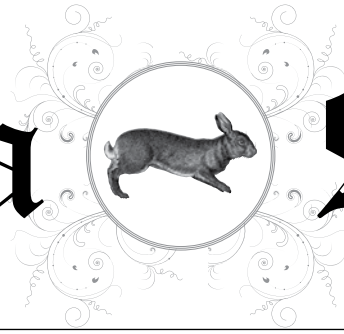


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Asta (left) and Ellan Whitten



Detailed design of Winchelsea Pool redevelopment is progressing, with new renders showing the changed layout, including a new splash park.

Responses from almost 300 people during community consultations have shaped the redevelopment designs, including replacement of the 25-metre and leisure pools.

A new amenities building and pool entry point will be at the south-east end of the site, providing better connection with adjoining Barwon Terrace playground facilities.

The new zero-depth splash park will be between the amenities building and leisure pool.



Community members can view the latest images and help choose the splash park layout and play elements including spray loops, tubes, jets and fountains by visiting surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchprojects and reviewing the options.

The former pool was decommissioned in March having reached the end of its serviceable life, after 60 years providing fun times and activities for community members and visitors.

Demolition and removal of the existing pools, pump house, amenities building, shade structures and concourses is expected to start by the end of 2023.

Construction of the new pool and amenities is scheduled for completion during the 2024-25 summer, with more fun times to follow.

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Welcome Winchelsea.... To Your New Reserve

Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Community Reserve, Corner of Mercer and Barkly Streets, was landscaped last week. Many people in the community volunteered their time and energy to make this all happen.



Thank you to everyone who came down and contributed. I am sure that the community will enjoy this beautiful space. By the way, even on a hot day, after 5 pm the new lovely new picnic table (made by Will Butler, Deans Marsh) is situated in the shade of the Cypress trees and is a very pleasant spot to have to enjoy a picnic dinner. I can vouch for this as we enjoyed the first meal at the table last Friday night.

The reserve also features a log sculpture, thanks Rod and Tanya Armstead for the log donation and a beautiful park seat, constructed from gabion baskets thanks to Rod Taylor, Naida



Hutton and Charlie Earl for their contributions to it. The beautiful natural timber seat top is a solid sugar gum slab from Matt Baummy in Colac.

Paths and machine work were by Brett Morrison and Charlie Earl, with myself directing design and rock placement and Rod Taylor's extraordinary landscaping hand.

Planting stars included Naida Hutton, Barney Hutton, Stewart Mathison, Zen & Sully Rantall, Bianca Finch, Kirsten



Wojtowicz, Louise Hall, John Hutton, Jan & Bonnie Brueggemeier, Kerry Butcher, Richard Butcher, Kevin MacDonald, Eva & Hung Phan, Billie Phan and Ellen & Asta Whitten. The plants were supplied by Plants Direct, Birregurra and Special Effects Nursery, Colac.

Also, thanks goes to Rod Guye, Carla Clarke, Libby Russell and Dr. Jenny Murray-Jones for your support to the project as well.





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Mel's Dance Central End of Year performance



The students of Mel's Dance Central took to the COPACC stage last weekend to perform their end of year showcase 'A Million Dreams'.

With an amazing array of choreography, colour in costumes, lighting and set design, the local Winchelsea dance students aged 2 years - 18 years shone like superstars at the Colac Otway Performing Arts And Cultural Centre.

The students were able to showcase all of their hard work from throughout the year and perform it for family and friends on Sunday 12th November on COPACC's main stage.

Mel's Dance Central would love to thank the lovely and supportive Winchelsea families for their ongoing commitment to the dance school in 2023.

MDC would also like to acknowledge and send a big thank you to the Senior Citizens Club of Winchelsea for allowing them to run their dance classes at their venue.

Mel's Dance Central looks forward to another big year of dance in Winchelsea in 2024, being their 14th year providing the community of Winchelsea with dance classes for all ages, Pre-School - Adults. They are now accepting new enrolments

for their 2024 dance year. To register, please visit www.melsdancecentral.com.au or contact Mel on 0400874338.

Mel's Dance Centrals 2024 Winchelsea dance classes will recommence on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

MDC look forward to welcoming past, present and new members to the dance school in 2024.



