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Cheryl Laird and Rhys Jeffs Champions of Champions



Winchelsea fans were thrilled to witness a most unusual event this weekend where the Club Champions of both Ladies and the Men's Finals fought their way through to the Champion of Champions Grand Finals - and were both successful!

Congratulations to Sheryl Laird and Rhys Jeffs for wonderful play over more than 8 hours at Colac, worthy winners of this well attended and highly prestigious event.



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Kitty 'n Jack

Finally, the Pennant results of 2024 from the beginning of this year now that all Divisions are equal on games and ladders up to date.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

- 9 January Div 1 Winchelsea away def Simpson
2 rinks and one drawn rink, 63 shots to 56 shots.
- 9 January Div 3 BYE 12 points
- 16 January Div 1 Winchelsea def Cobden at home
2 rinks, 85 shots to 55 shots.
- 16 January Div 3 Winchelsea def Camperdown Golf at home
1 rink, 73 shots to 67 shots.
- 23 January Div 1 Winchelsea def by Colac City at home
all rinks 47 shots to 69 shots.
- 23 January Div 3 Winchelsea were def by Derrinallum
all rinks, 65 shots to 90 shots.

LADDERS TO DATE

Division 1 are in 3rd position and cannot lose this position in last round.

Division 3 are in 3rd position but are only one point behind second going into last round.

SATURDAY PENNANT

- 20 January Division 1 with two Australian players one in each team which was reported on in an earlier edition winning 2 rinks, 101 shots to 104 shots.
- 20 January Division 2 Winchelsea def Birregurra away
3 rinks, 83 shots to 80 shots.
- 20 January Division 4 Winchelsea def Colac Central at home
winning 2 rinks and 1 draw, 72 shots to 53 shots.
- 27 January Division 1 Winchelsea def Colac Central at home
winning 3 rinks, 100 shots to 78 shots.
- 27 January Division 2 Winchelsea def Colac City 2 rinks
1 draw 1 loss, 100 shots to 90 shots.
- 27 January Division 4 Winchelsea def Lismore/Camperdown
3 rink win, 69 shots to 55 shots.

LADDERS TO DATE

- Winchelsea Division 1 4th
- Winchelsea Division 2 2nd
- Winchelsea Division 4 3rd

Last time I mentioned that the Region Groups were playing against the other regions at Bendigo for the playoffs. The West Coast Mens Team performed well but did not reach the finals.



Erin Baulch with Rebecca McMahon, a winning rink from the Group Championships.

However, the West Coast Ladies team comprising one of our members Erin Baulch reached the final, but were silver medalists in very trying conditions. Congratulations to Erin Baulch, Rebecca McMahon and Hayley Murnane from Corangamite Playing Area who were 3 members of that terrific team of 12 from across the West Coast Division.

May the bowls be with everyone in the last few weeks of pennant and competitions for 23/24 it will be exciting and entertaining viewing under the dome at Colac!!

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Semi Finals And Final Sunday 28 January 2024

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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.

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Important!

Bob Verity Memorial Date has been postponed

The Memorial service as advertised for early February has been postponed until further notice.



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Ramsar Week seeks to raise awareness of the importance and value of the wetlands within the broader communities

of the Corangamite CMA region. Education and shared knowledge about the significance of these ecosystems for society will aid in the respect shown for and protection of the wetlands and their inhabitants.

The Corangamite CMA covers 13,340 square kilometres of south-western Victoria; two Ramsar-listed wetland systems are within the region.

The Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula site covers approximately 22,694 ha near Geelong, and the Western District Lakes site covers approximately 32,898 ha around Camperdown.

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We are urging people to be careful, especially when it comes to campfires, as gusty winds will easily carry embers from a campfire into the bush.

Fires can spread quickly, so people should monitor the conditions, use the VicEmergency app and listen to local emergency radio stations in case of bushfire, storms or flooding.

Parts of the state are still impacted by recent heavy rainfall and flooding. Take care, drive slowly and follow any closures. Before you travel, check the FFMVic and Parks Victoria closure pages.

With some careful planning, we can work together to make sure we keep bushland healthy and safe for everyone to enjoy.

Authorised officers patrol areas so everyone can have safe and enjoyable weekends – but they can't be everywhere. Report unattended campfires to 136 186 and call 000 to report a bushfire.

For more information, visit <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/fire-restrictions-and-regulations>.

Open Day Winchelsea Tennis Club

Sunday 4 February
10.00am - 1.00 pm

Tennis Geelong is coordinating a Tennis Open day across the Geelong region on Sunday 4 February 2024 to help improve the visibility of clubs within their respective communities.

