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## From Winchelsea to Top Designs exhibition at Melbourne Museum

Winchelsea Primary student Jamie Phelps graduating from Belmont High School and on to Melbourne University

# Road Closures

## Notification: Changed Traffic Conditions

### New Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race Cycling Event

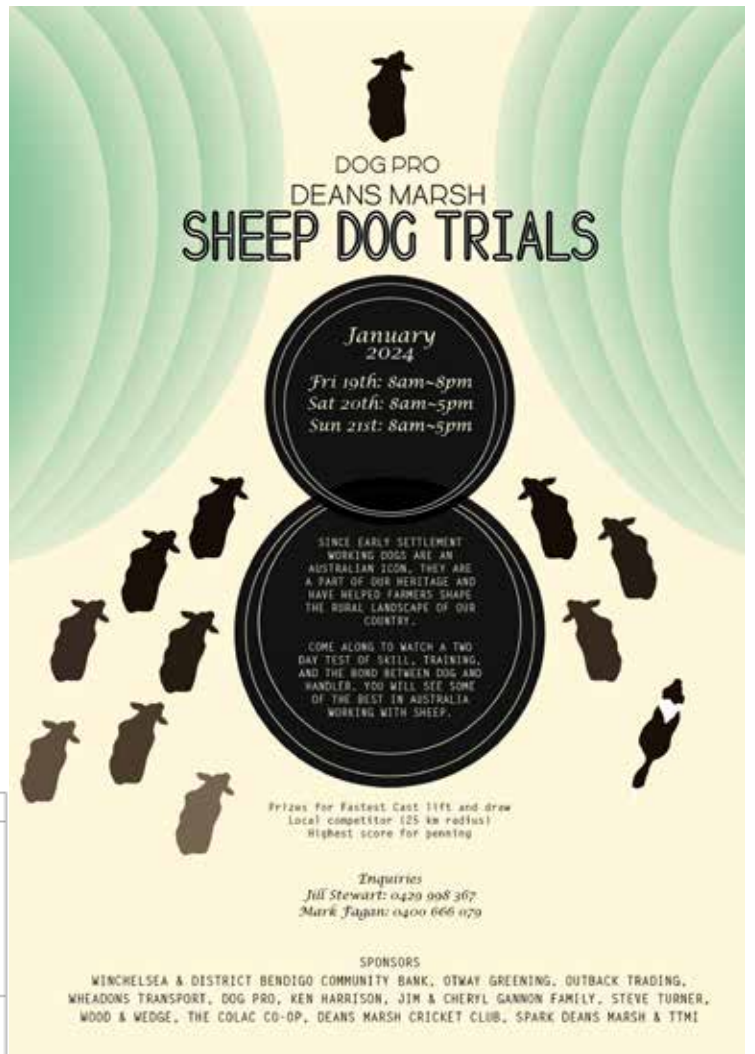
#### Lorne To Torquay

Thursday 25 January 2024

A new Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race (CEGORR) is coming to the Surf Coast region on Thursday 25 January 2024. The 156km Surf Coast Classic Men's Elite Race is part of the Cadel Evans weekend of world class cycling. A field of 100 pro-cyclists will start in Lorne at 11.00am and race to Torquay via inland roads with the support of Victoria Police.

Disruption to traffic will be minimal and the Great Ocean Road will remain open after a brief 15 minute hold between the Deans Marsh-Lorne Rd roundabout and the Lorne Visitor Information Centre carpark for the race start. See table below for summary.

LOCATION	ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT
Lorne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor closures around the race start at the Lorne Visitor Information Centre from 6.00am - 2.00pm</li> <li>15 minute traffic hold between Visitor Information Centre, Oxford St and the Deans Marsh-Lorne Rd roundabout at 11.00am</li> </ul>
Deans Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <u>Deans Marsh-Lorne Rd</u> will be closed to                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorne bound traffic between 10.30am and 11.45am</li> <li>Deans Marsh bound traffic between 10.45am and 11.15am</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Hinterland to Torquay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15-20 minute rolling road closures managed by Victoria Police between 1.00pm and 3.00pm</li> </ul>



The Race route will take in the towns of Deans Marsh, Barwon Downs, Forest, Yeodene, Whoorel, Bambra, Modewarre, Bells Beach and Jan Juc.

