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New Ultralight tanker for Wurdale CFA



CFA Members
(L-R) Tony Phelps, Brandon Budd,
Stuart Mathison, Wayne Daff,
Captain Rob Wright, Anne Mulvey,
Nikki Thompson (and a couple of
furry CFA supporters)

Wurdale Brigade recently took ownership of a brand-new ultralight tanker. These light tankers are an invaluable aid when fighting bushfires - nimble and light, with the power of 4WD and used to access areas where larger tankers cannot go.



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PICKLEBALL: A GAME FOR ALL AGES

Pickleball, a hybrid of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, is billed as one of the fastest-growing sports globally.

Though it is growing in popularity across all age groups in Australia and many other world regions, the growth is particularly fast in the older adult demographic, because it offers an accessible, low-impact path for promoting physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Pickleball offers substantial health benefits, including improved cardiovascular fitness, agility and coordination, with a relatively low risk of injuries.

The sport requires minimal equipment and is easy to learn, making it a welcoming entry point to physical activity for individuals previously disengaged from physical exercise.



You can play at the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre (next to the Primary School) on Wednesday evenings 7-830pm or Thursday mornings 10-11.30am. All equipment supplied, just wear suitable footwear.

For more information: Lesley Mathison
0438 672 197

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Contact Raymond
0406 371 239

COUNCIL BUDGET PAPERS

There is a hard copy of the
Surf Coast Council budget papers
for the 2024/2025 year
at Winch House.

This copy is available for
anyone to come in and read.

Jill Evans

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parkrun 10

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

Saturday 11 May 2024



Don Smith, Terry Hore, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Amanda Worjand
Murray Aisbett, Amm Morsby, Mick O'Mara, Sam Inglis

Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered for this week's parkrun through Trebeck Reserve.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers:
Don Smith, Terry Hore, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Amanda Worjand
Murray Aisbett, Amm Morsby, Mick O'Mara, Sam Inglis.

A summary of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results. Check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to conduct an 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.

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Celebrate, Reflect, Volunteer: National Volunteer Week 2024 and the Power of Giving Back

Tony Phelps, Winch House Chair

Every year, Australia dedicates a week to celebrating the incredible contributions of volunteers – the backbone of our communities. This year, National Volunteer Week runs from 20-26 May with the theme "Something for Everyone." This theme perfectly captures the essence of volunteering: there's a way for everyone to get involved, regardless of age, skills, or interests.

But National Volunteer Week isn't just about saying thank you (although a heartfelt thank you is definitely deserved!). It's also a chance to reflect on the profound impact volunteering has on both individuals and communities.

The wellbeing boost of volunteering

Volunteering isn't just about helping others; it's also demonstrably good for your own well-being. Studies have shown that volunteering can:

- Reduce stress and anxiety: Helping others creates a sense of purpose and accomplishment, which can counteract the negative effects of stress.
- Combat loneliness and social isolation: Volunteering connects you with like-minded people and fosters a sense of belonging.
- Boost self-esteem and confidence: Learning new skills and seeing the positive impact of your work can do wonders for your self-belief.
- Increase happiness and life satisfaction: Contributing to something larger than yourself creates a sense of fulfillment and overall happiness.
- In essence, volunteering is a win-win. You give your time and skills, and in return, you receive a boost to your physical and mental well-being.

Strengthening our communities, one volunteer at a time

The benefits of volunteering extend far beyond the individual. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities. They fill vital roles in organisations that provide essential services, support vulnerable populations, and enrich our cultural life.

Here are just a few ways volunteers make a difference:

- Delivering essential services: From supporting emergency services to helping run child-care, volunteers ensure that those in need have access to critical assistance.
- Empowering marginalised groups: Volunteers work with at-risk youth, people with disabilities, and the elderly, providing companionship and support.
- Promoting social cohesion: Community events, sporting clubs, and cultural organisations all rely heavily on volunteers to bring people together and foster a sense of shared identity.
- Finding Your Perfect Volunteer Match: Winchelsea Community House



National Volunteer Week is the perfect time to consider how you can contribute your skills and make a difference. If you're looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, look no further than your local community house.

Community houses, like Winchelsea Community House, are hubs of activity, offering a wide range of programs and services. They rely heavily on volunteers to keep things running smoothly. At Winchelsea Community House, you could find yourself:

- Joining the Committee of Governance: Help shape the future of the community house by contributing your ideas and expertise to the board.
- Bringing smiles to faces at the Chatty Cafe: Lend a friendly ear and connect with community members over a cup of tea or coffee.
- Empowering others with digital literacy: Share your digital skills and help bridge the digital divide by assisting people with computers and the internet.
- Offering occasional childcare: Provide a safe and stimulating environment for children while parents attend programs or meetings.

