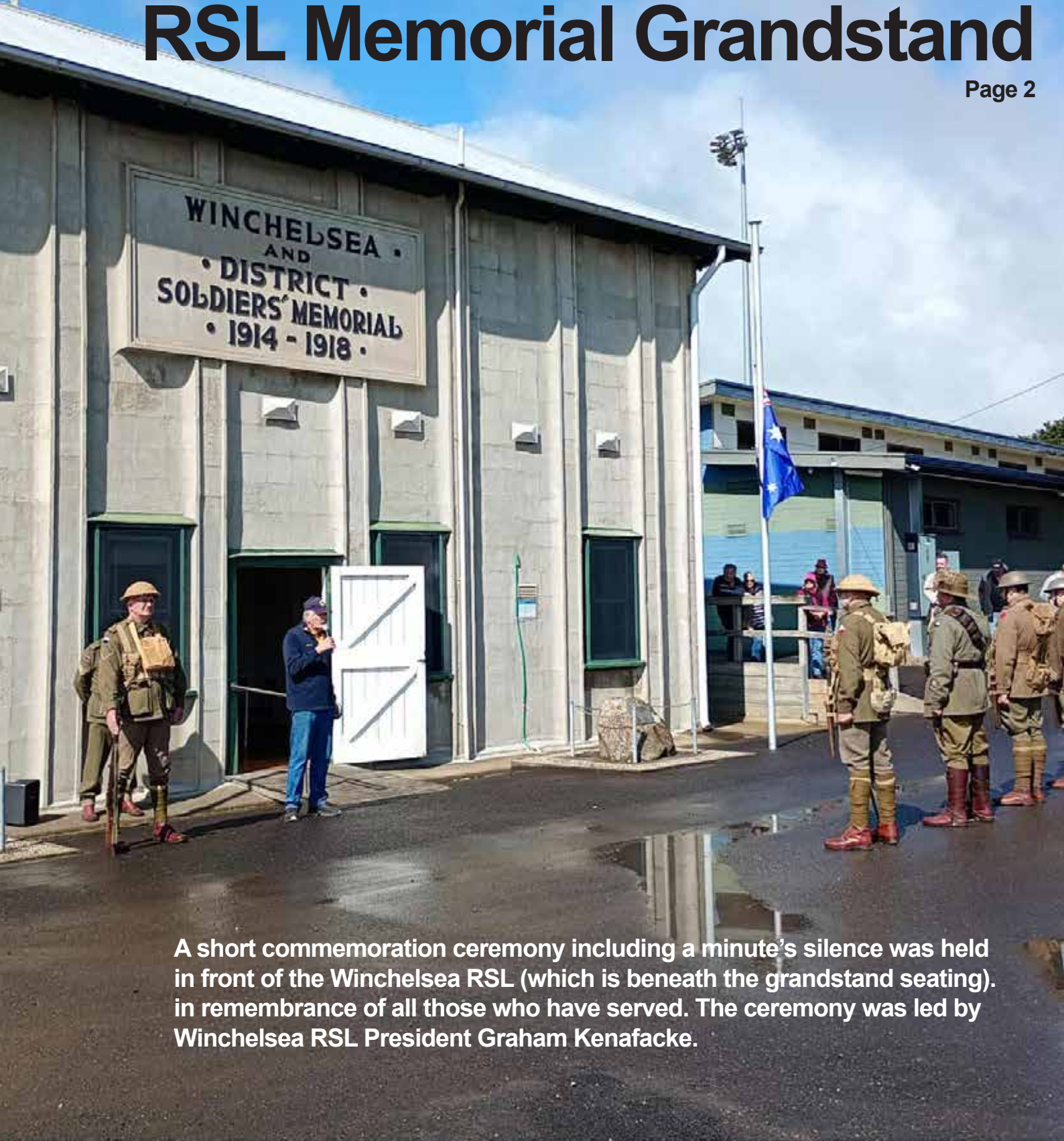


Centenary of the Winchelsea RSL Memorial Grandstand

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A short commemoration ceremony including a minute's silence was held in front of the Winchelsea RSL (which is beneath the grandstand seating), in remembrance of all those who have served. The ceremony was led by Winchelsea RSL President Graham Kenafacke.

Centenary of the Winchelsea RSL Memorial Grandstand

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In turbulent times such as these, we are recalled to reflect on those members of the Winchelsea community who were called to serve in armed conflict abroad.

Last Saturday, 13th September the Winchelsea RSL marked the centenary celebration of the erection of the Winchelsea RSL Memorial Grandstand. The grandstand at the Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea was erected as a functional memorial to the people of Winchelsea and district who served in the armed services in the First World War. The funds for the memorial which incorporated the RSL clubrooms underneath were raised by public donation from the Winchelsea community and a large loan from the local bank, which was paid back by funds raised at the opening. Labor on the construction was largely voluntary to help meet costs and members of the community donated to the funding of the project.

The Geelong Advertiser on October 6, 1925 described the opening ceremony on the 3rd of October, 1925 as "one of the most important functions in the history of Winchelsea". The opening



ceremony took a large committee of local Winchelsea people weeks to prepare and was attended by high profile guests such as the Hon. W. Gibson, P.M.G. The event contained fund-raising market stalls including a "Made in Australia" stall, children's events, motor car and cycle races, horse events and men's and ladies' races of various kinds. Fees were charged at the gate for entry and for the entry to each of the events to cover the debt to the bank of the construction on the grandstand and club rooms. On the grounds, the ladies of the committee, with Mrs. T. J. McConchie president, and Mrs. F. B. Knuckey, secretary, assisted

by ladies of the Women's Auxiliary opening stalls of their bazaar. A large marquee was erected by Mr H. E. Warner for the stalls. Towards the close of the programme a high tea was enjoyed under the management of Mrs. A. W. Eddie and H. Batson.

At the centenary celebration on Saturday the local community was represented by the local Lions selling barbeque and providing kids train rides to raise funds for their efforts, as well as Scouts and Girl Guides selling freshly made pancakes.

