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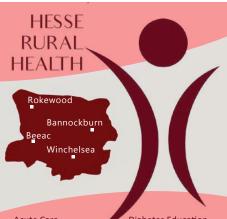
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#### Random phone interviews with 600 Surf Coast Shire ratepayers are takng place in February for the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

The annual survey-which takes about seven minutes to complete- provides us with feedback to help understand the customer experience and identify improvement opportunities.

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is carried out by the Victorian Government.



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## Winchelsea Market Sunday 3 Feb 2024

#### **Judy Cameron**

A beautiful summer day for the market on Sunday and the stalls where varied and impressive. My chats to the stall holders revealed they love this market for the camaraderie of fellow stall holders and friendliness of the visitors from parts near and far – "a great country feel" said Liz from Geelong.

#### Louie from Torquay,

a chocolate merchant who has a great array of sweets

**Liz** makes beautiful resin artwork, cards and crocheted goods – including the very cute jellyfish and octopus she is holding in the photo.



Enjoying the day was **Sterna and sons Lucas and baby Cody from Barongarook**. It was their first time here but they will return.



**Carrie Vanderpol** (0421464209) from the **Barrabool Hills Lavender Farm**, with mother-in-law **Daphne**. They do the local summer markets while stocks last -and her products are also available at Winchelsea Wholefoods. This includes bunches of lavender, lavender bags for drawer inserts, heat packs and lavender oil spray. Note from the photo Carrie also loves succulents which are for sale too.



3 March 2024

- 7 April 2024
- 5 May 2024
- 2 June 2024
- 7 July 2024

# Winchelsea Community Market

4 August 2024 1 September 2024 6 October 2024 3 November 2024 1 December 2024





**Bev Bigmore** is aways at the market with her excellent handmade paper products including cards, bookmarks, calendars, gift bags, etc and chocolates in cute boxes. Bev said this is her favourite market because of the very friendly atmosphere.

Maree Wilkie from Birregurra comes every month as she loves the Winchelsea Market because she says it is very well run. She has a range of sewing including aprons and sunvisors – and dog coats in the cooler months.



Michaela from Teesdale and Alicia from Winchelsea with a large of handmade baby needs and crochet items. Michaela's first Winchelsea Market was to be August last year but her baby Cooper arrived on the very same day!





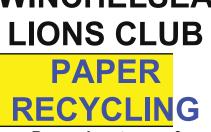




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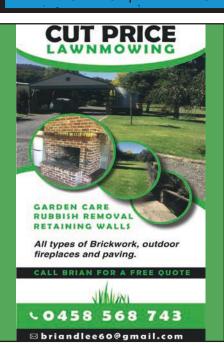


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## Community Bank Winchelsea's new signage at Winchelsea Football Oval

#### Kelly Turner

The Community Bank Winchelsea, in a significant display of local pride and support, has proudly introduced its new signage at the iconic Winchelsea Football Oval.

Crafted in collaboration with the renowned MCG Signs, the signage not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the sports facility but also symbolizes the Bank's unwavering commitment to local sports and community development.

The new signage, part of the Bank's ongoing efforts to foster community spirit and engagement, has been met with widespread acclaim from both the sports community and residents.

The Winchelsea Football and Netball Club, home to the spirited Winchelsea Blues, has been a central part of the community's sports culture, boasting top-notch facilities and a rich heritage that resonates deeply with the local populace.

Our partnership with the Winchelsea Football / Netball club are testaments to our dedication to local sports and community welfare. We stand together with the Winchelsea Blues, cheering them on towards greater success



## Take care as temperatures soar

#### Victoria State Government

The Government is reminding Victorians to take care of themselves and others as the hottest day in a year approaches, set to blanket most of the state.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas warned Victorians to look after their health, and that of their loved ones, with temperatures this weekend expected to hit the 40-degree mark in many parts of the state.

Extreme heat kills more people than natural disasters – and after multiple years of cooler, wetter La Niña conditions, Victorians are reminded of the simple steps they can take to survive the heat:

- Drink plenty of water, stay cool by seeking out air-conditioned buildings
- Plan ahead and schedule activities to the coolest part of the day
- If heading outdoors, seek shade when possible, wear a hat and sunscreen and avoid exercising in the heat
- Check in on others most at risk in the heat.

People who are vulnerable to extreme heat include the elderly, babies and infants, pregnant women, people with acute or chronic health problems and people who are socially isolated. These conditions can lead to heat exhaustion and heatstroke, trigger heart attacks or stroke, or worsen existing conditions such as kidney or lung disease. Children and pets are particularly vulnerable to heat if left in enclosed areas like parked cars, where temperatures can more than double within minutes, and which are often 20 to 30 degrees hotter than outside – a deadly combination for children, whose body temperatures rise much faster than adults.

Leaving the windows of a parked car down has little effect on reducing the temperature, with tests showing that when windows are left open 10 centimetres, the temperature will only reduce by five degrees.

In the event of an extreme heat period, the Department of Health will always provide information and advice to ensure Victorians know how to stay well during the heat and ways to keep cool.

If you or someone you know is showing signs of heat exhaustion, heatstroke, or other health emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

For non-life-threatening emergencies people cancontact the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department,

- visit a Priority Primary Care Centre,
- call NURSE-ON-CALL or
- visit a GP doctor or local pharmacist for advice.

For more tips on surviving heat, visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/survive-heat

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## You can write for the Star

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

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

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

#### How much can I write?

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

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

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

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

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#### February 8th Dream Horse

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The new Act would replace the current Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.

A new Act would explicitly recognise animal sentience and set minimum care requirements for animals in Victorian law for the first time.

The approach to cruelty offences would be strengthened, and the legislation would support co-regulation to reduce the regulatory burden on industries.

Activities like farming, pest control, hunting, fishing and racing would be able to continue under the new laws.

