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#### Alpaca fun for Winchelsea Playgroup



#### **Winchelsea Primary School**

DIGI-TECH - WEEK 11

This has been a jam packed Digi-Tech Term! Students should be proud of the effort they have put in. It has been wonderful watching their resilience grow while learning new tech skills.

- Prep We finished our 'computer project,' where we built a computer out of paper. We added security, such as a password and fingerprint/eye scanner.
- 1-2 We have been exploring the bee-bot application. This also lent itself nicely to the directional language we were learning in maths.
- 3-4 We have been learning about peripherals and finished the term with a fun animation task. We used the skills we learned in Canva this term, to create a backdrop for our animation.
- 5-6 We have enjoyed creating 'Pyjama Day' posters and finishing off the term with a fun animation task.



**Blues News** 

#### Music, musings and fun at Winchelsea Community Dinner

#### By Jess Boccia

As the nights get chillier, our community dinners continue to fill our bellies with warm food, create new community connections and gather old friends. This month we were again delighted to welcome some new faces alongside some regulars. As has become the norm, there was lots of movement between tables and seats, and everyone was welcomed and included. Its heartwarming to see our community come together in this way and people reaching out to others they might not usually cross paths with. If you've thought about coming but perhaps feel a bit hesitant, we encourage you to give it a go and know you'll be warmly welcomed.

A definite highlight of this month's dinner was the unveiling of the beautiful old piano in the hall. As locals stepped up to share a tune or two, we were transported into a bygone era where communities gathered in halls like this one to be entertained by the skills of fellow community members, to talk, to dance and to connect. We wondered what the history of this piano was and the past significance of this hall to the generations that have lived in Winchelsea before us.

Back at the shared tables, the conversations were many and varied. A local woman shared an entertaining story of helping some tourists who had managed to hitch hike their way to Winchelsea and was standing outside the top pub attempting to get a lift down the Great Ocean Road at 8pm over the Easter weekend. The younger person was accompanied by their elderly mother and concerned about who might pick them up at this time over a long weekend, the person sharing the story had driven them to Colac and convinced them to spend a night in a motel, rather than continue their nighttime hitchhiking escapades.

Others shared stories about where they had grown up, other places they had lived and what brought them to Winchelsea. Some interesting information was also shared about self-managed super funds and the opportunities they might provide to move money out of large corporations.

Food is often a topic of conversation, and this time was no different with discussions and tips shared for sourcing local produce. Permaculture and organic gardening were also discussed with a view to empowering ourselves to grow more of our own fresh fruit and vegetables.

While the adults socialised, children were busy enjoying some toys, games, art and craft activities which Artsy Jazzy kindly set up for the evening. They were definitely worn out and ready for bed by the time the night ended.

A big thank you to the Winchelsea Star for financial support to get these dinners going, Kentys Bakery who donate top quality dinner rolls for each event, Julie Loon who donated this month's beautiful flowers, St John the Baptist Catholic Church for low cost venue use and of course our wonderful team of volunteers who work behind the scenes each month to make these dinners a reality.

'Lovely evening with good food, good conversation and now even music the highlight of the evening. You must come along too.'

Dinners are held monthy – last Saturday of month, 6.30pm at the hall on the corner of Harding and Mercer Streets. Bring food to share if you are able. We hope you can join us at our next dinner Saturday 26th of July.







#### What food do I bring to a community dinner?

Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you can bring food or not. All contributions are very welcome and the diversity of people who come along enjoy a wide range of foods – you don't need to be a wonderful cook to contribute.

If you are wanting to bring something, but feel unsure or stuck for ideas here are some suggestions:

- A tray of roasted vegetables either one type such as potatoes or mixed
- Sausage rolls, party pies or other similar foods (a good option if you don't cook or are short on time)
- A salad even a simple salad such as lettuce, cucumber and tomato with a dressing on the side
- Potato salad, coleslaw or pasta salad
- A quiche or frittatad
- A soup made with whatever is in season such as pumpkin or potato and leek
- Roast meat
- · A family favourite casserole, oven bake or other dish
- Something that is cooked traditionally in your culture
- Chopped up fruit or fruit salad
- Custard, jelly or ice cream
- A cake, cupcakes or biscuits
- A warm dessert such as a crumble or pudding



### Cromwell's Quirks

#### "Deal Breakers"

#### By Cromwell Hooper

"Oldie" as I aspire to be, few would be so very greatly surprised to find I found my Self wondering: "Just what do people think they mean whenever they reference 'deal breakers' with such gay abandon?"