The CWA were selling crafts and cakes. The Geelong Military Reenactment Group made an impressive display of combat reenactment with pyrotechnics and reconstructions of battle tactics, and various other community members represented many aspects of our community.

Displays of vintage cars and military machinery, some over 100 years old, added to the colour of the event and illustrated what the town would have been like when the RSL memorial grandstand was opened in 1925.

Events such as this are a reminder to us that the Winchelsea community today is as strong now as it was in the 1920s, when members of our local community came together for the mutual benefit of our town and to support growing Winchelsea as a vibrant and inclusive community, and that we can do the same.

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Council Reviews Road

Safety Progress

Surf Coast Shire Council has received the year two progress report on the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2027, highlighting both strong achievements and ongoing challenges in improving safety across the region.

Key actions delivered in 2024/2025 include:

- Upgrades to Erskine Falls Road, Lorne, to reduce driver distraction.
- New cycling infrastructure on The Esplanade and Fischer Street, Torquay, linking central and north Torquay with safe and accessible walking and cycling routes.
- Pedestrian crossings installed in Anglesea and Bellbrae.
- Speed reviews underway in Connewarre, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and Moggs Creek.

The report recognises the unique road safety challenges faced in Surf Coast Shire, including a high number of

international tourists and rapid population growth.

“One death on our roads is one death too many,” said Cr Joel Grist. “As the population grows and traffic increases, it’s encouraging to see safer walking and cycling routes being delivered.”

The five-year Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, adopted by Council in November 2022, set ambitious targets to:

- Reduce fatalities on Surf Coast roads by 50% by 2030
- Reduce serious injuries by 30% by 2030.

These targets are in line with state and federal road safety targets.

“These upgrades are making a real difference in helping people move safely, no matter how they travel,” said Cr Joel Grist. “Our goal is ambitious, but it needs to be. It takes a consistent effort to reach these targets, but it’s a target we can achieve together.”

Council officers will prepare applications for grant funding through the 2026/2027

Federal Black Spot Program, seeking upgrades to priority roads, including:

- Horseshoe Bend Road from The Esplanade to Lower Duneed Road – safe cycling/pedestrian connection from Torquay to Geelong.
- Torquay town centre area wide treatment (east of Surf Coast Highway) - safer access for all transport modes from Darian Road to Bell Street, 40kph area wide treatment with local area traffic management
- Anglesea town centre area wide treatment – 40kph area wide treatment with local area traffic management on Camp Road and surrounding streets
- Cape Otway Road, Buckley Road to Mathisons Road – new barriers and line marking to reduce serious injury crash risks.
- Torquay West urban fringe, (Coombes Road, Grossmans Road, Messmate Road and Duffields Road) – a range of treatments including line marking, green cycle lane paint, and signage.

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Time To Start Planning October Positive Ageing Month Adventures

Positive Ageing Month in Surf Coast Shire will inject plenty of active into activities, with opportunities for participation, connection and fun including dancing, exercise classes, strength training and ocean wading.

Over-55s can also turn hands to pottery or weaving, get on the tools in women's or men's community sheds, explore some history or kick back with live blues music as part of the month's special offerings.

Surf Coast Shire Council celebrates Positive Ageing Month every October, in support of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

This year's festival theme is Connect Create Celebrate, and Council is proud to be supporting more than 30 events and activities.

"Our annual celebration of people aged 55 and older just keeps getting bigger and better with the diverse and engaging range of activities on offer across the shire," Council Positive Ageing Advisory Committee councillor representative Cr Tony Phelps said.

"We love to see people being active, involved and making connections at any time but this month serves up some really special opportunities for trying something new or revitalising an interest, skill or hobby.

"It's about connecting with others, having fun and discovering what some of our many wonderful community organisations can offer year-round.



"Check out the busy Positive Ageing Month calendar now and start planning your adventure."

People can view the full calendar, and find place-based listings of events via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth or collect printed calendars from local community houses or Council's civic office at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

This year's major events include:

- Celebrating Mental Health Week with Art of the Minds and a Kithbrooke Park afternoon tea dance, 6 October.
- Winchelsea and district Sunday Arvo Music with 'Heart and a Soul', Blues/Rock band, 12 October.
- Celebrating the Rainbow Community with Piano Bar at In The Skies, Lorne, 27 October.
- Launch of the Get Involved directory which links to more than 100 groups, activities and services, encouraging people to make connections and increase participation in community life, 9 October.

Some activities during the month link with other dedicated events, including Ageism Awareness Day, Get Online Week and National Carers Week.

The Victorian Government supports the Victorian Seniors Festival with provision of eight days of free public transport travel for Victorian Seniors Card holders between 5 and 12 October to help people attend regional and metropolitan events. For details visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/free-travel

Slithering Into Snake Season

As temperatures rise, snakes become more active, emerging from a period of reduced activity to seek food and mates. While they may be more visible, snakes generally pose little danger to people when left alone.

Lachlan Clarke, Manager Statewide Wildlife Advisory Services at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said: "Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill them."

"The most effective way to stay safe is to simply leave them alone. This includes keeping pets on leads in areas where snakes are known to occur," he said.

Remember:

- Keep your yard tidy, clear away clutter like timber piles and rocks.
- Supervise pets, keep dogs on a lead and watch pets closely in high-risk areas. If you suspect a bite, seek immediate veterinary care.
- Dress for the occasion, when out walking, wear long pants and proper shoes.
- Don't try to catch or harm a snake. Call a licensed snake catcher instead.
- In the case of a bite, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975, and capturing, harming, or killing them is illegal.

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The First 72 Hours: Emergency Planning Workshops In

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During emergencies it's common to be without services such as power, water, phone reception and road access for a period of time.

Surf Coast Shire Council is hosting a series of emergency planning workshops to help the community prepare for these situations, with two of the workshops to be held in Winchelsea.

The 90-minute sessions will equip attendees with resources and knowledge to reduce their risks and prepare for safety in the event of disruptions in emergency situations.

They'll develop an Emergency Plan, for use in the event they're cut off from essential services.

The workshops are part of Council's participation in the First 72 Hours program, which asks community members to consider how they'd handle the first 72 hours after a disaster or emergency.