#### PARKING RESTRICTIONS - Lorne

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# For The Love Of Maths And Science

by Mick O'Mara

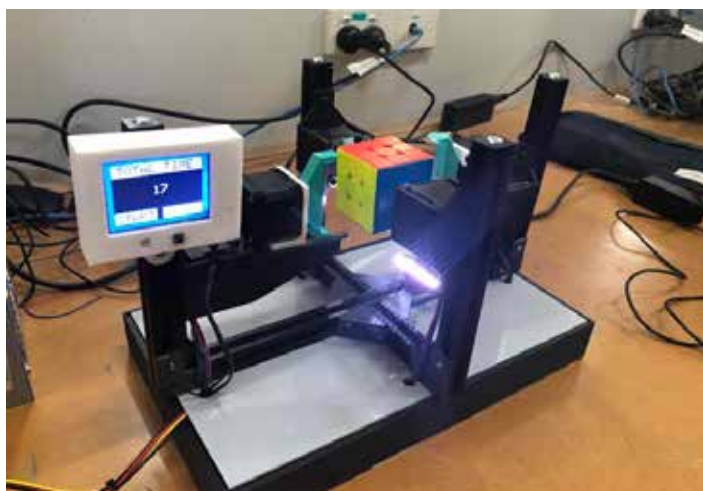
Winchelsea Community can be very proud of the achievements of one of its young adult members, Jamie Phelps.

Jamie did all his primary schooling in Winchelsea. At the end of Year 6, he was accepted into the accelerated learning program at Belmont High School. He continued to excel at Belmont and his Year 12 results were outstanding to the point that he probably could have been accepted into any University Degree course. Alright, I admit it, I am a proud Grandfather but so that I could better understand the full ramifications of just what he had achieved, I asked him for an explanation. Here is what he told me:

## MY SCHOOL CAREER

Beginning at our own Winchelsea Primary School, I continued to develop my interest and excellence in science and mathematics subjects throughout high school. This continued into Year 12 where I selected challenging maths/science subjects such as Specialist Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Chemistry, as well as non-science subjects Indonesian and English Language. My performance throughout the year in these classes resulted in me placing in the top 3% of year 12 students nation-wide.

One of my favourite subjects, Systems Engineering, is a class where you are tasked to design and create a mechanical/ electronic system (or more simply, a robot).



I decided to create a Rubik's Cube solving robot. Throughout the year I faced many problems while creating the system, but through perseverance and hard work I overcame these problems and learn from the mistakes I was making. Once I had finally finished the project it could solve any Rubik's cube in under 60 seconds. After my final exams had finished, I returned to Winchelsea Primary School with my Rubik's cube solver to present the project as part of their Digital Technology class. The grade 4/5/6 students saw the system in action, as well as a peek at the electronics controlling the project and the algorithms used to help solve the Rubik's cube. The students then questioned me about many aspects of the development, creation and workings of the system. I was very impressed with the quality of their questions, a few of them I couldn't even answer!

Every year, the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) hold a 'Top Designs' competition where the top projects or folios are selected for exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Out of approximately 1000 students undertaking this subject, I was lucky enough to be selected as 1 of 8 projects selected for Top Designs. This means my project will be displayed in the Melbourne Museum beginning 22 March. I was very happy with this result – easily the highlight of all my Year 12 results.

This year I am continuing my journey developing my skills in robotics and science, as I have chosen to attend the University of Melbourne, selecting the Bachelor of Science course with a major in Mechatronics. I am very excited to begin my journey through university and to see where life will take me.



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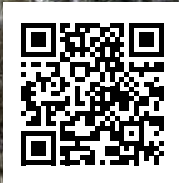


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- Mayor Cr Liz Pattison

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# Globe Theatre

Installation of new Australian chestnut timber flooring in the Globe Theatre is scheduled to start in early March, following removal of termite-damaged boards.



The entire hall floor is being replaced and work including sanding, installation of skirting boards and painting will be due for completion early in April.

