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Winchelsea Shire Hall High Tea - a great success!

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## Winchelsea Shire Hall High Tea

#### **Wendy Greaves**

The Winchelsea Shire Hall showcased another fabulous event over the weekend with the first High Tea.

A traditional high tea was served with delicious catering by the Barrabool CWA ladies and special tea from T2 tea together with a glass of bubbly or orange juice.

Those in attendance were blown away by the effort put in - fine china consisting of elaborate teapots, sugar bowls and milk jugs together with fine bone china place settings made this an event to remember.

The wonderful Cazza from local business Cazzas Best Buds completed each of the tables with a floral display.

A huge thanks to all those that helped with the planning, setting up, packing up, washing dishes (too good for the dishwasher), lending things and serving on the day.



## Thank our Barwon South West SES volunteers this WOW Day



Wednesday 17 May is Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW), a national day of thanks dedicated to State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers across the country. Held annually during National Volunteer Week, WOW Day encourages the public to thank and acknowledge SES volunteers, for the invaluable contribution and commitment they make to local communities.

October 2022, saw VICSES volunteers respond to 13,700 Requests for Assistance, in a single month as major

flooding impacted the state. This was VICSES' busiest calendar month on record.

In the last 12 months, VICSES volunteers have responded to over 35,000 requests for assistance. generously donating their time in support of their communities.



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## Thomas Mayo to be Guest Speaker

#### Surf Coast Shire Council's National Reconciliation Week event

Respected First Nations author and advocate Thomas Mayo will share insights from the heart as guest speaker at Surf Coast Shire Council's National Reconciliation Week event.

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Councillor Rose Hodge said having secured the Kaurareg Aboriginal and Kalkalgal, Erubamle Torres Strait Islander man for an evening of reflection represented a significant coup for the Surf Coast Shire community.

"Thomas is a respected signatory to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and we are fortunate to have engaged him as we seek to deepen our understanding of the Statement and of meaningful steps towards Reconciliation," Cr Hodge said.

"Our event will support Reconciliation by providing an opportunity for people to understand the Uluru Statement from the Heart as an invitation which has come directly from First Nations people. The invitation is about walking together, recognising Australian identity shaped across millennia and shaping 'a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood'."

The Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for three main things: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution, Truth Telling and Makarrata or Treaty.

Council voted in April to support the Voice to Parliament as a step forward in its journey toward Reconciliation.

Australians will vote on enshrining a Voice to Parliament in a referendum between October and December this year.

Council will not seek to influence how people vote but will share clear and accurate information on what the Voice is and how to participate in the referendum so people can make considered and informed choices.

National Reconciliation Week is 27 May to 3 June. Its 2023 theme Be A Voice for Generations encourages all Australians to be voices for Reconciliation in tangible ways in everyday lives.

The Thomas Mayo event in Council's chambers at 6pm on 29 May is free but people should register via ThomasMayoSurfCoast.eventbrite.com

The presentation will be followed by an audience Q&A, and book sales and signing.

Thomas Mayo is the author of several books, including Finding the Heart of the Nation – The Journey of the Uluru Statement Towards Voice, Treaty and Truth and his most recent is The Voice to Parliament Handbook, co-authored with journalist Kerry O'Brien.

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, Surf Coast Shire Council is proud to present

## From the Heart - An evening with Thomas Mayo



## **Monday 29 May, 6-7.30pm**

Council Chambers, 1 Merrijig Drive Torquay

Surf Coast Shire Council is delighted to host author, advocate and campaigner Thomas Mayo as a special guest speaker to mark National Reconciliation Week 2023.

Thomas is a Kaurareg Aboriginal and Kalkalgal, Erubamle Torres Strait Islander man. His most recent book is *The Voice to Parliament Handbook*, co-authored with journalist Kerry O'Brien.

For the past two years, Thomas has traveled the length and breadth of the nation, speaking to small communities and big city gatherings, playing a key role in building the people's movement for a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice.

This keynote address will be followed by an audience Q&A. Book sales and signing will also be available at the event.

Book via Eventbrite: ThomasMayoSurfCoast.eventbrite.com

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS





#### Big (and small) ideas sought for Moriac and Winchelsea community plans

Local resident working groups in Moriac and Winchelsea are calling on everyone in their broader communities to submit ideas and aspirations for a three year Community Plan for each district.

Community planning brings residents together to explore what matters to people locally, identify common values, and form a shared vision for their community. With this as the basis, residents create a Community Plan that includes a clear list of goals, priorities and actions that community members themselves will act upon.

Since the beginning of this year, the Moriac and Winchelsea working groups have been creating tools such as surveys and postcards, as well as holding local events and gatherings, in a bid to encourage people to have input into what they want their towns and communities to look like, now and in the future. So far, more than 350 people have shared their thoughts through the survey, which calls for ideas both big and small.



This month, the groups will be holding community gatherings, where a summary of all the ideas and inputs gained in each community will be shared, and priorities identified by all in attendance.

"The Moriac Community Network is very excited to be having our community round tables and are looking forward to all of the wonderful ideas coming from our community surveys and postcards for our

next Community Plan," says Kim Rowe, President of the Moriac Community Network.

