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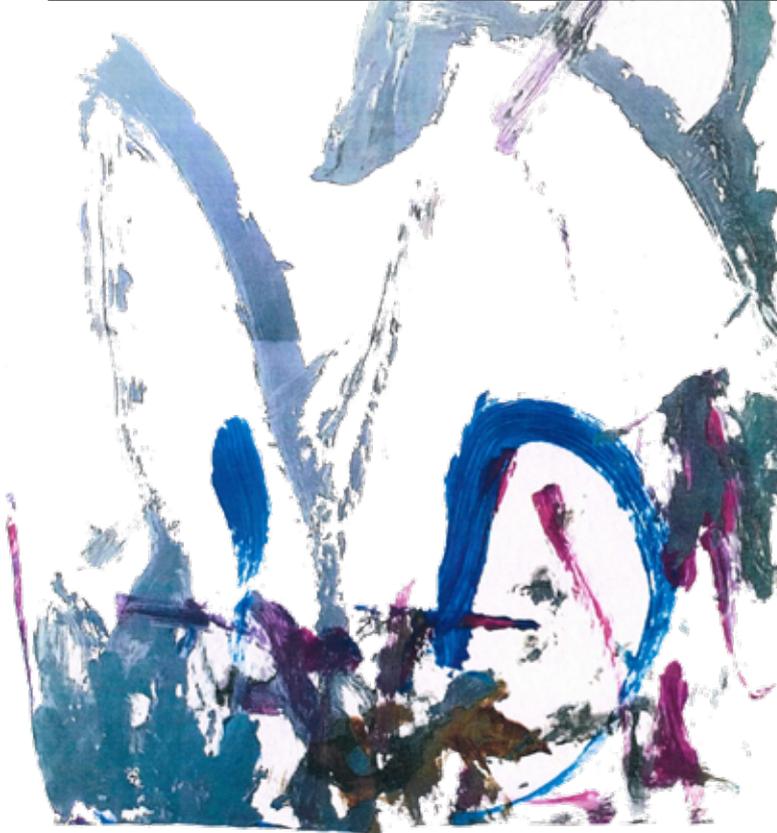
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Joint winners of the Winchelsea Star children's Easter drawing competition are Lula aged 6 (below) and Messiah aged 2 (top).

Their delicious Prizes, Easter eggs from the local IGA, were presented to them at Sweet Thyme Cafe Winchelsea by Mick O'Mara from the Star.



Place Plan Defines Key Principles For Future Growth Of Winchelsea

Community aspirations and visions will guide the growth and development of Winchelsea across the next three decades, following adoption of a Winchelsea Place Plan.

Dedicated community members have shaped the plan, striving to define and preserve the essence of the town while refining a vision and principles for managing growth to 2050 and beyond.

Surf Coast Shire Council formally noted the plan at its March meeting at Modewarre.

The Place Plan will guide the development of a new Structure Plan, helping to support sustainable growth that benefits existing and future residents.

Achieving the plan's stated goals will require combined commitments and action from community, Council, governments and the private sector.

The plan includes a vision and seven key principles, capturing what is most important to Winchelsea community:

- Managing growth and rural character
- Strong community connection
- Environmental stewardship
- Celebrating culture and heritage
- Inclusive access to services and infrastructure
- Walkable and connected town, and
- Healthy local economy and opportunity.

Volunteer members of a community working group developed the plan during a series of workshops and meetings supported by Council, and community members provided input during two consultation periods.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps: "Council's Urban Futures Strategy identifies Winchelsea as a key location for long-term growth.

"This placemaking plan has been developed with great care and insight to help ensure that the town evolves in the way that community members aspire to, maintaining its rural character and many attributes.

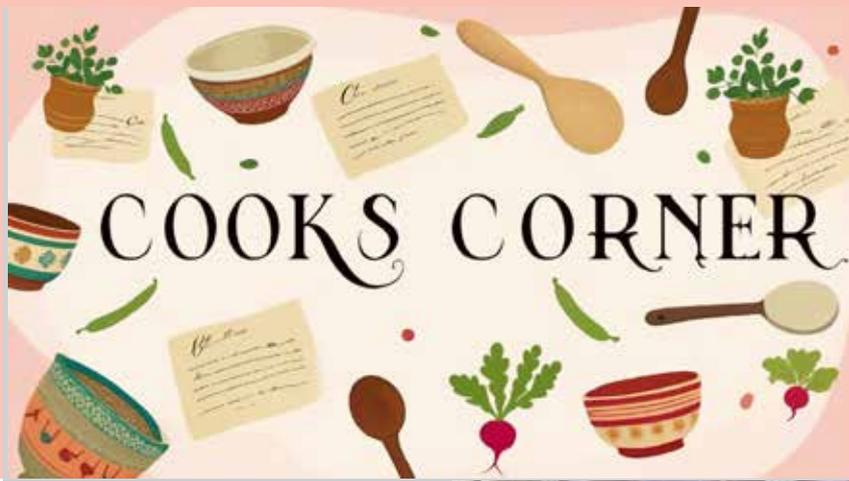
"It is now a reference point for every step forward and will influence the creation of a Winchelsea Structure Plan, which is a more detailed 'nuts and bolts' plan for growth.

"We congratulate and thank all 29 Place Plan community working group members, and wider community members for having provided input during consultation periods. Their thoughtful work will be valued and appreciated by generations."



Alice Cloake

This is a place for passionate foodies. Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

APRIL Ingredient of the Month EGGPLANT

This month we celebrate the Eggplant. A nutrient dense vegetable prized for its absorption ability. Eggplant has been climbing up the ranks as a valuable meat-alternative with 'Eggplant Parmigiana' a common occurrence on inclusive menus. At home we love barbecued Eggplant steaks and I'll use it regularly to bulk out a curry, but there are some more adventurous recipes I'm excited to share with you that really focus on the Eggplant as the main character. I think of Eggplant as a bit of a global veggie, it features in Indian dishes, in Moroccan, Asian, Mediterranean and of course French (any Ratatouille fans out there?). Over the weekend at the Torquay markets we treated ourselves to an Eggplant Borek (a savoury Turkish pastry featuring a rich, smoky eggplant filling layered within thin, flaky dough). Once you look for it, I think you'll find Eggplant really is all around.



Margery Alice Earl 20/8/1931-23/3/26 - 94 years.

Born in Geelong, Margery was the third child of Alice Ann and Sydney Gilmore Black with siblings are Jean, Grace (Dec) and Geoff.

They lived at "Kooringa" in Blacks Lane. Margery grew up on the farm and attended school in Winchelsea.