Event Details: First 72 Hours – Emergency Planning and Preparation Workshops

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2025, 2:30pm and 5:30pm

Location: Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse Street

Cost: No charge to attend

Registration: is essential via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/First72Hours

Councillor Joel Grist encouraged the community to take up the opportunity.

"Being prepared for emergencies is a responsibility we all share," Cr Grist said. "These workshops will be very practical – encouraging you to think about what you'd do if stuck without essential services for up to 72 hours, and make a plan."

"It's an important way you can look after the safety of yourself and your loved ones, especially with the fire season coming."

For those unable to attend, an Emergency Plan template and guidance is available on the Council website: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/First72Hours.

Farmers Say Rates Notices Preview Fire Services Tax Pain

As local government rates notices hit letterboxes across the state, farmers are highlighting the madness of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Tax (ESVF) now hitting the pockets of Victorian homeowners.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) President Brett Hosking said the mounting outrage is adding more weight to calls to scrap massive increases in the tax.

"People are opening their rates notices to reveal this new cash grab by the State Government. If you're a homeowner, take a moment to consider that a farmer would be forced to pay 166 per cent of what you're paying for a property of the same value."

"The lunacy is if I'm a homeowner and my neighbour's house catches fire, people call 000. Through the CFA we are the fire department and we'll be slugged this backward tax for the privilege," Mr Hosking said.

The VFF has warned that the tax could exacerbate existing financial pressures on farming families, who already

shoulder the cost of maintaining firebreaks, equipment, and volunteer firefighting commitments.

"It's not just a tax, it's a fundamental misunderstanding of who is already paying and protecting the community."

"There is absolutely no support for this tax...not from the fire services, not from local councils and overwhelmingly not from farmers and regional communities," Mr Hosking said.

Expression of Interest

2026 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar

Entries close Sunday 21 September



Buff banded rail by Caroline Hawkins

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Winchelsea Cemetery Joins Arboretum Trail

Geelong Cemeteries Trust (GCT), in collaboration with Growing Winchelsea and the Winchelsea Arboretum Trail (WAT) sub-committee, is pleased to announce the planting of a selection of specimen trees at Winchelsea Cemetery, officially marking GCT's inclusion in the developing Winchelsea Arboretum Trail.

The first trees went into the cemetery grounds this week, marking the beginning of a multi-stage program to enhance visitor experience, biodiversity and contribute to town canopy cover.

The Winchelsea Arboretum Trail is a community-driven initiative by Growing Winchelsea, designed to link mini arboreta across the four quadrants of the town. Once complete, the trail will connect key cultural, historic and recreational landmarks including the Barwon River, Barwon Park Mansion, Winchelsea Railway Station, Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea Golf Club and now, Winchelsea Cemetery.

The first stage of plantings at Winchelsea Cemetery includes a selection of trees including gum, oak and evergreen varieties,

chosen for their botanical diversity. These selections offer multiple benefits, from cooling shade and habitat for wildlife, to interpretive learning opportunities and an enhanced setting for reflection.

"Planting these specimen trees is both an environmental and cultural investment in our community's future," says Dean Matthews, Geelong Cemeteries Trust's CEO. "We're proud to include Winchelsea Cemetery in the Arboretum Trail, forging connections between heritage and nature."

Naida Hutton, Convenor of the Winchelsea Arboretum Trail sub-committee, adds, "This planting within the cemetery enriches one of our town's key sites, bringing life and shade, meaning and memory to the Arboretum Trail network."

Geelong Cemeteries Trust will continue adding new trees each year, with future stages to include plantings in the planned cemetery extension.

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- Soft tissue massage to release tightness in the neck, shoulders, and jaw.
- Joint mobilisation to improve movement.
- Postural and ergonomic advice for everyday activities.
- Simple stretches or strengthening exercises for long-term support.
- Dry needling and joint manipulation are used when warranted.

Every person's situation is different, so an initial consultation usually involves a discussion of health history, a physical assessment, and a tailored plan.

Some people may also be eligible for Medicare rebates under a chronic condition management plan. Speak to your GP to see if you are eligible.

Winchelsea Osteopathic Clinic is located at 32 Main Street, Winchelsea (The Exchange building).

For more information, visit winchelseaosteopathicclinic.com.au or call 03 5267 2948.



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

I understand that the Surfcoast Shire has budgeted \$80,000 for this year's Christmas celebrations.

I know that a few well-off residents would consider this a pittance. I know that this is only a small percentage of the Shire's annual income.

But I also believe that a lot of residents are doing it tough. And to think that their limited, hard earned cash is being frittered away on one particular religious occasion must be heartbreaking.

Surely the Shire can think of a much better way that \$80,000 can serve the community??? Or are we just paying too much in our rates?

Not long ago, some councillors were elected on the slogan of "get back to basics". What happened?

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THANKS WINCHIES!

A shout out to the good people of Winchelsea who came quickly to our aid this afternoon when a big truck got bogged at our place in Buckley.

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Susan Corby

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The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

From The Guardian UK

Carbon emissions from the world's biggest fossil fuel companies have been directly linked to dozens of deadly heatwaves for the first time, according to a new analysis. The research has been hailed as a "leap forward" in the legal battle to hold big oil accountable for the damages being caused by the climate crisis.

The research found that the emissions from any one of the 14 biggest companies were by themselves enough to cause more than 50 heatwaves that would otherwise have been virtually impossible. The study shows, in effect, that those emissions caused the heatwaves.

The carbon pollution from ExxonMobil's fossil fuels, for example, made 51 heatwaves at least 10,000 times more likely than in an unheated world, the researchers found, as did the emissions from Saudi Aramco.

Global heating is making heatwaves more frequent and more intense across the globe, contributing to at least 500,000 heat-related deaths a year. The searing heatwave that struck the Pacific north-west of the US in 2021 was made almost 3C hotter, for example.

The new research found that the total emissions from the 180 "carbon major" companies included in the analysis were responsible for about half the increase in intensity, with emissions due to forest destruction making up most of the rest. It also found that the 213 heatwaves studied became 200 times more likely on average from 2010 to 2019 owing to the climate crisis.

