6-9 months.

Our high-priority items are;

- **the 2025-2026 Budget**, for which preparations begin now with a view to having it all done by June 2025 – including opportunities for stakeholders (ie. probably you!) to review and provide input. Be sure to take these opportunities, because this is likely to affect community life around you in some form or another.
- **the 2025-2029 4 Year Council Plan**, which is also getting under way now with a series of Shire pop-ups in various towns aiming to gather ideas, suggestions, thoughts, directions and priorities. Shire staff will be at these pop-ups, and usually a Councillor or two as well. For Winchelsea, the December Community Market had a stall, with another pop-up at Cafe La Hoot on Monday 9th December, 10am-12pm. Please come and see us!

All Councillors have now been assigned to various committees and organisations to continue important relationships both

within the Shire and more broadly to other Councils, levels of Government and related organisations such as through G21. While wards aren't particularly relevant, the Winchelsea Ward Councillors are allocated as follows;

- Cr Adrian Schonfelder, a 6th-generation resident, is on the Geelong Heritage Centre Collection Advisory Committee and sub for G21 Sustainability Pillar
- Cr Joel Grist is on Audit & Risk Committee and sub for G21 Health and Wellbeing Pillar
- I'll be representing Council on the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee, which is all about evidence, ideas and community input on how Council can best create an age friendly Surf Coast Shire – where older people are valued, supported, and empowered to live well. You could say I'm a specialist as I'm the oldest Councillor! I'm additionally sub for the Municipal Association of Victoria, the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria.

So the next 2 weeks see us getting into action and laying the groundwork to democratically decide on the priorities we collectively wish to pursue on behalf of the Surf Coast Shire stakeholders. In other words, more meetings and discussions to come!!

Council meetings to be held across the Shire in 2025

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has released its Council meeting schedule for 2025, with meetings to be held in all wards of the shire.

The first Council meeting of the year will take place in February with monthly meetings to again be held on Tuesday nights.

The majority of meetings will be held in Council's Torquay offices, with the March meeting to take place in the Otway Range Ward and the August meeting in the Winchelsea Ward.

Otway Range Ward Cr Leon Walker said he was happy to see a meeting being held in both the Otway Range and Winchelsea Wards.

"This is part of making Council and our decision making processes more accessible to people across the shire. Watching these meetings is a great way for residents to see shire issues communicated and resolved whilst understanding the reasoning behind strategic decisions."

"The community is welcome to attend any of our Council meetings either in person or online. They will all be livestreamed with live captions, plus you can watch the recording later," he said.



- Tuesday 25 February 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.
- Tuesday 25 March 2025 6:00pm - offsite meeting – Otway Range Ward*.
- Tuesday 29 April 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 27 May 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 24 June 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 22 July 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- **Tuesday 26 August 2025 6:00pm - offsite Meeting – Winchelsea Ward*.**
- Tuesday 23 Sept 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 28 Oct 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 25 Nov 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.
- Tuesday 9 Dec 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

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International Day of People with Disability – celebrating achievements, striving for inclusion

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council activities celebrating International Day of People with Disability will include an art exhibition, fun inclusive storytime for kids, and sharing of insights from people with lived experience of disability.

IDPWD, on 3 December increases public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrates their achievements and contributions.

The 2024 theme is 'amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future'.

Councillor Leon Walker said Council's activities would help educate and inspire community members. "International Day of People with Disability provides us with an important time to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people living with disability and increase understanding and acceptance," Cr Walker said. "But it also reminds us that we should be striving year-round to improve access and inclusion, helping to ensure that everyone can take part in our community and get the services they need, no matter their abilities."

About Surf Coast Shire Council 2024 IDPWD activities:

Lynda Dingley 'Harmonious Storm' art exhibition

Anglesea Art Space, 21 Nov to 8 Dec, open 11am-4pm Thursday to Sunday. Opening event Sat 30 November 3.30pm. Award-winning artist Lynda Dingley works in acrylics on canvas, watercolours and inks on paper. Her work blends Indigenous art and realistic painting, featuring memories and dream-like themes.

She says the title of her latest exhibition Harmonious Storm expresses something of two major influences which add expression to her work – her First Nations heritage and relationship with the land, and perspective shaped by 15 years living in a wheelchair. "Just as the land transforms through cycles of erosion, growth and reshaping, life in a wheelchair brings its own adaptive journey," Lynda says.

