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**Quolls are back in Victoria, thanks to successful breeding programs. You can see them not far from here at Mount Rothwell and a bit further on at Dondunnell.**

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The reason why the Men's Shed made us a nesting box to attract a pair of Paragrine Falcons to the Barwon River.

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in Winchelsea  
**April-May 2025**  
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**Want to go shopping at Waurm Ponds? Can't drive?**  
**Take the community bus.**  
**It picks up and drops off at your door.**



## Shopping and a Cuppa at Waurm Ponds Shopping Centre for Winchelsea Seniors Card Holders.

**Do you find it difficult getting in and out of Geelong to do your shopping?**

Would you like to meet and connect with other Winchelsea Seniors and do your shopping or have a cuppa?

**We have some new dates:**

- **Wednesday 30 April** contact Jill on 0427 633 277 to book your seat
- **Wednesday 21 May** contact Neil on 0408 102 802 to book your seat
- **Wednesday 28 May** contact Jill on 0427 633 277 to book your seat
- **Wednesday 11 June** contact Neil on 0408 102 802 to book your seat
- **Wednesday 25 June** contact Jill on 0427 633 277 to book your seat

**More dates to come for July and August**

**Time:** Pick up from your home between 9am and 10am, leave Waurm Ponds at 1.30pm and drop off at your home. You will get a reminder call.

**Vehicle:** 12-seater Surf Coast Shire Council community bus so spots are limited!

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

\*Must have a Seniors Card to be eligible.



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## Cutting the cost of home insulation

### State Government

From early 2026, the Government is helping slash energy bills by around \$400 a year with discounts on ceiling insulation through the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program. This will halve ceiling insulation install costs of \$3,000 to \$1,500

Insulation works by acting as a barrier to heat flow, making homes more comfortable year-round, reducing energy consumption, and lowering heating and cooling costs.

Almost 60 percent of homes in Victoria have no ceiling insulation or are under-insulated. 200,000 households with no insulation will be eligible for the first stage of the discount, with those topping-up eligible later.

To date, the VEU program has helped more than 170,000 businesses and 2.4 million households upgrade their appliances and equipment, slashing more than \$440 million dollars off energy bills.





# Do you know Kooka?

Mick O'Mara

Some time ago a bedraggled kookaburra landed on the deck at our Dicksons Rd property. She had a wing that did not fold properly on her back. However, she could fly OK. When she first started paying us visits, she was very hungry to the point that she would take food out of my hand. She still does! We give her food sparingly as we don't want her to become dependent on us for her food.

Then her partner and baby arrived. They were nowhere as confident as Kooka was in their relationship with people and there was no taking of food out of my hand.


My guess is that Kooka was perhaps injured and was cared for by some human. That is possibly the reason she does not fear people. We rarely see Partner and Baby now, but Kooka presents herself most days. It doesn't always work but she arrives hopefully.

Baby was very interesting. He/She did not have the adult kookaburra laugh. Instead, she has a wheezy gurgle. However, She/He is a very adept flyer and could fly down and help her/himself to any food that was left about.




I would be curious to know if Kooka is/was a visitor to other properties around Winchelsea. Is my guess she was hit by a car and someone saved her correct?


You can leave a message at 0427 672295 if you have any information



Invitation to our third webinar in the series  
**A Nature Positive Future for the Barwon River System**


**UNDERGROUND WATERWAYS: WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT GROUNDWATER - WEBINAR**





**15th May 2025**  
**12 - 1:00 pm**

Associate Professor Peter Dahlhaus:  
Principal Research Fellow,  
Federation University



Alex Murray: Senior Manager Water Licensing  
Policy, Department of Energy, Environment  
and Climate Action

## Underground waterways: Why should we care about groundwater - Webinar Invitation: 12:00pm - 15th May 2025

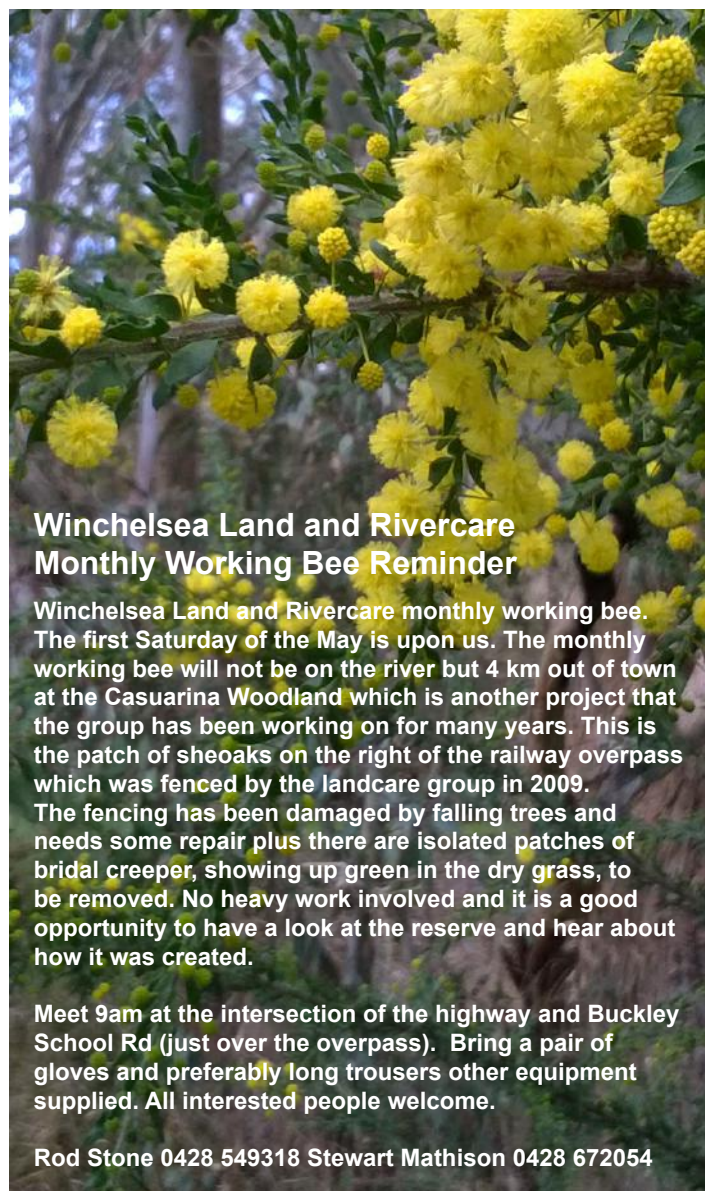
Friends of the Barwon invite you to join us for the third in our Nature Positive Future for the Barwon River System Webinar.

In Part 3, our presenters share their extensive knowledge of ground water systems, including:

- how groundwater interacts with rivers and supports waterway ecosystems
- the broad threats to, and issues around, groundwater systems with examples from south-west Victorian catchments
- progress and future plans for 'Groundwater Management 2030, Victoria's priorities for Groundwater Water Management'.

To join the webinar: you need to get the Microsoft Teams link by registering through Humanitix:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/why-should-we-care-about-groundwater>

Please register in advance of the event.



## Winchelsea Land and Rivercare Monthly Working Bee Reminder

Winchelsea Land and Rivercare monthly working bee. The first Saturday of the May is upon us. The monthly working bee will not be on the river but 4 km out of town at the Casuarina Woodland which is another project that the group has been working on for many years. This is the patch of sheoaks on the right of the railway overpass which was fenced by the landcare group in 2009. The fencing has been damaged by falling trees and needs some repair plus there are isolated patches of bridal creeper, showing up green in the dry grass, to be removed. No heavy work involved and it is a good opportunity to have a look at the reserve and hear about how it was created.

Meet 9am at the intersection of the highway and Buckley School Rd (just over the overpass). Bring a pair of gloves and preferably long trousers other equipment supplied. All interested people welcome.

**Rod Stone 0428 549318 Stewart Mathison 0428 672054**





# We have a nesting box to attract a pair of Peregrine Falcons

## Corellas by the Barwon River

### Growing Winchelsea

All eyes are on Winchelsea as we trial innovative ways to manage our Corella problem. Over the past few months you may have noticed some remedial work occurring to the trees by the Barwon River near the bridge, together with understory planting and weed control.

Last Wednesday Barwon Terrace was abuzz with a hive of activity all in the name of placing a nesting box atop a stone pine. It is hoped the nesting box, made by the Winchelsea Men's Shed, will attract a pair of Peregrine Falcons to regularly use the nesting site as they hunt Corellas.