On leaving school she worked at the local bookbinding business where she was apparently comedic relief for all!

Margery met Joseph John Earl at the Modewarre Hall dances. Joe was the drummer in "Rayners Band".

Marg and Joe married on the 17/11/51 in the Winchelsea Presbyterian Church.

They had five children. Janice, Pam, Robert, Annette and Joanne. Joe continued his work around the district as an Agricultural Contractor. Margery had a flair for floristry, fashion, home decorating and her biggest love gardening. She enjoyed

being with others and the activities at Hesse and the Community House.

Margery was blessed with 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

She spent her last 2 years in Hesse Rural Health with increasing Dementia and was surrounded by her children when she died.

Margery's life was full of laughter, her family, friends and her community.

A celebration of Marg Earl's life will be held at The Hub, Eastern Reserve Community Centre on Sunday 12th April from 1pm to 4pm.

All welcome and afternoon tea will be provided.





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Hop into Easter at the Winchelsea Market!

Easter Bonnet Parade
Sunday 5 April 2026

Dust off that old hat - or create a brand-new masterpiece - it's time to hop into the spirit of Easter at the Winchelsea Community Market!

To register your interest in the Easter Bonnet Parade, please contact Elaine Atkinson, Community Market Admin on 0458009616 or email eatkinson048@gmail.com

Bring your bonnet, bring your friends — and let's make this Easter one to remember at Winchelsea Community Market!"

'Hang Out The Dirty Laundry' exhibition

By Julia Holohan

My good friend & neighbour suggested I join her in making something for the latest Hills Hoist exhibition, she has entered before with her textile works, telling me it would be fun.

The idea is to make something with an old piece of laundry; clothing, bed, kitchen & bathroom linen etc.

Entries will be hung on 3 old hills hoist clothes lines in the front paddock of a property in Barwon Downs over the Easter weekend.

I decided on two hobby horses made from old threadbare socks, I had made plenty of these in my childhood so I felt I could do this without too much stress.

Being a horse crazy young girl living in suburban Melbourne, there was no way I would get a horse until I was working & living where I could keep a horse, so, my sister and I made our own from dad's old socks, hand sewing buttons, tape & fringing with unruly hand stitching. We made heaps tying them to dad's old tomato stakes then proudly riding them around our little back yard.

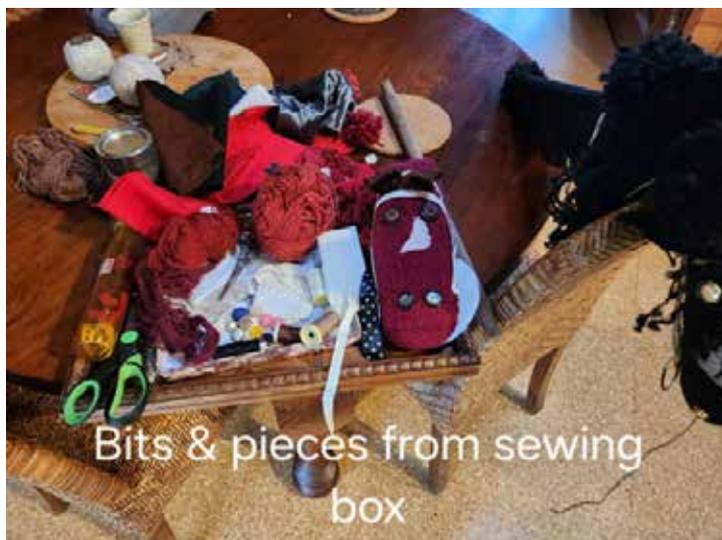
This time it's been a fun project for me and I've been surprised that they've both been completed by using up bits and pieces in my sewing box.

I've made "Black Beauty" & "Pharlap".

Go & have a look, take a drive to Forrest or Apollo Bay, or just drive by for a look.

Cnr Loves & Birregurra Forrest rd Barwon Downs.

Or Instagram: hills.hoist.paddock.art



1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden – Group Leader mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Several weeks ago, our Cub Scouts held a sheep poo dig – digging and bagging about 250 bags to sell locally. The money raised goes straight into funding our Cub program, allowing for special activities at a reasonable cost to families. It's great to see the Cubs enthusiastically contributing to their own activities. They have also decided to donate some of these funds to help with the Mafeking Scout camp rebuild after the recent fires.



There were 3 tiny seahorses, a fish that appeared to be walking crabs, and several small shelled creatures, as well as 5 varieties of seaweed. These were all returned to the same area they came from. The Cubs were amazed at the seals being so close up, and thrilled with the discoveries of small marine life in the seaweed and the huge ray in the harbour on our return.

Last weekend we held our term 1 camp, staying at St Leonards Scout Hall and travelling to nearby Queenscliff for adventure. Friday night was all about pitching the tents and setting up bedding, then some play time, supper and bed. First nights are always loud affairs, with few Cubs convinced they should go to sleep!

In order to successfully navigate through the Rip, the skipper of the boat needs to line up the white one perfectly in front of the black one in the daytime, or the 2 lights at night. The tour finished with the Cubs dressing up in some service uniform items.

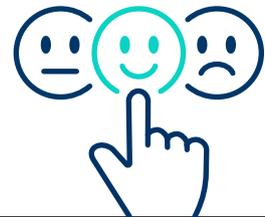


After breakfast on Saturday, we loaded the Cubs into their allotted cars and drove over to Queenscliff to the rockpools behind Cottage By the Sea. The Group has snorkelling equipment which the Cubs have practised using in the pool, so they were able to explore the rockpools with confidence. There were several fish and a ray spotted before the chilliness drove the Cubs out of the water to play on the sand and jump waves. After changing into dry clothes in a couple of tents we had set up, we drove to the grassy playground on Gellibrand St for lunch.



Back at camp, there was food and free time, with the Cubs playing in the bush building 'forts', driving billy carts and playing footy on the adjoining oval. Tea time brought them running back and our camp fire with marshmallows and milo finished the evening.

Community Satisfaction Survey Closed



Thank-you to those who participated in the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

Interviews have now finished and responses are being analysed by an independent research company. We expect to share the results mid-year.

The annual survey, commissioned by the state government, helps us understand the community's view of our performance.

For more information please call 5261 0600.



Fort Queenscliff is on The Defense Dept's "For Sale" list, so we took the opportunity to do a tour. Our Guide, Mary, has been doing tours for 20 years and was wonderful with the Cubs – lots of information delivered quickly and then move on. The Fort houses 2 lighthouses – a black one and a white one.

