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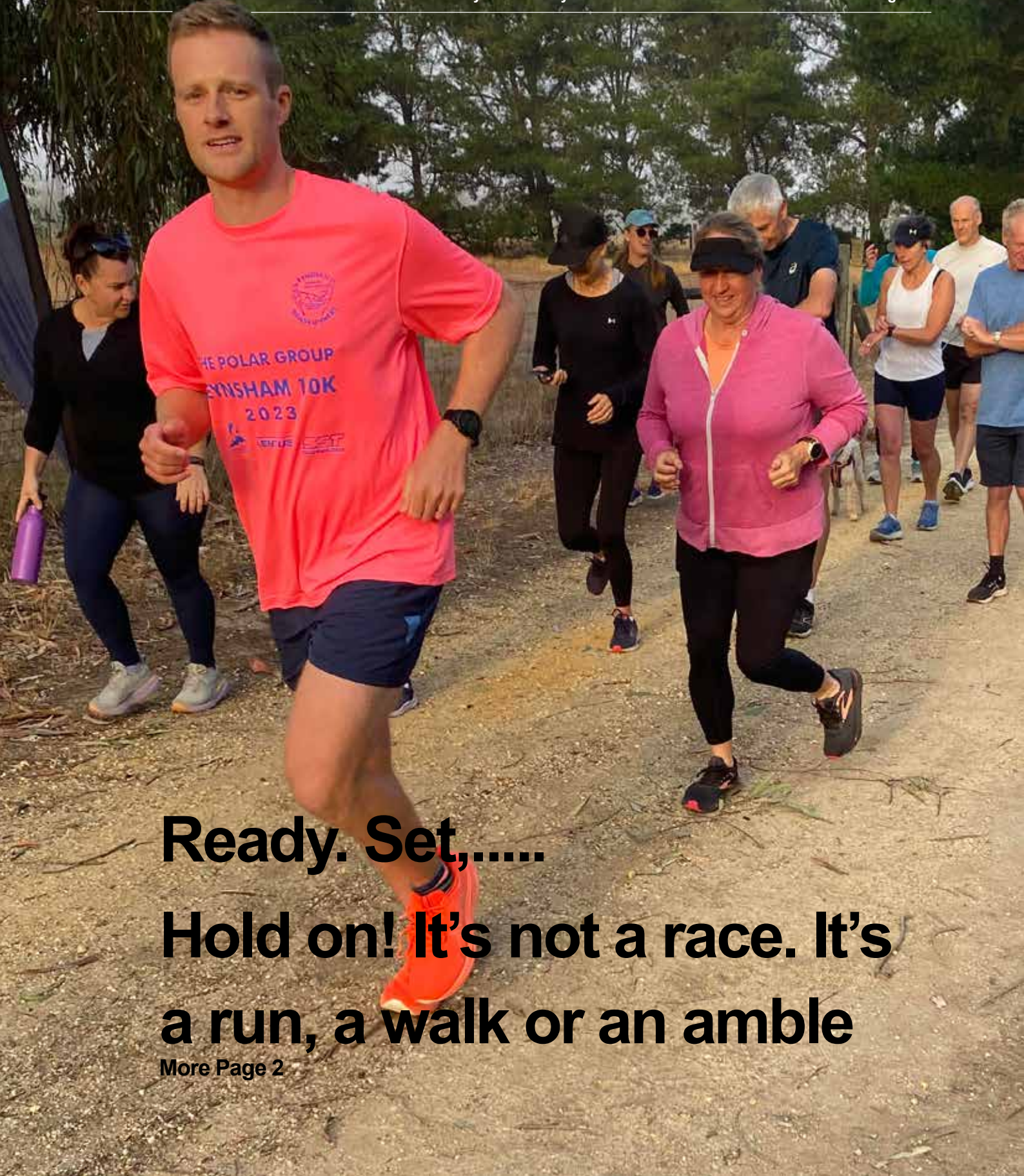
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**Ready. Set,.....**

**Hold on! It's not a race. It's  
a run, a walk or an amble**

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# parkrun Report

Last Sunday 21 people ran or walked the course through Trebeck Reserve. 8 were first timers. Representatives from 2 other parkruns took part. There was 1 visitor from Oxford in the UK.

This event was made possible by 6 volunteers. Thanks to:

- Sam INGLIS
- Murray AISBETT
- Don SMITH
- Mick O'MARA
- Neil McINNES
- Kate McINNES
- Anne MORSEBY



*The parkrun organiser, Neil*



Thanks to the Winchelsea Lions for their volunteer support.

This event was the first of two trials conducted prior to the formal launch. The second trial will be conducted next Sunday 3rd of March, starting at 10am. A weekly parkrun event will be conducted every Saturday from Saturday onwards from the 9th of March. Thanks to the Winchelsea Lions for their volunteer support.



