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International Women's Day celebration

Poet Linnet Hunter brought local women together on Friday for movement, story, song and art. *Story p 7*



L-R: Yael Appelboom, Kirsten Penzes, Tiffany Eckhardt, Linnet Hunter, Ebony Hickey

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Hop into Easter at the Hidden Bunny Trail!

Elaine Atkinson

Sunday 5 April 2026

| 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Winchelsea Community Market

Families are invited to hop along to the Winchelsea Community Market on Sunday 5 April for a morning of Easter fun at the Hidden Bunny Trail!

From 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, kids can explore the market while searching for hidden bunnies along the trail. Follow the clues, discover the bunnies tucked around the stalls, and enjoy the excitement of a market adventure made just for children.

There's plenty happening for the whole family:

- Hidden Bunny Trail – Explore the market and see how many bunnies you can find!
- Colouring Corner – A quiet space for kids to relax and get creative.
- Storytime Under the Big Tree – Settle in for magical storytelling moments.
- Easter Bonnet Parade – Midday – Bring your favourite Easter hat and join the colourful parade at 12:00 PM. The more creative, the better!
- Market Stalls & Treats – Browse local produce, handmade goods and delicious food.

It's the perfect way to celebrate Easter with the community. Bring the kids, meet friends, enjoy the fresh air and join in the fun as the market comes alive with laughter, creativity and a little bunny magic.

Event Details

What: Hidden Bunny Trail – Hop into Easter

When: Sunday 5 April 2026, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: Shire Hall, Winchelsea Community Market

Highlight: Easter Bonnet Parade at 12:00 PM

Who: Families and children of all ages welcome

*So grab your baskets, pop on your Easter bonnet,
and hop into Easter
at the Winchelsea Community Market!*



Winchelsea Star

Children's EASTER ART Competition

Young people in Winchelsea 0-12 years are invited to take part in the **Winchelsea Star Children's EASTER ART Competition!**

Create a colourful Easter-themed drawing for your chance to win. The winning artwork will appear on the **front cover of the Easter edition of the Winchelsea Star** and the winner will also receive a **delicious Easter egg from the IGA.**

On the back of your art work, please write your name, age, and phone number. Entries should be handed in at the IGA by **5pm Friday 27 March**

We look forward to seeing lots of creative Easter drawings from our local young artists!



Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group

We had a baby's dress cut out before Christmas using donated material. It's now finished. Hopefully there will still be some warm weather to wear it, if not it could be worn as a top over a long sleeve tee. It's for sale, for a few dollars, displayed in the cabinet at the reception of Winch House (money donated to Winch House).

There has recently been another generous donation of patterns to the group, quite a few children's ones, so along with the donated materials there is plenty of choice if you would like to come along and stitch a little dress or pair of pants.



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SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026
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10AM - 3PM

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PLUS JOIN IN!

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What's on at Winch House

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*Stitch it,
Don't ditch it!*

Wednesday's 9.30am - 2pm
During school terms*

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER available.

Bring along a craft project you'd like help with,
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Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00
Winchelsea community house.

All Welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat



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Indoor Stall \$32 Outdoor Stall \$25

<https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-winchelsea-re-loved-market/tickets>

Email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au



CHATTY CAFÉ

Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm
in the Shire Hall

"Sip, Chat, Share, Care"

Everyone Welcome

Gold coin donation.

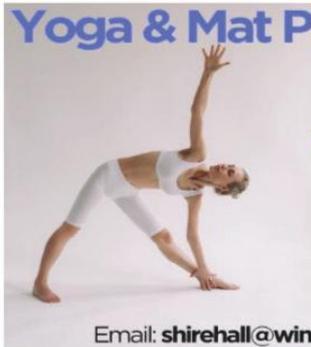
Yoga & Mat Pilates in the Shire Hall

Mat Pilates 6.45pm Tuesdays

Wednesdays Yoga Flow 6.30pm

Thursdays Vinyasa Yoga 7pm

Casual Class: \$25 or
5 Class Pass: \$100



Email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au or call: 0352672028

TAI CHI

Friday Mornings
9am - 10am
in the Winchelsea Shire Hall

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health. Suitable for all abilities & ages.