The Winchelsea Big Community Conversation will be held on 19 May and the Moriac Community Round Tables on 24 May. All details, as well as links to the survey, can be found at www.surfcoast.vic. gov.au/CommunityPlanning.

"I want to thank our incredible local working groups, who have drawn on their own skills, knowledge and connections to engage their communities about the future of Moriac and Winchelsea," Surf Coast Shire Mayor Liz Pattison said.

"This is an exciting time for both townships and I'm looking forward to seeing the final plans that reflect the unique values of local people and places."

Meanwhile, community members are invited to attend Surf Coast Shire Council's 23 May Council meeting, which will be held in Winchelsea. The meeting will start at 6pm at Eastern Reserve Community Centre. The agenda will be published via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/meetings prior to the meeting.



## Draft Budget 2023-24



You are invited to make a submission on Council's Draft Budget 2023-24

"Delivering the essentials, striving for more community-led action and responding to the climate emergency underpins the Draft Budget 2023-24.

It's been challenging to develop this budget in the current economic climate, however we're pleased it features a record \$36.4 million capital expenditure program, which will help foster a thriving, healthy, connected community."

Mayor Cr Liz Pattison



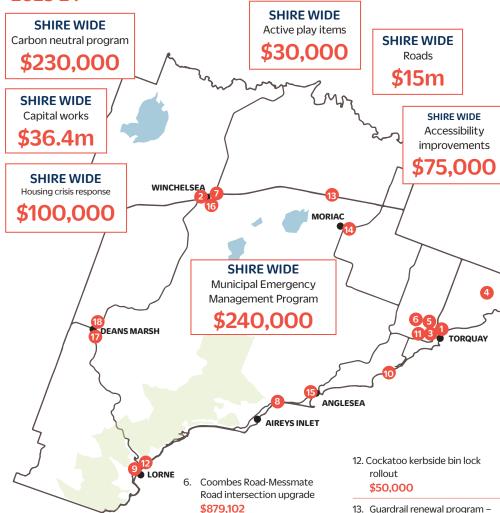
#### **Proposed rate** increase

The draft budget includes a proposed rate increase of 3.5% in line with the Victorian Government rate cap. Each property in the Surf Coast Shire is revalued every year by independent professional valuers. Movements in property values can result in rate increases different to 3.5% for individual ratepayers; however, across the shire, the average rate increase will be 3.5% well below current inflation levels.

We understand many residents are experiencing financial pressures so if you are, please reach out to us regarding a rates payment plan.

Our friendly teams are ready and able to help.

#### A snapshot of projects and initiatives in the Draft Budget 2023-24



1. Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre

#### \$5,801,060

2. Winchelsea Swimming Pool

#### \$4,580,000

- 3. Surf Coast Highway-Bristol Road intersection upgrade \$2,665,814
- 4. Karaaf Wetlands improvement works

#### \$2,000,000

5. Construct pathways along Spring Creek and Deep Creek (Spring Creek pedestrian bridge and Ocean Views) \$1,097,213

Eastern Reserve netball courts renewal

#### \$318,000

- Anglesea Ward road renewal (location subject to further investigation) \$303,000
- 9. Stribling Reserve netball court renewal \$162,000
- 10. Traditional Owner engagement and cultural values assessment - Urban Futures Strategy \$80,000
- 11. Regional bike route along Great Ocean Road - Duffields Road to Strathmore Drive \$66,275

13. Guardrail renewal program two sections of Cape Otway Road

#### \$49,000

14. Moriac Structure Plan planning scheme amendment implementation \$45,000

- 15. Anglesea Art Space \$33,300
- 16. Winchelsea Tree Planting Program \$22,500
- 17. Bridge Renewal Program -Barrier Risk Assessments \$4,500
- 18. Deans Marsh Recreation Reserve gate renewal \$1,200

**AST FACTS** 

Population

**37,694**Child and Family Health

408

Library memberships **10,500** 

Childhood and school immunisations

1,800

Volunteers supported

Customer requests **45.000** 

Playgrounds maintained **57** 

Dog and cat registrations **7,608** 

Food premises inspections **600** 

Kilometres of gravel roads graded **1.422** 

Australian National Surfing Museum visitors

16,500

Households receiving kerbside waste services **21.101** 



#### Diving deeper into our renewal program

After making a splash for 60 years, the Winchelsea Pool was farewelled by locals in March. The treasured facility will return with a much-needed revamp – an \$8.5 million project, which will foster a healthy, connected community for Winchelsea residents and visitors for years.

Given the major cost of this pool, we need to press pause on renewing a number of our other ageing assets – from roads and pathways, to buildings and recreation. They remain safe and useful, but we'll time their renewal in future years based on condition.

We want to maintain existing assets to the standard residents expect, but rising construction costs are constraining our capacity to tackle a wide variety of projects.

We also time capital projects to funding opportunities, such as state and federal government election cycles. It's what we've done with the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre, which has a further \$5.8 million allocation in this Draft Budget and will service community members from across the shire.

"I live away from Winchelsea now but grew up there, and the pool was our summer go-to. Wonderful memories. I'd like to see current generations enjoy it like we did."

