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New Men's Shed Opens in Moriac

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Legendary Volunteers At The Heartbeat Of Our Surf Coast Shire Community

Surf Coast Shire Council will herald dozens of newly named Local Legends at the heart of celebrations for National Volunteer Week.

Record nominations for this year's Local Legends program have helped magnify the breadth of volunteer contributions across the shire, with organisations and individuals eager to recognise unsung heroes in their midst.

National Volunteer Week runs from 19 to 25 May.

Council is supporting several community-based celebrations across the shire:

- **Aireys Inlet Community Celebration, 18 May**, including a tour of the community garden at 11am followed by a gathering at the town's community centre from 11.30am.
- **Lorne Bowls Club morning tea, 20 May** with barefoot bowls at 10am and morning tea at 11am.
- **Local Legends presentation and volunteer celebration, 22 May** from 10am in Council's chambers, Torquay.
- **Winchelsea Chatty Café gathering, 23 May**, 10.30am at Winchelsea Shire Hall.

Mayor Mike Bodsworth will lead tributes and presentations of Local Legend awards to 15 individual and four group recipients during the celebration in Council's chambers.



The 2025 Surf Coast Local Legends are:

Community Commitment Award

- Jason Cichocki, wildlife rescuer
- Phoebe Mitchell, community house volunteer
- Marie McPadden, scout leader
- Melissa Pitt, football club volunteer
- Heath Armstrong, surf life saving volunteer
- Grant Norris, wildlife rescuer
- Mary McNaughton, volunteer Tai Chi instructor
- Donna Symes, Salvation Army shop and Share The Dignity volunteer

Community Impact Award

- Colby Bryce, mental health advocate
- Kaylene Stocks, CFA captain
- Cameron McFarlane, community postie
- Ben Coyle, bowls club volunteer
- Rhani Bayon, Growing Winchelsea volunteer
- David Steele, community radio presenter
- Tony Martin, physical and mental health advocate

Volunteer Excellence Award, for groups

- Lorne volunteering ladies' group
- All Aboard DisABILITY Support Services volunteers
- Sewing For A Purpose
- Aireys Inlet Rural Australians for Refugees

Register to attend the 2025 Local Legends presentations and read about their inspiring stories via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends

Council's Local Legends program commenced several years ago to increase recognition for people contributing to their community.

Cr Joel Grist commended all recipients, thanked nominators, and said the Local Legends set inspiring examples.

"Their quiet and often unseen heroics are symbolic of so much good work carried out by countless selfless people across our communities," Cr Grist said.

"This year's legends range from members of a sewing group to wildlife rescuers, a CFA captain to a community psychologist and volunteer crisis supporter, a community house volunteer to a devoted surf life saving club president – all of them and more doing extraordinary things in our community.

"Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community life and their contributions are immeasurable. National Volunteer Week provides a focus for us to recognise the immensity of their combined contributions and say heartfelt thanks for often unheralded work.

"This year's National Volunteer Week theme 'Connecting Communities' also highlights the way volunteering strengthens communities, creates lasting relationships and enriches the lives of those who contribute, as well as those they contribute for."

Surf Coast Shire Council is grateful for the direct support of more than 200 volunteers who fill roles as Community Asset Committee members managing local halls and reserves, kindergarten volunteers, all abilities and positive ageing committee members, Visitor Information Centre volunteers, First Nations event volunteers and young people who maintain bike park jumps.



Winchelsea Projects Update

MAY 2025



Branching Out – trees for today and tomorrow



Image L-R: Surf Coast Shire Councillor Tony Phelps with Growing Winchelsea Arboretum Trail sub-committee members Naida Hutton, Libby Russell, Rod Taylor and Victoria Hastings.

More than 80 street trees will be planted in Winchelsea this year as part of a project helping to create a greener, cooler place to live.

Council is partnering with community groups including Growing Winchelsea in the first stage of a shire-wide Branching Out project funded through the 2024-25 budget.

A further 80 trees will be planted in Deans Marsh this year.

Planting in Winchelsea is expected to start late winter / early spring and is being guided by Growing Winchelsea's Arboretum Trail sub-committee concept plan.

Work in Deans Marsh is guided by planning initiated by Deans Marsh Streetscaping Group.

The Winchelsea plantings will be carried out in addition to the Winchelsea Greening and Stormwater Treatment Project, where stormwater will be used for passive irrigation of about 30 trees in selected residential streets.