Reforming the laws will protect animals from cruelty while supporting Victorians to continue to interact responsibly with them and will help maintain trust in our animal-based activities and industries.

Regulations setting out requirements for specific species and activities involving animals would support the Act. A new Act would not come into force for at least two years to enable development of the new regulations.

The first consultation on the regulations has opened alongside the draft Bill consultation.

The consultation is open until 8 March 2024.

Have your say at https://engage.vic.gov.au/new-animal-welfare-act-victoria





#### Judy Cameron

TORIA

GoodSAM (Good Smartphone Activated Medics) is an app which alerts people to suspected cardiac arrests occurring close to them, so that they have the opportunity to assist before emergency services arrive.

When a cardiac arrest emergency call is made to Triple Zero (000), the GoodSAM app alerts up to three nearby Responders to the incident, providing both the location of the patient as well as the closest accessible AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator). GoodSAM enables the Responder to provide immediate CPR and – if one is available – apply an AED.

The GoodSAM platform has many uses for emergency services, first aid charities and training organisations. Staff and volunteers for these organisations have the skills that can be used to save lives in their local community - GoodSAM enables this.

#### Responders

#### What is a Responder?

A responder is an appropriately qualified person who has been verified by their organisation and/or AV to undertake GoodSAM response activity.

What level of first aid training does a responder need?

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The 2024 season starts on February 8th.

Movies will be shown third Thursday of each month February – November. December movie scheduled for the 12th.



Jenny (0409 672054) or Sue (0413 487915) Email: movies@growingwinchelsea.com

February 8th		Dream Horse
	March 21st	Leave No Trace
	April 18th	Lost City of Melbourne
	May 16th	Crazy Rich Asians
	June 20th	The Son
	July	Break
	August 15th	Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
	September 19th	Belfast
	October 17th	Maverick
	November 21th	Victoria and Abdul
	December 12th	The Duke

## **Beginners Bridge** Starts in Winchelsea 5 March 2024

#### **Elaine Atkinson**

Following a successful campaign to encourage interest in the establishment of Winchelsea's own Social Bridge group we can announce a beginners class will commence Tuesday 5 March 2024 at the Senior Citizens Club in Harding Street.

Two hour sessions from 10 am to 12 noon over a 6 to 8 week period will be run by Arthur Robbins of the Geelong Bridge Club.

"Bridge is a fascinating card game that requires strategic thinking, teamwork, and communication," said Arthur.

Bridge is often described as the "King of card games" because of its intricate bidding system and the need for players to anticipate their partner's hand. Additionally, the social aspect of playing Bridge, as well as the mental challenge it presents, make it a compelling and enduring game for everyone.

Over the past couple of months I have been gathering interest in a beginners class and have been amazed by the diversity of interest from across all ages - as young as 10, to teenagers and members of our retired community.

The Colac Bridge Club has also shown interest in coming to Winchelsea and there maybe the possibility of both groups enjoying a competition eventually.

I am particularly interested in more young people coming forward to support one another - who knows they may have their own competition.

The cost is minimal and until final numbers are known I can only give an approximate maximum cost of \$40 per person for the entire program with written notes for each session. Tea and coffee will also be provided during a short break.

A guide for Beginners will also be available for sale for anyone interested. It is an excellent resource to refer to time and again.

#### BRIDGE BEGINNERS CLASS STARTS MARCH 2024



#### ITS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER

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"It's exciting to offer this beginners class to the community and provide the opportunity for either social Bridge or a competition down the track. Look forward to hearing from anyone interested in learning this great card game.

It's not too late to register your interest, give Elaine a ring on 0458009616 or email me at rs.atkinsn@gmail.com.



## WINCHELSEA GOLF CLUB

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Winchelsea Golf Ladies held the opening day of the season with a Stableford event on Wednesday January 31.

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### Winchelsea Community House and Shire Hall

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#### <u>Term 1, 2024</u>

#### Singing Group

When: Wednesday afternoons 4.45pm-6pm Commencing Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024 Winchelsea Shire Hall Space Term 1 2024 8 Weeks Cost \$60 per term or \$50 concession (Under 16 free) Bookings now open reception@winchhouse.org.au

#### Chatty Cafe

When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon (during school terms). Next Session: Friday 9th February, 2024 Winchelsea Shire Hall Space No bookings required. We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you.

#### Tai Chi - Experienced

When: Friday mornings 9.30am-10.30am (during school terms) \$10 per session

#### Painting Class with Louise Hall

A class that progresses through a range of water-based mediums with a dual focus on subject matter and materials. Winchelsea Community House Star Room Thursdays 1-3pm Cost \$495 All materials provided. Bookings: <u>Hinterlandartschool@gmail.com</u> 0493 479 447

**Sound Healing** When: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024 and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 Winchelsea Shire Hall Space \$40 per session, Bookings now open

#### Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons 1.30pm, Winchelsea Community House Space \$5 per session Commencing Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024

#### Knitting Group

When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12 noon (during school terms) Next Session: Thursday 8th Feb, 2024 Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others. Winchelsea Community House Space

#### Tai Chi - Beginners

When: Friday mornings 8.45am (during school terms)
Next Session Friday 9th Feb, 2024
\$10 per session
Email: reception@winchhouse.org.au
Next Session: Friday 9th Feb, 2024

#### Gentle Movement Classes

When: Mondays 1pm Cost \$5 per session Next Session: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024 Winchelsea Community House Space Register your interest at reception@winchhouse.org.au

#### Be Connected (Free Building Digital Skills program)

Friday mornings 11.30am Expressions of interest now open Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749 Email: reception@winchhouse.org.au

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

## First week of term at Winch House and Shire Hall



#### Wendy Greaves Manager, Winchelsea Community House

What a week we have seen for the first week of Term 1 at Winch House and the Shire Hall.

Occasional Care has been back for a few weeks now and whilst we are full with the under 3 year olds, we do have space on some days for over 3 year olds.