The nesting box is now securely attached to the tree with its own balcony for the falcons to view their beautiful surrounds and even includes some safety mesh to catch any young chicks should they venture too far from their snug nesting box. The base of the box is lined with fine gravel for the Falcon to lay its eggs in, which also helps to keep the eggs warm when the Falcon goes off to hunt.

"It was exciting to see a bird of prey flying along the river and scaring a large flock of Corellas as the tree works were taking place. We are sure that it's a sign of things to come!" said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

The Trial in flight: long term collaborative corella deterrence strategy is supported by the Victorian Government through the Corella Management Grants Program 2024, as an implementation action of the Victoria Corella Strategy 2022-2032.



Leanne Rolfe, Biodiversity Officer, SCS,  
Graham Kenafacke, Growing Winchelsea,  
Naida Hutton, Winchelsea Arboretum Trail,  
John Knuckey, Corella Project Steering Group Member,  
Bree Lord, Senior Open Space Planner,  
Peter Wilson, Landscape Architect

Last week Landscape Architect Pete Wilson visited Winchelsea to meet representatives of the Project Steering Group to gain input into the Landscape Concept Plan for CWA Park and the highway avenue, where a mix of trees will eventually replace the existing Elms. Corellas like open space so this plan seeks to increase plantings while maintaining the space as a community park.

Corella management is a complex issue and many management strategies implemented by councils across eastern Australia have had limited effect. The most widely accepted and effective long-term strategy is to discourage the birds from establishing a permanent roost site during the summer months.

Changing the local environment, to reduce open spaces and increase lower level planting of trees and shrubs that provide a visual barrier from danger, makes the birds uncomfortable and unwilling to stay. Encouraging the presence of natural predators such as birds of prey will also create an unsafe area and deter birds from roosting.

Surf Coast Shire is trialling a long-term strategy of habitat reduction, modification and replacement, in line with council's aspirations to protect the urban forest and habitat for the future.

"This project is a collaborative one - working with the local community – Growing Winchelsea, Winchelsea Arboretum Trail, Winchelsea Men's Shed and Winchelsea Land & Rivercare - and the Shire's open space and environment teams to renew, replace and modify the environment at a key roosting site along the Barwon River to deter roosting" continues John.



Nesting Box Installed Aspect Tree Services

Funding of \$45,375 was received with the project due to conclude 30 September 2025, however planting works will continue beyond this date. While the project is intended to benefit the community of Winchelsea, the research outcomes potentially will benefit people throughout Victoria and beyond.

"It is important we trial different approaches to managing corellas. Other towns are looking with interest at how we are tackling this issue. Over the coming months keep your eye out for a family of peregrine falcons who have also moved to our great community." concludes John.



Leanne Rolfe, Ray King & Ray Atkinson with nesting box





# The Fall and Rise of the Eastern Quoll

CJ Hooper



The history of the Eastern Quolls represents a pretty intense example of the early clash between European agriculture and native Australian wildlife.

Early colonisers made life a lot easier for Quolls, bringing with them chickens, who make good eating, are easy to catch, and hence greatly improve Quolls' quality of life, inducing a baby-boom that to the colonisers represented an unappreciated double-whammy.

Tiger Quolls are, amongst other things, stealthy nocturnal hunters - and pretty good at it. They also bite through chicken wire and tunnel underground with ease, representing a destructive pest for anyone attempting to maintain chickens, demanding expensive control measures.

Coop reinforcement technology was spectacularly ineffective against the Tiger Quolls. Later colonisers turned to tried and true technologies from the mother-country - steel-jawed traps, strychnine poisoning, shooting, bounties, which in conjunction with habitat destruction, new diseases and introduced predators, comprehensively pushed back the Tiger Quoll and contemporary species. Even worse, they introduced the extinction programmes for which Australia is so (in)famous.

One such species, (illustrated here), is the Eastern Quoll, considered functionally extinct from Winchelsea to Colac and beyond. Their vital role in soil ecology and biodiversity has been sorely missed, but luckily, the measures were not quite so effective in Tasmania where Eastern Quoll numbers remain relatively intact, effectively constituting a breeding programme for mainland reintroduction.

In 2002, a number of these tasmanian Eastern Quolls were reintroduced to the Mount Rothwell Biodiversity Centre in Little River. Since then, hundreds of have been bred on the mainland.

Over three trials 2016-2018 in Mulligans Flat, ACT, 60 Eastern Quolls were reintroduced in an attempt to restore the Box Gum woody grasslands. In 2018-2019, 20 Eastern Quolls were reintroduced to Booderee National Park in NSW. A supplementary

feeding programme was established to support them. Last year, 12 Eastern Quolls were released onto Tiverton sheep station in Dundonnell in Victoria. It was a collaborative effort involving the traditional owners, the Eastern Maar people, and conservation group Odonata.

Also last year, the Minister for the Environment coordinated government agencies, conservation organisations and private contributors in creating a high-tech protective environment in Booderee Park to safely reintroduce a further 19 Eastern Quolls to the Eastern seaboard, and more particularly, further formalise Eastern Quoll status and their protection.

While the Eastern Quoll is still classified as "extinct in the wild" on the mainland by some conservation authorities, the efforts of many have made this not completely so - constituting genuine grounds for hope of their return to business as usual.

## Wikipedia

*Quolls are carnivorous marsupials native to Australia and New Guinea. They are primarily nocturnal, and spend most of the day in a den. Of the six species of Quoll, four are found in Australia and two in New Guinea.*

*Quolls evolved around 15 million years ago. The six species vary in weight and size, from 300g to 7 kg. They have brown or black fur and pink nose. They are largely solitary, but come together for social interactions, such as mating, which occurs during winter. A female gives birth to up to 30 pups, but the number that can be raised to adulthood is limited by the number of teats. They have a life span of 1–5 years.*

*Quolls eat smaller mammals, small birds, lizards, and insects. All species have drastically declined in numbers since Australasia was colonised by Europeans, with one species, the Eastern Quoll, becoming extinct on the Australian mainland in the 1960s. Major threats to their survival include the toxic cane toad, predators such as feral cats and foxes, urban development, and poison baiting. Conservation efforts include captive breeding programs and reintroductions.*






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## Win-Win Community Action Network ( CAN)

### Local Value, Local Flavour

hypha culture

Richard Lockie

Dream Big.

*What do we as Winchelsea represent?  
Where are we at? What do we have to offer?  
What are our needs?  
What can we do with our waste that brings a return  
back to our community?  
What systems can we put in place to support resilience?  
Where would we like to see Reconciliation being  
at this point in time?  
What could it mean to live in honour on Country?  
How do we exchange value?*

Winchelsea is a farming town in a position of growth and new connection. The red river gum roots grow deep, a border town between two Nations and two Countries.

First rabbits and foxes.

*First test cricket game? First, anything else?  
We have a future to first into. What's next?*

What makes Victoria stand out to me as a state is the natural farming and healthy land practices. Biodynamic farming and gardening from Europe was integrated to the aussie commercial farmers by Alex Podolinsky in the late 50's he started the BD association in Victoria.

This tells of his Life:

<https://www.theorganicplace.com.au/the-life-of-alex-podolinsky/>

This explains more about biodynamic farming:

<https://demeterbiodynamic.com.au/about/>

Permaculture, a global design phenomenon, was born here with some inspiration for the Biodynamic model.

Bill Mollison and David Holmgren.

<https://holmgren.com.au/permaculture/permaculture-network/>

Regenerative farming has some leaders in the field also in Victoria and looks to be gaining a strong global voice.

<https://regenfarmers.com.au/>

<https://cvrf.com.au/about-us/>

*What does all this mean for our town and area?*

*How do we get that information to our farmers and gardeners in a realistic way? Across time that builds connections and ancours knowledge.*

An annual event that we host as a town. Guest speakers.

Markets. It would take bringing all the local groups together to achieve a goal but the outcome would be enriching.

The annual event might look like a harvest festival, with markets and performers along the river.



There are other annual events around Victoria that the towns hosting would benefit from. Lost trades, off grid living. That was a big dream that might never happen but better to share it than keep it locked up. This is a function of the Win-Win CAN.

A smaller dream might be building a community vegetable garden next to the Church on Barwon Terrace. Only needing a small team to achieve it. A bit of fund raising for materials and a committed gardener or group who can manage it.

Win-Win CAN offers a place to dream and act together.

Enough dreaming for now. Back to building them.