These are just a few examples, and Winchelsea Community House is likely to have many other opportunities that match your interests and availability.

Taking the first step: get involved during National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is a fantastic time to explore the world of volunteering. Here are some ways to get started:

- Contact Winchelsea Community House: Reach out to them directly to learn about their volunteer opportunities. You can find their contact information on their website or social media pages.
- Browse Volunteering Australia's website: This website is a wealth of information on volunteering opportunities across Australia, categorised by cause, location, and skillset.
- Talk to friends and family: Chances are, someone you know already volunteers and can recommend an organisation or program that's a good fit for you.

Remember, even a small amount of time can make a big difference. So, this National Volunteer Week, take a step outside your comfort zone, discover the joy of giving back, and join the incredible community of volunteers who are making Australia a better place.



Winchelsea ~ Star

WHOOPS!

The wrong phone number was used in last week's Star for Dog Stinger Honey products. Craig and Robyn Tucker in Barkly St Winchelsea can be contacted on 0418 525 772. to order their locally produced honey. They can also rehome bees from swarms or established hives

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Lisa Morgan, Project Lead, Get ePrepared

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Thursday 23 May, 11am-12pm AEST
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Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking feedback on the draft 2024-25 budget.



HOW TO VIEW THE DRAFT BUDGET:

- Online at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget
- In-person at Winchelsea Shire Hall: 28 Hesse Street
- Call us on **5261 0600** to arrange a relevant section to be posted to you

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION:

- Online at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget
- Write to Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 350 Torquay VIC 3228

Submissions close Monday 20 May 2024 at 10am.





Richard Riordan MP  RichardRiordan.com.au
State Member for Polwarth

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services
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Does Winchelsea need a new school?

On Thursday May 23 I will be supporting a Winchelsea Primary School Parents meeting at the LTC to discuss the future of

education in Winchelsea. The current Primary School fabric is old and tired and with rapid growth projected in Winchelsea over

the next decade now is the time for the community to be heard on what educational needs the Winchelsea district needs.



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Like Bannockburn 20 years ago, which began a strong campaign for a new site, a new school and increased opportunities, now is the time for the Winchelsea community to have a similar discussion and to help make sure Winchelsea does not miss the boat on education.

It would be hoped that from this meeting renewed pressure can be applied to the Surf Coast Shire and to the Education Department to allocate funding in future budgets, so that comprehensive planning can be undertaken to ascertain the best site for education in the town, and what that level of education needs to be in ten or twenty years time.

If you cannot make the public meeting, but have ideas on what you think Winchelsea needs please feel free to reach out to me
Richard.Riordan@parliament.vic.gov.au

Quotes from Richard Riordan MP
"To make sure Winchelsea has the educational opportunities for young people it needs, now is the time for everyone in Winchelsea to engage in this issue, and I strongly urge as many people as possible to attend."

*Quotes from Megan Morris
Winchelsea School Council President*
"Winchelsea is wonderful town to raise families in."

Our community has a fantastic school that needs financial support and planning to help it cope with the expected growth in Winchelsea in coming years.

I strongly urge our community to support our school and come along to our town meeting."

Contact: Richard Riordan MP
Mobile: 0429891516

National 20-26 MAY 2024
Volunteer
Something for Everyone **Week**

**CELEBRATION
AND THANK YOU**

This year's theme is 'Something for everyone' and we welcome everyone to celebrate volunteering.

TORQUAY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - Thursday 23 May, 10am - 12pm.

Come and enjoy refreshments, and acknowledge the dedicated volunteers in our community. Includes an award ceremony for Surf Coast Shire Local Legends recipients.

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - Friday 24 May, 1pm.

Join us for afternoon tea to say thankyou to the dedicated volunteers of Surf Coast Shire.

Please RSVP to bdixon@surfcoast.vic.gov.au



THE WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE WINCHELSEA SCHOOL



Recently the Education Department knocked back a funding proposal for a major upgrade of the Winchelsea School.

Questions to be answered:

- ✓ Will Winchelsea need a P12 school in the near future?
- ✓ Does the community support a new education plan for Winchelsea?
- ✓ Is the current location the best site for a growing school?

Thursday 23 May at 6pm at the LTC
Gosney Street, Winchelsea.
Present – School Committee, Richard Riordan MP, Surf Coast Shire Representative and Growing Winchelsea



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Yes! YOU can write for the Star

We want the Star to inform, engage, inspire, and interest the residents of Winchelsea and surrounds. And we need your writings to get there.