If you do have an under 3 year old, however and are interested in Occasional Care we still encourage you to come by for a visit. Fill in an enrolment form as places often still become available, due to changing circumstances of families.

The children are loving being outside especially since it hasn't been hot. The favourite play space is definitely the new cubby house that was assembled by one of our volunteers late in 2023.

Our lovely Craft Ladies returned on Wednesday and were very happy to be back in their chatty group.

On Thursday we welcomed a big group of Parents and Bubs to the Surf Coast Shire Child and Family Health Drop In Session.

As well as being able to chat with others and babies having some socialisation they were treated to a fun play activity organised by the Geelong Regional Library Corporation.



On Friday morning we welcomed a new group of people to a Beginners Tai Chi Class. This was very well received and will continue on Friday mornings for the term as well as a more advanced group.

Chatty Café was back in the Shire Hall with a small but happy group of people who enjoyed having a cuppa and a chat with others.

Please see our Term Program for more information on our activities.



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available from The Men's Shed. These can be made to order. Call in on any Wednesday to have a chat.

# Drug driving? The consequences will blow your mind.

Police are conducting drug tests across Victoria, which helps to keep our roads safe. Being caught with illicit drugs in your system could result in a minimum fine of \$577 and possible licence suspension. Drug driving? Chances are you will be caught. Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.







#### Victoria State Government

Recreational duck and quail hunting will continue in Victoria with important changes to ensure it remains safe, sustainable and responsible.

The Victorian Government today announced its response to Parliament's Inquiry into Victoria's recreational native bird hunting arrangements – confirming its position has not changed, and recreational duck and quail hunting will continue with common-sense changes.

The Government will accept seven of the Select Committee's eight recommendations in full or in principle. While the Committee did not reach consensus in its report, the views of more than 10,000 Victorians and organisations were heard in the biggest response to a Parliamentary inquiry ever in Victoria.

Recreational duck and quail hunting is a legitimate activity, and it matters to thousands of Victorians who love the great outdoors, but it needs to proceed safely and sustainably. That's why we're introducing common-sense changes to make hunting even more responsible from 2025, including:

- Improving hunters' knowledge and skill by making education and training for hunters mandatory
- Stricter compliance levels, including further penalties for hunters breaking the rules
- Banning the use of lead shot for quail hunting

- Implementing the Waterfowl Wounding Reduction Action Plan, to reduce the risk of wounding, and
- Greater recognition of Traditional Owners' knowledge of hunting and land management.

To guide the length and conditions of each duck season, the science-based Adaptive Harvest Management process will be implemented from 2025 – making sure that it's always science that guides the season.

After record-high native bird breeding in recent years due to the significant rainfall Victoria has received, the Victorian game duck population increased by almost three-fold.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation, Steve Dimopoulos has today accepted the Game Management Authority's (GMA) recommendations for a 2024 duck season commencing on Wednesday 10 April 2024 and ending on Wednesday 5 June 2024, inclusive.

Hunting start times will be delayed to 8:00am for the entire season. With a daily bag limit of six ducks per day, the Bluewinged Shoveler and Hardhead cannot be hunted for the 2024 season due to their threatened status. Determinations will be made as part of normal seasonal arrangements about sites where duck hunting will be prohibited.

## Victorian Labor snubs Victorians

#### **Regional Victorians OTDS Inc**

With the announcement that native bird hunting will continue despite the Parliamentary Inquiry recommending it be banned, RVOTDS can only assume the government has been held to ransom by a few union leaders, and the gun lobby.

To think that the protection of our environment and regional communities is being put in the firing line due to what many see as thuggery and threats, is utterly disturbing for our democratic governing system.

It is unacceptable that taxpayers have funded an inquiry process only to have the findings and the voice of the majority of Victorians ignored.

It is particularly disappointing that policy makers paid no visits to regional families, farmers and businesses seriously disadvantaged by bird shooting, before making this announcement from their city offices.

Regional communities simply cannot carry on life with the continuing ramifications of native bird shooting to their lives, livelihoods, heritage, health and environment. While shooters have other recreational activities they can enjoy if a ban was put in place, regional communities and the environment have no such choice.



- Prof. Kingsford Gannawarra Times 19/12/23

Our work will only be accelerating as we cannot be accepting of this injustice and environmental negligence.

Stay tuned!





# Not too late to avoid duck devastation

#### **RSPCA** Victoria

The Allan Government's inexplicable decision to ignore the recommendation of its own Inquiry and allow the 2024 duck and quail hunting season to continue with an expanded scale means tens of thousands of ducks and quail will be wounded during the season, experiencing avoidable pain, suffering and distress.

Dr Liz Walker, RSPCA Victoria CEO, questioned how this decision is safe, sustainable or responsible.

"Devastated doesn't begin to cover it," Dr Walker said.

"For more than 30 years RSPCA Victoria has been advocating for duck and quail hunting to be banned, and when the Government's own Select Committee recommended it be banned[1] we were cautiously optimistic we might finally see some change.

"Yesterday we were devastated to hear the Allan Government has gone against the evidence and the views of most Victorians who support a ban.

"Instead, the 2024 season length is nearly doubled, the bag limit has increased, and despite evidence mandatory training isn't effective in reducing wounding, and evidence enforcement across the state is impossible, it's being called 'safe, sustainable and responsible' – it just doesn't make sense.

"The Government wants to invest \$10 million into mandatory training, hoping this will reduce wounding rates, however Denmark, a world leader in wounding reduction, took 20 years to reduce wounding rates, and these rates still sit unacceptably high at around 10%.

