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Winchelsea Playgroup

A Police visit, Mother's Day gifts and Everything that Flies

Melissa (Mel) Oberin

On 4th May, we enjoyed a visit from two of Winchelsea Police Station's finest arriving with flashing lights and sirens. The children rushed out to welcome them and took them inside to show our beautiful police-themed paintings, toys and big play area. Next the police 'toys' came out - we got to hold real handcuffs, check out police hand radios, feel the heaviness of a police vest and even point a speed camera.

Soon it was back outside to explore the police car! Our budding police officers sat in the front seat with big smiles as they pushed the many buttons, setting off lights and sirens. The children also checked out the back of the police car where the 'bad guys' get to sit. We all agreed the front seats are definitely much more comfortable! We then waved goodbye to these friendly police officers and felt very lucky to have had them visit us. We look forward seeing them out and about in Winchelsea.

To finish off our session we made special Mother's Day gifts for mum - the children painstakingly chose lollies from 3 different types and placed them lovingly into a container beautifully decorated with stickers. The children were so proud of their gifts - some couldn't wait to hide the gift until Mother's Day and ran up to mum saying, "Look what I made for you Mummy", and a few asked, "Mummy, will you share the lollies with me"... we all love a lolly or two!

On 18th May it was 'Everything That Flies' theme (unfortunately our visit to the Rural Hesse Aged Care Centre had to be delayed until next month). What craft activity could you do for a flying theme, well.... glue real leaves as feathers onto big bird pictures of course! We also played with toy airplanes, Little People pilots and passengers, water play with a rubber mummy duck and her 3 babies, superhero colouring and running under our big new Parachute as it was waved up and down.

Our next session is Thursday 1st June 10am-12pm (\$5 per family) - welcome to come along to play. Call/text me (Mel) on 0456181268 if you have any questions - please leave a message if I don't answer when you call - or check out our Facebook page 'Winchelsea Playgroup 2019' for full details.





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Riverlee Artists' Exhibition 10-11 June 2023

Denise Murfitt

Riverlee Artists have become accustomed to rolling out the welcome mat for visitors to their annual exhibition. This year the exhibition date has moved to the King's Birthday weekend on the 10th and 11th June and will be open for the hours of 10 am until 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

All are welcome to join the artists for Launch night on Friday 9th June from 5.00 pm.

Councillor Heathe Wellington will be the guest of honour and will officially open the exhibition.

Riverlee Artists have been creating their art at the Winchelsea Shire Hall for the past twelve months and this exhibition will be the first with their "state of the art" display panels.

The panels were the initiative of tutor Dee Matheson who was successful in obtaining a grant from the Winchelsea Bendigo Community Bank.

The display panels will enhance the overall experience of viewing artworks and will also be available for the use of other community groups.

An exciting new feature for the 2023 exhibition will be the "Small Works of Art" display which will include watercolour and print medium in the form of 8 X 6 framed artworks.

The group has enjoyed attending innovative workshops to play with diverse subject matter and media to create these small but exciting artworks.

All artists participating are looking forward to displaying their works.

Riverlee tutor Dee Matheson has been inspired by her rural home and has produced fine studies of birds, trees and landscapes in oils, watercolour and mixed media.

Veronica McDonald reliably produces amazing large artworks in yupo and oils. Veronica is well known for her "tree portraits" and large scale landscape paintings of the Grampians and surrounding areas.

Jill Treloar has a close relationship with nature, especially in the Anglesea region. Her beautiful seascapes, florals and landscapes are created in oils and watercolour.

Loz McLennon, well known for her passion for Highland cattle may surprise with a portrait of her hairy friends. Loz's landscapes of scenes both local and inspired by her travels will be featured again at this year's exhibition.

Those 'Friends of Riverlee Artists' who have attended previous shows will appreciate the work of the group's emerging artists whose creativity has been enhanced by lessons with Dee.

Artworks by Christine Smith, June Rowe, Anne Hooley, Kate Kerkin, Pom MacKenzie, Heather Wainwright, Carol Blake, Isobel Dalton and Denise Murfitt will also be featured.

Come along and enjoy a chat with the artists and with a wide range of small and larger artwork available many will take home art to enhance their everyday living experience.