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Fire Danger Period started in the Surf Coast Shire

The Fire Danger Period in the Surf Coast Shire starts on Monday 20 November.

The Surf Coast Shire Council is undertaking works to reduce fire danger risks, including its annual Fire Prevention Roadside Slashing Program.

Starting in the hinterland, three machines will work their way from the northern part of the shire to the south, with works expected to take three to four weeks.

Cr Heather Wellington said the program, covering Council-managed roads – is part of Council's commitment to fire prevention during the 2023-24 fire danger period.

"Roadside slashing has several benefits from a fire risk reduction point of view," Cr Wellington said.

"It reduces the potential for roadside ignition from cars/trailers/ machinery pulling over.

"It reduces radiant heat –the heat the grass produces when on fire. This has a few benefits including reducing the potential size and risk of the fire.

"Longer grass has the potential to carry fire upwards, if it is short, the fire may just burn along the ground under trees and not ignite them.

"Slashed grass is safer and easier for fire agencies to contain. Keeping grass slashed also means road reserves can serve as linear fire breaks when required."

As the Surf Coast Shire readies for a predicted hotter and drier bushfire season, it's a timely reminder when it comes to fire safety, we all play a role.

"Reducing bushfire/grassfire risk is a joint responsibility between government agencies, local councils and the community," Cr Wellington said.

"Now is the time to start preparing. This includes updating your bushfire survival plan and undertaking preparation/ maintenance works on your property.

"You don't have to live near bush to be at risk of fire. Grassfire can be just as dangerous as bushfire."

Council's Fire Prevention Officers are also starting property inspections for compliance with fire prevention measures, such as vegetation management and grass slashing.

Residents in urban areas should aim to keep all grass shorter than 10cm and residents on rural properties should reduce grass around key assets.

Properties that are considered a fire hazard are issued with a fire prevention notice and the owner is required to undertake the prescribed works. Failing to act on a fire prevention notice may result in fines.

Council is also asking local farmers to refrain from using council road reserves for strip grazing to assist with keeping the grass down.

"Road reserves can contain areas of high conservation. These roadsides may have rare or endangered species of plants present protected by laws," Cr Wellington said.

"Strip grazing can interfere with planned works and cause unnecessary delays.

You can find more details at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FireReady or call Council's customer service team on 5261 0600 if you have any questions about the program.



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One Planet Festival to inspire community action on climate change



PARENTS FOR CLIMATE

A new One Planet Festival will aim to inform, empower and energise Surf Coast community action on climate change.

Surf Coast Parents for Climate and Surfers for Climate are collaborating to present the one-day event in Torquay, following two weeks of feeder events, to provide an inspiring environment for people to connect with sustainability-focused community groups and businesses, and learn from experts.

One Planet Festival will be at Torquay's Elephant Walk on 16 March 2024, with the theme Empowering Communities, Protecting Earth.

Organisers are calling for volunteers, business operators and sponsors to register interest now in providing support for the event.

"We are excited to be presenting this new event for our community. One Planet is about empowering people in our community to become changemakers, advocates and leaders for climate action," Parents for Climate co-organiser Laura Grufas said.

"It all starts with one simple action. There are already so many great things happening along the Surf Coast, but climate change is so big we need all hands on deck to create a safe climate that our kids can thrive in.

"We want people to discover their power to make a difference, in their personal lives, within their community and at a national level, and we hope volunteers, sponsors and businesses will show their support as we bring plans for the event together.

"As well as informing and inspiring, the festival event will be fun for all of the family with a kids' zone, live entertainment and local food trucks."

Surfers for Climate Chief Executive Officer Josh Kirkman said: "We're increasingly feeling the impacts of climate change in our communities and environment, experiencing the hottest month on record just recently.

"We have the power to take positive

action and we're stoked to be bringing the One Planet Festival to the Surf Coast. It will be a great opportunity to showcase our resilience and innovation as well as practical solutions we can make to respond to the climate emergency."

Parents for Climate and Surfers for Climate received a \$10,000 grant from Surf Coast Shire Council to help stage the festival after having pitched the concept to a live voting audience at Council's Climate Emergency Grants Pitch Fest.

Cr Kate Gazzard encouraged community members to embrace the festival and its ideas.

"The concept of a climate festival aligns with Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency and our aim to inspire community action," Cr Kate Gazzard said.