Stayed tuned as "Hypha" the food van takes shape.

Tea is on the horizon!

Stay connected.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574933207806>

Win-Win CAN



**Richard Lockie** met Brie Frost his wife in rural Malawi building a community center. After a couple years in Africa they came to live here as her mother lives in Bambra.

Richard was born in KwaZulu-Natal South Africa and grew up in Manicaland, Zimbabwe. He enjoyed a free upbringing with show jumping, rugby, and motor bikes. It was a small town and a good school. They were blessed. He went to Capetown for fine art school, then travelled overseas. Richard completed an apprenticeship as a biodynamic farmer and managed an organic herb farm. He completed it was a, Sangoma ndiki ndawu as a traditional healer. Richard loves life and being in service to community through systems thinking and action. He also loves to dance, to dig in the earth and share a meal, and to host gatherings and bring people together. Karate is a great sport he is loving and found in Winchelsea.









# Town of Winchelsea Electoral division of Wannon

## Federal election this Saturday, May 3

Local polling booths open at 8am and close at 6pm.

Winchelsea PS Leisure Centre - Gosney St  
Winchelsea Senior Citizens Hall- 36-40 Harding St  
Moriac Primary School - 785 Hendy Main Rd  
Deans Marsh Public Hall - 10 Pennyroyal Valley Rd  
Inverleigh Primary School - 54 High St

**The House of Representatives** green ballot paper for Wannon looks like this:

	1. <b>Alex Dyson</b> , Independent
	2. <b>Lee-Ann Elmes</b> , Family First
	3. <b>Kate Gazzard</b> , Greens
	4. <b>Julie Ann Mccamish</b> , Trumpet of Patriots
	5. <b>Robbie Swan</b> , Legalise Cannabis Party
	6. <b>Leo Curtain</b> , Pauline Hanson's One Nation
	7. <b>Dan Tehan</b> , Liberal
	8. <b>Fiona Mackenzie</b> , Labor
	9. <b>Bernadine Atkinson</b> , Independent

You must fill in every square for your vote to be valid.

Choose the candidate, or Party, that most represents your values as your first choice, then the others accordingly. Our preferential voting system gives you the chance to say who you want to win the election and who you don't.

You will be offered suggested How To Vote cards by representatives of the candidates. I note some parties don't show the candidate's party, or if the candidate is an Independent, so I suggest you do your homework.

More information on the candidates can be found on the ABC website: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2025/guide/wann>

**I reached out to the House of Reps candidates for Wannon for a photo, bio and why they were standing so we could compare them without relying on pamphlets or ads on social media and TV. Only Alex Dyson responded. Some candidates provided NO information how to contact them!**



### The Senate white ballot paper.

You need to either:

- number at least six boxes **above the line** for the parties or groups of your choice, OR
- number at least 12 boxes **below the line** for individual candidates of your choice.

The 65 candidates standing for the six Senate positions in Victoria will be spread over 21 groups!

### GROUP

- Liberal/The Nationals
- Legalise Cannabis Party
- Animal Justice Party
- Indigenous - Aboriginal Party of Australia
- Australia's Voice
- FUSION | Planet Rescue | Whistleblower Protection | Innovation
- Group G (Socialist Equality Party failed to get registration)
- Trumpet of Patriots
- Australian Labor Party
- Family First
- Pauline Hanson's One Nation
- Australian Democrats
- Victorian Socialists
- Sustainable Australia Party - Universal Basic Income
- Gerard Rennick People First / HEART Party
- Libertarian
- The Greens
- Citizens Party
- Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party
- Group T (some disaffected Labor members).
- Ungrouped ( 8 single Independents)

A brief guide to what the minors stand for -

**Legalise Cannabis Party** – advocate for the legalisation and regulation of cannabis for personal, medicinal and industrial use.

**Animal Justice Party** – against any lethal methods for controlling animal populations; ending 'factory farming' and live animal exports; a move to regenerative farming; support clean energy.

**Indigenous - Aboriginal Party of Australia** – restore the health of rivers; direct political representation; end to Indigenous incarceration except for serious offences and rehabilitation to be prioritised; Indigenous-run schools; no development that harms sacred sites.

**Australia's Voice** – founded by Senator Fatima Payman after resigning from the ALP over recognition of Palestinian statehood; limit negative gearing and reduce the capital gains tax discount to





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fund social housing; a banking code of conduct and establish a public bank.

**FUSION | Planet Rescue | Whistleblower Protection | Innovation** - Fusion of the former Science, Pirate, Vote Planet and Secular parties —transition to negative carbon emissions; a universal basic income; expand Medicare; abolish stamp duty; reduce migration.

**Group G** (Socialist Equality Party failed to get registration) – redirect military funding to public hospitals, schools and other social services.

**Trumpet of Patriots** – Trump-like; cut immigration; withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, the World Health Organisation and the United Nations.

**Family First** - ban teaching on LGBTQ issues in schools; ban public servants using pronouns in email signatures; wind back antivivification laws; a stronger safety net for the poor; repeal of voluntary assisted dying laws; wind back of abortion access; a pause to “Muslim immigration”.

**Pauline Hanson's One Nation** - reduce Australia's refugee intake; withdraw from the UN Refugee Convention and the Paris climate agreement; redirect & reduce foreign aid, abolish the National Indigenous Australians Agency; suspend GST on building materials; limit abortion access.

**Australian Democrats** – revived after deregistration in 2016; says it acts without partisan or vested interests.

**Victorian Socialists** - “radical reorganisation of society” in the areas of wealth inequality, housing and workers' rights.

**Sustainable Australia Party** - Universal Basic Income - reduce immigration and limit development; abolish negative gearing; universal basic income of \$500 a week.

**Gerard Rennick People First / HEART Party** - end to all “no jab, no play” policies; remove fluoride from water; raise the tax-free threshold, cut the corporate tax rate; scrap franking credits; make superannuation voluntary; reduce the number of work visas.

**Libertarian** - lower taxes; repeal section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act; enshrining free speech in the Constitution. (Leading the party's ticket is Jordan Dittloff, who was jailed for defrauding nearly \$280,000 from clients through his Colac travel agency in 2014-15.)

**Citizens Party** - creation of a public bank through Australia Post; oppose the AUKUS security pact; ease tensions with China. (have claimed human-driven climate change is alarmist pseudoscience)

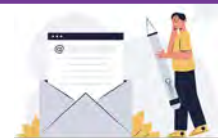
**Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party** – no restrictions on farmers clearing vegetation on their land; expand the live export trade, recreational fishing and mining; clamp down on foreign investment; prioritise water conservation for agriculture; stronger free speech and privacy protections; review the 1996 National Firearms Agreement.

**Group T** - more Medicare-funded mental health sessions, a transition to 100 percent renewable energy by 2030 and greater investment in affordable housing.

**Ungrouped** (8 single Independents)

**Happy voting, get your democracy sausage and good luck to us all!**

Polling officials at the polling place are available to help you. If you make a mistake on a ballot paper, you may return it to the polling official who issued it and receive a fresh one.



## Letter to the Editor

Vote For Democracy

Here in Wannon, we regularly vote in somebody to present our majority views in parliament. A vote in parliament then decides our future. The wishes of the majority of Australians are then made law or otherwise acted upon. That's how democracy works.

I suspect most of us are glad we don't live in Russia, China or North Korea where “The Party” decides what your wishes are and democracy is a myth.

Our upcoming federal election is not about electing a politician. It's about preserving our democracy!

These days, within both major parties, elected “representatives” are simply told what to do and what to say by “The Party”. It's all about towing the Party line. Now if that's what majority voters want, that's fine.

But what if voters want something different to what the major parties are offering? Then there are usually smaller parties or independents we can turn to.

And there's the problem!

The two major parties have joined forces to change the rules so that it will be extremely difficult for minor parties and independents to represent us. The Juice Media reveals the plot in a 3 minute video.

Check out: [www.youtube.com/user/thejuicemedia](https://www.youtube.com/user/thejuicemedia) and select: “Our Last Fair Election?”. (Warning: some coarse language)

Thankfully, the changes to these rules can't come into effect till after this election. So this election is our one and only chance to ensure we don't slide into a situation where “The Party” decides our fate forever more.

**Peter Koster, Ombersley**

*Editor's note: The views expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the Winchelsea Star.*





## Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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### WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

#### JUNIOR COACHING

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with experienced Nicole Mullen, \$10

#### RUNNING GROUP

Winchelsea has a small run group. Its more of a social run, jog and chat. We wait for slower runners and walk when one of us needs a rest. The aim is 10k with the option of 8 or 5k it's up to you. To finish, a coffee at La Hoot.

