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Something Different by the Rep Society



The Winchelsea Repertory Society latest presentation wowed the audience on Saturday night. I was going to use this article to encourage people to grab tickets for next weekend's performances but there are only about 10 left for Saturday night the 16th!

Book online - no cash at door on the night! trybooking.com/cuzha

Well done team from the kitchen fairies from the Blues Football and Netball Club cooking and serving to our tables the 3-course meal, those who set up the Hall, and the actors and singers who entertained us. I think these photos of the players – thanks to Di Schultz and Stu Fry – tell the story of a fun night.

November 2024

NOVEMBER 2024	
Friday - Saturday 15, 16 November 6.30pm	Winchelsea Repertory Society 'Shaz and Nicks Greek Wedding Reception' Globe Theatre, Winchelsea
16 November 11am - 4 pm	Diamond Dot Day Senior Citizens Rooms 36-40 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Tuesday 19 November 5.30pm	AGM Community Bank Surf Coast Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St Winchelsea
Monday 25 November 7.30pm	AGM Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea

More Sporting Opportunities For People With Disability

Our Paralympic athletes performed incredibly in Paris, and following the hype from the 2024 Paralympics the Victorian Government is giving Victorians with a disability more opportunity to participate in sport.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for the new Regional All Abilities Participation Grants – which will increase opportunities for people with disability living in regional Victoria to get involved in the sports they love.

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available in three categories: Equipment and Travel, Inclusion Workforce, and Programs and Disability-led Initiatives.

The grants can be used to purchase specialised or modified equipment and uniforms and can also be used for technologies that will get more people in the game.

The money can also be used for travel costs to competitions and festivals, and for clubs to create their own all-abilities sports programs.

For more information and to apply visit sport.vic.gov.au/funding.

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Let's Get Together...

Summer is fast approaching and soon drums will be heard by the river with the community getting down and dirty while having fun making mud bricks.

In March 2025 the Mud Hut will be the centre of fun and entertainment when Mud Fun comes to town to help the community install a cob wall around Mud Hut. Local entertainer Krazy Koala will engage participants in all sorts of activities while his puppets will entertain visitors.

Thanks to a \$5000 Community Initiatives grant from the Surf Coast Shire Growing Winchelsea's Let's Get Together project will encourage business, community and government to come together and celebrate the final phase of the recently redeveloped Mud Hut with the addition of a mud brick wall around three sides.

"Together we are building a healthy connected community. The cob wall built by the Winchelsea community unifies our picnic shelter to be our new mud hut once more. This establishes our ownership of our community space and is an opportunity for special memories that we built together," said Alison Dean, Convenor of Planning Committee.

Individual community involvement will be acknowledged in some way through creative design & signage with the final rendering an artistic collaboration as well.

"This collaboration between community groups and interested individuals will finalise this asset for the community and visitors alike to enjoy for many years," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

"Planning has been underway for some time and already all 150 students from our local school, together with 24 individuals will be involved with the Community Bank, Winchelsea and District, the Men's Shed committing support," continues John.



Steering Committee Jenny Murray Jones, Alison Dean, Mike Tucker, Sue Fletcher



"The next step is to contact all community organisations, services providers and business to outline the week's activities and encourage their participation. It can be as simple as providing information or organisations may wish to run an activity aligned to their objectives," continues Alison.

The theme for the week's activities is Reduce, reuse and recycle and will incorporate food swaps, cooking demonstrations, information displays, promotion of health and wellbeing activities.

"So come on Winchelsea get behind this great opportunity to connect, build networks, learn new skills and have some fun," concludes John.







You're invited

Annual General Meeting

Community Bank Surf Coast - Winchelsea, Anglesea, Lorne & District. Please come along to our 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting. All welcome.

When	Tuesday 19th November
Time	5.30pm
Where	The Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea VIC
RSVP	secretary@corangamitefs.com. au or call 0427 099 410



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Christmas Carols 2024

Christmas is just around the corner and what better way to herald its arrival than for the community to come together in song and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Bring a chair or a blanket and join the festivities on Saturday 7 December 2004 stating at 6.00 pm on the Winchelsea Primary School's oval. There will be food and drinks available and the Lions Club of Winchelsea will have a sausage sizzle as well. If the weather turns bad the event will move to the Leisure Centre.

Bring along a gold coin to support the fundraising efforts of the school.

A special thanks to Grace Morris our talented artist and her interpretation on the poster of what the Christmas Carols event means to her.

"This year there is a strong focus on engaging the children with fun activities," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

"Thanks to a grant from the Community Bank Winchelsea and District local entertainer Nic Dacomb of Krazy Koala Entertainment & The BeBop Circus will be performing. He will engage and entertain the children with his hilarious puppet show with catchy songs that everyone can dance to," continues John.

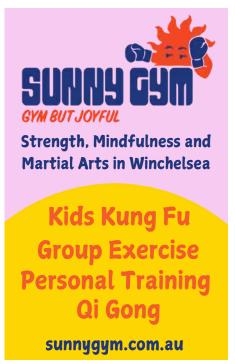
For more than a decade, the Krazy Koala Puppet show has performed to a range of audiences from all over Australia and the world.