Winchelsea Tennis Club is to be a part of this day and will be open from 10am 1pm with Round Robin social tennis, cardio tennis [for those keen], face painting, sausage sizzle and free tea and coffee will be available.

All abilities and ages are welcome to come along and try tennis, enjoy the hospitality of the club and enjoy meeting some new faces.

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'This is Bill's story. Could it be you one day?'



Dairy farmer returns to teach the next generation

Bill Cornelissen never wanted to be anything but a farmer and now he has the chance to inspire young people to follow in his footsteps.

Bill grew up on a dairy farm and did his farm apprenticeship at South West TAFE in 1995-1999. His life has turned full circle and he has returned to TAFE as an associate facilitator to encourage the next generation of farm workers.

He's also encouraging farmers to get behind the future of the industry by employing trainees and to giving access to students so they can get exposed to a range of different farm enterprises to grow their skills.

Bill's family were share-farming for 20 years while he was growing up and they're still in the industry, along with several other relatives.

"Right from when I was a little kid, all I wanted was to be a farmer," he said. "I had been doing it for 20-plus years, working my way up from a farm hand to a share farmer, but circumstances changed so now I'm doing something different but happy to still be involved in agriculture."

The job came about when Bill was talking to SWTAFE Agriculture Teaching Education Manager Bec Toleman.

"I told Bec that things had changed and I was looking for another job and she said what about teaching? I'd never thought about before but went away and called back a week later and asked if she was serious about it and what it involved.

"Now here I am."

Bill is completing his training and assessment certificates and has started work as an associate facilitator, able to teach students but not yet grade their work.

He says some things have never changed since his time as an apprentice.

"When I was training, the advice was take your time and learn it properly and that's still relevant today," he said. "It's the same sort of messages to get across - push safety, make sure you know what you're doing and don't be afraid to ask questions."



While Bill, 43, encourages young people to consider a career in agriculture, he also wants farmers to open their doors to students.

"I've had trainees over the years and enjoyed helping them and seen the benefits that came to the farm. The last one was really good, even though she'd never been on a dairy farm before.

"The kids that are coming through like what they're doing, we just need more. There are shortages all over the place., That's why a lot of people are going into robotics because of the staff shortages.

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Commencing Friday 2nd February, 2024

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Commencing Thursday 1st Feb, 2024

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Pickleball!

You can come and try it out
in Winchelsea LTC

Pickleball at the LTC

Wednesday 31 January 7.00 p.m.- 8.30p.m.

Thursday 1 February 10.00 a.m. - 11.30a.m.

What is Pickleball?

It's one of the fastest growing sports in Australia and is a mix of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It's played on a badminton court, with a low net and uses a paddle with a short handle and a ball [similar in size to a tennis ball] with holes in it.

The game is suitable for all ages and as it's played on a relatively small court, it is suitable for ones 'not so fit' or not able to run too much!

Two introductory 'come and try' sessions have been organized at the LTC at the school, where all equipment will be supplied. Just wear suitable footwear!

Hopefully we can establish the Winchelsea Pickleball Club, if there is enough interest, and these sessions will continue to run each week and maybe even more sessions depending on the ongoing participation.

Any further inquiries please contact Lesley Mathison on 0438672197 or check out the Pickleball Victoria website.



Pickleball Victoria

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New families welcome

Lightning struck Winchelsea on 26 January Australia Day



Important reminder to property owners about grassfire risk following a fire in Winchelsea in the early hours of 26 January 2024

Kaylene Stocks, CFA Captain

Just before 5am CFA crews from Winchelsea Fire Brigade, Wingeel Fire Brigade and Birregurra responded with the support of four private firefighting units from the local area.

The fire was believed to have been started by a lightning strike

CFA Captain Kaylene Stocks said the fire presented challenges which were overcome with great team work.

“Firefighting in the dark can be difficult with the addition of long grass and rocky terrain,” she said.

“We had the support of the private firefighting units which meant we could round up the fire quickly and had it extinguished within around half an hour.”

Thankfully there was no further damage to the property.

Kaylene said it is an important reminder not to be complacent when it comes to fire,

“Grassfires can start and spread quickly and are extremely dangerous,” said Kaylene

“Even with the current rain fall, this shows that the grass is still dry enough to burn.”



Truth-telling event at sunrise 26 January 2024

Thousands gather to embrace truth-telling at Pilk Purriyn

Around 2,500 people gathered at dawn on Wadawurrung Country in Torquay on 26 January, for Wadawurrung truth-telling event Pilk Purriyn.

Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation hosted the event beside the waves at Cosy Corner in collaboration with Surf Coast Shire Council and supported by Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority and the generosity of Geelong Port and Give Where You Live Foundation.