I asked a few of our favourite online SuperHeroes to find out what they could make of such expressions, to see what the Al world's take would be on the social norms of the literally millions of people using them every day as workhorses, soundboards, crying-shoulders, whipping-boys for their rants and all the general ventings that form humanity's "average" expression of it's collective self online, to its creation.

BrainAI, (reputed to be the leader for multi-tasking background tasks requiring "moving goalposts", and multiple-languages tasks like translating), wouldn't give me an answer at first, instead querying me exactly what I specifically meant, and in what context I wanted to know. I didn't have to grill BrainAI any further, this AI was basically reflecting my own concerns regarding the cavalier approach so commonly deployed by the people deploying this expression, and would not be susceptible to such traps as making the broad-brush-stroke declarations many of us humans are ...

Gemini, (the AI voice of your google search results), distills them down to "untenable aspects or conditions". Nice neat tidy definition that, got to admire Gemini's succinctly, and even still I can't help but suspect such understandings are as `oldie' as mine ...

Prometheus, (which drives the Microsoft Copilot digital assistant, well competent at coordinating the efforts of junior Al-lings, as well as SignifAl for those of us involved in any kind of DevOps or Site Reliability Engineering), tells me they are not mere symbols, rather, powerful assertions of boundaries, clear lines that warn, "this is a core value for me!", or, the implied corollary: a weapon to wield in protection of one's mindsets being exposed or one's fears being faced.

So, what can a human do with all this? We're all different, some say, I especially so ... being all that as it may, in the mischievous playground of my mind, (amongst all the other butts for my irreverent tauntings), is the Altar of the Individual Divine, where the initiators prepare, (amongst their other altar-furnishings), the sacred Deal Breakers, with which they point to, and summon the protection of, the 4 Cardinal Directions of Identity, Otherness, Defensiveness and Withdrawal ... it's an highly tongue in cheek model on my part, but like most humour, it's just a way of facing what I think of as uncomfortable truths

Donning my "+2 Hat of Aspirational Levity™", I might just interpret it as that delicate balancing act we attempt twixt clarity and rigidity, but do any of us really have the Grace to deploy our ``deal breakers´´ with sufficient humility to deserve this interpretation? Do we even try to respect each the others' broken bits and tender spots?

As critturs craving connection and companionship, perhaps we could craft even better rituals of attraction and repulsion? By way of example, how do you think matters might appear, were we to push with just such vigour our "Deal Makers"?

Food for thought, well wishes in All, Cromwell.

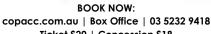


THE PAPER ESCAPER A Terrapin production by Gita Bezard
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#### Local musicians get economic boost

#### **By Victorian State Government**

A \$3 million boost for Victorian musicians, bands, venues and festivals has been announced, designed to strengthen the industry and the jobs and communities it supports.

The latest round of **10,000 Gigs: The Victorian Gig Fund** will fund 136 venues to stage paid gigs by local artists.

Recipients include the iconic pubs, clubs and band rooms that make Victoria great – like the Wesley Anne, Howler and The Tote – alongside unexpected spaces including Echuca Aquatic Reserve and Coal Creek Community Park & Museum.

The Live Music Festivals Fund will support 11 festivals with grants up to \$50,000 to help put on new or existing events, including LGBTQIA festival Gaytimes, Castlemaine's Town Folk Festival, Phillip Island's Ocean Sounds, Queenscliff Music Festival, Port Fairy Folk Festival and Riverboats Music Festival.

Music Works will provide more than \$940,000 of grants, backing emerging and established artists, supporting them to create new music, tour and reach new audiences. Among the 81 recipients are Warrnambool's Find Your Voice Collective and musician and disability advocate Eliza Hull.

In addition, more artists will have opportunities to develop their careers through Multicultural Arts Victoria's NEWPRINT program, designed to support artists, producers and creative workers from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to break into the music industry and take their careers to the next level.

For a full list of recipients visit creative.vic.gov.au.