Sunday saw a quick breakfast and camp pack-up before heading back to Queenscliff. We started the day with a visit to the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre, where Norna introduced us to many different species of fish and waterlife. The touchtank was great fun, with the Abalone's tongue coming out to gently lick our fingers and the Sea Anemone kissing them.

After lunch on the grass outside, we headed to the Harbour to board the Kyena – a fishing boat which took us out to the Australian Fur seals and the Australasian Gannets on Pope's Eye. On the way we dredged up some seaweed and the creatures hiding within, which were put into shallow trays for us to look at.





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Hop into Easter at the Hidden Bunny Trail!

Elaine Atkinson

Sunday 5 April 2026

| 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Winchelsea Community Market

Families are invited to hop along to the Winchelsea Community Market on Sunday 5 April for a morning of Easter fun at the Hidden Bunny Trail!

From 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, kids can explore the market while searching for hidden bunnies along the trail. Follow the clues, discover the bunnies tucked around the stalls, and enjoy the excitement of a market adventure made just for children.

There's plenty happening for the whole family:

- Hidden Bunny Trail – Explore the market and see how many bunnies you can find!
- Colouring Corner – A quiet space for kids to relax and get creative.
- Storytime Under the Big Tree – Settle in for magical storytelling moments.
- Easter Bonnet Parade – Midday – Bring your favourite Easter hat and join the colourful parade at 12:00 PM. The more creative, the better!
- Market Stalls & Treats – Browse local produce, handmade goods and delicious food.



It's the perfect way to celebrate Easter with the community. Bring the kids, meet friends, enjoy the fresh air and join in the fun as the market comes alive with laughter, creativity and a little bunny magic.

Event Details

What: Hidden Bunny Trail – Hop into Easter

When: Sunday 5 April 2026, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: Shire Hall, Winchelsea Community Market

Highlight: Easter Bonnet Parade at 12:00 PM

Who: Families and children of all ages welcome

*So grab your baskets, pop on your Easter bonnet,
and hop into Easter
at the Winchelsea Community Market!*



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Winchelsea Movie Club enters its ninth year of bringing affordable, entertaining movies monthly to the Globe theatre.

Membership is essential -
10 screenings annually - \$70 Conc \$65
5 screenings Autumn /Spring seasons
- \$40 Conc \$35

Movie List for 2026

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| 19.2.2026 | The Castle |
| 19.3.2026 | Tina |
| 16.4.2026 | One Life |
| 21.5.2026 | Roofman |
| 18.6.2026 | Gifted Hands |
| BREAK | |
| 20.8.2026 | Rachael's Farm |
| 17.9.2026 | The Book Thief |
| 15.10.2026 | Mr Burton |
| 19.11.2026 | My Favorite Cake |
| 10.12.26 | Thelma |

WHEN -
Movies will be shown third Thursday of each month (except July) at 7.30
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WHERE -
The Globe Theatre
17-19 Willis Street Winchelsea
Opp Winchelsea Tavern (Top Pub)

Membership can be paid by CASH on the first night February 19th or by direct debit to bank account.
Enquiries re bank account details to email - movies@growingwinchelsea.com
Jenny 0409672054 Sue 0413487915
Further information about the Movie Club - www.growingwinchelsea.com





Zinaida Campion

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

Columnist's Thoughts: *We all love music, but how often do we stop to think how it was created? And what inspires a composer to put pen to paper? Here, local composer Michael Hannan answers some of these burning questions for us.*

Michael Hannan is very relevant right now, as his new piece Mary Magdalene, in which he sets a

poem by local poet Rosemary Blake to music, will premiere at the Windfire Easter concert on March 29. Come and have a listen!

Ciao!

Sunday 29 March, 4:00pm Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St Geelong

Part 2 - from last week

Interview with Geelong composer Michael Hannan

by Victoria Hay

You've also published a number of books, including *Peter Sculthorpe: His Music and Ideas*. How did you come to write it?

At a music summer school in Armidale (NSW) for my Level 1 Music subject in the Higher School Certificate. I was introduced to recordings of Peter Sculthorpe's music. He had a vision of creating a distinctly Australian music style, which rejected European modernism trends and embraced East Asian music traditions and Australian Aboriginal music.

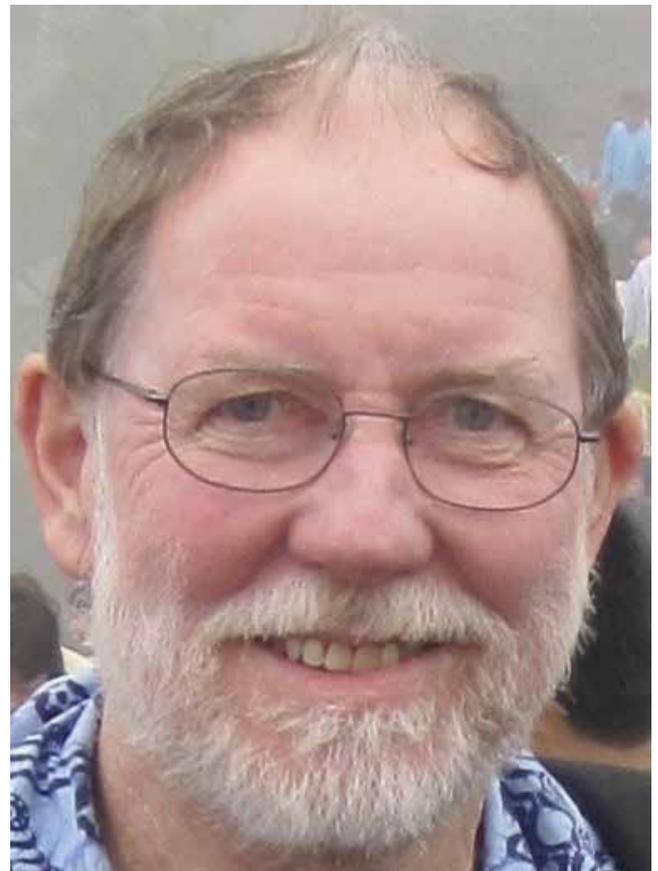
Did you have much involvement in music-making yourself when you were a youngster?

From the age of 7, I studied piano and music theory. When I got older, I studied piano, clarinet, organ and music theory at the NSW State Conservatorium of Music. We had a Gilbert and Sullivan Society and I played clarinet in the orchestra. I joined the Newcastle City Orchestra as a clarinetist, and later switched to timpani. At the age of 14, I became the organist at St. John's Catholic Pro-Cathedral in Maitland. The small organ there was built in 1880 by Henry Willis and Sons of London.