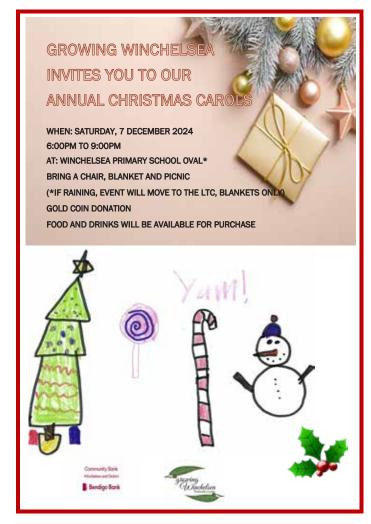
There is lots more entertainment planned with Rob Davies

hosting the evening and leading the Carols.

"Santa will be there as well, who knows he celebration and joy," concludes John.

may have a surprise for the kids. So come along with the family, and enjoy the night of













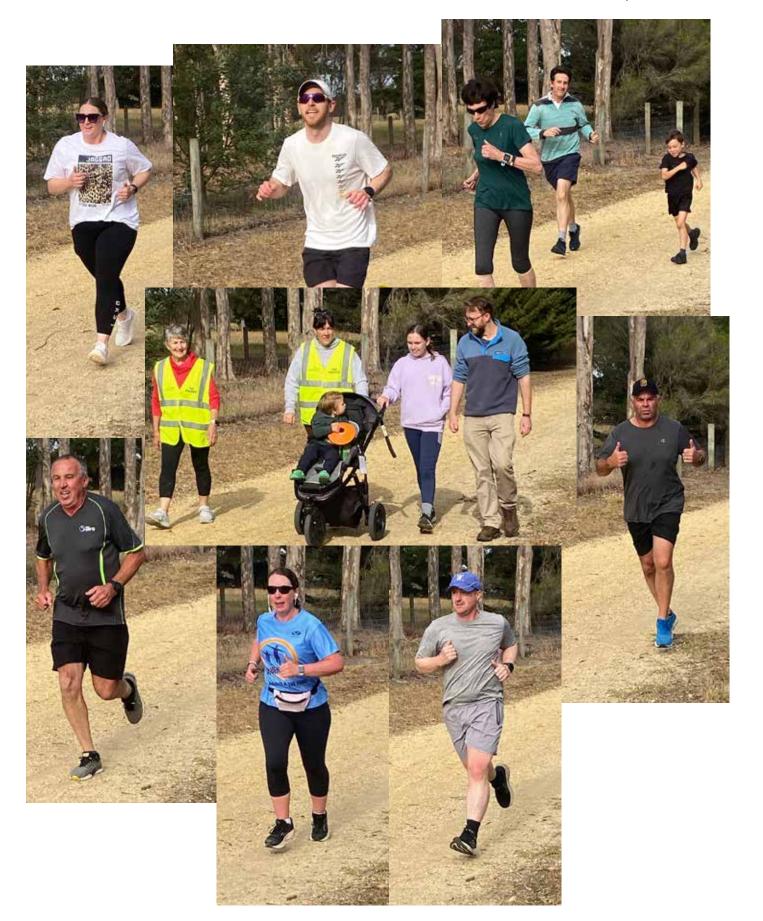


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9 November 2024

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



APPLY NOW: On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants Program



Eligible farmers in the Surf Coast Shire are invited to apply for Victorian Government drought preparedness grants.

How much are the grants?

Up to \$5,000, with eligible businesses to provide dollar-for-dollar matching funding.

What can the grants be used for?

- Water infrastructure upgrades (pipes, tanks, troughs, dams)
- stock containment areas
- grain and fodder storage
- weather stations and more.

To check eligibility and to apply for a grant, visit ruralfinance.com.au.

Seeking additional dry season and drought support?

- Visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/ farm-management/dry-seasonsand-drought-support
- Call Rural Financial Counselling Services Vic West on 1300 735 578 or visit wswrcs.com.au/wellbeing

The Victorian Government drought support grants align with Surf Coast Shire Council's aim to be better placed to manage the impacts of a changing climate in our community.





Winchelsea pool, Adventure Play Space and river loop set for opening early in 2025

Winchelsea's new pool, Adventure Play Space and Barwon River Loop are all scheduled for opening early in 2025.

Completion of these Surf Coast Shire Council projects promises to significantly enhance the town's Barwon Terrace riverside precinct as a place for healthy activity and family fun.

The \$8.2 million pool redevelopment is sure to provide a popular centrepiece, with new 25-metre and program pools, splash park and amenities.

"Council is proud to be delivering these important projects for Winchelsea community and the many visitors who pause to enjoy the beautiful Barwon River surrounds," Council Chief Executive Officer Robyn Seymour said.

"The new gathering space shelter and surrounds will also be reopened during November following landscaping including building of paths, garden beds and an access ramp from Barwon Terrace.

"Each of these projects has involved significant community input which has helped shape them. We thank community members for having provided valued input and look forward to the developments bringing health and recreational benefits for families and individuals for decades to come."

