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Tuesday 3 October 2023

WFNC Lesley Mathison Award **Best Club Perso**

WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

BEST CLUB PERSON

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All Welcome 6pm, Friday 13 October.

Exhibition runs from 6pm 13 October - 4pm Saturday 28 October.

Anglesea Art Space

Shop 2/103 Great Ocean Rd, Anglesea. Gallery is open from Tuesday - Sunday.

Artwork: Gasboy is the nervous type, Peter Day



1 - 5pm 22 October 2023 The Member's Room at The Hub Family and Friends Invited RSVP 7 October 2023 0408 520 877 or 0410 165 346



LOCAL COMMUNITY

Surfcoast

WFNC Lesley Mathison Award for Best Club Person

by Angie Mawson

Each year WFNC present one junior member with the Lesley Mathison award. This award acknowledges the work by a junior member off the court, to promote, strengthen and support the club in volunteer hours. 2023 winner was Elizabeth Humphries.

Elizabeth plays in the 15&u side and is actively involved with both NetSetGo and training out 11&u side on Thursday nights. She was assistant coach this year to Shae Callahan and stepped up and solo coached the Tuesday night 11&U WFNC side on several occasions this year in Shae's absence. Elizabeth is a wonderful ambassador for this age group and confidently passes on her knowledge of the game to the up and coming club members.

Thank you Elizabeth for all your work with our junior development program at WFNC. We look forward to watching you develop further into this role in 2024.

WFNC junior presentation

Last Sunday WFNC held our junior vote count and presentation day.

Claire Mawson and Ebony Berg (Netball co-ordinators) welcomed all members and parents and many Life Members who attend also.

- 13&U Best & Fairest Lexi
 Czerniawski RUp: Holly Leak
- 15&U Best & Fairest Reani Mawson Rup: Bella Leak
- 17&U Best & Fairest Jess Loone
 Rup: Emily Caldicott

Congratulations to all players on a great season. We saw so much improvement throughout the season, with 15s making it to the Prelim final and 13s and 15s narrowly missing out on finals.

WFNC was also highlighted at GDFL league presentation night.

- Lexi Czerniawski winning the league Best & Fairest for 13&u
- Millie Partridge runners up in the league highest goal scoring for the 15&u
- Jess Loone Runners Up league Best & Fairest for 17&U

This is a very exciting time for WFNC with such strong players and squads amongst our juniors and with the continual development over summer junior competition and senior preseason we are looking forward to what 2024 can bring for the club.

If you or your child would like to get involved please contact Claire Mawson 0478 839 842.



WFNC 15&U Best & Fairest Reani



WFNC 17&U Best & Fairest & GDFL 17&U B&F Runner Up Jess



GDFL Best & Fairest Millie



GDFL 13&U B&F & WFNC 13&U Best & fairest Lexi

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Winchelsea Osteopathic Clinic: Your Path to Wellness Begins Here!



In an exciting transformation, the Winchelsea Osteopathic Clinic, formerly known as Moksha Project, is rolling out a warm welcome to all members of the community, whether you're an existing patient or new to the clinic. Led by a dedicated team of osteopaths, the clinic is committed to providing exceptional healthcare and is offering an introductory offer for new patients.

How can Osteopathy help you?

If you are new to osteopathy, you might be surprised by how it could benefit you. Osteopaths are primary healthcare professionals, skilfully trained to diagnose conditions of the musculoskeletal body such as neck and back pain, sports injuries, arthritis, headaches and many more complex conditions.

Committed to Your Well-being

Winchelsea Osteopathic Clinic's unwavering commitment is to deliver the highest quality of healthcare through hands-on treatment, expert advice, and comprehensive education. Their aim is to empower patients with knowledge and tools to achieve optimal health.

Book Your Appointment

No referral is required, and appointments are available throughout the week from Monday to Friday. Scheduling your appointment is easy through their website at winchelseaosteopathicclinic.com.au or by giving them a call at 5267 2948.

Situated in the heart of Winchelsea, right next to the medical clinic, the clinic's eye-catching big blue sign ensures you won't miss it.



