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Winchelsea Community Bus



Community Bus

Do we need a Community Bus in Winchelsea - what's your opinion? Write a Letter to the Editor

Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au or give a handwritten note to the IGA

The Adventure Playground in Winchelsea

Helena Aisbett and Zenarah Cook

If you want fun in Winchelsea, go to the Adventure Playground, it is the best playground in Winch!

You can go on a zippy zip line and go down a fast slide and up a rock climbing wall. There is so much to do.

The new playground opened on the 11th of April 2025. The flying fox is the best thing there, but you have to buckle yourself in the seat because it bangs at the end. The revamp of the whole playground area cost about \$850,000. It is on Barwon Terrace and it is a great place to have fun. Much better than the old playground.

It has a flying fox with wheelchair access, elevated cubby pods, a slide and other climbing and swinging structures. It is a fabulous playground for kids. There is also good coffee nearby at Cafe LaHoot to keep the parents there a bit longer.



Community groups unite to tackle transport challenges in Winchelsea

Elaine Atkinson



Linda & John Carter Winchelsea Lions Club/Probus, Ray Atkinson Men's Shed (Standing), Neil McInnes (Sitting at front) volunteer bus driver, Abbey Ellery (Standing) and Rose Salvo (SCS), Jean Shinnars Senior Citizens, Margaret Reid & Lorraine Stubbs, Winchelsea Probus

Representatives from Winchelsea Probus, Lions, Men's Shed, Growing Winchelsea, Winchelsea Star, and the Surf Coast Shire met yesterday to discuss ways to assist the community following the removal of local bus services.

The meeting highlighted that some of Winchelsea's most vulnerable and isolated residents now face significant barriers accessing transport for essential trips such as shopping, appointments, and social excursions.

The groups agreed that by collaborating and making full use of the Surf Coast Shire's Bus Subsidy Program (available until 30 June 2027), the community can take proactive steps to address this gap.

Ideas discussed included:

- Developing a planned annual program of trips coordinated by community organisations.
- Encouraging Seniors groups to use some of their existing funding to continue scaled-down shopping trips.
- Building a case for a permanent community bus service by demonstrating clear community demand and utilisation of the available subsidy.

"After 2027, no subsidy assistance will be available, so now is the time to act—to show that there is a genuine community need and to build momentum for a sustainable, long-term transport solution," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

The vision is to create a community bus service that connects residents of all ages and abilities—operating in partnership with local business, community groups, and government. With the right collaboration and community spirit, philanthropic support may also become possible to help bring this initiative to life.

There was strong interest in continuing these discussions, and others who would like to get involved are warmly encouraged to contact, Secretary, Growing Winchelsea, at secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

How's your shower?

Mick O'Mara

Back in the 1860's, when our beautiful stone house was built, hot water was manufactured by hanging a large container by a chain over the open fire. The container and chain are still there but haven't been used for many years. When we purchased our property on Dickson's Rd. 50 years ago our hot water system depended on a briquette system. Briquettes were sourced from brown coal mines such as out at Bambra, Anglesea and Yallourn. Briquettes are a highly atmosphere polluting material. Also, if you forgot to keep the briquettes up, you had a cold shower.

When we first bought our property, the electric power was provided by power lines running across the front paddock for about 100 metres. Tall posts kept the power lines out of reach and safe. Then one day we got home and found a pole had rotted off and fallen over. The power lines were lying on the ground.

Repairs took about a week. We decided to do away with the pole and put our incoming power lines under-ground. At the same time, we decided to change the briquette hot water system to an electric one. The electrician said it was ok as the rating was 170, (whatever that means), and the lines could carry the extra load.

Then Rochelle and family came back from Vanuatu. We decided to give them the stone house. Prue and I moved into a granny flat with power lines and water connected to the stone house. To ensure we did not overload the electrical system we decided to install a gas hot water system on our granny flat.

That worked very well at first. An awkward problem was the gas bottle running out as you were under the shower. Also, gas was quite expensive.

However, as it aged it became very temperamental. For no apparent reason the gas could shut off and the water landing on you while you were standing under the shower was very cold. It would also take a long time to get organised and start-up. Also, LPG use was not good for the atmosphere, so we decided to up-grade.

Son-in-law Tony suggested a Heat-Bank. A what...? We learnt that Heat-Banks take warmth out of the atmosphere and transfers it to heat the water banked up in a tank. We were told the amount of electricity required to do this is considerably less than conventional electric hot water systems.

So ok. That was the track we went down. It was suggested we contact Joe from Sunworks over at Torquay who is an expert in Heat Bank installation. That is what we did. Joe and his electrician mate arrived and set to work. They disconnected and removed the old hot water system and installed the heat bank system.



"The heat bank in position on our deck"

My understanding is that the heat bank starts at 10AM transferring heat from the atmosphere to water in the storage tank and finishes at 2 pm. When it has finished the water is so hot you can't hold your hand under the hot tap and you need to calm it down with cold water. You very much need to test the temperature of the shower before getting under.

While the heat bank was being installed, we also installed a battery to make better use of the solar panels on the stone house roof. When I have had time to analyse the difference the battery makes to our power bills, I will do a write up for The Star on battery installation.








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Tomato Tips

November is tomato planting time

Judy Holohan

[Ed Note: Julia took up our offer for Star readers to submit their garden tips. Thank you Julia!]

My tomato seedlings are, so far, progressing well this year, keeping in mind: that one should not count their tomato seedlings until they have produced ample tomatoes!



Each year I save my tomato seeds by placing them on kitchen paper. I have found that it pays to do this diligently, placing each seed on the kitchen paper one at a time spacing their distance so when it comes to potting them, all I have to do is cut a rectangle of 6 to 8 seeds that will fit nicely in each punnet.

I use a commercial potting mix mixed with my compost, maybe a little sand if I have some, but always horse manure

The horse manure was recommended by a neighbour when we first moved to Deans Marsh back in the mid-1980s. He popped in asking if he may gather some of our horse's manure to grow his tomato seeds. He swore it was the best manure for tomatoes.

I plant my tomato seeds early August so they will hopefully be ready to plant in the veggie garden Melbourne Cup week. Planting Melbourne Cup week was another neighbour's recommendation for the Deans Marsh area.

Initially, for several years, my seedlings were raised in the house placing their punnets on trays on a series of little side tables beside north facing windows, I now have a little hot house.

Seedlings are potted up to 3" tubes once they produce their second set of leaves. When established in their tubes they are placed outside during the day to commence toughening up, eventually staying out 24 hours before being planted in the veggie garden Melbourne Cup week.



Paul usually takes over here, planting, staking & good watering in straight away. Later, as they become established, mulching with straw, adding ties as they grow to their stakes. I have found using shredded lengths of old flannelette sheets the best for tying them to their stakes. The flannelette sheets are soft and gentle on their stems.