"Having an informed, motivated and mobilised community is key to limiting global warming and adapting to the impacts of climate change that we're already starting to experience. Everyone can contribute to climate action."

Key aims of the festival include:

- Raising awareness about the urgency of climate change and its impacts.
- Empowering individuals with knowledge, skills and motivation to take meaningful climate action in daily lives.
- Fostering community cohesion by bringing people together for the common cause and building a sense of collective responsibility.
- Showcasing local businesses which prioritise sustainability and eco-friendly practices, and stimulating collaboration and networking.

Volunteers, sustainable business operators and sponsors can express interest in supporting One Planet Festival via www.oneplanetfest.com.au

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Hardship Payments And Apology For Care Leavers

The Victorian Government will make a historic formal apology in Parliament, as well as offering hardship payments, to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care before 1990.

Premier Jacinta Allan will make a formal apology at Parliament House at 10am on Wednesday, 29 November to Victorian care leavers who experienced abuse and neglect.

Applications for \$10,000 hardship payments also open today for eligible care leavers in exceptional circumstances – like those who are terminally or critically ill, and who experienced physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect while placed in orphanages, children's homes, missions and other out-of-home care.

To date, a total of \$7.5 million has been invested in hardship payments and to design a redress scheme covering the period before 1990, when more than 90,000 children were placed in institutional care because of economic stress, social disadvantage, being orphaned, having a single parent or parental mental illness.

Many of these children grew up not knowing their family – and their grief and trauma continues today, with many experiencing poverty, homelessness and mental illness as a result of the abuse they experienced.

The new scheme builds on support available through the National Redress Scheme set up after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Government will work with pre-1990 care leavers and key stakeholders to develop the scheme in a process that will begin shortly. Care leavers who receive a hardship payment will still be able to apply for the Care Leavers Redress Scheme once it opens.

The apology will be live-streamed on the Parliament of Victoria website new.parliament.vic.gov.au

Applications for hardship payments can be made by visiting services.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-historical-care-leaver-redress-hardship-payments

For further information please email VictorianGovernmentRedressScheme@dffh.vic.gov.au.

Pre-1990 care leavers who need support can contact Care Leavers Australasia Network or Open Place (Relationships Australia Victoria). Crisis help can be found through Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Targeting Dangerous Drivers To Improve Community Safety

The safety of all Victorians will be at the forefront of new legislation introduced by the state Government, with dangerous drivers to be targeted earlier and stronger safety controls placed on recreational firearms.

The Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill has been introduced into the Victorian Parliament which will deliver a suite of reforms to ensure Victoria Police have what they need to keep our community safe.

The Bill introduces new circumstances in which police can deploy vehicle immobilising devices (VIDs) such as road spikes and stop sticks to intervene to prevent and stop dangerous drivers earlier on.

Currently police can only deploy a VID when they are trying to prevent a driver from escaping custody, avoiding arrest and stopping a moving vehicle in limited circumstances.

The new powers will allow police to pre-emptively deploy VID's where they have reasonable suspicion that a vehicle is a risk to the safety of the driver, a passenger, a police officer or another person.

The Bill also strengthens firearm controls by placing a special condition on Category A or A&B long-arm firearm licences for hunting, sport or target shooting. This will prevent bolt-action shotguns being paired with large capacity detachable magazines which are not necessary for these recreational activities.

To support the National Firearms Amnesty, the Bill will allow licensed firearms dealers to formally receive firearms from unlicensed people – encouraging people to hand them in without fear of being arrested and prosecuted.

Separately the Bill will enhance Victoria Police's disciplinary system by amending the Victoria Police Act 2013 (VPA) to expressly allow the Chief Commissioner of Police to issue a code of conduct that is binding on all Victoria Police personnel and failure to comply with the Victoria Police Code of Conduct (the Code) is a disciplinary action.

The Code itself will not be written into the VPA, allowing it be a living document which can be updated in response to future community needs and stakeholder feedback without the need for legislative change.

In addition, the Bill will extend the timeframe for when Victoria Police can charge a person for incorrectly accessing, using or disclosing police information inappropriately from 12 months to three years.

This recognises the serious consequences that can flow from the misuse of sensitive police information, including the privacy and safety of members of the public.