"Navigating the world in a wheelchair involves adapting to different terrains and embracing resilience. Both the land and the journey in a wheelchair share a story of constant change and strength, finding harmony amid the storm." Lynda says art has helped give her a voice and a means of expressing herself in a world which too often overlooks people living with disability.

Inclusive storytime for children at Torquay Library

In association with Geelong Regional Libraries, Thursday 5 December, 10.30am-11am. The engaging and fun inclusive storytime will feature library staff leading songs, supported by an Auslan interpreter, and disability advocate and author Renee D'Offay signing a storybook in Auslan,

Renee became profoundly deaf at 19 after having contracted meningococcal meningitis. Two decades on she is a mum,



Artist Lynda Dingley

Auslan educator, teacher of the Deaf and a passionate disability advocate. She says inclusive storytimes with positive representations of, and interactions with, people with disability can help children understand the challenges others might be dealing with – that everybody is different and can have different needs.

Insights from people with lived experience of disability

During the first week of December Council will share a series of social media posts featuring artist Lynda Dingley and Council All Abilities Advisory Committee members Timothy Harte, Cheryl Middleton and Penny Cilento.

Each will reflect on their inspirations, and share messages about improving inclusion in our community.

The All Abilities Advisory Committee (AAAC) comprises community members, Cr Leon Walker and Council officers and advises Council on ways to improve access and inclusion for people with disability.

The committee meets six times a year and is seeking expressions of interest from new members with experience living with disability or as a carer for someone living with disability.

People can visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Access-for-all to:

- Find more information about Council's IDPWD activities and register for the library storytime session
- Learn more about the AAAC and make an expression of interest for membership.
- Register to receive Council's regular access and inclusion newsletter.



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Winchelsea's beekeeping engineer

Michelle Day

My name is Michelle and I reside at Winchelsea with my husband Justin.

I don't believe I am being biased; I think Justin is a very interesting person. He works as a Mechanical Engineer for Bosch at the Australian Automotive Research Centre in Wensleydale.

In his spare time, Justin is busy enjoying his hobby as a self-taught beekeeper (please see photos). Justin is a passionate educator who has introduced many people to beekeeping and whom he continues to mentor.

Justin is also passionate about raising awareness of the impending threat of the varroa mite and non-chemical control methods.

During Spring Justin is busy removing swarms from farming and residential properties, which he rehomes and registers for honey production.

Justin also utilises his hives to work alongside farmers and orchardists to improve local crop production. Beyond Spring, Justin inspects his hives routinely & extracts honey when the climatic conditions are favourable.

Being an engineer, Justin is always looking for ways to improve hive design to best support the health of the bees.

Justin has recently applied his problem solving skills to a Warré hive of which the design principals are aligned to naturally occurring hives. To top it all off, Justin doesn't mind fitting in a surf when he can.



Avian influenza control area at Meredith reduced

AgVic

Agriculture Victoria has reduced the size of the control area around Meredith that was put in place for the current H7 avian influenza outbreak.

Two more properties in the Meredith area had their quarantine status lifted on 12 November. Four properties remain under the last stages of quarantine.

From Tuesday 19 November 2024, the Meredith control area has been significantly reduced in the north and east and trimmed in the south to remove all the town of Bannockburn.

Eight properties were confirmed to have a high pathogenicity H7N3 and H7N9 strains of avian influenza earlier this year.

No new avian influenza cases have been detected since 24 June 2024.

If you are a poultry farmer, backyard flock owner or bird owner, report any unexplained bird deaths to the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Hotline on 1800 675 888.

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Watch for heating hay!

Michele Jolliffe, Agriculture Victoria Dairy Extension Officer - Hamilton



Every hay season several hay stacks spontaneously combust across Victoria, in single moist bales or in a stack of any size.

Once the hay has been stacked it's important to regularly monitor it for heating and act quickly.

Unfortunately, even with technological advances in machinery for harvesting conserved fodder, there is still nothing cost effective to help monitor the internal temperatures of haystacks.

So, it's back to some very simple techniques to keep an eye on your hay stacks.