"Being able to trace back the contribution of these single [carbon major] emitters and quantify their contribution could be very useful for establishing potential liability," said Prof Sonia Seneviratne, at ETH Zurich university in Switzerland, a senior author of the report.

Dr Davide Faranda, a research director at the French National Centre for

Scientific Research and not part of the study team, said: "This study adds a crucial new step: it connects the dots between specific climate disasters and the companies whose emissions made them possible. This bridge could become a cornerstone for legal and policy action to hold polluters accountable."

Cassidy DiPaola, a spokesperson for the Make Polluters Pay campaign, said: "We can now point to specific heatwaves and say, 'Saudi Aramco did this. ExxonMobil did this.' When their emissions alone are triggering heatwaves that wouldn't have happened otherwise, we're talking about real people who died, real crops that failed, and real communities that suffered, all because of decisions made in corporate boardrooms."

The world's highest court, the international court of justice, ruled in July that failing to prevent climate harm could result in having to pay compensation, while a German high court set a legal precedent in May that fossil fuel companies could be held liable for their contribution. "Here's the evidence the courts have been waiting for," said DiPaola. "The bill is coming due, and it's time these polluters pay for the damage they've done."

The research, published in the journal *Nature*, used a type of analysis called attribution. This compares the hotter world today with the world before mass burning of fossil fuels to assess how emissions have driven up temperatures, using weather data and computer models.

The scientists first worked out how much each carbon major's emissions had pushed up temperatures and then how much these higher temperatures increased the likelihood of heatwaves. Previous research has linked hundreds of individual events to global heating, but this study is the first to systematically analyse a series of events.

"Climate change has made each of the 213 heatwaves more likely and more intense, and the situation has worsened

over time," said Dr Yann Quilcaille of ETH Zurich, the lead author of the study.

The research found the increase in average intensity of the heatwaves rose from 1.4C in 2000-09 to 2.2C in 2020-23. The 213 major heatwaves assessed happened from 2000 to 2023 and spanned every continent. The data on them was taken from the biggest disaster database, EM-DAT, but Africa and South America were significantly underrepresented due to lack of reporting and suitable weather data.

"The study's findings likely underestimate the true scale of these events, and the real consequences are probably far greater," said Dr Friederike Otto, at Imperial College London.

Even the emissions from the fossil fuel companies at the bottom of the list of carbon majors had a significant impact on heatwaves. The carbon pollution from each of these caused 16 heatwaves to become at least 10,000 times more likely than before the climate crisis.

Carbon emissions are emitted when people use oil, gas or coal to heat their homes or power their transport, but Quilcaille said fossil fuel companies had a particular responsibility – they had pursued profit through disinformation and lobbying, despite having known since the 1980s that burning fossil fuels would lead to global heating.

However, no polluter had yet been held accountable in court and challenges remained, said Prof Michael Gerrard and Dr Jessica Wentz, of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University.

"The problem is the various legal issues that must be resolved before scientists can take the witness stand," they said in a commentary in *Nature*. The issues included which courts should hear the cases, whether fossil-fuel producers should be liable for their customers' emissions, and if long campaigns of deception by some fossil fuel companies were relevant, Gerrard and Wentz said.

"The new study is one more building block, and a useful one, but the road to actual liability for the carbon majors is still littered with legal and evidentiary potholes," they said.

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pits. Burn for over an hour, ash great for
gardens, no chainsaw needed.
Pack of 4 logs \$5, small rolls \$2
Alan 0476 47522

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is back! The Tennis Club is
running this every Wednesday 7:00pm
at the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre!
Only \$5 a person All equipment supplied
Wear suitable footwear
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Welcomes girls 6-15 yrs
Mondays, 4.30pm-6pm (school terms)
St John's Catholic Church Winchelsea

Fun, friendship, and adventure.
Developing teamwork, and leadership
skills, whilst girls achieve goals, improve
communities and grow in confidence.
3 FREE sessions to come along and try.
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
or Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441



Social Bridge is played at
Senior Citizens Centre
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
New players always welcome
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR COACHING

Mondays from 3.30pm
with experienced Nicole Mullen \$10

WINCHELSEA OP SHOP

The Op Shop is holding a 1/2 price book
sale now and over the School Holidays.

Get your books organised for your
School Holiday reading.

Great children's and adult books
available.

NATIVE FLOWER WORKSHOPS

Design flower bouquet
At BARRABOOL HILLS LAVENDER
Sun 21 Sept or Sun 26 Oct
10.30 am - 1.30 pm
\$120 pp
Includes all materials, local flowers
and country lunch
To book phone Carrie 0421 464 209

WANT TO JOIN PROBUS?

Enjoy fellowship with
other members

Enjoy trips & outings

Listen to guest speakers



Contact Lorraine
0417 467 927

ADVERTISING DOGS AND CATS

The Domestic Animals Act has certain
requirements around placing ads for
pets/animals. The ad must include the
microchip number of each pet, and a
Source Number obtained online from the
Pet Exchange Register \$23.85.

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES IN WINCHELSEA

VLINE TRAIN SERVICES

TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 6.21(coach) 07.55, 11.10, 14.04, 16.58, 19.21
Sat - Sun 9:34, 14.04, 16.58 19.18

TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 8.58, 11.51, 14.46, 17.28 (coach), 18.43, 20.53
Sat - Sun 8:48, 11.41, 14.46, 20.38



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month
Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall

Join us. *A role for everyone*



Nationally accredited training to help our community.
Pop in to meet your crew **Wednesdays 7:30pm**

Winchelsea Unit 325 Mousley Drive **132 500**

Winchelsea and District COMBINED PROBUS CLUB



Senior Citizens Rooms,
Harding St, Winchelsea.
New members always welcome.
Enquiries Lorraine 0417 467 927



SOCIAL BRIDGE

Senior Citizens Centre
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
New players always welcome
Contact Elaine Atkinson 0458009616

WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION 55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Tuesday	2pm-4pm	Saturday	1.30-3.30pm
Thursday	2pm-4pm	Sunday	9.30-12.30pm



Closed on Christmas Day,
but open on other public holidays
that fall during their normal operating hours.
www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites



WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Our Unit meets at the Catholic Church Hall,
Harding St Winchelsea each Monday 4.30pm-6pm
All girls 5yrs- 15yrs Welcome!
Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
or Lily Del Rennie Ph. 0428 936 441



1st Modda & 1st Winchelsea SCOUT GROUP

Joeys: Tuesdays of school term 5-6pm
Cubs: Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm
Scouts: Tuesdays of school term 6:30-8:30pm
All at Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Venturers: Wed at Walton's Rd Venturer Den
Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147



BUS TO THE HUB

For reservations on the weekly bus
to the Eastern Reserve Hub,
please phone 52671202.

SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

Hesse St, Fridays, 2pm-5pm
Surf Coast Mobile Library
parked in Hesse Street (outside Shire Hall)
Fridays 2:00 and 5:00pm unless it is a Public Holiday.

WINCHELSEA TAXI

0429 672 888 or 5267 2888
Wheelchair accessible
10 seater bus available.

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Every second Thursday 10am-12pm
St Thomas Anglican Church Hall
cnr Barwon Tce and Hopkins St, Winchelsea
Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com
Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
New families welcome



Gardening Tips

Peter Groves

New Seedlings

The most productive vegetable garden I have seen was Judy Wilsons at Murdeduke which was powered by pig manure. Pig manure contains valuable nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium but it is a bit smelly! And like all animal manures it can harbor pathogens that could pose risks to human health. So is important that it is composted first – and not just any composting, but composting at *high temperatures*.

Other types of manures;

Chicken – high in nitrogen, usually doesn't contain weeds

Cow - breaks down easily, low in nutrients

Horse – well balanced, often contains weeds

Sheep – Potassium rich, breaks down easily

Horse manure makes a good mulch for flower beds.

Five manure pros:

1. Manure improves soil structure
2. It helps maintain healthy air and water levels in the soil
3. It adds helpful microorganisms and insects to the soil
4. Livestock do most of the work to create a nutritious soil supplement.
5. Composting manure is a planet-smart move, as it lowers greenhouse gas emissions.

GET YOUR BOOTS ON AND
KICK UP YOUR HEELS

AT THE
MODEWARRE HALL

**BUSH
DANCE**



Starring



Family \$25
or Adult \$10
Kids \$5



Sausage Sizzle & Supper provided

Saturday 8th November

5:30pm

<i>Southern Vic planting</i>	Sep	Oct
Artichoke, Globe suckers	x	x
Artichoke, Jerusalem	x	
Asparagus crown		x
Beans, Broad	x	
Beans, Bush & Climbing	x	x
Beetroot	x	x
Broccoli	x	x
Brussels sprouts	x	x
Cabbage	x	x
Capsicums	x	x
Carrots	x	x
Cauliflower	x	x
Celeriac	x	x
Celery	x	x
Chicory	x	x
Chives	x	x
Choko	x	x
Cress	x	x
Cucumber	x	x
Eggplant		x
Endive	x	x
Gherkins		x
Kale	x	x
Kohlrabi	x	x
Leeks	x	x
Melons	x	x
Onions	x	x
Parsley	x	x
Parsnips	x	x
Peas	x	x
Potatoes	x	x
Pumpkin	x	x
Radishes	x	x
Rhubarb, Crowns	x	x
Salsify	x	x
Silverbeet	x	x
Spinach	x	x
Squash	x	x
Swedes	x	x
Sweetcorn	x	x
Tomatoes		x
Turnips	x	x
Zucchini		x
	Sep	Oct

Ed note: For information on various composting methods look at the Gardening Australia website www.abc.net.au/gardening/ and Search for 'composting'; It also explains how to make manure tea, which is a liquid solution made by steeping manure in water



WINCHELSEA FACEBOOK



Community, Sports, Churches and Non-profits

What's on in Winchelsea	facebook.com/WhatsoninWinchelsea
Winchelsea FREE	facebook.com/groups/winchelseafree
Winchelsea Community Information	facebook.com/groups/207538644446972
Winchelsea Classifieds 3241	facebook.com/groups/216942861684082
Winchelsea Lost and Found	facebook.com/groups/768187693217518
Winchelsea Op Shop	facebook.com/HospitalAuxiliaryOpShopWinchelsea
Winchelsea Shire Hall	facebook.com/WinchelseaShireHall
Winchelsea Community House	facebook.com/winchelseacommunityhouse
The Green Winchelsea Residents	facebook.com/groups/515322772623126
Growing Winchelsea Inc	facebook.com/growingwinch
Winchelsea Star	facebook.com/TheWinchelseaStar
Winchelsea Movie Club	facebook.com/winchelseamovies
Winchelsea Community Market	facebook.com/100083362387611
Winchelsea Land and River Care Group	facebook.com/envirowinchelsea/
Upper Barwon Landcare Network	facebook.com/UpperBarwonLandcare
Winchelsea & District Historical Society Inc	facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety/
Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter	www.winchelseawildlifeshelter.com/
SCARS - Surf Coast Animal Rescue Service	facebook.com/groups/415211698950674
Winchelsea Gardeners	facebook.com/groups/779878518703025
Winchelsea & District Historical Society	facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety/
Winchelsea Repertory Society Inc	facebook.com/winchrep/
Winchelsea Globe Theatre	facebook.com/Winchelsea-Globe Theatre-164790897641678
Winchelsea Uniting Church	facebook.com/winchelseaunitingchurch
St Thomas' Anglican Church	facebook.com/StThomasWinchelsea
St John the Baptist Catholic Church	facebook.com/pages/Winchelsea-Catholic-Church/101775670163180
Winchelsea Mainly Music	facebook.com/groups/668500343953191/
Winchelsea Health Club	facebook.com/WinchelseaHealthClub
Winchelsea Playgroup (School terms only)	facebook.com/groups/551663435367031
Winchelsea Girl Guides	www.guidesvic.org.au/
Winchelsea/Modewarre Scouts	facebook.com/1stModewarreScouts
Winchelsea Fire Brigade	facebook.com/winchelseafirebrigade/
Winchelsea SES	facebook.com/groups/WinchSES
Country Women's Association - CWA Winchelsea	facebook.com/pg/CWAWinchelsea/
Winchelsea Bowls Club	facebook.com/Winchelsea-Bowls-Club-533783333344345/
Winchelsea Blues Cricket Club	facebook.com/groups/8999049476/
Winchelsea Blues FC	facebook.com/WinchelseaFNC/
WYLD Winchelsea Youth Leisure and Drop in	facebook.com/groups/569737570027065/
Lions Club of Winchelsea	facebook.com/LionsWinchelsea
Winchelsea Probus	facebook.com/893535194971083
Winchelsea Golf Club	facebook.com/winchelseagc/ facebook.com/groups/1324943804676697

