

# Winchelsea



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## It's big, bright, and beautiful:

Last week, local artist and resident Lauren Green completed a colourful, vibrant mural adorning a 42-metre wall facing Winchelsea's railway reserve.

The mural on the rear north-facing wall of Journey Early Learning Childcare Centre, is thanks to the efforts of a Community Project Working Group, led by Growing Winchelsea.

Lauren commenced works at 63 Hesse Street in February, 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.

"Anyone that knows me, knows how much I love Winch. So, when I got the huge opportunity to paint this massive 42-metre-long wall on the back of my boys' kinder and daycare I was absolutely beside myself," Lauren said.

"This is the project I had been looking for without realising. It feels like all these teeny tiny steps of life led me here to this wall, to the most soul filling, joyful work I've ever experienced."

John Tebbutt from Growing Winchelsea said the project has strengthened the sense of community, with local Winchelsea

Primary School students joining Lauren to help paint during two workshops held on February 14 and 21.

"It has brought younger and older generations together promoting a healthy and active town. I encourage everyone to come and have a look and feel a sense of pride in this project, initiated and completed by locals, and involving our local students," John said.

"It is important we value and support our local artists and acknowledge the key contributions they make to our community."

Growing Winchelsea's Station Precinct Sub-Committee registered the proposal for a community inspired mural project with Surf Coast Shire Council's Community Project Development Program last year.

The mural has been made possible thanks to joint funding from the Surf Coast Shire Community Initiatives Grant (\$5,000)

- Property owner of 63 Hesse Street (\$5,000)
- Regional Arts Victoria - Regional Arts Fund Quick Response Grant (\$5,000)
- Lions Club of Winchelsea (\$3,000)
- Community Bank Winchelsea and District Community Initiative Grant (\$3,000).





# the Winchelsea Station precinct mural is now complete



Logan, 11, Blain, 11, Jase, 11



Lauren with Winchelsea Primary students





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# CALM THE FARM

## CREATING A HAPPY HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Are you interested in reducing risks to mental health in your farm workplace by improving your work systems, or doing things a bit differently?

Join us for an interactive and engaging **two-hour** workshop that explores ways of reducing work-related stress.

**Connect with other local farmers as you focus on practical solutions to improve job satisfaction and effectiveness for you and your team.**

Continue the conversation over a nutritious meal - **ON US!**

### Event details

**DATE:** TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024  
**TIME:** 5:00pm for a 5:30pm start  
 Followed by dinner  
**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** Inverleigh Public Hall,  
 71 High St, Inverleigh VIC 3321

**RSVP:** 18 March 2024  
 (Essential) Hannah Walker or Brooke Greig  
 5267 1200  
[Healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au](mailto:Healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au)



### Key focus areas

#### Understanding the main work-related risk factors to farmers' mental health

What are the factors in the management of farm work that can affect the wellbeing of farmers and farm workers?

#### Explore how these may be impacting you and your farm business

How does it play out at your farm? What are the solutions and what can be improved?

#### Develop your own plan to stay on track

Use tools designed specifically for farmers - like 'Steering Straight' to identify ways to keep you positive and focused, and create a support network

This program is supported by Western Victoria Primary Health Network under the Australian Government's Primary Health Networks Program.



**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

RSVP NOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT



# This Way to the Lake on 23 March

**Sylvia Maseyk**

Fancy a visit to Lake Murdeduke with three local artists?

The “No Through Road” artists—Dr Jenny Murray-Jones, Dr Jane Bartier and Sylvia Maseyk— have been walking, talking and working together at Lakes Modewarre and Murdeduke over the past eight months, expanding their artistic perspectives and undertaking deep conversations about land and place. For a full story on this, see p7 of the Star, 20 February.

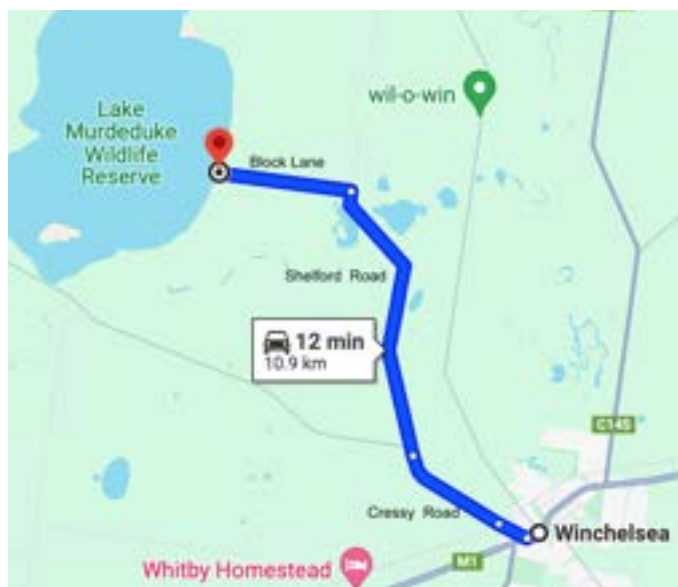


Everyone has different experiences of the local lakes, and the artists are keen to exchange stories with you on Saturday 23 March 3-5pm at Lake Murdeduke.

Meet at the lake, at the end of Block Lane (see map) by 2:45pm for a 3pm start. Please wear suitable clothing for walking in a place where there are snakes and wonderful bird life, and consider the weather—closed shoes, hat, sunscreen etc.

For more information about the lake visit, or to tell us your story about the lakes, or any “No Through Road” experiences, please email [watertalks23@gmail.com](mailto:watertalks23@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram [@nothroughroadcollective](https://www.instagram.com/nothroughroadcollective).

If you have difficulty on the day please call 0411 307 168.