Following the success of last year's inaugural event, Pilk Purriyn - now in its second year - provided an opportunity for members of all communities to gather and deeply listen to testimonials from Wadawurrung Traditional Owners.

Pilk Purriyn means sunrise in Wadawurrung language.

Three generations of Wadawurrung people were present for proceedings which opened with a traditional Welcome to Country, and Smoking and Dancing Ceremonies.

Aunty Mary Shuttleworth shared the stories of generations of women in her family line and the struggles they faced due to the impacts of colonisation.

It also recognised the proud survival and resilience of First Nations people, and preservation of culture, which has endured for tens of thousands of years.

Wadawurrung Elder Aunty Mary Shuttleworth said after the event, "When I looked up at the crowd and saw my Wadawurrung family, First Nations community and others, I felt both humbled and joyful. With so many people attending it gave me hope."

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Liz Pattison said, "We gathered with open hearts and in respectful silence today and absorbed truths which have been obscured for too long by the telling of only one side of our colonial history. We acknowledge all that has gone before, and we thank Wadawurrung Traditional Owners for their strength and grace in sharing Pilk Purriyn with our community."

Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation CEO Matthew Smith said, "It was a culturally enriching experience attending Pilk Purriyn today, and I acknowledge the bravery of all the Wadawurrung people involved in the truth-telling. The support from the crowd was certainly felt, and hopefully with a deeper understanding of culture and history, we continue to see the narrative changing."

Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority CEO, Jodie Sizer said, "Today, we gathered in a spirit of reflection, with hearts open to understanding, respecting, sharing and learning about often overlooked parts of our history. We extend our thanks to the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners for generously sharing their wisdom and appreciate the community for actively participating and embracing our joint commitment to recognition and reconciliation."





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Come along and see

HOME - an exhibition of photographs by Paul Dunn

The opening is on Saturday 17 February at 2.00pm
in the Shire Hall, Hesse Street, Winchelsea.

This remarkable exhibition is coming to Winchelsea after successful showings in Melbourne and other regional towns. Paul will be at the opening, along with filmmaker Lawrence Johnston whose films will accompany the exhibition.

Libby Mears will be opening the exhibition along with David Pethrick. Libby describes her approach to community building as - "One thing for me which matters and has since I worked in health promotion policy 25 years ago - is how do we support people, families, communities to live well in places that enhance wellbeing - my belief is all people, children, young people, older adults flourish in places where they feel that they belong, where they can make a contribution in some small way, where there is an interest in the neighbourhood and people around you and when the fabric of the community is strong because people are connected and not isolated, overlooked, "not seen" and most importantly- where people are not excluded either because of our attitudes or the barriers we create in our environment".

Your support for this endeavour will be greatly appreciated.

Jill Evans
Community Developer, Winchelsea Shire Hall
Winchelsea Community House



Pets can be necessary for our emotional wellbeing

Results from Victoria's first Pet Census

Pet owners across Victoria have shared their unique insights and opinions on pet ownership, attitudes, and experiences in the first-ever Victorian Pet Census.

Acting Minister for Agriculture Harriet Shing visited Lort Smith Campbellfield Veterinary Clinic and Adoption Centre to announce the findings on pet ownership – thanks to over 37,000 responses to the Victorian Pet Census on Victorians' furry, feathered and finned friends.

The crucial information gathered as part of the Census will allow the Government to better support Victorian pets, their owners and the animal welfare sector to access the services and support they need most.

This survey identified an estimated 4.3 million pets across Victoria, providing a greater understanding of the unique needs of a variety of animal species to help close the current knowledge gap on pet welfare and owner priorities.

Victoria's most popular pets are dogs, accounting for 41 per cent, followed by cats at 24 per cent. Among the preferred dog breeds were Cavoodle, Labrador, Greyhound, Border Collie, and Golden Retriever. In great news, the majority of cat owners adopted their cats from an animal or rescue shelter.

In a demonstration of commitment, pet owners have collectively spent an estimated \$6.6 billion in the past year alone on pet products and services to ensure the wellbeing of their beloved companions.

The Census also highlighted the positive impact of pets on the lives of Victorians, with an overwhelming 98 per cent attesting to benefits of pet ownership. Companionship and love were ranked highest at 79 per cent, followed by improved mental health and emotional support at 57 per cent.

The data collected reflects the diversity in pets found homes in Victorians households, including 83,000 reptiles and amphibians and 43,000 insects and spiders, chosen for their unique appeal and low-maintenance care.

The Pet Census findings underscore the immense love, health benefits, and deep connection between Victorians and their animal companions, guiding tailored support and improved welfare services for pets of all shapes and sizes across the state.