The Star has no actual reporters or designated writers - we publish what you send us. If you have some news, an opinion, an interest or perspective, or a story - we'd love you to send it in for publication.

The Star loves to hear anything of direct interest to the Winchelsea community. The more local content we can put in, the better!

How much can I write?

You can write just one article. You can start a new column about something you're interested in. You can send us a series of articles on a theme. What would **you** write about?

Your article can spread over 1 or 2 pages (approx 850 words) or you can write longer pieces and split them across multiple editions.

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Winchelsea Kyokushin win gold, silver, and bronze medals at Victorian Titles

Sempai's Michael & Jess Winn

On Sunday 28 April, 14 Winchelsea Kyokushin students all competed in the 2024 Victorian Championships held at the Arena in Geelong. All the students have been training for this event for the past 6 six weeks and it paid off, with us bringing home 4 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze!

Those winners were:

- Richard Lockie (Novice Middleweight)
- Charlie Wilson (Open No Contact)
- Johanna D'Agostino (Novice Super Heavyweight)
- Rune D'Agostino (Junior No Contact)

All 4 are now Victorian Champions, first time in our club's history to have 4 champions!

Tim Reinen was unlucky to not be the champion also, missing out in the final by decision. Tim was lucky enough to be awarded the Most Spirited Fighter, voted by the senior instructors from all over Australia. Another first for our club, congrats Tim!

Aurora Nogueira was another one who finished with silver, just missing out in a close fought final.

Students who got third:

- Summah Wilson (No Contact)
- Sia Lockie (No Contact)
- Izzy Courtney (No Contact)
- Keryn Darling (Open No Contact)

Great effort by all 4 girls, who have no doubt learnt a lot and will improve for the next tournament.

Whilst the following students missed out getting on the podium, they should be proud of their efforts - Jason Nogueira, Raina D'Agostino, Cooper Paterson and Raafay Bhatti all did amazing and represented our club with great spirit and determination.

The team was coached on the day by Sempai Kerry Marriner who made sure each student was warmed up and ready to go. Sempai Michael, Sempai Jess and Sempai Asim got further experience in judging and refereeing.

Congratulations Team Winch!



Letter to the Editor

An open letter to road users around Winchelsea

I am one of the three crossing supervisors at Winchelsea Primary School. We ladies do this job because we care about the safety of children attending the school, and our job is to safely get those children to and from the school.

I would like to bring to road users' attention the following which has been copied from the Victorian Road Rules:

At pedestrian lights

You must give way to any pedestrian on a crossing.

Children's crossing

When travelling towards a children's crossing, you must drive at a speed so that you can stop safely.

- stop if a pedestrian is on or is about to step on the crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor
- not go until the pedestrian has left the crossing

Please understand that when we are on the road, we have pedestrians (generally children) crossing, it doesn't matter where on the crossing we are, as a driver, you should not be entering the crossing at any point.

The "green light" is active for less than 20 seconds, surely you can wait that long and not toot horns, drive towards us, or try to sneak through behind us or verbally abuse us, whilst we do our job?

Thanks for being aware of the children in our community!

Regards

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The business met the needs of the growing settlement and soon employed up to 20 tradesmen and had 5 forges working.

Henry was an engine enthusiast and in 1919 began importing Dodge motor cars.

He owned the second motor car in Winchelsea, which he also used as the town's taxi.

He also built the town's first fire engine. During the War, when petrol was short, he changed to making and fitting gas converters.

Harry Schroeter, Henry's grandson, worked on cars owned by long established Winchelsea families. He joined his father John in the business in 1972.

His father and uncle Lance had taken it over in 1946 on the death of Henry when it became SCHROETER Bros.



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uca.winchelsea@gmail.com
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Thought for the Week

"You may struggle with what to do in response to suffering. If there's any positive action you can take, find the courage and the way and do it. If there's nothing you can do externally, concentrate on your inner response. Pray for consolation and hope; be open to the mysteries of your hearts."

John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
Lay Preacher

Seniors Moments

Winchelsea Senior Citizens

Come along and join in the fun
at your local Senior Citz!



Jean Shinnars, Jenny Sydenham,
Lynne Davis



Eric Lewis, Les Hunter,
Barry Sydenham, Ken Beer



Colin Williams, Ross Erwin



Phil Ives, Yvonne Davidson,
Margie Shephard, Dave Schroeter

Elaine Atkinson

Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre is open to people 55 years and older so give us a go. It only costs \$5 pa.

There is an active carpet bowls competition held twice weekly. This Friday Margie, Ross and Phil won.

Cards are played - anything from Euchre to 500 to Skipbo.

The options are endless. This Friday Eric and Barry together with Elaine and Jenny won at Euchre.