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To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, Surf Coast Shire Council is proud to present

From the Heart - An evening with Thomas Mayo

Monday 29 May, 6-7.30pm

Council Chambers, 1 Merrijig Drive Torquay

Surf Coast Shire Council is delighted to host author, advocate and campaigner Thomas Mayo as a special guest speaker to mark **National Reconciliation Week 2023**.

Thomas is a Kaurareg Aboriginal and Kalkagal, Erubamle Torres Strait Islander man. His most recent book is *The Voice to Parliament Handbook*, co-authored with journalist Kerry O'Brien.

For the past two years, Thomas has traveled the length and breadth of the nation, speaking to small communities and big city gatherings, playing a key role in building the people's movement for a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice.

This keynote address will be followed by an audience Q&A. Book sales and signing will also be available at the event.

Book via Eventbrite: [ThomasMayoSurfCoast.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thomas-mayo-surf-coast-shire-council-chambers-torquay)



BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS



Bee education for children

New education program puts a buzz in student learning

Classrooms across Australia will be abuzz with bee learnings, thanks to a new online education hub dedicated to inspiring children to understand the vital role bees and other insects play in the environment and food production.

The new Centre for Bee Education is a collaboration between When Bee Foundation and Bee School by Beechworth Honey, and provides a wealth of learning resources and tools ready to roll out into the classroom.

When Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers says it is critical that children understand the importance of bees, and the new Centre builds on the passion for insects that many children already have.

“Kids are fascinated by bugs,” Ms Chambers said. “At our live hive demonstrations, we have seen how much children already know about bees and how excited they are to learn more.”

“The Centre for Bee Education will broaden their existing knowledge, providing students with a scientific framework to build a deep understanding of bees and pollination.”

The collaboration brings together two organisations dedicated to improving community understanding of bees.

When Bee Foundation is Australia’s premier not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the importance of bees in food security, biodiversity and ecosystem health, with education for people of all ages at the heart of everything the Foundation does.

Beechworth Honey has a long history educating young people, nurturing their inquisitive minds and developing their passion for bees through the hands-on, interactive Bee School in Victoria’s North East.

Beechworth Honey Co-founder and Director Jodie Goldsworthy said creating the interactive Bee School was a natural progression for the business, with a beekeeping tradition spanning four generations.

“As a former teacher I understand the importance of investing in education,”



Ms Goldsworthy said. “It is vital to teach young people about the issues facing bees and the planet so they are more likely to take action when they are older.”

“Partnering with the When Bee Foundation was an obvious step to ensure there was one dedicated place for as many people as possible to have access to this information.”

Through the Centre for Bee Education, teachers and students can access learning resources, information sheets and lesson plans for hassle-free and engaging learning that fosters a lifelong passion for bees.



All Bee Education Learning Kits and resources are linked to the Australian Curriculum and the Victorian Curriculum, making them easy for teachers to integrate into classroom learning.

The beautifully designed high quality learning materials have been developed by the Bee School’s staff of dedicated board-registered teachers, including Bee School Lead Teachers Amelia Bourke and Olivia Jacobs.

“As teachers who are working in a bee environment every day, we are in a unique position to be able to bring specialised knowledge about bees, pollination, food security and biodiversity into learning environments,” Ms Jacobs says.

“We’ve designed the lessons to cater for a variety of learners and learning styles, with videos, sound clips, and craft activities for visual, auditory or kinesthetic learners.

“And all the resources required to implement the lessons have been included so educators can focus on imparting knowledge and bringing the learning kits to life.”

Each Bee Education Learning Kit includes lesson plans for a unit of work, with resources that enhance the classroom experience, whether it’s books, videos, bee-themed accessories, cards or seeds to plant a pollinator friendly garden.

Each unit has versions designed for specific age groups – Kinder to Level 2, Levels 3–4 and Levels 5–6.

The first unit is Planting for Bees and looks at the relationship between honey bees and their environment.

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Winchelsea Star

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Spider Orchid

At the edge of the Grampians Gariwerd National Park on Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjai Country, Marj Light and her partner Dave have made their home on the northern slopes of a 40 hectare recovering bush block.

It's a haven for native plants and wildlife, with ancient red gums, grassy woodlands, orchids, lilies and Diamond Firetails.

It's also been protected by Trust for Nature, which means this precious jewel of habitat can never, ever, be destroyed. Such enduring protection was an easy choice for Marj who, like you, understands what's at stake:

Neither do we. That's why I'm calling on our most passionate supporters for help. Because we cannot protect our native plants and animals without you.