Find us on facebook at: winchelsea tai chi group

Please call 03 52672028 or email reception@winchhouse.org.au to register. **\$10 Per Class**

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Next session: Saturday 21st

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CPR Refresher \$70 8.30am - 10.30am
HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

Email: manager@winchhouse.org.au or call: 0352672028





Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

email editor@winchelseastar.org.au or
leave a note at Winchelsea IGA

WINCHELSEA OP SHOP

The Op Shop cannot accept donations of these articles at the moment; DVDs, CDs, books, hiking bags, backpacks, duffel bags, suitcases, and cases.

PINE CONES FOR FIRE PITS \$5

Winchelsea Lions Club
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

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WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING
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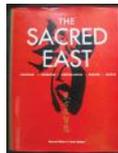
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BOOKS FOR SALE

Best offer - funds to go to Wurdale CFA.
Contact Judy 5288 7005 to make offers and view the book before purchasing.

THE SACRED EAST

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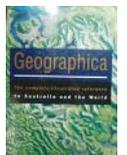
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Winchelsea SES Family FUNdraiser Day !

Saturday 21st of March, 10am 3pm
325 Mousley Rd, Winchelsea.

HIGHLIGHTS: FREE Entry.

- SES Rescue truck tours
- FREE SES merchandise
- Bake sale
- Coffee Van
- Cheap magazine sale
- Meet Paddy Platypus!
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For further information
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YOU ARE INVITED TO
**WINCHELSEA
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LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

February 28th	July 25th
March 28th	August 29th
April 25th	September 26th
May 30th	October 24th
June 27th	November 28th

6.30PM HALL ON CORNER OF
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Have you thought about joining the local Movie Club?

Winchelsea Movie Club enters its ninth year of bringing affordable, entertaining movies monthly to the Globe theatre.

Membership is essential -

10 screenings annually - \$70 Conc \$65
5 screenings Autumn /Spring seasons
- \$40 Conc \$35

Movie List for 2026

19.2.2026 The Castle
19.3.2026 Tina
16.4.2026 One Life
21.5.2026 Roofman
18.6.2026 Gifted Hands
BREAK
20.8.2026 Rachael's Farm
17.9.2026 The Book Thief
15.10.2026 Mr Burton
19.11.2026 My Favorite Cake
10.12.26 Thelma

WHEN -

Movies will be shown third Thursday of each month (except July) at 7.30
Come early.

WHERE -

The Globe Theatre
17-19 Willis Street Winchelsea
Opp Winchelsea Tavern (Top Pub)

Membership can be paid by CASH on the first night February 19th or by direct debit to bank account.

Enquiries re bank account details to email - movies@growingwinchelsea.com
Jenny 0409672054 Sue 0413487915
Further information about the Movie Club - www.growingwinchelsea.com





Zinaida Campion

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

We Move the World: Empowerment with Wild Sky Coaching

To celebrate International Women's Day, last Friday Birregurra Hall transformed into a vibrant, breathing artwork of women's creativity and courage. "We Move the World," created and hosted by spoken word poet and Way of Being coach Linnet Hunter, brought together women from across the region for a four-hour immersion in movement, story, song, art, and collective expression. It was an event without speeches, stages, or spectators -- only participants.

Covering the event for ArtsRural, I found myself not merely observing but fully swept into the experience. Notebook and my personal pen with a Z pendant in one hand, phone in the other, I navigated the hall in high heels (a questionable choice for freeform dance, but a memorable one), careful to photograph only those who had given consent. Between scribbling notes and enjoying La Caseta's Honduran morning tea, I became part of the artwork unfolding around me.

Linnet's mission is to create spaces where women can reconnect with their own wisdom through embodied, creative practice -- a mission that resonated deeply throughout the day. As she reflected afterwards, "It was an exercise in trust for many, participating so fully in a group activity. It answered an unspoken need." Her joy at the turnout was unmistakable.