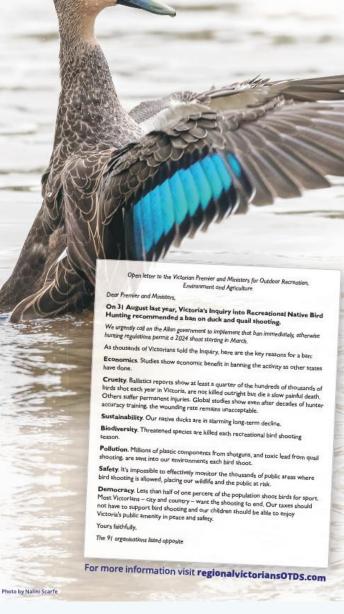
"At a minimum, a \$10 million investment means a spend of around \$205 per licensed hunter, and considering how few licensed hunters actively participate, the cost blows out to around \$524 per hunter[2].

"During a cost-of-living crisis, there are plenty of struggling Victorians who would rather \$524 in their own pocket.

"The Government also wants to enforce stricter compliance levels including further penalties, we can only ask how they hope to monitor and enforce compliance across more than 8 million hectares[3] of public and private wetlands across the state?

#### IT'S TIME WE BANNED DUCK AND QUAIL SHOOTING LIKE OTHER STATES HAVE

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"The scale of resources required to ensure compliance would be completely disproportionate to the exceedingly small number of Victorians actively participating in duck and quail hunting.

"Given there's little chance any of these 'safe, sustainable and responsible' measures will be in place by the time the 2024 season opens, we can only assume the season will be unsafe, unsustainable and irresponsible. "At the very least the duck hunting season should be cancelled while the new training, compliance and

enforcement program is implemented."



## "Rachel's Farm" Saturday 10 February at Birregurra

### Otway Harvest Trail and the Birregurra Film Group

#### Tom Dennis

Otway Harvest Trail and the Birregurra Film Group are teaming up for a public screening of "Rachel's Farm" on Saturday 10 February.

The film, by actor-director Rachel Ward, tracks her farming journey from ecological despair to finding hope in the soil beneath her feet.

This uplifting documentary sets out to regenerate Rachel's northern NSW beef farm, with the help of experts and neighbours.

"Rachel's Farm" is for anyone who cares about how their food is produced, how degraded our soils have become, and the changing role of women on farms.

Due to our higher rainfall, good soils and proximity to large cities and tourism destinations, farming in the Otway region continues to diversify and evolve to include small-scale producers selling direct to public.

Otway Harvest Trail aims to connect visitors with produce aligned businesses between Bellbrae, Camperdown, Timboon and inland from the Great Ocean Road.

Although "Rachel's Farm" can now be streamed at home on the couch, this screening seeks to bring interested people together in the Birregurra Hall. A bar with locally produced drinks will open in the late afternoon prior to the screening.

A number of farmers practicing regenerative agriculture will also be on hand to talk to anyone wanting some practical information.

Rachel Ward says "My hope is that the film will fill in the blanks between the food that sits on our plate and all the processes by which it got there.

That it will illuminate the impact of different approaches to farming, and allow people to connect their food with their values."





Event details and updates here: www.otwayharvesttrail.org.au/event/ rachels-farm-film-night

Bookings essential: Tickets \$15 adult. Kids under 12 free, but must book a ticket.

Contact: Tom Dennis, admin@otwayharvesttrail.org.au, 0480 080 248.

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## Celebrating 30 years of `Slip, Slop, Slap'

#### Victoria State Government

With the new school year underway, the Victorian Government is reminding students and parents across the state of the importance of being sun smart in the schoolyard, as UV levels reach record highs.

The back-to-school warning follows the release of new research that highlighted the major impact exposure to UV radiation during childhood can have on skin cancer risk.

Skin cancers including melanoma are preventable by using sun protection and educating children at a young age about the dangers of UV exposure and how to stay safe in the sun.

With the back to school routine in full swing, the advice to parents is clear on how to keep their children safe:

- Teach them to apply their own sunscreen, so they know how to do it independently before and during school
- Attach sunscreen to their backpack, so it can be an easy reminder to reapply at school
- Label their child's hat, so they can easily grab it before heading outdoors
- Encourage their child to look for shady spaces while outdoors.

This important and timely guidance comes with a major

milestone, 30 years of the Cancer Council's SunSmart Victoria School Program.

Established in 1994, 90 per cent of primary schools now participate in the program – reaching almost 462,000 primary school students and their families, ensuring they remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide.

Over the past three decades, Victoria's hardworking teachers and educators have played a significant role in reducing the risk of melanoma and skin cancer by implementing SunSmart policies that reduce students' UV exposure at school and teaching sensible sun protection habits from an early age.

Prior to the SunSmart School Program in 1994, only 19 per cent of primary schools reported hat wearing. Today that figure is 100 per cent of primary schools – showing that simple and consistent messaging works to help educate the next generation how to be smart while out in the sun.

The SunSmart program has received ongoing investment from the Labor Government for more than 30 years, helping to deliver programs to prevent skin cancer and save lives.



## Weed Spotter newsletter - subscribe today!

#### **Agriculture Victoria**

The Weed Spotter newsletter keeps registered Weed Spotters up to date on the latest news in the Agriculture Victoria High Risk Invasive Plants program.

This includes new State prohibited weed discoveries in Victoria, progress of eradication programs and species case studies.