So please, if you can make a kind and wonderful donation to Trust for Nature before June 30 we can stop important conservation land from being cleared, before it's too late.

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Upgrade works to begin on Birregurra water supply system

Barwon Water will begin work this month to upgrade Birregurra's water supply.

The upgrade will see the town's ageing local water treatment plant, open supply channel and storage basins replaced with a 19-kilometre underground pipeline from Colac.

Barwon Water General Manager Planning, Delivery and Environment Seamus Butcher said "We have enjoyed working with the Birregurra community to save water through the Birregurra Sustainable Communities - Water project and there are significant water savings to be gained by connecting the town to Colac's water supply."

At present, Birregurra's water is sourced from the open Wurdee Boluc and Birregurra channels and is stored in open basins prior to treatment.

The treatment plant has reached the end of its operational life and Barwon Water analysis has shown that the best approach to managing the town's supply from a water quality, cost and environmental perspective is to connect Birregurra to Colac's supply via the 19-kilometre pipeline.

"As this new water supply option is already treated at the Colac Water Treatment Plant, it alleviates the need to treat it at the old Birregurra plant, significantly reducing electricity usage, in turn reducing carbon emissions and electricity costs."

Mr. Butcher said the supply upgrade would also save water by reducing losses from evaporation from the Birregurra storage basins, particularly during summer, and through other system efficiency improvements.



Invitation

The 2023 Upper Barwon Landcare Dinner & Annual General Meeting

When Monday May 29th 2023

Where Winchelsea Hub, Eastern Reserve 70 Hopkins St Winchelsea

Program 6 PM – pre dinner drinks (*drinks available at bar prices*)

6.30 PM – Annual General Meeting

7 PM – Dinner (Fusion catering) with Guest Speaker between courses
(\$40 a head / pay on registration or by cash or card on the night)

Guest Speaker: Ray Draper



Growling Grass Frog

Frogs and Toadlets of the Corangamite Catchment

Ray Draper is a local environmental consultant who has a passion for frogs and toadlets that are indigenous to our region. Ray will talk about species we can expect to see in our area and will talk about threats to their habitat and how we can work to ensure their survival.

Bookings are essential and places are limited!

Please RSVP by the **23rd of May** with any dietary requirements to the Upper Barwon Landcare Network on 0407552663 or andrea.upperbarwonlandcare@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Make a Change Australia can assist with Community initiative plans



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- Listen powerfully?

Working together for a better future, we can address challenges in:

- Environment & sustainability
- Diversity & inclusion
- Emergency management
- Health prevention
- Community education & change

- Social connectedness
- Regional development
- Infrastructure planning

Community can be a foundation

How do we motivate those around us, to contribute?

What's the untapped potential of our people resources?

Where do we best invest? And how?

The team at Make A Change Australia has been creating programs to kick start, inspire & support, organic & planned community initiatives for over a decade

We understand the value of community led solutions as economic & sustainable, by putting the right frameworks in place

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Singing Group

When: Wed afternoons 4.45-5.45pm

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Knitting Group

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others.

When: Thursday mornings 10-12 noon

Winchelsea Community House

Commencing: Thurs 27th April, 2023

WYLD Youth Group

More information coming early in Term 2! Stay Tuned.

Crochet Group

When: Alternate Sat afternoons 1.30pm

Winchelsea Community House Space

\$5 per session

Commencing: Sat 22nd April, 2023

Art Classes - Drawing

When Tues 2 May– 20 June 2023

1-3pm

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Term 2, 8 classes \$440

Payment in Full Required

*Missed classes can be claimed toward Term 3 or refunded provided 24 hrs notice given in advance.

All materials included.

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PH: 0493 479 447

Art Classes - Painting

When Thurs 27 April– 22 June 1-3pm

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Term 2, 9 classes \$585

Payment in Full Required

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A class that progresses through water-based mediums, to the use of oil paint, with a dual focus on subject matter and materials.

Suitability: All levels of experience and abilities. Technically informative, providing skills, individuals progress in preferred direction.

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Yoga Flow Classes

When: Every Thursday evening

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When: Wednesday 17th May and

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Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

Big Ideas

When: Friday 19th May and Friday 16th June, 2023

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

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Big and small ideas discussed over a bowl of soup in the Shire Hall kitchen.