The shire-wide Branching Out project is planned to run across six years, subject to future funding, resulting in about 1200 new street trees being planted in towns across the municipality.

Branching Out will also provide:

- Compiling of a list of preferred tree species for towns, to ensure the right trees are planted in the right places; and
- Canopy cover, heat map and socio-economic data assessments to help determine future priority planting areas.

More information: yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/branching-out

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Exciting New Men's Shed Opens in Moriac

by Kelvin Russell, Committee Member, Moriac & District Men's Shed

The township of Moriac is excited as it welcomes a new Men's Shed, designed to offer a space for men of all ages to gather, share skills, and build lasting friendships. This initiative, driven by the Moriac Community Network is to cater for social interaction for men, personal growth and it marks a significant milestone for the district of Moriac.

Located in the heart of Moriac, the new Men's Shed is part of the old CFA facility which the Moriac Community Network decided to repurpose after the CFA moved into new premises. Shed members have equipped the Shed with tools and resources for woodworking, metalworking from generous donations from other Men's Sheds in the region and many local private donors.

So far, the shed has concentrated on obtaining project material and making the donated machinery safe to work with. A vast amount of high-grade pallet wood has been recycled in the Shed from the Rokewood Wind farm. These are not your regular pallets they are some 4.5 metres long and 2.5 metres wide.

The Men's Shed at Moriac will follow in the steps of the Men's Shed Movement where it is more than just a workshop; it is a sanctuary for those seeking companionship and a sense of purpose. With a focus on mental health and well-being, the shed offers a safe space for men to talk, share their experiences, and support each other through life's challenges. Coffee mornings and BBQs have been organised to foster a sense of community and as a chance to welcome new members.

Members can not only enhance their practical skills but also contribute to community projects, such as building garden furniture, small wooden projects, gardening, and repairing items for those in need in the district.

The establishment of the Men's Shed in Moriac has been made possible through the generous support of the Surf Coast Shire, Bendigo Bank, government grants and local volunteers. The Moriac Community Network committee has driven the shed project over a period of 2 years to get it where it is today. It is now the desire of the community to have a Women's Shed that will share the meeting room area of the facility. Art classes have already started and proving popular with the ladies.

As the Men's Shed opens its doors, it invites all men in Moriac and the surrounding areas to become a part of this vibrant community. Whether you are looking to learn new skills, make new friends, or simply enjoy a cuppa with mates, the Men's Shed is the place to be.

The shed is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 12 noon.



Moriac Men's Shed is in the old fire station



Members recycling pallet timber for use in the shed



Other local Men's Sheds have donated machinery



A wide range of equipment for use by members





The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Victoria releases its blueprint for a secure and sustainable energy future

(from the Climate Media Centre)

The Victorian Government has released its first big plan for getting more of the state's energy from renewable sources like wind and solar. The Victorian Transmission Plan (VTP) – currently in draft form and open for public consultation – is VicGrid's long-term strategy to make sure the right infrastructure is in the right place at the right time. It's an essential plan as dirty, unreliable, costly coal-fired power stations close down and more renewable power is needed to keep electricity affordable, reliable, secure and sustainable for everyone.

The plan identifies seven proposed regions (collectively covering 7 percent of the state) most suitable for new onshore wind, solar farm and battery storage development over the next 15 years known as Renewable Energy Zones (REZs). VTP gives investors

certainty while balancing considerations such as the impact on local communities, landholders and First Nations peoples.

These are the draft REZs prepared for public consultation:

- Central Highlands
- Central North
- Gippsland (This refers to the onshore Gippsland REZ, which is separate from the Gippsland Shoreline REZ)
- North West
- South West
- Grampians Wimmera
- Wimmera Southern Mallee

VTP also includes a separate proposed Gippsland Shoreline REZ, specifically designed to host onshore connection infrastructure for offshore wind generation.

Experts Comment:

Greg Bourne, Climate Councillor and energy expert;

"Renewable energy zones are key to building out the critical connections between projects and transmission infrastructure across the state. Australia is in the midst of modernising its grid, and these zones will be vital to keeping the lights on as our ageing coal-fired power stations retire.

"Victoria knows it has some of the highest energy prices in the country and is proactively looking to remedy this through deep electrification efforts to upgrade its electricity system, boost the

state's renewable generation and capacity, and improve energy efficiency.

"These initiatives will see more Victorian homes and businesses benefit from more affordable, reliable, and cleaner renewable energy from the sun and wind, backed by storage. Community investment into these zones also deliver lasting benefits like good jobs and upgrades to essential infrastructure and services in communities."