## parkrun Winchelsea

This week 92 people ran or walked the course through Trebeck Reserve on a beautiful foggy morning. Congratulations to the 8 people who did their first ever parkrun. We had visitors from Melbourne and Geelong plus other areas.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers.

Sam INGLIS \* Murray AISBETT \* Don SMITH \* Neil McInnes \* Kate McINNES \* John HUTTON \* Bruce PURDIE \* Ann Morsby \* Frank PALERMO \* Mick O'MARA

parkrun needs volunteers to conduct an event. Tasks easily learnt, sociable and fun. Timekeeping, Tail walking and handing out finish tokens to list a few. Please respond through our Facebook page or web page.

Our website and Facebook are now live. Search for: 'Trebeck Reserve parkrun'

If you wish to attend, please complete the simple online form at [parkrun.com.au/register](https://www.parkrun.com.au/register)

This only needs to be done once and can be used worldwide.

A summary of your results will be emailed to you soon after the event finishes.

**The Winchelsea Star has provided much appreciated financial support for our equipment and set up costs.**



# GRANTS

## NOW OPEN

Open on 1 March  
closes on 31 March

- **Community Initiative Grants up to \$5,000**
- **Natural Environment Grants up to \$8,000**

Scan the **QR code** to find out more or call grants team on **5261 0600** to discuss your idea and ask any questions.



[surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Grants](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Grants)



# Letter to the Editor

Please do not jump to conclusions Mr Bohan. The “unfortunate soul” as you put it, who tripped in front of the bakery is a perfectly fit, able person, and she did NOT trip on the yellow Telstra cover but a fault in the pavement, which is definitely the Shire’s responsibility.

Linda Carter (Original writer)

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# Paper Mill Plea: Green light please Minister!

Bev McArthur MP

Questions have been asked in the Victorian Parliament recently following Labor's lack of action on the deteriorating state of the Fyansford Paper Mill millrace.

Member for the Western Victoria Region, Bev McArthur MP, asked The Hon. Sonya Kilkenny, Minister for Planning, if she would finally "grant permission for a permanent repair?"

Highton Rotary Club volunteers as well as the broader community are willing to foot the bill and fund the repairs privately, but are awaiting the government's long-anticipated planning approval.

Mrs McArthur said "the repair will not only save an important piece of Australian heritage but will add to the tourist value of the site and in so doing, complete the story of the mill.


"The upgrades will return this truly historical site to its former glory, and also protect the habitats of native Australian fauna which are currently disrupted as a result of the collapsed millrace wall.

"There are all pros and no cons to giving these repair works the green light. It's time the Minister stepped up and finally gave the community the approval they need."

Mrs McArthur followed up her question in Parliament with a letter to Minister Kilkenny, appealing for her intervention to allow the repair to proceed. The diligent and knowledgeable Rotary volunteers and Mrs McArthur hope for a swift resolution from the Minister.

Fyansford Paper Mill is an attractive, heritage-listed historic industrial complex overlooking Buckley's Falls on the Barwon River, near Geelong. In recent years, the site has become home to a number of thriving businesses, mainly tourism, hospitality, wellness and small artisanal workshops. Combined with the beauty and interest of the site and buildings, it now attracts thousands of visitors annually. Volunteers from the Highton Rotary Club run popular tours of the historic Mill Precincts explaining the fascinating history of paper production on the site, and its later use as a WWII sea-mine production and testing facility.

genU and the Surf Coast Shire Council invite you to



Greetings  
from  
Winchelsea!

Artwork by Sam Whittaker, James Street Gallery

An exhibition all about the wonderful town of 'Winch' by local artist Sam Whittaker and her fellow art friends, Natalie Anderson, Christine Ericksson, Kyra Keenahan, Linda Francis and John Stewart from genU's James Street Gallery.

The exhibition opens with an afternoon tea supplied by the Winchelsea CWA on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm at the

**WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL**  
28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

Exhibition open every day  
10am – 2pm (including Easter)  
Exhibition closes 4th April

This project was funded through a DEVELOP Artists and Creatives Grant from the Surf Coast Shire Council



On Wednesday 27 March at 5pm, the 'Greetings from Winchelsea' art exhibition will open at the Winchelsea Shire Hall, with catering by Winchelsea CWA. The exhibition will be open daily from 10-2 until Thursday 4 April (including Easter).

The 'Greetings from Winchelsea' exhibition features the works of six artists who attend the genU James Street Gallery in Geelong, including long time Winchelsea resident, Samantha W. There will be a range of artworks for sale, including collectable, hand-printed tea towels featuring some of Winchelsea's wonderful landmarks, flora and fauna.

genU's James Street Gallery is a supported studio and Gallery for artists with disability. The studio offers a range of art-making practices for participants who attend each week. The Gallery features the work produced in the studio, as well as artists from the wider community.

Artists from genU's James Street Gallery, Eastern Hub and Cox Road studios recently mounted the RISE exhibition at the Geelong Gallery. The 3D installation of over 100 papier-maché boxes featured the works of over 40 genU participants.

This project was funded through a DEVELOP Artists and Creatives Grant from the Surf Coast Shire Council.





**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

# Have your say about our unsealed roads

Council is reviewing the maintenance and renewal of unsealed roads in the Surf Coast Shire.



## YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

We want to hear from the community about issues, safety concerns and expectations you have about unsealed roads.