Watch for signs of heating

Keep an eye out for signs that haystack is heating. Steam condensation on the shed roof, mould growth, acrid fumes and hot, humid air at the top of the stack are all good indicators.

When building stacks with suspect wet hay, stack the bales loosely to allow air movement and spread the stack over a wider area, for example, over several bays, thereby reducing heat build-up.

Most heating will occur over the first 1 or 2 weeks but has been known to reach 'flash point' up to 8 weeks after baling. Monitor the stack temperature regularly.

Determine the stack temperature

Stack temperature can be measured using a crowbar inserted as deep as possible into the stack and left for 2 hours. After 2 hours, the crowbar can be removed and felt by hand to give you a rough guide of the internal stack temperatures.

The temperature of the bale is up to about 50°C if you can hold the crowbar without discomfort. It is up to 60°C if the bar can be held for a short time only and up to 70°C if the bar can only be

touched briefly. If you can't hold the bar, temperature is above 70°C and fire is a real possibility. Treat the stack with caution.

In the past it has been suggested to push a small pipe into the stack and lower a small thermometer to the end of the pipe to measure the temperature of warming hay. However, this technique should not be used for severely heating hay as it may oxygenate the inner section of the stack and cause a fire to start.

What can be done if the stack heats to danger levels?

If a stack starts to get 'dangerously hot' pull it apart as quickly as possible.

Be aware that as the bales are pulled out of the stack, especially in a tightly built stack, oxygen will now get access to the hot spot and potentially cause ignition.

Make sure that water is readily available and suitably qualified people able to assist in fire suppression if required.

Safety Warning!

Avoid walking on the stack as the extremely high temperatures may have charred the centre of the stack. Any extra weight on the stack may cause the stack to collapse into the dangerously hot centre and cause serious injury.

If there is the slightest risk of a fire starting due to wet hay, never keep machinery in the hayshed and don't allow children to play in or near heating stacks.

The Country Fire Authority website has good information about hay fire risk. Search 'hay fires' at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/

For more information about dry seasonal conditions and drought support visit agriculture.vic.gov.au or call 136 186.

Thunderstorm Asthma forecast HIGH

Victorian State Government

Victoria's Chief Health Officer advises there is currently a high risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma for the North Central and West and South Gippsland districts.

The combination of forecast high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm with strong winds means that there is a chance that a large number of people may develop asthma symptoms over a short period of time.

Health and emergency services are monitoring the situation closely and are ready to respond.

People with asthma, spring hay fever, and those with undiagnosed asthma are at increased risk and should avoid the wind gusts before and during the storm by going inside and closing your windows and doors and turning off air conditioners that bring in air from the outside (ie evaporative air conditioners).

People with asthma should have their reliever medication with them at all times today and review their asthma action plan.

Those with spring hay fever should learn asthma first aid and have ready access to an asthma reliever at short notice.

If you feel unwell, call 'Nurse on Call' on 1300 60 60 24, visit the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department at www.vved.org.au or see your local doctor if you require medical advice.

Call triple zero (000) immediately if someone is not breathing, if their asthma suddenly becomes worse or is not improving, or if the person is having an asthma attack and a reliever puffer is not available.

For up-to-date information visit the VicEmergency website or download the VicEmergency App.

More information on how to protect yourself and those around you visit the Better Health Channel.

Australia's best Food And Wine Festival is back

Victorian State Government

Melbourne is Australia's culinary capital, and the Allan Labor Government is backing another incredible year of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today unveiled the 2025 program, announcing that the 10-day festival, from 21 to 30 March, will include more than 200 events across Victoria.

The Festival will kick off with the World's Longest Lunch in Melbourne's Kings Domain, where Melbourne-born chef Curtis Stone will create a three-course feast for hundreds of diners, on a row of tables more than 600 metres long.

Twenty international chefs are making their way to Victoria for the 2025 festival, bringing their creative food ideas from around the world with them. The festival is also brimming with Victorian and Australian chefs who will tantalize and entertain food lovers of all ages.

The reimagined World's Longest Brunch, led by author Julia Busuttill Nishimura, will give diners the chance to choose from delicacies at three stops around the Royal Botanic Gardens – including lemon mascarpone tarts at Tecoma Pavilion, chive pancakes at Taxodium Lawn and roasted apricots with labne at The Alto on Dog Flat.