Termite damage was discovered during inspection last year and subsequent work has included:

- Infestation investigation and treatment
- Floor removal
- Structural engineering inspection including overall flooring structure and footings
- Stump replacement.

Termite barrier treatment is scheduled for late February.

All work is being carried out in accordance with the building's heritage requirements.

The flooring installation start date has pushed out to March due to lengthy lead time securing



Australian chestnut boards, which are specified as required in the heritage permit.

Globe Theatre was built in 1926-27, providing a venue for local soprano Marjorie Lawrence to perform on her journey to international fame, and remains a much-loved community asset used for concerts, movie screenings, weddings, dances and shows.

# Eastern Reserve netball courts

Planning of reconstruction of two netball courts at Eastern Reserve is underway following Council allocation of funds.

A contractor has been appointed for the project, which will see full replacement of the existing cracked asphalt courts with more durable playing surfaces and more robust base pavements to help minimise damage from seasonal ground movement.

The project budget includes allowance for external construction supervision and advice from a Netball Victoria consultant.



RIVERLEE ARTISTS PRESENT

# Summer Escape

EXHIBITION AT THE  
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Opening Night  
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# Could this be your Summer Escape too?

A lovely evening at the Winchelsea Shire Hall for the opening of our "Summer Escape" Art Exhibition.

What a great night it was.

Dr Jenny Murray Jones, a local indigenous artist and friend of Riverlee, officially opened the show.

Councillor Heather Wellington once again by her presence, demonstrated her support for the local art community.

We are delighted to present this show to the public for the next 10 days 10 am to 3pm .

6 Artists from the Riverlee Art group have collaborated to produce an almost entire body of new work for this exhibition.

These Women of the Hinterland have been part of the Riverlee Art group since its inception.

Summer Escape Exhibition presents a variety of work in all genres. The title of the exhibition will tease you a little... are you escaping from or escaping to the Hinterland?

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# Barwon Water research projects win climate innovation awards

Two innovative climate change research projects undertaken by Barwon Water staff members were joint winners of the Water Minister's Climate Innovation Challenge (WMCIC) award.

The challenge aimed to identify and reward groundbreaking projects addressing climate change within the water sector.

Barwon Water was recognised for both 'Meta-analysis of low carbon cement alternatives for water industry applications', and 'Cellulose recovery from wastewater' research projects', which were declared joint winners of the award.

Barwon Water Managing Director Shaun Cumming said he was proud of employees Hayley Vinden and Emma McKinnon respectively for research that puts the organisation at the cutting edge of emissions reduction in the water sector.

"We are thrilled to be acknowledged in the Water Minister's Climate Innovation Challenge.

"These victories underscore our commitment to pioneering sustainable solutions in the water industry and achieving zero net emissions by 2030."

'Meta-analysis of low carbon cement alternatives for water industry applications' was a collaboration between Yarra Valley Water, North East Water, and Barwon Water.

It focused on identifying greener alternatives to concrete, a major contributor to global carbon emissions.

Cement, which makes up a significant portion of concrete, generates approximately 8% of the world's carbon emissions.

The winning team, led by Lisa Ehrenfried (Yarra Valley Water), Hayley Vinden (Barwon Water), and Jill Fagan (North East Water), was awarded a \$30,000 grant to explore low-carbon cement alternatives and aims to create a blueprint for global implementation within the water industry.

The second award winning project, 'Cellulose recovery from wastewater', was led by Barwon Water's Emma McKinnon and received a \$20,000 grant. Ms McKinnon's project addresses the environmental impact of toilet paper consumption, a significant contributor to deforestation.

The Australian-first solution explored in the research extracts high-quality cellulose fibres from flushed toilet paper, recovering 82% to 98% of the cellulose content.

The versatile raw material has applications in civil engineering, construction, agriculture, chemicals, energy, and paper and cardboard production, promoting a circular economy and reducing environmental impact.

Notably, the project also offers a 20% reduction in energy consumption in wastewater treatment, a 10% increase in treatment plant capacity, and the potential to save at least one tree and prevent up to 2.5 tonnes of CO2 emissions for every tonne of cellulose upcycled from wastewater.