You can learn more about the project and contribute by:

- Filling in the survey via the QR code
- Or go to [yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads](https://yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads)

## COME AND TALK TO US AT OUR COMMUNITY DROP IN SESSIONS

- Aireys Inlet Market on 10 March (9am–12pm)
- Moriac Community Centre on 16 March (9.30am–12.30pm)
- Connewarre Memorial Hall on 16 March (2–5pm)



For more information about the project go to [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads)







## Disaster Relief Fund open for farmers

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has opened applications and is encouraging donations for the VFF Disaster Relief Fund (VFF DRF) in the wake of devastating bushfires and thunderstorms that have hit farmers hard throughout February.

VFF President Emma Germano said many regional communities have been left reeling after a series of devastating natural disasters and the activation of the Fund aims to help farmers doing it tough.

“From Gippsland, to the Grampians and now areas near Ballarat, many of our regional communities have been hit incredibly hard by severe thunderstorms and devastating bushfires.”

“Farmers have lost farm sheds, kilometres of fencing, stock, machinery and that’s just from early assessments. We know there will be more, so we’re getting on the front foot and opening our disaster relief fund applications.”

“Assessment of the applications will begin immediately and we hope to be able to begin pay-outs very soon.”

“We’re also collecting donations, if you are willing and in a position to contribute. The VFF would like to express our gratitude to those who have already donated and thanks everyone who contributes, no matter how big or small,” Ms Germano said.

The VFFDRF Committee will oversee the collection of donations from the community, assessment of applications, and approval and distribution of individual grants to farmers up to the value of \$5,000, for impacts from storm or bushfire that occurred from 9 February 2024.

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Applications will be assessed individually based on the level of impact, vulnerability, urgency and evidence and will be open until 10 March 2024. Evaluation of each application will begin immediately and the VFF will advise as soon as possible on application outcome. To be eligible to apply, you must be a farmer and must demonstrate sufficient need for financial assistance.

“When the fund was last enacted in 2020 after devastating bushfires, donations helped restore thousands

of kilometres of damaged fencing, repaired pasture, replaced troughs and tanks and also contributed to fixing infrastructure.”

“As some parts of Victoria begin the clean-up and assess the damage from recent wild weather, our thoughts again go out to those battling bushfires that continue to impact communities near Ballarat,” Ms Germano said.

Further information, including donation, application and full eligibility criteria is available on the VFF website at <https://www.vff.org.au/vffdisasterrelieffund/>

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## Yes! YOU can write for the Star

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

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

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

### How much can I write?

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

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

Add a photo or two, an article title and author's name (preferably).

### Can you publish my photos?

A picture is worth a thousand words - but context is very interesting too! If you have a photo you'd like in the Star, add a few words describing where, when, who, why and/or what.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Simply email [editor@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:editor@winchelseastar.org.au)





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Wednesday evenings 7.00-8.30 &  
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Winchelsea Op Shop are offering  
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Friday 8th March - Monday 25th.  
Donations of good clean items  
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Shop Hours: Fri-Mon, 10am-4pm  
Thanks for your continued support.

## FOR SALE

"Charlotte" is a Speckled Park X  
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Sunday	9.30-12.30pm		

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## WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

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## Calling all Winchelsea Businesses!

### Danni Menzies

We need your help to make our upcoming silent auction fundraiser for our beloved local playgroup a smashing success!

Winchelsea Playgroup is gearing up for an exciting event to raise funds and support the little ones in our community.

But we can't do it alone – we need your generous contributions to make our auction truly spectacular.

We are planning a Mums Day Out, full of activities and food for Mums one Sunday afternoon in May.

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## VALE Betty Leske

12/4/1928 - 17/2/2024

Mrs Betty Leske died peacefully in South Australia on 17 February, aged 95 years. Her funeral service was held at Aberfoyle Park Anglican Church on 1 March.

Rev Percy & Betty Leske arrived at St Thomas's Anglican Church in Winchelsea in 1984 and lived in the Vicarage for seven and a half years before retiring to SA. Prior to that they had been with CMS (Church Missionary Society) in the NT for 30 years. Percy was awarded for his services during Cyclone Tracey in Darwin. Percy died 3 years ago and Betty has been living at 'Resthaven'. She had a sprightly mind and continued to read into her 90's and enjoyed her family and friends.

The Leskes were much loved in the Winchelsea community and Percy & Betty made a great team with a flourishing ministry at St Thomas's and the Anglican churches at Deans Marsh and Barrabool Hills. Percy also had a flourishing garden at the Vicarage with trees, flowers, vegetables and berries where they entertained many in the Garden of Eden! Betty took Sunday School and they were involved in many amazing and funny plays and concerts in the



church hall over the years. Betty was renowned for her hospitality and would reward the church lawn-mowers with orange juice and home-made food! Betty had a lovely smile and a delightful laugh! Together they had a wonderful pastoral ministry and enjoyed visiting parishioners in their homes and properties.

TPercy and Betty have 'fought the good fight and won' and will always be remembered fondly. We extend our heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers to their four children: Graham, Helen, Ruth and Katherine and their families.



Rev Percy & Betty Leske



# Teddy Bears Picnic

Thursday 21st March 2024

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## Public call-out for recognition of Victorian women

### Victoria State Government

The Government is celebrating Victorian women who have made the state a better place - through a new digital map that will show important locations connected to the achievements of women.

Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins marked International Women's Day by opening nominations for Finding Her - an online tool that records locations which were named in honour of Victorian women.

Finding Her is Australia's first interactive statewide digital map spotlighting locations connected to the stories, lives and achievements of women in Victoria.

Her Place Women's Museum will research and write the stories of an additional 15 women and add them on the Finding Her website.

The public can nominate any physical site, including statues, monuments, murals in public spaces, buildings, street names and parks, that have been named after women. The call for submissions will run for four weeks.

Her Place Museum has already mapped more than 60 women who have shaped Victoria, linking the places and monuments that they're connected to with videos, stories and photographs of their lives via QR codes on every site.