To pinch out or not to pinch out the laterals?

Laterals are the small 'branches' that grow between leaves on the central leader. We usually start with pinching them out but are not too fussed once they're matured. Once they start fruiting, they are netted! (With the legal extra small-hole net). Gotta keep those birds out, they don't like to share!! We have the poly pipe hoop set up which makes for easier entering, exiting, weeding & picking.

We grow large tomatoes which are excellent sliced thick or thinly also to make chutney & preserve in Fowler's Vacola jars. I love a variety of little toms for their shapes & colours for salads & popping in my mouth as I pick them.



The little red ones I'll take the time to place them in a single layer on a baking tray in the freezer, once they're frozen they go in a plastic bag together. This way, they're like frozen peas they don't clag together but stay separate.

I love a year where I have enough preserved & frozen tomatoes all year to use and I don't have to resort to bought tin tomatoes!



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- 5 x 20 litre paint cans
- 10 x 10 litre paint cans
- 50 x 2 litre paint cans.

What happens to waste paint?

Solvent-based paints are converted into an alternative energy, while water is removed from acrylic paints and the by-products are reused in industrial applications. The paint tins/tubs are also recycled.



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'Granny Get Your Gun' rides into Winchelsea

Abbey Geddes

It's that time of year again when the Winchelsea Repertory Society is busy preparing for their annual production. Formed in the 1970s, the Winchelsea Repertory Society has been delighting the community with their comedic cabaret performances for over five decades. This year is shaping up to be another fantastic few weeks of shows with their performance of 'Granny Get Your Gun'.

Winchelsea Repertory Society Inc. Presents

GRANNY GET YOUR GUN

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FRIDAY 7th NOV
Supporting Winchelsea Bowls Club

SATURDAY 8th NOV
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FRIDAY 14th NOV
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SATURDAY 15th NOV
Supporting Winchelsea Repertory Society

Globe Theatre, Winchelsea
17 Willis St, Winchelsea

Doors open at 6:30pm. Patrons must be seated by 7pm.
Tickets are \$60 each and include a 3 course meal (BYO drinks).
Patrons encouraged to come dressed in Country/Western theme!
Tickets to be purchased through TryBooking and will close one week prior to each performance for catering purposes.

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After being a crowd favourite over 10 years ago, the group has decided to bring this hilarious show back to the Winchelsea community for a second time. The story follows a tough but protective Aussie Granny (played by Jody Earl) named Helen Fury. After taking her grandchildren, Dakota (played by Claire Geddes) and Rylie (played by Liam White), to see an old western film at the cinema, Granny is suddenly brought into the outlandish world on screen. The colourful townsfolk of Gravestone need Granny's authority and courage to bring order back to their town after gunslinger, Big Bad Billy-Bob Bonner (played by Rob Davies) and his gang rob the local bank. This adventurous tale features humour, heroes and heart.

Another highlight of this year's production is bound to be the musical talent on offer. After the success of last year's production, 'Shaz and Nick's Big Greek Wedding', it was clear to the Winchelsea Repertory Society that the singing and song selections were a stand-out part of the evening that should be featured

in future productions. Organised by musical director, Rob Davies, the production is set to include many country classics for the crowd to enjoy as performed by various cast members.

The organisation uses the performances as fundraising opportunities for local clubs and social groups. Each performance supports a different organisation...

- Friday the 7th of November: **Winchelsea Bowls Club**
- Saturday the 8th of November: **Winchelsea Primary School & Winchelsea CFA**
- Friday the 14th of November: **Grovedale/Waurn Ponds Lions Club & Modewarre Cricket Club**
- Saturday the 15th of November: **Winchelsea Repertory Society**

Performed at the beautiful Globe Theatre in town, the four shows will begin promptly at 7pm each night. Tickets are just \$60 and include a 3 course meal courtesy of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club (BYO Drinks). Patrons are also encouraged to dress up in their best cowboy/western themed attire to add to the excitement of the evening.

To support these local organisations and to get your tickets for this hilariously entertaining show, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DFWZY> or scan the QR code on this page. Ticket sales will close one week prior to performances for catering purposes.

It's a night for fun. It's a night for local talent. It's a night for our community.

Riverlee

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You're invited to provide feedback on the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-29.

Thanks to those who participated in the initial survey. Your input helped shape the draft plan, which outlines how people, dogs and cats can live together safely in the Surf Coast.

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December 11th
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history of winchelsea

Charles Beal 1821–14 January 1888

Last week we examined Beale and Trebeck, the duo who founded the town of Winchelsea by establishing the Barwon Inn (the Bottom Pub).

Unlike his counterpart, Prosper Nicholas Trebeck, who left the Victorian Colony to pursue his interests in New South Wales, Charles Beal (also spelled Beale) remained in the Winchelsea District his entire life after he and Trebeck founded the town of Winchelsea.

Charles Beal was born in 1821, in Kent, UK, to Thomas Beal, aged 36 and Eliza Marsh, aged 15. He emigrated to Van Diemen's Land aged 17 in 1838.

Arriving at Geelong in March, 1839, he was made manager of the Woolpack Inn, later known as Macks. Before his 21st Birthday he moved to Austins Ford, which was soon to become Winchelsea.

In 1842, Beal opened the Barwon Hotel with Prosper Trebeck. The Beal and Trebeck partnership endured till 1860, when Trebeck went to Sydney. Several grazing runs were held by the partnership. These included Waterloo Plains, Mt. Gellibrand, Mt. Duneed, and the Barwon River run—better known as Bleak House on the Princes Highway, Birregurra.



Bleak House

Around 1850 Beal leased some land near Tarndwarncoort from Charles Airey (Namesake of Airey's Inlet) who purchased it from Alexander Dennis.



Charles married Amy Murch on 9 May 1855, in Victoria, Australia. They had 1 son and 5 daughters.

In November 1862, Beal was a member of the Winchelsea District Road Board along with Mr. Maidment, Arthur Hopkins, Sterling, and Anderson. His seat on the council was contested in 1864 by Mr. John Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Thomas Clarke. For many years Beal served as a councillor on the Winchelsea Shire Council, and took an active part in public affairs. In March 1869, Beal was announced a Shire Council Auditor for Winchelsea along with Mr. William Timms of Mount Hesse.

All the while Beal was living and working as a pastoralist at Mount Gellibrand. In April 1870 Beal was a Trustee to the Anglican Christ Church, Birregurra along with The Hon. Charles Sladen, of Ripple Vale; George Armytage of Ingleby; Davenport Bromfield, Birregurra, and Richard Armstrong, Turkeith. The building was designed by Architect Leonard Terry, Esq., Melbourne and cost, £2600.