Special Offer to New Patients

To express gratitude for the community's support, the clinic is extending an offer to new patients. <u>Receive \$10 off your initial consultation</u>

until October 31st by mentioning this article in the Star. T&Cs for special offer: 1/ Offer only valid for patients who have not previously attended the Winchelsea Osteopathic Clinic or Moksha Project. 2/ Offer redeemable with the following practitioners: Candice, Nick, Andrew, and Jackson. 3/ Not redeemable with any other offer or in conjunction with GP CDM/EPC plans. 4/ Offer ends October 31st, 2023.



Roman Rudnytsky Saturday, 21 October 2023 | 2 pm



Join us in welcoming Roman Rudnytsky for his 23rd Australian Tour! Don't miss the chance to see Roman perform live at COPACC. Book your tickets now at www.copacc.com.au, at the Box Office or on 03 5232 2077.





The Victorian Electoral Commission announced the name of the registered political party Liberal Democratic Party is officially changed to the Libertarian Party.

The name Libertarian Party and the abbreviation Libertarian are acceptable under the Act and will be printed next to the party's endorsed candidates' names on ballot papers at any election contested by the party under the Act.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

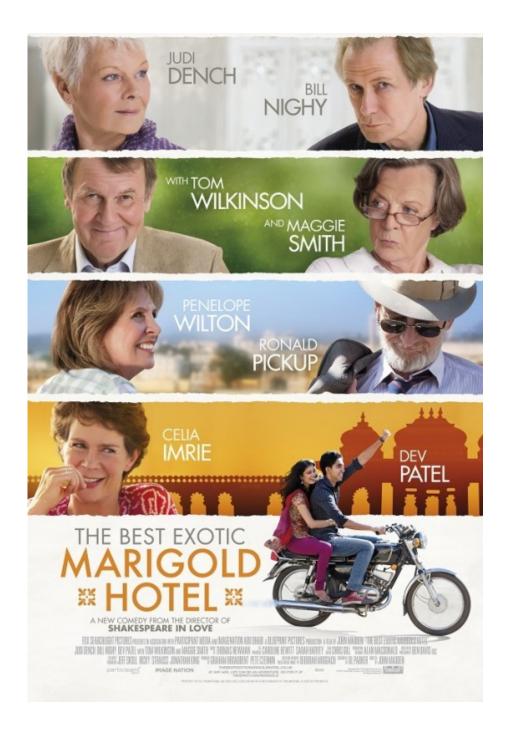
Recently, I was asked by a daily newspaper to declare my voting intentions in the upcoming referendum. I declined. All other Shire councillors except Councillor Barker disclosed their support for the 'Yes' vote.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights protects the right of individuals to keep their vote private. I would never ask a resident to tell me how they intend to vote. I was not elected to provide gratuitous personal leadership on federal constitutional matters. I have no particular skill in those matters or in Indigenous affairs. The scope of my leadership role spans provision of infrastructure, services (including planning) and support for residents trying to interact with the Shire. I don't believe most residents are particularly interested in how I intend to vote because I'm not voting on their behalf. Personally, I don't believe councillors should use their positions to publicise their voting intentions or habits.

I would be happy to discuss the issue if any resident approaches me, but I don't profess to be an expert and I recommend people seek the advice they need from more authoritative sources.

Heather Wellington, Councillor for Winchelsea Ward





You are INVITED to "feel good" movie afternoon as a

Positive Ageing Month Activity Sponsored by Surf Coast Shire.

Movie and Afternoon Tea.

- Where: Shire Hall Winchelsea.
- When: Monday October 23rd 1.30pm 4.30 pm
- Cost: Gold Coin toward Opp Shop rebuild

Bookings required for catering: Jenny 0409 672054



October is known as Positive Ageing week (previously known as Seniors week but I understanding that is old fashioned!).

The shire are having events all over the area as you have been showing in the last few editions of the Winch Star.

Winchelsea's event is on October 23rd when everyone is invited to come for a gold coin or free if so desired afternoon to watch the fun movie The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at the Shire Hall.

For details of the Surf Coast Shire celebrations in October of people aged 55 and over, see

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/ Over-55s/Positive-Ageing-Month





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You can write for the Star

We want the Star to inform, engage, inspire, and interest the residents of Winchelsea and surrounds. And we need your writings to get there.

The Star has no actual reporters or designated writers we publish what you send us. If you have some news, an opinion, an interest or perspective, or a story - we'd love you to send it in for publication.