To nominate an existing commemoration of a Victorian woman, go to [findingher.org.au](http://findingher.org.au).

## Important blue-green algae update for the Barwon River

### Amber Clarke, CCMA

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority advises that the Barwon River Geelong from below Baum's Weir to Lower Breakwater is still experiencing an outbreak of blue-green algae.

Warning signs remain in place at key access locations along the waterway, advising the public to avoid all contact with the water.

A combination of hot weather, low water flows and high nutrient levels in the Barwon have contributed to the outbreak. High levels of blue green algae have been found in multiple sampling locations.

CCMA will conduct water samples and test for blue-green algae along the Barwon twice a week. Warning signs and health advice remain in place until two results confirm levels have fallen below the alert levels across 7-10 days.

During algal outbreaks, people and their pets should avoid contact with the water. It is strongly advised that they do not come into physical contact with the water. Contact with blue-green

algae can cause skin rashes, eye and ear infections, vomiting and diarrhoea, mouth ulcers, sore throat and asthma symptoms.

CCMA advise that people should avoid eating shellfish or fish caught in contaminated water.

The Corangamite CMA will notify the public as soon as conditions change, and the river is safe for public use. Anyone experiencing a reaction should seek medical help.

For information or to report a suspected blue-green algae outbreak, contact Corangamite CMA on 1800 002 262. or [www.ccma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccma.vic.gov.au)

# Registrations opening for 2024 Surf Coast Arts Trail

## Surf Coast Shire

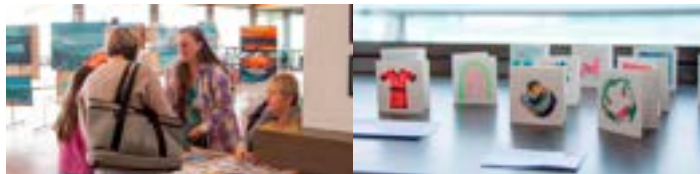
Fairhaven artist Julia Freake acknowledges that exhibiting work can be seriously daunting for many first-timers.

“Whether you are young or old, that can be the hardest part – just putting it out there,” she says. So many people think oh no I couldn’t do it, but that’s not what exhibiting your art is about. It’s about getting involved, and the journey and experiencing the whole thing. Don’t be afraid. Give it a go. Get out there and get your work involved.”

With registrations for the 2024 Surf Coast Arts Trail opening on 14 March, Julia hopes her message of encouragement resonates with artists of all ages across Surf Coast Shire. “I’m very passionate about people exploring their creative sides and I’ve got a real passion for kids learning the tools and not being put off or told they are doing it wrong,” Julia says. Because art is not about being right or wrong it’s about being creative and enjoying it.”

This year’s Surf Coast Arts Trail will be on 3 and 4 August, welcoming hundreds of artists ranging from hobbyists to professionals, exhibiting and demonstrating skills in mediums ranging from painting, sculpture and glassware to jewellery, ceramics, textiles and performance. Venues will range from private studios to community venues and arts hubs.

Artists are invited to register [www.surfcoastartstrail.com.au](http://www.surfcoastartstrail.com.au) 14 March - 28 April. The website has information including registration fees and important dates. Participating artists will receive a digital welcome pack with information about the program and map, promotions, sales, collateral, the Surf Coast Arts Trail website, downloadable files including printable arrows and tally/comment forms. Participating artists are invited to join the Arts Trail Facebook group to share ideas and build connections.



Julia and Monika Freake welcome visitors to Surf Coast Arts Trail at Fairhaven in 2023

Surf Coast Arts Trail 2023. Work by young artists on display Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club

Julia, who counts working as an art tutor and art therapist among many skills, works in acrylic painting and describes her style as modern minimalism meets contemporary graphic.

This year’s trail will be her third and last year she was at the heart of a family affair, exhibiting alongside her mum Monika Freake and daughters Hanna, Ruby and Molly at Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club, along with more than a dozen teenagers and children.

“I love that we can all come together and that we can share across the generations and all have our different takes on art as individuals,” Julia says. My favourite thing about the Surf Coast Arts Trail is the conversations it invites around creativity, particularly with people who think they are not creative but once you get them talking they realise maybe they are, and

they’re just not exploring it. Equally we have all of the artists talking to each other about what mediums they use or how they do things, all inspiring each other.”

Surf Coast Arts Trail patrons can be in the running to win one of three \$250 eftpos gift cards by scanning QR codes displayed at venues. The more check-ins people register, the more chance they will have to win.

## Calling all artists looking to create public art

Artists, community groups and small business owners interested in creating art for public spaces are invited to SHED Talk 1: Navigating Public Art Commissions.

Join Surf Coast sculptors Grant Finck and Cinnamon Stephens alongside Wadawurrung mural artist Jenna Oldaker as they talk about how they got into public art and the different paths you can take to achieve your goals.



Last year’s Shed Talks helped local creative people

“Navigating the complex world of art in public spaces is always easier when talking to someone who has successfully done this before”, Surf Coast Shire Councillor Gary Allen said. This session is a chance to talk to established artists about all the tricks and tips they have learnt through their experience creating public art.

“The Surf Coast arts community has achieved some wonderful public art works within the shire and further afield. We are very lucky to have Grant, Cinnamon and Jenna share their knowledge and expertise working with community to realise their vision and with local government processes, which can initially seem somewhat overwhelming for early career artists.”

This session will look at the expression of interest process, permits and navigating the sometimes difficult language of public art procurement.

Facilitated by Kim Biggs, Coordinator, Surf Coast Arts and Creative Economy Team, attendees will also be able to talk to Nicky Angus, Surf Coast Shire Community Projects Officer and Harriet Gaffney, Arts Development Officer, about their ideas for public space.