One Agency Surf Coast unveils calendar competition winners

One Agency Surf Coast is thrilled to announce the winners of its much-anticipated fifth annual calendar photo competition.

Esteemed surf photographer Ed Sloane had the challenging task of selecting the 13 winning shots, captured by eight

talented photographers, comprising both familiar faces and fresh entrants.

The 2024 calendar cover shot was awarded to Torquay photographer Paul Elshaug for his stunning image of Point Danger at sunrise.

The unveiling of these captivating photos took place at a lively function held at Bomboras restaurant on Thursday 16 November.

One Agency Surf Coast Director, Shaun O'Callaghan, expressed his admiration for the competition's participants: "This year, we received over 200 submissions, and we were in absolute awe of the quality of the entries, many of which were taken on a smartphone.

"It was great to see new talents among the winning photographers, including a 16-year-old budding Torquay photographer who is very handy with a Canon camera!

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the individuals who took part in our competition this year. It's a privilege to call to amazing place home, and through your lens, we continue to be wowed by its beauty," Mr O'Callaghan added.

One Agency invited the community to vote for their favourite photo via a Facebook competition. The 'Crowd Favourite Award' was claimed by Mount Duneed photographer Phil Thomson for his dazzling photo, At the Mouth.

The free calendars are available from One Agency Surf Coast's office at 22 Bristol Road, Torquay. They make fantastic Christmas gifts!



2024 CALENDAR COMPETITION WINNERS:

- Paul Elshaug: Cover (Point Danger) and March (Torquay Surf Beach) @the_simple_still
- Louise Edebone: January (Solitude, Jan Juc Beach) and August (Reef Patterns - Fisherman's Beach) @activeloulou
- Phil Thomson: February (Sunrise Surfers) and December (At the Mouth *Crowd Favourite) @Philthomsonphotography
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Digital Mentors



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This is a project to build community by putting people out there that are happy to inspire and lead others to cross that digital divide, help them to be confident enough to learn for themselves from the extensive online micro courses available on the BeConnected website (an Australian Government initiative).

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- A member of an activity group (eg. craft, bowls, book club)
- A resident in a retirement village
- A volunteer at an aged care facility
- A social services professional
- In a sports club
- Running free tech-help social gatherings for seniors at your local community centre such as Winch House
- Anyone with compassion and empathy for those struggling in the digital world

A digital mentor isn't expected to provide technical services or be a computer expert, and a digital mentor isn't expected to be a trained educator.

Digital Mentors bring their unique life experiences, skills interests and strengths to their partnerships with learners. You just need a basic understanding of the internet and how to use a range of devices.

A workshop aims to familiarise digital mentors with the online resources available at the Be Connected website, and give some tips and strategies to encourage others to learn important online skills.

Head over to digitalmentors.nhbarwon.org.au to register your interest in the 1-day workshop coming soon. Lunch and refreshments included.

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Winchelsea Street Names

BROWNS LANE

Alfred Ernest Brown lived on the north side of Browns Lane.

He was born in 1871 to Thomas Brown and Sarah Ann Gladman.

He died while shearing sheep in 1944.

He married Emma SCHROETER 1871-1960.

His mother Sarah and her sons owned much land in Winchelsea near the river.



Alf and Emma Brown.



Helen Mary Kininmonth Pre-School AGM

Helen Mary Kininmonth Kindergarten openly invites the local community and families of children attending the kindergarten program in 2024 to our 2023 AGM and Information Evening on Thursday 23rd November @7pm

Come along and see what HMK has to offer, explore the kinder classroom, meet Kristie Walters our 2024 teacher and see and hear the enriching experiences our Kinder program provides for young learners. View the current uniforms and collect an order form and other essential information.

We will also have information from the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPYPY), Jenova Early Years Program and Hesse Rural Health dental team to showcase what they have on offer for families in the Winchelsea community. It is also a wonderful opportunity to discuss joining the 2024 parent advisory group. We look forward to seeing all our 2024 families there.

How YOU can support HMK Kindergarten

Become part of the parent advisory group (PAG)

In 2024 the PAG will primarily be a social/fundraising committee. However, you will also work closely with the Surf Coast shire Cluster. You attend short monthly meetings to discuss and organise ways to raise funds to spend on resources for your children. The committee also provides open communication between parents at the kinder and the cluster managers. This is a great way to meet new people and get involved in the kinder community.





