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Letter to the Editor

I've been looking through back copies of the Star for something in particular and it has made me realise what a wonderful publication it is.

I suppose I have a certain amount of bias being on the committee since its revival a number of years ago, but for a small committee of volunteers to produce such a good quality, newsworthy publication weekly is no mean feat.

What struck me was that during the COVID years we still managed to produce an informative paper concerning the rules and regulations of the pandemic and yet still report on what few local events etc were still happening is nothing short of remarkable.

We have a wonderful team of volunteer editors, production, not to mention Wendy and Cromwell at the Community House who manage to print 210 hard copies on time, even during school holidays - not without the odd hiccup I might add.

You might have noted that each edition has gone from 28 to 40 pages recently.

Mine and my husband's job is merely distribution of the hard copies around town and Moriac. 15 copies each week are donated, some to the hospital and some to the seniors. Our online free subscriptions are over 800.

We have 3 Editors, 2 Production, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Advertising - one of which happens to be my daughter Sasha, who has a full time job, a part time job and still manages to volunteer her time to co-ordinate the advertising.

We must at this time give a big thank you to the advertisers for your support, some of which have been with us for years - without you the paper wouldn't exist.

Sasha is not the only one on our committee who has a full time job. So not having enough time is no excuse. We would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining us.

The Star is a community newspaper so it thrives on community content, so if you want to see more interesting content and not just media releases then please don't hesitate to send in anything of interest, and don't forget the pictures!!

If you are not into the electronic age, you can leave articles at IGA before 4pm Sundays.

Linda Carter



Winchelsea Re-Loved Market

Rhani Bayon

The Winchelsea Re-Loved Market was on again for its third edition on Saturday 15 November at the Winchelsea Shire Hall. Blessed with some sunshine, once again the Market brought a wonderful energy to the town. Locals and visitors alike enjoyed browsing a wide variety of pre-loved treasures, handmade items, homewares, clothing, books, and unique finds that make this special kind of market what it is.

The Re-Loved Market continues to grow with each edition, offering a welcoming space for people to recycle, repurpose, and rediscover quality items while supporting sustainable living and raising funds for the Community House, Shire Hall and Occasional Care. It was great to see so many community members chatting with each other and the stallholders, catching up with friends, and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

We are so grateful to have Alison and her Smooth Vibes Van and Alex providing 'Go with The Flow' Coffee & crepes providing market goers with delicious food and beverage options on the day. The kids had a great time too with plenty of books, games and toys to spend their pocket money on topped off with some face paint from the incredibly talented Artzzy Jazzy.

A big thank-you to all of our stallholders who provided a fun and eclectic pre-loved shopping experience and every person that came down to support the event.

The biggest thanks goes to Wendy Greaves and Trent Bayon for all of their support in the lead up and on the day. Not bad for a market pulled together by just three people.

If you'd like to be involved in future Winchelsea Community House/Shire Hall community events get in touch with us at shirehall@winchhouse.org.au





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Winchelsea Repertory Society volunteers

'Granny Get Your Gun'

Judy Cameron

The very successful 'Granny Get Your Gun' production once again highlighted the achievements of volunteers in our community.

The play was written 15 years ago by John Mawson and Rob Smith who both attended on opening night. John commented "They did a great job of our work, the songs chosen were good and the audience participation was heartening".

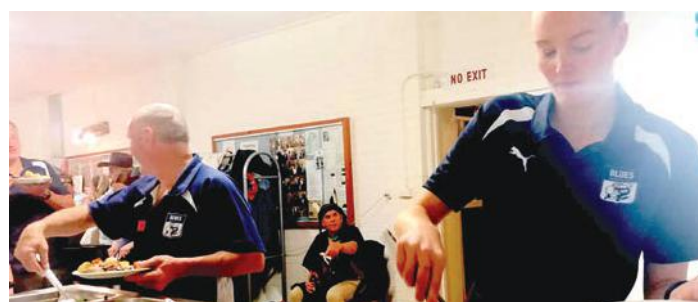
The play saw just over \$35,000 in ticket sales which benefited the groups who sold tickets (the Winchelsea Primary School; the Winchelsea Bowling Club; the Winchelsea CFA; Grovedale and Waurm Ponds Lions Club and Modewarre Cricket Club).

Collectively they shared in over \$6,000 in important funds to help their organisations continue providing the wonderful work they do.

The Winchelsea Football and Netball Club also raised money by catering the delicious three course meal on the nights.



Volunteers from the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club



Volunteering acknowledges that there are many areas of citizenship and ways to give back in our community and if you would like to be a performer or help backstage next year contact the team at winchelsearepertorysociety@gmail.com or Neil McInnes on 0408102802.

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Spring in Winchelsea

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Guides present Promise Badge

Yvonne Orchard

Winchelsea has a new enrolled Guide

Recently Savannah McDonald made her promise as a Guide at a ceremony with her family present. Our Region Leader Karen Trepte was also present to present Lily Del-Rennie with her Leader's Certificate and Badge. Lily completed her Leadership training last May. Lily then enrolled Savannah as her first Guide to make her promise under her leadership.

The Guides are working on their Water Badge and have made boats and floated them on our river and will be pond dipping, swimming, playing water games, discovering water properties, and doing STEM activities with water, ice, steam etc.

Our Winchelsea Unit welcomes girls aged 5-15yrs, we meet on Mon nights 4.30-6pm at the Catholic hall Harding St Winchelsea
Contact Yvonne Ph 0448 672 630 or Lily Ph 0428 936 441



L-R Guinevere Donovan, Olive Sostheim, Taylah Hamilton, Lily Del- Rennie (Leader), Pearl Sostheim, Savannah McDonald with her enrolment certificate, Pippa Hamilton and Yvonne Orchard (Leader)

- A Big Thanks -

Nick Keating, Acting Principal, Winchelsea Primary School

I'd like to thank everyone who came to our Athletics Day and Playground Opening on Friday. The weather turned on a show and our community really turned up in big numbers. It was an absolutely pleasant day. Thanks to Mr Babb and Mr Peel for their leadership of the day. Thanks to all of the volunteers (including Ella from OSHC) who supported with the BBQ fundraiser.

Thanks to representatives from the Winchelsea Lions Club and the Winchelsea Community Bendigo Bank for coming along and officially opening the playground. Thanks to the Grade 6s for being good sports about getting pipped in the relay to finish the day. Also a big thanks to Jason Nogueira who is volunteering over the next few weeks to photograph our great events, in line with photo permissions.

The next community event is the Colour Run on Friday, 28th November from 2pm-3pm and everyone is welcomed to attend. BBQ - Sausage Sizzle available.

Grade 6 Graduation looks a bit different in 2025

This year, the students will go out for dinner at the Barwon Hotel with staff. Families, students and staff will then meet at the Hub after this dinner for the Graduation Ceremony. Also, the Grade 6s will head for an exciting Adventure Day in Melbourne, instead of going to Adventure Park for their celebration. Both of these changes have been negotiated to reduce cost for families.








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Zinaida Campion

Introducing Patty George

Well well, good citizens of Winchelsea, we have a treat for you this week. My good sister, the one and only Patty George will be gracing the column, sharing her passion for Country music and the occasional "jibe" at big sis! (One of her unique terms, a cross between a jibe and a probe!). But no sibling rivalry here, not at all!

Despite sharing a few interests, Patty and I are two very different sheilas. Yes, we both love music. No, we can't agree on what genres. Yes, we both love fashion. No, we don't share styles. She's a LandCruiser gal, I'm an Audi chick.