Beal was magistrate at the Birregurra Police court in 1875 along with Alexander Dennis and Mr. Prime.

Beal retired to Lorne in 1882, and he died and was buried there on 14 January 1888 aged 67 years.

Charles Beal is remembered in Winchelsea by the name of Beal Court, which intersects with Trebeck Court, next to Barwon Park.



Micheál P O'Dhonnabháin has lived in the Winchelsea area since 2010.

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.

Community Market creates local jobs and strengthens the economy

Growing Winchelsea

The recent Winchelsea Community Market has once again shown how local events play a vital role in supporting small businesses, building community connections, and boosting the local economy.

Among the many success stories from the market is a local food vendor whose business has grown so much through market participation that they now require an extra pair of hands. The vendor is seeking a reliable worker to assist for a few hours each month, helping to manage their growing demand and freeing up their time to continue expanding.

This example highlights how community markets are more than just places to shop—they are catalysts for local economic growth and employment opportunities.

Anyone interested in finding out more about this job opportunity is encouraged to contact:

Elaine Atkinson,
Growing Winchelsea,
who will put you in touch with the business.

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ArtsRural

Zinaida Campion

Welcome back to ArtsRural! This week we have a special guest, model Shannon Morehu. I first became aware of Shannon's talent back in 2022, when he participated in that novel Bridgerton - inspired shoot for Melbourne Fashion Week, cutting a very gallant figure in blue velvet. I'm sure you'll agree, they are memorable photos!

A couple of weeks ago, I saw some more recent photos of Shannon Morehu, was delighted with his progress, and very happy to hear that he was reigniting his modelling adventures. He has very graciously agreed to shed some light on some of his experiences as a promising young model. We wish him the best as his career begins to take off!
Ciao!

Note: TFP, or 'time for prints', is an industry term, meaning a photographer and a model exchange their time and skills to create images, without involving money. In this mutually beneficial arrangement, the model receives high quality photos for their portfolio, and the photographer receives a model for their project. This is how many young models build experience.



Hello everyone, my name is Shannon, and I am a 21 year old up-and-coming model. I live in Townsville these days, but I am originally from Melbourne. This week I have the honour of sharing some insights on my modelling experiences with the readers of the Winchelsea Star.



I was fortunate enough to land a big role for my first shoot, during Melbourne Fashion Week 2022. It was quite special, as it was the most important and professional shoot I've ever done, and I owe the experience to a family friend, the well-known stylist Lana Barker, who has been a great supporter and has guided me in the industry. The shoot, which was for a Melbourne Fashion Week high tea, had a Bridgerton theme from the TV series, and was staged in the Collins Coffee House, Melbourne. The whole set was filled with props and lighting, and teeming with videographers, photographers, and directors. The look consisted of fine suits, dresses, and jewelry - everything from necklaces to headpieces. As it was my first time on set, I was absolutely nervous, but the outcome was truly special.



Since that shoot, I finished school, and made some changes, moving to Far North Queensland, and taking a break from modelling to pursue other hobbies, such as drumming and making music. I spent 3 years constantly working back and forth, and began to feel a little lost, but some time in August 2025, I realised it was time to get back into it. Modelling gave me purpose.



To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida.
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To update my portfolio, I called Photo Studio Australia in Melbourne, and booked an appointment for the 20th August. Like before, I was still nervous, but ready to go.

At the studio, they were all so helpful in creating my look and giving me a better understanding of the industry, from finding agencies, to choosing photographers (which can be trickier than you might think!).

I can now reach out to photographers in Melbourne who will be ready to work with me on TFP shoots, to further expedite my modelling journey.

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Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, and Co President of Geelong City Opera. She has a strong background in languages, a love of local history, and an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.





Dame Nellie Melba, Australia's Songbird Divine

Zinaida Campion

In the realm of opera, few names shine brighter than Dame Nellie Melba. This Australian soprano's voice was hailed as a gift from the gods, captivating audiences worldwide with its beauty, purity, and technical precision.

Born Helen Porter Mitchell on May 19, 1861, in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, Melba's early life showed little indication of future stardom. However, despite strict parents who strongly disapproved of an operatic career for their daughter, Nellie excelled at her vocal lessons in Melbourne, and later, after separating from her husband, she travelled to Paris to study with the renowned Mathilde Marchesi.

Melba's professional debut in 1887 at the Theatre Royal in Brisbane was met with acclaim, but it was her 1888 Covent Garden debut as Gilda in *Rigoletto* that catapulted her to international fame. Critics raved about her voice, praising its "luminous tone, impeccable phrasing, and dramatic intensity" (*The Times*, 1888).

Throughout her illustrious career, Melba performed alongside opera's greatest stars, including Enrico Caruso and Luisa Tetrazzini. Her signature roles included Mimi in *La Bohème*, Violetta in *La Traviata*, and the title character in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Melba's vocal range was remarkably versatile, effortlessly transitioning between coloratura and lyric soprano roles, although she never successfully performed Wagner roles, as they were too heavy for the light timbre of her voice. This caused her a lot of frustration, as Wagner was extremely popular at the time.



Offstage, Melba was known for her fiery personality, strong will, and sharp wit. She was a true diva, demanding the highest standards from herself and those around her. This intensity sometimes sparked conflicts with conductors and fellow performers, but it also fuelled her relentless pursuit of vocal perfection, which ended up creating one of Australia's greatest artistic legends.

Melba's impact extended far beyond the opera house, as she strove to bring fine arts to rural areas of Australia. Many a little weatherboard country hall rang with one of the finest voices to ever grace the stages of La Scala and Covent Garden. Many a rural woman and man was transfixed by her glorious trills, a sound they would remember to their dying day.

A fascinating contrast to her public diva persona...
Dame Nellie Melba's private life was marked by passion, heartbreak, and independence.

Married life: In 1884, she wed Charles Frederick Nisbett Armstrong, with whom she had one son, George. However, their union ended in separation due to his alcoholism and abusive behaviour.

Love affair: Melba's most notable romance was with Philippe, Duc d'Orléans – a French royal. Their love affair began when Melba gave a spectacular recital in Russia in the court of Tzar Nicholas II. The Duc was so smitten, he broke court protocol by applauding before the Tzar did- earning him an ignominious dismissal from Russia but cementing him in the affections of the diva. This passionate yet doomed love affair inspired some of her most poignant performances.



Motherhood: Despite being forcibly separated from her son George when her ex-husband won full custody, Melba loved her son dearly and made every effort to get him back. Sadly, they were only reunited when George turned 21 and he could return to her without his father's permission.

Personality: Friends described Melba as kind, generous, and witty – a stark contrast to her public persona. She had a surprising penchant for practical jokes, which many notable people discovered the hard way!