**Sunday mornings 8am at La Hoot.**

### LIONS CLUB

#### Recycled compressed paper logs

Great for wood burners, fires and fire pits. Burn for over an hour, ash great for gardens, no chainsaw needed.  
Pack of 4 logs \$5, small rolls \$2  
Contact Alan 0476 47522

### CUBS AND JOEYS

For information, or to get involved, contact Marie McPadden 0409330147 or [mcpadden630@bigpond.com](mailto:mcpadden630@bigpond.com)

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre  
Wed 7-830pm or Thurs 10-11.30am  
All equipment supplied  
Wear suitable footwear  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

#### Welcomes girls 6-15 yrs

Mondays, 4.30pm-6pm during school term  
St John's Catholic Church Winchelsea  
Guiding provides fun, friendship, and adventure. Developing teamwork, and leadership skills, whilst girls achieve goals, improve communities and grow in confidence.

3 FREE sessions to come along and try.  
Yvonne Orchard ph 0448 672 630  
or Lily Dell Rennie ph 0428 936 441

### WINCHELSEA OP SHOP

Winchelsea Op Shop is accepting donations again.

Thanks for your ongoing support  
Winchelsea and community.  
Don't forget our specials, bag of children's clothes \$5.

Books, puzzles, CDs all 1/2 price still.  
Opening hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Monday, 10 till 3.

### DEFIBRILLATOR MISSING

The newly installed Defibrillator outside the Netball change rooms has been missing for some weeks. If it could be replaced asap that would be great, no questions asked.

These Defibrillators save lives

### RURAL RESILIENCE + SMALL BUSINESS DROP IN SESSION

730am – 1.30pm, Friday 2 May,  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

To register <https://www.Surfcoast.Vic.Gov.Au/community/businesses/better-business-skills-Workshops-Events/Event-Rural-resilience>



Social Bridge is played  
**TUESDAYS 10 AM - 12 NOON**  
Senior Citizens Centre  
36 Harding Street Winchelsea  
**New players always welcome**  
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

## Geelong Sustainability - the Community Power Hub

Emma Chessell

Free, independent energy advice for local not for profit orgs in the region, including in Geelong. This can help cut running costs, and also reduce emissions if that is of interest. Our assessments often identify substantial savings through tariff adjustment alone.

Help with:

- bill and tariff assessment
- energy audits
- cost benefit assessment on solar, getting off gas, etc
- help with finding and assessing quotes.

We can also provide a no-interest loan to fund projects in many cases.

If this service may be helpful - feel free to get in touch.

More information about the program can be found here  
<https://www.geelongsustainability.org.au/project/cph/>

## WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL

FULL DAY (UP TO 12AM)  
\$300

HALF DAY (UP TO 5 HOURS)  
\$160

\$45 HOURLY RATE

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 28 Hesse Street, PO BOX 75, WINCHELSEA, Vic. 3241  
**Phone:** (03) 5267 2028 **Email:** manager@winchhouse.org.au  
**ABN:** 48 932 340 254

# Yoga & Pilates

## At the Winchelsea Shire Hall

### Vinyasa Yoga Mondays 7pm

Join Kate for pose alignment, pranayama, meditation, yoga philosophy & mindful movement.

### Mat Pilates Thursday Nights 7pm \*Starting May 15th

Guided movement that supports strength and postural alignment, with a strong focus on flexibility, balance and the mind-body connection. Move with intention, build resilience, and feel more at home in your body.

### Yoga Flow Saturday Mornings 8am

Lisa provides an inclusive, all abilities class. Build strength, clarity and bliss as you move through a dynamic whole body experience. A playful, powerful class that leaves you feeling refreshed and uplifted.

**First Class is FREE**



Select a class pass for lower per class rate. Choose which classes you want to attend and when with complete flexibility. End of 2025 expiry.

**10 Class Pass**  
\$190

**5 Class Pass**  
\$105

**3 Class Pass**  
\$69

**Casual Class**  
\$25

## Working or studying remotely and need a quiet place to focus?

The Winchelsea Shire Hall is Open to the public Mondays & Thursdays 9am - 2pm as a community Co-Working & Study Space, including school holidays.  
 No Bookings required.

Only \$10 casual rate, no subscription.  
 Customizable space, great Broadband internet, Coffee & Tea provided.



### **Tai Chi**

**Friday Mornings, 9.00am – 10.00am**

In the Helen Verity Room,  
 Winchelsea community house  
**\$10 per session**

### **Winchelsea Knitting Group**

**Thursday Mornings 10.30 – 12pm**

All welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on whilst enjoying a cuppa and a chat.



Flexible  
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 Nurturing  
 Fun

**Places now available for  
 children over 3 years!**

### **Chatty Café**

**Fridays 10.30pm – 12.30pm**

"Sip, Chat, Share, Care" in the Winchelsea Shire Hall.  
 Everyone Welcome. Collection tin for donations.

### **Crochet Group**

1.30pm in the Winchelsea Community Centre  
 Every Second Saturday - Next class May 3rd

**\$5 per class**



## Anzac Day reflections on sacrifice and service

### Anzac Day's Last Post and ode transported Bill Shaw's thoughts far beyond his own decade of service with the Royal Australian Navy Surf Coast Shire

While the Anglesea veteran remembered his own experiences, the many mates made, his reflections turned to those who made ultimate sacrifices in conflicts before and since, and those who were left behind.

"It's very emotional, a time to reflect on Australia as a nation and those people who served and sacrificed," Bill says.

"First World War, Second World War, Vietnam, Borneo and more recent conflicts – it's a time to remember them and especially their families – their loved ones didn't come back."

Bill joined the Royal Australian Navy at 17 in 1972 and served aboard HMAS Anzac, Swan, Brisbane, Hobart, Stalwart, Cerberus, Canberra, Harman and Lonsdale.

Deployments took him around Australia and South-East Asia and profoundly shaped him. "It gave me purpose knowing that working with the navy helped to

protect Australia. It gave me values like loyalty and integrity, you have to have those to be in the forces, and then it just made me really proud to be an Australian," Bill says.

Bill lives in Anglesea and serves on the committee of the Anglesea RSL sub-branch. On Anzac Day he attended the town's dawn reflection at the memorial in Cameron Park with wife Jeanette before joining a march from Anglesea Memorial Hall to the cenotaph for a commemorative service, Jeanette proudly wearing the service medals of her father Harold Walker who returned from service in the Second World War.

Bill estimates up to 1000 people might have attended Anglesea RSL Anzac Day ceremonial and social activities during the entire day, but one of his primary aims is boosting year-round membership of the sub-branch, recruiting younger veterans as well as first responders.



"I'm 70 this year, and you've got young people just out of the forces in their late 20s and 30s. We'd like to get these young people in and run their own programs and gradually they will come up through the ranks," he said.

"I'm active in the RSL because I believe it's a good organisation, a non-profit organisation. We just want to help people."

Surf Coast Shire Council supports RSL sub-branch Anzac Day services across the shire.

### Disruption of the Dawn Service Statement from the Premier

#### Victorian Government

I strongly condemn the hateful disruption of this morning's Dawn Service.

A neo-Nazi disrupting this day is appalling - it has no place here.

Anzac Day honours the values our Anzacs lived and died for: courage, loyalty, mateship, and sacrifice. Those who booed in the dark showed they have none of these qualities.

To pierce the sombre silence of the Dawn Service is more than disrespect - it dishonours all who have served, fought and fallen.

And to boo the Aboriginal servicemen and women who served our nation shows ignorance, hatred, and a complete lack of respect - for them, and for everything Anzac Day stands for.

Anzac Day is a time to unite, reflect, and remember.

Today and every day, we honour every Australian who has served the nation we are so lucky to call our home.

## ANZAC Day Winchelsea 2025

### Winchelsea and District Soldiers' Memorial





# history of winchelsea

## ANZAC Day Winchelsea

**Mícheál P O'Dhonnabháin**

It was great to see such a turnout of our community at the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Winchelsea & District Soldiers' Memorial on Friday Morning. Sharing meaningful events such as this is one of the most important ways we grow our community and keep it strong. Wreaths were made and presented during the ceremony by local and visiting Scouts and Guides, Winchelsea Men's shed, the Captains of Winchelsea Primary School, Hesse Rural Health, Winchelsea CFA, SES, Geelong Military Re-enactment Group, Winchelsea and District Historical Society, Winchelsea Lions Club, Winchelsea Football and Netball club, and many others.