At Barwon Water's Black Rock Water reclamation plant, this equates to saving 7-8 trees a day and preventing 19 tonnes of carbon emissions.

## About the Water Minister's Climate Innovation Challenge

The Water Minister's Climate Innovation Challenge is an annual initiative aimed at recognising and rewarding innovative projects that address climate change within the Victorian water sector. In collaboration with Intelligent Water Networks and the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action, the challenge encourages water corporations to contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions and the adoption of sustainable practices.

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While the Christmas season is over, these carollers here at Chelsea Lodge are a lovely reminder of community spirit, along with the Lodge Nativity tableau.



Combined churches and friends singing christmas carols at Chelsea Lodge  
Photo by Helen Rolls

# Can you help by opening your farm to a trainee?

South-west Victorian farmers are being asked to open their gates to help train a new generation of farm workers.

South West TAFE Agriculture Teaching Education Manager Bec Toleman said students need access to animals and different types of farms to get the most out of their agricultural courses.

“We want to provide our students with the opportunity to observe, learn and participate in activities on farms to expand their knowledge,” Ms Toleman said.

However, a dearth of options has led to an appeal to the industry for greater input.

“For the past few years, I’ve been using my own network of friends and contacts but we need to access animals and more farms for all of our ag courses,” Mr Toleman said.

Ms Toleman said it was important that students see different types of farms, from family to corporate operations, organic, beef, sheep, dairy or produce.

Students need practical work and can help with on-farm jobs.

“We want our students to gain a wide variety of skills and an understanding of the different farming enterprises in the south-west region. If anyone has animals coming up to drenching, vaccination, if any sheep, beef or dairy farms are doing anything new and innovative that can benefit students,” she said.

“It could be doing multispecies pastures, installing new equipment or helping with some fencing, we can come out and use their property to teach the students and also help get the jobs done on the farm.”

Last year students helped to drench more than 450 sheep on one property and also watched vets preg testing animals.

“The more input we have from industry, the better it will be for trainees,” Ms Toleman said. “If we open our doors to the farms, the farms are going to see the benefits and start signing up trainees.

“We want practical activities, not just coming out and watching but being able to do things that will help students gain knowledge and experience. We’re not asking farmers to do the training; our teachers will be there; we just need properties and jobs where our students can get experience.”

Access to farms would be once or twice a year and our students would be fully supervised by our experienced trainers.

South West TAFE is seeking host farms anywhere in the south-west, particularly the Hamilton, Colac and Glenormiston areas.

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Sense of belonging!!  
This shields us from the painful thing.  
Have a Blessed new year."

**John Bader,**  
Former U/C Accredited Lay Preacher

As the clock struck midnight and the cheers broke out about a fortnight ago, we said farewell to the old year and welcomed the promise of a fresh start. The community gathered in many ways as we did the next morning, with our Uniting Church neighbours.

We were there as a community, in our own way, just like so many of the other local smaller communities such as the footy club, the bowls club the Primary school, the senior citizens club, the men's shed, the RSL and the Lions club just to name a few. Small communities with their own focuses, then come together to create a larger community.

Within a functioning church, we try to be a community that shares each other's happiness and tough times. That's part of our focus. As we step into the New Year, it's amazing to think about the threads of connection that weave us together.

"Belonging" is not just a word; it's a living, breathing reality for the church. From the seasoned congregants who have heard decades of sermons (and managed to stay awake) to the newest members finding their footing, each person contributes a unique tone to the collective, community picture we paint.

In our pews, we've heard the laughter of children, benefited from the wisdom of elders, and felt the support of friends during challenging moments. It's a mosaic of lives intersecting, creating something special that resonates through our church community.

The New Year is a blank page waiting to be filled with stories of shared experiences, and as a church family, we're ready to embrace the unfolding chapters, knowing that our community, our unity, is a source of strength.

In a world often marked by division, our church community tries to show the power of togetherness. Sure, we're a diverse group in so many ways. Yet, on a Sunday, those differences fade into the background.

As we start this new journey around the sun, let's resolve to deepen our sense of belonging, to wherever community that may be. Let's open our hearts and welcome those seeking comfort or,

perhaps, a church community, because there's always room for more colours, more textures, and more stories.