*Dogs have an enjoyable day also*

This week there were 483 parkrun events conducted in Australia and around 5,000 worldwide, all of a similar format



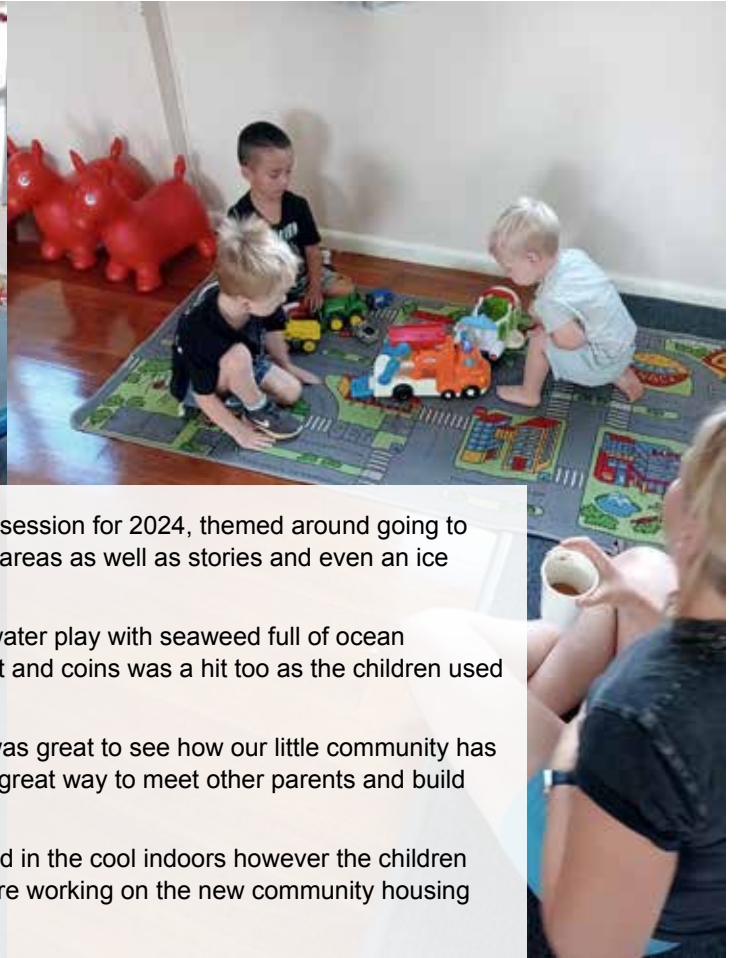
*The rounding mark in Trebek Court*





# Winchelsea Playgroup Update

by Danni Menzies, Winchelsea Playgroup Coordinator 2024



What a fantastic turn out for the first Playgroup session for 2024, themed around going to the beach we had lots of different sensory play areas as well as stories and even an ice cream shop.

We had loads of fun with chia seed slime and water play with seaweed full of ocean creatures too. The sandpit with a treasure chest and coins was a hit too as the children used the shovels to try and locate the treasure.

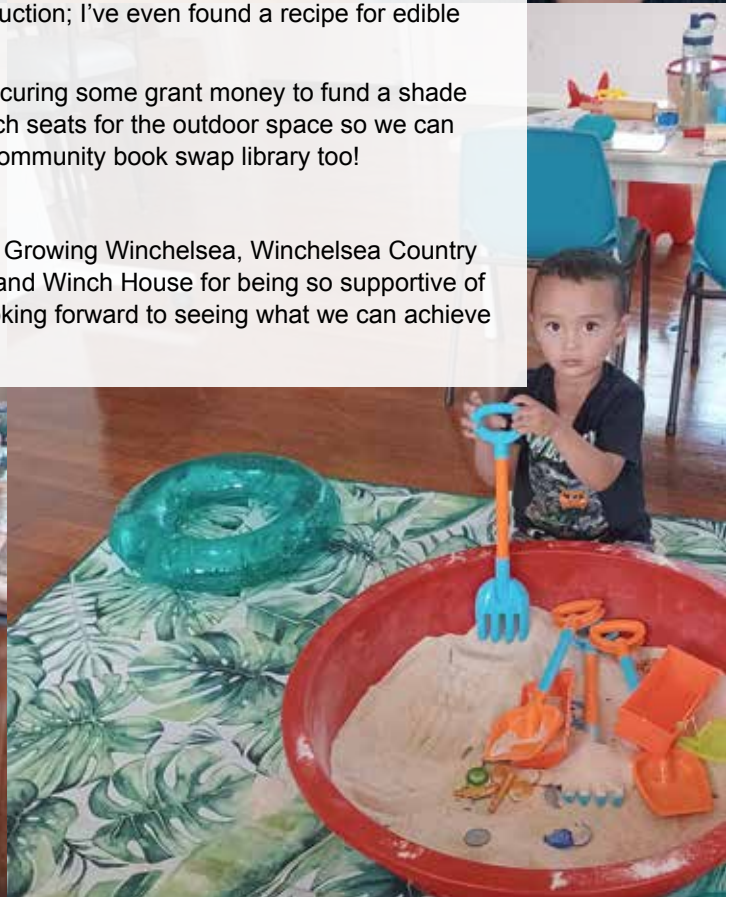
Lots of new faces and children came along, it was great to see how our little community has come out to support our playgroup. It's a really great way to meet other parents and build connections within our community.