A beginners Bridge class is held Tuesday mornings 10.00 - 12 pm. Bring your own lunch and stay for a social game of Bridge from 1 00 - 3.00pm, followed by afternoon tea.

A craft group is held every Monday from 1.00 - 3.00 pm - bring along your craft.

Regular trips are organised and plans are underway for a train trip to Warrnambool soon.

We are always keen to add to the program - so if you have an interest let us know and we will try to incorporate. Who knows Canasta, Scrabble, Cribbage, movies or Armchair travel might - anything is possible it only needs sufficient interest.

A monthly luncheon is generally held and there is a raffle each Wednesday and Friday run during Afternoon Tea. This week Lynne won the raffle.

Growing Winchelsea Update



On Tuesday 9 April 2024 over 60 community members attended the first community meeting for 2024 where Daryl Pelchen, Co-Founder of CORA spoke about the planned development at Modewarre which aims to become a global destination.

"This region is Australia's place of amazing combinations where the hero is the land and we regularly experience four seasons in one day," said Daryl Pelchen when describing what makes our area unique.

"The tennis academy with 33 courts will be first development. Whilst I understand change always causes apprehension, change brings opportunities. Simple things like a change to a bus route to accommodate visitors to CORA will have a positive influence on business. We will see growth in hospitality, tourism and information technology to name a few as CORA develops," says Daryl.

The investment in planning delivers quality places that grow wealth and jobs and strengthen local communities. It enables economic growth to be achieved alongside environmental goals and community aspirations. Infrastructure enables trade, powers businesses, connects workers to their jobs, and creates opportunities for communities. Daryl spoke with passion about the level of rigour that has been applied to planning for CORA when questions were raised from the floor.

John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea then outlined the economic and social benefits of some of the committees that come under the Growing Winchelsea umbrella.

"Movies communicate concepts, ideas and stories. So the Winchelsea Movie Club allows us to experience life through different eyes - gaining new perspectives, inspiration and understanding. Our Community market stimulates the local economy and supports budding entrepreneurs by encouraging consumer spending within the community.

Our train station is a key public space and vital to many people enabling them to engage in work and social commitments. Already we have seen the addition of a mural and the Stationeers Program committee will make a difference to the environment by caring for the land in and around our local railway station.

Trees promote health and well-being by reducing air pollution, encouraging physical activity, enhancing mental health, promoting social ties, and strengthening the economy. The Winchelsea Arboretum Trail (WAT) offers a safe, affordable and enjoyable activity for all ages. With tourism playing a more significant role, our visitors will see interesting, challenging, authentic and unique experiences thanks to the work of the WAT subcommittee," said John.

By highlighting the work of Growing Winchelsea and its relevance to a healthy and vibrant Winchelsea John put out a call for assistance with a flyer calling for help. It identified those initiatives where volunteer support is needed. "Even sparing an hour or two to our Community Market will make a difference.

"As our population continues to grow is it important we continue to support initiatives that strengthen our community - those activities that support cultural, economic, social, environmental development while advocating for and working in partnership with Surf Coast Shire for our future planning and infrastructure needs. Please consider how you can invest some time in an already busy life to make a difference.



Growing Winchelsea Committee members
L-R Elaine Atkinson, Michelle Stocks, Graham Kenafacke, John Tebbutt, Louise Hall, Lesley Christie, Jane Bartier, Cinthya Sabillion. Absent Aleisha Littler, Mitch Parsons



John Tebbutt, President Growing Winchelsea
with Daryl Pelchen CORA co-founder



Daryl Pelchen and audience

To offer assistance please contact our secretary Elaine Atkinson either by email at secretary@growingwinchelsea.com or telephoning her on 0458009616," concluded John.

The next Community meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at the Shire Hall with Mayor Liz Pattison, fellow councillors and Shire staff present.

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RESULTS

WOMEN: WEDNESDAY MAY 8

Stableford Jess Budge Trophy

Robyn Vesev (22) 37 pts

Elizabeth Alston (22) 34 pts cb T. Steward (23)

NTP: 2nd/11th - Di Bartel

The Jess Budge Trophy is played in memory of Jess and is a stableford pairs competition. It is run throughout the year and at this stage the leaders are Robyn Vesev and Elizabeth Alston with a combined stableford score of 71 points.

MEN : SATURDAY MAY 4 PAR

Neil Hickman (12) +3

Matt Beauchamp (16) +2

NTP: 6th/15th - Mark Bell

Golden Hole: 11th - Max Bubb

MEN MIDWEEK COMP: STABLEFORD

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NTP: 2nd/11th - Stephen Cole

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The Climate Report

Will the planet turn to the sun in time?