The New Year also invites us to think about our individual roles within our own communities. What talents can we contribute? How can our actions strengthen the values that define us? These are questions we must think about as we decide our intentions for the coming months.

Beyond the stained-glass windows our church community extends a helping hand to those in need, reaching out to the lonely, or supporting local initiatives. Hopefully by doing so, our church community actively participates in making the world outside our doors a better place.

So, as we step into this New Year together, let's carry the spirit of belonging with us. Let's develop the bond that unites us, celebrate the diversity that enriches us either as a church community or a larger community. May the coming months be filled with shared laughter, collective growth, and an ever-deepening sense of belonging for us all.

**Happy New Year!**

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# Local artist Lauren Green selected to breathe life into the Winchelsea railway precinct



Local artist and resident Lauren Green has been selected to bring alive a 42-metre wall facing Winchelsea's railway reserve.

A colourful, vibrant mural will soon adorn the rear north-facing wall of Journey Early Learning Childcare Centre, thanks to the efforts of a Community Project Working Group, led by Growing Winchelsea.

In February, Lauren begins work at 63 Hesse Street, seeking to beautify the blank wall, add interest to one of Winchelsea's key visitor gateways and capture and celebrate what makes the town and district special.

"I am so passionate about improving spaces within our community and when I saw this opportunity pop up, I couldn't even contain my excitement," Lauren said.

"I am proudly Winch and I absolutely adore it for all it is. I have always noticed the lack of public art here though, for such a colourful and diverse community our infrastructure says differently.

"I paint murals for a living and to be able

to paint one in my hometown, on the back of the day care where my two boys attend is an absolute dream come true."

Cr Heather Wellington said Growing Winchelsea's Station Precinct Sub-Committee registered the proposal with Surf Coast Shire Council's Community Project Development Program last year.

"Council is helping progress the project, but this is largely community led. The work by Lauren is bright, colourful, and a perfect fit to bring creativity and fun to the space," Cr Wellington said.

The mural is thanks to joint funding from the:

Surf Coast Shire Community Initiatives Grant (\$5,000)

Journey Early Learning Childcare Centre owner (\$5,000)

Regional Arts Victoria - Regional Arts Fund Quick Response Grant (\$5,000)

Lions Club of Winchelsea (\$3,000)

Community Bank Surf Coast Community Initiative Grant (\$3,000).

Project working group lead and Growing Winchelsea member, Louise Hall, said they were happy to take a

lead role in delivering the mural, including sourcing additional funding.

"This project involves the Lions Club, students and teachers from the local school, the Growing Winchelsea Station Precinct group and the childcare centre," Louise said.

"It is a great place-making project that has engaged a local artist with strong links to the town and location."

Lions Club of Winchelsea president Sam Inglis said the mural will brighten the precinct and town.

"We are really looking forward to the end result," Mr Inglis said.

"It's going to be a community asset, and something unique to the town. It also involves the next generation, as the school kids are participating in the production of the mural.

"The community involvement in this project really stood out. That's part of the Lions' charter. We are here to serve the community and that's why we are involved."

The mural is set to be completed by March 2024.





# Youth Cattle Camp revived for 2024

The Western District Youth Camp has been revived for 2024 to introduce a new generation of young people to the world of dairy cattle.

The camp at the Noorat Showgrounds from January 3-5 is the first since 2020 and is fully subscribed with 50 people aged 8-16 attending from Gippsland, Northern Victoria, South Australia as well as locally.

It is being supported by major sponsor DemoDAIRY Foundation.

Organising committee member Lucy Collins said the new-look camp had returned with a broader emphasis.

“Historically the camp had a strong focus on teaching children to show cattle but this year’s event has been expanded into a more inclusive opportunity for young people to be exposed to cattle handling, care and husbandry,” Ms Collins said.

“It’s much more than just showing and there is a strong focus on farming careers.”

Traditionally there was a close affiliation with Holstein cattle but this year’s event also includes Jerseys and other breeds.

Ms Collins said there was strong demand for the camp. “Unfortunately, we had to turn some people away, which is indicative of the appetite for learning about cattle and to have this type of experience with other young people,” she said.