Melba was a woman, a mother, an Australian, a diva, an icon, a legend. She persevered to fulfil her calling, despite all the odds. She was the embodiment of the motto "*Fortune favours the brave*" Her story has inspired generations, as I hope it will inspire you.

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Local news is dwindling globally. Here's how other countries are trying to fix it

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Australians and people the world over rely on local journalism to keep them informed, but the sector is in a lot of trouble. More than 200 local newspapers in regional Australia significantly cut their services or closed during the COVID pandemic.

Many other newspaper businesses have centralised operations or made cuts to save money. Publications are increasingly filled with syndicated and homogenised content, meaning news is not always relevant to their audiences.

One potential answer lies in partnerships between local media outlets and public broadcasters.

A sector in crisis

The crisis facing local journalism is a national and international problem. This has prompted a lot of discussion about the challenges facing public interest journalism. In 2022, a parliamentary inquiry into rural and regional newspapers in Australia outlined 12 recommendations to address some of these issues.

One recommendation included support for Australia's public broadcaster, the ABC, to facilitate partnerships with small regional publishers. This could be modelled on a similar scheme in the United Kingdom: the BBC's Local News Partnerships program.

What are other countries doing?

It's against this backdrop that our broader research considers how the ABC might be able to collaborate with existing providers to target "news deserts". These are largely in regional, rural and remote areas vulnerable to losing access to quality local public interest journalism.

Public media in Australia, New Zealand and other countries, including the UK, Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Slovenia, Switzerland and the US are trying to make better quality news by collaborating, in various ways, with small local news outlets.

Public service media organisations also provide training and collaborate during emergencies or natural disasters.

What can Australia do?

Collaboration alone is not the panacea to the news crisis. The issues facing the sector run deep, including impact of big tech companies, the collapse of advertising revenue for legacy media and news avoidance. But it's clear that to solve Australia's news desert problem, working together is essential.



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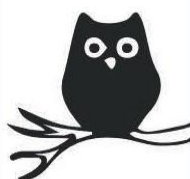
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Could Geothermal energy be part of a clean, green energy plan?

Geothermal energy has huge potential to generate clean power – including from used oil and gas wells

Source: Moonesrce Alamooti, Assistant Professor of Energy and Petroleum Engineering, University of North Dakota via The Conversation.

The promise of new engineering techniques for geothermal energy – heat from the Earth itself – has attracted rising levels of investment to this reliable, low-emission power source that can provide continuous electricity almost anywhere on the planet. That includes ways to harness geothermal energy from idle or abandoned oil and gas wells.

Geothermal energy taps into heat beneath the Earth's surface to generate electricity or provide direct heating. Unlike solar or wind, it never stops. It runs around the clock, providing consistent, reliable power with closed-loop water systems and few emissions. Some geothermal power stations can adjust their output to meet demand, rather than running continuously at maximum capacity.

Geothermal sources are also making other renewable-energy projects more effective. Pairing geothermal energy with solar and wind resources and battery storage are increasing the reliability of above-ground renewable power in Texas, among other places. And geothermal energy can power clean hydrogen production as well as energy-intensive efforts to physically remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, as is happening in Iceland.

Geothermal energy is not without technical, environmental and economic hurdles. Drilling is expensive, and conventional systems need specific geological conditions. And the systems do use water, though closed-loop systems can minimize consumption.

Building geothermal power stations does require significant investment, but its ability to deliver energy over the long term can offset many of these costs.

Despite its challenges, geothermal energy's reliability, low emissions and scalability make it a vital complement to solar and

wind – and a cornerstone of a stable, low-carbon energy future.

Antarctica may have crossed a tipping point that leads to rising seas

Scientists are beginning to understand the sudden loss of sea ice in Antarctica – and there is growing evidence that it represents a permanent shift with potentially catastrophic consequences. Antarctica may have passed a climate tipping point of no return, scientists are warning, with mounting evidence that a sudden slump in sea ice formation since 2016 is linked to human-induced ocean warming.

Source: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2498509-antarctica-may-have-crossed-a-tipping-point-that-leads-to-rising-seas/>

Why vanishing sea ice at the poles is a crisis for the entire planet

Extremely low sea ice levels in the Arctic and Antarctica signal a “new normal” that may accelerate global warming, raise sea levels and disrupt ocean currents, on top of the consequences for people and wildlife that rely on the ice. Human-caused climate change has ravaged sea ice at both ends of Earth in what may be a disturbing new normal.

Source: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2473584-why-vanishing-sea-ice-at-the-poles-is-a-crisis-for-the-entire-planet/>

Australia Post overshoots emissions target and hits 100% renewable electricity at operational sites

The government-owned postal giant says carbon emissions have been cut by 20 per cent below financial-year-2019 levels, beating its original target of a 15 per cent cut by 2025 laid out in its sustainability roadmap published in 2022.

Australia Post was also the first Commonwealth Government Business Enterprise to sign on to the Australian federal government's Net Zero by 2050 target.

Since these two plans were agreed to, Australia Post has rolled out one of Australia's largest electric delivery fleets, with over 5,000 e-bikes, motorbikes, and electric delivery vehicles (eDVs).



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Peter Groves



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If you have a relaxing shaded area in your garden, plant a Chinese Elm.

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I do repeat, they grow to be a big tree and suggest a tree surgeon should be on standby. When mature, the tree produces a spectacular pattern on the bark.

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Bushfire Risk Management program underway

Chief Fire Officer

Bushfires are a natural part of the landscape, but with the right planning and action, we can reduce their impact on communities, the environment and critical infrastructure.

Forest Fire Management Victoria crews are working to reduce the risk and impact of bushfires through planned burning, non-burn bushfire risk management and strategic preparation.

Leaves, small branches, long grass and undergrowth can fuel bushfires making them faster, more intense and harder to control. Bushfire risk management helps reduce this danger by removing excess vegetation (or fuel), protecting communities, the environment and critical infrastructure.

Less fuel means it's harder for a fire to start and spread, and easier for crews to contain. Last season we delivered bushfire risk management across 109,000 hectares of public land.

The bushfire outlook for spring asks Victorians to prepare for increased risk, particularly in the west, but also the southern coast and around Melbourne. With low rainfall over the past 18 months, the outlook shows increased risk from the South Australian border across to Bendigo, the Otways, and Melbourne.

Our bushfire risk management program is underpinned by a scientific evidence over more than 35 years. We acknowledge bushfire science is continually evolving, and invest in the best available science to inform our management program.

Planned burning plays a key role in our work in reducing bushfire risk. It involves the careful use of low-intensity fire to reduce dry vegetation like leaves and small branches that build up over time

and make forests more flammable.

With drier conditions in parts of the state, we've been able to burn over winter, including at Anglesea, Boggy Creek, Gellibrand, Wilson Promontory and Shelley.