The event opened with grounding meditation and gumleaf-passing, before Gulidjan woman Ebony Hickey led storytelling rooted in Country, Kin, Culture, Language, Art and Story. Her presence anchored the room in place and responsibility.

Music therapist and songwriter Tiffany Eckhardt followed with a Welcome to Country song she composed, then lifted the hall into collective rhythm through singing and dancing. Her sessions were warm, generous, and joyfully unpolished -- the kind of music-making that dissolves self-consciousness.



L-R: Yael Appelboom, Kirsten Penzes, Tiffany Eckhardt, Linnet Hunter, Ebony Hickey



Educator and artist Kirsten Penzes introduced Qi Gong and collaborative art, inviting quiet attention and breath-led movement. After lunch, Yael Appelboom guided the group into freeform dance -- a highlight for many, myself included.

By my own confession, I have two left feet not to mention those heels, but somehow I relaxed enough under her guidance to earn a rare compliment on my dancing! Her facilitation created a space where women could move with whatever was present in body, mind, and heart.

Linnet closed the day with collaborative poetry, weaving the group's words -- sacred, grounded, energised, free -- into a shared expression of women's wisdom.

In a world that often asks women to shrink themselves, "We Move the World" invited them to expand. To move. To speak. To take up space -- together.

On this International Women's Day, Birregurra didn't just celebrate. It moved.

Many thanks to Linnet for the complimentary tickets.

Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, Co founder of Cecilia's Daughters, Vice President of Geelong Opera, Artistic Director of the Winchelsea Music Season, and founder of Rural Arts Victoria. A keen arts writer, she has a strong background in languages and a love of local history. She is dedicated to working with the local community, and has an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.





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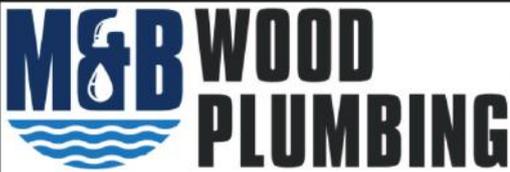


You may be contacted by an independent researcher during February/March as part of the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

The annual survey, commissioned by the state government, will ask for your perceptions of Council's performance.

Interviews are via phone and online. You'll be asked for basic demographic information, but not personal details such as name and address.

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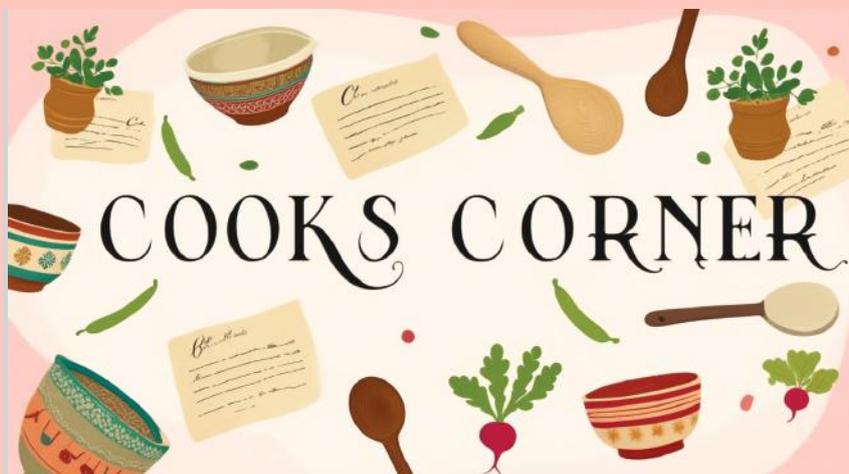
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Alice Cloake

This is a place for passionate foodies.

Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

MARCH Ingredient of the Month

Zucchini



It took me the longest time to come around to making a Vegetable Lasagne. This one came highly recommended and honestly I don't know if I need to try another, it's amazing. Zucchini's are the MVP of many Vegetarian Lasagne recipes with strips often used to replace pasta sheets. In this recipe they form a part of a medley of roasted veggies which the author suggests can be varied depending on what you have in your fridge and cupboard. A great recipe for low waste kitchens, enjoy!

Vegetarian Lasagne by Recipe Tin Eats
<https://www.recipetineats.com/vegetarian-lasagna/>

Recipe of the Week

Vegetable Lasagne

Ingredients (serves 8-10)

Roasted Vegetables:

- 500 g / 1 lb pumpkin, 2cm / 4/5" cubes
- 2 large zucchinis, cut into 2cm / 4/5" chunks
- 2 onions (any type), cut into wedges
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Salt and pepper

Spinach Ricotta:

- 250 g / 8 oz frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 500 g / 1 lb ricotta (Note 2)
- 1/2 cup / 50 g grated Parmesan (or 3/4 cup shredded cheese)
- 1 egg
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/8 tsp grated nutmeg, optional (fresh or powder)
- 1/2 tsp each Salt and pepper

Sauce:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (any, I use brown)
- 700 g / 24 oz tomato passata (Note 3)
- 400 g / 14 oz crushed tomato
- 1/2 cup / 125 ml water
- 3/4 tsp each dried thyme and oregano (or basil, parsley)
- 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes (can omit / adjust to taste)
- Salt and pepper

Lasagna:

- 330g / 11 oz jar roasted red pepper strips, drained (Note 4)
- 375 g / 13 oz fresh lasagne sheets (Note 5)
- 300 g / 3 cups shredded mozzarella (or MORE!)



Instructions

Roasted Vegetables:

- Preheat oven to 200C/390F.
- Place vegetables on the tray, drizzle with oil, sprinkle with garlic, salt and pepper. Toss.
- Roast for 25 minutes, turning at 15 minutes, until tender and browned.
- Remove from oven, loosen from tray with spatula while warm (can stick when cools).

Sauce:

- Heat oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic and onion, cook for 3 minutes until golden.
- Add passata, crushed tomato, water, dried herbs, chilli, salt and pepper. Stir. Simmer on medium low heat for 20 minutes. Adjust salt at the end. *Add a teeny touch of sugar if it's a bit sour, depends on quality of tomatoes used.*
- Remove from stove and let cool for 5 minutes before using.

Ricotta Mixture:

- Place ingredients in a bowl and mix until combined.

Lasagna:

- Preheat oven to 160C/320F.
- Spread a ladle of tomato sauce on the base of a large baking dish (Note 5).
- Cover with lasagna sheets, tearing as required to fit.
- Top with roasted vegetables, scatter over red peppers. Spoon over 2 1/2 cups of Sauce, then sprinkle with half the cheese.
- Cover with lasagna sheets. Spread over Ricotta mixture.
- Cover with lasagna sheets. Pour over remaining sauce and sprinkle with remaining cheese.
- Bake for 25 – 30 minutes or until the cheese is golden. If using dried lasagna sheets, stick a knife in the middle to ensure it's cooked – if it needs longer, cover and stick it back in the oven.
- Rest for 5 minutes before cutting and serving. Store leftovers per notes – brilliant reheated!





Expressions of Interest

We're looking for residents to join our Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)

The Surf Coast MEMPC is seeking two community members to join its committee.

This is a multi-agency group that shapes how the Surf Coast community prepares for, responds to, and recovers from emergencies.

No emergency management background is required. We're looking for people who:

- Have strong links to the Surf Coast community
- Understand the diversity of local communities and the risks they face
- Can contribute constructively and represent broad community interests

What's involved?

- Four meetings per year (approx. two hours each, held in Torquay with hybrid options)
- Occasional reading between meetings.

The two-year term commences May 2026. This is a voluntary position.



Apply now at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/MEMPC

For more information, call **5261 0600** or email info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 27 March 2026.

MEMPC
SURF COAST SHIRE MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE



Succulents may be worth a try

Julia Holohan

I've been pondering about the possibility of succulents for our garden.