To explore the results visit animalwelfare.vic.gov.au/pet-census



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Friends of the Hooded Plover Call for Volunteers

Help protect the endangered hooded plover chicks on Lorne beach

Friends of the Hooded Plover are calling for community volunteers to help protect the hooded plover chicks on the beach habitat near the mouth of the Erskine River.

Volunteers are stationed near the area during the 35 days until the chicks can fly. THEY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. During the 35 days the chicks are active on the beach finding their own food, being warned into hiding by calls from their parents.

People in the area need to be made aware that they share the habitat and that the chicks are vulnerable from dogs off the leash and from recreational activities.

If people have missed the invitations for volunteers, on the Friends of Lorne website www.friendsoflorne.org.au you will find a clear explanation of the no-people and no-dog zone and how far it extends, as well as information about who to contact at BirdLife Australia, Friends of the Hooded Plover, if you wish to volunteer.

Volunteers are very much needed to explain the situation to the public because at low tide beachgoers cannot see the signs from the waterline and beachgoers mistakenly think they can walk the beach in front of the protected zone. They can't. It's all part of the protected zone. Police and DEECA (Dept. Environment, Energy and Climate Action) have begun imposing fines.

If you can spare an hour or two during the week, please help.



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Making a difference for people of all abilities

Tim Harte loves seeing access and inclusion for people with disability considered 'from the get-go' in projects across his community.

It is part of the rich personal reward he takes away from volunteering as a member and chair of Surf Coast Shire Council's All Abilities Advisory Committee.

The voluntary committee provides advice which helps Council realise its goals of making sure all people regardless of their abilities can be part of their community, access services they need and be included.

Council is seeking people with lived experience of disability to consider joining the committee and supporting its important work.

"It's a really positive way to give back to my local community and make sure Council facilities and programs are accessible and inclusive of the whole community," Tim said.

"I'm always learning something from the conversations we have. And it is rewarding seeing projects achieve better outcomes and save money because they have had lived experience put in from the start, and access and inclusion has been considered from the get-go."

The All Abilities Advisory Committee has run since 2002 and includes community members, Council staff and a Councillor representative. Committee members represent people with disability who live, work, study or play in Surf Coast Shire.

Tim, from Gnarwarre and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, joined the committee in March 2022 and became chair in December 2022.

"I'd say get involved, it is a really lovely community and a friendly collegiate atmosphere. The time commitment is meeting once every second month and it is a really good way to be involved and give back to our community," he said.

Cr Rose Hodge hailed the All Abilities Advisory Committee's contribution to improving access and inclusion across the shire.

"It would be impossible to measure the meaningful contributions committee members have made to Council projects, planning and to the lives of others across the past two decades," Cr Hodge said.

"I encourage people with lived experience of disability to consider nominating for the committee and helping to ensure that this purposeful work continues."

People can make expressions of interest in joining the committee via www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/AAAC or by phoning 5261 0600 and asking for the Access and Inclusion officer. Expressions of interest are open until 23 February.

Important!

Are you using compliant size netting?

Victorian gardeners are being urged to ensure they're using wildlife-friendly fruit netting when trying to protect their backyard crops, as wildlife carers and authorities report a spike in animal injuries and deaths from entanglements this summer.

The Conservation Regulator is warning the community about the dangers illegal netting poses to native wildlife, such as birds, bats, and possums, and are reminding household growers that they must use safe, compliant fruit netting with mesh no bigger than 5mm x 5mm.

In Victoria, it has been illegal to use or sell netting with a mesh size bigger than this since 1 September 2021, as larger mesh netting on fruiting trees or plants is more likely to entangle, distress, and fatally injure animals.

In addition to an appropriate mesh size, experts also recommend using netting

that is white and has a crossweave design, as it reduces the risks to wildlife and is easier for nocturnal animals to see and avoid at night.

Other tips for safer netting:

- Try protecting selected branches with bags or sleeves, rather than netting the whole tree.
- Never throw netting loosely over trees or let it lay on the ground. This can trap reptiles and other animals.
- Fix netting tightly to the tree trunk to help stop rats and birds from reaching fruit.

Native species play an important part in our ecosystem, and following a dry spring with stunted plant growth, Victorians are more likely to see wildlife, such as vulnerable grey-headed flying foxes, in their backyards looking for food.

If you find entangled, injured, or distressed wildlife, you can find temporary care information and contact details for the closest wildlife services by

calling DEECA on 136 186 or using the Help for Injured Wildlife tool: www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/injured-native-wildlife/help-for-injured-wildlife

In Victoria, all wildlife is protected by law. It is illegal to use or sell non-compliant household fruit netting under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019 and Authorised Officers can issue on-the-spot fines of \$384 to users and \$769 to sellers of illegal netting. Offenders also face a maximum penalty of \$2,884 if prosecuted in court.