Subscribe to the Weed Spotter newsletter here https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/ newsletters/weed-spotters



## Free Community Service Advertisements

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN WINCHELSEA

## VLINE TRAIN SERVICES

#### TO MELBOURNE:

#### Mon - Fri 6:41 am, 7.57am, 11:14am, 2:08pm, 7:23pm Sat - Sun 9:26am, 1:30pm, 7:18pm

#### **TO WARRNAMBOOL:**

Mon - Fri	8.56am, 11.55am, 2:50pm, 5.27pm,
	6:45pm, 8:50pm
Sat - Sun	8:47am, 2:46pm, 8:34pm



### **COUNTRY WOMEN'S** ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall

**GIRL GUIDES** 52 AUSTRALIA VICTORIA

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Our Unit meets at the Catholic Church Hall, Harding St Winchelsea each Monday 4.30pm-6pm All girls 5yrs- 15yrs Welcome! Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630 or Bonnie Stokes 0401 386 274



#### 1st Modda & 1st Winchelsea SCOUT GROUP

Joeys: Tuesdays of school term 5-6pm Cubs: Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm Scouts: Tuesdays of school term 6:30-8:30pm All at Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SLEP, Wed at Walton's Rd Venturer Den Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147 SLOP, SLAP' ACROSS VICTORIA



## WINCHELSEA **SES**

Every Wednesday Visitors and inquiries welcome 0408 102 802

#### WINCHELSEA AND DISTRICT COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Meets 1st Monday of the month at 10am. Senior Citizens Rooms, Harding St, Winchelsea. New members always welcome. Enquiries Linda 0439 817 263.

## WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION

#### 55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Monday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Friday	Closed
Sunday	9.30-12

Tuesday 2pm-4pm Thursday 2pm-4pm Saturday 1.30-3.30pm

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All waste disposal sites are closed on Christmas Day. but open on other public holidays that fall during their normal operating hours.

www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites





For reservations on the weekly bus to the Eastern Reserve Hub, please phone 52671202.

### SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

Hesse St, Fridays, 2pm-5pm Surf Coast Mobile Library parked in Hesse Street (outside Shire Hall) Fridays between 2:00 and 5:00pm unless it is a Public Holiday.

## WINCHELSEA TAXI

0429 672 888 or 5267 2888

Wheelchair accessible 10 seater bus available.

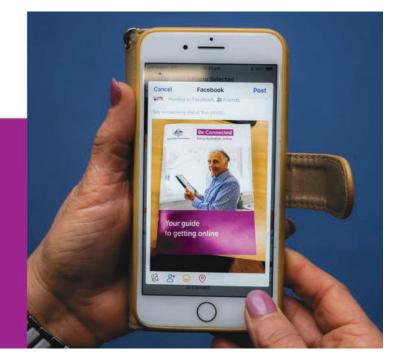
### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Every second Thursday 10am-12pm St Thomas Anglican Church Hall cnr Barwon Tce and Hopkins St. Winchelsea Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944 winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019 New families welcome





Know someone over 50 who needs a hand with social media? We can help for free!



## Get a grasp of technology at Winch House

#### Tony Phelps, Committee Chair

Winchelsea Community House will this week be starting free digital skills sessions, led by a very friendly, approachable and understanding guide. No matter where you are with technology, there is always more to learn, and thanks to a free government-funded website there are dozens of easy mini-courses that give you the skills you need in our modern world.

The "Be Connected Digital Skills Building" program aims to get people together so they can help each other, if necessary learn essential skills from someone in the know, and run through bite-size online learning in the company of others using a free learning portal.

Of course, this 'learning portal' is also available anywhere, anytime - take a look at beconnected.esafety.gov.au. If you register with the website, it will keep track of what topics you've done and which ones you've started but not yet finished. Technology learning at your pace, in your own time, at home or with others. By the way, if you DO register, Winch House would really appreciate it if you could nominate us as your support centre. We have a grant to get these sessions going, and the number of people registering is how they measure success!

The Winch House sessions will also have Digital Mentors on hand - people who are not techno-experts but are comfortable with it and can point you in the right direction if you get stuck.

So come along to Winch House, Fridays at 11:30am. Our increasingly digital world isn't going away, why not pick up a few new skills alongside other locals? All welcome, especially over 50s. Make a start on getting comfortable with technology and keep up with the kids!

Just to make sure there's the right seating and tables, it would be appreciated if you could let Winch House know you're coming - drop in to reception (9am-2pm Mon-Fri), phone 03 5267 2028, or email reception@winchhouse.org.au.

Be great to see you there.



Mosquitoes can spread serious diseases

The risk of mosquito-borne diseases is highest in October to late April in Victoria, as mosquito numbers peak.

Mosquito-borne diseases include Japanese encephalitis, a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain caused by a virus that can spread to humans through mosquito bites.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

- Cover up wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing as mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing.
- Use mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.

- Apply over the top of sunscreen and reapply after swimming or sweating.
- Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.
- Remove stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your home or campsite.
- On holidays make sure your accommodation is fitted with mosquito netting or screens.
- Don't forget the kids always check the insect repellent label. On babies, you might need to spray or rub repellent on their clothes instead of their skin.
- Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children.



### The Gender Pain Gap revealed and women aren't surprised

A landmark survey dedicated to Victorian women's health has confirmed what women already know: their pain is real – and regularly overlooked.

The results of the survey, undertaken by the Victorian Government, show that close to half of women are impacted by issues related to their periods, pregnancy, birth and postnatal care, or conditions like endometriosis.

Nearly 60 per cent of participants reported having had positive healthcare interactions. But one in three said they'd experienced insensitive and disrespectful practitioners who left them feeling dismissed and unheard.

Sharing the findings, Premier Allan and Minister for Health Thomas announced the new Inquiry into Women's Pain – the next stage of the Government's nation-leading \$153 million women's health transformation.

The Inquiry will examine systemic issues and solutions and hear directly from women across Victoria. Led by a panel of experts and overseen by the Women's Health Advisory Council, submissions opened on 30 January.

Putting women's voices at the heart of the Government's reform, the Listening to Women's Voices report comprises the insights of more than 1,700 Victorian women who shared their personal experiences. Findings from the survey include:

- Four in 10 Victorian women live with chronic pain
- Around 50 per cent participants reported that periodrelated conditions (heavy periods, cramping, PMS) affected their health and wellbeing
- Similarly, about 50 per cent said that pregnancy and birth complications continued to impact their health
- Around 30 per cent said they were affected by the symptoms of perimenopause or menopause
- 30 per cent said conditions such as endometriosis, menopause and chronic pain led to poor mental health
- One in three have health conditions that affect their ability to work and keep a job
- 20 per cent said they missed out on social connections because of their health

Work is underway to establish 20 new comprehensive women's health clinics, which will be crucial to overcoming some of the barriers women face in accessing healthcare.