Contact Richard Butcher

richard@studiobutcher.com

Chatty Cafe

When: Friday mornings 10-12 noon

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Whale season is back - and so are some rules

Attention all boaters – Victoria’s whale season is back

Whales are expected to return to Victoria’s south-east coastal waters in the coming weeks.

After spending their summer feeding in the sub-Antarctic waters, the whales return each year from May to October to birth and raise their young. They are the only whale species to calve in Victorian waters.

During this time, a vessel exclusion zone is in place around Warrnambool’s Logans Beach to protect whales and allow them space to nurse and rest.

Boat operators are reminded to avoid the area when the vessel exclusion zone comes into effect on June 1. It will remain in place until 31 October.

The Conservation Regulator enforces the exclusion zone, which prevents all powered watercraft, including boats and jet skis, from entering the area between Gaul’s Cave and Point Richie.

The fine for entering the Logans Beach Exclusion Zone is \$3,698.

Southern Right Whales are listed as endangered in Victoria, with the south-eastern Australian population estimated to be around 300 individuals.

Every boater can help protect the species by following 3 steps:

WATCH OUT FOR WHALES: Stay alert, Southern Right Whales can be difficult to spot. These whales have no dorsal fin, so they can look like floating logs as they rest near the surface, sometimes in shallow water close to shore.

SLOW DOWN TO 5 KNOTS: Within 300m of a whale you must slow to 5 knots. It’s best to travel at speeds less than 10 knots when within 1km of whales to keep vessel noise low. Mothers and calves need rest and communicate in whispers.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE: Do not go within 200m of a whale in a boat, 300m on a jet ski (legal requirement). Stay out of their way and avoid boxing them in.

If you find yourself too close to a whale, put your engine in neutral and let them pass.

The community is encouraged to help in whale conservation efforts by uploading any photographs and sightings of the visiting whales to the app, WhaleFace. If photographers choose to use a drone to take pictures, they must not fly within 500m of the whale.

The information collected will help future research and provide updates on the whales during breeding season.

For more information on exclusion zones, visit: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/our-wildlife/whales,-dolphins-and-seals/water-safety-around-marine-mammals>

Anyone who sees vessels within the exclusion zone or breaching minimum distances can report the incident to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000. Details such as date, time, and location of the incident, as well as a description and photographs, can assist investigations.

Colleen White, DEECA Regional Director, Barwon South West says

“Logans Beach is the only established nursery in south-east Australia where female Southern Right Whales regularly return to nurse and feed their calves. It is essential we abide by the exclusion zones and give them space.

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Bags of Kindling/timber offcuts are available for pick up from the Men’s Shed on Wednesday’s from 9.30 to 2.30.

If you need a delivery made you can call Bill on 0438 083 373.

The price for a bag of kindling is now \$7.00 (up from \$5.00).

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Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation take place at 4pm followed by Mass at 5pm on the first Saturday of each month. (Next: 6 May)

Mass also takes place at Hesse Rural Health Service at 2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. (Next: 27 April)

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised, please contact Anita 0409 432 833. Children can be Baptised at St John's Winchelsea.

Reconciliation/Anointing takes place before or after Mass. If you would like Mass offered for your loved ones, please let Father Joseph know on 52 681 230.

Father Joseph can be contacted on 52 681 230 or 0404 598 558 for a chat. The Parish Office is open 9.30 am - 4.30pm Wednesdays and Fridays.

Winchelsea Uniting Church

Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241
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Services 9.30am Sundays

St John's Catholic Church

May Mass times: 5pm.
May 6, 13, 20, 27
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Father Joseph Panackal
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St Thomas' Anglican Church

Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
Rev'd A. Lynne Clarke
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0477 672 042



Thought for the Week

"The more we endure with patience and grace, the stronger we grow and the more we can face - and the more we can face, the greater our love, and with love in our hearts we are more conscious of the pain, and the sorrow in lives everywhere - So it is through trouble that we learn, TO SHARE."

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email: winchmenshed@gmail.com

Winchelsea Street Names

Winchelsea Historical Society



HARDING STREET

William Harding (1814-1884), brother of Elizabeth Austin, held the Mount Hesse No. 1 pastoral run nearby, and was responsible for the erection of one of the first large wool sheds in the district, which was built for the purpose of contract shearing in 1851.