The community is encouraged to report any information about wildlife crime to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

For more on how to protect both crops and wildlife, visit: www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/wildlifeand-fruit-trees

UNDERSTANDING CARBON ON FARMS

AGRICULTURAL FORUM

The Line up

- **Graeme Anderson - Ag Victoria Climate specialist;** Making sense of carbon on farms, the bigger picture.
- **Margaret Jewell - MLA Program manager Environmental sustainability;** The red meat industry, grazing management and global food security.
- **Ed Gannon - Director of Media Means and The Better Agriculture Podcast, co-host of the ABC 774;** Our MC for the day and presenter on 'the media's perspective on carbon and farming'.
- **Andrew Stewart - Yan Yan Gurt West Farm;** National award winning carbon neutral livestock farmer and agroforester.
- **Lisa Miller - Southern Farming Systems;** soils, pasture and livestock specialist.
- **Professor Bill Malcolm - The University of Melbourne;** Economics of emissions on farms.
- **Jonathan Jenkin - Masters of Agricultural Science - Economics at The University of Melbourne;** A farmers perspective - Economics of emissions on farm.

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With our expert line up of presenters, followed by an interactive panel discussion focusing on localised solutions and looking 'beyond carbon sequestration' in the farming sector, this is not a day to be missed!

When: 16th February

Where: Winchelsea Hub - Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea

Time: 9am - 4pm

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(Please RSVP via ticket purchases by February 9th)



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Graeme Anderson is a leading science communicator and extension leader within Victoria's Primary Industries sector.

He leads a cross-industry team who work with farm and service provider audiences and delivers presentations on climate, seasonal risk, forecasting and carbon issues. His intuitive nature, foresight and understanding of people and practice change have always placed him on the front line of emerging issues.



Dr Margaret Jewell's work contributes to improved production of red meat, directing investment into grazing management opportunities to improve and rehabilitate Australia's land mass, and global challenges such as food security, biodiversity depletion, and climate change. She is committed to ensuring that Australian agriculture can prosper while remaining sustainable and contributing to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets



Andrew Stewart is the recipient of the 2020 National Bob Hawk Landcare Award and has dedicated his farming career to managing and regenerating his family sheep and agroforestry property along with his wife Jill, and family. Yan Yan Gurt West Farm is carbon neutral, and a leading example of regenerative landscape management with a focus on integrated agroforestry systems and building ecological resilience in the face of climate change.



Ed Gannon is director of Media Means, an editorial content and strategy consultancy. He is a former editor of The Weekly Times and is now working with the ACM agricultural mastheads on content. He is also a co-host of the ABC 774 Conversation Hour, a regular contributor to ABC Statewide Radio and host of the Better Agriculture Podcast.



Professor Bill Malcolm is an experienced academic at the University of Melbourne with a demonstrated history of teaching and researching agricultural economics, farm economics, resource economics, agribusiness. Graduate of the University of New England (AU) and the University of Melbourne.



Lisa Miller completed her Bachelor of Agricultural Science with honors at Melbourne University. She is the Manager of Soils, Pasture and Livestock at Southern Farming Systems and is renowned for her work on soil acidity projects and working in the education space.



Jonathan Jenkin is a PhD Candidate for the School of Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Sciences at the University of Melbourne. Jonathan spent 10 years working in Agribusiness before returning to Western Victoria. Over the past decade Jonathan and his wife Jo have taken ownership and operation of their 1000ha mixed enterprise family farm business near Penshurst. He will be presenting about his on-farm experience and how it relates to his research, focused on managing emissions on farm, costs and businesses and market impact.



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Thought for the Week

"Let me stop complaining about my load of care, for God will always lighten it when it gets too much to bear.

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He'll give me strength to bear it
For God, in love and mercy,
is always near to share it."

John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
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Cybersecurity upgrades for Victorian schools

The Government is giving schools a major cybersecurity upgrade, including the introduction of new artificial intelligence technology designed to keep students and staff, and their data, safe.

Changes will monitor school networks and flag suspicious activity by hackers and criminals – while also standardising cybersecurity services across schools as well as doubling internet speeds.

The first half of 2023 saw around 15 schools take part in a pilot of the program using three new artificial intelligence-based programs that monitor activity within school networks looking for things like ransomware and hacking.

The final decision on which of the programs from the successful pilot will be implemented is expected early this year, with the new solution working alongside existing technology.

Those existing technologies have identified and stopped more than 35,700 attempts to access school systems since 2021 and the new solution will ensure systems are fit for purpose.

The upgrades are included in the Securing Connected Learners program, which is shaping technology and digital services across Victoria's more than 1500 government schools.