Most of the participants have some farming background but some are being introduced to agriculture for the first time.

“It’s about connecting kids to other kids to share similar experiences and interests and also expose young people who haven’t had the opportunity to experience the agricultural lifestyle,” Ms Collins said.

The local organising committee includes formers participants in the camp. “They have benefited from the camps in the past and have now volunteered to share their experiences as group leaders.”

Ms Collins said the organising committee was grateful for the contribution from major sponsors Demo DAIRY Foundation.

“The DemoDAIRY Foundation support has been an essential part of reinvigorating the event,” she said.

Visit the DemoDAIRY Foundation website [demodairy.com.au](http://demodairy.com.au) or contact DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358987 or [itag@bigpond.com](mailto:itag@bigpond.com) for more information on DDF.





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# Council readies callers ahead of this year's Community Satisfaction Survey

Surf Coast Shire resident and non-resident ratepayers could receive a phone call this February, as part of Council's 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS).

Conducted by National Field Services, an Australian call centre, 600 people will be interviewed on an array of themes relating to services offered by the Surf Coast Shire Council.

Council takes part in the CSS, commissioned by the state government, and opted in by local governments across Victoria, annually.

Completed via telephone, both landline and mobile, the process is expected to take one month, with the timeline dependent upon the interviews' completion.

In its 25th year, the survey provides insight into the community's views on councils' overall performance,

benchmarking against State-wide and council group results.

Themes include:

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

Cr Rose Hodge said both resident and non-resident rate payers will be surveyed with the results serving as a barometer for Council's performance and delivery.

"The Surf Coast Shire Council opts into taking part in the survey each year so we can get an honest gage on community views," Cr Hodge said.

The survey results are expected in June.

## Community Satisfaction Survey 2024

# Coming soon



Random phone interviews with 600 Surf Coast Shire ratepayers will take place in February for the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

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Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos marked the milestone today at the new Return-It depot at South Melbourne – one of around 400 convenient refund points across the state.

The CDS is breaking records every week, with a staggering 15.8 million containers collected in the week before Christmas and a record 17.1 million containers returned last week. The biggest day to date was Friday 5

January with 3.18 million containers returned.

The CDS is processing an average of around 10 million cans, cartons and bottles across the state every week, with Victorians returning an average of 129 containers per transaction.

Regional Victorians continue to step up to the challenge in impressive numbers, with Mildura leading the state in container returns having returned over 4.1 million containers. Shepparton rivals this turnout with more than 2.6 million containers collected, followed by Kangaroo Flat (more than 2.1 million) and Ballarat South (2 million).

Melton has been Melbourne's best-performing refund point, having returned an astounding 3.9 million cans, glass and PET plastics, followed by the Hallam depot with more than 2.6 million.

Of all the containers returned since the scheme commenced, aluminium cans have been the most popular making up 53 percent of returns, followed by PET (26 percent), glass (18 percent).

Container returns continue to increase and Victoria's network of refund points will continue to grow to meet demand, making the scheme the most convenient and accessible in the country.

Victorians can choose to pocket the refund or donate their containers to one of the 1600 participating charities,

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The Labor Government has invested \$515 million to transform the Victoria's waste and recycling system, helping us achieve our target of diverting 80 per cent of all material away from landfill by 2030.

To find your nearest refund point and for more information, visit [cdsvic.org.au](http://cdsvic.org.au)

## Recycling Point in Winchelsea??

Negotiations are under way to see if a Container Deposit refund point can be installed in Winchelsea town centre.

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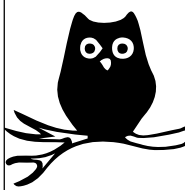
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**A-Grade** Winchelsea 9/168 def by St Leonards 9/186

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R Ferguson 30

J Stephenson 18

A Korth 17

B Caldicott 4/30

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R Ferguson 1/43

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# New Year an ideal time for local creatives to 'DEVELOP'

Surf Coast creatives are invited to a free workshop to help lay the foundations for a successful arts grant application.

The Getting That Grant online workshop will be held 18 January, in the lead-up to Surf Coast Shire Council's DEVELOP Artists and Creatives Grants application period in February.