Feedback received during the Winchelsea Pool revamp consultation.



## Preparing for growth and improving livability

The Winchelsea Ward community is growing and the budget is supporting this growth.

Junior netball is thriving in Winchelsea, highlighted by three sides - including a premiership team - competing in the popular summer netball competition in Geelong.

With juniors progressing through the ranks, complementing the local club's senior teams, it's vital that the Eastern Reserve courts remain up to standard. A \$318,000 allocation will make this happen.

The netball courts are a facility that foster a healthy, connected community, along with the Winchelsea Pool and Winchelsea Leisuretime Centre. The leisuretime centre was handed back to Winchelsea Primary School in January 2023 following repair works by the Victorian School Building Authority supported by Council's \$119,045 investment.

We're pleased to see the centre up-and-running again for basketball games, school events and community gatherings.

#### To view the Draft Budget 2023-24, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24

#### **HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION:**

Online: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Budget23-24

Write to: Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 350 Torquay VIC 3228

#### **SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE 10AM MONDAY 22 MAY 2023.**

Anyone making a submission can request to present to Council at a Hearing of Submissions, which will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 30 May 2023 online.

#### **NEED TO ACCESS A HARD COPY?**

We can print and post relevant sections of the budget to you. Call us on 5261 0600 or you can lodge a request via our website **surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request**.

### For the love of animals

## Winchelsea Primary students making friends with farm animals

#### **Dean Babb**

On Friday the 12th of May we had a visit from Fun Farm 2 U.

Our junior students from Grade Prep 2 were lucky enough to get an up-close experience with a range of farm animals and poultry.

Each student was able to get to know the animals names, give them lots of pats and get a full five-sense experience!

Teachers will then use the Farm 2 U incursion as a platform for teaching and learning where the junior writers will generate and collect ideas based on the experience.

All of the students were fully engaged during the visit; here are a few of their thoughts on the day...

"I loved all of the animals they were so cool. I was so excited to see them!"

– Luke

"The goats were so cute and fluffy. I also liked the black rabbits"

Ruby

"The guinea pigs were my favourite. They were eating all of the hay and loved to try to hide from me!"

— Harry

"The sheep and guinea pigs were the best. I give the visit a 10 out of 10!"

Casey









## National Seniors Australia says seniors critical to implementation of Budget

National Seniors Australia welcomes cost of living relief provided in the 2023 budget.

This includes a \$40 increase to the base rate for the JobSeeker payment, a \$92.10 increase for JobSeekers aged 55-59, and a 15% increase to the maximum rate of rent assistance.

National Seniors called for an increase to rent assistance in its 2023 Budget Submission.

"Renters are more vulnerable to higher costs, lower living standards and homelessness. This increase will go

some way to help ease these pressures, particularly for older women who are most at risk," Chief Advocate Ian Henschke said.

"The one-off electricity subsidy up to \$500, more affordable medications and incentives for GPs to bulk bill will help.

"In good news for aged care, the government has funded the 15% pay increase for workers and there are 9,500 extra home care packages. However, National Seniors wonders where the workers will come from. Government could do more by capitalising on the

skills of older people.

"Older people are a critical part of the budget equation – not only in terms of what they need but how they can contribute."

Mr Henschke said the aged care sector would benefit from a dedicated training scheme to encourage mature aged people to deliver these new home care packages.

"Giving pensioners who are care workers an exemption from the income test would also go a long way to help retain desperately needed workers."

## Our Nurses. Our Future.

## **International Nurses Day**

This International Nurses Day, Hesse celebrated, recognised and embraced the importance of nurses in our health system, and their dedication to delivering person-centred care.

Hesse is proud of all of the nurses in our workforce and want to take the opportunity to introduce two of them:



Leo – District Nurse

An inspiration to other male nurses

From a young age Leo was passionate about working in the medical industry. Completing his studies in China, he originally applied to be a doctor but as he didn't get the required scores, opted to become a male nurse. At that time in China male nurses were in high demand but faced many social challenges, as nursing was largely considered a female occupation.

Leo is proud to be a nurse. He loves helping improve people's health and likes being the advocate between a doctor and a patient.

The theme for International Nurses day this year is our nurses, our future. The future of nursing, to Leo is an increased nursing workforce, with hopefully more male nurses on board. All nurses should be held in good esteem as medical professionals and respected in the community accordingly. Leo would like to see improvements in the way male nurses are viewed in the industry, particularly across Asian nations.



Emma Coverdale RAC Ray of Sunshine

Emma has always been a very caring and compassionate person. From a young age, she had a love of caring for people when they need it most, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Nursing wasn't her first choice of a career. At one time Emma thought about being a police officer, however she didn't meet the height requirements. When she finished high school and considered her options for further study, nursing was one of those options which appealed to her so she tried it, and loved it.

Emma has now been nursing for 12 years and loves the challenge of being a nurse. Emma takes a very person centred care approach to nursing. Her philosophy is treating patients how she would want to be treated. She cares for her patients how she would want her family and loved ones cared for.

The highlight of being a nurse for Emma is putting a smile on people's faces, and making a positive difference in their life. Emma loves making people feel welcome, safe, happy and bringing a smile to their world, especially her patients with Dementia.