At the moment we only have a few in pots, we've not been "succulent" gardeners but, with Deans Marsh being listed as "stay informed and monitor conditions" during the January Gellibrand and Carlisle River fires, I'm beginning to feel we should consider them.

Wild fire is so very unpredictable and we all should be aware and prepared as we can be, considering last year's Southern California destructive fires affecting suburban Los Angeles. And, the Canberra fires of 2003 when a firestorm blazed through the western suburbs. It's not just farms and country folk at the mercy of this wild beast any more.

Having read a recent article on how a succulent garden bed appears to have saved a farm house in January's fire at Natimuk, my interest was piqued.

The fire came roaring up the paddock into the front yard straight to the house but once the fire got to the succulent bed in front of the house, the fire split, going either side of the moisture hardy plants, thus saving the house.

This article also included scientific investigation of succulents, I quote: 'Scientists at Melbourne Uni have been investigating what role water - rich plants can play in bushfire protection and say succulents are the "most extreme" sample of a low - flammability plant'. Unquote.

Succulents may be worth a try.

A hard decision for us to make after 40 years of loving our mostly native garden with its mulched garden beds.

I don't know that we can do it, but we could start by adding some as we replace the natives we have lost this harsh summer.

Our house and garden are surrounded with tall eucalypts which have a high oil content and are high fire risks. They are along the road verge close to the house and also ones we planted on the garden boundary.

There's no way we want to take such beautiful large trees out, cutting down live trees is not something we care to do.

More pondering and research about fire proofing our garden and how to manage such a change will be needed.

We will start with adding the succulents to our garden and not just have them in pots.

Read more in this article:

Scientists recommend succulents to protect buildings from bushfires

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-02-21/succulents-garden-for-fire-protection-bushfire-research/106362920>

In short:

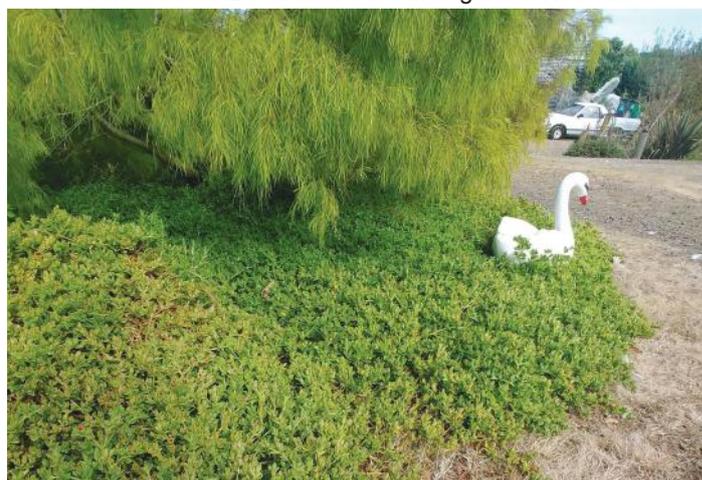
Melbourne University is investigating what role water-rich plants can play in bushfire prevention.

A Natimuk home owner says her succulent garden stopped a bushfire destroying her home last month.

Researchers say succulents are the "most extreme" example of a low-flammability plant.



Photo from ABC article. Succulent garden Natimuk



Judy Cameron's succulent border





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Grandparents Day and Easter Hat Parade

8:50am Whole School Assembly on the netball courts
Prep Circus performance
Grandparents and special guests to visit classrooms
10am Easter Hat Parade
Hesse Easter Parade
BBQ and Recess

APRIL 2ND 2026

Everyone welcome! Come and celebrate Easter with us!



Hop Along to

EASTER PLAYGROUP

Thursday 19th March 2026
10AM - 12PM
St. Thomas's Hall
27-29 Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
Scan QR Code for Tickets

SEE YOU THERE!