What are you up to right now?

I recently completed a choral work for the female singers of the Geelong's Windfire and Vox Angelica choirs, plus oboe. Commissioned by Music at the Basilica for its 2026 Easter Concert, it's a setting of "Mary Magdalene" by Geelong poet, Rosemary Blake.

Currently I'm putting the finishing touches on work called Bell Birds for the National Carillon in Canberra, and working on a piece for toy piano and melodica for the 2026 Toy Music Festival in Seoul.



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Community Collaboration Delivers Colourful BBQ Rotunda at Bendigo Community Bank Village

A strong spirit of community collaboration has delivered a wonderful new BBQ rotunda for residents of the Bendigo Community Bank Village in Harding Street, Winchelsea.

Local community groups combined their skills, resources and generosity to bring the project to life for the ten independent living units within the village. Constructed through volunteer labour, the rotunda features steelwork supplied by Knuckeyes and was supported by a generous grant from the Winchelsea Lions Club. The funding enabled the purchase of a commercial grade stainless steel electric BBQ as well as contributing to the cost of the structure itself.

Members of the Winchelsea Men's Shed have also played an important role in the project, contributing their time and craftsmanship to install the BBQ into a custom wooden slab benchtop, complete with a wood slat platform. The Men's Shed members are now busy putting their expert skills to building timber seating which will compliment the area and provide seating for residents and community members to come together and enjoy the space.

Adding a vibrant artistic touch, one of the village residents suggested painting the five wooden panels of the rotunda to



Pictured from left to right are: John Hutton – Winchelsea Lions Club, Ray Atkinson – Winch Men's Shed, Don Smith – Winch Lions Club, John Knuckey – Winanglo Inc, Ray King – Winch Men's Shed, Michelle Stocks – Winanglo Inc., Bill Walters – Winch Men's Shed, Graham Kenafacke - Winch Lions Club, Neil McInnes – Winchelsea Repertory Society

create colour and visual interest. Winanglo Inc., the local not for profit incorporated association responsible for developing the village, then commissioned respected local artist Lauren Green to complete the artwork. The colourful panels showcase native birds, platypus and local flora, celebrating the natural beauty of the region.

Funding for the artwork was kindly provided by the Winchelsea Repertory Society. Many locals will recognise Lauren's work from the striking 42 metre mural near the Winchelsea railway station, and her creativity has once again been showcased through these vibrant panels that have brought the rotunda to life.

The finished rotunda now sits proudly within the village gardens, providing a welcoming communal space for residents and visitors. Community members are invited to view the colourful addition by taking the main path at 42 Harding Street.

This project stands as a reminder of what can be achieved when local

organisations, volunteers and residents work together. The Winchelsea community can take great pride in this collaborative effort, made possible through generous funding and the dedication of all involved.



JUMBLE SALE

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Barrabool Hills Uniting Church Jumble Sale Last Saturday 21st March

Maureen Lange (Secretary, Barrabool Hills UC)

The reason for our fundraising is for the Building Fund; we are endeavouring to raise money for the restoration of the Barrabool stonework of which our 167 year old heritage listed church, is built. The whole front wall stones have to be replaced or repositioned, plus remaining walls need attention, all urgent. As you can imagine our Jumble sale proceeds are just a drop in the ocean, we may not appear to be a major project as is 'Notre Dame', but by the costs involved, it certainly feels like it!

The community rallied around and supported us by attending and buying, also many having generously donated wonderful saleable items. As a result we have decided to hold a Jumble Sale every 3rd Saturday in the month, the next being 18th April, at 1pm. People can ring 0418518260 to arrange drop off items.

There are members still attending the church who are descendants of the original founding fathers, which I personally find amazing, so locally the building is important to people, historically it's important to the whole area and is the only place of worship within the district.



Upper Barwon Landcare Network Bringing Flagship Regenerative Farming Festival To The Otways – 22 & 23 April

by Ellen Whitten, Upper Barwon Landcare Network

The Stewart's Family Farm - Yan Yan Gurt West will be hive of activity next month when it hosts the 2026 GROUNDED Australia Festival on the 22 & 23 of April.

The Australia-wide roaming food and farming festival founded by Matthew Evans (Gourmet Farmer, Fat Pig Farm) and inspired by Groundswell Festival (UK) will bring with it a holistic mix of festival, conference and field day with something for everyone.

Let's take a look together to see who is making their way from overseas; interstate; cross-country; down the freeway or from just down the road to our corner of Victoria to share their expertise and passions with us.

International speakers include Nicole Masters (Integrity Soils, USA); Eliza Jenkins (Groundswell, UK); Helianti Hilman (Javara Indigenous Indonesia); Dr. Steven Chen (Recipe4Health, USA); Clara Coleman (Four Season Farm, Real Farmer Care, USA); Gavin Fisher (Organic Dairy Farmer, NZ).

Local icons gracing the stage include agro-foresters Mike Robinson-Koss, Rowan Reid and Hugh Stewart; horticultural heroes James McLennan (Farm My School) and Jo Lawson (Brae); and dedicated dairy farmer Simon Schultz (Schultz Organic Diary) sharing their stories and connection to place.

A panel session will be held on the morning of the festival's second day that will launch our wider scale Farmer Adoption of Sustainable Agriculture for Climate Resilience Project (FASA). This project secured Federal Government funding and is bringing the GROUNDED Festival event to you as its first exciting instalment.

The panel will be made up of farmer participants sharing the knowledge and concepts together with their feedback from our recent pilot Resilient Farming Course facilitated by our very own Kristy Jane Stewart (Upper Barwon Landcare Network). Kristy Jane has a passion for agroecology and regenerative farming and is the nurturing force behind the pilot and now wider scale project. Come along to hear about what it will look like



Panel discussion hosted by Anthony James with Di and Ian Haggerty and Heidi Mippy at GROUNDED 2025 Galloway Springs Farm in Western Australia
Photo: Alan Benson (Grounded Australia)

on the ground, how you can get involved, and how it will support and empower our region with the expertise needed to respond resiliently to climate change and uncertain times.

Other speakers include Fire Ecologists; Podcasters, Authors; Farmers, Governance and Financial Advisors; an Entomologist & pest control expert; Educators; Psychologists; Nutritionists and Dieticians; an expert in repairing degraded landscapes, CEO's; Consultants, Advisors; Chefs and even a Maltster – a specialist in cropping for beer & spirit production.