November project updates:

Pool:



- Tiling of the new 25m lap pool and leisure pool is underway and the base is constructed for the splash pad.
- Work on the plant room is almost complete and the new pavilion is taking shape.
- Contractors are preparing to pour concrete concourses around the pools before starting landscaping.
- The new pavilion and pool entry is being relocated to the south-east end of the site to better connect with the adjoining Adventure Play Space and gathering space shelter areas.
- The much-loved former pool was decommissioned in March having reached the end of its serviceable life after 60 years.
- The \$8.2 million redevelopment is being fully funded by Council under its asset renewal program.

Adventure Play Space:

- Construction of the exciting new Adventure Play Space is underway, promising fun times ahead for youngsters.
- The new space will include a flying fox with wheelchair access and accessible seat, elevated cubby pods and an embankment slide, incorporating with the existing

- playground, which is closed during the work..
- The project is supported by \$250,000 funding from Recreation Victoria and \$600,000 from Council.

Barwon River Loop:

- The loop north of the Princes
 Highway will link with an existing
 path to the south, creating a
 two-kilometre path connecting
 Winchelsea's four quadrants and
 better connecting the community
 with the river environment.
- A new bridge and two riverbank viewing platforms will soon be constructed, with installation scheduled for completion during February.
- The bridge will replace an existing culvert crossing and the platforms on both sides of the river will acknowledge Eastern Maar Country on the western bank and Wadawurrung Country on the eastern bank.
- The platforms will feature artwork designed by Eastern Maar Gulidjan artist Ebony Hickey and Wadawurrung artist Billy-Jay O'Toole.
- The project is supported by an allocation of \$330,000 from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

Find updates on Winchelsea, Moriac and surrounds projects via surfcoast.vic. gov.au/winchprojects



Winch House Agm Treasurer's Report 2023/2024

by Maddy Pearce, Treasurer

I would just like to reiterate again that whilst Neighbour Houses do receive some government funding, they are grossly underfunded, this leaves a 58% shortfall in covering the general running cost for Winch House that must be made up from other sources.

This is an almost insurmountable amount to find each year and all houses are struggling as running costs continue to increase and programs become more difficult to fund. Such as our Occasional Care program, although this service is desired and strongly supported by the community it still struggles each year to meet its financial demands and must be underpinned by the house.

So, whilst Winch House is a not-for-profit it is still imperative that it makes at least a small profit each year so it remains viable, enabling us to continue to deliver services and programs that are based on community needs and not profitability.

Last financial year the House closed with a surplus of just \$9834, which is literally just scrapping by, nevertheless we celebrated this figure relieved that we weren't in the red for a change. This year the house has closed with a surplus of \$31381, this is a fantastic result and shows we currently have a healthy balance between unprofitable and



profitable programs. Let's hope this equilibrium continues, however, there are several contributors to this surplus which are of uncertain future plus there are significant cost increases on the horizon such as childcare.

Also included in my report (available at Winch House) are copies of the EOY financials if anyone has any questions, please contact me, I am more than happy to go over these with you.

Winch House Agm Bookkeepers Report 2023/2024

by Jo Klemke, Bookkeeper

Thank you to Wendy and the Winchelsea Community for welcoming me to the Winchelsea Community House, I'm looking forward to working with you all and contributing to the wonderful initiatives and programs at the Community House.

I have successfully settled into my new role and have already begun

implementing several improvements. These include:

- Introducing automatic bank feeds and bulk electronic payments
- Creating bank rules in MYOB
- Saving source documents directly to the MYOB file

These changes are aimed at enhancing efficiency and streamlining processes. I am eager to continue implementing additional improvements that will benefit the entire team and support our collective goals.

Thank you once again for the warm welcome and support. I look forward to furthering our work together.



Listening Survey Closing Soon

Wannon residents have two more weeks to complete an online survey about what matters most to them at next year's federal election.

Alex Dyson's community independent campaign has been collecting feedback since August, with the survey set to close on 21 November.

Alex said more than 350 responses have been received so far with cost of living, affordable housing, climate action, accessible healthcare, better roads, and integrity in politics being top priorities for Wannon people. "Key issues raised so far include roads and public transport, financial pressures and access to housing and healthcare, particularly aged care.

"Genuine representation for the entire electorate, transparency and trust are also important to Wannon people."

Alex said the survey accompanied a listening tour across "the massive electorate of Wannon" during October and November. "Thank you to everyone who has come along to these sessions to have a chat about what's

important to them or some of the challenges facing their communities," he said.

"If you haven't been able to attend one of these sessions and want to let us know what your big issues are, what you're thinking about, the things you want people to prioritise, then hit up the listening survey.

"I'd love to hear what you want to see from a politician in federal parliament," he added.

"It's the easiest way to make sure your voice is heard and your priorities will be my platform."

He encouraged people to complete the survey at www.alexdysonindependent.com/listening survey



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11.00am - 12 noon

At the Winchelsea Shire Hall Collection tin for donations.

Tai Chi

Friday Mornings 9.00am – 10.00am In the Helen Verity Room, Winchelsea community house \$10 per session

Crochet Group

Every Second Saturday

1.30pm in the Winchelsea Community Centre

Next Group 16th Nov

\$5 per class, book your spot at reception@winchhouse.org.au

SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING IN WINCHELSEA!