Judy Cameron

Bill McKibben, author, educator, environmentalist, May 8, 2024: I'm writing this in the USA as I sit in a 'listening session' hearing arguments about how a giant utility should power the region for the next few decades. But I could be almost any place on the planet and the argument would be pretty much the same: do we use gas to replace coal for producing electricity, or do we go straight to sun, wind, and batteries? It's the argument that will decide how much our earth overheats.

It's cheap, it's clean, people like it—but it is deeply dangerous for the fossil fuel industry and their friends worldwide, who are desperately trying to get gas locked in for another few decades. The industry knows that every quarter it gets harder to make the case that overseas utilities should build the power plants that use the fuel, when they could just put up panels and batteries instead.

That's the situation the fossil fuel industry finds itself in right now. Here in this auditorium, utility lobbyists are insisting that you can only run a modern economy on fossil fuels. But California, this spring, has been running the world's fifth largest economy on windpower, hydropower, and solar power, backed up with batteries, as a result, natural gas usage hit an eight year low.

The industry has known for decades that methane leaks, including intentional venting and flaring,

They constructed a PR strategy to pretend climate change was a non-issue, and to position gas as the clean way forward. At the very beginning, this strategy might actually have made sense, back before we understood the threat posed by methane and when renewables cost far more than fossil fuels

Since the Biden administration wants a clean electric grid by 2035, this makes no sense. And yet here we are.

Meanwhile, here in Australia, Schwartz Media has done some investigating as the Federal government has released a plan to ramp up gas extraction and use beyond 2050. This is in defiance of global calls to phase out fossil fuels and the ALP having an emissions reduction target of zero emissions by 2050!

What we know:

- Resources Minister Madeleine King unveil Labor's future gas strategy, declaring it will be "based on facts and data, not ideology or wishful thinking" (AFR \$);
- The strategy will contain initiatives to facilitate the increased extraction of gas, including the introduction of "use it or lose it" provisions to stop companies sitting on untapped reserves (The West Australian \$);
- It will also promote controversial carbon capture and storage measures for gas; An official report to

support the strategy backs opening new gas fields such as Scarborough, being developed by Woodside off the WA coast, and Narrabri in northern NSW, which Santos owns (SMH);

- The government documents say NSW and Victoria will face shortages by 2028, along with other east coast states, while shortages on the west coast will begin from 2030;
- Australia exports most of its vast gas reserves, with WA alone the world's third biggest LNG exporter, sending 90% of its gas overseas (The Australia Institute);
- The International Energy Agency has warned that the world needs to stop developing new fossil fuel projects to preserve hope of reaching climate targets;
- Wild extremes in weather linked to climate change have caused havoc globally in the past month, with record temperatures scorching Asia and Africa, and flooding killing dozens in Brazil (PBS);
- The Great Barrier Reef is suffering its fifth bleaching event in eight years, with the current event likely to be the most extensive and severe ever documented (The Saturday Paper).

The fossil fuel lobbyists and their political donations are winning. But there are more of us than them. Let's tell our Parliamentarians we want a future for the species of the planet.

COVID Measles Update

Current trends indicate high levels of COVID-19 activity in Victoria

The number of people in hospital with COVID-19 has increased this week. The 7-day average is 208, compared to 160 last week.

The latest quantitative wastewater measures indicate there are increasing SARS-CoV-2 viral loads in Victorian wastewater in metropolitan and regional catchments.

Increasing levels of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater suggest increasing prevalence of COVID-19 infections in the community.

Deaths in the most recent 28-day period (27 Mar 2024 - 23 Apr 2024) have declined compared to the prior 28-day period (28 Feb 2024 - 26 Mar 2024), with a current 28-day total of 60. (Increases and decreases in the reporting of deaths attributable to COVID-19 tend to lag waves of infections and hospitalisations by several weeks.)

Measles Alert

A new case of measles has been reported in a returned overseas traveller. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can spread from person-to-person and potentially lead to serious health complications.

Anyone who develops symptoms of measles should seek medical care. Wear a mask and call ahead to make sure you can be isolated from others.

Suspected cases should be tested, advised to isolate, and notified to the DOH immediately by calling 1300 651 160.

Free measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccines are available for people born during or after 1966 who do not have documentation of having received two doses of measles-containing vaccine.

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Netball News



Claire Mawson

Saturday we welcomed Belmont Lions and celebrated Mothers Day. The Blues started strong with our 13s getting their first win, and the wins kept coming for the day and A grade finishing off in a thriller. Other than 13s, every Winch team has moved into the top five after Round 6!