Unfortunately we don't have a photo of William but this is a photo of his sister Mrs Thomas Austin nee Elizabeth Harding (1821-1910)



*Mrs Thomas Austin
(nee Elizabeth Phillips Harding) 1821-1910,
Founder of the Austin Hospital*

Sign up now for Geelong Million Paws Walk

RSPCA Victoria's Million Paws Walk is on again with Geelong one of eight events to be held across the state on Sunday 28 May.

Locals are encouraged to register for the 'pawsome' day with funds raised going to fight animal cruelty.

The spokesperson for the Geelong event, Kate Kasby, said it's a great day out for everyone, including our four-legged friends.

"The Million Paws Walk is the highlight of the year for many dog lovers across Victoria, and it's no different in Geelong," Ms Kasby said.

"We know people love their pets and there's nothing better for people or their dogs, than getting out for a walk.

"Million Paws Walk is a fun day out celebrating the animals in our lives and raising much needed funds for thousands of animals in need who come in through RSPCA Victoria's doors each year."

The Geelong Million Paws Walk will be held at Geelong Botanic Gardens with registration open from 9am on Sunday 28 May and the walk kicking off at 11am.

Every single dollar raised through Million Paws Walk helps fund RSPCA's critical work in the community.

Head to millionpawswalk.com.au to register for your local walk and start fundraising today!

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National Volunteer Week

Volunteers Celebrated at Winchelsea Community House

Tony Phelps, Winch House Chair



Winch group, with Cr Schonfelder

Surf Coast Shire put on a morning tea at the Shire Hall to recognise the contributions of Winchelsea's many volunteers, as part of the 2023 National Volunteer Week.

This year's National Volunteer Week theme was 'The Change Makers', highlighting the powerful impact volunteers make supporting individuals, communities and the nation.

Volunteering has the power to change the lives of both volunteers and those they help. It offers opportunities for social, economic, and cultural inclusion, and improves our health and wellbeing.

Councillor Adrian Schonfelder and Acting Manager Community Support Virginia Morris expressed the Council's gratitude for what volunteers do around, in and for the Winchelsea community.

On hand were representative volunteers from SES, Tourism Information Centre, Winch House, CFA, the Star, the Market, Growing Winchelsea, the Lions Club, Probus and the Winchelsea Historical Society.

Winchelsea Community House manager Wendy Greaves also outlined how important volunteers are to the functioning of Winch House and its community services.

We invite everyone to become a Change Maker by helping to increase awareness of the vital role volunteers play in our lives this National Volunteer Week.



John Carter, Linda Carter, Margaret Reid



Harry Kahle, Lesley Christie, Virginia Ancombe



Harry Kahle, Tony Phelps



Cr Adrian Schonfelder, Wendy Greaves

Do you know someone who is looking for an opportunity to join in and help out?

From just a couple of hours every now and then, through occasional assistance as & when needed, through to regular scheduled shifts, there's bound to be something for everyone - and it's always a win-win for the organisation/group and the volunteer.

For a list of local non-profits and some ideas of who to volunteer with, head over to jo.my/nonprofits

Alternatively check the ads in the Winchelsea Star, or contact Wendy at Winch House (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm).

Winchelsea Community House is Winchelsea's community centre for inspiration, growth and enjoyment - we're here to connect and engage the Winchelsea community with community activities, community development and lifelong learning so that people in the wider Winchelsea community feel good about themselves, their prospects, the place they live, and their place in society. We offer a wide range of activities and programs to community demand - if it helps to build, connect and engage community, we'd love to put it on, subject to financial sustainability (ie. it covers all our costs).

Winchelsea Community House also offers office resources such as internet access, public computers, printing, presentation/conference/meeting rooms. We can also provide things like a projector & screen, laptops, something to read from our free book library, and toddler toys through our toy library. For community and non-profits, these things are free or low-cost (a bond/deposit may be required).





Bees for Trees planting grants available

Trees for bees blooms with new community planting grants

Habitat loss is one of the greatest threats to bees and other pollinators, with increasing urbanisation, along with severe bushfires and floods, reducing critical areas where bees forage and breed.

Now a new tree grants program is helping reverse this loss, providing small community groups across Australia with the opportunity to make a big difference for bees.

The Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program is offering grants of up to \$500 to community organisations, schools, sporting clubs, gardening clubs and environmental groups to plant pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs in their local area.

The Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants is being run by When Bee Foundation in partnership with Carman's, and has been launched as part of the celebrations for World Bee Day, Saturday, 20 May 2023.

When Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers said the grants will increase vital habitat for bees, while also raising awareness of the important role these pollinators play in food security, with one in three mouthfuls of the food we eat depending on bees for pollination.

"The Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants will help reverse habitat loss, providing critical food sources and breeding habitat for bees," Ms Chambers said. "It also helps raise awareness within our communities about why planting pollinator-friendly trees is so important.

"It's a great opportunity to show people how individually we can make a difference, and collectively we can scale that impact."

Carman's General Manager of Marketing and Innovation Jed Simpfendorfer said joining forces with When Bee Foundation and sponsoring the Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program was an obvious move.

"We share the same passion for supporting Australian communities and the importance of sustainable bee-friendly habitats," Mr Simpfendorfer said.



Gary Taylor - Several Hylaeine bee species on Banksia flower



Louise Stockden - Honey Bee

"This planting program will contribute to healthier bee populations to help support our suppliers and their local communities."

Twenty grants are available with applications open to community organisations, not-for-profits, school groups, Landcare groups, sporting and gardening clubs and sustainability groups.

Applicants will be judged on their proposed project's benefit to pollinators, the area covered and community impact.

Ms Chambers said it was great opportunity to partner with Carman's, a company that shares the When Bee Foundation's values and was willing to

roll up its sleeves to help bees.

"Carman's has a genuine interest in making a difference for the environment and for our pollinators," Ms Chambers said. "This helps us to talk to a whole new audience about the vital role bees play in our lives, and support them to take action in their gardens and community areas."

Applications are now open and close on 31 July 2023 5pm AEST.

To apply for a Trees for Bees Community Tree Grant visit www.whenbeefoundation.org.au/communitytreegrants



Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News

Janet Fletcher

BLUE'S NEWS: ROUND 7

Welcome to Blue's News where last Saturday the W.F.N.C. travelled to Anakie Reserve in the split Round for the G.D.F.L.

After a cold and wet early morning the day cleared up considerably to produce a cold but clear day. By the time the Reserves kicked off at 12pm the sun was shining but the very cold wind was still about.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea 8.12.60 defeated Anakie 5.3.33

While happy with the win the Reserves Coach Hayden Forssman was not happy with the state of the game play at half time, giving the Reserves side a good old fashioned spray that lasted quite some time.

The second half produced a better effort from most players to take the 4 points – better accuracy from the Blues would have made the final tally be more indicative of the control of the game in the second half.

GOALS:

Jarrold Winzer 3, Rueben James 2, Jai Perry, Bailey Lake and Fraser Amos all one goal.

BEST:

Jai Perry, Shaun Morris, Bailey Forssman, Jackson Timms, Rueben James, Matthew Gillespie

SENIORS:

Winchelsea 40.18.258 defeated Anakie 3.1.19

The Winchelsea Blues had an outstanding first quarter that set the tone for the rest of the game.

It was a solid 4 quarters from the Blues having a big win on the day.

Leigh Ellis having a day out kicking 16 goals and a couple of points, as did Jordan Huff with a tally of 9 goals.

The Blues did their best to take Jordan's tally to 10 but the Anakie Roos were having none of it in the last quarter.

Credit to Anakie who played out the 4 quarters right until the final siren.

It was the Roos first home game for the season due to the many hold ups with the construction of their new club rooms, which are fantastic – including the balcony area, really well thought out.

As usual the President's afternoon tea was well attended and the spread second to none.

GOALS:

Leigh Ellis 16, Jordan Huff 9, Tavae Sauni 4, Coby Eagle 2, Indy Parish 2, Jonty Scott 2, Brendan Rees 2, Zach Ross 1, Fin Parish 1, Tom Henry 1

BEST:

Leigh Ellis, Fin Parish, Tavae Sauni, Adam Walsh, Tom Moloney, Jordan Huff.

Being a split round the Winchelsea Blues have this weekend off and the following weekend will see the Blues host Thomson at Eastern Reserve at the usual kick off time for the Reserves at 12 midday.

AUSKICK:

Auskick is proving to be a lot of fun on a Thursday from 5 – 6pm, the colder weather proving to have no influence on the numbers attending.