The Star loves to hear anything of direct interest to the Winchelsea community. The more local content we can put in, the better!

How much can I write?

You can write just one article. You can start a new column about something you're interested in. You can send us a series of articles on a theme. What would **you** write about?

Your article can spread over 1 or 2 pages (approx 850 words) or you can write longer pieces and split them across multiple editions.

Add a photo or two, an article title and author's name (preferably).

Can you publish my photos?

A picture is worth a thousand words - but context is very interesting too! If you have a photo you'd like in the Star, add a few words describing where, when, who, why and/or what.

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Our Editors will not approve anything libellous (ie. when a false statement is published in written form and does harm to a victim). The Star is a community newspaper - 'for' and 'against' opinions on contentious topics are welcome, but attacking individuals or groups is not.

We look forward to hearing from you. Simply email editor@winchelseastar.org.au





on the River

When: 1st Saturday of each month, 9–10:30am October 7th – weeding and tidying. November 4th – weeding and water watch training.

Working Bee

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Where: Meet – Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace Bring: gloves, hoe/spade.

Enquiries: Stewart 0428 672054 Rod 0428 549318

This years plantings are looking very healthy so any help greatly appreciated. Everyone and anyone welcome



Winchelsea Churches



Winchelsea Uniting Church

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

St John's Catholic Church

Mass Times - October Winchelsea - St. John The Baptist @ 6pm Sat. Oct. 7/14/21/28

Mass Times - November Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist @ 6pm Sat. NOV. 4/11/18

Harding St, Winchelsea 3241 Father Joseph Panackal 0404598558

St Thomas' Anglican Church

Barwon Tce, Winchelsea Rev'd Phil Jacobson stthomaswac@gmail.com 0477 672 042

Thought for the Week

"Between you and the one you trust. There is total openness, complete confidence. The one you trust will never fail you or leave you no matter what happens."

John Bader, Former U/C Accredited Lay Preacher

New Climate Emergency Action Plan aims to inspire and support community

Surf Coast Shire Council has a new Climate Emergency Action Plan, detailing organisational goals for 2023-2025 and aiming to further inspire and support community Climate Emergency response.

Council resolved at its September meeting to adopt the 2023-2025 plan, while noting the delivery and significant achievements of its 2021-2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan.

The 2023-2025 plan includes enhanced focus on supporting community efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pursue renewable energy opportunities.

It commits to continue supporting Climate Emergency action through engagement, seed funding and capacity building, as well as promotion and delivery of community leadership programs which emphasise and encourage climate action.

"Delivery of goals in the 2021-2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan demonstrates the importance of having these shorter-term plans providing focus and targets within our overarching 2021-2031 Climate Emergency Response Plan," Cr Kate Gazzard said.

"While there is still so much to do, many significant things have been achieved under the goals within the 2021-2023 plan and among the most important is helping to further inspire and support community climate action.

"Council is committed to demonstrating climate leadership as an organisation but it is so important that our community, and businesses and organisations within our community, are taking meaningful steps as well. We all need to be working together to make a difference."

The 2023-2025 plan details actions to be undertaken within headline goals, that the organisation:

- Is carbon neutral,
- Generates, stores and uses renewable energy.
- Is adapting to the changing climate.
- Is working with local Registered Aboriginal Parties and First Nations on Climate Change.
- Facilitates and empowers community responses to the Climate Emergency, and
- Is a Climate Emergency leader.
- Achievements from the 2021-2023 action plan noted by Council include:
- Reduction in Council non-landfill greenhouse gas emissions by 41 per cent since 2020-2021.
- Transition to 100 per cent renewable electricity, which included saving \$173,000 in utility costs.
- Establishment of a Climate Emergency Grants stream to support community-led action.
- Development of a Climate Adaptation Planning Framework.
- Securing \$1.5 million in external funding to progress climate action; and
- Achieving Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard certification.



Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY Noticeboard

FREE ADS

The Winchelsea Star is pleased to print Announcements of local Births, Engagements, Marriages, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Deaths and Funerals.

> Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au or leave at Winchelsea IGA

GARAGE SALE

Saturday October 7th 9AM - 2PM 3 Witcombe Street, Winchelsea No early birds please Heaps of baby items, clothing, tools, bric a brac, toys, house decor & much more! Cash only

FOR SALE 4000 WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY BANK SHARES RSD Share Registry

P O Box 30 Bendigo 3552

Ph: 03 5445 4222

E: shares@rsdregistry.com.au

For and on behalf of Bob Verity.

