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Tea & Tunes

at the Winchelsea Shire Hall
courtesy of blues duo the 2 Tones

First Tea & Tunes event in the Shire Hall a Hit!

by Rhani Bayon

On Thursday the 19th of June The Winchelsea Shire Hall hosted over 50 community members to enjoy a day full of fun, food and music from the sensational Blues Duo the 2 Tones.

Guests enjoyed morning tea, hot drinks, Lunch and afternoon tea in the hall whilst Paul & Paul from the 2 Tones kept us entertained with some well-known covers and original songs. Two very talented gentlemen we are so grateful to have been able to have and enjoy for this first edition of the event.

The day, aimed at bringing isolated members of the community into the Historic Shire Hall building for something a bit different, inspired by the long running Morning Melodies available in other communities.

The Winchelsea Community House want to publicly thank Kelly Turner and the Winchelsea Community Bank for all of their support and helping making the event possible!

A huge thankyou to Wendy & Colleen who planned, prepared and served all of the wonderful food on the day and Marlene and Caz for their hands on support too.

Tea & Tunes will be back by popular demand later in the year for a 'Sing-Along' Edition, so if you missed out on the 2 Tones, be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming updates on the next one.



Winchelsea Projects Update

JUNE 2025



Former library structural repairs complete



Structural repairs to Winchelsea's historic former library building are complete.

Contractors have underpinned the south-east corner of the building, repaired cracked brickwork, re-plastered two cracked interior walls and painted all interior walls.

Landscaping is still to be completed.

Council fully funded the work as part of its asset renewal program and the building is set to be returned to use as a Visitor Information Centre in the second half of 2025, once other minor works are complete.

An expression of interest process will also be undertaken during coming months to identify a suitable commercial or community co-tenant.

The building, close to the popular Barwon River recreation precinct, was used as a Visitor Information Centre before its closure in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Cracking was identified soon after, leading to the building's closure for repairs.



Cracked interior wall. **Image credit:** Torquay Building Services.

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What Smart Tools Actually Look Like in Regional Business

By Bec Lane, Business Operations Specialist

AI, automation, ChatGPT, workflows, integrations. Terms once reserved for the IT team, now they're everywhere. And if you run a small or regional business, you've probably been told more than once how these tools can save you time and money (and a few headaches).

But for many business owners, it's not that simple.

You might be curious about what's possible. But you're also flat out managing the day-to-day things like staff, customers, deadlines and delivery. There's not a lot of spare headspace to sit down and figure out how a new tool could fit in, let alone learn and implement it properly.

So it gets pushed down the list. The subscription quietly ticks over. The workflow you tried gets lost and forgotten.

But, smart tools can make business easier - when they're introduced at the right time, in the right way and for the right reasons.

That's why the better question isn't "Should I be using AI?" but:

- Is this the right tool for our business?
- Is this solving the right problem?
- Is the team ready for it?
- Have we got the foundations in place to make it work?

Technology on its own isn't a strategy. It should be shaped by what you actually need and what's going to make a difference behind the scenes.

For regional businesses, this often means tightening up the basics first:

- Looking at where work is duplicated, delayed or overly reliant on you
- Clarifying who does what, and how that information flows
- Deciding what kind of oversight you actually need, and what your team can own
- Finding ways to streamline that fit your team's capabilities

When those foundations are solid, the right tech becomes easier to choose, quicker to implement and more likely to stick.

That's what sets you up for long-term success - not just chasing the latest tool, but building something that works, day in and day out, even when things are busy.

That's smarter operations for a stronger business.

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[front row, left to right]

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By Judy Cameron

I popped in on Friday to drop off some excess articles and suggested to Sue, who was minding the Books & Toys room, that they should have a sign “Items welcome but please take away something from the shop while you are here”! And what an amazing range of very moderately priced stock they have.

A wonderful band of volunteers keep the Op Shop going so please support them to raise funds to support our local Winchelsea community.