End of Year Celebration and AGM

Join us for a walk to Ingleby Homestead to view the progress of Landcare work, followed by a BBQ.

Sunday 3 December 2023 from 4-8pm

Enter Kilwarrie property from Kildean Rd on the north side of the river and park near the house.

BYO food and drinks

We'll supply the BBQ, soft drinks and shady verandah!

Carpooling and shuffling will be available.

RSVP & any enquiries:

Stewart 0428 672 054 or Rod 0428 549 317

If the weather bad, meet at Ingleby at 6pm for a BBQ.

There are a couple of fences and some long grass to negotiate so suitable walking shoes are recommended.



NOTICE OF AGM

Winchelsea Land and River Care
Annual General Meeting

Sunday December 3rd 2023 at
6pm

to be held at
'INGLEBY', Ingleby Rd Winchelsea

Business

- President's report
- Financial report
- Election of Committee

Winchelsea Community Market

Shire Hall
9am - 1pm



**Sunday
3rd December**



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6:45pm, 8:50pm
Sat - Sun 8:47am, 2:46pm, 8:34pm



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month
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Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
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Term 4, 2023

Chatty Cafe

When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

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Next session Friday 27th Oct

Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons

1.30pm, Winchelsea Community House Space

\$5 per session

Next session Saturday 2nd Dec, 2023

Singing Group

When: Wednesday afternoons

4.45pm-6.00pm, Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

8 sessions (4/10 to 22/11/23) \$60, Con \$50

Under 16 Free.

Knitting Group

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

When: Thursday mornings 10.30am-12 noon

Next session: Thursday 26th October, 2023

Winchelsea Community House

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Winch House

Winch House Occasional Care 2022/3

by Tina Farmer and the Occasional Care team

We had a slow start to the year with attendance numbers. Fortunately, this did pick up throughout the year as some children turned 3, making way for extra under 3 places and new enrolments started. Our numbers are looking good with an average of at least 11 children per day. Last year's raffle managed to raise \$565, a great effort from the families involved and very much appreciated.

Staffing dynamics are working very well, with Sandra and Cassie each making valuable contributions to programming ideas and the day to day running of the service. Sandra has been painting blossom trees with the children and Cassie is often engaging the children in different art activities. We are just managing with our casual staff pool, but could certainly do with expanding it. We've yet to have to cancel a session but have come close on a couple of occasions.

The children have been enjoying various activities such as dressing up, dancing, "reading" stories and heading up group time, home corner, puzzles, discovering bugs with magnifying glasses etc. They have also been engaged in art activities using various mediums such as painting, pasting, box construction and playdough which they help make..choosing the colours and adding the ingredients.

This year we were fortunate to receive a \$3000 Bendigo Bank birthday grant some of which we will use to update our outside play equipment. We also had a generous donation from the Pelchen family, when they hosted a garden show early in the year on their property in Moriac. This money was used to purchase mulch for the outside play area. This coming December (2/12) there will be a Bunnings fundraiser for Occasional Care which Madeline, Sandra and Wendy are organising, please see them if you wish to volunteer any of your time.

Once again thankyou to our wonderful volunteers Sheryl, Harry and Colleen their help is greatly appreciated and very much needed. Thankyou everyone for your continued support throughout the year.



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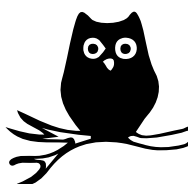
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Father Joseph Panackal
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Rev'd Phil Jacobson
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Thought for the Week

"Do not lose your thankful spirit
when you lose your health.

God has not left you.

His love has not failed you.

God still wants the best for you, no
matter how little you may
understand that right now."

John Bader,

Former U/C Accredited Lay Preacher

HESSE RURAL HEALTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hesse Rural Health's 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held at The Hub, Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea and via Zoom on Wednesday 29th November, 2023 at 7pm.

Please contact Hesse on (03) 5267 1200 or reception@hesse.vic.gov.au to RSVP and receive the remote link invitation.

BUSINESS:

To receive the report of the Board of Directors and the audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.



WINCHELSEA HOSTEL AND NURSING HOME SOCIETY INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2022/2023 Annual General Meeting for the General Public will be held at the Winchelsea Shire Hall and Livestream on Wednesday 29th November, 2023 at 6pm.