Council is also hosting drop-in sessions in Lorne and Winchelsea (6 February), and Anglesea and Torquay (8 February) so interested people can discuss their DEVELOP grant application and idea with the Project Officer.

Councillor Libby Stapleton encouraged Surf Coast creatives to register for the free workshop in January, to learn from Arts Development Officer Harriet Gaffney.

"Grant applications can often feel daunting, not knowing how to tell the story of your project or what funding bodies are looking for," Cr Stapleton said.

"Getting That Grant will provide creatives with a confidence boost to apply not only for our upcoming DEVELOP round, but also other funding avenues at state or even national level."

DEVELOP grants support local creatives to explore new directions, ideas and concepts to advance their practice and/or their careers.

"These grants recognise that new creative output takes considerable time, research, development and effort," Cr Stapleton said.

"We only have to look at last year's applications to know that local artists and creatives are overflowing with great ideas, and that often funding is needed to kick-start them. It's why

we're proud to offer the DEVELOP grants, which support our goal of the Surf Coast Shire being a place to nurture, acknowledge and promote innovation, the creative arts and industries."

For more information, including how to register for the free workshop, visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DEVELOP](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DEVELOP). Grant applications open 1 February.

Drop-in sessions where people can discuss their application will be held at:

- Winchelsea Shire Hall: Tuesday 6 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Lorne Community Connect: Tuesday 6 February from 1.30pm to 4.30pm
- Anglesea Art Space: Thursday 8 February from 10am to 1pm
- The Lightbox Torquay: Thursday 8 February from 2pm to 4pm.



DEVELOP recipient Fiona McDonald's worn memory - night and day 02 - the feeling of the dusk and the dawn

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# WINCHELSEA BOWLS CLUB

By Kitty 'n Jack

On Sunday the 19th of December the final of the Corangamite Playing Area Men's Championship State 4's was won by Winchelsea Men Jason Laird, David Partridge, Ernie Andres and Luke Wright joined the team from Camperdown. Congratulations to all competitors on their journey through the rounds and as there were substitutions in this team the final 4 to play against Western and Far Western Regions will be announced at a later date.

Friday the 22nd of December the Winchelsea Ladies and Men's Singles Championships were played at 3.30 p.m. followed by a 2 course meal and entertainment provided by Charlie Gaylord from Colac. There was plenty to entertain all the spectators with some fantastic matches, food and fun. Congratulations to Sheryl Laird and Rhys Jeffs with Runners Up Erin Baulch and Ray Quigley. Sheryl and Rhys will represent Winchelsea in the Champion of Champions commencing on the 21st of January 2024.

Winchelsea were assured a place in the final of the Corangamite Playing Area State Championship Mixed Pairs on the 7th January 2024 as two Winchelsea teams played each other in the Semi Final. Congratulations to Yolandi and Jason Laird Champions, from Runners Up Camperdown Golf in a tight final. Yolandi and Jason will go on to play the winners from Western and Far Western Regions.

Congratulations to Peter McConachy and Ray Thompson who defeated David Littler and Geoff Hateley to take out the Men's Championship Pairs.

Our Open 4's Tournament on the 6th of January 2024 was very successful with the eventual winners being a team from Leopold and Runners Up from Lorne. The following day 7th January, Peter McConachy, Rob Walters and Ian Holmes won the Lorne Stribling Triples Tournament for the second year in succession. Well done gents a great effort.

Currently over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of January 2024 Erin Baulch, Jason Armstrong, Stewart Williams and Rhys Jeffs are playing in the West Coast Regional Group teams at Ballarat where the winners go on to the Victorian Finals. It is quite a process to gain representation in these teams so well done to all the players involved, we are sure you will do your utmost for the squad.

Pennant recommenced last Tuesday for Midweek and will recommence for Saturday on the 20th scores next issue of the Star.

A mighty effort by a smaller but growing club to have such great success in many areas and excellent representation at State and West Coast events, the bowls must have been with you!!



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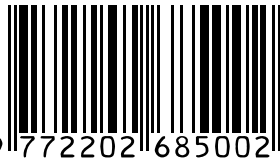
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