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for Winchelsea Seniors Card Holders

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

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

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- **Wednesday 25 June**
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More dates to come for July and August.

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history of winchelsea

Lt Maj. Edward Oscar Armitage (1893-1946)

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

Edward Oscar Armytage was the son of Oscar Ferdinand Armytage and Maud Armytage of Ingleby. Edward Oscar was the grandson of George Armytage of Ingleby. Edward was born at Kensington, Melbourne, 'with a large compliment of servants'. Edward spent his life in England. By 1931, Edward was living in Rutland Gate, London, and travelled the pacific in his own boat.

He was educated at Harrow, served in Flanders in 1916 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Highland Regiment (also known as the Black Watch). His address on enlistment was given as Ingleby. In the Second World War he rejoined this regiment and became a Major serving in Egypt in GHQ. He was at El Alamein before and after the advance. Between the two wars he travelled extensively and while in Egypt he was decorated by the French Government for his interest in the revival of Aramaic Art. He had the distinction of becoming a Fellow of the Royal Etymological Society of England before he was twenty-one.

Edward was well known in the Geelong area for his collection of ethnographic artefacts from Australia, Southeast Asia and other parts of the Pacific which he collected during his travels as a soldier.



One of the Boomerangs and club sold to EO Armytage from the former Geelong Museum, now in the British Museum.
Image Credit: British Museum

Two spearthrowers, one decorated with the classic zigzag patterning and the other with raised anthropomorphic figures and a traditional club were collected by George Armytage in about 1845 from the Ingleby estate at Winchelsea, on Gulidjan country and were sold to the British Museum in 1957 by an N W Shillito, who purchased Ingleby in the Twentieth Century, along with some of the Armytage Collection. At least 68 items from across Australia and Polynesia in the British Museum were collected by Edward, and at least forty in TePapa Museum in New Zealand.

In February 1922 The Geelong Museum closed and its collections were sold at Auction. Armytage purchased a collection of native weapons for £15 and added them to his private collection. It is likely that some of these were acquired by his cousin, Frank Armytage, who also collected ethnographic artefacts and owned 17 pastoral stations in the area, and one in NSW, he was appointed a JP in Geelong in 1885. He was thrice president of Corio Shire Council and twice at Bellarine, and was a councillor for 40 years, including at Yarrangobilly. Edward was in Egypt at the time of the sale, and Frank was in Geelong. Two boomerangs and one club provenanced to Geelong from the Geelong museum are also held in the British museum in connection with E O Armytage.

In the early years of the twentieth century, the agricultural property at Ingleby began to be broken up. In 1910 and 1911, parts of the estate were sold off and the Ingleby Estate has dwindled in size over the

years. In 1923 Ingleby passed out of Armytage family hands when Oscar Armytage sold the Ingleby homestead to Lyle Read. In 1951 the property was subdivided further and purchased by Harold Fowler under a soldier settlement program. Edward died aged 52 in England in 1946, around the end of the Second World War.



Artefacts collected from Gulidjan people at Ingleby by George Armytage c. 1845 purchased by the British Museum from the residue of the EO Armytage Collection.
Image Credit: British Museum

As repatriation of Indigenous cultural heritage from European museums becomes more possible in the 2020s, it would be fitting to see the Winchelsea community rally behind the Gulidjan people to see the Ingleby spears and clubs returned to the Gulidjan people of Winchelsea and the boomerangs and clubs in the Armytage collection to the Wadawurrung people of Geelong from the British Museum.



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

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

The UK Axed the Poll Tax

The incorrectly-named Emergency Services Levy is not the only unjust tax imposed by governments on its people.

Back in the United Kingdom in the 1980s, the Thatcher government decided to change how rates were paid. Instead of charging ratepayers depending on the size of the property, the government decided to charge a flat rate to each person individually. This meant that a group of people sharing a house paid more than a millionaire living alone in a mansion.

The tax was officially called The Community Charge, but nicknamed the Poll Tax because each person was charged a fixed amount, with reference to previous unpopular poll taxes, the worst in 1379 which caused a rebellion.