Well done to the Volunteers and parents for giving the boys and girls the opportunity to participate in the Auskick Programme.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

By 8am the rain had stopped but really chilly for the under 10's who had a home game kicking off at 9.30 last Saturday morning. The Under 10's have had some new additions to the Team which is great and the boys and girls continue to improve each week kicking more goals and becoming more confident. Well done to the Volunteer Coaches and the parents who are assisting each week.

BLUES BISTRO:

This week the menu will be

- Mary's Famous Battered Fish,
- Chicken Satay
- Lasagne/Meatballs.
- Chicken Nuggets, chips and gravy for the Juniors.
- Dessert this week – Chocolate and Raspberry Puddings

Looking forward to seeing all our regulars on Thursday night. 2 weeks ago there was a black grey shawl left at the end of the evening, possibly from one of the "Bus to the Hub" travellers. It is waiting for collection at the Hub, see Jano.

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The Climate Report



Judy Cameron

This is from Bill McKibben, leader of the climate campaign group '350.org' on May 17, 2023.

Something very troubling is happening on and under the 70 percent of the planet's surface covered by salt water. We pay far more attention to the air temperature, because we can feel it (and there's lots to pay attention to, with record temps across the globe. But the truly scary numbers are showing up in the ocean.

That's the averaged surface temperature of the earth's oceans, and beginning in mid-March it was suddenly very much hotter than we've measured before. In big datasets for big phenomena, change should be small—that's how statistics work. But a big wide open gap between 2023 and the next hottest year (2016) is the kind of thing that freaks scientists out because they're not quite sure what it means. Except trouble.



A little-noticed recent study (by Mercator Ocean International - read here: <https://essd.copernicus.org/articles/15/1675/2023/>) found that "over the past 15 years, the Earth has accumulated almost as much heat as it did in the previous 45 years," and that 89 percent of that heat has ended up in the seas. That would be terrifying on its own, but coming right now it's even scarier. That's because, after six years

dipping in and out of La Nina cooling cycles, the earth seems about to enter a strong El Nino phase, with hot water in the Pacific. El Nino heat on top of already record warm oceans will equal—well, havoc, but of exactly what variety can't be predicted.

And the 'can't be predicted' part is the real problem. Remember, people, this is an experiment we haven't run before, and the test tube we're using is the whole planet. Lots of things will happen: maybe the Beaufort Gyre will release a whole lot of freshwater into the north Atlantic, further disrupting the already weakened Gulf Stream. Or maybe there will be more drought forcing farmers to abandon wheat crops at a record rate. Or ocean oxygen levels will keep falling, putting pressure on lots of species (except jellyfish).

We better be prepared to give one last vigorous push for clean energy projects. More on that next week!

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The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 7,720.

Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of Covid:

- Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.
- Get your 2023 booster: new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy. To find out if you're eligible for your next booster, visit the Coronavirus website. Flu vaccines are also now available.
- Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can – it reduces the

spread of the virus.

- Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test.
- Stay at home: if you have Covid, you should stay at home for at least five days and until you have no symptoms.
- Talk to your doctor: if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for Covid and influenza medicines – and early testing and diagnosis are important. With expanded criteria, more people are now eligible for COVID medicines.

2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from Covid.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

All adults aged 65 years and over

Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:

Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid

Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

Victorians are encouraged to book a free booster appointment through their local GP or pharmacy. You can find your nearest vaccination provider through the Health Direct Service Finder.

RATs available through local councils

All Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of rapid antigen tests (RATs) through their local council.

The council RAT distribution program is currently operating across more than 400 local sites, such as libraries and council customer service centres. The program is open to all Victorians, with all eligibility requirements now removed.