When Patty blasts Slim Dusty and Adam Brand until my sanity is about to give way, I bide my time. Then, I quietly fill all the spare space in the house with my ever-growing collection of designer clothes, and furs, which she especially loathes. Revenge is a dish best served cold, my dear readers!

There are fun times too though. Patty and I used to write funny stories together when we were younger. Her writing is so good, I didn't even have to edit this article! Rare. In case you were wondering, we still read over those stories and nearly die laughing every time.

Patty is a pretty good artist too. (Imao, I'm better, but don't tell her, ok?!). I've included some pictures from her sketch pad, as I like to encourage her to draw. It's a quiet activity, if you see what I'm driving at!

Without any further fanfare, I give you Patty George. Hold your hats, ladies and gentlemen.

Ciao!

As Zinaida's younger sister, I have been bombarded from childhood with Maria Callas blasting from the CD player and fur coats taking over our shared wardrobe. (Luckily, we no longer share wardrobes!). We would often go to classical performances as a family, and play opera in the car. As a kid, I copied whatever big sis was doing, but I never really felt it was quite my thing...

Fast forward several years. One Sunday afternoon, bored, I came across a Slim Dusty album, which I thought could be worth a play. I was instantly sold. I loved the rhythm, Aussie themes and twanging country guitar. I played the songs over and over till I knew them backwards, then, on a trip to the

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

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

Mallee, I found another Slim album in an op shop. I never looked back. Country music spoke to me like nothing else. I have now quite a few other country singers that I like, but I'll never grow tired of a good old Slim Dusty bush ballad.

When I was 11, I started piano lessons and found another passion. After I got advanced enough for my music to sound good, I couldn't get enough of it.



I would spend hours every week just playing for pleasure. After a couple of years, I offered to play at church. I would shake with nerves every time, and a couple of times I mucked up the songs so bad I had full-blown meltdowns...but that's just all part of it, right? Two years on I am still playing and loving it.

I never really pictured myself doing country music, but after I started arranging pieces and creating my own music, I started thinking maybe I could do that. Still a long way off, but country music is now what I want to do.

As I became more interested in country music, I began to explore the culture that went with it. Pink and purple cowgirl boots, bush hats, RB Sellars shirts and Ariat jeans became a big part of my wardrobe. My first rodeo was a dream come true. Watching cowboys risk their necks on bucking broncs and almost busting my voice box in screaming contests (speaking was painful for a while!), I felt like I'd found my tribe. Poor Zinaida...with my terrible taste in music and huge Aussie flag that dominates my bedroom, it doesn't look like I'm getting much better at the "opera singer's sister" persona!



Outside the country stuff, I love spending time drawing, reading, and just chilling out with my mates. My ideal life would be working on a farm, owning a big furry dog, driving a LandCruiser ute and playing country music. My biggest struggles would be scales on the piano (sometimes I get so sick of them I feel like quitting!), and biting my nails. Long drives with Wagner on full blast do NOT help with that! Sorry Zinaida.

My goals for the future are a combination of my passions: farming and music. My dream job would be jillarooing, doing country gigs on the side. I aim to improve my music skills and get more involved in performing. Meanwhile, back to those damned scales...

Patty George, 16
Xoxo

Stitch it, Don't Ditch it!

Annette



On Wednesday this week In the Star room, there was some cutting out done which will hopefully be sewn up next week.

We were also lucky enough that a very clever person was able nussed out how to use the Husqvarna sewing machine and got it working beautifully.



There are now two machines and an overlocker so if you have a hem to be taken up or a seam to sew - call in and get it done!

Stitch it don't ditch it is run by community volunteers each Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Winchelsea Star Room.

Surf Coast Shire Council elects Mayor Libby Stapleton and Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has elected Cr Libby Stapleton as Mayor for the second year of its four-year term.

Cr Tony Phelps was elected as Deputy Mayor for the same 12-month period.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected at a special Council meeting on Tuesday 18 November.

Mayor Stapleton said she felt so proud to lead the Council for a third time.

"We have a great community to work with and I'm keen to develop effective and positive relationships, with a focus on strong governance while advocating for the needs of our community," she said.

Cr Phelps said he was honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor. "We have a fabulous mix of councillors who bring diverse perspectives, and I look forward to working together," he said.

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Carols by the Barwon – Saturday 6 December 2025

The Winchelsea community is set to gather once again for the much-loved Carols by the Barwon on Saturday 6 December 2025, bringing families and friends together on the banks of the Barwon for an evening of tradition, music, and festive cheer.

Festivities begin at 4:00 pm, with an exciting range of food vans and stalls spread across the historic Bluestone Bridge. Visitors can enjoy classic favourites including Spud Stick, the Lions BBQ, Birregurra Ice Cream, and a fresh-fruit Smoothie Bar serving fruit salad blends.

A variety of international food options, including Vietnamese and Korean, will also be available, adding colour and flavour to the evening.

For children, there will be a Jumping Castle and face painting, helping set the tone for a relaxed family afternoon leading into the carols.

The official Carols Program begins at 6:00 pm, featuring a strong lineup of local performers. Audiences will enjoy performances from Mainly Music, Mel's Dance, Winchelsea Primary School, Girl Guides, Winchelsea Carolers, and the Colac City Band and Singers running through until Santa's arrival.

The most anticipated moment of the night comes at 7:45 pm, when Santa arrives with treats for the children.

The evening will close at 8:00 pm with a final thank-you to attendees and sponsors.

CAROLS BY THE BARWON is proudly supported by community partners including Winchelsea Star, SES, Hayeswinckle, One Body Chiropractic, Growing Winchelsea, Jason Nogueira Photography, Surf Coast Shire, IGA Winchelsea and Winchelsea Lions Club.

This year, Carols by the Barwon is a Waste Wise event

Families are encouraged to bring reusable drink bottles, keep-cups, and containers to help reduce single-use items. The environmental reasons are straightforward:

- Reusables significantly reduce landfill, especially from plastic bottles and disposable cups.
- Avoiding single-use materials cuts down on the energy and emissions required to produce and transport disposable items.
- Refillable options help prevent litter entering local waterways, protecting the Barwon River and the wildlife that depend on it.
- These habits build long-term community awareness around responsible consumption and recycling.



Christmas Elf Treasure Hunt Winchelsea 2025

**The Christmas Elves
are coming
to Winchelsea!**



Growing Winchelsea

Something magical is happening in Winchelsea, a number of cheeky Christmas elves are about to visit Winchelsea from the 5th December to the 18th December before they head back to the North Pole to help Santa pack the sleigh for Christmas Eve.

They are coming to spread Christmas cheer and will be hiding in local shops and businesses, just waiting for YOU to find them! This fun Christmas adventure is brought to you by Growing Winchelsea and it is the perfect way to explore our town, meet local business owners, and go into the draw to win some awesome Christmas prizes!

But the elves won't be easy to find, they're small, sneaky and love to hide.

To join in the magical Elf Treasure Hunt around Winchelsea, visit the friendly team at the Winchelsea Community Bank who will give you your own Christmas passport. The passport will tell you all the places to search for these cheeky elves. Every time you find an elf, write down their name in your passport and have the businesses owner or staff stamp your passport.

You will need a grown up to come along with you (elves get nervous around unsupervised children) this fun is for the whole family.

Once you have found all the elves return your completed passport to the Christmas competition box located at the Community Bank.

You could win one of some great prizes, including a 10 pass entry to the Winchelsea Swimming Pool and movie passes galore, just in time for summer holiday fun.

Keep a look out in next week's Winchelsea Star newspaper to learn where to hunt for the Elves.