Some of the session titles to anticipate include "Safe to Fail Grazing; Funding your Regenerative Farming Idea"; "Fire the Friend You Know"; "Bridging the Divide for Nourished Neighbourhoods: Urban-Regional Food Connections"; "Superfine Wool From Super Landscapes"; "Right Plant for the Right Country: Using indigenous plants to their best advantage"; "Juggling the Personal & Professional in Business"; and "Quick and Dirty Soil Tests".

With camping onsite, offerings of farmer yoga and qi gong, world renowned speakers, workshops and demonstrations, locally produced food and local music and the option to have a look around Yan Yan Gurt West Farm for yourself – the diverse yet connected atmosphere will empower and encourage new ideas to emerge and practical actions to evolve and unfold long after the gates are closed.

Current worldwide events have us feeling unsure and uncertain, attending a festival like GROUNDED might be just the place where you can find the reassurance that there are still many good people doing good things. It may

inspire you to start something you have been thinking about or keep going with something you have begun - knowing that you are supported by a like-minded yet open community and are contributing in your own meaningful way towards a more conscious, respectful, inclusive, resilient and diverse future.

Find out more, peruse and get inspired by the recently released full program and purchase event tickets at the GROUNDED website:

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Full Program: <https://groundedaustralia.com.au/grounded-2026-programme/>

The Upper Barwon Landcare Network has partnered with GROUNDED Australia to deliver 2026 GROUNDED Festival at Yan Yan Gurt West Farm supported by the Central Otway Landcare Network and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (Corangamite CMA).

The Leading Farmer Adoption of Sustainable Agriculture for Climate Resilience Project is delivered by the Upper Barwon Landcare Network through funding from the Australian Government through the Climate Smart Agriculture Program, under the Natural Heritage Trust and delivered in partnership with Central Otway Landcare Network, Heytesbury District Landcare Network, Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Soils for Life and GROUNDED Australia.

Giving Soft Plastics A Second, Third, Fourth Life - And Counting

Nice work Surf Coast, your soft plastic recycling efforts are paying off, with the first shipment from Anglesea now on its way to becoming valuable new products.

A total of 2.28 tonnes of baled soft plastics from the Anglesea Transfer Station have arrived ready for recycling at APR ChemCycle in Dandenong South.

The response from the recycler says it all:

“We’re incredibly impressed by the quality of the material. Please pass on our thanks to the community.”

Surf Coast Shire Cr Adrian Schonfelder said this was a fantastic result and “a real credit to our community.”

“Residents are showing that when given the right options, they’re committed to reducing waste and doing the right thing for the environment,” he said

“To receive such positive feedback from the recycler about the quality of our materials is something the whole community should be proud of. It shows the care people are taking to recycle right.”

Giving plastic wrappers and bread bags a new life

Once received, the bales are opened and carefully sorted using a combination of density separation, shredding and optical technology to isolate the right plastics for recycling.

From there, the materials begin a new life.

Some are transformed into recycled plastic resin, ready to be used in new soft plastic packaging. Others go through advanced recycling, where they’re converted into oil that can be used to create food-grade plastic packaging.

Both pathways keep materials in use and out of landfill - creating a truly circular loop.

A key part of this process is APR’s Australian-first pyrolysis unit. Using high heat in a zero-oxygen environment, the technology breaks plastics down into simpler compounds, producing gas (to power the plant), plastic oil (for new plastics) and char (used in road base).

Room to grow

When operating at full capacity, the German-made unit will process up to five tonnes of plastic each day, with just one kilogram of plastic waste producing around 850 millilitres of recycled oil.

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Drop off your soft plastics

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The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting.

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| <p> COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 7pm second Wednesday of month Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall 36 Harding Street Winchelsea</p> | <p>WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP Every second Thursday 10am-12pm St Thomas Anglican Church Hall cnr Barwon Tce and Hopkins St, Winchelsea Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944 winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019 New families welcome</p> | <p> 1ST MODAWARRE SCOUT GROUP Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term) Tues-Joeys 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term) Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term) Venturers 15-18yo hosted by Torquay or Highton Units Marie McPadden 0409330147</p> |
| <p> Winchelsea and District COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Senior Citizens Rooms, New members always welcome. Enquiries Lorraine 0417 467 927</p> | <p>WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION 55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea Tuesday 2pm-4pm Saturday 1.30-3.30pm Thursday 2pm-4pm Sunday 9.30-12.30pm Closed Christmas Day, but open on other public holidays. www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites</p> | <p>Join us. A role for everyone  Nationally accredited training to help our community. Pop in to meet your crew Wednesdays 7:30pm Winchelsea Unit 325 Mosley Drive 132 500</p> |



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Winchelsea Churches



Thought of the Week

"Fullness is not about having everything
we want,

but about living with hope, meaning,
and a heart aligned with God.

It is about choosing His way, trusting
His love, and walking in freedom
and purpose every day."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Winchelsea Combined Churches JOURNEY TO THE CROSS WALK



GOOD FRIDAY
3RD APRIL AT 10AM
In the grounds of
ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Harding Street Winchelsea



Hot Cross Buns
Tea and Coffee
In the Church Hall following
the walk.

(If it is raining we will gather
in the Church Hall)

Details: Lyn - 0400 649 652

Winchelsea Combined Churches - Working Together for God

Psalm 6

O God, don't clobber me in disgust
or chastise me in anger.

But the fact is, I'm falling apart.

I am distraught and confused.

I am in deep trouble,

and I don't know how long I can take it.

I can only beg You to enter into my conflict,
to extricate me from its incessant battering,
to demonstrate Your love

in deliverance and salvation.

Otherwise I'm going down the drain;

and how, then, could I either praise or serve You?

I am fed up with this continual agony;

I can no longer endure these perpetual defeats.

I am becoming increasingly discouraged
over my human frailties and fallibilities.

If only I could be sure

that You know of my anguish,

that You discern my cries for help,

that You also feel and understand,

that You will never let me go,

then I could stand firm even in defeat

and rise victorious even over my failures

and make even my human weaknesses

serve You.

"Psalms/ Now" by Leslie F. Brandt.

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Catholic Parish Of Meredith Mass Times – April 2026

Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist
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@ 9am APRIL 12

Anakie – St. Brigid
@ 2pm APRIL 26 – Mass of Thanksgiving

Bannockburn – St. Mary MacKillop
@ 11am Sun. APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26

Inverleigh – Sacred Heart –
@ 4pm Sun. APRIL 19

Easter Solemnities

HOLY THURSDAY: Meredith April 2 @ 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross Walk

Bannockburn April 3 @ 10.30 for 11.00am start
Winchelsea 10.00 am

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION:

Bannockburn Friday April 3 @ 3.00 pm

EASTER VIGIL Meredith Saturday April 4 @ 8.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY:

Winchelsea April 5 @ 9.00am
Bannockburn April 5 @ 11.00 am



EASTER

*worship opportunities
with Winchelsea Combined Churches*

Good Friday 3rd April at 10.00am

Journey to the Cross walk in the grounds of
St John's Catholic Church.