As the weather was a bit wild outside, we stayed in the cool indoors however the children did spot the diggers across the driveway who are working on the new community housing next door.

Next fortnights session will be all around construction; I've even found a recipe for edible mud!

Coming up in 2024; we are in the process of securing some grant money to fund a shade sail installation, as well as planter boxes & bench seats for the outdoor space so we can utilise it more. We are also hoping to set up a community book swap library too!

Finally, I'd like to thank the St Thomas's parish, Growing Winchelsea, Winchelsea Country Women's Association (CWA), Surfcoast Shire and Winch House for being so supportive of the Winchelsea Playgroup in 2024 and I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together.





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**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



### 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

**RSVP:** 18 March 2024  
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This program is supported by Western Victoria Primary Health Network under the Australian Government's Primary Health Networks Program.



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# Growing Winchelsea linking organisations

by Elaine Atkinson, Growing Winchelsea Secretary

Growing Winchelsea Inc. is a group of volunteer leaders who help provide the Winchelsea community with a united voice.

“We exist to advocate for, to listen to and support our community achieve a thriving Winchelsea. It is important we listen to community needs and respond to make things happen in our community,” says John Tebbutt, President.

Recently the Victorian government called for applications from local organisations under the Tiny Towns Fund. The fund is providing a total of \$20 million over 4 years with \$5 million for round 1 to support communities of up to 5,000 people in the 48 local government areas in regional Victoria.

“While applications closed on Sunday 25 February 2024 it is important organisations across Winchelsea consider possible future projects and start planning for the 2025 round,” continues John.

The Winchelsea Playgroup with the support of local Coordinator, Danni Menzies is one organisation that is hopeful of success this round.

“Our playgroup needs additional resources to support increasing interest and it was great that Growing Winchelsea was able to connect me to local organisations such as Winchelsea House and the Men’s Shed to provide assistance,” says Danni.

Playgroups bring young children, parents, families and communities together to learn and develop through informal play activities and social interaction. Playgroups help parents and caregivers build social and support networks that encourage and assist them in their valuable parenting role.



Danni Menzies (Coordinator of Winchelsea Playgroup) & Elaine Atkinson (incoming Secretary for Growing Winchelsea)



Playgroups work best when they are inclusive of all, creating an open, welcoming and friendly environment for all children and their families, no matter their circumstances, backgrounds or cultural identity.

“Our playgroup is here to help families to have fun, relax and to build friendships that last beyond playgroup. We are always keen to welcome new families so why not come along and make new friends,” said Danni.

“We were very pleased to point Danni in the right direction. Linking community organisations allows collaboration and enables positive local development.” concludes John.



The ship rebuilt by the Mens Shed some time ago for the Playgroup



<p>3 March 2024</p> <p>7 April 2024</p> <p>5 May 2024</p> <p>2 June 2024</p> <p>7 July 2024</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Winchelsea Community Market</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Shire Hall 9am - 1pm</p> 	<p>4 August 2024</p> <p>1 September 2024</p> <p>6 October 2024</p> <p>3 November 2024</p> <p>1 December 2024</p>
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## Come to the Winchelsea Market next Sunday, March 3 at the Shire Hall from 9am to 1pm.

The market is run by volunteers from the community group Growing Winchelsea Inc.

You can buy directly from producers, processors and local artisans who sell their goods direct to the public.

Come and meet one of those artisans Jacqueline Pyke of Otway Opals. Here is her story about her work.

### MEET THE MAKER: Jackie Opals

Many very kindly call me a silversmith, but I am not one. To me, a silversmith has trained for a number of years under specialists to develop amazing skills, while I dabble. Over the years I have developed techniques through practice and experimenting, with the occasional help from a silversmith friend. However, the creativity journey has been a mixture of excitement, pleasure and fulfilment.

Everybody is creative in some way - we just follow different directions and passions. My passion started with glass beads, followed by wire wrapped beach glass, then opals and now Roman glass. As with most hobbies, my creativity is limited to my available spare time. My pieces are more interesting the more often I work. Creativity feeds upon itself and I'm constantly trying new ideas and techniques to spark my interest. I joined my local gem club and learned to cut opals, and found like-minded people to

enjoy similar passions. Later, I discovered that the same equipment and techniques enabled me to work with ancient glass. My wonderful husband set up a 3m x 3m studio space, that it is full to the brim with everything I need to grind and polish stones and glass, as well as shape and melt silver.