U/13s Winch 20 def Belmont 5 Reported by Angie Mawson
Our baby blues got their first win this week, finally playing a side that was their size and height. The improvement is impressive and noticeable after 6 games. The girls combined nicely from defence to goals showing great catch/step/throw skills and a lot less fumbles than we have seen this season. Heidi Wilson and Harper Stocks were standouts.

U/15s Winch 20 def Belmont 7 Reported by Rhi Williams
The girls persevered after a slow start to finish strong against a tall Belmont. The defensive pressure down the court was great, with Eden Carmen-Veal getting plenty hands to ball to slow down play. Congratulations to Charlotte Notting for her first game with Winchelsea today with an exciting performance.

U/17s
Winchelsea had a bye this week, which was perfectly timed with many of the girls sick this week.

U19s Winch 34 def Belmont 22 Reported by Claire Mawson
Impressive game by our classy 19s this week. Claire Gaffney was amazing leading her team with maturity and strength. Kalarni Boddington is a welcomed new member bringing experience and size into the defensive end, while Grace Leeson was accurate in goals. Sammi Kuchenmeister was brilliant until she was chaired off with a significant ankle injury. Hope you're back soon Sam.

D Grade Winch 37 def Belmont 17 Reported by Abbie Floyd
Our girls had a hard fought game and come away with the win. Our defence all down the court was sensational! The goalers worked hard to reward turn overs and push out our lead. Amanda Hilet was solid through the centre, whilst Holly McFarlene was brilliant working with local junior Millie Partridge who is getting stronger every senior game she plays. Nice work Blues!

C grade Winch 38 def Belmont 18 Reported by Sarah Hampshire
C grade battled relentlessly on the court, facing a physical Belmont side. Teamwork, patience and full court defence helped the girls to get the win. Mel Philpott teamed up nicely with young team mates, including 14 year old Reani Mawson. Claire Mawson and Haylee McCallum were impressive through the centre court.

B grade Winch 44 def Belmont 23 Reported by Angie Mawson
Wow! B grade are going great guns! They started hard and fast and did not slow. Katrina Filice was a standout through the goals, and the strength of Connie Royal in defence gave Belmont minimal opportunities and Connie pounced on any error. Jess Blackmore was classy through the centre.

A grade Winch 40 def Belmont 35 Reported by Angie Mawson
It was far from impressive, with efforts of netball that just didn't neatly line up. Gemma Stavenuiter combined beautifully with the outstanding Rhi Williams in GD. With multiple turn overs in Belmont's goal circle gave Winch many opportunities to break ahead but we just didn't.. the goal ring looked small without Kat Biscan (ankle) and it meant a long slow grind til the final siren. Not the prettiest game and well below the skill level we usually display, but we will take the win.



Claire Mawson 22 (WA) and Reani Mawson 14 (GA) playing together in 2024 C grade side



Ebony Berg awarded her C grade Badge



Claire Mawson awarded her C grade badge

WFNC developing the future of Umpires

Congratulations to Ebony Berg and Claire Mawson both receiving their C grade umpiring badge this weekend.

Eb and Claire not only play in the senior sides, they co-coach the 19&Us, they are both on the WFNC senior committee, they are joint Netball Co-ordinators and today they became C grade badged umpires.

Both girls are born and bred Winch, starting in the juniors as 10 year olds and come from a long line of family club workers. They have worked hard developing their umpiring skills and

further understanding of the game and rules under their mentor Sandi Carroll. They umpire a weekly junior game, but for accreditation needed to do a senior games this week. GDFL panel umpires Alison and Catherine were amazed with the improvement of the girls, and advised the club they were ready for testing this weekend.

Congratulations Ebba and Claire, another feather in your extraordinary cap. You two young girls are the next wave of our netball administration and we couldn't be prouder of everything you do. If you need something done - ask a busy person, these 2 will fit it in, and smash it out of the park.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News where on Saturday last week the Winchelsea Blues hosted the Belmont Lions at Eastern Reserve.

Thanks again to the Winchelsea Lions Club for manning the gate for the Blues – we appreciate it!

There was a small crowd to watch the Reserves match but just before the Senior game at 2pm there was quite a surge in numbers coming through the gate.

The Belmont Lions Senior side have not been beaten in season 2024 and they are creating a great deal of interest in their progress as displayed by their supporter base.

The weather is still holding out and although some very welcome rain was received in most Victorian areas during the week, the weather last Saturday suited both players and spectators alike.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 1.5.11 were defeated by Belmont Lions 18.8.116

Not even the prayers from the Coaches Box could save the Reserves from being on the receiving end of a 100 point belting this week. The Belmont playing list is so currently strong that past Senior players are finding it tough to get a game in the Reserves. The Winnie Blues have the exact opposite problem – minus a vast array of injuries certainly not helping the issue. Well done to the Blues for fielding a team and having a crack. Thanks to all who pulled on their footy boots last Saturday, to run out for Winchelsea.