(Cnr Harding & Mercer Streets, Winchelsea)

Concluding with Hot Cross Buns
in the Church Hall

*(If raining, assemble in St John's Catholic
Church Hall)*

Easter Day Services - Sunday 5th April:

St John's Catholic Church at 9.00am.

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Letter To The Editor

Zucchini's - yum!

I have loved Alice Cloake's zucchini recipes in Cook's Corner in the Winchelsea Star! Especially the Zucchini Lasagne. I've always used & enjoyed the old "Cookery the Australian Way" vegetarian lasagne which uses zucchini. Alice's is similar but more robust and far more delicious - I'm a convert thank you.

I agree, zucchini are definitely an underrated vegetable. Like Brussel Sprouts they've been unfairly treated; over cooked till they're grey, mushy and flavourless!

I reckon, when they are lightly cooked, zucchini have a beautiful, slightly nutty flavour and I'm happy to eat them just on their own. Other times adding tomato, onion and garlic, ginger and chilli, then to make a complete meal, fold it into an omelette.

My other favourite is to use them instead of spaghetti - spiral them, blanche, drain and top with bolognese sauce.

And Carrots – I would love a recipe or two!

Julia Holohan

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A Key Step To Implement Moriac

Structure Plan

Surf Coast Shire Council will request an independent panel to consider submissions on a planning scheme amendment that will guide land use and development decisions in Moriac over the next decade.

Council made the decision at its 24 March Council meeting, which welcomed 36 community members to Modewarre Memorial Hall.

The proposed amendment – known as Amendment C145surf Moriac Structure Plan 2023 Implementation – will introduce a new framework plan and local policies into the Surf Coast Planning Scheme.

It was placed on public exhibition from 18 September to 19 October 2025, with six submissions made.

Two relating to the direction of future growth within the town were unresolved, prompting Council to refer the submissions to an independent panel to ensure the views are properly considered.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Adrian Schonfelder thanked all submitters.

“The highly engaged Moriac community was vital in shaping the Moriac Structure Plan, telling us that residential development should be incremental to help protect the town’s treasured rural character,” Cr Schonfelder said.

“This amendment will enable us to implement the key strategies and actions from the structure plan into our planning scheme, so we want to make sure each view is carefully considered before it’s adopted.”

Council will request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel.

“We look forward to receiving the panel’s report and the recommendations,” Cr Schonfelder said.

Council was supportive of a change requested in a Department of Transport and Planning submission. It responds to community road safety concerns and seeks to limit the number of new lots with direct access from Hendy Main Road. Instead, access would be via new internal roads.

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority lodged a supporting submission.

Vote now for RSPCA’s

Pet of the Year!

Get ready for an overload of adorable; the RSPCA Pet of the Year Awards are now open, inviting pet parents across Victoria and New South Wales to show off the furry, feathery, and fabulously quirky companions who brighten their lives.

From cheeky cats and big-hearted dogs to bouncy rabbits, majestic birds and every lovable creature in between, this feel-good competition celebrates the pets who make every day a little brighter.

The RSPCA Pet of the Year Awards aren’t just about showing off the cutest faces (though there are plenty): every vote will help fund RSPCA’s ongoing work rescuing animals, providing care to those in need, and helping ensure animals can live better lives.

Speaking about the competition,



Community and Events Fundraising Manager Kate Kasby said it is open to all creatures great and small.

“Whether your pet is a rescue triumph, a social-media superstar, or simply your everyday hero, there’s a category for them and more than \$25,000 worth of prizes up for grabs,” Ms Kasby said.

“We are asking pet parents across Victoria and New South Wales to show us why their pets are so special.

“This campaign is an amazing opportunity to come together, watch the cuteness unfold, and know your support helps RSPCA rescue, rehabilitate and rehome thousands of animals who deserve a second chance at love.

“By taking part in this campaign, whether

by entering, voting or sharing, you’re helping us continue our vital work and create brighter futures for animals across our community.”

Categories include:

- Cutest Dog
- Cutest Cat
- Best rescue
- Adorable other

Influencer categories for those with their own social media following!

Entries are open until 13 April 2026, with public voting beginning 15 April.

Visit www.petoftheyearawards.com.au to enter and learn more.



What's on Weekly

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
Winch Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MONDAY-SATURDAY

WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

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Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St
5267 2336

MONDAY

SURF COAST SHIRE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

24/11/2025 - 01/05/2026

CO-WORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)
St John's, Mercer /Harding St
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

1ST MODAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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Marie McPadden 0409330147

VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
(03) 5267 2028

TUESDAY



Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

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WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm
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MOTHER GOOSE SONG AND RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE
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28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Winchelsea Dance Classes
Pre-Schoolers - Adults
Wednesday afternoon/evenings
The Senior Citizens Club,
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7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly
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Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term)
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THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

10am-12pm First Thursday of month
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St,

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE
Winchelsea Community House,
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MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
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WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/

FRIDAY

TAI CHI

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

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm
30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
0417 848 292

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Friday 10am-3pm
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David Loone 0488 165 109

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SATURDAY

PARKRUN

8am Trebeck Reserve
Sussex St, Winchelsea
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DIAMOND DOT

Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch
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WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9 -12pm first Sat of month outside IGA.
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First Saturday of the month 9am
Meet at Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace
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SPEED SHEAR

Winchelsea FNC
2pm Saturday 11 April
Eastern Reserve

WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-11am (Last Sat monthly)
Sweet Thyme Cafe, Main Street
www.winchelseastar.org.au

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1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St,
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Mass 6pm each week
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WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm last Sat monthly, except Nov/Dec
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
Bring plate and gold coin donation if you can

SUNDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
Shire Hall car park, Main St Winch
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EASTER BONNET PARADE

Sunday 5 April 2026
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What's on at Winch House

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WINCHELSEA RE-LOVED MARKET

SUNDAY 19TH OF APRIL
9.30AM - 1.30PM

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Winchelsea Easters Past



In rural communities like Winchelsea in the early days, religious congregations and community organisations were the very soul of the town. Communities had committees, clubs, boards, and societies for almost everything. Instead of a Facebook page for dog walking, buy, swap and sell, young mums, or gardeners, there would be a committee with a president and an AGM. This article from the Geelong Advertiser from Wednesday 26 March 1913 gives us a brief glimpse of how a town like Winchelsea came together in its various community organisations to celebrate Easter, which would have been one of their most significant and sacred religious holidays.