In areas where planned burning isn't suitable, near homes, on steep slopes or close to roads and towns, FFMVic uses non-burn bushfire management techniques. These include mowing long grass, mulching dense vegetation, spraying invasive weeds and maintaining public road networks in forests and reserves.

Over coming weeks, expect to see our crews and contractors ramping up the mowing and slashing program. Timing is important; if grass is slashed too early, before it has cured, it will only encourage regrowth.

Our priority is to protect life, property and the environment from the risk of bushfires. When fires happen, we are ready. We have more than 1800 personnel on the frontline, including firefighters, fire lookout observers and fire support officers; firefighting equipment, including 500 ultralight tankers and 100 heavy tankers, and more than 50 aircraft contracted.

But being prepared for the bushfire season is a shared responsibility. While FFMVic crews are working on public land, everyone is encouraged to clean up around their properties to reduce bushfire risk in their own community.

To keep up to date on planned burns near you, sign up to receive notifications at Planned Burns Victoria or download the VicEmergency app.

Cracking down on energy retailers to save you money

Victorian Government

The State Government is cracking down on big energy companies by strengthening consumer protection laws and helping save families money on their energy bills.

Changes to the Energy Retail Code of Practice have been announced, making them the strongest in the nation and putting \$258 back into the pockets of Victorians each year.

Energy retailers will be required to automatically switch customers in payment difficulty, and customers who have had debt on their energy bill for more than three months and over \$1,000 debt, onto their best offer.

This will save 75,000 electricity and 60,000 gas customers a total of \$27.8 million per year. Customers can opt-out.

Victorians on older contracts often pay higher rates because they haven't switched plans. That's why we're also introducing a reasonable price limit on energy plans over four years old.

This will stop busy working families being ripped off by the 'loyalty penalty' business model where customers sign up to cheap offers, that end up more expensive over time. Around five per cent of customers haven't changed plans in more than five years and are missing out on potential energy bill savings of up to \$730.

Protections against disconnection are also increased by raising the minimum debt amount that customers must have before a retailer can try to disconnect them from \$300 to \$1,000.

Other changes include capping fees for things like paying bills at the post office or paying late, and banning direct debit only offers – so that customers who don't or can't pay via direct debit can access cheaper offers.

For some low-income families, direct debit is hard to manage when payments are taken straight from their account which can lead to additional bank fees or overdrawn accounts if their balance is low, adding financial stress.

Energy retailers now have to check their customers are eligible for an energy concession more often, so customers can access savings of up to \$260 per year, if their circumstances change and they become eligible.

For energy immediate energy bill relief, Victorians with an eligible concession card can apply for the \$100 Power Saving Bonus now.

These reforms were introduced at the request of the Minister and will be enforced by the independent Essential Services Commission (ESC), taking effect in stages, from February 2026.

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Imagine for a moment being a citizen of a democratic sovereign-nation, that shouldn't tax our imaginations so very greatly, it is after all at least a theoretical possibility. Now imagine that in our democracy, we have no vote in our supreme ruler, there are selected Electors who do that. Now we can't just vote on who become the Electors, or even what process will be used to decide who the Electors will be. We certainly don't get to vote on who will decide what that process will be, or even who gets to use the process and actually choose the Electors. We can only vote on the people and parties, who will decide who the elector-deciders will be, who in turn will choose, (in whatever way they deem fit), the Electors, who will finally choose our supreme ruler for us. This system is touted by some as the Greatest Democratic System in the Free World, (GDSFW), affectionately known as the "U.S. Collegiate Electoral System". The GDSFW's claims to greatness vest, (according to the Centre For American Progress), in its power to afford the single fairest representation in the world for "all", based on whatever values they "all" actually share together, apportioning equal political power and maximum participation-opportunity to same "all", (admittedly, paraphrased, but leaving nothing out).

Surprising though it might sound, not all sovereign nations have caught the GDSFW bug, but by all appearances there is an awful lot of "democracy" going about these days, and not all strains are identical. It seems like every nation and political scientist wants their system to be called "democratic", arguing at length why their version is the real one.

One example, "Direct democracy" or "Pure Democracy", is a form in which policy initiatives are decided directly by the electorate, with no element of elected proxies or representatives. (Consider the mandatory public representation and open balloting of the "Popular Assemblies" of the slave owners who first invented "democracy"). This ancient governance tradition is now practiced in its purest form nowhere but three of the Swiss cantons, so for the democracy purists dreaming of "Absolute Democracy", there's still a long way to go.

Another approach to direct-representation is the very de-centralised "Cellular Democracy", where governance is an hierarchically upside-down model prioritising autonomy at the local level, affording direct citizen participation. Based on multi-level bottom-up structures of small neighborhood governmental districts, (or in some instances, contractual communities), Cellular Democracy divides a county into neighborhoods of, say, 200 households, whereby it can guarantee voters electing more informed councils that drain minimum resources in administration. An happy coinciding with Cellular Democracy is the overlap afforded with elements of the Public Choice Theory as outlined by Duncan Black in "The Theory of Committees and Elections" (1958). The relevant argument goes something like: consider mass-democracies where few ever meet, let alone know their candidates, inherently diverting much social capital towards campaigning. Smaller-group voting on the other hand better reflects public desires and, (hopefully), aims more accurately towards public good. By decentralising power, urban planning facilitates markets better both over more spontaneous and longer terms. Neighborhood level governance allows public finances, (think taxes on income and sales, also what amount to locational levies on rent), to be restructured so as to prevent public goods' implicit subsidy of higher rents, which effectively double-bills tenants into both wages and spending taxes, and higher rents). Definitely not the preferred democracy for those who enjoy palming off their responsibilities so they can complain about others' attempts, nor for those who enjoy how larger economies' financial instruments subsidise their investment-income. Enough of financial theory, this is, after all, about democracy, isn't it? ;-)

Or is it? The comfort tales we all hear read to us at night, go something

along the lines of: Democracy can, (like no other system), protect citizens' interests, prevent monopoly of authority, promote equality, guarantee responsible and stable administration, cultivate a sense of obligation towards the citizens, impart political education to the people, help make good citizens, allow little chance of revolution AND help promote change ;-). Seriously, this is what some people tell their Selves, to allay any fears that democracy might not be the panacea it's meant to be. But lets face it, there are others amongst us who grind our teeth at night recalling how, under the banner of democracy, never ending cycles have emerged of mischievous use of public funds and time, systemic corruption, disastrous choice of public servants, the emphasis of quantity over quality, the dragging out and inflating costs of the decision making process, encouragement and harbouring of immoral practices, and all especially so during the election process. Maybe there's more to this whole democracy lark than at first meets the eye.