The working class in the UK were already reeling from closure of mines and other industry imposed by the Thatcher government. Some people simply couldn't pay. There was a huge outcry. Mass protests were organised by the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation, Anti-Poll Tax Unions and 3D (Don't register, Don't pay, Don't collect).

When the tax came into effective in 1990, millions of people simply refused to pay. The councils took them to court. In fact, the strategy was to flood the court system and not turn up. Eventually, the South Yorkshire Police refused to arrest defaulters because there were too many of them.

Within 12 months of the tax being implemented, Margaret

Thatcher was forced to resign, after a decade in office. The tax was repealed with its replacement based on property value again.

If the UK could manage to axe their unfair tax, surely we can follow suit and force our government to axe the Emergency Services "Levy" ... Tax.



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Nutrients For Winter Vitality

by Dr Emily McDonald

Ever feel like winter just drains you a little? More aches, more tiredness, a bit foggy, maybe even a little low for no clear reason?

It's not just the cold. Often, it's because your body is missing two key things it can't make on its own: Omega-3 Fatty Acids and Vitamin D. These are called essential nutrients for a reason. We need these nutrients to biologically, thrive! You may still go outside, but your winter coat blocks the sun your skin needs to make Vitamin D. And unless you're eating a lot of wild fish, chances are you're not getting enough Omega-3 either.

These nutrients don't just support immunity and heart health. They're behind so many of the everyday things we don't think about, or, until something feels off:

- Thinking clearly
- Sleeping better
- Moving without stiffness
- Having steady energy
- Feeling emotionally balanced

If winter feels harder than it should, your body might just be asking for what it's missing. We hope this Vitality tip supports how you navigate, this winter!



One Body Chiropractic
Dr Emily McDonald
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Rural roadshow to support Winchelsea and district farmers

Winchelsea and district farmers and local residents can come together for a free community event that will offer information and support services to help explore life beyond the farm.

The Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Rural Roadshow will be held Friday 18 July from 10am to 3pm at Winchelsea Shire Hall.

Headlined by a presentation titled 'Life Beyond the Farm and the Joys of Retirement', the event is aimed at farmers who are considering what retirement might look like and how they can stay connected to their communities.

Councillor Adrian Schonfelder encouraged interested people to drop-in at any time.

"There will be information stalls, health checks, rural financial counsellors, a defibrillator training session, scam awareness session, and an opportunity to learn more about digital banking," he said.

"Most importantly, it's a great chance to simply sit and have a cuppa with other locals facing the same challenges in these hard times as the drought continues.

"We want roadshow attendees to leave feeling more confident in how they can stay healthy, financially secure, and connected."

The event will also feature showbags and door prizes, and catering by Feed Me Surf Coast.

For full details and to register for the event, please visit: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/RuralRoadshow.

Numerous organisations and groups have teamed up to deliver the event: Surf Coast Shire Council, Winchelsea

and District Community Bank, Hesse Rural Health, Council on the Aged Victoria, Dementia Australia, Lifeline, Ambulance Victoria, Winchelsea Probus Club, Winchelsea Community House, Winchelsea Men's Shed, and Winchelsea Community Bank Village. "I'm pleased that members of Council's Positive Ageing Advisory Committee are on the planning committee for this event, along with valued community members from Winchelsea and surrounds," Cr Schonfelder said. "Thank you to everyone involved in organising."

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Rural Road Show
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winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com
Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
New families welcome

Ready, Set, Vote: Have Your Say On Playground Colours

Calling young families: you're invited to cast a vote for your preferred colours at three local playgrounds that are being replaced.

Community feedback has helped shape the designs for Bob Pettitt Reserve playground in Jan Juc, Moriac All-Access Playground at Newling Reserve, and Ocean Acres Playground in Torquay.

To check out the designs, all the equipment, and vote for preferred colours, visit yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/playground-renewals.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Liz Pattison thanked everyone who provided input in the opening round of consultation.