AT THE WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL

November 29th
More Details to come...

We Need You!

COMMUNITY EVENTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are interested in getting involved please let reception know or email reception@winchhouse.org.au

Let us know if there is a Program, Activity or Event you would like to see at Winchelsea Community Centre or the Shire Hall.

The Winchelsea Community House aims to provide a space to connect with others in our community through a wide range of programs and activities.

There are many opportunities to learn new skills or further develop existing ones for fun, for your resume or for your confidence and mental health.





Winchelsea Star Feedback Meetings

You are invited to comle along to a monthly production meeting - with coffee of course - on the last Saturday of each month.

Your comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events are welcome - or simply to say Hi!

Next Winchelsea Star Production Meeting

Saturday 30 November 2024 9 - 10am

@ Sweet Thyme, Winchelsea



Editor - Judy Cameron Designer - Tony Phelps



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Community-Inspired Work Wins People's Choice Vote For Arts Calendar Cover

A linocut work inspired by artist Emily Wright's affection for her adopted Surf Coast Shire home will feature on the cover of the 2025 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar.

The work, titled 'Surf Coast Community', topped People's Choice Award voting during the 2025 Arts Calendar Exhibition at Anglesea Art Space.

While a judging panel chose the 12 works to feature with each of the 2025 calendar months, people were able to vote in-person and online for the work to feature on the cover.

Seventy-eight artists submitted works for the 2025 calendar, comprising six in the Child 12-and-under category, 13 in Youth 13-19yo, 49 in Open 2D and 10 in Open 3D.

Surf Coast Community Arts Calendars will be available free from early December from Council's municipal office in Merrijig Drive, Torquay, Visitor Information Centres, community houses and hubs.

See the list of distribution points and artists to feature during each of the calendar months via surfcoast.vic.gov. au/calendarcomp.







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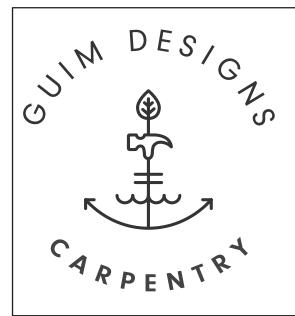
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Connecting the community: A tech free lifestyle

Hi Winchelsea, I'm Bek, 21 years old.

I wrote a short opinionated article about why the TV is bad for us in the Winch Star. Building on this theme, I'd like to propose an initiative that brings our community together, fostering meaningful connections and promoting a balanced lifestyle. Looking for people to come together to start a tech-free group for Winchelsea.

Here are some of the risks of Excessive Technology Use*

While technology has its benefits, the negative consequences are often overlooked. These include:

- Mental health concerns
- Body image issues
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Excessive shopping for things you dont need
- Reduced social interaction
- Physical health problems, such as chiropractic issues
- Radiation and blue light exposure from daily device use
- Introducing the Tech-Free

Community group

I suggest for people wanting to spend less time on technology, establishing a weekly tech-free gathering for individuals of all ages.

This initiative aims to reduce screen time and encourage community engagement. (whilst getting to know and meet new people) It will create a supportive environment where people can share interests, build relationships, and prioritize their well-being.

Activities and Schedule examples*

The group could have activities, SUCH AS:

- Monday: Walking Group (eg. 5:00-6:30 pm)
- Tuesday: gardening (eg 1-3)
- Wednesday: planting trees and picking up litter around Winch
- Thursday: Nature Photography in Winch

(these are just examples and I am open to suggestions) I am open to doing one full day of being tech free as well with people who are interested and want mark out a day on their calender to do

This group could be particularly beneficial for:

- Pensioners seeking engaging activities
- Individuals not in employment looking to optimize their free time & screen time
- Anyone seeking to minimize screen usage and cultivate healthier habits.

I invite community members to participate, committing to regular tech-free activities weekly. A diverse range of activities and schedules to suit all who want to have a healthier, stressfree lifestyle.

"Technology should improve your life, not become your life." - Billy Cox

Contact Information*

If you're interested in joining or contributing to this initiative, please contact me: Rebekah, at

ellenrebekah3@gmail.com or 0466600524

Looking for activity suggestions, please connect with me if you're interested in this idea! I cannot stress enough how much social media and technology can impact your mental health, and I wanted to share this with our community.

I look forward to building a healthier, more connected community with you.



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Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241 Services 9.30am Sundays

Thought for the Week

You who perceive yourself as weak, and frail, with futile hopes and devastated dreams, born but to die, to weep and suffer pain,hear this: all power is given to you in earth and heaven. There is nothing you cannot do.

John Bader, Former U/C Accredited Lay Preacher





Board director opportunities at Hesse Rural Health

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board director positions at **Hesse Rural Health**.

The positions start on 1 July 2025 and appointments are for up to three years.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for Victorians to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of health care for the Victorian community.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes diverse leadership of the health system that represents the variety of backgrounds and cultures of Victorian communities to enable the vision of achieving the best health, wellbeing and safety for everyone.