I would like to acknowledge and pay respects to all who have served this country in all conflicts at home and abroad, especially those who have paid the ultimate price in the line of service. This includes those who lost their lives during the colonisation of this country. I pay respects to them and their families and descendants who have survived them. The greatest impacts of War are as much on the lives and cultures of the communities back home who have sacrificed their loved ones, as on those who served, died and survived. The cultural impact of that sacrifice can be felt down the generations, as demonstrated by the strong gathering of community young and old, sharing stories about their grandfathers and great grandfathers, remembering those who were lost, and those who came home to tell their stories.

I would like to acknowledge the services of one Winchelsea local who served in the armed forces during the first world War. Allan McKenzie McDonald, whose story was eloquently shared by his granddaughter at Friday's service.



**Allan McKenzie McDonald**, DFC (4 July 1888 – 10 June 1953) was a Winchelsea local, who lived on a farm just north of the town. He was the fourth child of Allan McDonald, a farmer, and his wife Elizabeth, née McKenzie (d.1889)

On 17 September 1913 at the McLennan Memorial Presbyterian Church, Birregurra, he married Sarah Mary Farquharson, and had six children. Following his father's death in 1914, Allan succeeded



him as a member of the Winchelsea Shire Council. He remained on the council for almost forty years.

On 6 April 1916 McDonald enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force and joined the 14th Battalion in France in December, he was shot in the left arm on 11 April 1917 at Bullecourt and spent some months in hospital. He served with distinction at Polygon Wood, Belgium, in September, and was promoted sergeant in October. Next month he was transferred from the front because of his injured arm. Returning to Australia, he was discharged from the A.I.F. in October 1918.

McDonald helped form the Winchelsea sub-branch of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia and was its president in 1920-21; he also presided over the 14th

Battalion and 4th Brigade associations in 1933-34. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Victoria and was grand master in 1923. Elected shire president in 1921 and 1927 and the Municipal Association of Victoria, of which he was president (1941-42).

In August 1933, McDonald won the seat of Polwarth for the United Australia Party, and was popular and widely respected for his strength of character, courage, independence of thought and sense of justice and humour. He was a Proud Scots Presbyterian. He was survived by his wife, four daughters and one of his two sons. He died of cancer on 10 June 1953 in his home at Winchelsea; he was accorded a state funeral and was buried with Masonic rites in the local cemetery.

Our community was built by such people as Alan McKenzie McDonald of Winchelsea.

**Lest we forget.**



**Mícheál P O'Dhonnabháin** has lived in the Winchelsea area since 2010.

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.

## Kids

# Enrolments now open for Prep 2026

### Victorian State Government

Enrolments at local government schools for the 2026 intake of Prep students is open until Friday 25 July - giving families time to plan, visit schools and get the information they need to apply.

Families across the state have guaranteed access to the designated neighbourhood government school for their kids.

Parents and carers will receive offer letters back by Friday 8, August. Applications submitted after Friday 25 July will be considered by schools as they are received.

The Find my School website allows families to find their designated neighbourhood government school and other government schools nearby – giving them clarity on what their government school options are for their children. The website includes school zones for 17 of the new government schools and adjustments to 7 existing school zones.

Schools can be found by typing in a residential address or searching by school name or categories such as primary, secondary, or specialist school.

To find your local school zone, visit  
**[findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)**

To learn more about the Prep enrolment process, visit  
**[www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep)**

## RACV provides helmet safety advice

### RACV

RACV is reminding Victorians about the importance of wearing a helmet while using active transport such as bicycles and e-scooters as new data from Victoria Police reveals thousands of riders continue to ignore safety rules, risking severe head injuries.

Victoria Police issued 2,329 fines last year to Victorians for failing to wear a securely fitted and approved bicycle helmet, totalling more than \$528,000. Over the past five years, more than 12,000 Victorians have been fined for not wearing a helmet.

This comes as already two bike riders have lost their lives on Victorian roads since the start of Calendar Year 2025. Over the last five years, an average of four Victorian bike riders have lost their lives riding each year.

According to research cited by Transport Victoria, helmets can reduce the risk of serious head injuries by almost 70 per cent. Despite this, thousands of fines issued each year indicate that some riders are still taking unnecessary risks.

Victorian road laws require all bike and e-scooter riders to wear an approved helmet whenever they ride. RACV also encourages Victorians to ensure their helmet is correctly fitted, as an ill-fitting helmet can reduce its effectiveness in a crash.

In partnership with Bicycle Network, RACV continues to support safer bike riding with the delivery of bicycle Ride2School education program in schools across the southeast in northwest of Melbourne.



## OPEN AFTERNOON 4:30PM - 5:30PM



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We welcome all prospective **2026** families who are considering attending Winchelsea Primary School. It is an opportunity to see the Prep classroom and let your children become familiar with the new environment. The Prep classroom will be open from 4:30pm-5:30pm for families to wander through and stop to talk to staff.

- ✓ Meet the Prep Teachers
- ✓ Meet the Principal
- ✓ Activities for children
- ✓ Opportunities to discuss your child's enrolment
- ✓ Opportunities to ask burning questions
- ✓ Arrive at anytime during the hour
- ✓ Enrolment packs available
- ✓ All welcome!

**CONTACT WINCHELSEA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**5267 2134**

## TUESDAY 13TH MAY

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL!



All events are for any families with children 5 years and under who may be considering WPS in the future!

### principal tours

Tuesday 6th May - 8:45am  
Monday 12th May - 8:45am  
Friday 30th May - 8:45am

Parents are invited to walk through our classrooms and see learning in action with our school Principal.



### open afternoon

Tuesday 13th May 4:30-5:30pm

Bring your children to come and explore the Prep classroom. Meet the current Prep teacher and ask any burning questions. All prospective 2026 families welcome.



### meet the team

Monday 16th June - 9-10am  
Monday 23rd June - 9-10am  
@ Lahoot

All families welcome!  
Come and meet the staff leadership team and our student leaders for a coffee.





# Be careful on your home driveway

## National Low Speed Vehicle Run-Over Prevention Awareness Day

### Kidsafe Victoria

Kidsafe Victoria urges caution around driveways on National Low Speed Vehicle Run-Over Prevention Awareness Day

Kidsafe is reminding drivers to remain vigilant around driveways and carparks.

On average, 41 children are killed or

injured in low-speed vehicle run-over incidents each year in Victoria. Children under five years of age are at greatest risk due to their unpredictability, inquisitive nature, and they being surprisingly quick and mobile.

"People might be surprised to learn that nearly 3 in 4 driveway run-over deaths in Victoria occurred when the vehicle was travelling in a forward direction," said Kidsafe Victoria CEO Sarah Sexton. "Blind spots exist right around the car."

Kidsafe Victoria released their Low Speed Vehicle Run-Over (LSVRO) Prevention Strategy in December last year to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in driveways and carparks. The strategy was finalised in March and Kidsafe is now working on implementing the action plan.

"Driveways are dangerous places for children – they are designed to allow vehicles access to and from a property and present the same hazards as roads," said Ms Sexton.

"Every incident represents a child whose life was cut short, and a family left forever changed. These aren't just numbers — they're heartbreaking stories with lasting impacts. It will take a united effort to reduce risk, but together we can make our driveways and carparks safer for children."

National Low Speed Vehicle Run-Over Prevention Awareness Day is held annually on 16 April, dedicated to promoting key driveway safety measures.

Kidsafe Victoria is reminding parents of three crucial driveway safety tips:

- **Supervise** - Always supervise children around the driveway. Hold their hand or hold them close to keep them safe.
- **Separate** - Separate play areas from driveways and garages where possible (e.g. fitting high handles to garage doors, installing fences to separate the house and garden from the driveway, and installing self-closing doors and gates).
- **See** - All vehicles have a blind spot in front and behind. Reversing sensors and cameras assist with reducing blind spots, but should never be relied upon - always walk around the vehicle before driving off.

For more information on driveway safety and to download the LSVRO Prevention Strategy, visit the Kidsafe Victoria website: <https://www.kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/driveway-safety/lsvro-strategy/>



We'd love to see you!

## WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Each Thursday during school terms.  
Come along between 10AM - 12PM.

Check out our Facebook Page for more information about the happenings of each session.