"In total we had 118 survey responses," she said. "We also had some great feedback from the Jan Juc kindergarten families, including the kids who love to play at the Bob Pettitt Reserve Playground."

"A common theme across all three playgrounds was that people love the natural look and feel, so that will be retained."

"The pitter-patter of feet on the popular platforms at Bob Pettitt will continue, while the playground will also have plenty of places to climb, swing, slide, balance and play pretend."

Council regularly inspects playgrounds and renews them when they're ageing and in poor condition, before they become unsafe. Playgrounds that are being replaced need to offer similar play features and fun and can welcome minor changes.

"We're ensuring that the Moriac playground remains an accessible playground with an access ramp, wheelchair carousel and swing for people with a disability, while Bob Pettitt Reserve and Ocean Acres playgrounds will meet new access requirements," Cr Pattison said.

"I encourage local families to look at the designs and let us know which colours they think would suit best."

After the community vote has decided the colours, the playgrounds are scheduled to be replaced between September and November. Specific timing for each site will be confirmed.

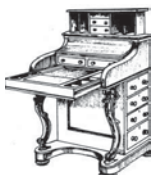
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Tiny Towns Funding success

The Winchelsea Arboretum Trail (WAT) subcommittee has again been successful gaining funding to continue the development of our local trail following a recent announcement that a grant under the Tiny Towns Fund - Round 2 for up to \$40,000 has been awarded to Growing Winchelsea Inc.

"This funding will allow Interpretive Signage for the Winchelsea Arboretum Trail delivering a key priority of our Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Concept Plan 2024. The installation of wayfinding, interpretive and trailhead signage will help people navigate their way, via a developing network of tree lined pathways and streets, to sites containing significant trees, each site being an opportunity to share unique stories," said Naida Hutton Convenor of WAT.

The Tiny Towns Fund seeks to increase liveability, opportunity and prosperity by delivering better public places and spaces in towns with a population of up to 5000 people in local government areas of regional Victoria.

Funding provides facilities for local families and builds community capacity while increasing visitation that benefits local businesses.

"With Winchelsea being the principal location for urban growth in the Surf Coast Shire with projected population growth beyond 10,000, projects like this play a key role in encouraging investment in the town as well as providing many health, wellbeing and community connection benefits for existing and new residents," said John Tebbutt President of Growing Winchelsea.

"Already we have formed a Steering Committee and over the coming months will confirm sites for trailhead, plaques and signs and determine the language and symbols to be used throughout," said Naida Hutton, Convenor of Winchelsea Arboretum trail (WAT) subcommittee.



"There is excitement as this next stage project gets underway. We are extremely grateful to the Winchelsea Star for their generous financial donation and look forward to providing the community with regular updates as the project unfolds," concludes Naida.



Naida Hutton & Neil McInnes, representing the Winchelsea Star



L to R: WAT Members: Libby Russell, Naida Hutton, Victoria Hastings, Kerry Butcher, Rod Taylor, (Absent: Michelle Stocks, Rheanna Allan)



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MONDAY

CO-WORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

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St Thomas' Hall 25 Barwon Terrace
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JUNIOR

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1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

Cubs: 6:30-8pm (School term)
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Marie McPadden 0409 330147

VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St

TUESDAY

SOCIAL BRIDGE

10-12pm
Senior Citizens Centre, 36 Harding St
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

Joeys: 5-6pm (School term)
Scouts: 6:30-8:30pm (School term)
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

WEDNESDAY

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9:30-10.30am
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Landowners can accrue significant windfall gains when the value of their land increases due to the actions of government. These landholders may pay a tax on their windfall gains.

The recently adopted Urban Futures Strategy for the Surf Coast Shire has highlighted the need to facilitate an increase in the supply of land zoned for urban residential use and a need to identify suitable land to meet anticipated medium to longer term housing needs.

As a result, there is a need to facilitate the rezoning of land in Winchelsea to increase available residential land supply in the short term. Additional urban residential land needs to be identified to provide for longer term growth.