Please contact Hesse on (03) 5267 1200 or reception@hesse.vic.gov.au to receive the remote link invitation.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the report of the Committee of Management and the audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.
3. To appoint the Victorian Auditor General's Office as auditor.
4. To elect officers of the Association and members of the Committee.

Carissa Brock
Secretary



CATHOLIC PARISH OF MEREDITH MASS TIMES - DECEMBER

Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist @ 6pm Sat. DEC. 2/9/16/23/30

Anakie - St. Brigid @ 9am Sun. DEC. 10/24

Meredith - St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. DEC. 3/17/31 * 9pm Sun DEC. 24

Bannockburn - St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. DEC. 3/10/17/ * 6pm DEC. 24
@11am Sun 31 and 11pm Adoration, 12pm Mass

Inverleigh - Sacred Heart @ 4pm Sun. DEC. 17

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MEREDITH MASS TIMES - JANUARY

Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist @ 6pm Sat. JAN.6/13/20/27

Anakie - St. Brigid @ 9am Sun. JAN. 7/21

Meredith - St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. JAN. 1/ 14/28

Bannockburn - St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. JAN. 7/14/21/28

Inverleigh - Sacred Heart @ 4pm Sun. JAN. 21



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Non-profit community Groups and Pages

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Winchelsea Community Market	facebook.com/100083362387611
Winchelsea Land and River Care Group	facebook.com/envirowinchelsea/
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Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter	www.winchelseawildlifeshelter.com/
SCARS - Surf Coast Animal Rescue Service	facebook.com/groups/415211698950674
Winchelsea Gardeners	facebook.com/groups/779878518703025
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Winchelsea Mainly Music	facebook.com/groups/668500343953191/
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Winchelsea Playgroup 2019	facebook.com/groups/551663435367031
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Kidsafe Victoria Urges Pool And Spa Owners To Take Action As Summer Approaches

With the warmer weather upon us, Kidsafe Victoria has called on pool and spa owners to check their barriers and prioritise pool safety, in a bid to reduce the number of toddler drowning incidents.

The call comes as statistics from the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia's national drowning report show that 16 children aged 0-4 years drowned in 2022/23. Swimming pools were one of the most common locations where these drowning incidents occurred, accounting for 25% of all toddler drowning deaths.

Kidsafe Victoria General Manager, Jason Chambers, said while rates had reduced from previous years, drowning remained one of the leading causes of death for Australian toddlers.

"Children are attracted to water, however they don't yet understand the dangers that it can pose. Toddlers can drown quickly and silently – a split second is all it takes for them to gain unsupervised access to the water area and find themselves in trouble."

While safety barriers can be effective in reducing the risk of drowning incidents, evidence suggests that many drowning deaths in backyard pools involve barriers that are faulty, have not been maintained, or are non-compliant with Australian standards.

"Pool barriers are constantly exposed to the extremes of weather, so it's important to regularly check for any rust, loose or missing bolts, and general wear and tear. By taking the time to check that your pool barrier and gate are in good working order, you could save a life", said Mr Chambers.

Dr Hannah Calverley, Manager – Research and Evaluation, Life Saving Victoria, highlighted the importance of active adult supervision across summer, to help keep children safe.

"Active supervision is key. With the potential for any water hazard in the vicinity, keep children under the age of five in arm's reach and those under the age of 10 in your constant and direct eyeline."

Summer water safety tips

- As well as regularly checking and maintaining your pool or spa barrier, Kidsafe recommends a number of other actions to help keep kids safe in and around water:
- Active adult supervision: Always have an adult within arm's reach of toddlers when in and around water, with no distractions.
- Water awareness: Introduce your child to water from an early age. This helps to familiarise them with water, teach them about water safety, and impart life-saving skills. Swimming lessons also promote essential physical, mental, and social development.
- CPR and First Aid knowledge: Knowing what to do in an emergency can save a life. Kidsafe encourages all parents and carers to enrol in a CPR and first aid course and update their skills regularly. Displaying a CPR chart near your pool or spa area is also a good idea for quick reference in emergencies.