Playgroup Leader - Danni Menzies

Email: [winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

St. Thomas's Hall,  
27-29 Barwon Terrace,  
Winchelsea VIC 3241

**\$5 PER FAMILY**  
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## mainly music

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**Fun, Interactive music sessions for pre-school children (0-4 y.o.) and parents/caregivers**

**When:** Mondays from 10 to 11 am  
(runs during school terms)

**Where:** St Thomas' Hall  
25 Barwon Tce.

**To Enquire ring: 0407838256**



# DANCE CLASSES

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**This Week's Winchelsea Star**  
 Editor - Cerrie Forgan  
 Designer - Susan Corby

# Winchelsea Star



**Enjoyable and lively monthly Production Meeting at Sweet Thyme Cafe on Saturday morning.**  
 Who called in for a coffee? Stewart Mathieson, Susan Corby, Richard Lockie, Judy Cameron, Cathy Cheadle, Cromwell Hooper, Cerrie Forgan, Mick O'Mara, Yvonne Stevens. Apologies from Janet Bond and Alice Cloake. Thanks everyone, catch up again next month. All welcome!

Someone at the coffee meeting asked how the Winchelsea Star works in our town. I thought that was a great question, so I've drawn up a fun diagram. **Susan Corby**

**send your stories**  
[news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

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**EDITOR 5273 0295**

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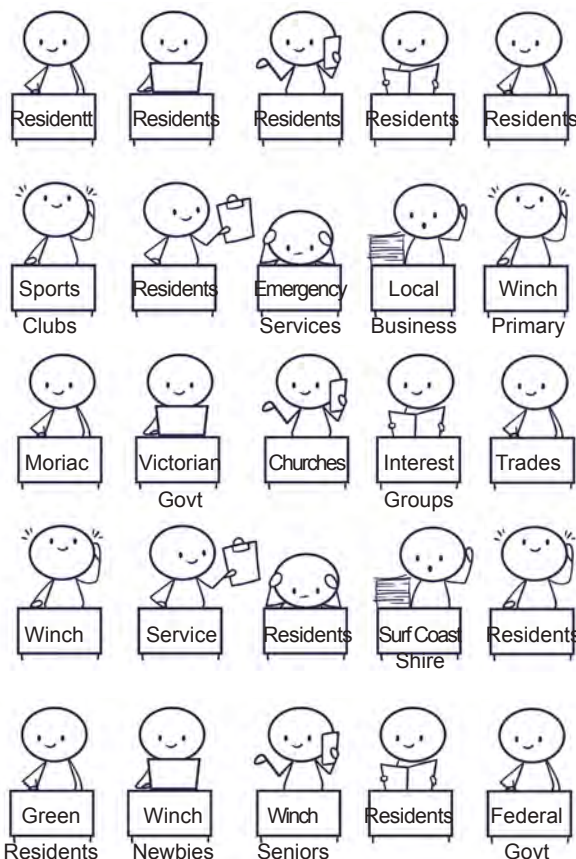
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# Driving tired? You won't see the crash coming.

Fatigue is a contributing factor in 16-20% of all road crashes in Victoria.

If you're feeling tired, arrange an alternative mode of transport, postpone your trip, or get more sleep before driving. Because when you drive on less than 5 hours sleep, you're 4 times more likely to crash.

**Driving tired? Wake up to yourself.**



**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**  
**DATES FOR 2025**  
**AND YOUR FAVOURITE DISH TO SHARE**

**EACH MONTH**  
**STARTING MARCH 2025**  
**LAST SATURDAY**

**HELD AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH HALL**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM**

**WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER**

**DINNER DATES FOR 2025**

Saturday 29th March	Saturday 26th July
Saturday 26th April	Saturday 30th August
Saturday 31st May	Saturday 27th September
Saturday 28th June	Saturday 25th October

**CONTACT JESS** at 0409 536 752  
**OR JOIN FOR UPDATES** @winchelseacommunitydinner

*Winchelsea Harvest's*

**GARDENERS MEET & PRODUCE SWAP**

SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

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**WHAT TO SWAP**

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*Winchelsea Harvest*

**CALENDAR**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mothers Day**  
**Sunday 11 May 2025**

**King's Birthday**  
**Monday 9 June 2025**

# What's on Weekly

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

**WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
 9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
 (03) 5267 2028

**WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY**  
 9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028  
 Winchelsea Community House,  
 28 Hesse St

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

**WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB**

Accessible - 24 hours

Staffed hours -

Mon/Wed 6am-12pm, 5-7pm

Tues/Thurs 9am-12pm, 3-7pm

Frid 6am-12pm,

Sat 7-11am

Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St  
 5267 2336.

## MONDAY

**CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE**

Mon & Thurs 9am-2pm \$10

Winchelsea Community House,  
 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

**JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING**

3.30pm \$10 (03) 5267 2667

Tennis Club, Armytage St, Winchelsea

**GIRL GUIDES**

4.30pm-6pm (School term)

St John's Church, Cnr Mercer /Harding St

Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630

Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

**1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS**

**Cubs:** 6:30-8pm (School term)

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd

Marie McPadden 0409 330147

**VINYASA YOGA**

7pm \$25

Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St

**WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB AGM**

19 May at 7.30 p.m.

Club Room, Armytage St. Winchelsea

Lesley Mathison 0438672197

## TUESDAY

**SOCIAL BRIDGE**

10-12pm

Senior Citizens Centre, 36 Harding St

Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

**1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS**

**Joeys:** 5-6pm (School term)

**Scouts:** 6:30-8:30pm (School term)

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd

Marie McPadden 0409 330147

## WEDNESDAY

**WINCH WALKERS**

9:30-10.30am

Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)

Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea

ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au

**WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED**

9.30am, 51 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

Ray Atkinson 0407839139

winchmenshed@gmail.com

**MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME**

2pm (School term) FREE

Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St

**Come along and  
 create your own masterpiece**



**Diamond Dot Day**

Saturday 10th May

Senior Citizens, Harding St Winchelsea

11am till 4pm

\$5 for the day or \$10 includes lunch

Afternoon tea supplied

Ph Tracey 0427500649 if coming for lunch

to confirm numbers

Kits available for sale or bring your own and  
 join in the fun

**WINCHELSEA  
 TENNIS CLUB AGM**

**Monday 19th May at 7.30 p.m.**

**in our Club Room in Armytage St.**

**Winchelsea.**

We would love to see some new faces  
 at the club and get more people playing  
 tennis and getting involved!

So come along, have a 'cuppa' and bit  
 of supper, meet some new people and  
 see what our club has to offer!

All welcome!

Any inquiries to Lesley Mathison  
 0438672197





# APRIL/MAY

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm event details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.  
To add an event to the calendar, please email [news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

## WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[www.facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety)

## 1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

**Venturers:** Wed Walton's Rd Venturer Den  
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

## CWA WINCHELSEA

2nd Wed each month 7-8.30pm  
Senior Citizens Rooms, Harding St  
[winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com](mailto:winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com)

## SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Drive, Winchelsea

## THURSDAY

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

## WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5  
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Terrace  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

## PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am.  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197  
Leisure Time Centre,  
Gosney Street, Winchelsea

## WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

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### Thought for the Week

"Cleaning up after others, especially unknown others, can elicit stories about people responsible.

Try to let go of the story and stay with what is: picking up the piece of litter is a good thing to do, and doing it mindfully is an act of self love, and statement of love to the world."

Have a Blessed week.

**John Bader,**  
Former U/C Accredited  
Lay Preacher

## Homeless Veterans – a national disgrace casting a dark shadow over ANZAC Day

### Vasey RSL Care

Each ANZAC Day, Australians rise early in the cold dawn, light a candle, and bow their heads in solemn remembrance. We honour courage, mateship, and sacrifice. We say "Lest We Forget."

But too often, we do forget - especially those who came home.

As the CEO of Vasey RSL Care, I see the reality behind the sentiment. Veterans - those same people we applaud on ANZAC Day - are disproportionately homeless, unemployed, and dying by suicide. They are three times more likely to sleep rough than other Australians. That is not just unacceptable. It is a national disgrace.

These aren't nameless faces. They are people who committed their lives to the protection of ours. And yet, as we approach another federal election, veterans are once again forced to fight - not for their country, but for basic support.

At Vasey RSL Care, we built the V Centre Veteran Empowerment Program to change that. We couldn't wait a single day longer and see one more life lost. It is the only service in Australia directly aligned with the Royal Commission's call for veteran-specific housing and integrated support. And yet, despite the clear need, despite the recommendations, we are still footing the bill alone, running it on a shoe-string budget.