Offering free, wide-ranging care and support, the clinics will allow women to see specialists – gynecologist, urologist, specialist nursing and allied health – in one spot, making it easier and faster to access the world-class care for conditions like endometriosis, pelvic pain and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

An additional nine sexual and reproductive health hubs are also being established across Victoria, adding to the 11 already operating. Offering free or low-cost services and advice on contraception, pregnancy termination and sexual health testing and treatment, three new hubs have been announced for Mildura, Mill Park and Wallan.

The Government is also doubling the number of endo and associated surgeries, delivering around 10,800 extra laparoscopies over the next four years – as well as providing scholarships for 100 more women's healthcare specialists.

Submissions can be made to the Inquiry into Women's Pain from 30 January at health.vic.gov.au/public-health/ inquiry-into-womens-pain.

## Applications open for Forced Adoption Redress Scheme

Victorian mothers who had their babies removed under historical forced adoption practices can now apply for the Victorian Government's \$138 million redress scheme – which recognises the profound and enduring impact of these practices.

Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes announced the scheme in October alongside a group of affected mothers following the eleventh anniversary of the Victorian apology to all those impacted by past adoption practices.

Forced adoption practices compelled mothers to give up their babies for adoption without willing or informed consent, causing lifelong suffering for the mothers left behind.

These mothers continue to live with the serious, complex and ongoing effects of this trauma and the redress scheme is a step forward in the healing process.

Eligible applicants will receive a payment of \$30,000 and access to counselling, other psychological support services as well as individual apologies.

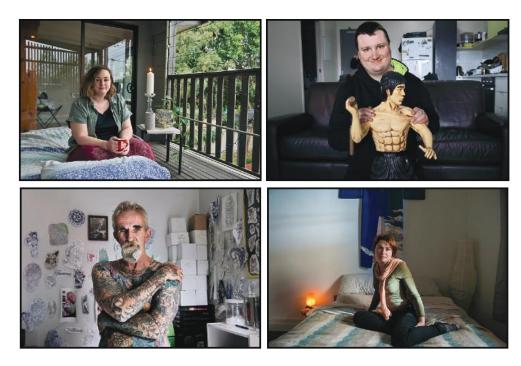
The scheme is the first of its kind in Australia to recognise the impact on mothers subjected to the practice and delivers on a key recommendation from the inquiry into responses to historical forced adoptions in Victoria.

Eligibility extends to mothers who gave birth in Victoria, or were a Victorian resident but gave birth interstate, and were forcibly separated from their newborn baby prior to 1990.

During the application process, a dedicated support team will be available to answer any questions, guide mothers through the application process and assist them with any supporting information that may be required.

For more information on the application process visit vic.gov.au/redress-forced-adoptions.

## INVITATION



HOME AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL DUNN

## FEBRUARY 15 to MARCH 12, 2023

WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL 28 HESSE STREET WINCHELSEA

> OPEN WEDNESDAY -SATURDAY 10am to 3pm

## **EXHIBITION OPENING - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17 at 2pm**

## Grant opportunity

Vic Grown Regional Activation Grants Program



The Vic Grown Regional Activation Grants Program is now open.

Grants of up to \$70,000 are available to hold local events that showcase local food and beverages in the regions where they are produced.

Applications close 16 February 2024 at 11.59pm.

Apply for a grant and view program eligibility and guidelines. https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/fundsgrants-programs/

## Provide shelter for your livestock this summer

**Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action** Livestock owners are reminded to ensure they provide adequate shelter for their livestock if there are severe weather events forecast over the remainder of summer.

Agriculture Victoria Principal Veterinary Officer, Dr Dianne Phillips, said recent localised severe weather has seen a higher number of deaths in vulnerable livestock.

Dr Phillips said vulnerable groups of livestock are those which are more prone to the effects of exposure and include:

- recently shorn sheep
- · livestock with newborns or recently weaned animals
- livestock with parasitism or other underlying diseases associated with weight loss, anemia, or low protein levels.

"'Adequate shelter can include paddock shelter belts (often retained vegetation and tree plantings), sheds or other buildings where stock can shelter on the side out of the wind, and undercover yards like those at a shearing shed.

If you need assistance with livestock losses associated with severe weather events, contact your private vet, our Customer Call Centre on 136 186, or your local animal health team.

For emergency assistance, phone the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) hotline on 1800 675 888.



### Let's get farmer mental health Back On Track!

We are seeking local input and community involvement in an exciting new trial of a peer-led model of support for people in farming communities experiencing low mood or poor mental health.

#### Have your say or get involved.

MORNING SESSION WHEN: Tuesday February 20 WHERE: Killara Centre, Camperdown TIME: 11 am – 1 pm Click here to RSVP EVENING SESSION WHEN: Tuesday February 20

WHERE: Killara Centre, Camperdown TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Find out more at the National Centre for Farmer Health.

#### How to create an animal health plan for sheep - Inverleigh

Join us at Inverleigh to learn how to create an animal health plan for sheep.

10 am - 2 pm Wednesday 28 February Inverleigh Bowls Club, 20 Railway Street, Inverleigh.

At this free workshop hear from Dr Monica Dickson from Ballarat Sheep Veterinary Services.

The workshop will cover:

- identifying local animal health issues and how to prevent and treat them
- · developing an animal health plan
- importance of an animal health plan as part of your farm biosecurity plan
- record keeping and using systems to comply with requirements and the Livestock Production Assurance

Visit agriculture.vic.gov.au program.