- *A note to parents: Adult supervision is required with this activity.*



The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Nature, carbon, nutrition: 3 ways farming can shift from climate culprit to solution

Producing and distributing food is responsible for roughly a third of global greenhouse gas emissions. But food systems are highly vulnerable to the droughts, floods, fires and heatwaves made more intense by climate change. Agriculture is both culprit and victim.

In energy and transport, power sources and vehicles can be shifted to clean options to cut emissions. But it's harder to cut emissions from farming. Agricultural emissions come largely from animals, crops and food processing – methane from cattle, sheep and goats, nitrous oxide created by microbes in fertilised soils and carbon losses from degraded land, where soil disturbance and erosion accelerate release of carbon dioxide. Many countries have included agriculture as a way to tackle climate change in their national commitments. The question is how. One solution is to focus on making farming regenerative rather than extractive.

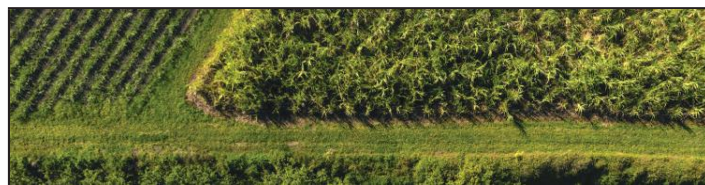
Our research has laid out an approach centred on net zero, nature positive and nutritionally balanced farming (3N for short). The goal: moving away from a narrow focus on cutting emissions to rebuild soil carbon, restore biodiversity and improve human nutrition simultaneously. Many people are already farming like this around the world, but rarely in a joined up way or at scale. Here's what it looks like.

Farming for net zero

Farmers can help achieve net zero and cut costs by reducing emissions and building soil carbon stocks.

Imagine a wheat and livestock farm using precise ways to apply nitrogen fertilisers only when and where plants can absorb it. Soil sensors and satellite imagery guide decisions about fertilising and irrigating. New technologies create fertiliser out of the nitrogen in the air without the large carbon footprint of traditional methods.

Planting nitrogen-fixing legumes on fallow fields restores soil organic matter and cuts how much expensive fertiliser is needed. Beneficial microbes are added to soils to boost carbon storage. Livestock are fed methane-reducing additives, while electric or hydrogen-powered tractors cleanly handle field



operations. Animal manure and crop residues are transformed from waste into fertiliser and renewable energy. The result: fewer emissions, healthier soils and lower bills for farmers.

Because agriculture takes up half the world's habitable land, it makes sense to bring back nature wherever possible. But restoring habitat and bringing back species isn't just decoration – it's infrastructure. Instead of bare fence lines and bulldozed creek beds, a 3N farm weaves nature through its working landscape. Hedgerows, shelter belts and native vegetation corridors link habitats and encourage the return of birds, insects and pollinators.

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Read full story here:

https://theconversation.com/nature-carbon-nutrition-3-ways-farming-can-shift-from-climate-culprit-to-solution-268204?utm_medium=article_native_share&utm_source=theconversation.com

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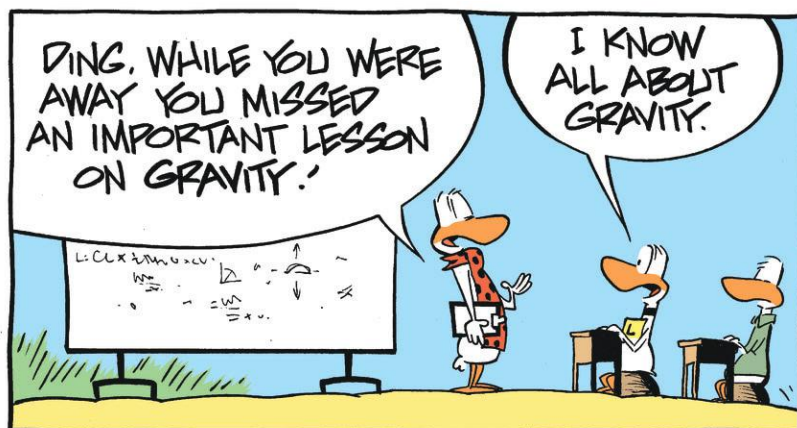
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No other sector of the economy can do so much. Only farming can tackle climate change, restore habitats and give people nutritious food. Agriculture isn't a problem – it's an essential part of the solution.



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Its very nearly Berry picking, eating and preserving time

What a delicious time of the year

Julia Holohan

We were given some berry canes when we first moved to Deans Marsh back in the 80s.

The giver referred to them as brambleberries as he was unsure of exactly what they were when he was given them. Over the years with many people suggesting a variety of berries, we feel they are most likely boysenberry and loganberry.

These are grown on a trellis made with 2 crossed star pickets at either end and another 2 lots spaced several metres apart along the length required. 3 strand of thick fencing wire is then firmly strained. The berries are clumped in bunches and can climb along the wires, bearing their fruit which will be picked with care to escape their thorns.

They are netted with a large net stretched over stakes that keep the netting off the fruit otherwise the birds will sit on top and peck through the netting to eat the berries! These berries will be pruned in the autumn.



Raspberries

We were also given raspberries, a wonderful staple for our garden and our enjoyment to devour! These are grown in clumps and also netted stretched over stakes.

These summer bearing raspberries fruit on their 2 year old canes which will be pruned at ground level when they die off after fruiting.

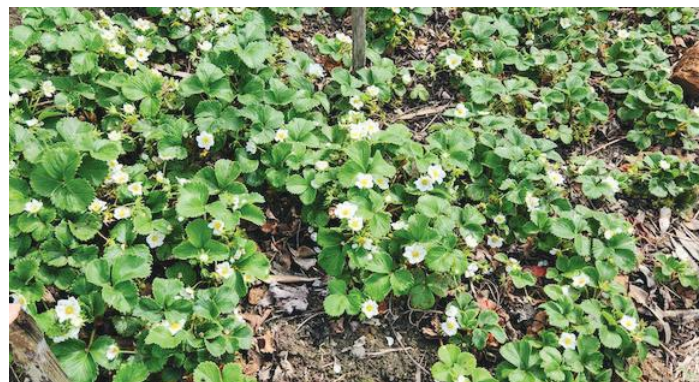
The new canes, which will fruit next season, we tie each bunch together with that wonderful hayband. Doing this allows us to easily identify them to prune them when their canes dry after they have finishing fruiting .



Raspberries

Along the way we came across some Everbearer raspberries which will fruit in the autumn, extending our enjoyment of raspberry eating.

These canes can be planted singularly and close together and all the canes are pruned with a hedge trimmer to barely 6 inches (15cm) once they finish fruiting and will then happily regrow and fruit again each year.



Strawberries

Home grown strawberries, so much more delicious than bought. We don't use black plastic but plant them in well composted soil and keep them well weeded and pull out any unwanted runners.

The 3 S's can be a nightmare; snails, slugs, slaters. We've tried tinsel, ash, pine needles, sauces of beer and goodness knows what else, all with varying success but, getting netting on early before those Ss can get in will help.

Blackcurrants, I adore their sour taste with breakfast, in salads and making cassis. They fruit on the previous years stems so don't prune those stems!

Last year we planted blue berries for the first time. We bought ones suitable for pots and put them in old concrete laundry troughs, getting to sample a small amount of fruit.

They are well mulched and netted and we're looking forward to, hopefully, more this year.



Berries

Berries; mulch them well, water them well, net them and you'll eat them well.