The theme for International Nurses day this year is our nurses, our future. Emma hopes the future of nursing means to continue to have a wonderful cohort of nurses, who are in this job for the right reason - making a difference in people's lives. The nursing industry is currently facing challenges with retention and recruitment, it would be good to see more caring nurses come on board who are person-centred. Nursing is more than blood pressure and wiping bottoms. Nurses need to be committed to making a difference in people's lives.









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#### **Singing Group**

When: Wed afternoons 4.45-5.45pm
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
\$5 per session Under 16 Free
Commencing: Wed 26th April, 2023
Bookings now open via email to
reception@winchhouse.org.au

#### **Experienced Tai Chi**

When: Friday mornings 9.30-10.30am Winchelsea Community House Space \$90 for 9 week term program Commencing Friday 28th April, 2023 Bookings now open via email to reception@winchhouse.org.au

#### **Knitting Group**

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

When: Thursday mornings 10-12 noon Winchelsea Community House Commencing: Thurs 27th April, 2023

#### **WYLD Youth Group**

More information coming early in Term 2! Stay Tuned.

#### **Crochet Group**

When: Alternate Sat afternoons 1.30pm Winchelsea Community House Space \$5 per session

Commencing: Sat 22nd April, 2023

#### **Art Classes - Drawing**

When Tues 2 May- 20 June 2023 1-3pm

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

Term 2, 8 classes \$440
Payment in Full Required
\*Missed classes can be claimed toward
Term 3 or refunded provided 24 hrs
notice given in advance.

All materials included.

Media: including ink, charcoal, conte, pencils and pastels, technical drawing instructions, relax through an explorative and enjoyable approach. Suitability: All levels of experience and abilities. Technically informative, providing skills, individuals progress in preferred direction.

Bookings and enquiries now open via email Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com PH: 0493 479 447

#### **Art Classes - Painting**

WhenThurs 27 April– 22 June 1-3pm Winchelsea Shire Hall Space Term 2, 9 classes \$585 Payment in Full Required

\*Missed clases can be claimed toward Term 3 or refunded provided 24hrs notice given in advance.

A class that progresses through water-based mediums, to the use of oil paint, with a dual focus on subject matter and materials.

Suitability: All levels of experience and abilities. Technically informative, providing skills, individuals progress in preferred direction.

Bookings and enquiries now open via email Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com PH: 0493 479 447

#### **Yoga Flow Classes**

When: Every Thursday evening throughout May 7.00pm-8.00pm Winchelsea Shire Hall Space \$22 per class or \$80 for 4 classes BYO Yoga Mat Bookings essential

Text or call Alex on 0400930495

#### **Sound Healing Sessions**

When: Wednesday 17th May and Wednesday 14 June 7.30-8.30pm Winchelsea Shire Hall Space \$40 per session Bookings now open Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

#### **Big Ideas**

16th June, 2023
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
Donation
Big and small ideas discussed over a
bowl of soup in the Shire Hall kitchen.
Contact Richard Butcher
richard@studiobutcher.com

When: Friday 19th May and Friday

#### **Chatty Cafe**

When: Friday mornings 10-12 noon Winchelsea Shire Hall Space Coffee for sale \$3 No Bookings required We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you! A place to sit, relax and chat. Chatting is such a simple concept but so important for mental and physical health.

#### Shire Hall Pass

Vee Ascombe, Cromwell Hooper Acting Community Developers

Ahoy there! A burst of local activity that caught me by surprise just lately was the startling response to Chatty Cafe, a new but notable sub-sector of the community who have so swiftly established themselves as a vibrant expression of interest in and care for the community around them, that notable personages, (no names, no pack drill),

were wont to drop in to canvas public opinion. In a respectful and inclusive spirit, I heard diverse topics discussed through even more diverse opinions, and nursing my coffee I learnt more at Chatty Cafe over a couple of hours than I'd even suspect possible over the couple of years i've been settling in here so far, it just goes to show that even my big-smoke brain can learn a thing or few in the right company.

Chatty Cafe convenes at the Shire Hall on Fridays from 10 a.m. for a couple of

hours of light-hearted to more serious chats about anything and everything that concerns the community. Coffees, teas and occasionally snacks are provided and a donation tin is available. At times, barista-style coffee will be available for purchase for \$3. Some have only the time to race through for a quick hello on their way through other errands, and any participation is delightful for all involved, drop in next Friday before lunch and see what everybody's been talking about.

## Kitchen Makeover for Shire Hall



Tony Phelps, Committee Chair

Adding to the renovation of the main hall in the historic former Winchelsea Shire Hall building, Winchelsea Community House has upgraded the kitchen with a completely new central bench, a commercial dishwasher, and a commercial coffee machine.

This is a significant remodelling that greatly improves the potential uses for the space. Think community events involving food such as celebration occasions, pop-up foodie events such as pizza night or wine-tastings, publicity launches including snacks, and maybe even a coffee and cake service for casual public visitors and drop-ins. The facilities also allow hospitality courses to be run, offering real-world experience alongside hands-on learning. Your ideas on how the kitchen can be both used for community benefit and help with Winch House operating costs are very welcome.