Welcoming Prep Families for 2027



Principal Tours for Families

8:45am at the school - please RSVP by phone or email
Families encouraged to come to one tour listed below

Tuesday, March 3rd
Monday, March 30th
Thursday, May 7th
Wednesday, May 27th
Friday, June 5th

Come 'n' Play Evenings for Families & Students

5pm-6pm at the school - no RSVP required
An opportunity for your child to come into our school and familiarise themselves with our classroom and staff
Families and students welcome to attend all of these sessions

Wednesday, February 18th
Tuesday, May 5th
Monday, August 3rd



Contact Bron & Jen in our office - we look forward to hearing from you!

winchelsea.ps@education.vic.gov.au
(03) 5267 2134

Enquiries welcomed from 27th Jan
Enrolment applications from 20th Apr

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL IS GROWING



1

Growing confident young readers

78% of our Year 1s were at or above level in their Phonics Check (state average 58%)



Growing parent endorsement

71% Parent Endorsement in the 2025 Family Survey, up from 43% in 2023

2

3

Growing facilities

A new playground just completed, with a master plan currently being funded by State Government to increase capacity and improve buildings.



Growing community presence

Our big kids visit Hesse Rural Health fortnightly, visit the local kindergartens and are regular contributors to community events and the Winchelsea Star publication!

4



WANT A GAME FOR LIFE? THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

The Golf Lab PGA Professionals are hosting a Junior Come & Try Golf Day at Winchelsea Golf Club on **17th March at 4pm**. This fun, beginner-friendly session is a great way for kids to be introduced to golf through games, simple coaching, and skill-based activities in a relaxed environment. There is no cost (\$0) to attend. Clubs will be provided, however juniors are welcome to bring their own clubs if they have them. A perfect opportunity to come and try golf with friends and build confidence in a supportive setting. **Ages 5 - 12 years old**



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Visual Arts

In the Art room we have started a new project called "The WPS Smile Project." Through our artwork, we are hoping to bring smiles and happiness to everyone who enters our school building.

We are taking inspiration from street artist Jimmy Paintz and his Smile Project.

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RSPCA Pet Poll is back!

RSPCA

Does your cat get a dedicated birthday cake? Does your dog hog the blanket every night? It's time to dish the dirt on Victoria's most beloved roommates in RSPCA Victoria's Pet Poll.

The annual survey invites animal lovers to share the hilarious, heartwarming, and honest secrets of life with their pets.

RSPCA Victoria Fundraising Manager, Jodie Kuriata, says the poll is about more than just fun facts; it's also about understanding the heart of Victorian homes. "The response to our first poll was incredible, with nearly 13,000 people sharing their stories."

While the fun stuff steals the headlines, the Pet Poll also captures vital data with previous results showing a generational divide in "pet-xiety," with Gen Z more concerned about emergency vet bills, while older owners were more worried about pet's future care.

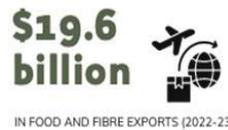
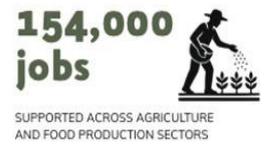


The Pet Poll is free, online-only, and open for a limited time. Make your voice (and your pet's bark/meow) heard!

By speaking up for your furry friends, you'll also enter the draw to win one of three generously donated \$100 Peter Alexander vouchers; perfect for snuggling on the couch with your furry friend.

Visit rspcavic.org/petpoll today to share your story and enter the draw.

Victorian Farmers Federation snapshot of the importance of the agriculture industry for Victoria



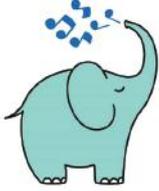
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Winch Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MONDAY-SATURDAY

WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

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Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St
5267 2336

MONDAY

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24/11/2025 - 01/05/2026

CO-WORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

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

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)
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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
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VINYASA YOGA

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



Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Tues-Joey's 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term)
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WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
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Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm
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2pm (School term) FREE
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Hop into Easter at the Winchelsea Market!