Getting to know our Staff at WPS

**Jane
Sawyer
Intergration Aide**



GETTING TO KNOW OUR
STAFF
AT WPS

- Weekly Introductions in
our newsletter

Q & A

I have been at WPS for about 10 years.

I have 2 children, Darcy 21 and Alice 19.

Both of my children came to this school.

My favourite things about WPS are the special little people I have the privilege to work with. The staff are pretty good too.

Winchelsea PS has a great small community feel which is unique and special.

My favourite colour is green

My favourite thing to watch on TV is a series that you can't stop watching. (Yellowstone comes to mind)

My favourite things to do are going for a road trip to anywhere and I do love spending time in my garden.

I have 4 dogs (a Curly Coated Retriever, a Kelpie and two Jack Russells)numerous chooks,1 horse and a few sheep.

I one day soon to get myself another horse to ride out on the trails.

I like the truth and honesty. If you do something wrong, own it !

Community input needed for Winchelsea Swimming Pool to be at its best

Haidee Benning

Part 3 of 4 weekly parts: An opinion piece on community involvement in the Winchelsea Swimming Pool project

Perhaps a comparison of other rural regional pools throughout south west Victoria may be of use in garnering ideas to solve these “operational cost” versus “community access and utilisation” challenges. There are several solutions by way of community committees that work in conjunction with local council. As I said before folks, it will always come down to the people first. The people within the townships with passion, vision and drive to come together and build a culture that supports optimizing the Pool. I have seen this with my own eyes at other Pools in the south west region.

One example is the outdoor Pool in Timboon. Friends and colleagues of mine are leaders of their community pool committee and ive seen first hand how they run a fabulous program for the summer months. The pool is extremely well supported by the township.

Community committees working in conjunction with local council or private contractor operators affords an opportunity to raise revenue through increased membership, patronage, seasonal fundraising events, swimming lesson and exercise class fees etc. Im lucky I guess, my mum instilled a lot of good principles in me which enables me to be an eternal optimist f(or better of worse!) Two key ideologies that come to mind here are “Where there’s a will, there’s a way” and “If you want a job done properly, you’ve got to do it yourself!” So folks, lets get behind this idea and come together as a community.



It is true that high operational costs of most outdoor regional Victorian pools mean they run at a loss. I would argue, despite this, the loss is worth it. There are other benefits that should not be ignored or downgraded. In fact the Shire advocates they are in fact committed to prioritising these exact benefits in their annual reports.

The second focus point in the Shires Annual Report is “Healthy Connected Community” where it is outlined that there is a commitment and focus on;

- facilitating the provision of social infrastructure and open space to enable healthy lifestyles
- Improve access to local services and programs that support people to be healthy and well
- Make it easier for people to move around our towns and in nature without relying on cars
- Enable communities to strengthen their social connections and participate in community life

Expanding Winchelsea’s access to a longer pool season, better operational hours and offering learn to swim classes, exercise programs, and a variety of community fundraising events ticks all of these boxes.

Regional outdoor swimming pools in Victoria play a crucial role in promoting health, wellbeing, and community connection, despite their high operational costs. These venues offer accessible physical activity, foster social interaction and provide safe spaces for recreation and learning water safety skills. While operating costs can be a challenge, particularly heating, staffing and maintenance, the benefits in terms of physical and mental health, reduced drowning rates, and community cohesion, is in my view the lense decision makers should look through the next time they review their budget allocations and profit and loss sheets.

With respect to the pool’s future utilisation and access, we must remember that healthy community sustains, grows and nourishes itself through community involvement. It is vital that residents in the region speak out and let their voices be heard by the Surfcoast Shire on this topic. It is also vital, that in coming summer seasons, the local community speak with their feet, and start supporting this venue with increased patronage if we are ever to justify to the budget allocating decision makers the need and viability of expanding future swim and exercise programs, season length and operating hours.

(to be continued next week)



Haidee Benning grew up in Winchelsea during the 70s and 80s riding horses, playing netball and swimming at the local pool. At 18 the pull of the sea called her to the coastal townships of Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and Torquay where she worked for the next 6 years not only in education and childcare but also in healthcare as a Remedial and Sports massage therapist.

As a long term Yoga and Qi Gung practitioner she has also recently included the healing art of Zen Thai Shiatsu Therapy to her practice. In 2024 Haidee had another opportunity to travel and she currently divides her time between Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and Winchelsea. When she is back in town, she still works at the local Osteopathic clinic and enjoys re-connecting with the local community, both in Winchelsea, along the Surfcoast and in Port Fairy.



Winchelsea Community House Inc. A6247K
 28 Hesse Street, PO BOX 75, WINCHELSEA, Vic. 3241
Phone: (03) 5267 2028 **Email:** manager@winchhouse.org.au
ABN: 48 932 340 254



Jacque's Dance Studio
WINCHELSEA

Tuesdays - Toddler Dance 9.30am - 10am

Thursdays - Toddler Acro 3pm - 3.30pm
Kids age 5+ Acro 3.45pm-4.30pm

Contact Jacque on : 0448046551

Kids art & craft Sessions

Starting Fortnightly in Term 4
Wednesdays 4pm - 4.45pm Ages 5+
\$15 per session or \$60 for the term
All materials supplied.