To build an empowered and engaged leadership across the health system, our priority areas are people of all ages, First Nations people, people who live with a disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people who identify as LGBTIQA+,

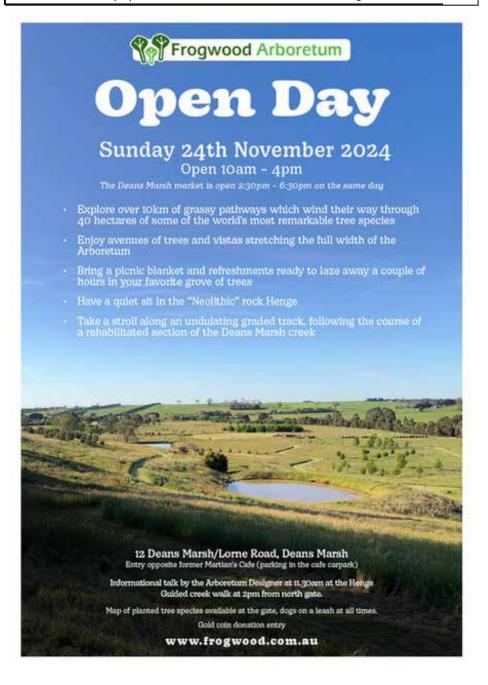
the promotion of gender equality and upholding human rights.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close at **midnight Sunday 24 November 2024.**

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

For all enquiries regarding the Board, please contact **Kate Lockhart, Executive Assistant** on (03) 5267 1200 or email: kate.lockhart@hesse.vic.gov.au



Textiles don't belong in your recycling bin.

Clothes, towels, linen, shoes and other textile items aren't accepted at the facilities that sort household recycling.

Consider giving away items that are in good condition, repurposing items that are damaged, or using specialised textile recycling services. If there's no other option, put them in your general rubbish bin (red lid).

A small act like recycling correctly makes a big impact.

Find out more: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/textiles



Medicinal Cannabis Driving Trial Starts

State goverment have announced the at METEC Driver Training in Bayswater.

The 18-month trial conducted by Swinburne University of Technology, will assist in understanding how THC in medicinal cannabis impacts driving performance and how this translates into risk on the road – with a regional trial track set to also begin in Anglesea.

Researchers will review participants' ability to manage distractions and assess their driving performance

including steering, braking and speed control.

A qualified driving instructor will be present in the vehicle at all phases of the driving assessments, with access to dual controls to intervene promptly if needed.

The private driving course mirrors real-world conditions and is away from public roads.

To qualify, participants must have been prescribed medicinal cannabis for a sleep disorder, chronic pain, or a mental health condition for at least six months. The trial will include pre and post-drive drug impairment screenings.

To learn more about the track trial, visit swinburne.edu.au/research.



VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program

Applications open Wednesday 13th November for the popular VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program, which teaches kids basic swimming skills as well as crucial water safety education at a subsidised cost of \$35 for a week of lessons.

Families with kids aged four to 12 can choose to enrol in five 30-minute lessons, which run over the course of a week, or four 35-minute lessons.

VICSWIM's learn-to-swim program has helped generations of kids learn the skills and water safety knowledge they need to stay safe in and around water – so they can enjoy their summers by the pool and near the ocean.

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Colac Hire

Amy and Chris Cone

When did you start trading?

Family Business which has been running for almost 50 years. Started by Peter and Margaret Riordan of Colac back in 1976

Why did you decide to start your business?

Peter and Margaret's daughter, Amy and husband Chris Cone purchased the business in 2016. Family circumstances allowed us the opportunity to take over the business.

Why did you choose to run your business in Winchelsea?

We are a Colac based business, we live in Winchelsea and often service the Winchelsea the community with a pick up and drop off service from our home when possible.

We love living in Winchelsea and the wide-open space. Love being able to come home to a slower pace and enjoy our garden.

What are some of challenges you encountered?

Like all small business resources, both human and supplies are often challenging

- Domestic and Commercial hire equipment
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Describe a typical day in your business?

Between managing 2 young school kids, Chris and Amy share the load daily and often tag team duties. Our full time workshop guy is fantastic and only to happy to help out when things get crazy! We Open at 7,30am and close at 5pm. Deliveries often take place before or after the shop opens, so the day can be long, but always full of excitement and twists and turns.

Best thing about Winchelsea?

The Sunsets, space for the kids and we love the Sunday Market and the local shopping strip.

One thing you would change in Winchelsea?

Nothing! It's a great town with an exciting future, We can't wait to watch it flourish.



Show Respect, Slow Down And | Abalone Thieves Collect Keep Our Roadworkers Safe

The Victorian Government is launching a new awareness campaign urging drivers to slow down, be patient and show respect when encountering workers on the state's roads.

Research from the Traffic Management Association of Australia revealed an increase in physical and verbal aggression towards roadworkers, including statistics showing that roadworkers are verbally assaulted on average once a week and will report one motorist refusing to stop once a fortnight.

The 'We're People Too' campaign will remind drivers that their actions can impact the physical and mental safety of Victorian roadworkers, and in some instances these actions can have deadly consequences.

The campaign will run across multiple media platforms between Sunday, 3 November and New Year's Eve - and will feature four Victorian roadworkers sharing details about their lives when they're away from the roadside.

The State Government recently launched the \$964 million road maintenance blitz, which is the state's largest ever single-year road maintenance investment – and roadworker crews will be completing thousands of projects on the network until mid-next year.