But regardless of alleged symptoms of democracy, the root cause is the method. Democracy itself is not a policy of liberal/conservative values, nor monetarist/fiscal, nor private/public, nor those of infrastructure versus economic strength, equality versus fairness, commercial interests versus skills development or any such political tensions. Gordon Tullock proposed in his "Autocracy" (1987), that democracy can be likened more as an attempt to avoid the worst policies, than a means for achieving best policies, i.e. its an exercise in robustness rather than one of optimality. He might have a point there, and if he does, then its going to be tricky to nail a definition down in specific words, but class-theory might help us here, democracy can be seen as, (one of the many), relationships between the governing and the governed.

The Economist Intelligence Unit, (EIU if you're looking it up), has for many whiles now provided regular reporting on the state of world democracy, ranking all nations according to their democratic 'level' under various categories. It really is quite a document, with the categorisations and rankings therein forming the basis for many decision-making processes in international relations. For example, you'll find the likes of all of Scandinavia and Iceland, much of Europe, Australia and New Zealand enjoying "Full Democracy" status. On the other hand, the likes of, Israel, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Argentina and a very powerful country who we tend not to mention in less than ideal contexts ;-), are to be found basking in the "Flawed Democracy" category. Hong Kong, Georgia, Morocco, Fiji, Madagascar, and so on, languish under the "Hybrid Democracy" banner, but understandably so and our hopes are all with them to escape to the dizzying heights of "flawed" sooner than later. Poor Syria, striving so desperately as it is to get the democracy ball rolling, is branded for as "Authoritarian" for its efforts, as indeed are Guinea-Bissau despite their costly defiance against anti-democratic forces, and the Congo where presidents must share power with a prime minister and are permitted no more than two five-year terms.

It's beginning to look like we might not all share exactly the same understanding of just what exactly constitutes good democracy or ill. In the immortal words of Patrick Chalmers, in his article "How do we know democracy is broken if we don't know what it is?" in The Correspondent, 21st of May 2020:

"Until we can better understand how politics works, including our own parts in its dysfunction, there's no chance fixing it."

... I think we find herein at least a kernel of resistance against the sloppy kind of thinking we might find our Selves encouraged to slide into, and so for the word "democracy", (and any other tokens of meaning for that matter), warning us to put on the full armour of semiotics and so satisfy our Selves just exactly what we are talking about. Its quirky stuff to be sure, so good luck with all that, and thank you for your consideration,

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

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

VINYASA YOGA

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

Winchelsea Football and Netball Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 27 October 2025 7.30pm
Members Room. Eastern Reserve

TUESDAY



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

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class
6:00pm-7:00pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036
zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

WINCH WALKERS

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

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

KIDS ART & CRAFT SESSIONS

4-4.45pm fortnightly Age 5+
\$15 per session or \$60 term
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

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

CWA WINCHELSEA

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



SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

DONT LET SCAMMERS CATCH YOU OFFGUARD

Thursday 30 October 10- 11.30am
Winchelsea Shire Hall
Morning tea provided

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

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

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

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

MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

October/November

Community Events

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.
To add an event to the calendar, please email news@winchelseastar.org.au

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

FRIDAY

TAI CHI

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

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
0417 848 292

PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

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

CHATTY CAFÉ



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

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 17th October, 2025 1.00pm
Shire Hall Building, 28 Hesse St.
Winchelsea
manager@winchhouse.org.au

WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA RSL

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

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY (MOBILE) 2-5pm

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

SATURDAY

PARKRUN



8am Trebeck Reserve
Sussex St, Winchelsea
www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB, IGA BBQs

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

RELOVED MARKET

9-1.30pm Sat 15 Nov
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE WORKING BEE

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



WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-10am (Last Sat monthly)
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street
www.winchelseastar.org.au

CHRIST CHURCH BIRREGURRA OPEN GARDENS2025

Sat/Sun 1/2 November 10-4pm
\$10 one garden /\$30 three gardens
Incl tea/coffee
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WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MODEWARRE BUSH DANCE

Saturday 8 November 5.30pm
Family \$25 Adult \$10 Child 5
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Road

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

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

DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL 150 BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday 8 November
Bush band, student performances
5236 3264

SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot,
Main Street Winchelsea



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

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

WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week
Hesse St, Winchelsea
0475 777 301
uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
0477 672 042,
stthomaswac@gmail.com



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ABN: 48 932 340 254

Kids art & craft Sessions

Let your child's creativity run wild with other local kids at our fortnightly community craft sessions.

Starting Wednesday 22nd
4pm - 4.45pm Ages 5+
\$15 per session or \$50 for the term
All materials supplied.

Please register by emailing shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

WINCHELSEA YOGA & MAT PILATES TERM 4 2025



**VINYASA YOGA
MONDAY EVENINGS 7PM**

**MAT PILATES
THURSDAY EVENINGS 6.45PM**

**5 CLASSES \$105
10 CLASSES \$190
UNLIMITED CLASSES \$210
CASUAL CLASS \$25**

Email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

We want to hear from you!

Winch House is here to support you and our community.

We are always keen to hear from you about services, programs or events you'd like to see happening in the community centre and Shire Hall.

Email:

reception@winchhouse.org.au

Call: 03 52672028

Or drop in for a cuppa and a chat

Mon-Fri 9am -2pm.

Mother Goose SONG & RHYME

2pm, Wednesdays
during school term
Winchelsea Shire Hall

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00
Winchelsea community house.

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



TAI CHI

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

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Craft & Crochet Group

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in the Winchelsea community house.

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reception@winchhouse.org.au

Next Session: 18th Oct

Phonics with robot Reg



Friday Mornings
Walkers - 3 yrs 10.15
Pre-School 3 - 5yrs 11.15
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Bookings at robotreg.com.au/



**Friday's
10.30am -
12.30pm**

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Winchelsea Primary School

Planning is underway for our new Prep students for 2026

* Our first Transition Session is Friday 31st October

Please RSVP to the school office

Our Parent Information Sessions are: (Just 'one' session is required)

Day Session: Friday 14th November at 8:45am

Evening Session: 15th November at 5:00pm

If you haven't enrolled your child for 2026
- please let us know asap

Students of the Week

Grades Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 **WELL DONE!**



Student of the Week -

Oscar Armstrong - For working really hard with Miss Deb in Sounds Write. Keep it up Oscar!



Students of the Week -

12N - Fletcher Simons - For always showing the value 'learn well,' across all learning tasks. You always do your best, are consistent and don't shy away from a challenge. Keep up the great work Fletcher!

1/2N - Koby Kee - For showing the value 'learn well,' across all learning, but especially in maths. You are showing great mathematician skills and extending your learning in our money unit.