SHREDDED PAPER

Winchelsea Lions Club has shredded paper suitable for use as bedding for pet mice, guinea pigs etc, chicken nest boxes or worm farms. Available for a gold coin donation at the Lions paper shed behind the Senior Citizens rooms, Harding St. Or ring 0476 475 422.

WINCHELSEA OP SHOP SALE

Womens and children's clothing \$5 per bag Cushions \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Shop hours Fri-Mon 10-3pm

LOUNGES FOR SALE

2 x. 3 Seater leather lounge suits Dark Brown. \$250 each. Winchelsea. Noreen bnjones703@gmail.com.au 0428 317544



Sunday 5th November Sunday 3rd December

Takeaway cup carriers



Winchelsea Lions Club has for sale takeaway cup carriers coated with a non toxic finish. They will fit in the side pocket of your car door, at hand and ready for re use.

No trees cut down, made from MDF, which is basically sawdust. No more cardboard going to landfill.

A one off cost to you \$2 for a 2 cup carrier, \$4 for 4. Help your local Lions Club raise money for your community. Inquiries 0476 475 422.

Winchelsea Land and Rivercare

Working Bee

First Saturday of the month. 9am – 10.30

September 2 October 2023

Meet at Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace

Come and join us and help do some weeding of this year's planting



Winchelsea Pram Walks

Explore pram-friendly walking routes in your local area with a member of the Surf Coast Shire Child and Family Health team.

> Come along, have a chat, and meet other parents with little ones!

No bookings required, simply show up!

Third Tuesday of the month Cafe La Hoot, 1 Willis Street, Winchelsea, 3241 FREE

Tuesday, 19 September 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday, 17 October 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday, 21 November 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Child and Family Health 5261 0549 childandfamily@surfcoast.vic.gov.au



LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD in Winchelsea

We are looking for community members who can be a voice for people who are experiencing food insecurity and are passionate about supporting sustainable food relief in the Winchelsea community.

We are keen to hear from people who can provide local knowledge, have been involved in food relief programs locally or have ideas to contribute to the development of a food relief program in Winchelsea.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, please get in contact with Hannah or register your interest in attending via the QR code below.

First meeting - **Wednesday 11th October, time TBC** Hesse Rural Health, Community Heath building 8 Gosney Street, Winchelsea



For more information, please contact Hannah phone: 0417 848 292 email: healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au





WINCH HOUSE



Reaching into the community

NOTICE OF AGM

Winchelsea Community House Inc. No. A6247K

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 October, 2023, at 7.00pm in the Shire Hall Building, 28 Hesse St. Winchelsea.

An invitation will be sent to all current 2022 members.

All other interested people are asked to email <u>manager@winchhouse.org.au</u> so an invitation can be sent.

Membership, which allows attendees to vote, is \$2.00 and payable at the AGM.

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 1. Annual reports from co-ordinators & Committee of Management including annual statement of income and expenditure.
- Constitution changes to comply with new ACNC requirements. Please contact <u>manager@winchhouse.org.au</u> to receive a copy.
- 3. Nominations called from the floor for Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary/Public Officer as well as five (5) Ordinary Members for the Committee.

The Chairperson will allow any business that is relevant to the Annual General Meeting to be brought forward.

Tony Phelps, Chairperson



Winchelsea Fire Brigade will be set up in the main street of Winchelsea on Saturday the 7th of October from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

We will have a big range of information you can take home in preparation of this year's upcoming fire season. We will be happy to have a chat so you can have a better understanding on how you and your family can prepare for an emergency.

From The Winchelsea Captain

WFNC Life Members at Junior Presentation Day



Left to right; Angie Mawson, Scott Mawson, Donna McCallum, Karen Chapman, Annette Stevens, Murray Bennett & Bronwyn Walker.