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Scouts: Tues 6:30-8:30pm (school terms)

Venturers: Weds

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- **Chocolates/Stockings**
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- Please include wrapping supplies so families can wrap gifts themselves.
- Please drop off your donations by Wednesday 17th December

Adopt A Surfcoaster - Christmas 2025

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65 Great Ocean Road Anglesea
- **Community Bank Lorne**
1/32 Mountjoy Parade Lorne

Bendigo Bank

Community Bank Surf Coast

Councillor Catch-Up

Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor

The annual Remembrance Day service was as usual held at the Winchelsea Memorial Cairns, run by the RSL – a moving ceremony with wreaths placed around the 3 cairns. The weather was fine right up until the last couple of minutes; a big “Well done” to the school Grade 5 & 6 students who put up with the heavy rain until the national anthem finished! My thanks too to the SES for the very-short-notice use of their generator to power the public address system when it was discovered the rotunda power wasn’t working.

Growing Winchelsea is a local volunteer-powered organisation providing the Winchelsea community with a united voice to support the community achieve a thriving Winchelsea. Their recent AGM highlighted just how much they have achieved – the Christmas celebrations coming up, the Arboretum Trail, the ‘mud hut’ wall, the monthly market, the Movie Club, the train station beautification, the Women’s Business Network and more. Such a great example of community guiding its own destiny. With leadership stepping down, now would be an excellent time to join Growing Winchelsea and help out with your own special skills, experience and/or enthusiasm. Find out more at growingwinchelsea.com – they’re particularly looking to fill the President, Treasurer and Secretary roles. Know someone??

In fact, there are several groups around Winchelsea looking for more help. There’s a committee that handles the Eastern Reserve, the football-netball club, the Community House, Scouts/Cubs Volunteers add so much value to our community, there’s bound to be something that grabs your interest or suits your skills/time/abilities. Please don’t leave it to ‘someone’, step up and join in.

I’d like to welcome aboard our new Councillor, Phoebe Crockett (Torquay Ward), who fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Rebecca Bourke. Phoebe is now playing catch-up on all that we’ve done over the last 12 months as well as the mandatory induction training. She’ll be straight into it with a couple of Council Meetings close together as we prepare for the summer break over January.

Did you know over 1,000m3 of mulch has been made as part of fire prevention work? This season is again high-risk due to the growth above ground and the dryness beneath. Be sure to use

your Green Vouchers to take your larger garden waste to the tip for recycling.

The Winchelsea Repertory Society has finished this year’s play, *Granny Get Your Gun*. Congratulations to the (large) cast for once more demonstrating how to put on a good show that involves all sorts from the community, raises funds for good causes, and all while having good fun!

You will probably have seen that the Winchelsea RSL was officially reopened after a revamp and redecoration. There’s some great stuff on display, and the RSL will next work on making the most of their space to show even more. The memorial grandstand building is now 100 years old. If you haven’t been inside, I encourage you to drop by the first Sunday of the month in the afternoon.

Last week’s Star had an item about Daz’s Deadly December Challenge (9am Sat.13th Dec.). Sounds like a significant physical challenge! With a free competitor T-shirt sponsored by the Winchelsea Star and prizes to be won to the winners of a series of gruelling exercises, it’ll be well worth getting along to cheer them on.

To finish with, my thanks to Winchelsea Primary School Grade 3 & 4 and Hesse Rural Health residents for hosting me for an overview of Council, Councillors and what’s going in and around Winchelsea and the Shire. I was certainly peppered with plenty of taxing questions but it’s great to get a feel for what matters at each end of our age spectrum.

PLEASE NOTE – “Chat with your Councillor” will be A WEEK EARLY due to mandatory Councillor training on the 4th. So if you have anything to discuss, come along on the 27th November 10am-12.

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Thanks to Winch Star from Uniting Church Grovedale

Brian Couper

The monthly book sale held at the Uniting Church Grovedale still happened last month, despite the inclement weather. Although numbers might have been slightly down for this month, there are always attendees spending time going through all the books.

Quite a range of books on offer from history, military history, fiction, biographies, local area history. So many to select from and they are only \$1! With children’s books .50c!

The last book sale for the year will be Friday & Saturday 5th & 6th December 2025.

Good time to pick up some books for your Christmas reading! May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and donations.

All the best for a safe and happy Christmas. Look forward to seeing you again in 2026!





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1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Next year we have Cuboree for Cubs in Sept, then Jamboree for Scouts Jan 2027
Marie McPadden Group Leader
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WANTED: UKULELES

Winch House is looking for unwanted ukuleles to support a coming course "Intro to Ukulele".

If you should have an unloved Uke at home and wish to donate it pls drop off at Winch House or ph 0408502611 to arrange collection.

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The Year End Book Sale will be held on
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between 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Come along and browse through the great collection on offer. You're bound to find something good to read over the Christmas period or a Christmas stocking filler.

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Tid Bits

Memory Walk & Jog is coming back!

Dementia Australia

Dementia Australia's biggest annual fundraiser returns to Geelong to raise much-needed funds to support people living with dementia, their families and carers.

On Sunday 3 May 2026, walkers, runners and joggers will set off from Eastern Beach Reserve, Geelong to raise money, boost awareness and to get active for brain health.

Dementia Australia CEO Tanya Buchanan said the Geelong 2026 Memory Walk & Jog is more important than ever with dementia now the leading cause of death for Australians

"Memory Walk & Jog is more than a fundraiser," Professor Buchanan said. "In 2025, an estimated 433,300 Australians are living with dementia, including more than 5,341 in the Greater Geelong region.

"Without a significant intervention, the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to exceed one million by 2065.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Laws

Victorian Government

Amendments to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 have passed, bringing Victoria's laws in line with some other states. Changes will take effect within 18 months and pave the way to access VAD without added barriers, improve clarity for practitioners, strengthen safety measures and make the system fairer and more compassionate.

- Removing the 'gag clause' so that doctors and some registered health practitioners are allowed to raise VAD with their patients during discussion about end of life care
- Requiring doctors and nurse practitioners who conscientiously object to provide minimum information to patients
- Extending the prognosis requirement (life expectancy limit for eligibility) from six months to 12 months
- Removing the need for a third prognosis for people with neurodegenerative diseases (like motor neurone disease) if their expected lifespan is between six and 12 months
- Introducing a new administering practitioner role to expand the workforce able to support VAD.

Zoetis celebrates \$1M milestone supporting rural mental health

Zoetis

Animal health company Zoetis has reached a significant milestone, marking its tenth year of continuous support for mental health in rural and regional Australia, with \$1 million contributed to Beyond Blue since partnering together in 2016.

This milestone includes a new \$100,000 donation to Beyond Blue, which will help provide vital mental health services for people living outside the nation's major cities.

Almost half of Australian farmers report experiencing feelings of depression, while 64 per cent say they have dealt with anxiety. 45 per cent of farmers say they have had thoughts of self-harm or suicide, and nearly a third have attempted self-harm or suicide. The situation is compounded by a reluctance to speak up.

Well known Winch locals travel to WA for their daughter's wedding

Vee Anscombe

Vee (known as the school crossing lady) and husband Pete (known as the Buckley school bus driver) recently went to WA for the wedding of Vee's daughter Rae - to her Peter.

The wedding was held at Karnup, just inland from Warnbro/Port Kennedy. Vee said "When my family came to Australia from England in 1967, Mum and Dad built their first ever home in Warnbro! Pete and I try to get back as often as we can to see my Mum, she is 88 and still lives at home alone"

Photos as requested! Pete and I, my daughter Rae (Iraena) and her new husband Peter and the bridesmaid is their daughter Ebony. Just a very proud Mum and Stepdad here, we thought she would never get married!