**SHED Talk 1: Navigating Public Art Commissions, with Grant Finck, Cinnamon Stephens and Jenna Oldaker**

**When: Saturday 16 March, 10am – 1pm**

**Where: Grant’s Shed @ Firetail Studios, 450 Wormbete Station Road, Gherang (250m down Tanners Road from Wormbete Station Road)**

**Bookings:**

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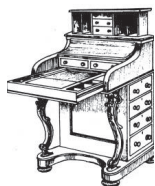
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### Thought for the Week

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and to learn how to pray.  
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You reach out your hand.  
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for you to understand.  
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**John Bader,**  
Former U/C Accredited  
Lay Preacher

## Protection extended for victims of collapsed builders

Victoria State Government

The Government is extending the Liquidated Builders Customer Support Payment Scheme to help Victorians whose builder has become insolvent without taking out insurance on their behalf – as required by law.

Around 100 extra Victorians may be eligible for payments from the scheme, joining former customers of Porter Davis Homes who were left without Domestic Building Insurance (DBI) through no fault of their own.

The expanded scheme now covers customers of builders that entered into liquidation this financial year – from 1 July 2023 up until 20 February 2024 – including Montego Homes' customers.

All builders should understand that this extension is occurring under special circumstances and will be funded through the previously announced \$13.55 million support package.

The Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023 ensures consumers are covered by insurance before providing any money to a builder under a contract for domestic building work costing more than \$16,000.

Under new offences introduced last month into the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995, if a builder receives money under a Major Domestic Building Contract without holding the required domestic building insurance, a penalty of up to \$96,000 is in place for an individual or \$480,000 for a company.

The new offences are the first in a suite of reforms the Labor Government will deliver to ensure Victorians can build or renovate with confidence.

Applications for the extended scheme are expected to open in coming weeks. More details are available at [vic.gov.au/liquidated-builders-customer-support-scheme](http://vic.gov.au/liquidated-builders-customer-support-scheme).

## Encouraging students to embrace the Anzac spirit

Victoria State Government

Victorian students are encouraged to explore how Victorians came together to build the Shrine of Remembrance and other war memorials as part of the 2024 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today announced the opening of the annual award competition which invites students in Years 9 to 12 in Victoria to apply for a unique international study tour opportunity.

Students are asked to delve deeper into the essence of the Anzac spirit as they develop their submissions, which can take the form of written pieces, creative works, and digital presentations.

The Prize delivers on the Allan Labor Government's 2022 election commitment to give 12 young students the opportunity to join a fully funded study tour.

This year, the selected students will embark on an unforgettable journey to battlefields and commemorative sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli Peninsula and surrounds.

The Spirit of Anzac Prize also offers students the opportunity to participate in a unique education program that fosters understanding and appreciation for our nation's Anzac spirit.

Since its inception in 2005, the Spirit of Anzac Prize has supported more than 500 students embark on journeys to significant military and historical sites across Europe, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

Applications are open until Monday, 29 April 2024.

To apply or find out more visit [www.vic.gov.au/premiers-spirit-anzac-prize](http://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-spirit-anzac-prize)

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## Climate breakdown is knocking the natural world out of sync – and we should all be worried

Charlie Gardner - Lecturer in Conservation Biology, University of Kent

Just like us, the natural world dances to the rhythms of its seasonal cycles. We all enjoy the first suggestions of spring as trees come into leaf, migrant birds arrive, bees and butterflies emerge.

These signs traditionally mark the start of a busy season of growth and reproduction for many species. But climate breakdown is altering the timing of many of the natural world's seasonal cues. This is knocking different elements of the living planet out of sync with each other, with potentially disastrous consequences for ecosystems.

Spring is arriving earlier throughout the world's temperate and polar regions, but the species that live there are responding differently to the season's advance. This happens because they use different cues, which respond to climate breakdown in different ways, if at all.

For example, some species may react to the temperature reaching a minimum threshold or the melting of the last snow, cues that are happening earlier as global temperatures rise and unseasonable heatwaves become more common. However, others respond to day length, which is unaffected by climate breakdown.

As the timings of age-old seasonal cues diverge with climate breakdown, some species are already starting to breed at different times relative to others they interact with, such as their prey. This can disrupt interactions that are critical to their life cycles. It's a growing problem known as "phenological mismatch".

Take, for example, the birds of European oak woods, such as the blue tit, great tit and pied flycatcher. They all depend on caterpillars to feed their chicks, but the caterpillars are emerging earlier than they have in the past, and the birds are unable to keep up. For every ten-day advance in caterpillar emergence, the birds are only able to bring forward their egg laying by three to five days, depending on the species.

As a result, bird appetites are greatest after the period of peak caterpillar availability, and this reduces their reproductive success. In the Netherlands, this has caused pied flycatcher populations to crash by over 90%.

Such mismatches may be most pronounced towards the poles, where temperatures are rising much faster than the global average. In the tundra of Greenland, the date on which insects are at their most abundant has been advancing by

over a day a year since the mid 1990s. However, the hatching dates of the sanderling, a small shorebird, remain unchanged.

The birds can't breed earlier because that would increase the chance of losing their eggs to Arctic foxes. After two decades of unequal shifting in the food chain, the main banquet is already over when sanderling chicks are born, though more research is needed to understand how this is affecting their population.

Mismatches aren't limited to predator-prey interactions. They can also affect age-old partnerships between plants and their pollinators.

Given the importance of insect pollination to agriculture and the functioning of ecosystems, the potential for such mismatches should be great cause for concern.