WINCHELSEA.

Anniversary services were conducted on Easter Sunday at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. G. Murphy, of Colac, who preached two very impressive sermons to large congregations. The church was tastefully decorated by the members of the Flower Guild. In the afternoon an anthem was rendered by the choir. "My Voice Thou Shalt Hear in the Morning, O Lord." In the evening Mrs. Alex. Anderson and Mr. Alex. McKenzie sang one of Alexander's hymns, "When We ALL Get to Heaven."

Miss Eva and May Hunter, of "Gnarwyn," Wurdi Buloc are spending a fort-night's holiday at Warrnambool.

Miss Lauder, who has had charge of the State school at Ballangeich, has been appointed to take charge of the school recently erected at Armytage. Miss Lauder taught previously at the Winchelsea State School for a number of years, and

her many friends are pleased to welcome her back again in the district.

The Cinderella Quadrille Party opened the season on Easter Monday night with a ball in the Temperance Hall, which was largely attended. Mr. H. Richmond acted as master of ceremonies

As Winchelsea grows with new families coming to town and the presence of more young people than have been seen in the town for some time, it is exciting to see arts and culture and community organisations coming back to life and breathing new life into the soul of our little town. Wishing a happy Easter to everyone, no matter how you celebrate.



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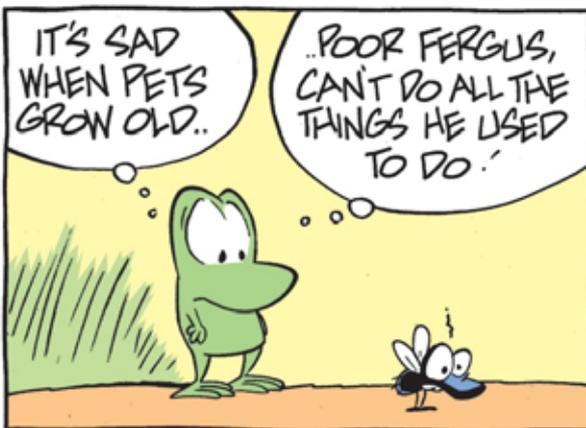
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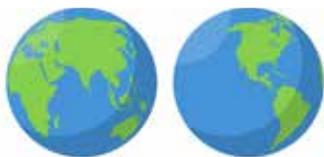
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Someone asked me if I could find some positive things about the climate!

I found something in theconversation.com/australias-forests-are-finally-doing-better-but-underwater-bushfires-hit-oceans-hard-278780



“New detailed data on native forest loss and gain — a first in this year’s report — showed forest loss has declined for five consecutive years, with tree cover increasing nationally.

The amount of land cleared for grazing and native forest logging continued to fall. Vegetation canopy area and soil surface protection against erosion was at near record levels. And Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions fell by 1.9%, even as the economy grew 2.6% and the population by 1.5% — a sign growth and environmental damage are slowly being decoupled. Emissions per person have fallen 30% since 2000, though Australians still emit around three times the global average.

These improvements didn’t happen by accident. They reflect real improvements in land management and nature conservation and policy changes on emissions reduction, forest logging and land clearing accumulated over years.”

BUT in the same Conversation article in the link above:

“Sea surface temperatures around Australia reached their highest-ever level in 2025, breaking the record set just the year before. Our new analysis of heat stress across 24 monitored reef locations found that nearly 80% exceeded their once-in-a-decade heat threshold — more than in any previous year of the 40-year record. A sixth mass bleaching event struck the Great Barrier Reef in early 2025, following the fifth just months earlier.”

“Marine heatwaves are the underwater equivalent of bushfires: large-scale, climate-driven mass mortality events that used to be rare and are now happening repeatedly. The difference is that most of us don’t see what’s happening below the ocean surface.”

FURTHER, Gregory Andrews reminds us in lyrebird dreaming.com/post/while-we-watch-iran-the-planet-keeps-burning

“The UN Secretary-General says the climate is in a state of emergency. He’s right. But I think his words are too diplomatic. An emergency suggests a sudden break from normality. What

makes this era so dangerous is that the rupture is happening in plain sight and is still being treated as normal. Another report. Another record. Another cyclone. Another flood. Another war. Another excuse. Another fossil fuel approval. More attacks on renewables and EVs.....

This is what collapse looks like when it wears a suit and speaks the language of politicians and fossil fuel magnates who care only about power and short term gains.

We can’t negotiate with physics. We can’t bomb our way to peace, burn our way to prosperity, and spin our way past the laws of Nature. The oceans are overheating. The atmosphere is thickening with pollution. The world is destabilising before our eyes. “





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Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen



Hey everyone here is our Winchelsea tennis team winning the grand final!

Top photo left to right:

Josh, Katrina, Kurt, Adrienne, Jo

Right photo is Kurt who was the team MVP for the season

Saturday Superstars – GRAND FINAL: 20 years in the making

Final match of the season:

Winchelsea vs Wandana Heights at Winchelsea TC on a beautiful day with a strong crowd. Who takes it home?

A late change saw Byron out due to sickness, but the team pushed on. Kurt and Jo started strong, winning 6-2, while Adri and Josh fell 3-6.

The men went down 2-6, but the ladies responded with a 6-2 win to even things up.

Heading into the final two sets, Winchelsea led by just 1 game.

Kurt and Katrina dominated 6-1, leaving Jo and Josh needing just 1 game to secure the flag. They battled hard to win 7-6.

Winchelsea claim their first Saturday senior flag in over 20 years!