If this country can't help the people who helped it, what has it come to?

In the lead up to the election, vulnerable Australians are crying out to be heard. But some cries come from the depths of desperation - and our veterans' cries must not go unanswered.

This ANZAC Day, we remember the dead. But let's also protect the living. It's time for our elected leaders to put words into action and fund programs that give our veterans what they truly deserve: dignity, stability, and hope.

Because no one who served Australia should be abandoned.

## Condolences Statement from the Premier

### Victorian State Government

Across Victoria, and around the world, Catholics are united as they mourn the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome.

Pope Francis was a leader of the Church, and a leader of the world.

He was a tireless advocate for the poor. A relentless voice for the marginalised.

He believed that caring for the sick was part of the Church's essential mission – and that compassion for the vulnerable was core to the human condition.

He shared a message of peace, courage, and humility.

A message that has never mattered more.

I offer my sincere condolences to Catholic communities across Victoria as they grieve his profound loss.

May he rest in eternal peace.

## Financial support for apartment and unit residents

### State Government


A new body is making sure that owners and residents of apartments and units who are struggling to keep up with their body corporate fees, have access to the advice and support they need.

Corporate fee notices will give people information and advice on their rights to ask for payment plans, how to access dispute resolution and what financial counselling supports are available.

An owners corporation, also known as body corporate or strata, manages the common property of a residential, commercial, retail, industrial or mixed-use property development.

The new notices advise owners in financial difficulty that they can contact their owners corporation manager or committee to request a fee payment plan. There is also information about the National Debt Helpline's step-by-step guide to dealing with owners corporation fees and levies and how to talk to a financial counsellor.

For free, confidential advice from a financial counsellor, contact the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007 or visit the website at [ndh.org.au](http://ndh.org.au).



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# Surf Coast Shire Draft 2025-26 Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan

## Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council will consider releasing its Draft 2025-26 Budget and Draft 2025-29 Revenue and Rating Plan for community feedback at its meeting on 29 April. If the Council releases the documents, they will be available from 9am 30 April via [yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au).

**Tuesday's meeting begins at 6pm at Council's Torquay office. It is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Council website.**

The draft budget features a forecast result (Unallocated Cash Surplus) of \$2.2m, and record capital works program to deliver new and renewed assets.

The proposed capital works budget of \$64.25m includes multi-year projects worth \$49.14m, such as the Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre, hockey pitch at Banyul Warri Fields, and Karaaf Diversion project, along with new projects \$15.11m.

Highlights of the new capital allocation:

- major irrigation and drainage upgrade to oval at Spring Creek Recreation Reserve, Torquay (\$2.55m);
- upgrade Gladman Street, Winchelsea to become a sealed road (\$757,064);
- unsealed road renewals on Bambra-Aireys Inlet Road (\$386,000), Eagle Rock Parade Aireys Inlet (\$97,000) and Pettavel Road Freshwater Creek (\$152,000); and
- renewal of Cape Otway Road from Dysons Lane to Parish Lane, near Moriac (\$200,000)

The draft budget details Council's core services, including open space, civil and road maintenance (total more than \$14.3m), waste and recycling services (\$13.06m), early years (\$4.53m), and local libraries (\$850,500 contribution to the Geelong Regional Library Corporation).

Funding is proposed for specific initiatives:

- \$160,000 for year two of the 'Branching Out' urban tree planting program;
- \$148,600 for community grants;
- \$87,000 for Christmas decorations and activations; and
- \$64,600 to Life Saving Victoria towards lifeguards on Surf Coast beaches.

The draft budget factors in an average rate rise of 3%, in line with the Victorian Government's cap.

The full Draft Budget and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan can be read now as part of the Council meeting agenda, via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/meetings](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/meetings). It is the final budget under the 2021-2025 Council Plan, and will transition Council into a new four-year plan.

## DRAFT BUDGET SNAPSHOT – KEY DETAILS, FACTS AND FIGURES

### Budgeted result

We are budgeting for a \$2.2m Unallocated Cash Surplus.

### Services:

Proposed allocations for key services:

- Open space, roads and civil infrastructure, and facilities maintenance: \$14.38m
- Waste management and resource recovery: \$13.06m
- Early Years (kindergartens and occasional care): \$4.53m
- Community safety: \$4.37m
- Tourism support: \$1.75m
- Children and Families support: \$980,000
- Environment protection and care: \$981,000
- Arts and creative economy support: \$787,000
- Economic development support: \$729,000

### Proposed capital works budget:

Total: \$64.25m (a record)

New projects: \$15.11m

Multi-year projects continuing: \$49.14m

### Proposed capital works expenditure:

- Buildings: \$31.9m
- Infrastructure (including bridges, drainage, roads, footpaths, parks and open spaces): \$28.8m
- Plant and equipment: \$3.5m

### Assets:

Proposed asset renewal budget:

- Sealed road reseal program: \$1.6m
- Hard court renewal: \$600,000
- Building renewal: \$800,000
- Playground equipment renewal: \$300,000
- Footpath renewal: \$255,000
- Drainage renewal: \$150,000
- Other shire wide renewal (e.g. active play, bike parks, bridges, skate parks and signage): \$530,000

By the end of 2025-26 financial year, Council will be responsible for upkeep of \$1.38b in property, infrastructure, plant and equipment.

Our annual asset renewal costs are expected to double over the next 10 years, from \$10m to more than \$21m by 2034-35.

Other proposed funding allocations:

- Contribution to Geelong Regional Library Corporation: \$850,500
- Christmas decorations and activations: \$87,000
- 'Branching Out' urban tree planting program: \$160,000
- Contribution to Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism: \$152,813
- Small Grants Program: \$148,600
- Event Support: \$85,500
- Tourism - Rip Curl Pro: \$70,000
- Life Saving Victoria contribution towards professional lifeguard service: \$64,600
- Support to Community Houses: \$31,700
- Tourism - sponsored events: \$25,000
- Surf Coast Arts Trail: \$24,740
- Tourism - signature events: \$18,000
- Arts Grant Program: \$16,000
- ANZAC Day support: \$15,000
- Winchelsea Place Plan: \$80,000
- Winchelsea Pool: \$119,155 (operating costs for season 1 Dec 25 to 9 March 26)

### Total average rate rise:

Rates are Council's largest revenue source. Proposed average rate rise 3%, in line with Victorian Government cap.

### Proposed Waste Service Charge:

Proposed waste service charge 2025-26:

- Urban waste service charge: \$515
- Rural waste service charge: \$489

Waste service charge covers kerbside collections, waste disposal and recyclable material processing, public litter management, and the operation of Council's resource recovery centres and the Anglesea landfill.

The figure has been impacted for 2025-26 by a 28% increase in the Environment Protection Authority Victoria waste levy.

### Hardship:

Council has a Hardship Policy to support ratepayers experiencing financial pressures. They are encouraged to reach out for a confidential discussion 5261 0600. [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/paymenthelp](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/paymenthelp).

### Fees and charges:

Fees and charges to be frozen 2024-25 levels:

- Australian National Surfing Museum entry
- Replacement kitchen caddy FOGO material
- Statutory Planning advertising of applications and subsequent letters

Areas with highest increases, updated to reflect costs to Council and impacted by an increase in the EPA Victoria waste levy:

- Upgrades to larger/additional kerbside bins
- Disposal of waste materials including truck and 4WD tyres, mattresses, commercial garbage, construction/demolition waste

### Proposed new fees and charges:

- Electric vehicle charging and idle fee, Civic Centre EV chargers in Torquay: \$0.20/kWh charging fee, \$1 per minute idle fee.
- Place of Public Entertainment – Commercial Event permit fees based on number of attendees.

### Borrowings:

We are budgeting for no new borrowings in 2025-26 and will pay down \$2.2m debt, reducing total borrowings from \$10.4m to \$8.2m by the end of 2025-26 financial year.

### Financial sustainability and efficiency:

Council's business reform programs have identified \$320,000 in operational savings

### Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29:

The Plan proposes to continue using the Capital Improved Valuation methodology and a Differential rating strategy.

It is proposed to continue using three types of rates, with a different 'level of rate' for each rating type:

- General rate (level of rate: 100%)
- Farm rate (75%); and
- Commercial/industrial rate land (190%)

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CRPV CEO Scott Parker said, "Providing campers in private caravan (tourist) parks with a voucher worth a similar discount to the government is providing campers in unregulated campgrounds would give more choice, provide support for small businesses and avoid the waste created by a poorly managed free booking system."