Ancient Roman glass is glass that was discarded by traders travelling along the Silk Road between Rome and China 2000 years ago. China was the only source of silk fabric - a prized luxury item for the Romans. The glass has chemically reacted with the soil over time and developed an attractive and unique patina not unlike an oil slick on the surface.

Because the glass has been buried for such a long time, it has many layers of soil, sand and decaying glass that must be carefully cleaned away. Quite like carefully peeling back the layers of an onion. This process can take many hours, to carefully reveal the beautiful patina on the glass. And once the patina is revealed, it remains quite delicate



and must be carefully handled as any oil contamination (hand cream, solvents etc) may remove the beautiful rainbow film on the glass.

Roman glass can be shaped and set in to jewellery with similar techniques to that of shaping and setting opals into delightful jewellery. My designs for roman glass are quite different to those of my opal jewellery, reminiscent of ancient Roman jewellery. The glass cannot be polished, as this obviously removes the patina. I can only cut it to shape. As I work I am very aware of the fact that I am playing with glass that another person made 2000 years ago as a functional object before it was broken and discarded.

I forgot to mention I am a retired metallurgist and mathematics teacher. Scientists can be creative.







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Opportunities to volunteer

### BUILD CONFIDENCE

Track progress and achieve new goals

Register at [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au)

#### notes:

Pre-launch trial 25th February and 3rd March. 7:50am briefing  
 Event takes place along the walking track in Trebec Reserve  
 Start / finish at Sussex Street  
 Well behaved dogs are welcome  
 You don't have to be a runner. Walkers are encouraged



# East Barwon Willow Removal and Restoration Project

After months of careful planning, Barwon Water has made a start on the second stage of the East Barwon Willow removal and restoration project.

The works involve remediation and stabilisation of the streambed and banks, and removal of the willow trees downstream of the Wurdee Boluc Inlet Channel. Works started in November and will be complete by late April.

The project will provide environmental benefits from improved water flows, water quality and waterway health, and help alleviate flooding issues in this section of the East Barwon river. Barwon Water continue to take care of the newly vegetated buffer zone along the 3.5 km reach of river upstream, including weed management and more planting.



**DEATH NOTICE**

## VERITY Robert

**28.08.1942 – 14.01.2024**  
PASSED AWAY AGED 81

Dearly loved husband of Helen (Spike) (dec.).  
Loving father of Debra, Graham, Dean & Samantha.  
Father-in-law to Sharryn. Cherished grandfather to Ayden, Sharni, Corey, Ashlee, Sara & Joshua. Great grandfather to Lance, Hallie, Luke, Leo, Percy, Flynn, Maya & Coen. Greatly missed.

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## Letter to the Editor

A friend of mine who is in her 70's but very fit and healthy tripped and fell on the uneven pavement outside the bakery last week. She took skin off her leg, arm and face, and broke her glasses and watch, and of course was very shaken up.

She drove directly to the Shire offices in Torquay to report the incident and claim compensation for her glasses and watch. They were not interested and did not accept responsibility . Thank you Shire !!!

Specsavers on the other hand offered to fix her glasses for free as an act of goodwill. There's the difference.

Needless to say the pavement hasn't been repaired so BEWARE!

*Name and address supplied.*





# Last days to see Opening Doors photographic exhibition at the Shire Hall

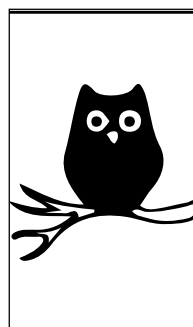
The HOME exhibition is up in the Shire Hall. A collection of beautiful photos illustrate the beautiful feeling that people have in their homes.

Photographer Paul Dunn (right) has achieved a set of remarkable shots that can be viewed over the coming weeks.

This week, the exhibition will be open;

- Tuesday 27th from 9.00am until 2.30pm
- Thursday 29th from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- Friday 1st March from 9.00am until 2.30pm

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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?

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# The Climate Report

Emissions from households' water use are on a par with aviation. The big cuts and savings they can make are being neglected

Judy Cameron

Why is there such a big gap between people, industries and government agreeing we need urgent action on climate change, and actually starting? Scope 3 emissions are a great example. These are greenhouse gas emissions that organisations can influence, but don't directly control.

Our research has identified the benefits of tackling these emissions in Australia's urban water sector. If we consider the energy we use to heat water, water costs us far more than we think. It's an issue of cost of living as well as water supply and energy infrastructure.

**Our mission is to share knowledge and inform decisions.**

Extrapolating from Melbourne household data suggests domestic water heating accounts for 3.8% of each person's share of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions – on a par with the 4.1% from aviation. Our research indicates that in Melbourne alone a city-wide program to retrofit showerheads could, by reducing water and energy use, have the same impact on emissions as taking tens of thousands of cars off the road.