Easter Bonnet Parade Sunday 5 April 2026

Dust off that old hat - or create a brand-new masterpiece - it's time to hop into the spirit of Easter at the Winchelsea Community Market!

To register your interest in the Easter Bonnet Parade,
please contact Elaine Atkinson,
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on 0458009616 or email eatkinson048@gmail.com

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March/April 2026

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To add an event to the calendar, please email news@winchelseastar.org.au

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Winchelsea Dance Classes
Pre-Schoolers - Adults
Wednesday afternoon/evenings
The Senior Citizens Club,
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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

10am-12pm First Thursday of month
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St,

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE
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MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/

FRIDAY

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9am-10am \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm
30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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10.30am (1-3 yrs) 11.30am (3-5 yrs)
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SUNDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
Shire Hall car park, Main St Winch
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Sunday 5 April 2026
Winchelsea Community Market!
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Thought of the Week

“God points us back to the heart.
The real battle is inside, not outside.

It's easy to blame the world, but
He wants us to pay attention to
what we allow to grow in our hearts.
Thoughts shape choices. Choices
shape character. When we ignore
the small things, the big things follow.

Let God shape your heart
before anything else does.”

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Diabetes Education



Our service covers all aspects of Diabetes education and care including:

What We Do

- Understanding diabetes & management options
- Medication management
- Food choices
- Exercise and movement
- Registration with the National Diabetes Services
- Monitoring of blood glucose levels including a trial of continuous glucose monitoring using a sensor
- Scheme to access subsidised test strips etc.

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Appointments are available to see the diabetes team at Hesse Rural Health for people with:

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- Type 1 diabetes
- Type 2 diabetes
- Gestational diabetes
- People caring for someone with diabetes

Where to access our services

- Individual consultations at community health centres
- Individual home visits
- Group diabetes sessions



For more info: 03 5267 1200 communityintake@hesse.vic.gov.au

Psalm 4

*Dear God, respond to Your servant in distress;
make room for a disciple in despair;
listen to the agonizing cries of a child
Who is depressed and unhappy.*

*O you who I thought were my friends,
why do you keep hacking at me,
gloating over my errors, rejoicing at my failures,
always looking for the very worst in me?*

*I must remember that I truly do belong to God,
that He does feel for me when I hurt.*

*Go ahead, explode, blow up;
It doesn't frighten God
as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else.
But then, O foolish heart, simmer down,
and begin renewing your confidence in God.*

*I hear voices about me
whining about the wickedness of the world,
begging for divine demonstration of might and right.
And yet I know I have discovered
more delight in my relationship to You
than they in all their possessions and pleasures.*

And so I can lie down and sleep in peace.

Because of You, I am eternally secure."

“Psalms/Now” by Leslie F. Brandt
Helen Rolls, Winchelsea

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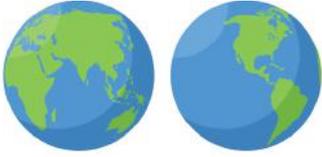
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The first thing I thought when I heard petrol prices were climbing was this: thankfully, that's not really our problem anymore.

That's not because we're rich or because inflation doesn't matter. And it's certainly not because what Donald Trump has unleashed in and around Iran won't hurt ordinary Aussies. It will. Oil prices have already spiked, shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has been badly disrupted, and petrol prices have spiked.

But when I hear reporting about pain at the bowser, my reaction is now very different to what it would have been a few years ago. Our household is fully electric. We drive EVs and ride e-bikes. We power our home and charge our cars and e-bikes with solar. So when global oil markets go haywire because an authoritarian strongman decides to play war games in one of the most strategically combustible regions on Earth, we're not suddenly calculating how much it will cost to fill the tank. We don't have one. That feels like freedom.

But that doesn't mean we're totally immune. No Aussie is.

Diesel still moves our food. Trucks still move goods. Fossil gas still flows through parts of our industry and the electricity system. Energy is built into almost everything: freight, fertiliser, manufacturing, logistics, refrigeration, warehousing, retail. Fuel price spikes make a significant contribution to inflation.