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## Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Round 3 of the G.D.F.N.L. when the Winchelsea Blues hosted the Corio Devils in a twilight game at Eastern Reserve. This was the Club's first home game for the 2025 season, the Seniors having won against Inverleigh and losing to Geelong West Giants on the road. The Reserves were going for 3 in a row having had good wins in the opening Rounds. The oval at Eastern Reserve was in great condition after the rain that came through late ANZAC Day and a good crowd was expected as is usual for the twilight games.

### RESERVES:

#### Winchelsea Blues 20.11.131 def Corio Devils 1.4.10

The Winchelsea Blues Reserve s were keen to continue the good start to the football year and they did just that. It was a dominant display against the Corio Devils who struggled all day. The first quarter, while a little wayward for the 2 big sticks, had the Blues show they had come to play. They continued on their merry way in the second quarter and managed to keep Corio scoreless Third quarter was more of the same entertaining the large crowd that had been building over the first half of football. The final quarter saw the Blues pile on 7 goals 1 to 1 goal 1 from the Devils.

To Corio's credit they kept having a crack at it, it's no fun on the footy field when the opposition is running rampant and the game was played in good spirit.

Well done Blues - 4 solid quarters. Let's have a go at 4 games on the trot this week!

### GOALS:

Tom Kennedy 5, Patrick Dench 2, Alex Hackett 2, Noah Harvey 2, Arthur O'Neil 2, Mitch Thamas 2, Robbie Gleeson 1, Bailey Forssman 1, Sam Creighton 1, Jackson Timms 1, Luke Foot 1.

### BEST:

Matthew Gillespie, Liam Turner, Noah Harvey, Tomas Rouget, Mitch Tomas, Jackson Timms.

### SENIORS:

#### Winchelsea Blues 23.16. 154 def Corio Devils 8.8.56

Two of the Winchelsea Blue's favourite sons celebrated milestone games at the first home game for the season, Tavae Sauni and Michael Bourdouvalis ran through a joint banner in front of the huge crowd to much applause. Congratulations to both players on their achievement.

All players wore black arm bands as a sign of respect for one of the Winchelsea community's greatest quiet achievers who sadly passed away before Christmas. Murray Aisbett was many things to many people. Always ready to lend a hand, his cheeky sense of humour would brighten an arduous task, Murray will be missed and remembered by many. Club President Daniel Greskie spoke briefly to everyone attending.

There was a minutes silence for Murray after the Reserves game. Corio players stood as one with the Winchelsea Blues in front of family and friends in front of a huge crowd.

A fitting tribute for a man who did so much for so many never asking anything in return except a smile. **Vale Murray.**

The Senior game got underway with the Blues up and about with the events that had just taken place, and they played well in that first quarter. They were perhaps aided by the fact Corio kicked 1 goal 5 in that first 25 minutes, but in the second quarter started to show dominance all over the ground. After half time the Blues got right on top with the Devils continuing to plug away but they had no answers to the Blues onslaught. A final highlight in the last quarter was from fullback No.33 moving up the ground to kick a goal in the dying moments of the match, much to the delight of the players and the crowd. Grandfather Murray would have loved the moment!

### GOALS:

Indi Parish 5, Jack Sampi 4, Cassidy Parish 2, Fin Parish 2, Cameron Primmer 2, Tavae Sauni 1, Caleb Brown 1, Rueben James 1, Riley Berg 1, Josh Freeman 1, Jordan Huff 1, Fin Kirsopp-Cole 1, Michael Bourdouvalis 1

### BEST:

Fin Parish, Cass Parish, Jack Sampi, Indi Parish, Riley Berg, Braedon O'Hanlon.

### THIS WEEK:

This week the Blues host Anakie in another twilight game at Eastern Reserve and the Club looks forward to seeing another great turnout of our local community and supporters. The Canteen had a few issues to deal with last week and the Club is grateful to Donna and Tan who spent many hours working though the day and into the evening. Thanks also to quite a few of the players who were on the roster who stayed on long after their shift time was up to get us over the line. Well done everyone!!

### THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Occasionally what has been ordered isn't available and this was the case with menu item Battered Fish. Apologies to those who didn't enjoy the meal, we again have battered fish on the menu this week and have been assured from our supplier that it will be what we usually have.

So our menu for this week is Roast Chicken, Rissoles and Gravy, as well as Battered Fish. Complimentary Tea and Coffee as usual, and this week might have to go with the heaters being on rather than the air conditioning.

Thanks to all those who continue to support the Winchelsea Blues Football and Netball Club through the Blue's Bistro on Thursday evenings.

### GO BLUES!!

### ANZAC DAY:

Congratulations to the Winchelsea R.S.L. Committee on a very successful ANZAC Day Memorial Service. The weather couldn't dampen the numbers attending this year – such an important day for all Australians, and the numbers for morning tea in the Bendigo Bank room was a wonderful sight.

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47 parkrunners enjoyed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week. Congratulations to Peter French who completed his 300th parkrun. Three people joined us for their very first parkrun. Five people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Sue Rawson, Amanda Worland, Ian Edwards, Chloe Hrobarik and Andrew Middleton. Sue has ran four PBs in the last four weeks.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: David Woodall, Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Andrew Middleton, Ash Hubbert, Ann Jones, Ann Morsby, Kris Czerkiewicz, Murray Bennett and Don Smith

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

**We are currently seeking people interested in sharing the role of Run Director each 4-6 weeks or so. It involves**

**coordinating volunteers, setting up for the event and making sure things run smoothly. The role is easy to learn and there is plenty of support.**

Further details of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://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 registration at [parkrun.com.au/register](http://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.

You do not need to be a runner, wear fancy Lycra or the latest high-tech shoes. Around one third of participants walk the course.

parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week.

Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please).







**Winchelsea** is a town on the Barwon River in Victoria 115 km sw of Melbourne and 37 km ne of Geelong. The population is currently around 7,095, a strong 7.2% increase since the 2021 Census.

Winchelsea offers a range of facilities, including sporting venues, community centers, and aged care homes. The town has a Leisure Time Centre, Eastern Reserve with a community center, and a Shire Hall,. Sports facilities include a golf club, tennis club, bowls club, football and netball club, and a cricket club.

Key services include the Winchelsea Men's Shed, Winchelsea Mobile Library, Winchelsea Community House, Lions, Probus, CWA, and HESSE Rural Health providing residential aged care. Additionally, Winchelsea Medical Clinic offers general medicine and immunizations. Local businesses include a supermarket, cafes and restaurants, hairdressers, hardware and stock stores, and auto and machinery services.

## HISTORY

The first Europeans to reside in the area were squatters who established grazing runs in 1837. Thomas Austin migrated from Tasmania and occupied the present day site of Winchelsea in 1837. The area was then called 'Austin's Ford.' Austin built up his estate of Barwon Park to 29,000 acres, including a heritage-listed mansion which still stands today.

The town developed around the Barwon Inn, established in 1842. The Post Office opened as 'Barwon' in 1848 and was renamed Winchelsea in 1854. The town was the administrative centre of the Shire of Winchelsea, proclaimed in 1864, until 1994 when it amalgamated with the Shire of Barrabool to become the Surf Coast Shire.

The railway through the town was opened in 1876 and is served by V/Line passenger services on the Warrnambool line.

## PLACES OF INTEREST

Barwon Hotel (1842) with a collection of historical artefacts, Old Shire Hall, Barwon River Bridge opened by the Duke of Edinburgh, on 3 December 1867, Barwon Park Mansion built 1871, and the The Globe Theatre

## SPORT

The town has numerous netball teams and an Australian Rules football team competing in the Geelong & District Football League. The Winchelsea Golf Club is popular with locals and tourists alike. The Winchelsea Cricket Club, formed in 1858 is one of the oldest sporting clubs in Victoria and currently compete in the Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association

## NOTABLE PEOPLE

Elizabeth Phillips Harding (1821-1910) pioneer settler and a philanthropist noted for her endowment setting up The Austin Hospital in Melbourne 1882

Thomas Austin (1815-1871) who introduced rabbits into Australia.

Marjorie Lawrence, soprano, noted as an interpreter of Richard Wagner's operas, born at Deans Marsh, south of Winchelsea in 1907

Albert Jacka VC, MC & Bar (1893 – 1932) Captain 14th Battalion AIF, first Australian to be decorated with the VC during the First World War.

Denis Napthine MP (1952-) Premier of the State of Victoria  
Darcy Parish (1997- ) AFL Footballer with the Essendon Bombers