The kitchen makeover was possible thanks to a combination of 3 grants for various components and aspects;

- State government funding by Regional Development Victoria, courtesy of the "Living Local Regional Community Grants Program" - \$13,600
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) - \$9,000
- Our very own Winchelsea Star
   \$16,000

Winch House Committee and staff are very grateful for these financial contributions without which the Shire Hall kitchen makeover would not have been possible - the new kitchen helps reactivate this important community space in the heart of Winchelsea. The project was undertaken by local builder Mitch Tudball of MGT Building & Construction, liaising with various subcontractors and Surf Coast Shire to handle the demolition, clear-up, rewiring, plumbing, cabinetry and all the other tasks. Our thanks to Mitch for taking good care of the project and getting it all done with minimal disturbance to the normal activities at Winch House.

The dishwasher now makes cleaning up after an event with catering a matter of minutes - stack the dirty dishes, pass





into the dishwasher for a minute and a half, push out the other side to dry - done! The commercial coffee machine includes all the equipment and startup supplies to allow Winch House to sell barista coffee, hot chocolate, and leaf tea. Along with other places in Winchelsea offering good coffee, we hope in time this will be another good reason for increasing numbers of people to either visit or stop in Winchelsea in the coming years.

You may already have seen that once a month, there's a Kitchen Conversations event - gathering around the central bench, discussing... whatever needs discussing. As mentioned above, the kitchen makes all sorts of activities, events and courses newly much easier and more convenient. Keep a look out for more of this sort of thing coming.

At the start of 2021, Surf Coast Shire









redecorated the main hall including removing a raised floor, replacing the carpet, painting the walls, electrical wiring repairs, and a wifi internet access point. The Shire Hall was then handed over to Winch House to operate (independently of Surf Coast Shire) with a 3-year financial package that allowed the recruitment of someone to manage, organise and promote the Hall as an extension of Winch House.

There's now 18 months to go for Winch House to establish financial sustainability for the Shire Hall space. Your thoughts and ideas on how this can be achieved are very much sought. Do you have a particular cuisine eg. South American you'd like to teach? A particular skill eg. making preserves & jams that you'd like to run a course for? Get in touch with Wendy and let's see if we can make it happen. Mon-Fri 9am-2pm, reception@winchhouse.org. au, or 03 5267 2028.

The Shire Hall space and its resources are available for community use depending on availability. Please note that fees and charges do apply in order to cover running costs and staffing. It is not a free facility, and it is not managed or run by Surf Coast Shire. Contact Jill at Winch House for more info - shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

## Winchelsea 🗪 Star

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### RSPCA: Quail hunting should be banned

RSPCA Victoria has publicly released its submission to the Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements after submissions to the inquiry closed last night.

Policy and Advocacy Manager at RSPCA Victoria, Ms Mhairi Roberts believes the submission makes a strong case for banning both duck and quail hunting in Victoria.

The critically endangered Plains Wanderer looks very similar to the Stubble Quail. There are very few features setting apart these species, and yet, the Plains Wanderer is near the brink of extinction. It is believed there may be fewer than 1,000 left in the wild [2].

"In addition to ingesting shot, it is possible that environmental lead exposure from missed shots contaminating the waterways and soil could be contributing





Left: Stubble Quail © Les George 2022 birdlifephotography.org.au Right: Plains-wanderer © Ian Wilson 2023 birdlifephotography.org.au

to

"While many people understand the issues regarding ducks, quails often don't receive the same attention. Similar to ducks, the evidence very clearly supports banning Stubble Quail hunting. There are multiple concerns from an animal welfare perspective," said Ms Roberts. "When quail are shot with lead ammunition by hunters, deep punctures from gunshot wounds can result in damage to internal organs without causing immediate death of the bird.

"Unfortunately, there are no Australian studies that tell us what the wounding rate of Stubble Quail during quail hunting season is, but studies carried out on the Northern Bobwhite Quail (similar in size, colour and share a preferred habit) found 33% of the total kill were crippled.

"Utilising the total kill crippling rate from the more recent study, and the average Victorian Stubble quail harvest rate of 175,000[1], means that approximately another 57,000 quail are wounded and not killed outright each year," she said.

Quail hunters are not required to undergo species identification testing, which raises significant concern for several endangered species that look very similar wildlife mortality by impeding the intricate cognitive processes and social behaviours essential for survival and reproductive success," said Ms Roberts.

RSPCA Victoria has provided the Select Committee with 12 recommendations in regard to duck and quail hunting. The key recommendations that relate to quail are below.

RSPCA Victoria recommendation 3: Based on the likely wounding rate of quail, RSPCA Victoria believes quail hunting should be banned due to the inevitable suffering of birds.

RSPCA Victoria recommendation 8: Quail hunting must be banned based on the decline in Stubble Quail numbers in Victoria and the additional pressures from hunting during the breeding season and habitat loss.

RSPCA Victoria recommendation 10: Due to the direct and indirect impacts of lead ammunition on native animals and the environment, and the continued use of lead shot illegally by duck hunters, duck and quail hunting should be banned.

For the full list of recommendations, visit the RSPCA Victoria website.