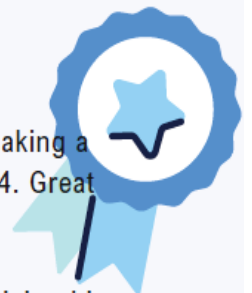
12T - Ellie Magregor-Fraser - For being a great listener when reading out Migaloo story. Well done Ellie!

Awards:

3/4H: Jamie McGregor-Fraser - For making a positive start to his learning in Term 4. Great job Jamie!

3/4WP: Harvey Theodore for always giving his learning a red-hot crack and for showing such dedication to his learning. Well done Harvey!

3/4R: Toby Clark - For having a really settled, strong start to Term 4. I love how you have been applying yourself to your learning and helping out others. Well done, Toby!



Awards:

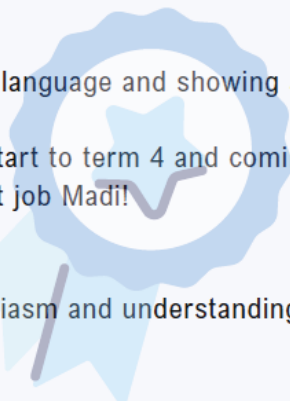
5/6O:

Freddie Kattwinkel: For using amazing language and showing a very good understanding of poetry structures.

Madilyn Bennett: For making a great start to term 4 and coming to school with a great attitude and willingness to learn. Great job Madi!

5/6B:

Tom Harper: For showing great enthusiasm and understanding in our new maths focus of angles. Keep up the great work Tom!!





CONNECT CREATE CELEBRATE



13 GETLOW by The Jungle Body with Megan and morning tea 10.30am-11.15am TIA Hall, Torquay	14 Connect. Create. Celebrate. Treats Then and Now. 10.30am-11.30am Deans Marsh Hall Anglesea Men's Shed Open Day 9am-12pm 15 Cameron Rd Anglesea	15 Active Adults Taster 11am-12pm followed by lunch Anglesea Community House Little Hands, Wise Hearts Intergenerational Program 12.30pm-2.30pm Lorne Community Connect	16 Potting and Pottery for the Garden Workshop with bemykeeper 12.15pm-3.15pm Torquay Community House
20 <i>Get online week</i> Connect with Probus Special General Meeting 10am-noon 25 Anderson St, Torquay Drum On: Music, Movement and Singing for Seniors 2pm-3.30pm Torquay Senior Citizens Centre	21 Blanket Stitch for Basketry – Weaving Workshop with Caroline Hawkins 10am-1.30pm with lunch Anglesea Community House	22 Time to Thrive Dance Session 10am-11.30am KMCC Torquay Little Hands, Wise Hearts Intergenerational Program 12.30pm-2.30pm Lorne Community Connect	23 Sparky Moves: Musical Movement for Seniors Torquay Senior Citizens Centre 11am-12.30pm Learn to Play Petanque Orungal Crt Playground, Torquay 2pm-4pm U3A Get Online – Online Shopping 2pm-3.30pm Torquay Library
27 Celebrating the Rainbow Community with Piano Bar at In the Skies Restaurant 5pm until late Lorne Bowls Club	28 Anglesea Movepod Footwear Matters - Choosing the Right Shoes as We Age 10.45am Anglesea Community House Torquay Men's Shed Open Day 9am-1pm 18 Price St, Torquay	29 Warrnambool Connections Train Trip 8.30am-4pm Railway Ave, Winchelsea	30 SCAM Man: Scam Awareness Morning with Morning Tea 10am-11.30am Winchelsea Shire Hall

October 2025 Positive Ageing Month

COMMUNITY BANK WINCHELSEA

Helping our locals bank safely online
Surf Coast Shire & Community Bank Winchelsea
The Winchelsea Community Bank are presenting a 60 minute FREE education session highlighting Scam Awareness & Safe Online Banking. Suitable for all ages and level of experience.
Date : 30th October
Time : 10am to 11.30am
Where : Winchelsea Town Hall

Morning tea provided

Scan QR code to register or call Kelly @ Community Bank on 0459 997 102

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- When: Thursday 30 October
- Time: 10am to 11.30am
- Morning tea provided

Come along, bring a friend, and learn how to keep your money and information safe online.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES | WINCHELSEA, MODEWARRE AND MORIAC

<p>17</p> <p>Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting 9am-11am Council Offices</p> <p>Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller 3-week Course 1pm-3pm Council Offices</p>		<p>19</p> <p>Moriac Community Network History Afternoon Tea 2pm-4pm Modewarre Hall</p>
<p>24</p> <p>SCAM Man: Scam Awareness Morning with Morning Tea 10am-11.30am KMCC Torquay</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Moriac Men's and Women's Shed Open Day with Sausage Sizzle 9am-1.30pm 570 Cape Otway Rd, Moriac</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Become a Lionheart for a Day! Two Feet and a Heartbeat Walk, Connect with Your Community, Torquay Lions and Heartkids families 10am-1pm Elephant Walk, Torquay</p>
<p>31</p> <p>SCAM Man: Scam Awareness Morning with Morning Tea 10am-11.30am Anglesea Bowls Club</p>	<div data-bbox="644 1039 804 1155"> <p>Victorian Seniors Festival 2025</p> </div> <div data-bbox="858 1039 1050 1155"> <p>VICTORIA State Government</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1075 1039 1315 1155"> <p>Surf COAST SHIRE</p> </div> <p>surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth</p>	

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Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241

Services 9.30am Sundays

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0404 598 558

Father Joseph Panackal

Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

Mass 6pm Saturdays

St Thomas' Anglican Church

0477 672 042

Rev Christopher Duff

Barwon Tce, Winchelsea

Thought for the Week

"The Lord is our helper!

Fear will not be our master,

Don't be afraid of what people

will do to you, because our future,

our destiny, our eternity

rest in the of the eternal Lord."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader,
Christian Pastoral Carer

Christ Church Birregurra ~ Open Gardens ~ 2025

Saturday 1st November

Sunday 2nd November

10am – 4pm

~ Enjoy three of Birregurra's Finest Gardens ~

* Ticket sales at Christ Church only
(cnr Beal & Sladen Streets)
\$30 for three Gardens
(includes tea/coffee)
\$10 per single Garden
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* No dogs in private gardens please

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* Contact Barbara ~ 03 52362655
~ 0427 568 007

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BARRABOOL HILLS UC WISH TO ANNOUNCE

**16th November, 2025
at 2.30pm**

**a service will be held
at Moriac UC for
the closure of Moriac**

All are invited to attend as we
celebrate all that has been
achieved over the years at
Moriac

Members of Presbytery
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together with the
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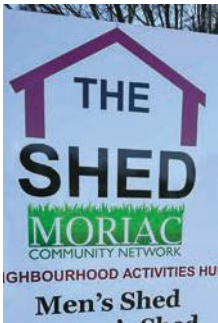
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MORIAC COMMUNITY NETWORK



MORIAC HISTORY GROUP
2.00pm
Sunday
19 October
Modewarre Hall
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9am
Sat 25 Oct
Cape Otway Rd, Moriac



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WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Each Thursday during school terms.
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150th Birthday Party

Saturday 8th November 2025

PROGRAM

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2:45pm	Welcome
3:30pm	Billy Tea Bush Band
4:15pm	Speeches
4:30pm	Student performance

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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

Winchelsea Junior Netball Report

Under 10s

On Monday night, our Baby Blues Under 10s showed they still have the moves after the holiday break! The team looked super athletic on court, with some big jumps and proving they've got all the skills packed into their tiny bodies. They scored a couple of great goals and continue to improve each week.