Winchelsea Community House and Shire Hall

Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am -2.00pm Address: 28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Phone: 52672028 www.winchhouse.org.au Email: reception@winchhouse.org.au

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Sound Healing Sessions

When: Wed 11th Oct 7.30pm-8.30pm Winchelsea Shire Hall Space \$40 per session, Bookings now open Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

<u>Chatty Cafe</u>

When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space No bookings required We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you. Next session Friday 6th Oct

Crochet Group

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

Next session Saturday 7th Oct, 2023

First Aid and CPR Refresher

When: Saturday 7th October, 2023 Winchelsea Shire Hall CPR Refresher – 8.30am-10.30am (approx.) Cost \$70 First Aid (incl CPR) – 8.30am-2.30pm (approx.) Cost \$170 There is considerable pre course online work to complete. Bookings via email to <u>reception@winchhouse.org.au</u> and then a formal booking link will be emailed to you for registration and payment instructions.

Drop in - Makers' Create

Where in Winch' can you.....? Mono print your very own Christmas cards? Design beautiful, felted Christmas table place mats and coasters? Paint? Draw and skill share? Winchelsea Community House Star Room Cost \$25 per session All materials provided. Bookings: <u>Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com</u> PH: 0493 479 447

Knitting Group

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others. When: Thursday mornings, 10.30-12 noon Next session 5th Oct Winchelsea Community House

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. Recommences Wed 4th Oct, 23

Responsible Service of Alcohol

When: Monday 23rd October, 2023 6pm-10.15pm Winchelsea Shire Hall Bookings: <u>www.liqcon.com.au/goodsports</u> and use password: Goodsports and click on Winchelsea Session.

Painting Classes - All The Basics and More!

Thursdays 5th Oct – 7th Dec, 23 (10 weeks) \$550 A class that progresses through water-based mediums, with a dual focus on subject matter and materials. Try out watercolour pencils, water soluble graphite, combined with watercolours and gouache, while revisiting the colour wheel and colour mixing. Bookings: hinterlandartschool@gmail.com PH: 0493 479 447



Community Houses such as ours provide programs and activities to learn new skills, brush up on your existing skills and more than anything to connect with others in your community and reduce social isolation. New skills may help you with employment and build your confidence to in turn help others. Activities such as singing and sound healing help your mind and reduce any unwanted stresses. Have a think about doing something for yourself and join in our activities.

Winchelsea Historical Society

Winchelsea Street Names

ATKINS ROAD

Named after early family of Atkins living on this road. We are featuring George Atkins (Curly).

George was convicted on 30/12/1843 of 'feloniously stolen, taken and led away one male ass of the value of twenty shillings' and after a spell in Pentonville Prison he was offered a pardon if he accepted exile in Australia - which he did! He sailed on 9/11/1844 in the Sir George Seymour with other exiles arriving in Geelong on 20/3/1845. George was employed by the Austin brothers at Barwon Park.

There are older Atkins buried in the Winchelsea cemetery but we are not sure who Atkins Road was named after.







Results: Mens - Mid Week 20/9/23 1st - Max Bubb (15) 34pts 2nd - Michael Thomas (9) 33pts NTP - Michael Thomas 9 hole comp: 1st - Evan Partridge (23) 18pts

Great little country 9 hole golf course run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers.





Your community gathering place for the most enjoyable lawn bowls experience imaginable.

Our Bowling Club has a beautiful garden setting in the heart of the town. For the complete newcomer to lawn bowls, looking for a sporting activity that promises much fun and enjoyment with a competitive element, then the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of our Bowling Club is be the place to be.

Ph 5267 2241

Facebook.com/Winchelsea-Bowls-Club-533783333344345/



The October Sunday Market

Strong winds on Sunday made it unpleasant for those who had stalls outside and only a few braved it.



Marlene Drayton and grand-daughter Dakota Velltman were chatting with Perlite of Hothouse Delights with her different indoor plants and welded delights produced by her husband.





Theresa and Colin Wilson from Weering grabbed a spot out of the wind to setup. Winchelsea locals Tilly Kelly and Marlene Campana appreciated Theresa's sewing.

Enjoying their catering duties were Kai Whyte, the choir leader and Jill Evans of Winchelsea Community House. Come along and join Kai and the singing group in the Shire Hall on Wednesdays afternoons 4.45-6pm. I believe the acoustics in the Hall are great!



Jason Noguerira enjoying the market with daughters Aicani, Aurora and Arielle.





Yvonne Davidson chatting with Mish Baker while she waited for her coffee. The catering on Sunday was a fundraiser for the Winchelsea Choir.