Customers would also save up to \$160 a year on their bills. The full economic benefit to society is more than five times the cost of the program

## Who influences water use? Everyone

Helping customers adopt highly efficient showerheads could cut emissions at much lower cost than all other renewable energy investments water utilities are making.

Most households don't realise hot water systems account for around 24% of their total energy use. Their total energy use for water heating is larger as it includes appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers and kettles.

We think only of the savings on water bills, but efficient water use also affects our power bills and emissions. But communicating the link isn't easy.

Reducing emissions from water use requires community, industry and government to act together. The stumbling block is decision-making and current legislation.

Water utilities have focused on cutting their own emissions and costs, neglecting the much bigger gains to be had from changing water users' behaviour.

## Authors

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## Catholic Parish Of Meredith Mass Times - March

Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist @ 6pm Sat. MAR 2, 9, 16, 23  
Anakie – St. Brigid @ 9am Sun. MAR 3, 17  
Meredith – St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. MAR 10, 24  
Bannockburn – St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. MAR 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Inverleigh – Sacred Heart @ 4pm Sun. MAR 17

## EASTER CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday – Winchelsea 23/3 @6pm. Meredith 24/3 @ 9am.  
Bannockburn 24/3 @ 11am  
Holy Thursday – Meredith 28/3 @ 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday – Bannockburn  
29/3 @ 10am Ecumenical Way of the Cross  
29/3 @ 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Holy Saturday – Meredith 30/3 @ 8pm Easter Vigil  
Easter Sunday – Winchelsea 31/3 @ 9am  
Bannockburn 31/3 @ 11am

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**Friday March 1st:**  
Session 1: 5 - 6pm  
Session 2: 6.45 - 7.45pm

**Saturday: March 2nd:**  
Session 1: 5 - 6pm  
Session 2: 6.45 - 7.45pm

**Sunday: March 3rd:**  
Session 1: 10 - 11.30am  
Session 2: 1 - 2.30pm

**Speakers:**  
Vince Wall & Lyndon Young

**Details Phone:**  
Roy Edwards: 0423 182 178  
Vince Wall: 0438 684 356

**Conference Location:** Aberdeen St Baptist Church: 3/7 Aberdeen St, Newtown



# Winchelsea Churches



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6pm Sat. MAR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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Rev'd Phil Jacobson  
0477 672 042

stthomaswac@gmail.com  
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
Service 10am

## Winchelsea Uniting Church

0475 777 301  
uca.winchelsea@gmail.com  
Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241  
Services 9.30am Sundays

### Thought for the Week

"Remember me, God?  
I come every day just to talk with  
you, Lord,  
and to learn how to pray.  
You make me feel welcome.  
You reach out your hand.  
I need never to explain  
for you to understand.  
Have a blessed week."

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

# WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC

## BLUE'S NEWS:

### Welcome to Blue's News for 2024!

The 2024 season is just around the corner with Committee and both Football & Netball players working hard to be ready to go on the G.D.F.N.L. opening Round – April 6th.

There's still plenty of work to be done before the opening bounce.

One of the 3 practice matches organised for the Blue's Senior playing list will be held on March 16th between the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club and the Yackandandah Football & Netball Club. This will be a tribute match dedicated in memory of Ed Smith.

Ed was farewelled on January 2nd at a memorial service in his home town of Yackandandah. Ed tragically passed away, taken from his family and his football communities in December.

Ed Smith was 21 years old.

There was a huge sea of Blue in the crowd at Ed's service and the Club is urging as many of Blues supporters as possible to make the trip on March 16th to support both Clubs and especially The Smith family. This is community at it's finest.

The Netballers have also been busy with Senior preseason well underway and great numbers turning out for the first Junior preseason training session last Thursday at Eastern Reserve. The Winchelsea Netballers had such a strong season in 2023, it's exciting to see how far the Club can improve even further in 2024.

Junior Footballers are required – contact details have been in the Star and on posters around town in shop windows and notice boards. This season the Club is hoping to field 2 teams in the re build of the Winchelsea Blues Juniors, would be outstanding to field 3!

There has been a great response to Winchelsea Auskick who is affiliated with the W.F.N.C.Inc.

### Winchelsea Market:

The Blues will be at the next Winchelsea Market on March 3rd, where Social Memberships will be available, as will merchandise and raffle tickets for the Club's Season 2024 Launch Raffle.

Prizes will be drawn at the Season Launch – date and venue to be announced.

Please note: this season Social Memberships have been lifted to \$40 - these Memberships will still include a complimentary meal from the "Blue's Bistro" commencing on April 4th.

These Social Memberships are still the cheapest by far for football sporting clubs in the G.D.F.N.L. and other clubs in the area, last year the Blues enjoyed a record number of Social Memberships and are looking to break that again. With your help we will!

GO BLUES!!