Andrew Bray, National Director RE-Alliance;

"The release of the Victorian Transmission Plan finally gives Victorians some welcome certainty but the key will be engagement. This plan needs to be well communicated so communities understand how energy projects can be rolled out in the places they live."

Stephanie Bashir, Principal Nexa Advisory;

"Victorians deserve clean, cheap energy – and renewable developers are lining up to build it. There is over 16GW pipeline of proposed onshore wind and solar projects, as well as 5 GW of proposed battery projects – and that's not even including the various offshore wind development projects that have received feasibility licences.

"But none of it will happen without an overarching plan and clear planning approval processes for transmission and renewable projects from the Victorian Government. These will be crucial to ensuring reliability after the closure of Yallourn coal fire power station.

"Victoria has seen ongoing transmission delays and associated cost increases – including from VNI West, which has seen a 23% cost increase in recent years. This is now not expected to be delivered before 2031, well after Yallourn closes."

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history of winchelsea

Frontier violence and a timber bridge

Written and Researched by Dr. Paul Michael F Donovan, Federation University, of Winchelsea

Last week I had the privilege of visiting the residents of the aged care facility in Hesse Rural Health Winchelsea Hospital. I met several Winchelsea locals there whose families had been here since the colonial days. I will endeavour in the coming weeks to record some of their stories and share them here. If your family has been in Winchelsea for some time and you have stories of Winchelsea's history and culture, please come forward and contact me via the Winchelsea Star. Together we can ensure that the stories that never ended up in the archive, and survive exclusively in our community and the memories of those who live here, can survive for future generations. The next few articles here will be about the earliest settlers.

For every famous settler who set up on squatting runs here in the colonies, there were hundreds of Irish and working-class Anglo-Celtic people who worked as hut keepers, shepherds, shearers, labourers, domestic servants, and other various but essential colonial jobs, whose names are largely missing from the mainstream histories. Many colonial histories will describe important events as involving wealthy people for example, Fyans, Armytage, Russell etc, but describe them as being attended by convicts, Aborigines or Irish whose names were not considered important enough to record. Together we can balance this by recording the names and stories of the ordinary people who made Winchelsea and who grew it into the vibrant, welcoming town we live in today.

In July 1836 for example, a squatter named Charles Franks and his shepherd were killed by Aboriginal people near Mount Cottrell in the Port Phillip District. The shepherd was a convict or emancipist, assigned to or employed by Franks' business partner, George Armytage, who found the bodies. Armytage later built Ingleby Homestead in Winchelsea and became one of Winchelsea's founding fathers. The murders were reported extensively through colonial and European newspapers.

Franks' death incited global calls for genocidal revenge, while the shepherd was not named in any newspaper report. In Police Magistrate Lonsdale's investigation the shepherd was named Flinders (or possibly Hindes). Historians still speculate as to whether that was his real name. While frontier violence

was common on both sides of the colonial frontier in Victoria Charles Franks was the first Wealthy settler to fall victim to frontier violence in Port Phillip.

In 1837, Solomon and Josiah Austin Came to the Winchelsea area with Hugh Murray's exploration Party. They named the area Austin's ford, owing to the natural ford on the river, which was the site where the original timber Barwon River Bridge was erected in 1849 for the Council of the Shire of Winchelsea, replaced by the current bluestone bridge in 1867. That area became the township of Winchelsea. In 1837, Explorers Gellibrand and Hesse disappeared in

the area, sparking search parties, bringing the Armytage, Hopkins, Highett and the Harding families to the area (more on that in coming weeks).

In 1838, a party of colonists set out from Melbourne on a retaliatory raid against the local Wathaurong (Wadawurrung) people in what became remembered as the Mount Cottrell massacre in retaliation for the killing of Charles Franks and shepherd Flinders. Many more such massacres followed throughout the Western District along with resistance to colonisation. We acknowledge and pay respects to those who lost their lives in frontier conflict and their descendants who carry their memory. Today Winchelsea is home to a number of Aboriginal people from various First Nations groups. We welcome them to share their stories and their living culture here. Their sovereignty was never ceded and their story is not mine to tell.



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Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.

Vitality Tip from One Body Chiropractic!

Building (and keeping!) good habits now - before the Winter slows you down.

As the weather gets cooler and the days shorter, many of us start to feel a drop in energy and motivation. That's why it's important to build good habits now, before winter really sets in.