Please register by emailing
shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

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



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 A3 - \$1
LAMINATING
 A4 - \$1
 A3 D/Sided - \$2

TAI CHI



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

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health suitable for all ages.

[Winchelsea Tai Chi](#)

Phonics with Robot Reg

Friday Mornings

Walkers - 2 years 10.15am
 Pre-School 3 - 5years 11.15am

'A fun, High energy class to introduce and teach Phonics Skills to Kids'

Bookings at robotreg.com.au



Friday's

10.30am - 12.30pm

"Sip, Chat, Share, Care"

In the Winchelsea Shire Hall. Everyone Welcome,
 Gold coin donation.

Craft & Crochet Group



\$5 per person.

1pm, every second Saturday
 in the Winchelsea community house.

Next Class, Sep 20th

WINCHELSEA RE-LOVED MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH OF NOVEMBER
9AM - 1.30PM

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING, HOMEWARES, ANTIQUES, BOOKS, COLLECTABLES AND SO MUCH MORE!

BOOK A STALL

<https://events.humanitix.com/winchelsea-re-loved-market>



What's on Weekly

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
(03) 5267 2028

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
Winch Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MONDAY-SATURDAY

WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

Accessible - 24 hours
Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St
5267 2336.

MONDAY

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

MAINLY MUSIC

Interactive Music 0-4yrs
10-11am (school terms)
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

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

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

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

MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

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

Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday on the Month (except November)



Shire Hall
9am to 1pm

Upcoming Dates:

July 6th	Nov 9th
August 3rd	Dec 7th
Sept 7th	Jan 4th
Oct 5th	Feb 1st

Food, Produce, Coffee, Plants, Crafts
Homewares, Candles, Bags, Skincare
Jewellery, Soap + Baby Goods

Stallholders - Contact via Growing Winchelsea Inc Website
(Scroll Down to Market)



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for the whole family in Winchelsea

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0401417387
sunnygym.com.au
evan@sunnygym.com.au

*group classes only, excludes personal training.



Join a Winchelsea Community Kitchen

Learn

Cooking skills, budgeting and recipe's

Cook

With a small group on a regular basis

Share

A delicious meal cooked together

Scan the QR code to sign up



OR Contact Tess:
healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au
0417 848 292



September/October

What's On

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

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 Thursay of month
Winchelsea Shire Hall
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

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

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

6.30pm \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class
6:30pm-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036
zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com

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

BIRREGURRA PLANTING DAY

Fri 26 Sept
9.30-11.00 Meet near River

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

**Chat with your
Councillor**

**Tony
Phelps**

1st Thursday of the month
10am-12pm
Winchelsea Shire Hall
co-working/study space



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The
Winchelsea Community Foodbank
is **CLOSED**

Friday 26th of September
for the Grand Final Public Holiday

For more info, contact Tess
healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au
0417 848 292



Fridays, 12 - 2PM
30-32 Hesse Street Winchelsea

For more info, contact Tess
healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au
0417 848 292

All welcome
No eligibility requirements



What's on Weekly

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/

FLOW YOGA

8.30am, \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

MONTHLY 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
5273 0295

WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
reception@winchhouse.org.au
Vee 0467 219 227

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

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

SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot



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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and sorrow, but he simply,
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Have a Blessed week.

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Charging the coast: Anglesea EV charger now operational

The Surf Coast is getting an electric boost, with a brand-new EV charger now operational in Anglesea.

Funded through the Victorian Government's Destination Charging across Victoria program, the Anglesea EV charger is one of four new public EV stations being rolled out across the Surf Coast Shire.

The new EV chargers will be located at:

- Anglesea – Community Hub (now operational).
- Lorne - Visitor Information Centre (operational since December 2024).

- Winchelsea - Old Library Building (works underway, will be operational by end of the year).
- Aireys Inlet - Community Hall (works about to start, will be operational by end of the year).

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30pm in the Members Room. Eastern Reserve

All positions have been declared vacant: President, Vice President (2) Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee. New nominations will be presented.

If you wish to nominate please fill out a nomination form (available from Janet Fletcher 0400 783 408) and send to The Secretary, P. O. Box 56, Winchelsea Post Office 3241, or e-mail winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

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, a nominator and a seconder.

Nominations will be displayed on the Club's Website / Facebook page 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Winchelsea Blues and help guide the Club throughout what will be an exciting 2026 Football & Netball season.

GO BLUES!!

WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.

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I _____ hereby nominate for the incoming Committee of Management for the W.F.N.C. INC. for the season 2025/26 (please tick the position nominating for).

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NTP 11th hole : Ann Davis



Results: Saturday 6/9/25 - ARM / Stroke 18 Players

1st- Nick Stone (10) 67 nett

2nd- Leigh Howard (15) 71 nett

BDL- Stephen Cole (13) 72 nett

BDL- Zac Worland (18) 73 nett

BDL- Tara Steward (20) 76 nett

NTP (8/17th) - Nick Stone

Golden Hole (11th) - Tara Stewart

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Firewood Collection Areas Open For Spring - September 1

Victorians are able to collect firewood for domestic use with collection areas open for spring from Monday September 1.

Firewood collection is only allowed during the firewood seasons from designated firewood collection areas in state forests and some forest parks.

Forest Fire Management Victoria Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Scott Turner encouraged people to get their wood now ready for winter 2026.

"Spring is an ideal time to collect your firewood," he said.

"Depending on the species and level of dryness when cut, most wood takes longer than 12 months to dry.

"Ideally people should plan their firewood needs two years in advance."

Mr Turner urged Victorians reliant on firewood for heating and cooking, to plan

their needs early.

"There are seven collection firewood areas in the Otways and nine in the Far South West."

"Maps are now online, so it's a good time to organise your collection," he said.

"If you are unable to collect firewood for domestic use, you can nominate someone to collect firewood on your behalf."

Mr Turner said firewood collection area maps, along with the rules, could be found on the FFMVic website <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region>.

He reminded people to only collect a limit of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

"Most people do the right thing, collect

wood that is already on the ground, take only what they need and stick to limits and rules," he said.