# Brittany's love of nature and artistic endeavors have won her a DEVELOP grant to take her talent further

Story Surf Coast Shire, Photo Zoe Strapp

Accomplished artist Brittany March is one of nine individual and group grant recipients through Council's annual DEVELOP program which supports emerging, mid-career and established creatives to explore new horizons. Individuals can receive \$3,000 and groups \$5,000.

Brittany focuses on fine art, drawing inspiration from the natural world for hyper-realistic drawings and paintings. She is also skilled in graphic design and illustration, leads workshops and tutors.

Now her DEVELOP project is taking her into personally unexplored territory working with clay, silicone and fibreglass to create a prototype sculpture of a southern right whale, measuring up to a metre in length.

The DEVELOP grant is supporting mentoring for Brittany from acclaimed Surf Coast sculptor Mark Trinham. She will also receive training in fibreglass casting at a Torquay surfboard factory.

"This project will deepen my creative practice by developing skills needed to transition into public sculpture," Brittany says. "The work is inspired by the Surf Coast's rich marine environment and the iconic migration of the southern right whale. I have always loved wildlife, and creating artwork which honours the natural world. As a surfer going into the ocean most days you naturally have a connection with nature and wild places, and I think it's nice that the project involves the surf industry. Obviously Torquay was kind of born from the surf industry, so it's a nice little nod."



Some of the DEVELOP 2025 recipients are:

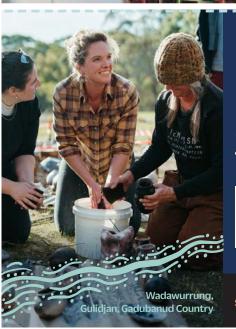
- Brittany March: Developing public art and large-scale sculpture skills, with supporting mentorship, through creation of a fibreglass whale prototype.
- Michelle Buggy: Developing an online creative arts experience featuring daily videos, and interviews with artists.
- Erin Reinboth: Connecting young people with artists and professionals through workshops, mentoring and exhibitions.
- Ruth Blackhirst: Purchasing a larger kiln to expand sustainable functional art production.
- Andrea Shaw: Exploring textile painting on repurposed fabrics to integrate sustainability.
- Writhe: Researching performing arts groups to assess capacity-building needs in Surf Coast Shire.

Find out more about Council's DEVELOP grants for artists and creatives at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DEVELOP.



#### NAIDOC WEEK 6-13 July 2025

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# A successful Winchelsea Auskick season winds up for the year

By Colleen Trewhella, Auskick Coordinator

#### Wrap up of Winchelsea Auskick for 2025!!

On Saturday we have our mini games at the halftime of the Senior Football game, it was so amazing for the kids to be able to run out with a guard of honor from the senior team followed by presentation of their medals and certificates by our reserves players.





All families enjoyed afternoon tea and a time for photos. This year saw us with a record of 50 registrations which is absolutely fantastic.

Once again to the faithful helpers on a Thursday night thanks very much, Brendan, Dan, Toby, Josh, James, Trent, Iain and Benji and anyone else I may have missed. And to the committee once again.

See you in season 2026.

# NetSetGo wraps up with fun, games and a bright future ahead

A huge thanks goes to Elizabeth Humphries and her family for inspiring leadership in the NetSetGo netball program

#### By Shae Callahan

The final whistle has blown on what has been a fantastic NetSetGo term, with our youngest netballers finishing up the term by putting all they've learned into action through some exciting mini game simulations. From learning the basics of throwing, catching, and footwork to understanding positions and playing as a team — it's been an absolute joy to watch these children grow and thrive over the past 10 weeks.

With over 20 enthusiastic participants aged 5 to 10, the energy, improvement, and smiles each week have been a true highlight for our club. If these talented youngsters are anything to go by, the future of Winchelsea netball is in very safe hands.

A massive shout-out goes to 15-year-old Elizabeth Humphries, who took on the incredible task of planning and coordinating the NetSetGo program each week. Her leadership, creativity, and dedication have been inspiring. With the support of her younger sister Hannah (12 years old) and their mum, this trio created a fun, inclusive and supportive environment that kept every child engaged and excited to return each week. What a brilliant example of youth leadership in action!