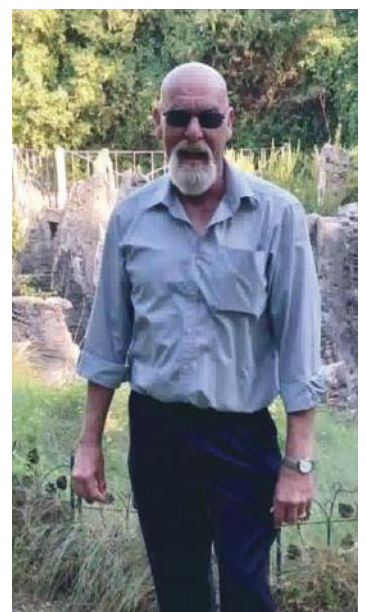
Peter Anscombe and daughter Rae



The bride, Rae



Vee Anscombe
Winch school crossing lady



Peter Anscombe
Buckley school bus driver

International Men's Day 19 November

Australia's Loneliness Epidemic

The Men's Table

The Men's Table is helping men find strength in connection

With male loneliness, suicide and social isolation at crisis levels, a Not-For-Profit grassroots movement called The Men's Table is transforming how Australian men connect - one dinner or lunch at a time.

In Australia, men account for around three-quarters of all suicides each year, making male suicide one of the nation's most pressing public health issues. The Men's Table's, latest data shows that nearly one in two members (46.1%) report a lived or living experience of suicide, highlighting the urgent need for safe places where men can talk openly, connect, and support one another.

What started in 2011 as a single gathering of men wanting to talk openly about life has become a nationwide network of more than 260 Tables. Each month, thousands of men meet over a meal to share stories, listen without judgement and build lasting friendships in a safe, trusted space.

"There is an unhelpful narrative that problematises maleness and alienates men," says Ben Moffatt, Table Program Lead of The Men's Table. "Being strong isn't about suppressing emotions or handling everything alone - it's about having the courage to be vulnerable, the wisdom to seek help, and the compassion to support others. The Tables are where men discover that strength truly comes from care."

In a society where stoicism and emotional repression continue to harm men's mental health, The Men's Table is proving that vulnerability and courage can co-exist – and that connection can save lives.

Bradley Warner has a history of depression, which is well managed through his relationship with his GP, but found it also important to carve out time for himself. "I joined The Men's Table as I can feel lonely at times and the idea of companionship with other men appealed to me," says Warner.



Alex Mottee, a clinical psychologist and director at AB Clinical Psychology, and a member of The Men's Table advisory committee, is committed to providing support to men in need.

"In Australia, 1 in 2 men will develop a mental health disorder in their lifetime. We know that men with mates live longer and healthier lives, but 1 in 4 men report having no close mates and 1 in 3 men experience loneliness."

Each month men across Australia will gather at their Tables to reflect, connect, and continue building a culture where strength is measured by care, not silence. "What's changed for me is a sense of commitment that I have to my Table. I now have to go every month. I feel like the Table won't work if I don't turn up and the other guys feel the same. I go for myself, but also for everyone else. We truly rely on each other to make this work," says Warner.

For more information or to find a local Men's Table, visit www.themenstable.org



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history of winchelsea

Reverend Tanner, Winchelsea's first Anglican priest

Edward Tanner (c1829 - 1888)

The first church in the town of Winchelsea (the Anglican church) was built with the help of the local grazier, Thomas Austin, in 1846.

The bluestone Victorian Picturesque Gothic styled vicarage at 5 Batson Street, Winchelsea was built in 1855 to a design by the Geelong architect and surveyor, A.C. MacDonald. The dwelling was constructed as the vicarage to St. Thomas's Church of England in Barwon Terrace, the first incumbent being the Reverend Edward Tanner. The vicarage was sold at auction in 2013 for approx. \$1.5M.

Born c1829 at Peckham, Surrey, England, the son of Benjamin Tanner, gentleman, and his wife Maria, nee Kirkham. Edward Tanner arrived at Melbourne on 24 January 1848 on the ship "Stag" from London, with Bishop Perry's party.

He was a licensed lay reader at Coburg, and ordained priest on 26 May 1850. He was Chaplain of Pentridge Gaol (1850-53). then Incumbent of St. Thomas', Winchelsea (1854-64).



Rev Edward Tanner

Following seven and a half years of service by Rev. Tanner to St. Thomas's, Winchelsea, in 1862, John Rout Hopkins of Wormbete, who later became an Anglican priest, accused Tanner of Heresy on the grounds of his belief that all humans were eligible for salvation. On investigation by the Bishop, the charge was dismissed. In response, on Wednesday 19th November 1862, his parishioners described him as unpresumptuous and god-like, worthy and faithful. He was known to take an interest in anything that concerned the well-being of his fellow men.

His congregation unanimously agreed to present him with a handsome carriage and harness as a testimony of their respect. In just 64 hours about 120 subscribers had contributed near £70 (the equivalent of \$10k today). About one hundred locals assembled led by Charles Beale, Esq, J. W. Rout, Esq, and Dr Henry Meyler to present the carriage. Dr Meyler argued that had the collection remained open a short time longer, given the level of adoration of the town towards Rev. Tanner, that there would have been no difficulty in adding trained horses to the neat and graceful carriage



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

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage.

Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolffhound.



Church of England
Barwon Terrace Winchelsea



Vicarage, Church of England
5 Batson Street Winchelsea

Cr. William Stirling, who we covered in last week's article, observed that he had never observed such eagerness to rush forward with subscriptions. Along with the Stirlings, Rev. Tanner was a member of the Ancient Independent Order of Oddfellows (A.I.O.O.F) Winchelsea Lodge No#14.

When Tanner left Winchelsea for Camden Harbour, a short lived settlement in the Kimberley of Western Australia in 1864, a "monster tea party" took place as a farewell. The Loyal Winchelsea Lodge of Oddfellows formed a procession from the Barwon Hotel wearing ceremonial gold and silver jewellery and the bright colours of their regalia. The Winchelsea brass band headed the procession, which reached the cricket ground. The Worshipful Grand Brother George Anderson, the secretary expressed regret at losing so useful and worthy a brother. An address was printed on white satin, and read by Thomas Austin, Esq., Barwon Park to express the deep regret of the community at the departure of Rev Tanner.

Rev Tanner said that he admired the principles of oddfellowship because it brought men together in a kindly and social manner, and for the best of purposes, namely, to provide for the sick and distressed of the order, and still more because their meetings were calculated to rub off the sharp angles of prejudice among men. It had taught him that no matter the condition of life, there was something good to admire in everyone and to alleviate suffering and sorrow; no matter what the creed, country, or position.

After the Kimberly, Tanner served at At Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo, South Australia (1865-66), All Saint's, Brisbane, (1866), and St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W. (1866-67).

He left the ministry and became a sugar-cane farmer doing occasional duty at Bowen and Maryborough, Queensland (1873-75). He never married, but lived with his sister, Clarissa Maria Tanner. He died on 1 January 1888 at Woongarra Grange, Barolin, Queensland, and was buried on 2 January 1888 at the Bundaberg Cemetery, Qld.

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Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

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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
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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

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CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

November/December

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm event details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.
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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
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FRIDAY

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12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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8am Trebeck Reserve
Sussex St, Winchelsea
www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

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

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Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

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9-11am (Last Sat monthly)
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1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5
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Saturday 6 December 6pm
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WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

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

SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot,
Main Street Winchelsea



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
Shire Hall car park, Main St Winch
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Next Session: 1st Nov
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Winch House AGM 2025

Bookkeepers Report 2024/2025

Jo Klemke

Financial Overview

- The House recorded a surplus of \$37,258, up from \$31,381 last year.
- Total income was \$374,017, with strong growth in Occasional Care income and stable government funding.
- Total expenses were \$346,120, with the majority directed to wages and staff costs.
- Net assets increased to \$241,466, reflecting a solid and secure financial position going forward.