### Cascading concerns

Perhaps more worrying still, the impacts of these asynchronies are not confined to the species directly involved: they may cascade right through an ecosystem. For example, mismatches between birds and caterpillars may not only be bad for the birds. Now less likely to be hunted in their early lives, caterpillars can significantly reduce a tree's foliage, and this could have knock-on effects for other insect herbivores that graze them, and in turn the animals that feed on these insects.

There is much we still don't understand about climate breakdown's impacts on our fragile nature, and phenological mismatches are particularly complex to study. But what's clear is that species and ecosystems, already weakened by habitat destruction, overharvesting, invasive species and pollution, face a major new threat.

If we are to have any chance of preserving the living planet and avoiding the extinction of a million species, then we need to do more than stop climate breakdown. We need to invest in conservation too, to help wild plants and animals adapt to the changes we've already locked in. Not doing so would be bad news for all of us.

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# Construction Playgroup

**Danni Menzies**

Winchelsea Playgroup Coordinator

What an incredible turn out we had at today's playgroup, approximately twenty new families came along and it was such a positive experience for everyone.

We hope to move to weekly if the attendance continues to be more than 10 families.

Today's session was all around construction, we had edible mud (flour, cocoa & water) Play-Doh, painting, Tonka trucks in the sandpit and lots of different toys indoors on our brand new play mats! Lots of cooking in the kitchen area, musical instruments were also a hit and of course our see saw and climbing equipment is very popular.

We also had a wooden crane, building blocks and stories around construction. Lots of exploring and constructing among the children.

We were able to use the playground and sandpit today, and a BIG thanks to the church for adding more soft fall to the area so it was safe for the children to play with.

Next fortnight we are off to Hesse Rural Health for a Teddy Bears Picnic. We'd love to see you all there!

Check out our Facebook Group for more information.



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Last October, our two organisations launched the Geelong United All Abilities Basketball competition for players with a disability aged over 14 years. On March 22, the seven teams from five local clubs will play in the final round.

Basketball is one of the fastest growing participation sports in Australia, with some 1.3 million people playing basketball across the Nation and more than 10,000 participants in Geelong alone.

However, prior to establishing the all abilities competition here in Geelong, there were no competition opportunities for all abilities in Basketball anywhere in regional Victoria. Which meant, that while there were skill development programs available, people living with disability could not join a team or play for a club.

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## Fall armyworm

Victorian agronomists and growers should be vigilant in crop surveillance for Fall armyworm, following the impacts the pest is having on crops in Queensland.

Fall armyworm has rapidly spread across Australia after being found in Queensland in January 2020 and is now established in NSW, NT, WA and parts of Victoria.

Agriculture Victoria Plant Pests and Diseases Manager Chris Pittock said a collaborative effort between government, industry and the community is crucial to effectively manage pests such as Fall armyworm. 'If agronomists and farmers find Fall armyworm on their property, they should seek professional advice for treatment and management.'

'Given this pest is established in some parts of the state – we have adapted our practices to manage it. We have been able to watch what has happened in the northern states and learn from their experiences. Detections of concern to us would be if the pest is found outside of central Victoria near the Murray River, and some parts of Gippsland.'

AgVic has been leading the State response for the National Fall armyworm project, which is coordinated by Qld Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The project aims to support Australian growers with the latest information and tools to manage FAW.

Early detection of FAW is important to ensure producers make decisions in observance with best practice methods of control, and to reduce the likelihood of resistance occurring in the pest.

For the most up-to-date information on how to identify and prevent FAW, check out the Fall Armyworm Beatsheet <https://thebeatsheet.com.au/key-pests/fall-armyworm/>.

AgVic is monitoring the distribution of Fall armyworm across Victoria. You can report a sighting by contacting Customer Contact Centre on 136 186 or by completing the Online Reporting Form <https://forms.bio.vic.gov.au/public-reporting>

### Fall Armyworm information

- Fall armyworm has adapted to warm tropical and sub-tropical areas in northern Australia and can migrate rapidly and be spread by storm events.
- Fall armyworm feed on maize, sweet corn, sorghum and sugarcane, and experiences in Queensland have also shown a high preference for feeding on corn, even though wheat, millet and sunflowers were nearby.
- Adult moths are 32 to 40mm in length, wing tip to wing tip, with a brown or grey forewing and a white hind wing. Male fall armyworms have more patterns and a distinct white spot on each of their forewings.
- Eggs are pale yellow in colour and clustered together in a mass, which often contain 100 – 200 eggs per mass. Egg masses are usually attached to foliage with a layer of mould/silk-like furry substance.
- Newly hatched larvae are light coloured with a larger darker head and then develop white stripes lengthwise as the larvae darken and grow to about 34mm in length.

## Stop the sale, stop the spread of invasive weeds

All Victorians can help protect our food growing communities, our biodiversity, gardens, lakes and places of cultural significance by helping to stop the sale of two of the world's most invasive aquatic weeds.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Manager High Risk Invasive Plants Angela Constantine said the ongoing illegal trade of water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes* or *Pontederia crassipes*) and salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) is putting the state at risk. 'We're running a campaign helping to raise awareness about the risks of these plants, as they can cause extensive damage by choking rivers, dams, lakes and irrigation channels,' Ms Constantine said.



Water hyacinths



Salvinia molesta

'The continued trade of these plants helps them to spread fast and once introduced to a new area, these weeds quickly cover waterways. These weeds may look attractive, but their ability to quickly spread harms native plants and wildlife, and reduces water quality for farming and recreation.'

Water hyacinth and salvinia are primarily spread by people buying and selling them to go in ornamental ponds, dams and aquariums.

'It is illegal to buy, sell or give away water hyacinth or salvinia in Victoria, however in most cases home gardeners are unaware of the potential harmful impacts of these weeds,' Ms Constantine said.