The upgrade will:

- Centralise access to Microsoft and Google collaboration programs, ensuring their use meets safety and security requirements.
- Move schools onto centrally managed services for internet, systems access and security monitoring.
- Support schools to improve their own cyber security governance.
- Provide schools with a catalogue of assessed education software to minimize the use of unsafe technologies.
- Double internet speed from 1 Mbps to 2Mbps per student in Primary Schools and increase it five-fold to 5 Mbps per student in Secondary Schools.
- Redesign school internet access to use cloud-based security controls making them safer and more user friendly.

Incentives available to attract medical graduates into a career as GP

The State Government is stepping up to fill the gap in primary care – with the delivery of a \$32 million grant program to recruit more GPs.

Applications for 800 grants worth up to \$40,000 each are now open for medical graduates, who take up a career in general practice.

Four hundred grants are on offer in 2024, with another four hundred grants in 2025 for those commencing a GP training program in Victoria. Doctors who commenced their training this year and who had applied, enrolled and were accepted on or after 27 November 2022 are also eligible.

All applicants will be assessed against an eligibility framework to receive the grant.

GP colleges have already seen an uptick in enrolments for GP training for 2024, laying the groundwork for more effective and expansive primary healthcare delivery for Victoria's future.

A recent survey found the number of final year medical students whose first-

choice career option is general practice has fallen to just 13 per cent, with the number of GP specialists not growing at the same rate as non-GP specialists.

These grants seek to address some of the current disincentives for young doctors from pursuing a career in general practice, such as the higher remuneration typically on offer in other medical specialties.

Graduates can apply for a grant directly through the websites of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners once they have been successfully accepted and enrolled into one of the relevant GP training programs.

The Victorian Rural Generalist Program and several medical specialist training programs are also in place to better distribute doctors across regional and rural areas.

The grants are part of the plan to grow the size of the overall health workforce, including the recruitment and training of 7,705 healthcare workers, including 3,100 workers from overseas since 2022.

Be Kid Safety Conscious as children go back to school

Take extra care around roads and driveways as students return to school

As students prepare to return to school after the summer holidays, Kidsafe Victoria is urging all road users to take extra care in a bid to reduce the number of transport related deaths and serious injuries.

The call comes as statistics show that Victoria experienced its worst road toll in 15 years in 2023.

Transport related incidents - which include child pedestrians and passengers - continue to be a leading cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalisations for children.

Jason Chambers, General Manager of Kidsafe Victoria, emphasised the importance of road safety during the busy back-to-school period.

"Roads are designed with adults in mind, but it's important to remember that children aren't 'little adults.' They lack traffic experience, cognitive development, and are smaller in stature, which makes them more vulnerable to injury."



An area of particular concern is the home driveway and carparks, where many school-day journeys begin and end.

Each year in Australia, an average of seven children aged under 14 years are killed, and 60 are seriously injured due to driveway run-over incidents.

"School hours see an influx of excited and exhausted children around roads, car parks, and driveways, especially during pick-up and drop-off times", said Mr Chambers.

"Children are naturally inquisitive and remarkably quick and mobile. When combined with the substantial blind spots that exist behind all vehicles, it can be difficult for a driver to spot a child behind a reversing vehicle."

Kidsafe Victoria is also reminding parents and carers of the critical role that correctly installed and used child car restraints and booster seats play in protecting children during car journeys.

"Even though children will have grown since last year and may appear tall, most kids up to the age of 10-12 still require a booster seat to ensure their safety in the event of a collision."

"Statistics show that the risk of serious injury for children who can still fit in a booster seat but don't use one can be up to 3.5 times higher. It's safest to keep children in booster seats until they outgrow the size limit", said Mr Chambers.



Kidsafe Victoria recommends that children only transition to using an adult seat belt when they can pass the 5 step test. The test is designed to help determine whether a child is big enough to obtain optimal protection from the adult seat belt. A child can get a good seat belt fit if the answers to all of the questions in the test are yes.

To ensure the safety of children on and around roads as the school year begins, Kidsafe Victoria has released a series of tips for parents and carers:

- Slow down and take extra care around school zones. Watch out for road signs indicating reduced speeds during school hours.
- Use designated school drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Actively supervise children, especially when they are near traffic or crossing the road.
- Set a good example by always using a designated school or pedestrian crossing to cross the road. Teach children to "Stop, Look, Listen and Think" before crossing the road and explain what this means.
- Make sure that children are seated in a child car restraint or booster seat that is appropriate for their size, correctly installed, and adjusted to fit them correctly on every trip.
- Beware of blind spots when reversing. All vehicles have blind spots, which can make it difficult to spot a child. While reversing sensors and cameras can help, they should never be solely relied upon to keep children safe.
- If your child is using a wheeled device like a scooter or bike to get to school, make sure that they are using appropriate protective equipment such as helmets and wrist, elbow and knee guards, and know how to safely cross the road.