Drivers are asked to be patient and pay attention, including to temporary speed zones established around worksites to ensure roadworker safety. Penalties apply for not obeying reduced speed limits.

Thousands In Fines

The Lorne community is being praised by Fisheries Officers after information from the public led to the apprehension of 11 illegal fishers from two separate groups near Cathedral Rocks.

"Our Apollo Bay-based officers received reports of multiple groups of fishers allegedly collecting several species of shellfish, molluscs and crabs from the intertidal zone and during the abalone closed season for central Victorian waters," he said.

"Individuals will face fines of up to \$2,174 each for offences including taking abalone during the closed season, exceeding the abalone bag limit, taking molluscs from the intertidal zone, and exceeding the bag limit for red shore crabs.

Cathedral Rocks is within the Central Victorian Waters abalone zone, which opens on most weekends and public holidays from November 16 to April 30 every year.

"We're approaching peak season in areas like Lorne with snapper being caught off the rocks, Central Victorian abalone waters opening soon, and rock lobster season beginning on November 16, so the more eyes we have out there the better," he said. "We encourage anyone who sees or suspects illegal fishing to ring 13FISH to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. Callers can remain anonymous."

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The Climate Report



Judy Cameron

One question hangs over Cop29: how do you raise \$1tn to fight the climate crisis?

- extract from The Guardian article November 7

It's the trillion-dollar question: can the world's nations find the money needed to end the climate crisis? And it's the question at the top of the agenda as 198 parties gather at the 29th United Nations Conference of the Parties (Cop29) summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, next week.

Importantly, they largely agree that at least a trillion dollars a year needs to flow from rich nations to poorer ones to build the green new world and end the old one powered by fossil fuels. Unless that happens, everyone will suffer the ever deadlier impacts of global heating, such as the horrific floods in Spain last week.

Delivering the trillions of climate finance would also be a bargain because, as Simon Stiell, the UN's top climate official puts it, it is "a fraction of the costs every nation will pay if we allow the climate crisis to keep running rampant, devastating more and more lives and livelihoods every year." It is not simply that the world's nations can afford to beat the climate emergency – it's that they can't afford not to.

But the money exists, as does the technology. Now it is about the politics, and the pressure exerted on leaders by the people they represent. "Ultimately, it's a political decision to move the world forward to a safer place for our children and safer place for everyone," says Ani Dasgupta, head of the World Resources Institute.

Spain's apocalyptic floods show two undeniable truths: the climate crisis is getting worse and Big Oil is killing us

- extract from The Guardian article November 3

That should be the primary message at the UN Cop29 climate summit that opens in Baku next week because halting the combustion of gas, oil, coal and trees is the only way to stabilise the climate. For this to happen, we must fight the tendency to normalise scenes of disaster.

The unnatural disaster in Spain – Europe's deadliest flash floods in at least half a century – is evidence of two undeniable truths: the human-caused climate crisis is just starting to pick up ferocity, and we need to quickly kill the fossil fuel industry before it kills us.

We need to truly take in and respond to the horror of what the world is going through, and stop pretending we can carry on as usual.

Victoria's Zero Emissions Bus Fleet Plan

The Victorian State Government has unveiled its road map to transform Victoria's diesel bus fleet towards zero emissions.

The Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Plan will help guide how Victoria's diesel fleet will be progressively phased out and replaced by zero emission buses – as the state pushes towards a cleaner and more sustainable bus fleet.

The ZEB plan will also create opportunities for manufacturing across the state – setting a minimum 62 per cent local content requirement to allow small and medium Victorian enterprises to enter this growing supply chain.

From mid-2025, new buses ordered for the public fleet will be required to be zero emission.

The ZEB Transition Plan will see some operators begin the switch immediately to ZEBs, led by the larger operators in Melbourne and large regional centres, with many smaller operators – especially in regional areas – taking a more gradual approach.



New councillors for Colac Otway Shire Council

The following candidates were declared elected to Colac Otway Shire Council at the election held in October 2024.

- · SCHRAM, Jason (1st elected)
- POTTER, Chris (2nd elected)
- HUDGELL, Zoe (3rd elected)
- HOWARD, Phil (4th elected)
- BUCHANAN, Charlie (5th elected)
- McCRICKARD, Mick (6th elected)
- DE DEUGD, Chrissy (7th elected)

The councillors will represent their community on Colac Otway Shire Council until the next general council election in October 2028.



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WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINCHELSEA BANDS

"The Winchelsea Revellers" was the name of a Winchelsea Dance Band that operated from about 1924 until the late 1950's.

In 1924 Bill Nash started the first dance music by playing drums and a pianist (possibly Ethelwyn Richardson née Smith). Later Russell and George Mathison joined on bass and Cornet along with Vic Lloyd on violin. At this stage Wally Richmond, a saxophonist and clarinet player, came in as leader. Towards the end of 1931 Bill Nash retired and Hugh Knuckey joined the band. Albert Montefoire joined on tenor saxophone.