## **FIFF WINCHELSEA FACEBOOK** Non-profit community Groups and Pages

What's on in Winchelsea	facebook.com/WhatsoninWinchelsea	
Winchelsea FREE	facebook.com/groups/winchelseafree	
Winchelsea Community Information	facebook.com/groups/207538644446972	
Winchelsea Classifieds 3241	facebook.com/groups/207330044446972	
Winchelsea Lost and Found	facebook.com/groups/210342001004002	
Winchelsea Op Shop	facebook.com/HospitalAuxiliaryOpShopWinchelsea	
Winchelsea Shire Hall	facebook.com/WinchelseaShireHall	
Winchelsea Community House	facebook.com/winchelseacommunityhouse	
Winchelsea Coronavirus Community Support Group		
The Green Winchelsea Residents	facebook.com/groups/2676957719207927/	
	facebook.com/groups/515322772623126	
Growing Winchelsea Inc	facebook.com/growingwinch	
Winchelsea Star	facebook.com/TheWinchelseaStar	
Winchelsea Movie Club	facebook.com/winchelseamovies	
Winchelsea Community Market	facebook.com/100083362387611	
Winchelsea Land and River Care Group	facebook.com/envirowinchelsea/	
Upper Barwon Landcare Network	facebook.com/UpperBarwonLandcare	
Winchelsea & District Historical Society Inc	facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety/	
Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter	www.winchelseawildlifeshelter.com/	
SCARS - Surf Coast Animal Rescue Service	facebook.com/groups/415211698950674	
Winchelsea Gardeners	facebook.com/groups/779878518703025	
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Winchelsea Mainly Music	facebook.com/groups/668500343953191/	
Winchelsea Health Club	facebook.com/WinchelseaHealthClub	
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Winchelsea Girl Guides	www.guidesvic.org.au/	
Winchelsea/Modewarre Scouts	facebook.com/1stModewarreScouts	
Winchelsea Fire Brigade	facebook.com/winchelseafirebrigade/	
Winchelsea SES	facebook.com/groups/WinchSES	
Country Women's Association - CWA Winchelsea	facebook.com/pg/CWAWinchelsea/	
Winchelsea Bowls Club	facebook.com/Winchelsea-Bowls-Club-533783333344345/	
Winchelsea Blues Cricket Club	facebook.com/groups/8999049476/	
Winchelsea Blues FC	facebook.com/WinchelseaFNC/	
WYLD Winchelsea Youth Leisure and Drop in	facebook.com/groups/569737570027065/	
Lions Club of Winchelsea	facebook.com/LionsWinchelsea	
Winchelsea Probus	facebook.com/893535194971083	
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## **COVID** Report

#### Week ending 2 February 2024

The number of people in hospital with COVID-19 has continued to decline this week. The 7-day average is 196, compared to 222 last week

Deaths in the most recent 28-day period (20/12/2023 – 16/01/2024) is 149.

What are the symptoms of the latest Covid variant?

- Fever.
- Chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of sense of taste or smell.

It is especially important that those at greatest risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 are protected against catching COVID-19 – this includes people aged 65 and above, people with a disability or chronic medical condition and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.
- Get vaccinated: stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine. There are new monovalent vaccines available that are highly effective at preventing severe disease. You should get a booster if you haven't had one for 6 months. Vaccines are available at your GP or local pharmacy.
- Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can – it reduces the spread of the virus. Meet outside when possible.
- Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test. If you test positive and are eligible for antivirals, take them as soon as possible.
- Stay at home: if you have COVID-19, you should stay at home for at least five days and until you have no symptoms. Speak to your GP if symptoms worsen.
- Take antivirals if eligible: if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for COVID-19 antiviral medicines. You must take these within 5 days of developing symptoms - the sooner the better. See your GP for more information.

## Campaign sends clear safety message on engineered stone

#### Victoria State Government

A new WorkSafe campaign will raise awareness of the approaching 1 July ban on engineered stone while reminding employers of their obligations to protect workers ahead of the ban's commencement.

The campaign is focused on reaching workers working with engineered stone, including those in regional communities, and will be translated for culturally and linguistically diverse communities heavily involved in the industry.

The campaign will run into February ahead of a meeting of national workplace safety ministers that will finalise details

of the ban on work involving the manufacturing, supply, processing and installation of engineered stone.

Businesses and consumers have been asked not to enter into contracts for engineered stone products from 1 January, given the contracts may not be able to be legally fulfilled.

Australia's only dedicated public hospital occupational respiratory clinic provides a range of diagnostic tools and specialist services not readily available to GPs, increasing the chance of early identification

## Investing in Victoria's cancer research

#### Victoria State Government

The State Government is supporting Victorian cancer researchers with \$8.8 million in funding to support new discoveries for cancers with low survival rates including ovarian and brain cancer.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas announced 13 fellowships would be awarded through the Victorian Cancer Agency, which provides essential workforce funding to cancer researchers.

Announced on World Cancer Day, this funding will include a new Palliative Care Cancer Research Grant to support three projects aimed at improving the palliative care experience for Victorians with cancer.

In alignment with this year's theme, Closing the Care Gap, one regional project will be dedicated specifically to improving palliative care in rural Victoria.

Six world-leading research institutions in Melbourne will undertake these projects which will support the Victorian Cancer Plan 2020-2024, which aims to improve cancer survival rates and achieve equitable health outcomes for those with cancer.

The funds will also support two new fellowships in partnership with cancer organisations to strengthen research in low-survival cancers.

Dr Lucy Gately at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research received the Early Career Research Fellowship – awarded in partnership with Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer.

Dr Gately will use the funding to research treatment options for the most aggressive type of brain cancer which is resistant to traditional treatments.

While Dr Kathleen Pishas from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre was awarded the Mid-Career Research Fellowship, awarded in partnership with Ovarian Cancer Australia.

Dr Pishas will research low surviving ovarian cancers and ultimately seek to improve survival rates of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

The Government is also delivering a nation-leading \$153 million women's health transformation to improve women's health outcomes, reduce gender health disparities, enhance research and strengthen the safety and quality of care.