Women are currently under-represented in public art in Victoria

More inspiring women will be honoured in public art across the state thanks to a significant new investment from the state government, with Victorians getting the opportunity to vote and select the final artworks.

Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins visited Garden Square at Melbourne Park, the home of the Australian Open, to announce a second round of the landmark Victorian Women's Public Art Program – which makes sure the significant contributions of Victorian women are better represented and recognised.

Former champion tennis player Judy Dalton, who helped pave the way for women's professional tennis and the foundation of the Women's Tennis Association, has been honoured with a statue in Australia's home of tennis – as one of nine women who broke away from the male tennis establishment to form

their own tour in 1970.

In 2023, six new public art works were unveiled across the state, celebrating women such as journalist, comedian and disability rights advocate Stella Young and equal pay campaigner Zeldia D'Aprano.

Women are still hugely underrepresented in statues, sculptures and other art in our public spaces.

The Victorian Women's Public Art Program aims to address this by funding projects that pay tribute to women who have made a lasting impact on Victoria's culture, history and development.

The second round of the Women's Public Art Program will include a public engagement process, where Victorians will be able to learn the stories behind the proposed artworks and vote for the final ones.



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Victorian measles alert

New cases of measles in Victoria



Victoria has recorded two new measles cases in returned overseas travelers. This is in addition to the case in a returned traveler alerted earlier this week.

These cases were infectious at a number of public premises between 17 and 24 January 2024.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that spreads quickly with close contact, especially in those who are not fully vaccinated.

Young children and adults with weakened immune systems are the most at risk of serious illness.

Overseas travel remains a significant risk factor for anyone not fully vaccinated and vulnerable to the disease, with current cases having returned from travel to Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka.

As a result of these cases there are multiple local public exposure sites that have been identified, with those who attended these sites urged to seek medical care if they develop symptoms, and to wear a mask and call ahead to ensure they can be isolated from others.

The illness usually begins with common cold-like symptoms such as a runny nose, red eyes and a cough, followed by fever and a rash.

The characteristic rash usually begins 3-4 days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body.

“People can be administered MMR vaccine within 72 hours of exposure to Measles to prevent infection. Failing that, we recommend that people monitor for symptoms and seek medical attention if any symptoms develop,” Victoria’s Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Christian McGrath said.

Recent previous cases of measles have been identified in people who are not fully immunised against measles and who have travelled overseas or been in contact with returned overseas travelers.

Date	Time	Location	Monitor for onset of symptoms up to
Wednesday, 17 January 2024	6:00am – 3:00pm	Bay City Auto Group (and associated construction site) 140 Dandenong Road West, Frankston, VIC 3199	Sunday, 4 February 2024
Wednesday, 17 January 2024	7:30pm – 9:30pm	Box Hill Action Indoor Sports 9 Clarice Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128	Sunday, 4 February 2024
Thursday, 18 January 2024	6:00am – 3:00pm	Bay City Auto Group (and associated construction site) 140 Dandenong Road West, Frankston, VIC 3199	Monday, 5 February 2024
Friday, 19 January 2024	6:00am – 3:00pm	Bay City Auto Group (and associated construction site) 140 Dandenong Road West, Frankston, VIC 3199	Tuesday, 6 February 2024
Monday, 22 January 2022	5:30pm – 7:20pm	Costco Ringwood 29 Bond Street, Ringwood VIC 3134	Friday, 9 February 2024
Tuesday, 23 January	12pm – 12:45pm	DFO South Wharf – shopping centre and carpark 20 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	12:15pm – 2:30pm	Docklands Park Playground 1-47 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands VIC 3008	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	12:40pm – 1:40pm	Collins Square Food Court 727 Collins Street, Docklands VIC 3008	Saturday 10 Feb 2024
	1:10pm – 1:40pm	Tram 48 to North Balwyn from Stop 1 Spencer St/Collins St to Stop 5 Elizabeth St/Collins St #5	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	1:40pm – 3:35pm	Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium King St, Melbourne VIC 3000	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Melbourne River Cruises 4pm departure Berth 2, Federation Wharf, Princes Walk, Melbourne VIC 3000	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Tram 70 to Waterfront City Docklands. From Stop 6 Russell Street/Flinders Street to Stop D6-Victoria Police Centre/Flinders St	Saturday, 10 February 2024
	5:40pm – 6:20pm	DFO South Wharf – carpark only 20 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006	Saturday, 10 February 2024

Measles is rare in Australia, thanks to widespread vaccination rates.

“Any overseas travel could lead to exposure to measles at the current time,” Dr McGrath said.