The next step is the place planning process being undertaken now for Winchelsea, by the Surf Coast Shire, to determine the capacity for sustainable growth beyond 10,000 people. Kate Sullivan, Manager, Integrated Planning with Surf Coast Shire will talk about the Place Plan at the meeting.

"Against this backdrop of future planning, a level of concern has been raised due to the lack of understanding about the impacts the Windfall Gains Tax may have on landowners. Therefore, a presentation by the State Revenue Office is timely and I encourage everyone to come and hear first-hand about the Tax," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

Rezoning of land can occur in several ways. For example, you (as the landowner) may make a request to your local planning authority to have your land rezoned. A rezoning can also occur as part of a broader change to the area promoted by a planning authority.

To find out more about the Windfall Gains Tax visit <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/windfall-gains-tax> and more information about the Winchelsea Place Plan can be found at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

"A hearty Winter Soup, Crusty bread and warm dessert will be provided at the start, therefore for catering purposes please register your interest by emailing secretary@growingwinchelsea.com or telephone Elaine Atkinson on 0458009616. We are looking forward to as many of our community attending as possible," concludes John.

GROWING WINCHELSEA MEETING

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of joy as we grow and progress.

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Danni Menzies Recognised for Her Work with Winchelsea Playgroup

If you've ever set foot in the Winchelsea Playgroup, chances are you've felt the magic Danni Menzies brings to the group.

This month, Danni was named a 2025 Playgroup Champion runner-up by Playgroup Victoria - an award that recognises the people who go above and beyond to make playgroups a welcoming, inclusive and joyful space for families. It's fitting recognition for someone who's poured so much heart, energy and time into making our local playgroup what it is today.

After reviving the group a few years ago, Danni has turned Winchelsea Playgroup into something truly special - upgrading equipment through grants and funding, adapting the sessions to suit our community's needs, and creating a space that's as much for the parents and caregivers as it is for the kids.

She makes sure everything runs smoothly each week, even when she can't attend herself, often heading in the night before or early in the morning to set up. That's no small feat, especially when you're also working, raising two kids, and running a support group for families with premature or unwell babies.

Danni's not just the organiser, she's the heart of it all. She connects local families through events and excursions, promotes the group and other local activities through social media, and even organises intergenerational sessions to help bridge the gap between young families and older residents in town, which is a win for everyone involved.

She's created something really quite special and rare with Winchelsea Playgroup - a fun, engaging space with low barriers to attendance, where carers and kids can show up exactly as they are, and feel welcome.

Playgroup Victoria recently presented Danni with her award at the Playgroup.

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OCR FM community radio station are opening up the airwaves to local stories again this year with the return of the July Journal project. Writers can submit pieces of up to 1000 words, which will be recorded and aired on OCR FM throughout July.

Last year saw over 50 entries, with writing ranging from narratives and poetry, to local history and humorous anecdotes. One school set their writing class a challenge to make diary entries of fictional convicts.

Authors are encouraged to visit OCR FM studios to record their writing, or can opt for an OCR FM volunteer to read it on their behalf.

This year OCR FM will also be hosting an open Writing Day at the Log Cabin Scout Hall on Sunday 29th of June for community members to come and share their stories, with typing and recording equipment available to use.

For further information, please contact OCR FM community radio station via admin@ocrfm.org.au or phone Tyson 0429081989.

OCR FM presents

The July Journal

A short story project open to all ages and abilities

Submit a short story (max 1000 words) for your chance to have it read out on air on OCR FM as part of our 5pm Stories program throughout the month of July.

Selected authors may choose to read their own story or have an OCR FM presenter read it for them.

There is no set theme or categories, but writing must be suitable for airplay between 6am and 6pm for a general listening audience.

Stories may also be made available as podcasts after broadcast.

Entries must be submitted by 25th of June to

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Winchelsea Primary School - Principal News

Netball Results

Congrats to our netballers who have represented our school very well at the recent regional competitions. The girls came home with two wins and two close losses. Big shout out to Charlie Earl for driving the community bus and to coach Peel for his work on the day. Also – big thanks to all the families who turned out to support the team.