As the NetSetGo season wraps up, we now pass the baton to our Under 10s coaches — Hannah, Rachael and Shanley — who will guide the next steps of development on the court. We can't wait to watch this group continue to grow in confidence and skills.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families, volunteers and young players who made this term so special. Let's carry this momentum into the next chapter — the future is bright in blue and white!





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#### Thankyou, Hesse Hospital Auxiliary

By Hesse Rural Health

Last Thursday on the 26th June, Hesse Rural Health (Hesse) held an appreciation lunch to acknowledge and thank Hesse's Hospital Auxiliary volunteers for their dedicated service including to the Winchelsea Op Shop. From 1st July the volunteers commenced operations with their new entity Winchelsea Community Op Shop Inc.

The lunch, generously held at Birregurra Grocer and supported by Otway Pork had a festive in June theme, where a merry time was had. The important part the Hospital Auxiliary has played in assisting Hesse and its former entities to make a valuable contribution to the Winchelsea community over the past 69 years was celebrated and acknowledged.

The Winchelsea & District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary was established in the late 50's under the By-Laws of the Winchelsea & District Hospital, now known as Hesse Rural Health. The group most recently comprised around 35 enthusiastic members who continue to volunteer tirelessly to raise important funds for the health service. Over the years, the Auxiliary's fundraising activities have included casserole luncheons, street stalls, raffles, Devonshire teas, dinner dances, Hesse event catering and even a regular presence at the annual Country Dahlias event. Each year the Auxiliary would also host Christmas parties for Hesse's aged care residents, and provide an end of year gift that was greatly appreciated.

After a few years of running lucrative trash and treasure stalls, an idea sparked, to open and run their own Opportunity Shop. So, in January of 2011 that's exactly what occurred, and the Auxiliary's Op Shop went from strength to strength. Unfortunately, on the morning of Monday 9th November 2020 the Op Shop caught fire in a suspected arson attack and the Auxiliary took a well-earned break while this devastating loss was adjusted to, before the focus turned to fundraising for a new shop and opening a temporary Op Shop.

The volunteers' resilience shone, as the new shop was established in rental premises at 10 Willis St and it returned to being a lifeblood for the Winchelsea community, providing once again low priced items to the community, along with great friendships to the passionate volunteers and their many customers.

Hesse would not be where it is today without both the financial and volunteer support of the Auxiliary. Hesse offers thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers that have contributed to the great outcomes the Auxiliary have assisted Hesse to achieve for our community over the many, many years.

Hesse also continues planning to redevelop 44-46 Main St, Winchelsea as a future site for the Op Shop, and on completion this building will be made available to the new entity of Winchelsea Community Op Shop Inc. At the appreciation lunch, the Auxiliary Executive presented Hesse with a donation of \$199,000 from Op Shop proceeds towards this redevelopment, which is in addition to the \$200,000 previously donated by the Auxiliary to commence the project planning.

The Hesse Board of Directors remain committed to supporting the new arrangement and look forward to continuing this important relationship under the new structure as Winchelsea Community Op Shop Inc. and working together to remain supporting the local Winchelsea community.



Members of the Hospital Auxiliary celebrate with Hesse CEO Carissa Brock and Board Chair Ian Whiting



Presentation of Hospital Auxiliary donation cheque to Hesse L-R Hospital Auxiliary Reps Pam Kelly (Vice President), Pixie Heath (Treasurer), Pat Crosbie (President) with Hesse Reps Carissa Brock (CEO) and Ian Whiting (Board Chair)





# Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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For the Community

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To finish, a coffee at La Hoot.

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#### **WINCHELSEA OP SHOP**

#### **BOOK SALE**

**Cheryl Mawson** 

The Winchelsea Op Shop will be having their \$5 bag of books again ready for the School Holidays.

Sale will commence on Friday, July 4th, through until end of the holidays.

We have lots of good books so do not miss out on your winter reading.

Thanks to the community for your ongoing support to the shop once again

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR MISSING**

The newly installed Defibrillator outside the Netball change rooms has been missing for some weeks.

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# Funding given for the preservation of historical records

By Victorian State Government

The Government is funding community groups to capture, preserve and share the unique stories and histories of Victoria. 17 historical groups, museums, libraries and not-for-profits are new recipients of the 2025 Local History Grants Program.

Recipients include the Bonegilla Memory Project, awarded \$11,490 for their work collecting memories of ex-residents of the Bonegilla Migrant Camp, highlighting the stories of this significant heritage site.