Fed Square will host the Baker's Dozen, which brings Melbourne's top bakers together for a two-day celebration of cakes and pastries.

The Melbourne Food & Wine Festival provides a major boost to the state's tourism and hospitality sector, and is just one of many major blockbuster events across Victoria including the Australian Open, the Formula 1 Grand Prix and the Yayo Kusama Exhibition at the NGV – all contributing to Victoria's \$39.2 billion visitor economy.

Program information is available at mfwf.com.au.

A better life for retirement village residents

Victorian State Government

The Government is delivering stronger protections for retirement village residents. The Minister for Consumer Affairs has introduced the Retirement Villages Amendment Bill into Parliament to deliver reforms to help current and future residents make informed choices about entering, living in, and leaving a village of their choice.

Consumer Affairs Victoria will have stronger powers to regulate retirement villages, including requiring operators to provide information and more enforcement options.

Retirement village contracts will be standardised and clearer about entry and exit processes. There will be stronger controls on how exit fees are calculated and a requirement for annual contract checks so residents understand their obligations.

For all new contracts, entitlements will need to be paid within 12 months of leaving. Operators and residents will equally divide any gains and losses when a unit is sold, ensuring residents do not bear a higher proportion of loss.

The Bill will also require villages to prepare emergency management plans and undertake annual evacuation exercises.

Dispute resolution processes will be strengthened and a new dispute resolution service set up in the Department of Government Services. This will help resolve less complex disputes between operators and residents, or between residents.

More serious disputes, particularly around termination of contracts, and disputes over significant financial matters can be referred to VCAT.

The Commissioner for Residential Tenancies's role will be expanded to support research, advocacy and advice to government on the retirement villages sector.

In 2025, a mandatory Retirement Villages Code of Practice will be developed in consultation with the community and retirement village sector. The Bill has taken into consideration extensive stakeholder feedback from residents, their families, industry and consumer advocates.

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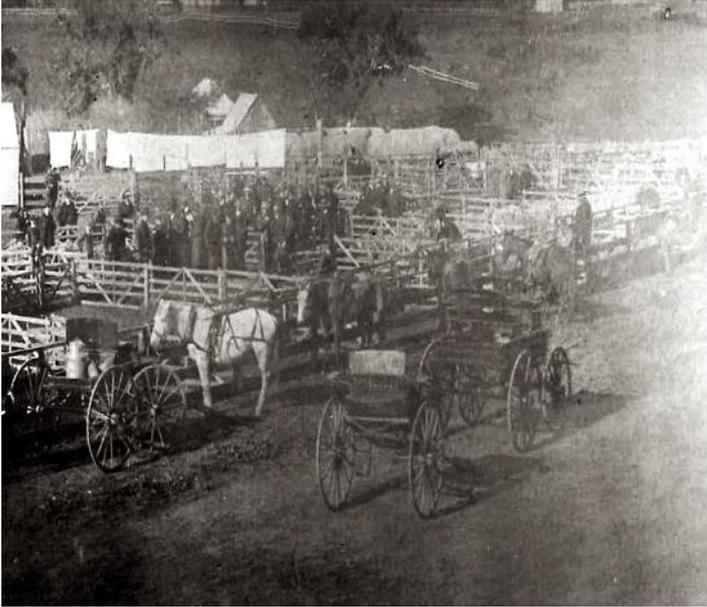
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WINCHELSEA SALEYARDS WINCHELSEA POLICE STATION



Sandra Jones

We have a large collection of artefacts and photos in our collection but very few in some areas - so we are posting this week some photos of the things we know very little about hoping someone out there may be able to help us.

WINCHELSEA SALEYARDS

WINCHELSEA POLICE STATION

We know the first station was in 1864 at Dwyer Street, the second at 53 Main Street and the present one at 15 Hesse Street. The old house and lockup moved to B.Y.V Woolstore, Colac Road 9/9/1986.

We have a book produced by Kevin Bennett of all the police men and women - plus a little detail of some old cases but would like more information please.



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APOLOGY The photo in last week's Star was MOOLERIC, instead of Wormbete.



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Mosquito management program underway

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has started its annual mosquito management program, including treatments using approved environmentally friendly larvicides around townships.