Auspice Groups

The House continues to support a number of community groups through auspicing arrangements, including WYLD, the Men's Shed, Wurdal & Surrounds Recovery Network, Conquer the Corrugations, Wensleydale Rural Community, and Hesse Rural Health. These auspice funds increased this year, showing both growth and strong community engagement.

Reflections

This has been my first full year in the role of Bookkeeper for Winchelsea Community House. I am now well settled in the position, and I have enjoyed getting to know the systems, staff, and the important work the House does in the community. I look forward to continuing to support the House's financial management and to ensure clear, transparent reporting for the Committee and members.

Shire Hall Report 2024/2025

Rhani Bayon

When handed the reigns from Jill in August last year as the Shire Hall Venue & Publicity Administrator I was contracted for 12 months. I got to work quickly learning the history of the Hall and surveying the community about what they'd like to see happening here. There was a lot of uncertainty around the future of the Shire Hall and my role, I took very seriously proving to both the Winchelsea community and the Surf Coast Shire how valuable and versatile an asset the Shire Hall space is.

Some of the event highlights for this past financial year have included but are not limited to:

LaCaseta Community Dinner
Winchelsea Re-Loved Market
Fundraiser
Tea & Tunes senior's event

Winchelsea Children's Fair
Egg & Bacon Breakfast
Art & Country event
Are you Boggled Mate?
Men's health event.
Rural Roadshow

Rural Resilience event
Health Expo

Many of these events received impressive support from the community, selling out entirely. Others still saw good numbers and increased interest for future similar events.

Not only does the Hall host a wide variety of special events and expos, but also continues to support many regular groups and classes. Chatty Café, Sound Healing, Mother Goose & New Parent groups, Yoga & Pilates, The Riverlee Art group, and Community Kitchen are all run in the Shire Hall and we continue to host the Winchelsea Community Market on the first Sunday of every month.

We also continue to see many private bookings from 1st to 90th birthday parties, memorials, reunions, family or community meetings and AGMs to large training events for Hesse Rural Health, Deakin, DEECA, CCMA and Barwon Water.

When you take into consideration all of the above programs and events, you can start to appreciate that for the most part the Shire Hall is buzzing with activity. It is a great fit for Winchelsea Community House as a community venue. Wendy and I coordinate bookings with each other in the Community House or Shire Hall depending on what is required.

We still need to increase our revenue further to even come close to a self-sustaining level of operation. I am incredibly grateful for the additional two year extension of the arrangement with Surf Coast Shire for the Shire Hall to continue to run under the Winchelsea Community House.

I have hit the ground running with more exciting events to come and the introduction of some new weekly Kids Dance and Arco classes and a Kids art and Craft Group starting in term 4.

It takes a lot to plan, promote and launch successful programs and events in the Hall. Volunteers are absolutely crucial to the success of so much that we do. We ask all community members to consider getting involved in the Community House and Shire Hall with so many various ways to volunteer your time and skills.

I am always open to all and any ideas ambitious or simple, my door and ear are always open, and I will always try my upmost to bring community ideas to life in the Shire Hall.

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Corangamite Rural Women's Network

Women on Ag / NRM Boards and Leadership Forum

Ellen Whitten, Upper Barwon Landcare Network

On a warm spring Thursday 16 October the Corangamite Rural Women's Network brought together women from across the region to Barwon Park, Winchelsea to honour International Rural Women's Day with a Women on Agriculture / Natural Resource Management (NRM) Boards and Leadership Forum.

Melinda Kennedy of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Corporation welcomed us to Country before we walked through the grand entrance of Barwon Park Mansion. Inside Catherine Jenkins (former Chair Corangamite Catchment Management Authority Board and newly appointed Director at Southern Rural Water welcomed and facilitated the day and threw in valuable advice, wisdom and open questions throughout.



Catherine Jenkins welcoming everyone and getting the day started

We were graced by the Barwon Park Her-story from Claudette Brennan, of the National Trust, Victorian Branch Network - a perspective from Elizabeth Austin, a formidable female pioneer, wife to Thomas Austin who together ran the property and built the mansion now cared for by the National Trust Vic. The Austin name is often associated with the Duke of Edinburgh visit to Australia, releasing rabbits and founders of the Austin Hospital. According to records it was in fact Elizabeth Austin, one of Victoria's earliest philanthropists who gifted a large sum of money to support the Hospital in its beginnings, after her husband's death. Elizabeth had to give the donation in Thomas' name, because women didn't have authority for those actions at the time.

A pre-recorded video was shown of Claire Braund OAM giving background into her life and advocacy for the 40:40:20 concept (40% women, 40% men and 20% either and/ or other genders) for representation on boards, and how the Women on Boards organisation she founded can support women interested in stepping into a board and/or leadership role. Claire was recently awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to business, women and the Central Coast (NSW, where she lives).

Alana Johnson AM encouraged us to remember what the women before us endured for us to have the opportunities we have today, encouraging us to be brave and creative and re-make what isn't working that suits women better and also benefits men. Alana is Chair of The Victorian Women's Trust – an advocacy body whose vision is a world where full gender equality is recognised. She is also a founding member of Australian Women in Agriculture,

and has served on many boards and advisory bodies and been recognised for her contributions by receiving a Member of the Order of Australia for her outstanding service to women.

Jo Plummer, recently stepping away after 10 years as Chair of the Barwon Water Group, currently Board Chair of the Country Fire Authority, Board Chair of Boomaroo Nurseries, an AICD Fellow & Faculty member and Director of her own company Out of the Box Executive that specialises in board performance and evaluation specialist welcomed us into her life next. It was a big surprise to her winning the Geelong Business Leader of the Year at the 2024 Geelong Business Excellence Awards. Jo explained she is here to unlock the spark of women. She sees women as well placed in building the relationships we need for a promising future with Australia's Traditional Owners and the next generation. One of her take-aways for dealing with difficult decisions is to remind herself that we and the person on the other side of the table are human beings first, before any job title. We can ask ourselves "How do I need to be in this moment?" and the steps forward will naturally unfold.

A Panel session with Alana Johnson, Andrea Mason, Olivia Lawson, and Ella Credlin facilitated by Cath Jenkins gave us insights into their experience on boards, advisory groups and councils across agriculture and natural resource management. A common thread was their own 'why' - what motivates them. Understanding their 'why' helped them know what they could bring to the table at a high level for decision making that could filter down to grassroots level, giving them motivation to keep showing up.

What might not seem apparent when you look at their CVs is they each started at community level - putting their hand up at a sporting club or for a school committee ... most of us have the skills required if we are interested and know who we can reach out to for support.

Thank you to the women elders, matriarchs of our community who reminded us younger folk to remove the 'just' in when explaining who we are and what we do, we aren't just women, just mothers, just working a couple of days a week, just in administration. In these roles we do so much, we are powerful, important and what we do matters.

Thank you to the National Trust Australia (Victoria) for the maintenance and treasuring of our history and heritage across the state, especially with what you share of Barwon Mansion an iconic landmark in our region.

The day provided a great opportunity for everyone to meet, connect, network and support each other.

We were very generously fed by Café La Hoot, Winchelsea and Birregurra Grocer, Birregurra, local businesses run by wonderful women.

The day was made possible through The Diverse Farms, Resilient Catchments project, supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and through the "Look Over the Farm Gate" community grants program administered by the National Centre for Farmer Health on behalf of the Victorian Government. It was coordinated by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Upper Barwon Landcare Network and the Corangamite Rural Women's Network.