During 1934 Ted Deppeler became the pianist and in 1936 Harry Deppeler. John Taylor was playing guitar. After Harry left Geoff Law was the pianist with George and Russ Mathison and when Hugh Knuckey was in the army Clark McConachy played the drums. Keith Clifton and Lloyd Hickman both played piano.

In 1963 Brian Taylor was on piano and John Knuckey on drums.

In 1965 Dennis Knuckey was lead guitar and vocalist, Rob Knuckey bass guitar and Harry Schroeter on rythum guitar.

Brian Blackett joined the Winchelsea School Concert Band in 1980 when it was still a higher elementary school. He oversaw the formation of two school bands and two community bands. A concert band was created in 1984. The group also held a debutante ball every second year to help raise funds and performed at school Bandfests.



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Showcasing Sustainable Transport for the Future

The Bellarine is set to host its first EV & e-Bike Expo on Sunday 17 November.

With transportation being a major contributor to emissions, transitioning to electric vehicles and e-bikes is essential to reducing our carbon footprint and reducing our emissions as a region.

Event Highlights:

- EV and e-Bike Displays
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The event is free, and attendees are encouraged to register in advance through Humanitix at events.humanitix.com/bellarine-ev-and-eb-expo

Date: Sunday 17 November 2024

Time: 1 - 4pm

Location: Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street, Drysdale

The Great Ocean Road Community Needs Your Support This Christmas

Dig deep for the Salvos Christmas Appeal to help give hope to those in need

The Salvation Army is launching its annual Christmas Appeal in the Great Ocean Road region allowing The Salvos to help those in the local community who are struggling during the Christmas season.

The cost-of-living crisis has been intensifying, with more Australians reaching out to The Salvation Army for support. This means that The Salvos' Christmas Appeal is vitally important this year, as its aim to raise \$27 million nationally.

"Christmas is the busiest time of year for The Salvos, and this year we expect the need in the community to be immense. For many, celebrating Christmas might seem out of reach due to the rising cost of living, with some on the brink of homelessness and others fighting to pay the bills. The Salvation Army want to be there to support those in need this Christmas and give people

the Christmas they deserve. Whether it is practical support like food or presents, or if you are feeling down or lonely this Christmas, please reach out to us at The Salvos," says Major Warren Elliot the Salvation Army's External



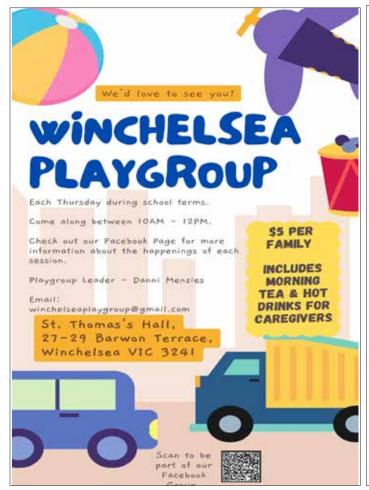
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There are many ways that you can partner with The Salvos to support your community this Christmas, including lending a hand, donating products such as gifts and food, or offering a financial donation to the Christmas Appeal. The Salvation Army also host a number of special community celebrations during the festive season.

During the Christmas period last year, thanks to the generosity of the Australian public, The Salvation Army nationally:

- received over 330,000 gifts and toys for families who might otherwise have gone without,
- provided over 184,000 meals to those experiencing homelessness,
- and provided more than 92,000 bed nights for families in need of accommodation during the festive season.*

To find out about local Christmas event information, to donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, or if you need support from The Salvos, please visit salvationarmy.org.au or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). Donations can also be made at any Salvos Store.





Councillors Chosen

by Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor

The results for this year's council elections for Surf Coast Shire have finally been announced by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) and made official. 4 new faces, and 5 re-elected;

Otway Range Ward

Libby Stapleton, returned Leon Walker, new Mike Bodsworth, returned

Torquay Ward

Liz Pattison, returned Rebecca Bourke, new Paul Barker, returned

Winchelsea Ward

Joel Grist, new Tony Phelps, new Adrian Schonfelder, returned

All councillors now need to go through a 2-week induction at the shire offices in Torquay, during which a new mayor is



elected. One of the first orders of business will be a new (and mandatory) 4-year Council Plan, and community (your!) input will kicking off very soon apparently. It will be interesting to see if and how council directions and priorities change as the Council Plan is developed (should be 'done' by July 2025). Be sure to take your opportunities to feed into it, including contacting councillors directly.

With a touch under 84% of people sending in a vote, that means around 1700 people will need to explain why they didn't vote. An almost-literal silver lining (for those who voted, at least!) is that the \$99 fine goes to Surf Coast Shire coffers.

I would personally like to thank all those that helped me in my quest, and



didn't make it. There is much misunderstanding about the role of councillor, and as a public office it certainly seems to generate some undue and unfair attention, so it is a big step to announce candidacy. I'm looking forward to representing Surf Coast Shire and the Winchelsea Ward in particular. Well done and congratulations to all the new 4-year term's councillors, I look forward to working together.

I would also like to personally thank departing councillors Heather Wellington and Rose Hodge, who leave big shoes to fill. They've been very accessible to our communities over the years, and they have shown by example how to put their views across and hold constructive 'robust debate' with integrity.