GOAL KICKER: Jarrod Winzer

BEST: Bailey Forssman, Harry Shearer, Matt Gillespie, Jarrod Winzer, Jack Harcom, Baxter Boddington,

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 10.10.70 were defeated by Belmont Lions 16.8.104.

Players and spectators alike were keen to have a look at the Belmont Lions group that were yet to be defeated and judge for themselves as to whether they were the "real deal". It would appear they are. Having said that, the Blues never seemed out of the match and made Belmont work hard for their result. Usually the number crunching comes much further into the season in July, but holidays and injuries have already taken a toll. The injuries to the Senior side has meant that the Reserve numbers are being pushed up to the Senior level. The Blues lost Tavae Sauni during the second quarter and just before the

final siren, Leigh Ellis went down and was very slow to walk off, although it did look like he did so, mostly unaided.

This Saturday the Blues are at home again to host Bell Post Hill who are in a similar position with injuries and the like. It will be interesting to see what the Blues can come up with against the former powerhouse of Bell Post Hill.

Games are at the usual times, Reserves kicking off at 12pm.

GOALS: Shane O'Connell 3, Gordan Gould 2, Jack Symmonds 2, Leigh Ellis 2, Lachie Gemmil 1

BEST: Fin Parish, Shane O'Connell, Bailey Kahle, Adam Walsh, Lachie Gemill, Tom Stephenson.

JUNIORS:

The Under 10's stand at 3 wins out of 4 in the first four grading rounds. The Junior Blues had a very nice win last Saturday morning. Hopefully with the grading complete, the Under 10's find themselves in a competitive situation.

CANTEEN:

If there are any former helpers from the Club Canteen or any new people that could help out for a 1 or 2 hour slot around 1, 2, or 3 o'clock please contact Janet Fletcher – 0400 783 408

The Club is going to be short of helpers next week and for the next 2 home games after that. Experience using a deep fryer would be great, but not absolutely necessary.

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We hope all our Mothers at the Club and patrons at the Blue's Bistro enjoyed their day with family and friends.

FOOT NOTE:

The Winchelsea Football and Netball Club Community were shocked and saddened by the horrific dog attack that occurred within our local community. Our thoughts and best wishes pour out to those involved, to the poor victim and to those police who found and rescued her.

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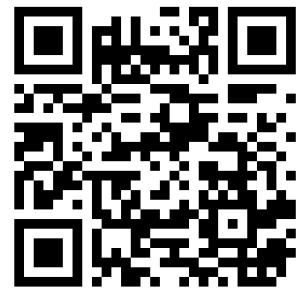
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Families can apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at a Get Active Kids Voucher Registered Activity Provider like a local sporting club. The next round of applications will open this Spring – in time for the summer sport season.

The program is open to Victorian children aged up to 18 who are named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

Families are encouraged to subscribe to the email notification to find out when the next round of the vouchers start later this year at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Winchelsea Bowls Club is a successful recipient of Local Sport Infrastructure Fund

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Treasurer names Free 3D Hands as Victorian budget charity

Treasurer Tim Pallas has chosen Free 3D Hands as the Victorian Budget 2024/25 charity – confirming the selection with a donation made this week.

The charity designs and provides high-quality, low-cost assistive devices for people with upper limb differences, completely free of charge to anyone, anywhere in the world.

Founded by Phillip Island-based engineer Mat Bowtell in 2019, Free 3D Hands recognises that there are more than one billion people around the world who require assistive devices – and for or 90 per cent of those people, access to assistive technology remains limited.

Free 3D Hands shares all of their designs under open-source licences to empower others around the world to make and repair them, and to encourage further innovation in this field.

All donations to Free 3D Hands go directly towards the research, design and development of assistive devices and getting them to those who need them.

The Treasurer has nominated a charity at each of his 10 Budgets, making a personal contribution and supporting fundraising within the community.

Victorians interested in contributing to the important work of Free 3D Hands can do so at free3dhands.org.



Something for everyone during National Volunteer Week celebrations

Surf Coast Shire Council is readying for National Volunteer Week from Monday 20 May to Sunday 26 with three community events.

This year's theme for the nation-wide celebration and recognition of volunteers is 'something for everyone', capturing Council's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

A multicultural training workshop in Lorne on Wednesday 22 May will launch Council's program, followed by a Local Legend's presentation at the Council Chambers Thursday 23 May, and a morning tea at the Winchelsea Community House Friday 24 May.