When it's cold and dark, it's easy to skip healthy habits and routines. We tend to move less, eat more comfort foods, and forget to care for our bodies. But if you start building habits in autumn, you're more likely to keep them going through the winter.

Here are a few simple habits to start now:

- **Keep moving:** Regular walks, stretching, your go-to favourite way to exercise; helps your body stay strong and flexible.
- **Eat well:** Focus on warm, healthy meals with seasonal veggies, good protein, and whole grains to keep your



energy up. If you're reaching for something not-so-healthy; remember to always grab something fresh, first.

- **Get enough rest:** Go to bed at the same time each night. Good sleep helps you feel better and stay well.
- **Take care of your nervous system:** Chiropractic care can help your body handle stress and stay balanced as the seasons change

Don't wait for the warm weather to come back to start fresh. The small things you do now can help you stay well and feel your best all winter. It's what you do consistently that brings the most reward.

Winchelsea Star

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While Barwon Water regularly offers weekday school and community tours, it was first time the gates were opened to the public on a weekend for many years.

Central Treatment Coordinator Simon McCracken and Plant Operator Michael Murphy (both pictured) were among the Barwon Water employees who led visitors on a tour of the site.

Built in 1992, the treatment plant filters, disinfects and fluoridates drinking water that is supplied to customers in Winchelsea, Moriac, Anglesea, Airey's Inlet, Torquay, greater Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula.

The adjoining reservoir was created in 1927, before being expanded in both 1956 and 1991.

With a capacity of almost 38 billion litres, it is the largest in the region and can hold enough to support all of Barwon Water's customers for about a year.

However, ongoing dry conditions have seen storages at Wurdee Boluc Reservoir decline to around 42 per cent.

More broadly, Geelong's water storages entered May at a six-year low (39.6 per cent). The extremely dry period has led Barwon Water to encourage customers to use water wisely.

By making simple changes inside and outside your home, like taking shorter showers, fixing leaks, washing with full loads and not watering your garden in the heat of the day, you can lower your water and energy bills, and help the environment.



The Permanent Water Saving Rules – which are uniform across Victoria – help to make sure we use all drinking-quality water wisely. www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/water-and-waste/permanent-water-saving-rules

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The Figures Are In

The MS Trivia night raised a whopping \$4432.90

And an added bonus to our tally \$3100 was donated by the team at the Barwon Hotel from a previous MS fundraiser they held.

All proceeds have been donated to 'Emily's Team' which is part of our efforts in the May 50K Fundraiser held every year.

Thank you so much to everyone for their support and hope to see you all again next year.



Winchelsea RSL - Meetings Schedule

20th June
Day Meeting 1-30pm W.M.S

18th July
Day Meeting 1-30 pm W.M.S

15th August
Night Meeting 7-30pm R.S.L

19th September
Day Meeting 1-30 pm R.S.L

17th October
Day Meeting 1-30 pm R.S.L

21st November
Night Meeting 7-30 pm R.S.L

19th December
Day Meeting 12-00 pm R.S.L
(AGM followed by Christmas Lunch)

W.M.S denotes meeting to be held at Winchelsea Men's Shed, Hesse St.

All enquiries to David Loone (secretary)
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Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking feedback on the draft 2025-26 budget.

How to view draft budget:

- Online at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget25-26
- In-person at Winchelsea Shire Hall: 28 Hesse Street
- Call us on **5261 0600** to arrange a relevant section to be posted to you

How to make a submission:

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JUNE 15

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Thought for the Week

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your attention on the inhale and the
exhale,

and thank God

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
Lay Preacher

Nest Boxes at The Winchelsea Men's Shed

by Thao Tran

I'm a Deakin university student currently doing my placement at Surf Coast Shire Council.

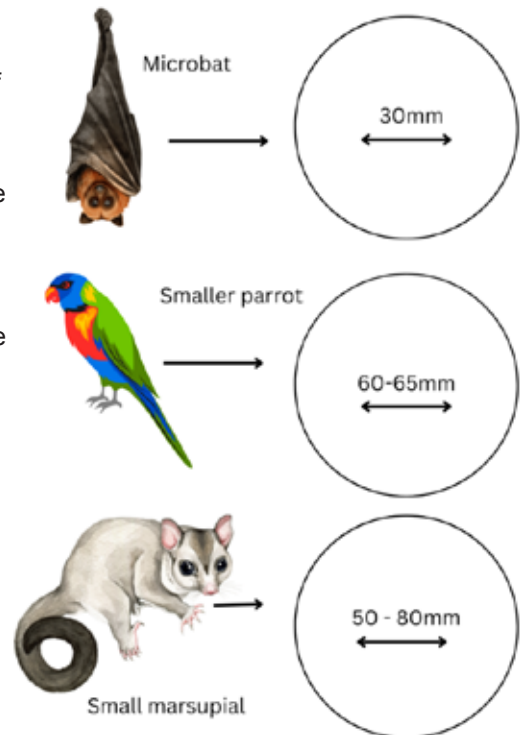
I just wanted to highlight the great work the Winchelsea Men's Shed are doing by building nest boxes for the community to purchase.