The monitoring involves setting traps around known mosquito breeding sites and sending captured mosquitos to a laboratory. Tests determine species type and if they are carrying diseases.

“Mosquitoes are a natural part of the eco system and it’s not possible to eliminate all mosquitoes. Our program reduces mosquito numbers and their impact on the community” said Damian Waight, General Manager Community Life. “In addition to Council’s program, residents can take steps around the home to control numbers”.

To help reduce mosquitoes around your home:

- Remove stagnant water in gutters, bird baths, ponds, old tyres, pot plants, buckets and toys.
- Ensure openings to rainwater tanks are covered with mesh.
- Put sand around bases of pot plants to absorb excess water.
- Keep roof gutters in good repair and remove leaves and debris so pools of water do not form.
- Make sure your swimming pool, spa and fish pond are well maintained.

To protect yourself and your family:

- Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothing that covers your arms and legs. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colours.
- Use effective mosquito repellents on all exposed areas.
- Ensure windows and doors are fitted with flywire screens.

For more information about the mosquito monitoring program visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mosquitoes.

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Re-registration of New Democrats

Victorian Electoral Commission

New Democrats has been re-registered as a political party under Victorian electoral law.

As required by section 58A of the Electoral Act 2002, the party applied for re-registration on Thursday 24 October.

To be registered, a party must have at least 500 eligible members on the Victorian electoral roll. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) confirmed this by contacting members whose names were provided by New Democrats.

As a registered political party, New Democrats will continue to:

- have the party’s name printed next to its endorsed candidates’ names on state election ballot papers
- be able to nominate all its candidates centrally with the VEC instead of with individual election managers
- be entitled to public funding based on the number of votes it receives at a state election
- be entitled to access enrolment information, not including phone numbers or email addresses, which it can use for permitted purposes.

Getting knives off Victorian streets

Victorian State Government

The Government will get knives off Victorian streets with strengthened laws introduced into Parliament that will give Victoria Police more powers to crackdown on knife crime. The Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024 will allow police to search and seize weapons without a warrant with less notice and for longer periods of time.

This Bill will give police power to make a planned designated area declaration where there is a likelihood that violence involving the use of weapons will occur.

Restrictions requiring police to only exercise powers to search without a warrant for weapons during an event will also be lifted. Instead, the Chief Commissioner will be able to nominate specified times before and after an event where they can exercise search powers within the designated area. This will allow planned event declarations to operate while crowds gather and disperse before and after events.

The minimum time between declaring planned designated areas will also be reduced from 10 days to 12 hours – ensuring criminals can’t evade police searches.

Additionally, the maximum time a designated area can operate will increase from 12 hours to 24 hours.

The Bill will also remove the requirement for notices of planned designated areas to be published in a daily Victorian newspaper, these will now be published on the Victoria Police website.



Friends of the Barwon
invite you to our
Annual General Meeting
2024

Date: Wednesday 4th December
Time: 6 - 8pm
Venue: Jeff Sykes Rowing Centre
(8 Barwon Terrace, South Geelong)

Shaun Cummings, Managing Director of Barwon Water will be our guest speaker for the evening

A light supper and tea/coffee will be served
For catering purposes, please R S V P:

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Friends of the Barwon Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4 December 2024

A reminder that the FOTB Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 4th DECEMBER 2024 from 6-8pm at the Jeff Sykes Rowing Centre, Geelong.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Shaun Cummings, Managing Director, Barwon Water. Shaun's presentation, 'The power of asking why and setting strategically courageous aspirations to meet the challenges of today and the future' will include an overview of:

- the joint project with Viva,
- the energy hub, and oxygen for wastewater production,
- low saline recycled water for industry,
- the Colac Renewable Organics Network and Black Rock in the circular economy,
- Integrated Water Management for Geelong's Northern and Western Growth areas
- First Nations partnership and self-determination.

In accordance with our rules of association, we also hereby call for nominations for the positions of:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

You may also like to consider joining us as a general committee member.

Please email nominations and/or your intention to attend by Friday 29th November to friendsofthebarwon@gmail.com

For catering purposes, if you have any dietary requirements/ please email them through too. We hope to see you there.