# Invitation

# The 2023 Upper Barwon Landcare Dinner & Annual General Meeting

When Monday May 29th 2023

Where Winchelsea Hub, Eastern Reserve 70 Hopkins St Winchelsea

**Program** 6 PM – pre dinner drinks (drinks available at bar prices)

6.30 PM - Annual General Meeting

7 PM – Dinner (Fusion catering) with Guest Speaker between courses (\$40 a head / pay on registration or by cash or card on the night)

**Guest Speaker: Ray Draper** 



**Growling Grass Frog** 

#### **Frogs and Toadlets of the Corangamite Catchment**

Ray Draper is a local environmental consultant who has a passion for frogs and toadlets that are indigenous to our region. Ray will talk about species we can expect to see in our area and will talk about threats to their habitat and how we can work to ensure their survival.

#### Bookings are essential and places are limited!

Please RSVP by the **23rd of May** with any dietary requirements to the Upper Barwon Landcare Network on 0407552663 or andrea.upperbarwonlandcare@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME** 



#### Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

## Blues News Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News as the 2023 Season progresses into Round 6 where the Winchelsea Blues hosted Geelong West Giants at Eastern Reserve last Saturday in beautiful autumn weather.

#### **RESERVES:**

#### Winchelsea Blues 6.12. 48 defeated Geelong West Giants 6.7.43

In a low scoring game the Blues struggled to stay with their opposition in the first half of footy, both teams had their chances to break the game open but both failed to do so. A much better second quarter kept the Blues hopes alive.

To the Blues credit they came back strongly in the last quarter and were able to pinch the game with a last minute goal to take the 4 points. A gutsy win Blues, well done.

#### GOALS:

Jarrod Winzer 4, Zedekai Copland 2.

Lachie Gemmill, Baxter Boddington, Jarrod Winzer, Zedekai Copland,

Darcy Looker, Matthew Gillespie.

#### SENIORS:

#### Winchelsea 9.6.60 were defeated by **Geelong West Giants 13.7.85**

The Blues probably put in their worst half of football for the Season in the opening 2 quarters last Saturday kicking 1.2.8 to G.W.G. 3.2.20 in the first and 2.2.14 to 7.3.45 to go into the long break at half time.

The third quarter saw a revival from the Blues with some great work around the packs to take them at one stage of the game to be within 2 points, but the Giants had other ideas and kicked away to take the 4 points their way with a couple of late easy goals making the scoreboard more flattering as well.

#### GOALS:

Indy Parish 2, Tom Henry 2, Tavae Saunie 2, Leigh Ellis, Fin Parish, Jonty Scott all 1 goal.

#### BEST:

Adam Walsh, Jordan Huff, Luke Henry, Tom Moloney, Brenton Rees, Leigh Ellis.

This week the Blues travel to country cousins Anakie where they will be proudly showing their recently finished new facilities to all visiting Clubs which is great for them as the Anakie Football & Netball Club have waited a long time for an upgrade.

Starting times are 12pm for the Reserves and 2pm for the Seniors. It would be great to see as many Blues supporters as possible to make the trip and help secure a win after the last couple of games.

#### JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

Numbers at Winchelsea Auskick have been terrific – it's still not too late to join in for the 2023 Auskick season - times are 5 – 6pm on Thursdays on the oval at Fastern Reserve.

Our bottom age Under 10 team continue to improve with every week they take to the field. I believe there were more goals kicked this week and while this fledgling team haven't cracked it for a win as yet the group are improving and enjoying their Saturday (and Friday night) games. Go Baby Blues !!



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#### THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week the menu features Seafood Baskets, Chicken Kiev, and the Winchelsea Blues Hamburger All served with chips/vegetables/ salad Non Members - \$20 Members - \$15 Small serve - \$12 Kids chips, nuggets & gravy still only \$5 DESSERT: - \$5 Ice cream - \$2

This week back by popular demand GOLDEN SYRUP DUMPLINGS, these are a limited item, order yours when

getting your main meal to avoid disappointment!

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Auskick, Junior Footy, Blue's Bistro, Committee members, Bar staff, Canteen, Groundsman, Netball, Lines marking, Lions Club.

THESE VOLUNTEERS ARE WHAT KEEPS THE WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB TICKING OVER AND CONTINUE TO SURVIVE.

MORE HELP IS NEEDED AS THE TOWNSHIP AND CLUB GROWS:

Please consider if you think you can be of any assistance – that old adage of many hands make light work still rings true in this enlightened day & age!!

The W.F.N.C. Inc. is blessed with Life Members who care & contribute to the Club in many and varied ways, huge thanks .... you know who you are!

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers last Sunday, hope everyone enjoyed the day in the beautiful weather

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## The Climate Report

**Judy Cameron** 

It's official - Eastern Australia is facing the likelihood of a dry winter and spring. The US Climate Prediction Centre (CPC) is declaring an El Niño, the Pacific warm phase, as an above 90 per cent chance by August and indicated a greater than 50 per cent chance of a "strong" event by late in the year.

A "strong" El Niño is when Pacific Ocean water temperatures climb more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above average and has only occurred once previously in the past 25 years.