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Detox your Home is coming to Torquay

Saturday 28 October 2023 | 9.00am to 1.00pm

Torquay Works Depot, 130 Messmate Road, Torquay

Household chemicals such as bleach, pesticides, weed killers, cleaning products, cosmetics, cooking oil and fuels should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at Sustainability Victoria's free Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit **sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems**

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.



To register to attend, scan the QR code, visit **sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome** or call 1300 363 744







Snakes are out and active

Dr Jeff Cave, Senior Veterinary Officer

It's that time of year, the snakes are out and active.

While snake bite can cause death of livestock, it is worth remembering that sudden death of livestock can be due to several different causes.

Often an animal found dead in the paddock is attributed to snake bite when in fact it is due to something else.

All livestock are sensitive to the effects of snake venom, with horses particularly so.

The effects of snake bite depend on the size and species of the snake, the period since it last bit something, plus the size of the bitten animal and the location of the bite.

Signs of snake bite are variable, but in general, snake venom paralyses muscles.

Affected animals develop muscular tremors and a staggery gait. They become unable to swallow and dribble saliva due to paralysis of the tongue.

From there they collapse, have trouble breathing and finally die from respiratory failure.

If an animal receives a small dose of venom it may recover after an illness of 1 to 5 days.

Snake bite can be difficult to diagnose at post-mortem since the small puncture wounds and local swelling are difficult to find in a large animal.

Often a diagnosis is based on the sighting of a snake and the exclusion of other diseases.

The only effective treatment for snake bite is snake antivenom given urgently.

The correct antivenom for the species of snake identified needs to be given. If in doubt a polyvalent antivenom is provided.

For further advice please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria veterinary or animal health officer.



Juvenile Red Bellied Black Snake, photo by Andy Hutchinson





Welcome to Blue's News where the last week of the Blue's Bistro was upon us.

Last week we had Flathead Tails,

- Lasagne
- Shepherd's Pie
- Mrs Wilson's Meatloaf.
- Dessert was Mary's Pavlova.

Nuggets and Chips was available as usual for the young Blues with ice cream & choice of toppings - Strawberry, Caramel and Chocolate.

On behalf of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club and their Catering Team I wish to relay many thanks to everyone who has supported "The Blue's Bistro" throughout season 2023. We all look forward to seeing you again in season 2024!

Changeover for the Winchelsea Cricket Club was October 1st. The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club wish the Winchelsea Cricket Club a great season with plenty of runs being made and many wickets being taken!

Blues News

W.F.N.C. INC. RAFFLE:

At the recent Vote count (results in last edition of Blue's News) the Winchelsea Blues held the drawing of the end of year Raffle. The Club is very grateful to those who sponsored and contributed the significant prizes for

this Raffle.

Here are the results:

1ST PRIZE ... Geelong Cats signed jumper (donated by AFL BARWON AUSKICK) was won by

Kiara Simpson

2ND PRIZE ... Signed DARCY PARISH Jumper won by

Heather & Hallie Edwards.

3RD PRIZE ... \$750 ALL ABOUT MOWERS voucher won by

Georgia Milnes

4TH PRIZE ... Geelong Cats signed jumper (donated by GRYAN MIERS) was won by

Issac Wareham

5TH PRIZE ... Full Lamb cut to size donated by SCOTT MAWSON was won by

Sarah Hampshire

6TH PRIZE ... \$100 voucher donated from MAGUIRES BUTCHERS was won by

Casey Carroll.

Thanks again to everyone who donated and supported the Raffle!



CLUB & COMMUNITY:

Last week the Club and Comm unity were greatly concerned with the news of Lyn Maguire being rushed to hospital in a serious medical condition. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lyn and the family. Collingwood did the right thing on the Friday night and again in the Grand Final - we all know how much a win from her beloved Magpies would give her a boost. We all look forward to Lyn improving and returning to the Winchelsea Community as soon as she is able.

Vale Ronald Dale Barrassi:

What a legacy Ronald Dale has left in the Football & Charity world.

He will be honoured and remembered for all the right reasons. A life well lived.