Statement from the Minister for Environment Victorian State Government

We want as many Victorians as possible to enjoy the great outdoors. Parks Victoria manages more than four million hectares of parks and reserves which attract more than 100 million visits every year. These assets must meet the needs of Victorians for generations to come.

It's clear that Parks Victoria's current operations need to be improved to meet community expectations. I have therefore ordered a comprehensive review of Parks Victoria, to advise how the organisation can better serve the needs of Victorians and help them enjoy the great outdoors.

The review will focus on Parks Victoria's priorities, the delivery of its objectives under the Parks Victoria Act 2018, the organisation's administration, finances, functions and delivery model – to identify ways the organisation reduce red-tape, improve customer service, and deliver better outcomes for Victorians. The review will be completed by March 2025, and will be overseen by the Victorian Government with the support of Korda Mentha.

As part of this process, Matthew Jackson, the CEO of Parks Victoria, has departed his position by mutual agreement and I wish him well.

Graeme "Gus" Dear has been appointed as Interim CEO of Parks Victoria. Gus brings with him 30 years of experience in public and private sector administration and has served on the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) Board since its inception, most recently as Chair. Gus loves the bush. Ever since he caught his first

redfin at Ringwood Lake as a young boy, he's been "hooked on fishing." His passion for the great outdoors and experience in administration means he is the right person to help Parks Victoria change. His leadership will ensure Parks Victoria continues to provide accessible, enjoyable outdoor experiences while protecting and enhancing the state's natural environment.

Funding boost for wildlife rescue volunteers

Victorian State Government

The Government is boosting funding for Victoria's wildlife rescue volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos opened applications for Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants with up to \$3,000 in funding available as part of a \$300,000 investment to support wildlife rescue volunteers provide native animals in need of rehabilitation.

Wildlife shelter operators and foster carers can apply for funding to cover a range of expenses, including equipment, vet fees, training, feed and medication.

Wildlife shelter operators can apply for up to \$3,000. Foster carers can apply for up to \$2,000.

Applications open on Tuesday 25 November 2024 and close on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

For more information visit on Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants and to submit an application visit wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants/.

ADF announces AGM and election results

Australian Dairy Farmers

Australian Dairy Farmers has held its Annual General Meeting with David Beca, Heath Cook, and Ben Bennett returned to the Board.

Ben Bennett was re-elected President for a period of two years unopposed at a National Council meeting immediately following the AGM.

ADF Chief Executive Officer Stephen Sheridan congratulated the three returning Directors. "David Beca returns once more as an Independent Director and Heath Cook and Ben Bennett as Business Directors," Mr Sheridan said.

"I thank Andrew Aldridge for contesting the Board vacancies at today's AGM, as well as for his time and commitment as a Policy Advisory Group chair and a National Councillor."

"On behalf of ADF, I look forward to a constructive year ahead with some significant priorities already on the cards, including a review of the Dairy Code of Conduct and a Federal Government election."

About Australian Dairy Farmers

Australian Dairy Farmers is the recognised national dairy farmer industry representative body working to improve the productivity and sustainability of dairy farming in Australia. Representing Australia's six dairying states, Australian Dairy Farmers state membership comprises representatives from Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. These state bodies are known as State Dairy Farmer Organisations (SDFO). Australian Dairy Farmers provides the SDFOs with support and representation on a national level.

Skilled workforce recession requires apprenticeships boost

Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is concerned at the 38 per cent decline in apprenticeship commencements in a four-month period across 2024-25 compared to the same period in 2023-24.

The drop in new apprenticeships is most pronounced in carpentry and plumbing. Additionally, there is a drop in commercial cookery, retail, hospitality, hairdressing and engineering fabrication.

One of the key factors in the decline is the reduction to employer incentives. The Victorian Chamber is proposing a two-tiered incentive scheme that includes:

- For small businesses: Incentives of \$15,000 per apprentice, including an initial lump sum of 35% at commencement, 25% at the end, 25% at completion, with progress payments of five% annually in years two to four.
- For medium-sized businesses: Incentives of \$10,000-\$12,000 per apprentice.
- For large businesses: Targeted funding to support apprenticeships, reinforcing the critical role large employers play in mentoring and supporting apprentices.

The Victorian Chamber asserts that a structured and industry-centric apprenticeship system is essential to developing a sustainable and skilled workforce. Restoring and expanding incentives for businesses, especially small and medium enterprises, is the first step toward reversing the current trajectory and positioning Australia's workforce for future demands.