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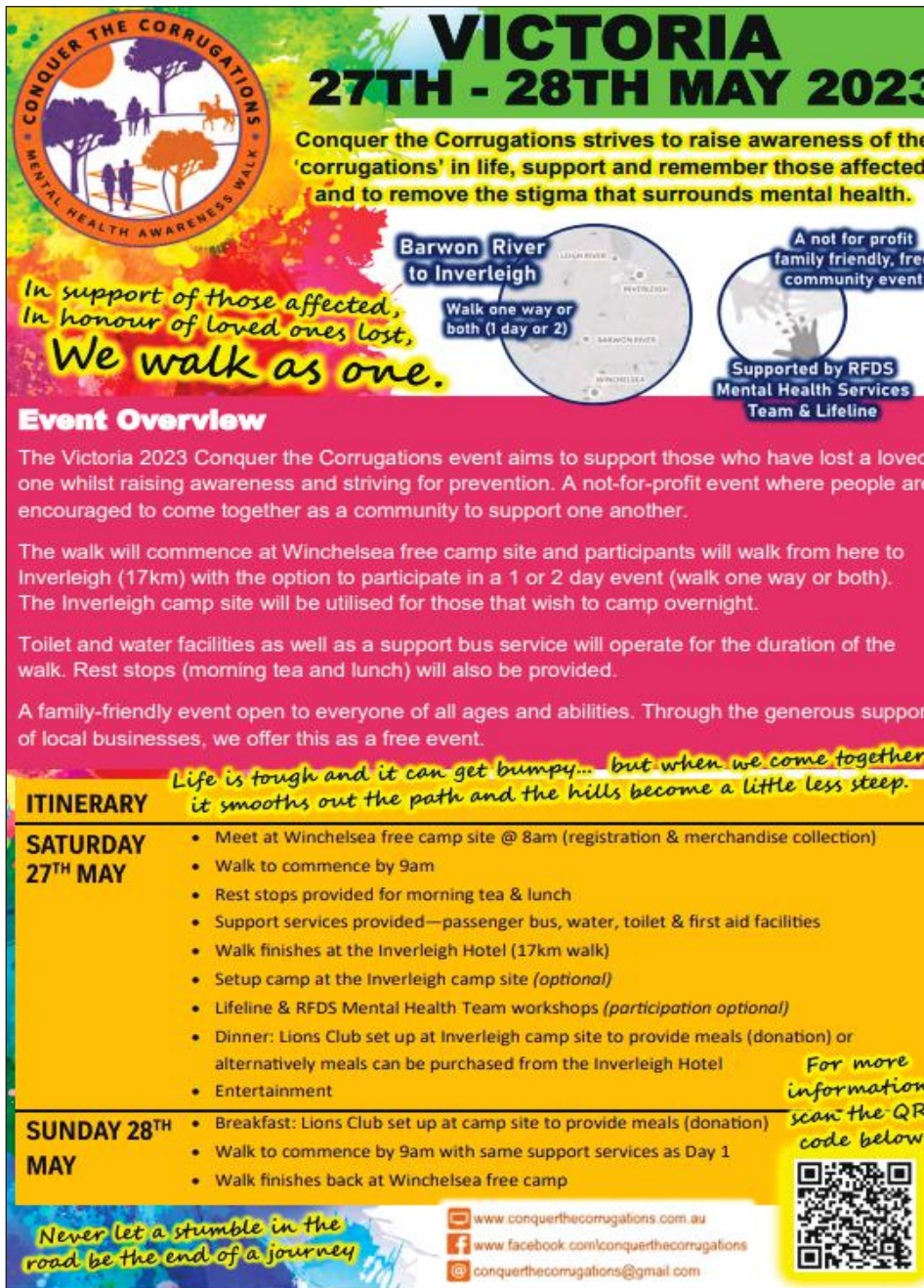
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Event Overview

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The walk will commence at Winchelsea free camp site and participants will walk from here to Inverleigh (17km) with the option to participate in a 1 or 2 day event (walk one way or both). The Inverleigh camp site will be utilised for those that wish to camp overnight.

Toilet and water facilities as well as a support bus service will operate for the duration of the walk. Rest stops (morning tea and lunch) will also be provided.

A family-friendly event open to everyone of all ages and abilities. Through the generous support of local businesses, we offer this as a free event.

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ITINERARY

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

- Meet at Winchelsea free camp site @ 8am (registration & merchandise collection)
- Walk to commence by 9am
- Rest stops provided for morning tea & lunch
- Support services provided—passenger bus, water, toilet & first aid facilities
- Walk finishes at the Inverleigh Hotel (17km walk)
- Setup camp at the Inverleigh camp site (optional)
- Lifeline & RFDS Mental Health Team workshops (participation optional)
- Dinner: Lions Club set up at Inverleigh camp site to provide meals (donation) or alternatively meals can be purchased from the Inverleigh Hotel
- Entertainment

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

- Breakfast: Lions Club set up at camp site to provide meals (donation)
- Walk to commence by 9am with same support services as Day 1
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