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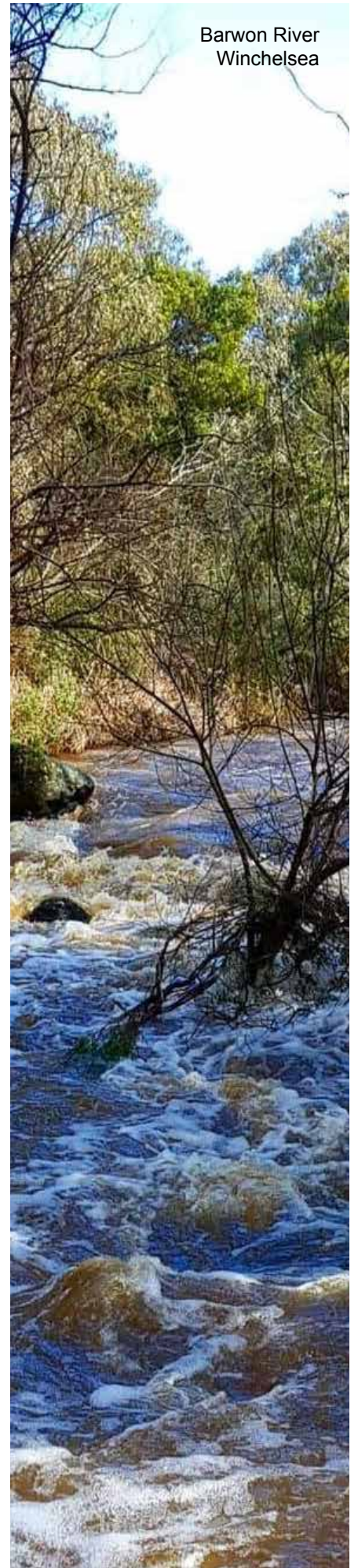
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For information on how to hire buses including fees and charges, please visit our website

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Barwon River  
Winchelsea



## JOIN THE FUN!

### Winchelsea Auskick Centre

Eastern Reserve

Thursdays

4:30-5:30pm

Please contact Colleen

0421 210 401

Scan the QR Code to register!



# SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN WINCHELSEA

## VLINE TRAIN SERVICES

### TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 6:41 am, 7.57am, 11:14am, 2:08pm, 7:23pm  
 Sat - Sun 9:26am, 1:30pm, 7:18pm

### TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 8.56am, 11.55am, 2:50pm, 5.27pm,  
 6:45pm, 8:50pm  
 Sat - Sun 8:47am, 2:46pm, 8:34pm



## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month  
 Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall



## WINCHELSEA SES

Every Wednesday  
 Visitors and inquiries welcome  
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## WINCHELSEA AND DISTRICT COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Meets 1st Monday of the month at 10am.  
 Senior Citizens Rooms,  
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 New members always welcome.  
 Enquiries Linda 0439 817 263.

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Friday	Closed	Saturday	1.30-3.30pm
Sunday	9.30-12.30pm		

All waste disposal sites are closed on Christmas Day,  
 but open on other public holidays that fall  
 during their normal operating hours.

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## WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Our Unit meets at the Catholic Church Hall,  
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 All girls 5yrs- 15yrs Welcome!  
 Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630  
 or Bonnie Stokes 0401 386 274



## 1st Modda & 1st Winchelsea SCOUT GROUP

**Joey's:** 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

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## WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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 Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)  
 Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019  
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## Winchelsea Community House and Shire Hall

Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am -2.00pm

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Email: [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

### Singing Group

Wednesday afternoons 4.45pm-6pm

Next session: Wednesday 28th Feb, 2024

Term 1 2024 8 Weeks

Cost \$60 per term or \$50 concession, under 16 free

Bookings now open

### Chatty Cafe

Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon (during school terms)

Next Session: Friday 1st March, 2024

No bookings required.

We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you.

### Painting Class with Louise Hall

A class that progresses through a range of water-based mediums, with a dual focus on subject matter and materials.

Thursdays 1-3pm

Cost \$495, All materials provided.

Bookings: [Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com](mailto:Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com)

PH: 0493 479 447

### Sound Healing

When: Wednesday 13th March, 2024

\$40 per session. Bookings now open.

Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

### Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons 1.30pm, Winchelsea Community House Space

\$5 per session

Next Session Saturday 9th March, 2024

### Gentle Movement Classes

When: Mondays 1pm

Cost \$5 per session

Next Session: Monday 4th March, 2024

Please register your interest.

### Be Connected (Free Building Digital Skills program)

Friday mornings 11.30am

Free to attend but please book in beforehand.