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Over 55s Travel Trends: Maldives Hot, Cook Islands Not

Forward Travel

Aussie Boomers are rewriting travel rules, opting for adventure and cultural immersion over traditional holiday destinations.

According to a new report from Forward Travel, destinations like the Maldives, Bangladesh, Colombia, Congo and Scotland are capturing the imaginations of Australian travellers aged 55+, with some increasing in popularity as much as 257%.

At the same time, once-popular destinations like the Cook Islands, China, USA, Switzerland and Hong Kong are falling out of favour, with declines in interest of up to 97%.

10 Destinations Rising in Popularity Among Australians Over 55

Destination	Rise in popularity (%)
1. Maldives	257%
2. Bangladesh	165%
3. Colombia	145%
4. Congo	145%
5. Scotland	65%
6. Saudi Arabia	65%
7. Kuwait	58%
8. Kosovo	58%
9. Grenada	47%
10. Ethiopia	46%

Source: Australian Government Department of Home Affairs Overseas Arrivals and Departures (2018–19 and 2022–23)

10 Destinations Losing Popularity Among Australians Over 55

Destination	Decline in popularity (%)
1. Cook Islands	97%
2. China	95%
3. Switzerland	91%
4. Czechia	86%
5. Hong Kong	85%
6. Finland	85%
7. Tongo	84%
8. Myanmar	76%
9. Nauru	75%
10. Kenya	74%

Source: Australian Government Department of Home Affairs Overseas Arrivals and Departures (2018–19 and 2022–23)

16 Days of activism, changing the story about gender based violence

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council supports the '16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign', welcoming Dans Bain and her artwork 'The Lost Petition' to Torquay on Monday 2 December 2024.

'16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence' is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls.

The campaign runs annually from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day).

'The Lost Petition' is an ongoing textile artwork listing the women and children who have lost their lives to male violence in Australia from 2008.

Measuring over 30 metres long, and growing, this simple artwork serves as a powerful reminder about gender based violence. The artwork aims to connect communities, spark discussion, and inspire positive action, as real change comes from community led action.

'The Lost Petition' will be unrolled on Polworth Oval, Torquay, and will be filmed. A video will be made about the artwork and will be shared on social media pages. "The Lost Petition sparks conversations

in the community and brings home the reminder that there is still a lot to be done to make sure all women and children are safe in their community," said Mayor, Cr Mike Bodsworth.

"Let's keep the conversations going and make sure we are shining a light on this topic at every opportunity. We need to make sure we create a future where people feel safe, equal and respected," he said.

"Thank you to Dans Bain and the Torquay Community House for bringing this artwork to Torquay during the 16 Days of Activism period."

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Climate Connect End of Year Celebration

Join us at our Climate Connect End of Year Celebration where you can meet our new CEO, Jane Spence, and farewell our outgoing CEO, Dan Cowdell, as we celebrate the close of an incredible year of climate action and community connection.

**5.30 - 7.00pm, Wednesday 11 December
Industrie 26, 26 Pakington Street, Geelong West**

This evening is a chance to reflect on the significant strides our community has made in tackling the climate emergency, and our aspirations for 2025.

There will also be an interactive activity creating a space to exchange ideas and set meaningful resolutions for the year ahead.

Climate Council's Summer Media Briefing

**Thursday 5 December 2024
11 am - 11:45 am**

The Summer Media Briefing will have 30 minutes of presentations with time for questions afterwards.

This briefing will cover:

- The national summer weather outlook
- Emergency preparedness over summer
- How near record warm oceans could make it harder than ever to predict the seasons ahead

Speakers:

- Professor David Karoly, Professor Emeritus at University of Melbourne and former Leader of the Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub in the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program, based in CSIRO
- Greg Mullins AO, AFSM, former Commissioner of Fire and Rescue New South Wales, former President Australasian Fire & Emergency Service Authorities' Council

To attend, simply join this Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83214499806?pwd=b3EwKK9YqtQwSWIZjtLMKVmskzPreS.1>

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Starting a small business with young children has been hard as I can't offer all



the services I'd like to all at once so I've had to learn to be patient and just do what I can.