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Non-profit community Groups and Pages

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Winchelsea Community Information	facebook.com/groups/207538644446972		
Winchelsea Classifieds 3241	facebook.com/groups/216942861684082		
Winchelsea Lost and Found	facebook.com/groups/768187693217518		
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Star President's Note:

At this point in time The Star has published very little regarding the coming Referendum. However, after receiving articles advocating a "Yes" and a "No", the issue was referred to me as Star President. I decided it was important to publish both points of view.

Happy reading!

Mick O'Mara, Star President

Why is there a need for A Voice to Parliament?

By Judy Cameron

- To recognise Australia's Indigenous peoples in our national origin document, and
- To put in place an advisory body which will work to make sure that, in future, Australian government policy is developed and implemented to ensure that Australian taxpayers' moneys are spent on well-designed policies and programmes to improve outcomes in Indigenous health, education, housing and employment

The Voice to Parliament – a Yes vote in the referendum – will be a gesture of good will and respect from all of us to the original peoples of Australia.

While there are currently Indigenous Members of Parliament, these MPs must of course represent ALL of their constituents. They do not and should not focus their efforts only on the Indigenous people in their electorates. To do so would mean that, for example, Dan Tehan the member for Wannon would represent only those voters in Wannon who share his cultural heritage and opinions on any subject , and ignore all the many others who disagree as well as the migrant and Indigenous Wannon constituents.

Not all Indigenous people agree about the Voice, which is hardly surprising. Why would they ALL agree when we Australians, Victorians, Wannon voters do not? However 80-85% of Indigenous people support the Yes vote. [1]

What is true however is that the Uluru Statement from the Heart evolved from a long and carefully designed and implemented consultation with Indigenous people from all states, territories and walks of life. That consultation was designed and conducted by Indigenous leaders: Professor Megan Davis, Pat Anderson, Noel Pearson and many others. Their work has been - and continues to be – principled, dedicated and exhaustive.

The Uluru Statement asks us to -- for the first time - listen to Indigenous Australians and to respect their ideas about policies and practical solutions.

If the Voice is defeated, the Constitution will speak to who we were, without the effective power to stop who we are becoming.

It's time we listened.

[1] https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-08-02/fact-check-indigenousaustralians-support-for-thevoice/102673042

Digging Deeper into The Voice

Cathy Cheadle

The main purpose of having a Voice to Parliament is so that Indigenous people can have a say in matters that concern them. What decent person would not think that was a good and fair thing? We are told that all Indigenous people want this and have specifically asked in The Uluru Statement to be included in the Constitution. Why then, are some Indigenous people against the referendum? People such as Jacinta Price, Lidia Thorpe and Grandmother Mulara. I decided to dig a bit deeper and find out.

Jacinta Price says that there are 11 Indigenous members in parliament (4% of the total) which represents 3% of the population. So they already have a voice in parliament. She says that the Indigenous people pushing for this are privileged elites who are not in touch with marginalised rural communities who are being ignored. Grandmother Mulara calls them the Corporate Blaks and says they are selected to be on bodies such as Land Councils because they will do as they are told.

Grandmother Mulara spoke to the elders who had gone to the convention for the Uluru Statement and they told her many of them walked out because they were not being listened to. She also said that all those signatures around the borders were signed on a blank canvas. NITV News reported that many delegates felt it was a flawed process and that the Referendum Council was pushing a set agenda (1).

The sense I get is that Indigenous people don't want others to speak for them, they want to speak for themselves. When you look at an Aboriginal Map, there are maybe hundreds of different nations. It is ridiculous to think that all of them want the same things. Grandmother Mulara says that in their culture they sit in a circle and each person has a say. If a decision hasn't been made when they have gone round the circle, they go around again and they keep talking until everyone agrees. Contrast that with the "debates" we have in Parliament House.

There have been representative bodies in the past and Grandmother Mulara says that none of them have worked. She tells of being a whistleblower in her own community when she discovered that funding was going to just a few families who had kept the money instead of sharing with the community. She says they are being betrayed by their own people.

However, the government is pushing this, corporations are in support of it, and a lot of money is being thrown at it – just look at the Yes23 website. It has been reported that \$100 million is being spent on advertising in the last month of the campaign (2). This is clearly not a grassroots movement.

BHP and Rio Tinto have spoken up in support, even though they and other mining, oil and gas companies have been in direct conflict with Indigenous landowners, with some disputes going to court (3). If this Voice gives Indigenous people more power, the mining companies should be worried. Not only are they not worried, but they are actively supporting it. What do they know that we don't?