Congratulations to Ellie, our Player of the Week!

Under 11s

We're thrilled to have two new Under 11s teams this summer! The players have been training hard and are very excited to hit the court on Tuesday evenings under the guidance of Coach Haylee McCallum. We also extend a warm welcome to all the new players and families joining the club through our Under 11s program.

Under 13s Pink (Junior Team)

The Under 13s Pink team had their first hit-out on Friday night and came away with a brilliant win! Having just moved up from Under 11s, the team looked like a well-oiled machine, with new players fitting in beautifully. This is definitely a team to watch as they continue to develop.

We welcome Aurora, Cleo, Harper and Kayda to the club.

Under 13s Blue (Senior Team)

The Under 13s Blue team have trained well over the last few weeks and are looking sharp. They're excited to welcome back Harper and Abby to the lineup. The team had a bye this week but are eager to hit the court next Friday night.



Under 15s

This new and relatively inexperienced group looked like they'd been playing together for ages! We welcomed Lily and Matilda to the club this season. Despite going down in their first match, the team showed great determination and teamwork. It's going to be exciting to watch them grow and bond — such a great bunch of girls!

Under 17s

After a well-earned break following their winter finals campaign, the Under 17s are refreshed and ready to go. They're looking forward to getting back on court this Tuesday night and continuing their strong form from the winter season.

It's fantastic to see all our junior teams back on court and representing Winchelsea with pride, teamwork and smiles. The future of our club looks incredibly bright in the hands of these talented young players.

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Saturday Comp Results

Saturday Superstars - Round 1: Battle of the Breeze

Yesterday marked Winchelsea TC's first senior matches in over a decade! While the milestone was huge, the weather certainly wasn't — the wind was wild!

Section 1 Mixed (vs Grovedale at home):

Matt & Ange started strong with a 6-3 win, and Fletcher & Emily backed it up 6-2. But momentum swung as Ange & Emily fell 4-6, and the father-son duo went down 2-6.

Despite tight battles in the final rubbers (3-6, 6-7), Grovedale edged us out.

Final: 2-4 sets, 27-30 games — a tough but promising start

Section 7 Mixed (vs Wandana Heights away):

Adri & Bozz went down 5-7 before Kurt & Debbie hit back 7-6.

The teams traded blows until Bozz & Debbie sealed a tiebreak win and Kurt & Adri closed it 6-4.

Final: 4-2 sets, 36-31 games — a great win and a strong start for a new combo

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RESULTS FOR THE WEEK

RESULTS 9/10/25 - MID WEEK/WEEKLY STABLEFORD 14 PLAYERS

1st - Neil Hickman (13) 35 points
2nd - David "Fly" Lewis (23) 34 points
BDL - Cam Parke (9) 33 points
BDL - Geoff Morgan (22) 29 points C/B
NTP (8th/17th) - David "Fly" Lewis
Birdie Hole (8th) - Max Bubb, David "Fly" Lewis

RESULTS 11/10/25 - SATURDAY STROKE 18 PLAYERS

1st - Bill Spencer 83-17-66
2nd - Nick Stone 79-10-69
BDL - Don Cuttler 89-16-73 C/B
BDL - Neil Hickman 86-13-73 C/B
BDL - Tavae Sauni 81-6-75
NTP (2nd/11th) - Don Cuttler
Golden Hole (15th) - Don Cuttler

**Saturday 18 October - Working Bee @ 8.30 am.
Followed by a BBQ and a round of Stableford.**

We used the new Golf Australia App on Saturday. If you would like a hands-on workshop, our Ladies Captain, Robyn Vesey, will be available Monday from 3pm onwards, or Tuesday 9 to 10.30 at the clubhouse. Please contact Robyn to express your interest and organise a time.

To help on competition days we need to know if you're playing, preferably the evening prior. There are 3 ways-

1. Book your time on the App. This will be the process going forward.
2. Book on Bookatee. We can then move your booking to the App.
3. Contact our Men's Captain, Neil Hickman, he will organise your entry.

**We're taking on
The Longest Day 2025!**



Cancer Council's The Longest Day Fundraiser

Our Club is challenging its members to take on 72 holes on the golf course from dawn to dusk for Cancer Council's The Longest Day on Sunday 16th of November.

Every dollar we raise will help fund Cancer Council's breakthrough cancer research, prevention programs and support for the thousands of Aussie families affected by cancer each year.



Sink for Pink - National Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser

Ladies Captain - Robyn Vesey

After the Barwon Valley's 'Sink for Pink' had a full field, the girls at Winch thought we could do something similar and forward any money raised onto Barwon Valley Golf Club to contribute to National Breast Cancer Foundation.

We had a field of 8 ladies from Winchelsea Golf Club, 1 former club member now a Torquay Member Loretta and 2 Novices Sandy and Merrill. We played a 4 person and 3 person Ambrose.

The girls had a great game, except maybe the team of Cheryl, Carol, Ann and Sandy who were on the last green when the rain bucketed down and they just had nowhere to go, well done ladies.

Winners of the day went to the girls who got drenched - Cheryl, Ann Carol and Sandy. Must say there was 13 of a shot difference, very close. No one was able to get the NTP on the 11th. We played the back 9, so we drew a name out of the hat, Lucky Merrill! The winners were lucky enough to receive bottles of Brown Magpie wines so very kindly donated by Loretta.

A huge table of Raffle prizes all kindly donated by our members and the Foxes Den, as well as table of yummy food, again all donated by members ended a wonderful day. A big thank you to all that gave time, money and items. Thanks to the men who dropped in money after their round which helped us raise \$421. Fantastic effort by all. Best dressed on the day had to go to Lesley!

A link to the donation page is below!

Family members, locals and anyone wishing to support this cause is welcome to join us as we finish our day for a celebration at the club house from 5pm onwards!

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All positions have been declared vacant:
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If you wish to nominate please fill out a nomination form
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Nomination forms must be received fourteen (14) days
prior to the A.G.M. ie: 13th October 2025.

Nomination forms must have the signature of the nominee,
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