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This is the start of National Asbestos Awareness Week 2025 and in the wake of the recent scare of asbestos being identified in children's play sand, now more than ever, parents need to understand that with asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) remaining in 1-in-3 Aussie homes, if these materials are not managed safely, they can pose a significant health risk to families.

There's no doubting Australia's passion for renovating. We love the challenge! But what many don't know is that they could be risking their lives and the lives of their loved ones (including their children) if they fail to respect asbestos risks and ensure asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) are managed safely.

It's heartbreaking that around 4,000 Australians die needlessly every year from avoidable asbestos-related diseases - that's three times the national road toll. 51% of current mesothelioma deaths directly linked to home renovations.

It's vital that we stop playing renovation roulette and start playing it safe by ensuring we understand the risks, know the sorts of ACMs to look for and what to do to ensure this silent 'serial killer' is managed safely. What homeowners need to know is that asbestos wasn't only used in the manufacture of flat and corrugated sheeting materials. It was used in the manufacture of more than 3,000 building and decorator products that remain

lurking in one third of homes including brick, weatherboard, clad homes and apartments. It was used everywhere!

ACMs were commonly used in wet areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and laundries but this potentially deadly fibre could be in places renovators might not expect. It could be lurking under carpets, linoleum, vinyl and ceramic floor and wall tiles, external and internal walls, ceilings, eaves, roofs and fences. Asbestos could be in any residential property, in any town or city across Australia if the home was built before 1990 and in any commercial property constructed before 2004.

Make no mistake, renovating, demolishing or maintaining properties that contains asbestos can be lethal if ACMs are disturbed and invisible asbestos fibres become airborne and are inhaled.



Help ensure no Aussie or a family member dies needlessly from a preventable asbestos-related death, like my grandfather did. Visit asbestosawareness.com.au to learn how to identify, test and safely manage asbestos because it could save your life or the life of a loved one.

Buy a bale or fill a tank to support drought affected farmers

Rural Aid

Rural Aid has recorded a 60% increase in farmer registrations from SA and Victoria in the past year, as both regions endure one of the worst droughts on record. Farmers are turning to Rural Aid for essential hay and water provisions, and the surge in registrations also reflects a growing demand for mental health support.



Farmer Kaye with Rural Aid Counsellor Dorothy Crosby

Rural Aid Chief Executive Officer John Warlters said the sharp rise in registrations shows how significantly the drought is impacting farming families and highlights the urgent need for donations. "This a clear sign of how difficult conditions are. Every registration represents a family struggling to keep going in the face of extraordinary pressure," Mr Warlters said. "We need to get behind our efforts and donate today. Their support is vital."

Rural Aid provides practical and emotional assistance to primary producers, including hay and water deliveries, financial assistance, and counselling through its mental health and wellbeing program. These services are helping families stay on the land and cope with the emotional strain of prolonged dry conditions.

Mr Warlters said farmers are reaching breaking point and that donations this Christmas can make a life changing difference. "We are calling on Australians to Buy a Bale or Fill a Tank. Every contribution helps to deliver hay, water and mental health support to farming families who are doing it incredibly tough," Mr Warlters said. "Your generosity ensures we can be there for the next family who needs us."

**To donate or learn more,
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About Rural Aid:

Rural Aid is Australia's leading rural charity, committed to supporting farmers and rural communities through good times and tough. Since 2015, Rural Aid has been a vital lifeline in times of hardship, delivering practical assistance such as mental health counselling, hay, drinking water, and community connection initiatives. Now celebrating 10 years of service, the organisation continues to stand shoulder to shoulder with rural Australians, helping them overcome hardship, build resilience,

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With the weather heating up, lifesavers and lifeguards are once again patrolling Victoria's beaches to help keep swimmers safe in the water.

From 15 November 2025 to 19 April 2026, more than 45,000 lifesavers and lifeguards will be safeguarding the community and patrolling beaches across Victoria.

Millions of people visited Victorian beaches last year and this coming summer is expected to be another busy patrol season for our dedicated lifesavers.

As well as swimming between the flags, beachgoers can keep themselves safe by never swimming alone, avoiding swimming after drinking alcohol, assessing the risks before entering the water and wearing a life jacket when boating or fishing.

Last summer, LSV lifesavers and lifeguards performed more than 1,000 rescues, attended nearly 1,600 major first aid interventions, and undertook almost 356,000 preventative actions to help people avoid danger in the water.

Despite these efforts, 52 people tragically lost their lives to drowning in Victorian waterways during the 2024–25 patrol season.

Victorians can find their nearest patrolled beach and learn more about water safety by visiting beachsafe.org.au.

Campaign reminds e-scooters are not child's play

Last year, five people including one person under 16 years of age, lost their lives while riding an e-scooter on Victorian roads.

The refreshed campaign - If you think e-scooters are a toy, think again - uses stop-motion animation to depict toy-like riders engaging in dangerous and illegal behaviour, and has been expanded to include a new animation focused on underage riding and a video featuring emergency department doctors who share their experiences treating e-scooter injuries.

The campaign is aimed towards parents and guardians who might be considering purchasing an e-scooter as a gift this Christmas – to highlight the consequences of reckless e-scooter use and increase awareness of the permanent rules and penalties for underage riding, riding without a helmet, riding on a footpath, carrying a passenger and riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The Government introduced laws in October last year to regulate the use of e-scooters on Victorian roads, including tough penalties for speeding, underage riding, riding without a helmet, riding on a footpath and carrying a passenger.

The campaign will run between Monday, 17 November to Friday, 30 January 2026 across a wide range of channels.

To learn more about the e-scooter rules, visit transport.vic.gov.au/road-and-active-transport.

Expanding access to pill testing this summer

The Victorian Government's mobile pill testing trial continues this summer, with the next three events set to host the service confirmed.

Minister for Mental Health has announced that pill testing will be available at a mix of single-day and multi-day events over coming months, including Spilt Milk (6 Dec), Dangerous Goods 6XXL (24 Jan), and Pitch Music and Arts Festival (6-10 March) – with further events to be announced soon.

The service is completely free, confidential and staffed by an experienced team of experts who provide health information to help people make safer, more informed decisions.

The mobile service can test a range of drugs and if a high-risk substance is detected, the service works with organisers to rapidly warn partygoers through social media and event signage.

It follows successful mobile pill testing at five major music festivals last summer, where almost 1,400 samples were tested – with 11% samples not what people expected their drugs to be.

While the service seeks to save lives, reduce drug harm and improve public health at music festivals, it is also reducing pressure on frontline services and enhancing Victoria's drug surveillance capabilities by boosting early detection and rapid assessment of hazardous synthetic drugs substances.

Last season, 10 drug notifications were issued across the five events with two escalating to statewide advisories.

To support more Victorians accessing life-saving advice, the Victorian Pill Testing Service fixed site in Fitzroy will also expand its hours of operation over summer.

From 1 December, the service will operate extended hours on Thursdays and Fridays. The service will also be open ahead of New Year's Eve including 22-23 and 29-31 December.

In the first six weeks of operating, the fixed site is saving lives and providing critical drug monitoring data – testing more than 500 samples and conducting harm reduction conversations with nearly 300 people.

While 395 samples contained the expected drug, one in eight samples contained an unexpected psychoactive drug that, if consumed, would have unwanted effects, and in some cases caused serious harm.

Two drug notifications were also issued for counterfeit oxycodone pills containing dangerous nitazenes – a synthetic drug up to 500 times stronger than heroin.

The Victorian Pill Testing Service is delivered by the trusted consortium of Youth Support and Advocacy Service, The Loop Australia and Harm Reduction Victoria as part of an 18-month Labor Government's implementation trial.