'When you consider that one water hyacinth plant can produce more than 3000 seeds over summer, you can see how easily they can be spread from a backyard pond – they also have extensive root systems that can generate other plants too. The plants can be carried by birds to other waterways and once established, the infestations can be costly and hard to control.'

'Salvinia, also known as "water spangles", is equally invasive, and can cover an entire dam in just one season.'

Agriculture Victoria will safely treat, remove and dispose of State prohibited weeds such as water hyacinth and salvinia, at no cost to the land holder. If you suspect you have water hyacinth or salvinia on your property, please take a photo of the plant and email it to [weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au), or call the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186.

You can also make a report via the Agriculture Victoria website - [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/waterweeds](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/waterweeds).



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# Almost 3 Victorian children die every month due to preventable injuries

## Rising childhood injury death rate the focus for Kidsafe Campaign

Kidsafe Victoria is urging families to put strategies in place to reduce the risk posed by common injury hazards such as curtain and blind cords, driveways, and bodies of water, as part of a campaign honouring the 45th anniversary of the organisations establishment.

The call comes as new figures from the Coroners Court of Victoria show that 35 children 0-14 years died in Victoria due to preventable incidents in 2023 – almost 3 children every month.

The major causes of childhood injury deaths in 2023 were transport-related incidents, including driveway and low-speed runover incidents, children as pedestrians, and children as car occupants involved in crashes. Other significant causes included drowning, fires, choking, and strangulation.

Melanie Courtney, Kidsafe Victoria CEO, highlighted how quickly incidents can occur, and the impact they have on families. “A split second is all it can take. Children are particularly at risk due to their curiosity and lack of awareness of danger. Not only did 35 families lose children to preventable injuries last year, but thousands more were impacted by injuries that will affect them for the rest of their lives.”

One errant blind cord was all it took for tragedy to strike Kerrie’s family. Her grandson Lincoln had been playing in the lounge when he was found with the blind cord around his

neck. Lincoln had been strangled by the cord. “Watching your only child lose their child is devastating. The first responders were deeply affected, and the detective went home, hugged his kids, and checked his blinds”, said Kerrie. She is sharing her story as the face of the campaign in a bid to raise awareness about the dangers that curtain and blind cords can pose, and reduce unintentional childhood deaths. “Maybe it can save another child and another family’s heartache. I want something positive to come from Lincoln’s tragic death.”

With over 80,000 babies born each year in Victoria, 30,000 of them to new parents and carers, Kidsafe Victoria says it is vital that every family is provided with the tools to keep their children safe.

“We need a system that enables us to aim for zero deaths because no child deaths are acceptable – particularly when they are preventable,” said Ms Courtney.

The organisation has released a series of free resources to provide families with practical strategies and knowledge of how to prevent childhood injuries, including their ‘Making Your Home Kidsafe -A Guide for Parents and Carers’ booklet and ‘Baby Safety Guide – Kidsafe Essentials Course’.

Victorian families can order a free curtain and blind cord safety kit from Consumer Affairs Victoria.

## RSPCA’s Million Paws Walk on again!

RSPCA’s Million Paws Walk is on again, celebrating its 30th anniversary, with thousands of pups and their owners hitting the pavement across Australia on 26 May raising vital funds to help end animal cruelty.

More than 6,000 people and around 9,000 dogs are expected to participate at seven Million Paws Walk events across Victoria.

RSPCA Victoria Inspector for Geelong and the South West region Allie Small said “Despite a high number of reports, only 13 animals were either seized by or surrendered to RSPCA Victoria’s Inspectorate in the 22/23 financial year from Geelong, and it’s estimated it cost nearly \$16,000[1] for us to care for those animals. Million Paws Walk help cover the costs to care for these animals.”

The 2024 Million Paws Walk is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is calling on all Geelong and Surf Coast animal lovers to register. “It’s wonderful to be celebrating such a fantastic milestone like the 30th anniversary of Million Paws Walk and we can’t wait to see locals and their furry friends on 26 May,” Inspector Small said.

Registrations for the 30th Annual Million Paws Walk are now open, with a ‘barking-mad’ discount of 60% available from 21 February to 27 March 2024. Register now at [millionpawswalk.com.au](http://millionpawswalk.com.au) and start fundraising today!

If you’re interested in volunteering at the Geelong Million Paws Walk or exhibiting your business at the Pet Market at the event please contact [mpw@rspcavic.org.au](mailto:mpw@rspcavic.org.au).



### General Meeting

**Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 7.30pm**  
**Anglican Hall, Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea**

### Guest speaker - Jamie Comley

‘The Impact of Stormwater Runoff on River Health and Ecology’

The Barwon river is an outstanding feature and attraction of Winchelsea. The township is experiencing a major growth phase with several new developments generating significant increase in stormwater runoff to the river.

Jamie works in the area of stormwater management and will be speaking about how best to manage stormwater to the advantage of a greener and cooler townscape and reduced damage to riverine ecosystems.

**All interested people welcome.**



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When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon  
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### **Tai Chi - Experienced**

When: Friday mornings 9.30am-10.30am  
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\$10 per session  
Next Session Friday 15 March, 2024

### **Preparing Wills and Preplanned Funerals Session**

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### **Sound Healing**

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### **Crochet Group**

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons  
1.30pm, Winchelsea Community House Space  
\$5 per session  
Next Session Saturday 23rd March, 2024

### **Knitting Group**

When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12 noon  
(during school terms)  
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### **Gentle Movement Classes**

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### **Be Connected**

#### **Free Building Digital Skills program)**

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## Shopping precinct upgrades and sport and recreation facilities

At Council's February 27 meeting, Surf Coast Shire Council endorsed the application for three funding grants from the state and federal government and approved three already submitted to meet timelines.