**Be Connected**

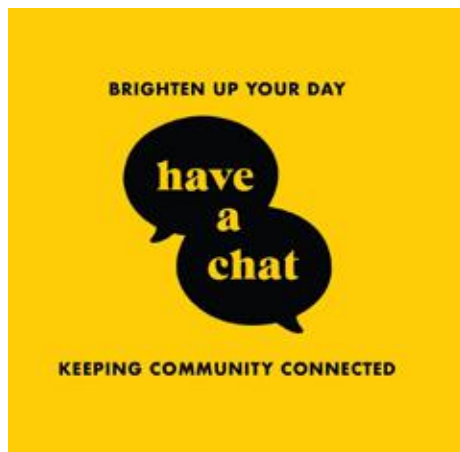
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### Asthma and Anaphylaxis

Saturday 2nd March, 2024

Cost: Both courses \$130

8.30am (approx. 5.5 hours)



### Introduction to Fermenting

In this session you will learn make two ferments (sauerkraut and kvass) to take home as well as learning about their benefits and uses.

Small group (Max 4 participants only).

All ingredients supplied.

Date: Saturday 16th March, 2024

12noon-2pm

Cost: \$55 per person

BYO: 1-2 clean teatowels, Apron, 2-3

Large Jars, wide-mouthed bottles eg

passatta bottles (2-3)

Pestle if you have one

Notebook and pen

### Tai Chi - Experienced

When: Friday mornings 9.30am-

10.30am (during school terms)

\$10 per session

Next Session Friday 1st March, 2024

### Tai Chi - Beginners

When: Friday mornings 9.00am (during school terms)

\$10 per session

Next Session: Friday 1st March, 2024

### Knitting Group

When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12

noon (during school terms)

Next Session: Thursday 29th Feb, 2024

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others.

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# NEW MASTERPLAN LAUNCHED AND \$1.7M IN FUNDING ANNOUNCED

The final Kitjarra-dja-bul Bullarto langi-ut masterplan is now complete covering the lower Moorabool and lower Barwon River corridors stretching from near Meredith in the north, through Geelong and to the estuary at Barwon Heads. The objective of the masterplan is to connect people to the lower Moorabool and lower Barwon River corridor by balancing public access, recreation, economic opportunities and education while enhancing the area's unique cultural and environmental values.

The masterplan has been in development for two years, involving engagement with many stakeholders, including State and Local Government Agencies, Wadawurrung Traditional Owners, community groups and the general community.

The funding announced will support the immediate commencement of some of the high priority projects identified in the masterplan to re-vegetate high-value sites along the Barwon River, Leigh River, Moorabool River and Waurn Ponds Creek. These projects will deliver environmental, cultural and biodiversity improvements to this highly valued river corridor along with significant improvements to public amenity.

Corangamite CMA's CEO, Amber Clarke, expressed gratitude for the State Government's invaluable support in launching the Masterplan and unveiling its substantive investment into the Rivers of the Barwon Revegetation Initiative.

Corangamite CMA's Senior Strategy Project Officer, Andrew Harrison, said the delivery of the project will include engagement with Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Traditional Owners and relevant community groups.

"We are thrilled to have been awarded this funding, as it signifies a significant stride towards enhancing our environment. This corridor and these rivers are important to the local community and Aboriginal Traditional Owners", he said.

See the final Kitjarra-dja-bul Bullarto Langi-ut masterplan at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/kitjarra-dja-bul-bullarto-langi-ut-masterplan>

Hard copies of the masterplan are available for pickup at the Colac CCMA office or by contacting the CCMA on 1800 002 262.



## South-West Locals Love Their Pets

by Belinda Dent, RSPCA Inspectorate Team Leader (South-West Region)

As Team Leader for RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate South-West region, my team of six Inspectors and I share 43 years of experience investigating reports of animal cruelty.

Inspectors Dani, Sarah, Jackson, Allie, Franke, Manu,

and I are often on the road around Melbourne's inner-west, out to Warrnambool and Portland and everywhere in between.

Out on the road, we're seeing firsthand how the cost-of-living crisis is impacting pet owners and their ability to provide basic veterinary care for their animals, including preventative medicines like flea and worming treatments and, crucially, de-sexing.

We're also seeing horses with insufficient and often-times inappropriate feed and again, not receiving vital veterinary care.

We're extremely grateful to the community for their ongoing vigilance in reporting animal cruelty.

Over the last six months, we received 1,232 reports and tip-offs about animal cruelty in the South-West and 219 animals were seized or surrendered into our care.

Last financial year, over 460 animals came into our care, and sadly, it seems we're likely to repeat this total again by the end of June.

As we enter what is historically the busiest time of year, we urge everyone in the South-West to remain vigilant

for animal cruelty in our area and to report it to RSPCA Victoria by calling (03) 9224-2222 or online at [www.rspcavic.org/cruelty-report](http://www.rspcavic.org/cruelty-report).

The community support we see every day keeps us going and makes each day just a little bit better.

At the end of the day, RSPCA Inspectors are here to help, and thankfully, many of the animals we encounter every day have loving owners who want to do the best they can for their pets.