I work with people from all walks of life but I've spent a lot of my career working with young people. Whether it's teaching little kids Kung Fu or teenagers boxing, I continue to find it to be engaging and rewarding work. This is why I'm so happy to be able to offer my services to people, young and old, in the Winchelsea community!

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Prior to moving to Winchelsea I had been working in disability care for a company based in Shepparton for 7 years I worked across a number of sectors and had

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Winchelsea Bowls Club



Julie Johnson

We have had some terrific weather this season and it has made getting on the green much more enjoyable. However, it turned very wet at the weekend and all games across the region were washed out.

MID WEEK PENNANT RESULTS

Rd 6

Division 1 def Simpson away winning 2/3 rinks, 86/58 shots.
Division 3 def Colac Central away winning 2/3 rinks, 59/53 shots.

Rd 7

Division 1 drew with Colac at home winning 1/3 rinks 71 shots all.

Division 3 were def at home by Colac City winning 1/3 rinks 64/65 shots.

WEEK END PENNANT RESULTS

Rd 7

Division 1 def Colac City at home winning 3/4 rinks, 116/72 shots.

Division 2 def Camperdown Golf away winning all rinks 103/83 shots

Division 4 Unfortunately due to many reasons we were unable to field a team.

Rd 8 All Divisions were washed out.

LADDER POSITIONS

Division 1 First

Division 2 Third

Division 4 Seventh

AROUND THE GREEN

Several players are participating in the Region Trials and hopefully we will once again have some representatives when the teams are selected.

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Liz Bennett completing her PB in 50 minutes and two seconds



Eva Phan completing personal best time in 30 minutes and 36 seconds



Angela Hurren completing her personal best in 32 minutes 59 seconds

With the passing of Murray Aisbett during the week, Trebeck Reserve parkrun has lost a great supporter and volunteer. Until a few weeks ago Murray had volunteered most weeks since our launch and filled most roles. His sense of humor and ability to 'Razz people up (his words)' will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Murray.

34 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve in humid, misty conditions this week. We had visitors from Balyang Sanctuary and a family from Canberra who are doing a trip around Australia, visiting parkruns as they go.

Seven people recorded their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to Angela Hurren, Liz Bennett, Caroline Wojtowicz, Brooke Robins, Eva Phan, Jett Butler and Jane Boreham. Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Don Smith * Kate McInnes * Marlene Gladman, Daryl Gladman and John Caufield * David Woodall * Helen Woodall. Special thanks to John, Marlene and Daryl who were visiting from Balyang Sanctuary

and helped out as Tail Walkers and with Visitors Welcome

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

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

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. This is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide. (awaist harnesses please)

You do not need to be a runner, wear fancy Lycra or the latest high-tech shoes. Around one third of participants walk the course. parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week.

Stay scam-safe this festive season

Victorian State Government

Be aware of online scams in the lead up to the festive season. Boxing Day, New Year, Black Friday and Cyber Monday are massive retail events in Australia, with an estimated \$30 billion spent over the summer of 2023–2024 – and online scammers and cyber criminals can take advantage of more people shopping online.

Scamwatch reports that Australians lost \$7.1 million to online shopping scams in 2023, with \$1.65 million from within Victoria.

A common scam to look out for is notifications about parcel deliveries. Consumers may receive texts, emails or notifications asking them to click on a link, but should always try to validate these requests by going through the courier's official website or app.

While anyone can fall victim to a scam, there are some ways Victorians can protect themselves. Spot a scam by looking out for red flags including:

- a product or service that sounds 'too good to be true'
- a sense of urgency or pressure to act quickly
- an unusual web address or web address that's different to the usual webpage for a seller
- an unusual or specific method of payment, for example, cryptocurrency or gift card payment.

It always pays to be extra cautious by checking the business' website, social media accounts or contacting the business independently to check whether a call or message is genuine.

Service Victoria has launched a new Spot a Scam quiz to help Victorians improve their knowledge of scams. The quiz tests if consumers know how to recognise a scam, and then provides tailored practical advice and information.

Victorians can test their scam knowledge now on the Service Victoria app and website at service.vic.gov.au/spotascam.

Scams can be reported to Consumer Affairs Victoria at consumer.vic.gov.au/contact-us.

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