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Harry Saddler is a Melbourne-based nature writer. He is the author of *The Eastern Curlew* (shortlisted for the Queensland Literary Awards in 2019), *Questions Raised by Quolls*, and most recently *A Clear Flowing Yarra: visions of Melbourne's river as it is and could be*, which was shortlisted for the 2024 Prime Minister's Literary Awards.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to the report of Round 6 where the Winchelsea Blues headed over to Victoria Park to play the Bannockburn Tigers, reeling from a growing injury list and a disappointing third quarter last week against Thomson the Senior side were looking to play a better brand of football for the 4 quarters.

The Reserves suffered their first loss of the season and were hoping to climb back to the winners list.

The weather had finally turned during the week, which was great timing for the Club to have the MND beanies on sale on Thursday nights, and on home game days. You'll find them for sale at the Bar, real beanie weather last Saturday - seriously cold - mid July cold !!

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 11.3.69 def Bannockburn Tigers 5.8.38

The Blues got off to a flying start in the first quarter going in to the first break 4 goals 1 point to just the 2 points from the Banno Tigers, and while the Tigers regrouped and were better in the second quarter, wayward kicking showed the Blues holding them off to go into the half time break with a lead of 5.1 to 3.5.

In the third quarter, the Blues demonstrated strong teamwork and resisted the Tigers' intimidation tactics, securing their lead.

The last quarter showed the Blues coming away, and in the end it was a convincing win over Bannockburn. Well done with great teamwork, and congratulations to the Coaching staff. The Blues certainly shared the goal kicking around with a long list of goal kickers. On the injury side there were a few to worry about, hopefully no serious damage to Matt Gillespie's elbow.

GOALS: Patrick Dench 3, Arthur

O'Neil 1, Sam
Creighton 1, Jackson
Timms1, Dustin
Baker 1, Tom

Kennedy 1, Noah Harvey 1, Matthew Sprigg 1, Bailey Forssman 1.

BEST: Baxter Boddington, Patrick Dench, Bailey Kahle, Sam Creighton, Jack Symmons, Dustin Baker.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea 9.9.63 were defeated by Bannockburn 18.12.120.

Another slow start to the game 3 goals 2 points to 6 goals 2 points was costly to the Blues going into the first quarter changeover, and given Bannockburn were playing on their home turf Victoria Park, the first quarter start was always going to be hard to overhaul. The Blues wayward kicking in the second quarter didn't help the cause but the third saw them lift significantly kicking 4 goals to Bannockburn 2 goals 2 points.

The last quarter showed a full strength Bannockburn Tigers side run away with the game - the injury count showing up weaknesses in the Blues side, and just when you think it can't get any worse Caleb Brown has injured his ankle, Fin Kersopp-Cole was sidelined with a knee for a period of the game, Lachie Gemmill "iffy" with a knee and Jordan Huff has pulled up sore. Hopefully these will be short term injuries as opposed to some of the longer term injuries facing the Club. Finn Parish had surgery on his broken thumb last week, Indy's elbow a work in progress, great to see Tavea Sauni back in the side as well as Alex Gubbins.

All at the Club wish those with injuries a complete & speedy recovery, both on the Football field and on the Netball courts as well.

GOALS: Jordan Huff 3, Cameron Primmer 2, Alex Gubbins 1, Riley Berg 1, Alex Hackett 1.

BEST: Mitch Thomas, Jordan Huff, Luke Henry, Lachie Gemmill, Timothy Miles, Ollie Mahncke.



JUNIORS:

Both our Junior sides were at Eastern Reserve last Saturday, May 17, 2025 and one of our esteemed Life Members and her sister deemed the Canteen should be open for them as it was a couple of weeks ago for one of the Twilight games making it a very, very long day for those running the Canteen.