Playground Works are Booked in!

It's official – our playground works are booked in for November 2025. I'd like to thank the entire community for their efforts in rallying behind our school's idea to install another playground.

Consultation Options Next Week Regarding the School Masterplan

Just a reminder to check out the options for consultation on the proposed masterplan for our school site. There are a couple of opportunities for families

to come and speak with the Principal after school (Wednesday and Friday at the netball circle). There will be survey circulated early next week too via Compass, for families who may not be able to make it in person.

Looking for Swim Instructors for December

Our swimming program is booked in for December 1st to 12th at the Winchelsea Pool. The school is beginning planning for that event now. In the past, the school has always struggled to find enough instructors willing to come and facilitate the program. As a school, we are exploring the potential of training some of our current teachers and aides to be qualified swim instructors, which might support the sustainability of the program. However, it is possible we will still need more people. If you know of someone in your circles who is already a qualified swim instructor, who might like some casual work in December, we would be grateful to hear from you. I am very keen to deliver the swimming



program in our local pool here at Winchelsea and not head into Geelong, as it does dramatically reduce costs for families and it makes use of existing community infrastructure. Please reach out if you or someone you know can help us.

Acting Principal Tenure

I'm just clarifying the arrangements for the Principal position. Simon O'Brien (the substantive principal) has accepted a one-year extension to his role elsewhere, until June 2026. I have accepted the opportunity to continue as the Acting Principal here at Winchelsea until the end of Term 2, 2026. If there are any further developments in this space, I'll keep you in the loop over the next twelve months.



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

It is hard not to get depressed over the lack of action to reduce greenhouse gases as we head to climate chaos. My email signature now includes

If you are not horrified you are not paying attention.

For millennia atmospheric carbon dioxide had never been above 300ppm

The concentration now is the highest for over 2 million years.

I was pleased to see the Guardian Media Group have launched 'The 89 Percent Project', a partnership between the Guardian US, Covering Climate Now, Agence France-Presse and dozens of other newsrooms across the globe. The collaboration builds on a slate of recent scientific studies finding that between 80-89% of the world's population want stronger climate action. This overwhelming global majority, however, does not realise that they are a majority; most think their fellow citizens don't agree. Experts agree breaking this "spiral of silence" could be pivotal to spurring critical climate action.

Maybe there is hope that decision makers can be moved to stronger action knowing this.

VFF Unveils Targeted Drought Framework To Support Farmers And Rural Communities

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) President Brett Hosking has today unveiled a comprehensive and scalable drought response framework designed to deliver timely, targeted support to farmers and regional communities battling prolonged dry conditions.

"Our farmers are doing it tough. With rainfall in some regions falling below the tenth percentile for months on end, we need a clear plan that delivers help where and when it's needed most," Mr Hosking said.

The VFF's framework, developed in consultation with Agriculture Victoria and submitted to the Victorian Government, reflects months of policy engagement with the Victorian Agriculture Minister. It outlines a three-tiered approach to drought support that is evidence-based and ready to implement. Measures include infrastructure and reseeding grants, municipal rate relief, water security initiatives, and dedicated mental health services. The model is built on empirical climate triggers to ensure support is equitable, transparent and responsive to escalating conditions.

It comes as VFF President Brett Hosking gets ready to meet directly with Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan to discuss the request this week.

"We've got the Premier's ear and now it's time to deliver for regional communities who are really struggling."

"This isn't just about handouts. This is about keeping rural communities on their feet, safeguarding food production, and making sure that no farming family feels like they have to go it alone," Mr Hosking said.



The framework also urges the State Government to address longer-term strategic barriers, including the relaxation of pest control restrictions, improved freight access for fodder transport, and the fast-tracking of critical pipeline infrastructure projects.

"Drought doesn't just affect paddocks. It affects people. That's why our framework includes support for kids to keep playing sport, families to stay connected, and farmers to access the mental health care they need," Mr Hosking said.