Mr Turner encouraged collectors to have a safe day out.

"Check the weather and conditions before you go, always be aware of your surroundings and take care when using your chainsaws."

The spring firewood collection season ends on Sunday, 30 November.

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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Kate McInnes, Ann Morsby, Dianna Vesey, Ann Jones and Kristen Czerkiewicz

Full details of this week's results can be found at trebeck-reserve@parkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for more photos.

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We're excited to announce expressions of interest are now open for the competition, from October to March (with a break over the school holidays). By registering your interest now, we can begin planning teams early.

Games will be played at Kardinia Park and other venues across Geelong.

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- Under 11s (born 2017–2015)
Tuesday evenings
- Under 13s (born 2014–2013)
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- Under 15s (born 2012–2011)
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- Under 17s (born 2010–2008)
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Whether your child is a current player, new to the game, or part of our Rising Stars program, summer netball is a great way to learn, grow, and enjoy time on the court with friends in a fun and supportive environment.

Register your interest now!

Please message your current team group chat or contact Shae 0409 641 550 to secure your spot.

Let's make it another exciting summer of netball for Winchelsea!

Rising Stars Shine Bright

Our Winchelsea Rising Stars program wraps up this week, and what a fantastic journey it has been! The talent and enthusiasm shown by these young players proves the future of our club is in safe hands.

Many of our Rising Stars will now step up into two new Under 11s teams for the upcoming summer competition.

We are still on the lookout for a couple more players to complete these teams. If you have a child born between 2015–2017 who is keen to get involved, please reach out to the club—we'd love to have them on board!

Baby Blues Claim Their First Win!

A huge congratulations to our Winchelsea under 10s team, who celebrated their very first victory with a 3–2 win!

Juliette was on fire, scoring all three goals—a reflection of the hard work the team been putting in at training, moving the ball down into goals. The team showed great determination and improvement right across the court.

Special mention to Sophia, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding effort and contribution.

Well done Baby Blues—you've made the whole club proud!

Under 17s Preliminary Final Wrap-Up

Winchelsea's Under 17s put in a brave effort in their Preliminary Final against Werribee, going down 29–22.

Werribee started strongly, making the most of every opportunity and finding the net with ease. Winch made a few changes at quarter time but unfortunately lost momentum, allowing Werribee to open up a commanding lead by half-time.

In the third quarter, our girls showed determination and composure, maintaining possession and fighting hard, but were unable to close the gap. The final term saw Winch come out firing—dominating the play and winning the quarter—but the early deficit proved too much to overcome.

Despite the result, it has been a wonderful season and finals series from this talented group. The girls have played with heart, passion, and pride, making both the club and our community incredibly proud.

Onwards and upwards for 2026—this team's future is bright!



Australians for Mental Health.



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Grassroots mental health advocacy group Australians for Mental Health is urging governments to get serious about the root causes of mental ill-health.

"Every conversation about mental health should be encouraged this R U OK? Day, but we also need to be getting honest about what's fuelling the mental health crisis in this country, and get serious about addressing those issues," Australians for Mental Health Executive Director Chris Gambian said.

Recent reporting in the media has exposed a system under strain. Stories have revealed people being discharged from care too early, emergency departments struggling with acute needs and professionals leaving the sector because of concerns about working conditions.

At the same time, suicide remains the leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 44, and psychological injury is the top cause of disability claims for workers under 30.

"Awareness matters. In fact, awareness is critical. But awareness alone will not turn these numbers around. We need bold reform to improve mental wellbeing for Australians," Chris Gambian said.

Australians for Mental Health is calling on governments to do the following to tackle the root causes of mental ill-health:

- Ensure people can access secure housing, decent work and relief from financial distress
- Ensure people have community spaces that help them gather, connect and feel safe
- Ensure timely, affordable, high-quality treatment when and where people need it
- Appoint a Wellbeing Commissioner with the power to initiate investigations and refer matters for prosecution to ensure whole-of-government accountability, and to ensure wellbeing principles are enacted
- A national framework that tests major policies for their mental health impact across portfolios such as housing, education, employment, justice and infrastructure

"R U OK? Day gets us talking. Now it is time to talk about why so many of us are not OK, the pressures that push people to the brink and the systems that fail to catch them. We need to get proactive about tackling mental distress," Chris Gambian said.





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I'd just like to wave the coward's caveat flag first, and insist that the following is in no way intended to represent our beloved Winchelsea or even the Surf Coast Shire their Selves. I'm sure all our leaders are dedicated hard-working professionals doing their very best to champion infrastructure improvements and maintenance. In it's stead, i'm shifting my gaze more towards a non-trivial element of our endemic failures attempting to address infrastructure in general, and how ironic it is that such failures seem to attract preference over more successful economic and social projects for rural communities.

For those who haven't winced at it yet, let me introduce you to Bent Flyvbjerg's "Iron Law of Megaprojects", now infamous for it's quote "over budget,

over time, under benefits, over and over again", where with well researched confidence, he provides the statistics across nations and technology levels, to demonstrate how, completely regardless of how rigorously a project is planned, the likelihood for it's over-runs, delays and other accountabilities, (and hence their failure to deliver the benefits in terms of original intentions), increases in proportion with the projects costings. (Even after accounting for Alfred Hirschman's "Hiding Hand" principle.) In other words, the bigger a project is, the more likely it is to blow out in time and resources, and the less likely it is to fulfil the original purpose or even be accountable for such failures.

The obvious corollaries i hear you all screaming are, 1) that the smaller a project is, the more efficient, effective

and accountable it is; and 2) all the money proffered to huge infrastructure projects, (i.e. bearing in mind "The Iron Law of Mega Projects", those projects constituting a conscious decision on the part of public leaders to fund a plethora of unpredictable blowout costs), is money that could have been invested more wisely in a series of more manageable smaller projects, of which we don't need Sherlock Holmes to find the need for in most rural communities.

Regular readers are well aware of how woefully i waffle when trying to demonstrate my point, but for this one, the facts speak most eloquently for their selves.

Food for thought.

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