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24, 31

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Thought for the Week

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Zumba Turns One in Winchelsea



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Being a professional educator and carer for the past 25 years, I have always had a heart to see everyone in the community thrive. Dancing is one of my outlets and there were no dance sessions, especially for adults, available in our town... so I jumped at the opportunity. We all have a heart to make a difference; it's amazing what results can occur from a visionary mindset and a little dose of determination!

In the past year, I have witnessed teens to retirees develop dance skills they'd never had previously. Many have informed me that their physical & mental wellbeing has improved dramatically.

We have enjoyed social gatherings, danced & raised money for sick children & youth requiring vital hospital care, and the McGrath Foundation assisting Breast Cancer patients. Furthermore, we have been invited to various Masterclasses and Zumba Jam sessions held in Melbourne, and I will be conducting an end-of-year festive Zumba class for the local netballers. Zumba in Winchelsea is more than just a dance class you attend weekly; we are an extended family, who help and care for one another.

Written by:

Simone Dunmore

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Overcoming Obstacles to Create a Community-Focused Dance Crew

After suffering a torn ATL in late 2023, another challenge would present itself involving a car accident with a kangaroo in mid-2024. Nevertheless, new to the Winchelsea community, I was determined to bring back dance classes and recovered just in time to complete my ZIN training. Delayed by a few months, in mid-November 2024, Zumba dance classes - both Fitness and Gold- commenced. Relocating to the iconic Globe Theatre from the LTC within the first couple of weeks proved to be the best choice - the perfect venue for our dance crew!



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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Results 19/11/25 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford 16 Players.

1st - Cam Lumpy Parke (9) 37 points
2nd - Doug McLennan (23) 35 points C/B
BDL - Neil Hickman (12) 35 points C/B
BDL - David "Fly" Lewis (23) 32 points
NTP (8th/17th) - Club
If possible, book on the Golf Australia App.
Register on Bookatee if you're having trouble.

Ladies Results 19/11/25 Stableford 9 hole, (back 9)

NTP 11th hole
Winner: Robyn Vesey 15 cb
R/up: Lesley Mathison 15
No one got NTP
Well done Lyn Batson Ferret (chip in) on the 16th

Results Saturday 22/11/25 - Pinehurst 7 Pairs

1st - Tavae Sauni (8) Zach Dunkley (24) Nett 68
2nd - Max Bubb (14) Greg Rigby (24) Nett 72.75 C/B
NTP (8th/17th) - Zach Worland
Golden Hole (15th) - Jackpot x 2

Saturday 29th November - Stableford

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Well done to the members who won their competitions and took home the following trophies

TROPHY LIST 2025

Men's and Mixed Trophy List

- **A Grade Club Champion B. Kahle**
- A Grade 54 Hole Nett N. Stone
- B Grade Champion M. Beauchamp
- B Grade 54 Hole Net M. Beauchamp
- C Grade Champion D. Chappell
- C Grade 54 Hole Nett M. Bourdoulalis
- Hugh & Rodney Robertson Memorial Shield M. Bubb
- Greg Drayton Memorial D. Lewis & E. Partridge
- Opening of Greens Tournament C. Parke & T. Steward
- Winchelsea Pharmacy Stableford Trophy R. Boddington
- Men's Eclectic T. Sauni Jnr
- Alan Read Memorial Trophy S. Cole
- Medal of Medalists B. Spencer
- Winter Cup L. Alston
- F.I.S.H. D. Lewis

Ladies Trophy List 2025

- **Ladies Champion T. Steward**
- Ladies Best Championship Nett D. Bartel
- Ladies Eclectic T. Steward
- Jess Budge Memorial Trophy S. Cuthbert
- Ferret Competition E. Alston
- Wendy Van Galen Memorial Putting Trophy R. Vesey
- Marg Axon Pairs Trophy T.B.A.
- Medal of Medalists S. Cuthbert
- Order of Merit R. Vesey & E. Alston



Tara Steward, Cam Parke
Opening of Greens
Tournament



Stephen Cole
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w. Men's Captain Neil Hickman



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Rachel Boddington
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Where: Old Winchelsea Library / Visitor Information Centre

Address: 1B Willis Street, Winchelsea

When: Saturday 29 November, 11am-1pm

What's Available:

1. Display Cabinet (main room) - Dimensions: W191 x H255 x D63cm
2. Display Cabinet (second room) - W140 x H167 x D33cm
3. Bench-shelving - W359 x H91 x D75cm
4. Display cabinets x 2 - W90 x H120 x D7.5cm
5. Side Tables x 2



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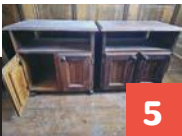


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Important:

- All items must be taken on the day
- Bring a vehicle suitable for transporting larger furniture (please note dimensions)
- Don't miss this one-off opportunity – first in, best dressed!

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Winchelsea Bowls Club



Julie Johnson

We are actually coming up to the midway mark of the Pennant season next weekend and four of our six teams are currently occupying the number one position in their division. Members are training hard and it is helping the club to achieve goals in all areas.

Put it on your calendar as an event that is local, showcasing both local talent and Australian medalists in bowls on Friday 5 December commencing at 6.00pm under lights. Winchelsea 1 will play the Camperdown Magpies, but included in the Winchelsea squad will be Aaron "Disco" Wilson and his wife Jamie-Lee Worsnop from Cabramatta Bowls Club. This should be a great fiercely fought match between the top 2 on the ladder.

MIDWEEK PENNANT RESULTS Rd 5

Division 1 def Camperdown Magpies away winning 2/3 rinks, 73 shots to 64 shots.

Division 3 def Colac City at home winning 2/3 rinks, 82 shots to 38 shots.



Division 1 B winning rink on a beautiful sunny day at Apollo Bay. Marcia Brandenburg, Julie Johnson, Alex Heaton-Harris, Chris Caldicott.

WEEKEND PENNANT RESULTS Rd 6

Division 1 A def Colac away winning 3/4 rinks, 107 shots to 89 shots.

Division 1 B were def by Apollo Bay winning 1/4 rinks, 72 shots to 106 shots.

Division 4 def Cressy away winning 2/3 rinks, 67 shots to 52 shots.

Division 5 were def by Birregurra at home, 20 shots to 44 shots.

AROUND THE GREEN

General Meeting at the clubrooms 6.15pm on Thursday 4 December. All the details can be found in the glass case, please read them if you have not yet done so. Enjoy the brighter weather and may the bowls be with you!!

Please keep in mind

- **General Meeting** 6.15pm. 4 December and
- **Showcase bowling event** at Winch under lights 5 December with two Australian players playing for Winchelsea against Camperdown Magpies. That should be a fantastic night, commencing at 6.00pm.
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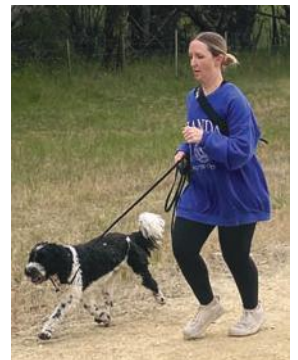
Thirty nine parkrunners walked or ran the course through Trebeck Reserve this week in excellent running conditions. There were eight Volunteers. We had visitors from Sydney, Studly Park, Warrnambool, Thomastown and Creswick. Six people recorded a Personal Best time. Congratulations to Alysha Hill, Sarah May, Archie Ryan, Daniel Ryan and Jess Kattwinkel.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Kate McInnes, Dianna Vesey, Liz Bennett, Don Smith, Paula Wilson, and Colleen Baker. Thanks to Paula and Colleen who were visiting and also tail walked.

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

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