Visiting teams have expressed the wonder of such a small Club having the Canteen open for their 2 Junior sides. Clubs such as Torquay & South Barwon who have a cast of thousands in their Junior ranks don't have a Canteen happening for their Junior teams. Huge thanks go to our fabulous VOLUNTEERS here at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club. Much is spoken in many regions regarding "Community" - here in Winchelsea we actually have it. Any help is always welcome and appreciated.

PS. one of our Junior teams had their first win of season 2025 - well done everyone concerned!

This week the Winchelsea Blues host Nth Geelong Magpies at Eastern Reserve on the 24th - games are at usual times. This Saturday also sees the Sponsors Day & Past Players Day with the Club looking forward to seeing as many past players & sponsors attend as possible.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Well, what a night it was last week at the Blue's Bistro !!

Welcome to all those new faces and families that attended last week, it wasn't the fear of running out of food so much as finding somewhere for everyone to sit!!

We do have some table repair issues as the moment and will prepare spacing a little differently this week, thank you to everyone for their patience last week - this is what keeps the Club ticking over and we love to see everyone on a Thursday evening. (more Page 28)



RSPCA Warns Of Victoria's Horse Crisis

RSPCA Victoria is sounding the alarm of a horse crisis facing the state with more than 8,100 horses involved in animal cruelty reports this financial year and calling on horse owners to make sure they are prepared with enough feed and water for their animals.

With severe rainfall deficiencies and in some cases lowest recorded rainfall over the last 12 months, available feed is becoming increasingly scarce and ongoing cost-of-living pressures means many are struggling to buy necessary feed.

As a result, RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate has received nearly 800 animal cruelty reports specifically related to 8,100 horses this financial year, a 37% increase on the previous year, with more than 800 horses still involved in active investigations.

Anyone with concerns about the welfare of animals with first-hand information is urged to make a report to RSPCA Victoria at rspcavic.org/cruelty-report or by calling 03 9224 2222.



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THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week's Menu is

Hamburgers with the lot, Battered Flake, & Chicken Kiev,

Dessert: Golden Syrup Dumplings

Junior Blue's FoodNuggets & Chips, Fish & Chips...\$5 (2 pieces of fish \$8)

Ice cream 2 scoops \$2chocolate, strawberry, caramel + sprinkles available.

Our thoughts are often with the King family and their ongoing issues with Life Member Greg, Mary has been a tower of strength in juggling a complex and devastating dementia diagnose situation with Greg, husband, father & grandfather. As a Club we will continue to help and support them in any way we can. Anything at all Mez, just let us know.

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Round 13 Recap

This week the ladies packed their bags and drove to Ocean Grove!

This week the ladies packed their bags and drove to Ocean Grove! With finals still in the cards the girls knew they had to come out with a bang.

Unfortunately the quite opposite occurred with Anna and Allison losing 4-6 while Lesley and Sue lost 2-6.

After the first break the girls got on track with Allison and Lesley getting the win in a 7-6 tiebreaker, however Sue and Anna lost in a close 4-6. Final break and the Winch stars are 3 sets to 1 down with 2 sets to go. It was time to lock in!

The ladies fought hard and smashed the final 2 sets 6-4 and 6-2. The scores were tallied and to a complete shock and devastation the girls go down by 1 game! 29 games to 30. Unfortunately this puts Winchelsea out of the finals. However the girls have 1 more game against Barwon Heads at Winchelsea TC on the 20th of May at 10:00AM. So let's get an audience down to cheer the ladies on for their last match of the season!

New Nets And Poles!!!

The Surf Coast Shire recently installed new nets and poles on courts 1 and 2. We appreciate their contribution and are pleased with the outcome. Courts 1 and 2 are now accessible to the public. We kindly request that you handle these nets with care. Thank you

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parkrun 63



Saturday 17 May 2025

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On Saturday this week, we had 49 participants complete the parkrun course through Trebeck Reserve on a perfect morning for a walk or run. We had visitors from Rosebud, Ballarat, Altona, Bundaberg, New Zealand, Harvey Bay, Sydney, Inverloch, Brisbane and Melbourne.

Congratulations to 3 of our parkrunners achieving the personal best, Melody Philpott, Chris Hurren and Alice Burran.

Congratulations to Karen Richens for reaching her 125 th parkrun milestone and Nathan F for reaching his 50 th parkrun milestone.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Ann Morsby, David

Woodall, Don Smith, Murray Bennett, Daniel Laawson, Matthew Lawson and Helen Woodall.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online

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