That's why this moment matters. It's not just about the price of petrol. It's about whether Australia keeps tethering its prosperity to global fossil fuel markets that are volatile, cartelised, conflict-prone and fundamentally beyond our control.

We like to tell ourselves Australia's an energy superpower. In one sense that's true. But it's also misleading. Federal energy data shows most of our refined fuel consumption is met by imports. We might dig up a lot of coal and pump up a lot of gas. But we send nearly all of it overseas and import almost all of our petrol and diesel. So when global oil prices surge, Aussie families wear it. We're exposed, and not by accident. Our economy still depends on fuels whose price can be sent soaring by the whims of Donald Trump or Vladimir Putin and their wars on the other side of the world.

This is exactly why transitioning to renewables isn't just good climate policy. It's an economic resilience policy. It's an anti-inflation policy. It's a sovereignty policy.

The really important thing here is that wind and sun don't care what Donald Trump tweets. They don't need to pass through



the Strait of Hormuz. They can't be embargoed by petro-states. They don't become more expensive because a tanker route is threatened or because a despot wants to posture on TV. Once the infrastructure is built, renewables are local and free.

We're already seeing the benefits. AEMO said renewables and storage supplied more than half of Australia's National Electricity Market energy needs in the December 2025 quarter, and wholesale prices nearly halved compared with a year earlier. More wind, more solar and more batteries reduced reliance on higher-cost coal and gas. That's not ideology. It's evidence.

Of course, the energy transition is far from complete. My family can avoid and ignore the bowser, but we can't do the same with broader inflation. None of us can while diesel still underpins freight and while gas still distorts electricity prices. That's why electrification matters so much. Electric cars matter. Household batteries matter. Cycling and public transport matter. Freight electrification matters. Getting gas out of homes and industry matters. Every step away from fossil fuels is a step away from geopolitical price shocks and vulnerability.

So yes, Trump's war on Iran is a human tragedy and a disgrace. But it is also another brutal lesson in energy economics. Fossil fuels don't just heat the planet. They make nations more vulnerable, households more anxious and inflation harder to control.

Australia has some of the best solar and wind resources in the world. The sooner we rely on them, backed by storage and electrification, the safer and more prosperous we'll be. In an age of rising global insecurity, renewable energy isn't just cleaner. It's calmer. It's cheaper. And increasingly, it's the closest thing we have to real independence.

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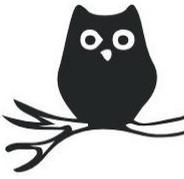
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1st - Neil Hickman (11) 37 points
2nd - Rod Batson (30) 36 points
BDL - Tara Steward (16) 32 points

NTP (6th/15th) - Rob Wilson

Ladies results

RD 2 of Jess Budge trophy Stableford, NTP 6 th

Winner: Di Bartel 42 Pts
R/Up: Robyn Vesey 35
NTP: Tie Lesley Mathison and Elizabeth Alston

Results Saturday 14/3/26

Quarterly Medal- Stroke 23 Players

1st - Scott Rigby 89-22-67
2nd - David "Fly" Lewis 88-20-68
3rd - Carol Stanesby (30) Nett 70
BDL - Rod Batson 100-29-71 C/B
BDL - Andrew Ellery 98-27-71 C/B
BDL - Leslie Mathison (34) Nett 71

NTP (8th/17th) - Stephen Cole
Golden Hole (15th) - Scott Rigby

Next Saturday 21st March - Bernie Perry Trophy - Stableford

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Ally Mawson

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There is already a great energy around the group.

We are also thrilled to welcome our new coaches this year.

Madi joins us with experience from City West Falcons, bringing plenty of knowledge and enthusiasm, while Maggie steps in as co-coach after her time playing in the Suncorp Super Netball.

Their experience is already having a fantastic impact on the group.

Last week the girls had an impressive practice match against Leopold Football Netball Club, showing strong teamwork and plenty of positive signs ahead of the season.

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