Councillor Rose Hodge said National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to acknowledge and show appreciation for community members who selflessly donate their time, skills, and passion. "From our Local Legends like Anglesea's Sue Saw that has spent decades nurturing, teaching and volunteering at the Anglesea Primary School and Anglesea Kindergarten, to Ocean Mind's surf charity volunteer Matt Benson who mentors young people, using surfing as a tool to help them overcome challenges, develop skills, and have fun being active."

"This year we are honouring six local legends nominated by the community at our event in Torquay, the recipients will share their volunteering stories," Cr Hodge said.

"In Winchelsea, we're celebrating the ongoing community effort towards volunteering at the community house. And in Lorne, we are providing free multicultural training, to give back to the community volunteers and ensure we are providing opportunities to learn and gain skills.

"Without volunteers so many important projects, programs and events just wouldn't take place, and we recognise them not only during National Volunteer Week, but year-round."

Find more details on this year's local legends at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends.

Winchelsea Star

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30 May at 7pm

The Winchelsea Star is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 30 May at 7pm at Winchelsea Community House. We encourage all readers, stakeholders and community members with an interest in the future of the Star to come along.

At the AGM, we will be reviewing the past year's activities and achievements, outlining plans for the year ahead, and electing a new Committee.

The Winchelsea Star relies on the valuable contributions of its Committee members to ensure the ongoing success of the publication. If you are passionate about our community and have a few hours a month to spare, we strongly encourage you to consider joining the Committee.

The Winchelsea Star is a registered non-profit association run by volunteers, and has no employees or physical assets. Whether you have experience in journalism, design, marketing or simply a passion for local news, your skills and enthusiasm would be warmly welcomed.

It is completely a community-powered publication, so your contribution in whatever form suits you best would be much appreciated.

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Golden prospects with a miner's right

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Recreational prospecting is a way of looking for gold or gems using metal detectors, picks, shovels, sieves and pans. Windfall finds have occurred regularly in recent years.

Last October a nugget weighing 119 grams was found between Inglewood and Wedderburn by two prospectors using a metal detector- one of the men was trying his hand for the first time.

Earlier in 2023 a prospector using a metal detector discovered a 4.6kg nugget, valued at over \$550,000, in Victoria's Golden Triangle in the state's central west. A gold nugget worth about \$300,000 was also discovered in the same area in 2019.

Prospecting is regulated in Victoria which means you need to possess a miner's right, which allows you to keep any gold you find. There are almost 87,000 active miner's rights in Victoria and the rush to get involved shows no sign of slowing with more than 11,000 purchased in during 2023.

Resources Victoria has a Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Victoria and a helpful video, both can be accessed by visiting resources.vic.gov.au/fossicking, where a miner's right can also be purchased for \$27.



Invitation

The 2024 Upper Barwon Landcare Dinner & Annual General Meeting

When Monday May 27th 2024

Where Colac Bowling Club, 35 Moore St Colac

Program 6 PM – pre dinner drinks (*drinks available at bar prices*)

6.30 PM – Annual General Meeting

7 PM – Dinner (Fusion catering) with Guest Speaker between courses
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Guest Speaker: **Silvana Lannello—Speleologist (Cave ecologist)**



Silvana will present her work as a Speleologist and discuss the hidden world of caves within the Corangamite Catchment and what lies beneath. By day, Silvana serves as an Environmental Land Manager in the Corangamite Catchment, but her true passion lies beneath the surface. Since 2009, she has dedicated herself to the study, exploration, and conservation of subterranean ecosystems, with a particular focus on cave crickets and other small cave-dwelling creatures.

Silvana's work has led her to the discovery of a previously unknown cave cricket species in Victoria and the mapping of numerous new caves across Australia. Her work not only expands our scientific knowledge but also demonstrates the importance of preserving these hidden worlds.

Beyond her research, Silvana advocates for cave conservation. Her short film, "Adapted to the Dark," won first prize in Australia's 2021 Year of Caves and Karst Creatives Competition, shedding light on cave crickets and the importance of cave ecosystems to a wider audience. More recently, in 2024, Silvana produced "On the Line: Nullarbor," a film highlighting the significance of the Nullarbor Plain and advocating for its protection against industrialisation giants.

In addition to her caving pursuits, Silvana holds leadership roles in key organisations dedicated to speleology. As Vice President of the Australian Speleological Federation and President of The Australian Cave Animal of the Year project.

This year, 2024, we celebrate the Nullarbor Blind Cave Spider, *Traglodiplura* genus as Australia's Cave Animal of the year.

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