First Nations history will be highlighted in William Barak's Visual and Material Legacy: A Catalogue for Community through \$15,000 to the Wurrindjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

The Down Syndrome Association of Victoria has been awarded \$12,623 for archiving their heritage collection back to 1978, establishing a legacy to educate, inspire and inform all Victorians.

Victoria's important post-war migration story will be explored, with \$14,850 to the Australian Jewish Historical Society Victoria for the project Community of Fate: Tales of German Jewish Migration to Melbourne (1938 – 1949).

Other funded projects include newspaper digitisations, oral histories, historical signage, and preservation equipment.

Further details can be found at prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program





Next Production Coffee Meeting @ Sweet Thyme Saturday 30 July 2025 9-10am Everyone Welcome!

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### **Riverside Amphitheatre to** be discussed at Forum

By Growing Winchelsea

A stepped grass amphitheatre with flat steps suitable for market stalls, picnics and other uses combined with an enlarged covered deck space which doubles as a stage was identified as an important project in Growing Winchelsea - Shaping Future Growth 2015 strategy.

The concept seeks to link existing projects such as native tree planting, a timber boardwalk and concrete path connecting to the River Walk loop.

"Detailed drawings and photos were highlighted in the strategy and timing is now right to gather community input and support to progress this initiative," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

At the Community Forum to be held on Monday 14 July2025 there will be an opportunity to comment on the concept. Already there has been good feedback received together with interest shown. Our next step Is to advance a Community Project Proposal with Surf Coast Shire with seeks to undertake its feasibility, identify the scope of the project and other elements required to push forward with the project.

"As our population grows and visitation to our town increases the amphitheatre not only provides a productive open space linked to the Arboretum Trail but allows a diversity of event tourism opportunities to develop," continues John.

Come along at 6 pm to the Senior Citizens Centre @ 36 Harding Street Winchelsea, network and enjoy a warm meal before the Forum commences with presentations about the Winchelsea Place planning process and the Windfall Gains Tax.

Please RSVP via email to Elaine Atkinson secretary@ growingwinchelsea.com or mobile 0458009616.



· Hear about proposed Amphitheatre and share your views

This is your chance to make a difference in your community and help shape its future

RSVP by 11/7/25



#### Winchelsea Playgroup has been the happy recipient of a grant from a Surf Coast Shire Council's Quick Response Grants Program. This program is also open to other community organisations

#### By Surf Coast Shire

Smiles and laughter from children at Winchelsea Playgroup are proof that Surf Coast Shire Council's Quick Response Grants Program can make a big difference for community organisations.

The volunteer-run playgroup has limited money-raising capacity with its strong focus on keeping costs at minimum for families. but successful application for a 2024 Quick Response Grant enabled purchase of indoor play equipment.

"It has certainly been a hit!" volunteer Bec Lane said. "It has seven or eight large pieces of soft play which can be put together in different configurations, creating different obstacle courses for children to play on and run and crawl across.

"It means the children can still burn energy with some climbing and fun indoors when it is inclement outside, and we wouldn't have been able to purchase it without the grant."

With the 2025 Quick Response Grants Program opening on 1 July, Bec encouraged community organisations to consider applying. The program offers grants up to \$3,000 to help groups and organisations make minor equipment purchases, expand activities or pursue clever and creative projects that help community to thrive.

"The application was straightforward. I've done lots of grant applications and what stood out to me with this one was the quick response, it definitely lived up to its title," Bec said.

Cr Tony Phelps said the grants program would remain open until the allocations pool of \$30,000 is exhausted. "We encourage community organisations to examine the application guidelines and consider making submissions," Cr Phelps said.

"Finding funds for things like equipment purchases or new projects can be a challenge. These grants offer support in quick turnaround time and can have such significant impact for organisations making positive differences in our community."

Find details at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Grants.

# Winchelsea Churches



#### Winchelsea Uniting Church

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

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

0404598558

Father Joseph Panackal
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241
Winchelsea @ 5pm Sat. Jul. 5/12/19/26
Anakie – NO MASS
Meredith @ 9am Sun. July 13, 27
Bannockburn @ 11am Sun. July. 13/20/27

Inverleigh @ 4pm Sun. July 20

# St Thomas' Anglican Church

0477 672 042

Rev Barbara Colliver stthomaswac@gmail.com Barwon Tce, Winchelsea Service 10am Sundays

# Thought for the Week

"God invites us to join the Divine plan to ultimately conquer sin, and chaos and move the world to completion and peace.