The three upcoming grant applications are to the:

- Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund for the Spring Creek female friendly change facilities upgrade: \$1 million from the RSCIF, and \$700,000 from Council through the Australian government's Investing in Our Communities Program (total project \$1.7 million).
- Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program for the Torquay CBD and Baines Crescent Precincts projects: \$500,000 from the RPPP, and \$150,000 from Council's Adopted Strategy Reserve (total project value \$650,000).
- Enabling Tourism Fund for the Destination Anglesea - Mountain Bike and Tourism Trail Network Detailed Design project: \$240,000 from ETF, and \$60,000 from Council's Adopted Strategy Reserve (total project \$300,000).

While endorsing upcoming grant applications, Council also approved three applications currently underway. These are:

- **Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) for the Winchelsea Bowls Club Sports Lighting project: \$112,618 from the LSIF, and \$37,539 from the Winchelsea Bowls Club (total project value \$150,157).**
- Council Support Package (CSP) for the Pedestrian / Cycling Connection (Surf World/Torquay CBD) project: \$100,000 from the CSP, and \$130,000 from Council's Roads to Recovery funding (total project value \$230,000).
- Play Well Participation Grant Program (PWPGP) for the Walking and All Abilities Basketball Program: \$15,000 from the PWPGP.

Cr Heather Wellington said the applications reflect Surf Coast Shire community needs. From more inclusive sporting facilities, to boosting the local economy through projects around Torquay's CBD and the Baines Crescent precincts, Council is embodying an enabling communities ethos.

"It's also great to be supporting groups who do so much for their communities, like the Winchelsea Bowls Club. The lights will enable the club to compete at night and expand and make their social bowls program more accessible."

## Unsealed Roads Review seeking community input

Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking community input about the maintenance and renewal practices of unsealed roads throughout the shire for the Unsealed Roads Review.

The Unsealed Roads Review will look at maintenance and renewal practices and policies Council uses for unsealed

roads throughout the shire. Recommendations from the review will be used to develop long term and sustainable options for maintain these roads in the future.

Council wants to hear from the community, local road users and local businesses about issues, safety concerns and expectations they have about unsealed roads within the shire. Local knowledge will be critical to ensuring the review considers all available information.

Drop in sessions will be a chance for the community to discuss the unsealed roads with Council officers and complete the survey online:

- 10 March, 9am–12pm, Aireys Inlet Market, Aireys Hall, Great Ocean Road, Aireys Inlet.
- **16 March, 9.30am–12.30pm, Moriac Community Centre, Newling Reserve, 830 Hendy Main Road, Moriac.**
- 16 March, 2pm–5pm, Connewarre Hall, 15 Randles Road, Connewarre.

"The community is encouraged to fill in the survey, including an interactive map where residents can place a pin on a road and leave a comment for Council officers to review" Surf Coast Shire Cr Heather Wellington said.

"Over 57% of our roads are unsealed roads and we know most of them are in rural areas, so make sure you have your say on this issue if it affects you."

"If you cannot make a drop in session, make sure you complete the online survey. Paper copies of the survey are available at the drop in sessions or you can call the Council office on 5261 0600 and request a paper copy be sent to you".

The survey is open until 8 April 2024 and can be accessed at: [yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads](https://yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/unsealedroads).

## Laughter, tears, and good conversation: International Women's Day event a success

The Surf Coast Shire Council hosted its annual International Women's Day event today at the Torquay Senior Citizens Centre, with MC Marsha Uppill and a panel of four local women.

This year's official world theme 'Inspire Inclusion' was touched upon by the panellists Jules Haddock, Carly Enticott, Ebony Hickey, and Iris Walshe-Howling who spoke in length about their respective experience in the arts, mental health, and advocating for women in sport.

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Liz Pattison thanked Corrina Eccles for opening with a Welcome to Country, before sharing her experiences as a woman in leadership.

"Being Mayor on a Council with five women, alongside an organisation with a female CEO, fills me with pride," Cr Pattison said.

"It is wonderful to think that young girls can see women like us in leadership positions and know the path is there – hopefully with fewer hurdles by the time they're older."

# Winchelsea Cricket Club Presentation Night 2023/24

## A - Grade

BATTING AGGREGATE - Shane Murdoch 489

A GRADE CAPTAIN'S AWARD 23/24 - Cameron Watson

BATTING AVERAGE - Shane Murdoch 69.86

A GRADE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 23/24 - Shane Murdoch

BOWLING AGGREGATE - Shane Murdoch 25

BOWLING AVERAGE - Shane Murdoch 14.84



## B - Grade

BATTING AGGREGATE - Sam Collins 137

B GRADE CAPTAIN'S AWARD 23/24 - Jaxon Tench

BATTING AVERAGE - Sam Collins 22.83

B GRADE MOST CONSISTENT 23/24 - Luke Lenahan

BOWLING AGGREGATE - Luke Lenahan 12

B GRADE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 23/24 - Ray Edwards Jnr & Sam Collins

BOWLING AVERAGE - Luke Lenahan 12.5

**DUCK AWARD - Todd Hardy 6**

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**Where:** "Carinya" 2115 Hendy Main rd Freshwater Creek  
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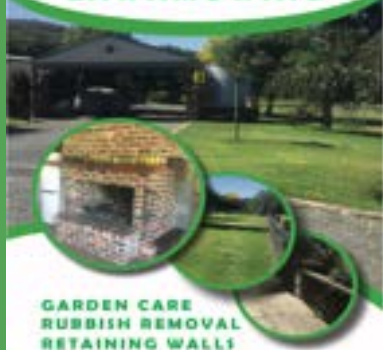
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