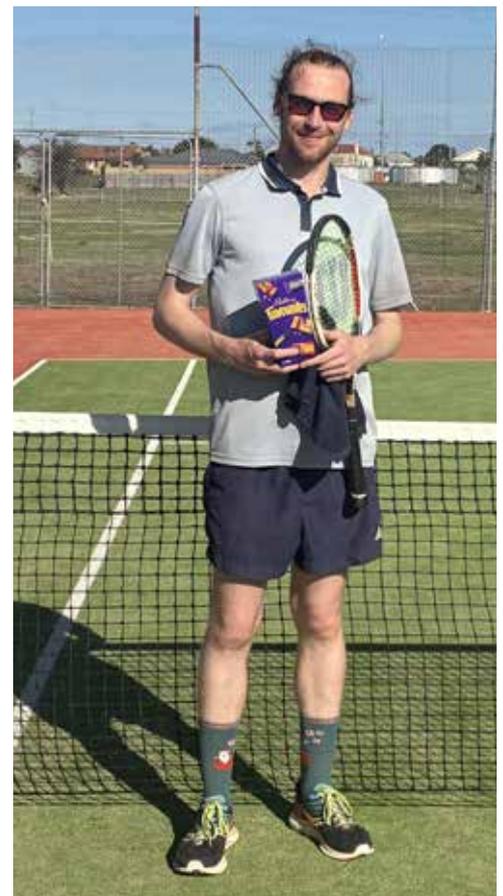
Final score: 4 sets to 2, 30 games to 23.

The celebrations followed with a great afternoon tea, as Vice President Fletcher presented the awards:

“The team deserved it... easily the best all season. This premiership means a lot as we’ve worked hard to rebuild tennis in the town.”

Towels were handed out, with Kurt named MVP for topping sets and games across the season.

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RESULTS

25/3/26 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford

15 Players.

1st - Neil Hickman (11) 40 points

2nd - Greg Rigby (24) 36 points

BDL - Stuart Harrison (20) 36 points C/B

BDL - Evan Partridge (20) 35 points

NTP (6th/15th) - Neil Hickman

25/3/26 - Ladies Results - Par

1st: Lesley Mathison: +5

2nd: Carol Stanesby: -5

NTP (8th/17th): Lesley Mathison

Saturday 28/3/26 - Stableford (A.R.M)

16 Players.

1st - Dennis Chappell (20) 40 points

2nd - Tara Steward (17) 34 points

BDL - Andrew Ellery (26) 32 points C/B

BDL - Steve Cole (12) 32 points C/B

NTP (8th/17th) - Steve Cole

Golden Hole (2nd) - Alan Redmayne

Fish x 3 - Alyssa Neeson

Coming up:

Wednesday 1st April - Weekly Stableford & Ladies Stableford

Saturday 4th April - Easter Saturday Par

Wednesday 8th April - Weekly Stableford & Ladies Par

Saturday 11th April - Maguires Butcher Stableford Round

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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

Under 10s

It was a fantastic effort from our U10s this week as we stepped up from D grade into C grade for the new season. The girls rose to the challenge brilliantly and showed they could match it with the faster pace and higher intensity of the competition.

Although the final score was 5-1, it certainly didn't reflect the effort and determination on court. The team worked hard from start to finish and created plenty of opportunities, just a little unlucky in front of goal.

A big congratulations to our Player of the Week, Sofia – our smiley little pocket rocket! She did an amazing job creating space, supporting her teammates, and helping the flow of the game.

It's been wonderful to see how much the girls have improved already. If they keep this up, it's going to be a great season ahead!

Under 13s

The Winchelsea Under 13s kicked off their preseason with a practice match against Colac Imperials on Saturday. It proved to be a challenging contest, with the team playing the majority of the game with just six players against a strong opposition. Despite the odds, the girls showed great determination and resilience, continuing to give their all right through to the final whistle. There were some excellent passages of play across both the defensive and attacking ends, highlighting the team's potential. The match also provided a valuable opportunity for players to rotate through different positions, allowing coaches to better understand each individual's strengths while the girls built connections and had fun together. Well done to all involved on a fantastic effort.

Under 15s

The Under 15s also took on Colac Imperials in their preseason hit-out, facing another tough challenge. The game gave the new coaching group a great opportunity to assess the team, with players rotating through a variety of positions throughout the match. It was fantastic to welcome Adele and her family to the club, and we look forward to seeing her develop within the team this season. There were plenty of positives to take away, along with some clear areas to focus on as the group continues to prepare for the season ahead.



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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

SEASON 2026

Welcome to Blue's News where the glorious Autumn weather is coming to a close and Football & Netball is just around the corner with the opening Round seeing the Winchelsea Blues host Werribee Centrals at Eastern Reserve – Reserves kicking off at the early time of 11am to accommodate the setting up for the Club's SPEED SHEAR starting at approx. 6pm.

A busy lead up to the start of the season with Blue's Catering Team being very pleased to be called upon for the Winchelsea Cricket Club's Presentation Night after the Club's great win in their A Grade Division (weekend of the 21st & 22nd) last Friday night. On Saturday a full day of photos for both Junior & Senior Footballers & Netballers (many thanks to Jason from Jason Nogueira Photography) followed by practice matches and then to the Mt. Moriac Hotel for the Club's 2026 Season Launch. A great turnout from both the Footballers & Netballers listened intently to their Senior Coaches and enjoyed the announcement of Captains for all teams in 2026.

The winners of the all-important Raffle are as follows

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Jack Sampi

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Our motto has always been – please support those who support us!

Have a happy and safe Easter break everyone and we will see you at the Footy!

CONDOLENCES:

The Winchelsea Football Club, players, coaches, committee and volunteers all wish to convey deepest condolences to Robert (Charlie) Earl, along with family and friends on the sad loss of Marjorie, a beautiful soul loved by all who knew her. Rest in Peace.

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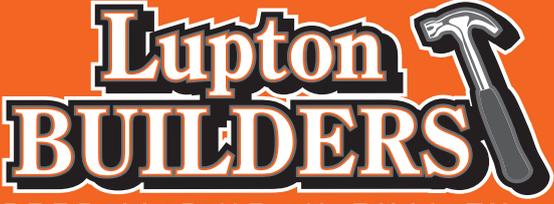
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parkrun 108



Saturday 28 March 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve

21 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week.

2 participants completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to Geoff Walker and Nathan Freeman.

7 volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Maureen Gunson, Don Smith, Kristen Czerkiewicz and Ann Jones.

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

To volunteer please send an email to trebeckreserve@parkrun.com



DEFIBRILLATORS IN WINCHELSEA Accessible to the public 24 hours a day

Winchelsea Lions Club has compiled a list of public access defibrillators in Winchelsea.

If you know others, please contact Linda Carter 0439 817 263.

- **Ambulance Victoria** 33 Willis Street
- **Bendigo Bank** 11 Main Street
- **Globe Theatre (Side entrance)** 17 Willis Street
- **Hesse Rural Health** 8 Gosney Street
- **Men's Shed** 51 Hesse Street
- **Netball Courts** Eastern Reserve Hopkins St
- **Senior Citizens Club** 36 Harding Street
- **Uniting Church** 33 Hesse Street
- **Winchelsea Bowls Club** Hesse Street
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