This continued warming of the equatorial Pacific along with a predicted burst of westerly winds, which could send the Pacific beyond the point of no return.

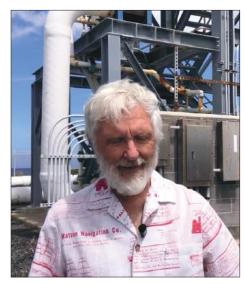
"The combination of a forecasted third westerly wind event in mid-late May, and high levels of above-average oceanic heat content, means that a potentially significant El Niño is on the horizon," stated the CPC.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) agrees this burst of westerlies could be the tipping point.

Cai Wenju, a senior CSIRO climate scientist, told Guardian Australia "When this El Niño comes, we are going to have much, much worse conditions in terms of heatwayes."

A typical El Niño might add about 0.1C to global mean temperatures but he warned the next one might top that "because there's so much heat in the equatorial Pacific".





Dr. Tom Daniel

If El Niño develops as expected the consequence will be a change in weather patterns across the globe. The typical impacts for Australia through winter and spring across roughly the eastern half of the country include:

- A reduction in rain, most pronounced over inland regions
- Warmer average maximum temperatures, apart from over north Queensland
- An increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme hot days
- An increase in winter frost over south-east states
- A decrease in winter snowfall
- Later monsoon onset and fewer tropical cyclones
- Heightened risk of bushfires, particularly over south-east states

What's concerning this year is modelling currently favours a dry signal from the Indian Ocean which will reinforce El Niño, and that combination in the past has led to some of eastern Australia's driest years on record, including 1982, 1994 and 2006.

Meanwhile the Hawaiian Energy Laboratory is aiming to produce energy by Thermal Energy Conversion using the difference between the cold deep ocean temperature and the warmer ocean surface to turn a turbine.

In the late 1970s the US Government funded a \$250 million series of experiments in Hawaii which aimed to do just that and it worked. While it was competitive in cost, the new Reagan Administration cut the project because it challenge the fossil fuel industries.

You can listen to Dr Tom Daniel explain the details in this 13-min interview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BD6leF9-lb4

Dr Daniel also relates the work being done to grow a red algae, called asparagopsis, which can be fed to cows and has shown it can reduce their methane-rich burps by an incredible 70%. It is estimated that livestock, primarily cows, produce 40% of the world's methane emissions. Methane being 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. Over the last two centuries, methane concentrations in the atmosphere have more than doubled, largely due to human-related activities.

#### VFF's Stock Sense is hosting a Livestock Producers workshop in Colac on Thursday 5th

Stock Sense is an extension project run by the Victorian Farmers Federation.

Our aim is to help livestock producers engage in best practices for animal welfare and on-farm biosecurity. Our workshops are free and we want to reach as many producers as we can!

Date and Time:

Thursday 1 June at 11:30am - 2pm

Location: Colac Neighbourhood House, 23 Miller St, Colac VIC 3250

We've organised for two speakers to come out:

Michele Jolliffe (DEECA Dairy Extension Officer) speaking on biosecurity planning, implications of diseases on farm, management of potential entry points for diseases and pests, FMD and LSD

**Tom Loughnan** (Colac Veterinary Clinic) will speak about colostrum management, calving preparation and mastitis and lameness Registration is essential to help us with catering and capacity. To register, anyone can sign up here https://zfrmz.com/BPJYZNUiCt2x0R57iXMd

Link to Facebook event page https://fb.me/e/3zAhLkU48

Link to website https://www.vff.org.au/event/stocksense-cattle-workshop-colac/

# Winchelsea Churches



#### St John's Catholic Church

During Autumn and Winter, Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Saturday evenings at St John the Baptist Church, corner Mercer and Austin Streets, Winchelsea.

Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation take place at 4pm followed by Mass at 5pm on the first Saturday of each month. (Next: 6 May)

Mass also takes place at Hesse Rural Health Service at 2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. (Next: 27 April ) Parents wishing to have their child Baptised, please contact Anita 0409 432 833. Children can be Baptised at St John's Winchelsea.

Reconciliation/Anointing takes place before or after Mass. If you would like Mass offered for your loved ones, please let Father Joseph know on 52 681 230.

Father Joseph can be contacted on 52 681 230 or 0404 598 558 for a chat. The Parish Office is open 9.30 am - 4.30pm Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Winchelsea Uniting Church

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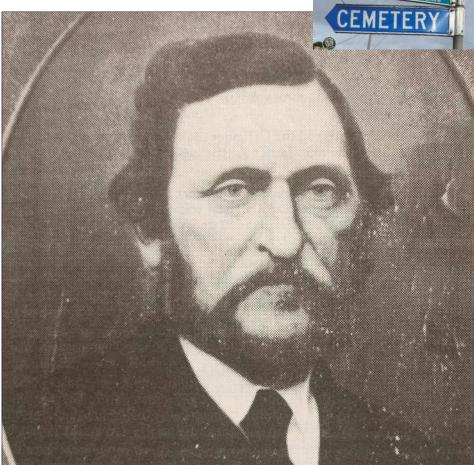
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## Winchelsea Street Names

## Winchelsea Historical Society

#### **AUSTIN STREET**

The Austin family were a very well known family in Winchelsea and built Barwon Park Mansion, later owned by the Batson family, and now by the National Trust.