Watch this space for future articles, I'm keen to open up 2-way communication between the community and those they've chosen to represent them in local government. Contact details will be sorted out next week (email, phone, etc). In the meantime feel free to join me on Facebook at facebook.com/tonvphelps4winchelseaward



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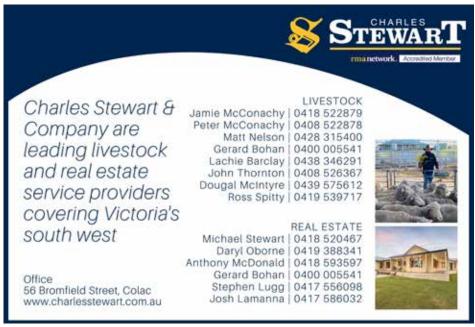
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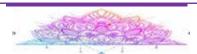
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After training in pools with our new snorkelling equipment funded by the Surf Coast Shire, 1st Modewarre Scout Group Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers went to Indented Head and snorkelled around the Ozone Wreck. Building on this, the Scouts were recently treated to a 3 hour snorkelling adventure with Sea All Dolphin Swims at Queenscliff.

Arriving early, we were fitted into our thick 5mm wetsuits, flippers and masks and then taken aboard their boat, 'Maureen'. It was a beautiful Sunday, with a flat sea and gentle sunshine, as we moved around looking for Burranan dolphins. The Scouts were spread out as spotters on the roof, on the bow, on the deck and out on the net which hung from one side of the boat. Unfortunately, there were no sightings, so the crew took us to Pope's Eye where the Australian Fur Seals and largest Australian diving seabird, the Australian Gannets 'hang out'. We all jumped into the water – and thank goodness for the thick wetsuits! There were quite a few seals sitting up on the rocks, and more in the water swimming around and below us. The area close to Pope's Eye is shallower, with sea grasses inhabited by colourful fish. It was quite magical.

Snorkelling around to the other side of Pope's Eye, we could see the Gannets, including 2 large, fluffy chicks. After some time watching them, and the fish below us, we clambered back onto the boat. Once it had move a little way off Pope's Eye, we were invited to climb up onto the roof of the boat and jump off into the sea. One of the instructors was in the sea encouraging us. It was loads of fun!

We then played 'Duck Wash' where the Captain sped up the boat until it produced some wash, and in pairs, with an instructor, we hung off the back platform in the white water. It, too, was fun! Once we had all had a turn and were back on

board, we were served morning tea while we searched again for dolphins.

We found them!!! They were moving pretty fast to start with. When they slowed down, it was a mad scramble onto the ropes floating out the back of the boat. We could see them under the water, with a couple coming right up to and under us. As they started moving again, we climbed back on board, and watched them from viewpoints there. There were at least 6, including a smaller one. We watched 3 of them leap together out of the water several times. It was very special.

As our morning finished, we returned to the dock where we peeled off our wetsuits and thanked the wonderful staff who had provided us with such a wonderful experience.

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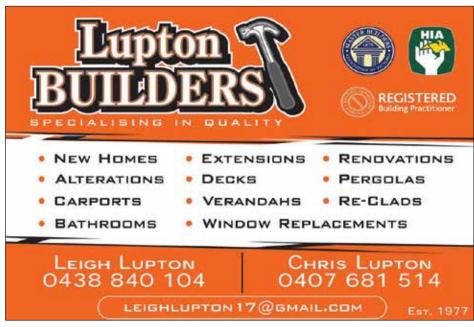
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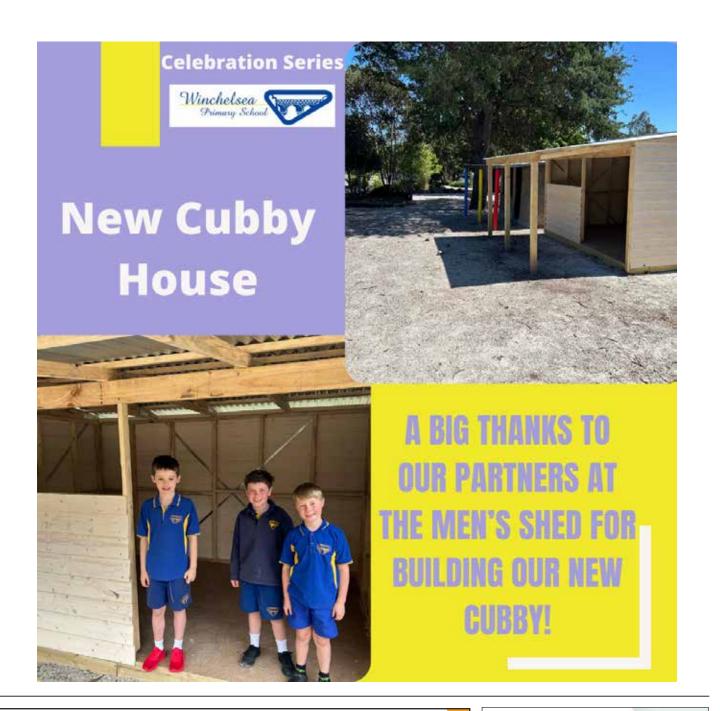
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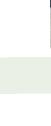
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