Top 5 issues with pool and spa barriers

- Gates or doors that are no longer self-closing
- Gates or doors that are no longer self-latching
- Gates that are propped open for convenience – allowing children unsupervised access
- Gaps, holes or spaces in and under the barrier which a child can get through
- Climbable objects near the pool barrier e.g. BBQ's, outdoor furniture, eskies, trees etc.

For more information on the campaign and pool and spa safety, please visit the Kidsafe Victoria website.

Is your backyard pool set for this summer?

Take a few minutes to check the safety of your pool barrier.

**YOU NEVER KNOW,
YOU COULD JUST
SAVE A LIFE.**



IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU CHECKED TO ENSURE THAT....



	Y	N
Children are closely supervised by an adult at all times around the pool/spa?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All gates and doors that lead into the pool area are self closing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All gates and doors that lead into the pool area are self latching?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The pool gate is never propped open?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your safety barrier is free of gaps, holes, or spaces that a child could try to get through?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The area surrounding your pool barrier is free of climbable objects (e.g. BBQs, tree stumps, chairs etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To complete a comprehensive home pool safety assessment and find out more information on pool fencing legislation and the responsibilities of pool owners, please visit kidsafevic.com.au

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Climate Report - Heat will kill you

Author Jeff Goodell's fourth book on climate change, *The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet*, humanizes the concept of global warming with eye-opening facts about the individuals who have already been affected by it, and is full of unknown or easily overlooked information.

(For example, extreme heat kills nearly twice as many people worldwide per year as guns, a factoid which seems pertinent, since Tuesday, July 4, was the hottest day on Earth since records began.)

Goodell was interviewed by Dan Drollette, the executive editor of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and describes what drew him to write a scary, entertaining, and thoroughly researched book about the hotter world humans now face. Here are some of his thoughts:

The book was born on a 115-degree day in Phoenix when I was staying downtown and had to walk 15 blocks to a meeting. By the time I got there my heart was pounding and I was feeling dizzy. I realized, "Wow, this heat is dangerous."

Heat is this sort of invisible force that we tend to overlook. We can't see it, we can't hear it, it's invisible. But it has real material impacts—heat can bend railroad tracks, for example. And this book is about what that kind of extreme heat does to living things, and what it does to our ability to live within thermal limits.

And the other thing that attracted me to the idea was that—as a result of that walk in Phoenix—I realized that I had not really thought about heat as something that could kill me: If I'm in the wrong place on the wrong day, I could end up dead.

I realized that even though I've been writing about climate change for 10 or 15 years, I didn't really know what heat was. I knew what temperature was, but if someone had asked me to

explain in 20 words or less what heat is, I would have had no idea.

I do think that now people are starting to grasp the real-time impacts of climate change. It is no longer a story of something that will happen in the future, it's happening now.

Think about it: We're seeing wildfires all around the world; Maui happened just recently, there have been those tremendous forest fires in Canada, and heat waves everywhere.

I think that people are wondering what is going on. And I think they're starting to ask themselves: "What the hell am I going to do about it?"



I don't think there's going to be some kind of collective awakening. I think that this is trench warfare, in which we're dealing with conflicting motivations and understandings—especially now with the kind of partisan politics we see. There's a certain segment of the population that is never going to come around; no kind of scientific evidence is ever going to convince them. This has become a culture war issue now.

And the stakes are huge: Fifteen years ago, I was talking to Al Gore, and he told me that everybody who cares about climate change has a moment when they realize the sheer scope and



scale of what this all is—that climate change is not just about a change of a few degrees temperature, but a fundamental reworking of the operating system of the planet.

And so it's a question of how do you configure the politics of action without full consensus?

The fossil fuel industry bears a lot of responsibility here because they've spent decades and billions of dollars

to spread disinformation—and using their political power and political influence to slow down, reshape, or kill legislation that would impinge on the consumption of fossil fuels. I don't buy their argument that "We need fossil fuels to keep civilization going." No, we don't.

And we could be making this transition a lot faster, with a lot more urgency, if it wasn't for the disinformation and the financial and political drag of the fossil fuel industry.

If you don't understand the scope and scale of the loss and suffering that we face, then you can't understand the scope and scale of the opportunity that we have—and the potential for doing things better.

I also think that there's a lot of really dumb optimism out there—or really naive optimism. Everyone seems to be hoping for some sort of magic box to appear out of nowhere, which will solve all our problems. But time's running out. And I cannot underscore that more.