Let's look at the wording of the proposed amendment.

(i) There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;

(ii) The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

(iii) The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

The Voice may make representations to Parliament, but there is nothing here to say they have to do anything with that information. The government could just ignore it, like they do with all our petitions and demonstrations on climate change and other matters.

All the power is with the parliament. They get to choose who goes on the committee and what they are allowed to do. And what laws, exactly, will they make? How will more laws make anything better? I would like to believe that all government politicians are honourable and only do what is best for the people, but I haven't seen much evidence of that over the past 50 years. Is it possible that they may make laws to benefit themselves and their corporate buddies in the name of helping our Indigenous people?

The last referendum was in 1999 to determine if Australia should become a republic. There was no ambiguity in that, and everyone knew what they were voting for. This referendum is so different and it is no wonder that many people are confused.

The Blak Sovereign Movement says that if the government really wanted to help indigenous people they would address the perennial issue of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (4). "Don't waste your anguish on the Voice. If you need to shed a tear let them rain for the children locked up and torn away from their mothers, for the Country being destroyed for profit."

(1) https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/ we-wont-sell-out-our-mob-delegateswalk-out-of-constitutional-recognitionforum-in-protest/v42y9atu4
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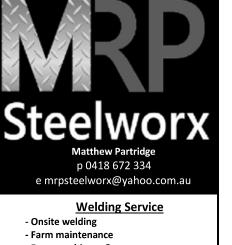
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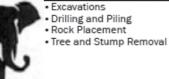


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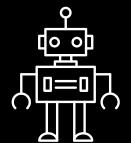


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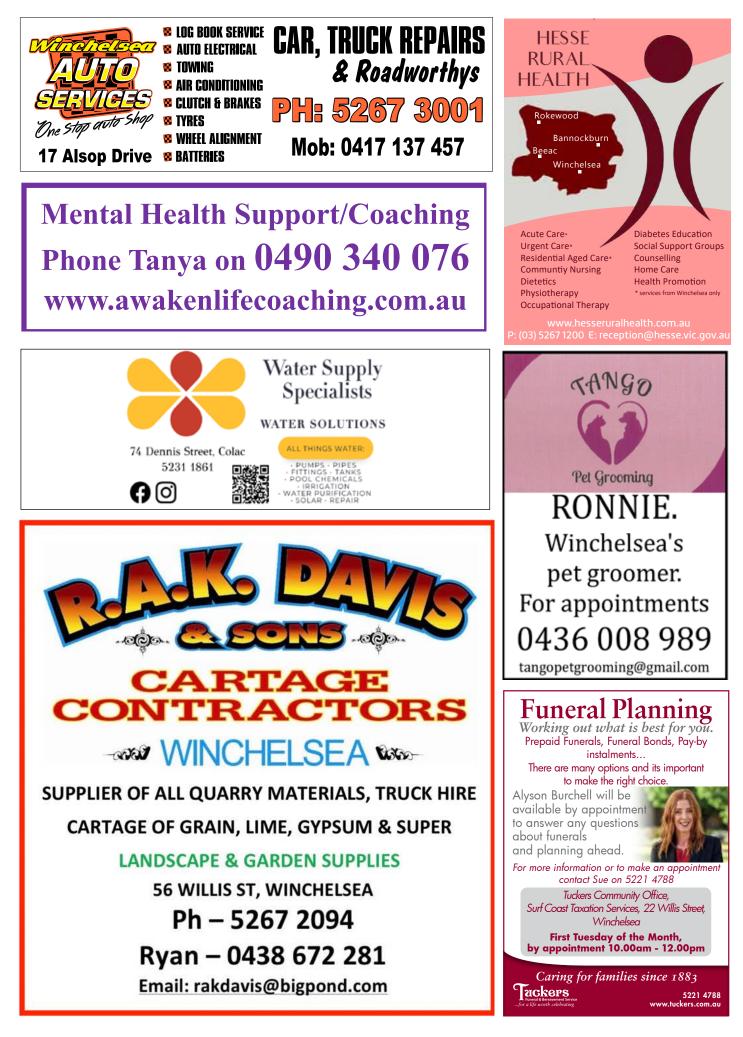
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