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# Follow-up 'What's going on with our river?' event in Forrest

by Mary Dracup, President,  
Gerangamete and Forrest Landcare  
Group

Gerangamete and Forrest Landcare are co-hosting a follow-up 'What's going on with our river?' event on Saturday 23 March, and locals are again warmly invited.

At the first event in 2022 we learnt a lot about the difficulties of managing the Upper Barwon River to maintain a healthy ecosystem in the face of dwindling flows and increasing demand for water.

Our Landcare group thought locals and river enthusiasts would be interested to hear about the large amount of work that's been done since then on private and public land in this area to improve the health of the river under the Corangamite CMA Flagship Project. A lot more of this work is planned under the Barwon Flagship Water Management Plan, which will be launched at this event.

Water managers, scientists and citizen science coordinators from Barwon Water and Corangamite CMA will present information and answer questions on:

- What has happened to improve the health of the river since 2022?
- How is the health of the river now?
- What is the Upper Barwon Flagship Project, how will this help the river, and how does it work on farms with river frontage?

We will have one hour of formal presentations and questions in the hall, then a one-hour field trip to a site on the West Barwon River near Forrest where glyceria and willows have been removed and thousands of plants have gone in as part of the Flagship Project.

The event will finish with a BBQ lunch back at the Forrest Hall and a chance for informal & with Corangamite CMA and Barwon Water representatives.

Gerangamete and Forrest Landcare Group will be co-hosting this event with Corangamite CMA, Barwon Water and the Upper Barwon Landcare Network. Please RSVP for catering to Mary on 0488 522 448.



**WHAT'S GOING ON WITH  
OUR RIVER?**

Launch of the Barwon Flagship Waterway  
Management Plan  
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 10AM - 12PM  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW  
FORREST PUBLIC HALL  
Tea and coffee provided from 9.30am

**10am Presentations and Plan launch**  
Hear from Corangamite CMA and Barwon  
Water with updates on:

- What's been happening in the Upper Barwon River since our last forum?
- How healthy is the Upper Barwon River now?
- What is the Barwon Flagship Water Management Plan and how will it help to restore the river's health?
- Bring your own questions

**11am Glyceria removal trial site visit**  
Visit the glyceria removal and revegetation trial site near  
Forrest:

- How is the trial going and will it mitigate flooding in future?
- How does citizen science work to tell us about river health?
- What is involved in restoring a riverside and how does it benefit farmers?

**12pm Lunch provided**  
Enjoy a bbq lunch with a chance to chat one-on-one with  
presenters and community members

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mary.dracup@gmail.com

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Barwon Water





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Winchelsea Community Information	facebook.com/groups/207538644446972
Winchelsea Classifieds 3241	facebook.com/groups/216942861684082
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Winchelsea Community House	facebook.com/winchelseacommunityhouse
Winchelsea Coronavirus Community Support Group	facebook.com/groups/2676957719207927/
The Green Winchelsea Residents	facebook.com/groups/515322772623126
Growing Winchelsea Inc	facebook.com/growingwinch
Winchelsea Star	facebook.com/TheWinchelseaStar
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Upper Barwon Landcare Network	facebook.com/UpperBarwonLandcare
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We are very pleased to have welcomed 12 new students to the school in 2024. This includes 6 new Preps. For a small, rural school like ours, this is an impressive intake and we are grateful to have these new families join our energetic school community. This year we are again running 3 composite classes: The P/1 Kookaburras, 2-4 Cockatoos, & the 5/6 King Parrots.



Pictured: Our Prep/1 Kookaburra class.

All students have just finished our school's 2-week swimming program at Lorne. Students have done an incredible job of learning new water skills and should be proud of their efforts. A big thank you to Andrew at the Lorne Sea Baths for making us feel so welcome while we await the Winchelsea Pool renovation. A good time was had by all!



Pictured: Students enjoying some fun times at the Lorne Sea Baths as our 2024 swimming venue.



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Every day is an Open Day at Deans Marsh Primary School! Staff, students, and families strive together to make Deans Marsh Primary School the best school we can be. On behalf of us all, we look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.  
- Russell Taylor-Shaw, Principal

*At Deans Marsh Primary School, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Gadubanud people. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging*





# WCC Round 13 Results Day 2 Results



**A-Grade** Winchelsea 7/222 def Wallington 125

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J Gray 16 not out

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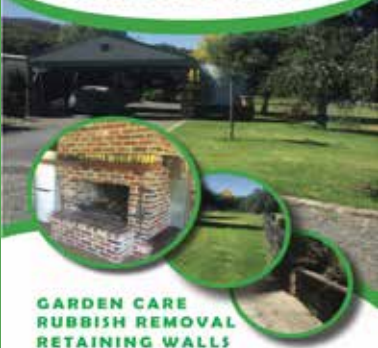
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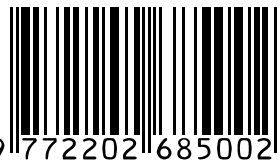
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