To view this year's grant recipients, visit victoriancanceragency.vic.gov.au.

## Winchelsea Churches



### St John's Catholic Church

Father Joseph Panackal 0404598558 Harding St, Winchelsea 3241 MASS TIMES 6pm Sat. FEB. 10, 17, 24 6pm Sat. MAR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### St Thomas' Anglican Church

Rev'd Phil Jacobson 0477 672 042 stthomaswac@gmail.com Barwon Tce, Winchelsea Service 10am

## Winchelsea Uniting Church

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

#### Thought for the Week

"With our hands we give gifts that money can buy— Diamonds that sparkle like the stars in the sky, Trinkets that glitter like the sun as it rises, Beautiful baubles that come as surprises – But only our hearts can feel real love and share the gift of our Heavenly Father above."

> John Bader, Former U/C Accredited Lay Preacher

### How do we accurately interpret the Bible, and what difficulties are encountered with different ways of doing this

Phil Jacobson Vicar, St Thomas Anglican Church

I'm sure that some of you who chose to read this will be bit sceptical –and I really think that that's more than OK.

Surprisingly, I actually stand with you with admitting that the topic we're about to delve into might be a bit like navigating through a maze.

Yes, we're here to talk about the Bible, and I assure you, it's a bit like deciphering an ancient treasure map. It's certainly Indianna Jones territory but keep reading.

Now, I understand that interpreting the Bible, for those who are prepared to authentically try to do so, is like untangling a ball of yarn. It's not an easy feat, and the road can be as twisted and challenging as the verses themselves. So, let's explore why this might be the case and see what end point we may arrive at.

Firstly, we need to acknowledge the sheer antiquity of the text. The Bible, with its history spanning centuries, has weathered the sands of time. It's been translated, retranslated, and re, retranslated and even had bits lost in translation over the years. Think of it like a global game of telephone – messages tend to morph along the way.

But that's not the only challenge. We've got to consider the cultural context in which these scriptures were written. The people of biblical times didn't exactly have iPhones or iPads to jot down their daily thoughts. They used metaphors, parables, and symbolic language that can make our modern minds go, "Wait, what?" So, when we attempt to grasp their meaning, it's a bit like deciphering the emoticons of a bygone era.

Now, let's touch upon the diversity of interpretations. Imagine the Bible as a kaleidoscope, with each turn offering a unique perspective. Various denominations, scholars, and individuals have sifted through the verses, and sometimes they find different shades of meaning. It's not because they're trying to confuse us; it's just that the richness of the text allows for diverse understandings.

Take the story of Noah's Ark, for instance. Some might see it as a literal account, while others view it as a metaphorical tale of redemption. The Bible accommodates a spectrum of interpretations, much like a buffet where you're free to choose what resonates with you. It's a bit like a literary Rorschach test – what you see might reveal more about you than the text itself.

Now, I know scepticism might be lingering in your thinking at this time, like an uninvited guest at a party. But let's embrace it, shall we? The very act of questioning and grappling with the text is a testament to the Bible's enduring relevance. It's a dialogue that spans centuries, involving people from different walks of life, backgrounds, and beliefs.

So, in conclusion, interpreting the Bible is an art rather than a science. It requires a touch of humility, a sprinkle of cultural context, and a pinch of open-mindedness. Let's navigate the labyrinth of biblical interpretation together, recognizing that our collective journey might be as enlightening as the destination itself.

So, let us approach the Bible with open and curious minds, acknowledging the challenges, embracing the diversity, and finding joy in the ongoing adventure of understanding one of the oldest and most influential texts known to humanity.

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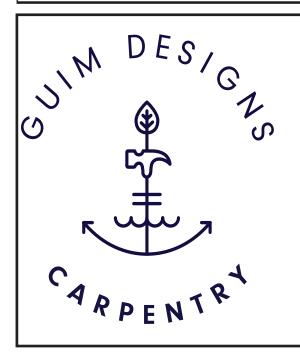
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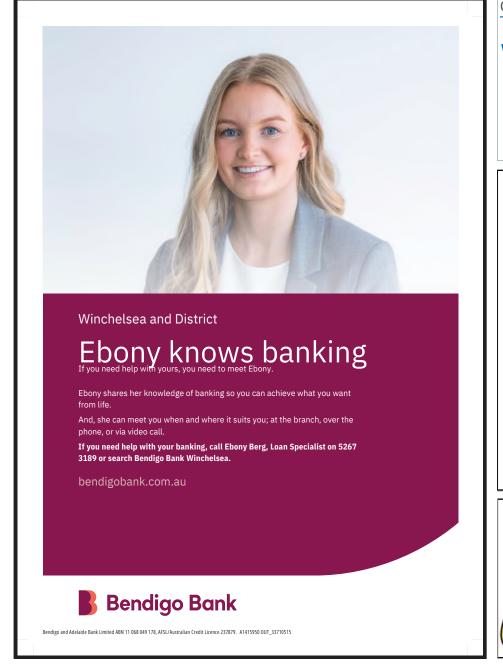
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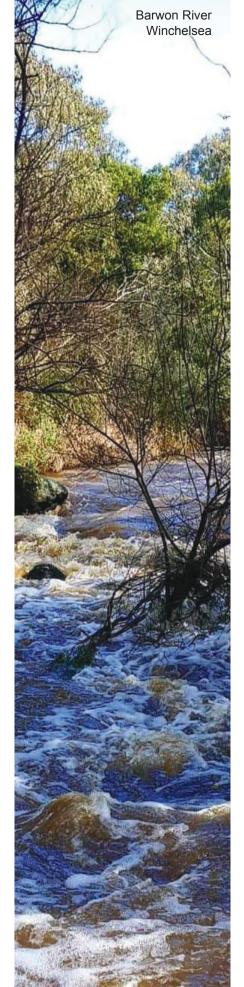
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