“Measles outbreaks have recently been reported across the Globe and

anyone planning overseas travel should ensure they have received appropriate vaccinations, including an MMR vaccine if they don’t have a history of two previous MMR vaccinations,” Dr McGrath added.

Additional information is also available on Better Health Channel.



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Meet Willow.

She swapped Marine Biology for Audio Engineering and her all girl band, Lisztomania, with the help of a Powell Legacy Fund scholarship

Willow Smith surprised everyone when she shelved her long-held ambition to become a marine biologist in favour of a career as an audio engineer.

But today she's half way through her Bachelor of Audio Engineering at Collarts International in Melbourne with the support of a Powell Legacy Fund scholarship, while continuing to enjoy playing with her Timboon-based all-girl band Lisztomania.

Willow says the change of heart took everyone, including herself, by surprise. "I had wanted to be a marine biologist since I was six years old, then all of a sudden when I was 14, I decided I wanted to be an audio engineer," she said.

"I've been around music my entire life. I play guitar in a band and my parents have always taken me to gigs; they were super excited when I told them I wanted to pursue this career."

Lisztomania has been playing gigs around south-west Victoria and will be part of the Ignite Music festival in Warrnambool on February 3. "Lately we've been getting into a pop-punk grungy sound which has been fun," Willow said. Lisztomania started as a school band and after the drummer left, Willow's little sister Poppy was recruited, joining Jade Van Es and Ebony Bouwman.

Willow didn't want to rely on playing her own music for a career, so audio engineering was a perfect option. The course has three main streams – live sound, studio recording and mixing, and post-production recording on film or television.

"I think I'll end up doing everything, but probably more in recording and post-production which I really enjoy," Willow said. "I'll see where next year takes me."



Although the bachelor course has three years of content, it is consolidated into two years. "It's a lot of work but it's a really wild course and you get to do cool things," Willow said.

The Powell Legacy Fund scholarship, administered by the DemoDAIRY Foundation, has been a big help. Willow is mainly using the scholarship for equipment, including buying specialist studio headphones, but also for the course fees. "It has made the education more accessible and less financially stressful," she said. "The scholarship has been amazing and I really appreciate the opportunity."

Willow will be returning to Timboon over the holidays and working at the 12 Apostles in January.

Ultimately, she would like to return and work in music in the region. "I want to come back to the Timboon area but will probably have to stick around Melbourne for a few years to build up a name for myself, then I would be able to work remotely," she said.

Willow's family moved to Timboon in 2015 and she joined the Port Campbell Surf Lifesaving Club where she volunteered alongside Ross and Andy Powell, and has been heavily involved with local soccer clubs and coached the first Corangamite Lions women's team.

Visit the DemoDAIRY website <https://www.demodairy.com.au> or contact DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358987 or itag@bigpond.com for more information on DDF or the Powell Legacy Fund.



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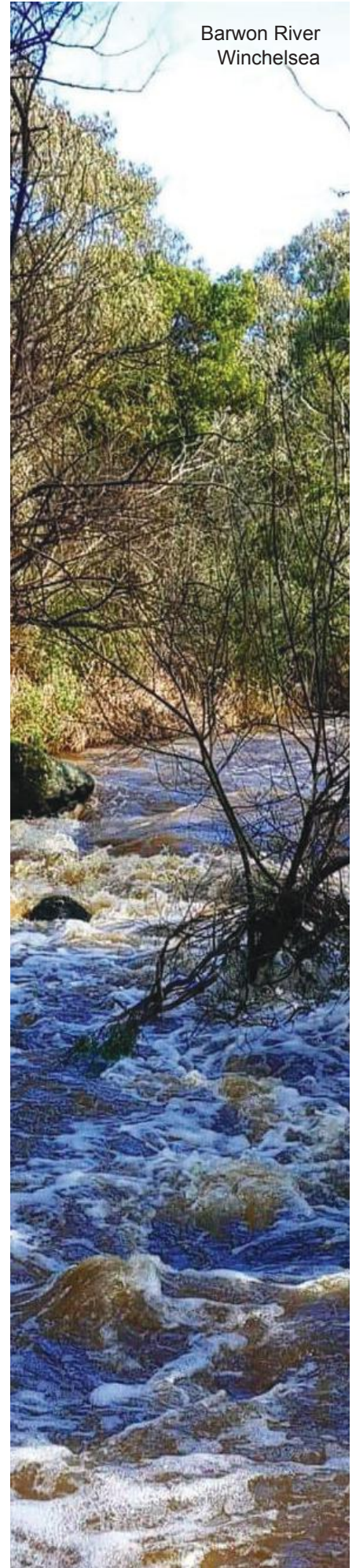
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