Mr Hosking welcomed recent public interest in supporting farmers and called for a whole-of-government approach involving state and federal leadership.

"We are also calling on the Victorian Premier, the Prime Minister, and both the State and Federal Agriculture Ministers to visit drought-affected communities in Victoria. It is vital that leaders see first-hand what these communities are experiencing in order to understand the challenges and identify how they can best support them."

"We're ready to work with all levels of government to implement this framework. With the right plan and the right partnerships, we can get through this together," Mr Hosking said.



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Five people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Bert Pelgrim, Aurnyn Holms, Jasper Stanisich, Ann Jones and Taylor Miller. Special mention to Nelson Rhode who ran in the Junior 10 category completing the course in 22 minutes

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Ann Morsby, Don Smith, Liz Bennett, Ann Jones, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Helel Woodall and David Woodall

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



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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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

parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week. Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please).





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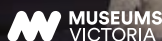


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Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen

Thursday Night Match Recap Round 3 Donut King

This week's showdown: Winchelsea TC vs the Coco Bewares

Fletch and fill-in Lachlan kicked things off with a solid 6-2 dub
Karthik? Not so lucky—served up a cold 0-6. Yikes.

Next, Karthik and Fletch had the win in sight at 5-4... until the opposition steamrolled through the tiebreak. So close, yet so far 5-6.

Meanwhile Lachlan pulled off a gutsy 6-4 singles win—legend.

He and Karthik then started strong in doubles (3-0!) before getting reverse-swept 3-6. Brutal.

With everything on the line, Captain Fletcher stepped up and dropped a 6-0 bagel. Henceforth, he shall be known as... The Donut King.

Final score: 3 sets all, 24-26. We win by 2 games. Another week, another heart-stopper.

Next week: The Midcourt Crisis rolls into Moriac. Stay tuned.



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Wednesday 18/6/25 - Mid Week Competition - Weekly Stableford

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1st - Rob Wilson (20) 35 points

2nd - Neil Hickman (10) 34 points C/B

BDL - Greg Rigby (22) 34 points C/B

NTP (6th/15th) - Peter Bath

Saturday 21/6/25 - Winchelsea Pharmacy Trophy 2nd Round - Stableford

16 Players

1st - Brad Davidson (10) 39 points

2nd - Bill Spencer (17) 37 points

BDL - Tom Shaw (17) 36 points

BDL - David Harvey (16) 35 points

NTP (8th/17th) Neil Hickman

Golden Hole (2nd) David Harvey

Next Saturday June 28th - 3rd Round Winchelsea Pharmacy Trophy - Best 2 scores of 3 Rounds. Register on Bookatee.

Congratulations to Lesley Mathison for taking out the Nett for B Grade at Beeac today, along with her NTP. Bad luck to the team loosing the shield on a CB to Apollo Bay.

Ever wondering what our acronym's stand for? Here is a quick explanation:

C/B: Count Back - When two players have the same score, a count back is used to break the tie by comparing their scores on the last few holes. The one with the better finish wins!

BDL: Ball Down the Line - It's a small prize (usually a golf ball) given to players who didn't win but had one of the next best scores. A reward for a solid round!

NTP: Nearest to the Pin - It's a little side challenge — land your ball closest to the flag on a par 3, and you win! As we have a 9 hole golf course, you get 2 chances to get your ball the closest!

Golden Hole: This is very similar to our NTP but this is only on one hole, so only one chance to win it!



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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

ROUND 10

Winchelsea Blues vs Bell Post Hill Panthers.