## World Bee Day



#### Farmers' markets shine vellow to support ag's hardest little workers

Farmers' markets across the country are preparing for a buzzy week as farmers, food producers and shoppers don their favourite yellow garb to celebrate World Bee Day on 20 May, 2023.

This year's World Bee Day theme is 'Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agriculture', and there's no better way for people to celebrate than to join the Bring Your Buzz campaign, wearing vellow to their local farmers' market to highlight the vital role pollinators play in our food production systems.

Australian Farmers' Markets Association Chairperson Jane Adams savs markets across the country are excited to support World Bee Day 2023 with its global theme highlighting pollinatorfriendly agriculture, with festivities running at farmers' markets across the country from Saturday 13 May to Sunday 21 May.

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Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

#### 2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from Covid.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

- For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:
- Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid
- Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

Victorians are encouraged to book a free booster appointment through their local GP or pharmacy. You can find your nearest vaccination provider through the Health Direct Service Finder.

#### RATs available through local councils

All Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of rapid antigen tests (RATs) through their local council.

The council RAT distribution program is currently operating across more than 400 local sites, such as libraries and council customer service centres. The program is open to all Victorians, with all eligibility requirements now removed.

Individuals can collect up to two packets for themselves plus up to two packets for

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Testing, especially with any compatible Covid symptoms, is critical to help with early detection and to protect others. It also allows for appropriate care and timely treatment.

Contact details for participating councils can be found at the Coronavirus website.

#### Antivirals and other medicines

Oral antiviral medications remain highly effective against all currently circulating Covid subvariants to reduce severe disease and prevent death.

From 1 April, people aged 60-69 with one additional risk factor for developing severe disease are eligible for antiviral treatments.

Early testing for Covid and diagnosis are essential to access Covid medicines. For most Covid medicines to work best, you must take it within five days of getting sick – the earlier the better.

Information on eligibility can be found at the Coronavirus website.

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## Free Community Service Advertisements



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## Winchelsea Playgroup

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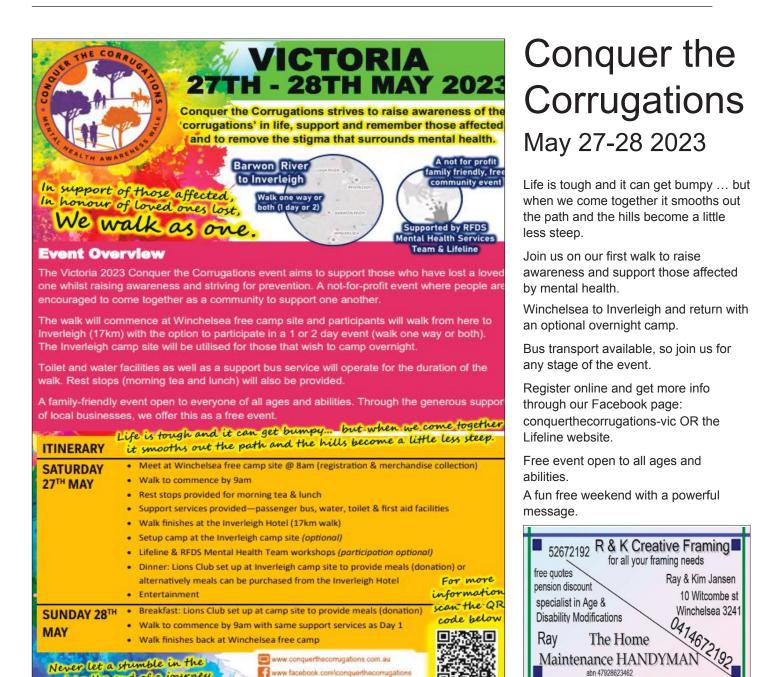
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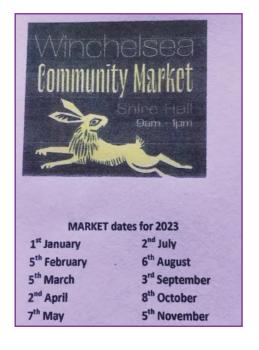
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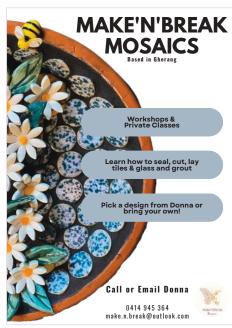
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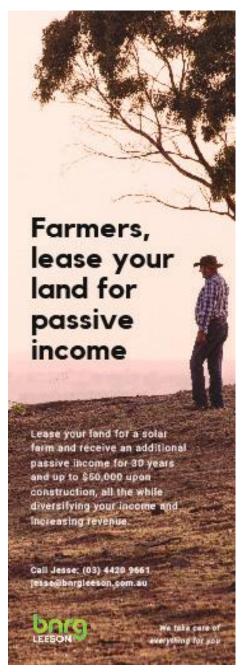


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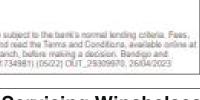
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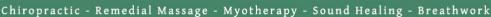
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