Winchelsea Bowls Club

By Kitty 'n Jack

We have recently had some far better conditions for bowling over the past couple of weeks and hopefully this will now continue on a regular basis.



PENNANT RESULTS

Round 6 Saturday 11/11/23

Winchelsea Division 1 def Camperdown at home winning all rinks, 120 shots to 67 shots.

Winchelsea Division 2 drew with Colac City away winning 3 rinks, 95 shots all.

Winchelsea Division 4 Winchelsea def Lismore/Camperdown at home winning all rinks 73 shots to 37 shots.

Round 6 Tuesday Midweek 14/11/23

Winchelsea Division 1 def Colac City away winning 1 rink, 77 shots to 69 shots.

Winchelsea Division 3 BYE

Round 7 Saturday 18/11/23

Winchelsea Division 1 were def by Colac City at home winning 1 rink, 95 shots to 111 shots.

Winchelsea Division 2 def Colac Central at home winning 3 rinks, 114 shots to 77 shots.

Winchelsea Division 4 def Cobden away winning 2 rinks, 69 shots to 61 shots.

CURRENT LADDER POSITIONS

Winchelsea Midweek Division 1 2nd

Winchelsea Midweek Division 3 4th

Winchelsea Saturday Division 1 3rd

Winchelsea Saturday Division 2 2nd

Winchelsea Saturday Division 4 3rd

Commiserations to Jason Armstrong and Jason Laird who were the eventual R/UP in the State Men's Pairs. All the very best to the 4 players in the final of the State Men's and Women's Fours.

Results next issue and hopefully the bowls will all be with you!!





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Making It Easier To Build A Granny Flat

As part of the Victorian Government's bold planning reforms, it will soon be easier for Victorians to build a small second home on their property – giving families a space to grow together and boosting housing supply.

From next month, families will no longer require a planning permit to build a small second home on their property.

Families may want to keep their older and younger generations closer together – but are priced out of established areas around the state.

This change will make it easier for families to build a small second home on their own lot – near jobs, public transport, education and healthcare services, as well as existing social connections.

As part of the Victorian Government's recent Housing Statement, small second homes under 60 square metres, also known as granny flats, will no longer require a planning permit on properties 300 square metres or larger where there are no flooding or environmental overlays – lifting the burden of getting planning approval for Victorians.

There will be no restrictions on how a small second home can be used – they can be used flexibly, whether it's keeping family members closer, providing temporary housing or being rented out for additional income.

Small second homes will still require a building permit, will need to meet ResCode (residential design code) setback and siting requirements – and cannot be subdivided or separately sold off from the main home.

These reforms will be implemented through changes to the planning and building systems, with a comprehensive information pack available for applicants and assessors.

Whether Victorians are buying their first place, upsizing or downsizing as life changes, renting or calling social housing their home – the landmark Housing Statement is about ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

Surf Coast Shire Council elects Mayor Liz Pattison for another year

Surf Coast Shire Council has elected Cr Liz Pattison as Mayor for the final year of its four-year term.

Mayor Pattison was re-elected at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 14 November along with Deputy Mayor, Cr Mike Bodsworth.

"I've enjoyed the past year as Mayor, which is why I decided to put my hand up again and lead Council for a second year," she said.

"It's a role that is both rewarding and challenging, as Council focuses on fulfilling the community vision to leave the Surf Coast better than we found it."

Mayor Pattison reflected on her first year in the role, highlighting the inaugural Pilk-Purriyn partnership event supporting Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

"Preparations are underway for the second truth-telling event in January 2024. It will mark another important step on our Reconciliation journey as we continue to walk together and work together with the traditional custodians of the land and water," she said.

"I'm also proud that we're playing our role in the affordable accommodation crisis, through the Aireys Inlet Affordable Housing Project, the Anglesea hub draft precinct plan, and the proposed Tiny Houses on Wheels trial.

"We know the Surf Coast is an incredible place to live and to visit. This can be attributed to our world-class natural environment and unique towns, which we know the community wants to protect. Significant work in this area continues, including current consultation on our Planning Scheme Review and Urban Futures Strategy. I'm also excited to see major projects progress, including the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre in Torquay and the Winchelsea Pool renewal."



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