Welcome to Blues News as the 2025 season rolls around to being just over the halfway mark for the home and away games. A beautiful Winter's day to be playing a game of footy, the Panthers are always very hard to beat on their home ground Myers Reserve, but they are struggling a bit this season as are the Blues, so it was to be an interesting hit out for the Senior sides. The Reserves would have been wanting to put a better 4 quarters together after their disappointing game against Belmont Lions.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 8.3.51

defeated the Bell Post Hill Panthers 7.6.48

An even start to the match in the first quarter, the Blues were wanting to get off to a good start after the previous week. The second quarter showed some of the flair shown in the earlier games of the 2025 season with a 6 goal to 1 burst by the Blues. Bell Post Hill came back hard in the third and the final quarter showed the lead change and change back again for the Winchelsea Blues hang on for a gutsy win. With injuries still a huge concern, Angus Leigh put his retirement on hold, pulling on the boots to kick 2, the Reserves will be better off for the win and hopefully some of the injured will be back in the next coming weeks. Well done to Coach Jarryd Messenger and staff for getting the boys back up and about after the loss to the Belmont Lions.

GOALS: Callum Harrison 2, Angus Leigh 2, Lucas Brown 1, Patrick Dench 1, Luke Foot 1, Will McNeil 1.

BEST: Luke Foot, Aaron Cooke, David Isbister, Bailey Kahle, Callum Harrison, Zach Ross.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 9.15.69

were defeated by the Bell Post Hill Panthers 12.13.85.

This was a good even game of football with the first quarter honours going to the Blues leading 4 goals 3 to BPH 2 goals 2 and only a point the difference at half time in the Blues favour. BPH Panthers kicked away in the third with Winchelsea having all the play in the last but not being able to convert on the score board kicking 2 goals 5 points to 1 goal 1 point. For the third time this season to fill the numbers due to injuries Senior Coach Ben Moloney laced up the boots and showed what a difference in the side he can make. Making it look easy and proving a real headache for the opposition, we are hoping he is enjoying his time running around again out on the paddock. Luke Henry is continuing his great form on his return to the Winnie Blues and Riley Berg almost back to his best is great to see.

GOALS: Rueben James 3, Indy Parish 2, Jordan Huff 1, Fin Kersopp-Cole 1, Tom Rouget 1, Riley Berg 1.

BEST: Luke Henry, Indy Parish, Mitch Thomas, Rueben James, Riley Berg, Caleb Brown.

100 GAMES CELEBRATION:

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club celebrated Caleb Brown's 100th game last week. Caleb is Blue through and through having come up through the Junior ranks of the Club before debuting as a young Senior player. Bunga is such a huge part of the Winchelsea Blues, all at the Club wished him well for his 100th game. Congratulations Caleb!

The Brown family have strong connections right through the Club in both Football & Netball and Kathy and Vincent will have had a very proud moment last Saturday.

This week will see the Blues travel to Richmond Crescent Oval to play the East Geelong Eagles, who are always difficult on their home turf but with the recovery rate expected from injuries the Blues will endeavour to give them a run for their money.

THE BLUE'S BALL

Last Saturday Night the Club held its Annual Ball at Eastern Reserve in the Bendigo Bank Room. This was a great event, very well organised and patronised with over 150 tickets being sold. Well done to the organisers, a great effort and a great success!

THE BLUE'S CANTEEN

The Club has 4 home games left, and the remaining dates will present shortages in the Canteen for those last 4 games. Anyone who could help between the hours of 1pm to 3 pm on the deep fryer especially please contact Secretary Janet Fletcher – 0400 783 408. It would be a disaster for the Club to have to close the Canteen early or in fact does not have it operating at all. The Blues Canteen has a great reputation, and the Club aims to keep it that way and not have to be in the position of leasing the Canteen out to outside businesses as other Clubs have found themselves in that position. Our usual Volunteers are unable to be there for the last 3 – 4 weeks due to many and varied reasons so it needs others within the Club to step up and help for this short period of time. Just 1 person per week would be great and make all the difference.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Another busy night at the Blue's Bistro last Thursday evening, thank you everyone for your kind feedback over the last couple of weeks.

This Thursday the Menu will be Beef Mince Porcupine Balls, Chicken Carbonara, and Flathead Tails. Served with salad & chips, or vegetables. Chicken Nuggets & chips, \$5 Fish & chips \$5 (2 pieces of fish \$8)

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