Accept God's offer of partnership and use your creative efforts to end suffering."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader, Former Lay Preacher

# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL Coles Smooth and Coles Crunchy Peanut Butter 1kg

By Coles

Coles is recalling Coles Smooth Peanut Butter 1kg and Coles Crunchy Peanut Butter 1kg, sold between 01/05/2025 and 30/06/2025 at Coles supermarkets and Coles Online nationally with a Best Before date of 05/02/2027, due to aflatoxin contamination

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The product is:

Coles Smooth Peanut Butter 1kg and Coles Crunchy Peanut Butter 1kg

Best Before date: 05/02/2027

Dates sold: Between 01/05/2025 and 30/06/2025.

Food products containing aflatoxin may cause illness if consumed. Any customers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

Customers can return the product to any Coles supermarket for a full refund. Coles Online customers can receive a full refund or credit by contacting Coles Online Customer Care on 1800 455 400.

We apologise to our customers for any inconvenience. Customers seeking further information can contact Coles Customer Care on 1800 061 562.





# Homebuyer Fund extended

By the Victorian State Government

The Government is extending the popular Victorian Homebuyer Fund to help more Victorians achieve their dream of owning a home.

Since it was launched in October 2021, the fund has helped 15,400 Victorians buy a home. More than two-thirds are first home buyers, with 25 to 44-year-olds the largest group.

The short-term extension – until the Government's investment of \$2.8 billion is exhausted - will enable new applications beyond the original 30 June cut-off. This will help an estimated 2,600 more Victorians buy their own home, bringing the total to 18,000 homebuyers assisted since its launch.

After this, Victorians will transition to the Commonwealth's Help to Buy scheme, which will continue the work of the ground-breaking Victorian scheme.

The Victorian Homebuyer Fund's shared equity arrangement makes it easier for more people to buy a home, by reducing the amount of money eligible participants need to enter the market

and relieving Victorian homebuyers from the extra financial burden of lenders' mortgage Insurance.

The median Victorian Homebuyer Fund participant's mortgage repayments are \$250 lower per month – saving \$3,000 per year – compared to if they purchased the same property with a traditional 80% loan to value ratio loan.

Participants are also eligible for other first home buyer supports, including stamp duty exemptions and concessions and the First Home Owner Grants of \$10.000.

Since the fund's launch, more than 15,400 Victorians have been supported to buy their own home, with a median purchase price of \$615,000.

The Victorian Budget 2025/26 is delivering \$61 million to extend the stamp duty concession – slashing stamp duty on eligible off-the-plan apartments, units and townhouses for another 12-months.

An additional \$24 million will also deliver new planning controls for the 50 recently announced Activity Centres, ensuring we get the planning right and give certainty to communities and industry about how these places will grow.

### history of winchelsea

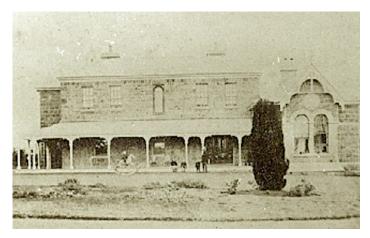
#### Mansions that made Winchelsea: Mount Hesse

The stables and the woolshed, constructed 1849, are amongst the oldest in Victoria

#### By Michael Donovan

All Winchelsea locals know and love the famous Barwon Park mansion, but Barwon Park was only one of many such properties in its day.

In previous weeks we have looked at Wormbete and Ingleby as stunning local examples of early founding mansions, but along with the Hopkinses and Armytages came early pastoralists John Highett and William Harding, who first established the Mt Hesse run, situated to the north and west of the Austin's Barwon Park run, on the west bank of the Barwon river on Gulidjan Country.



Mt Hesse

Mt Hesse has a narrow frontage to the river north of Barwon Park, stretching along the eastern shore of Lake Murdeduke, which was traditionally a site of permanent occupation of the Gulidjan people.

The stables and woolshed constructed 1849 are amongst the oldest surviving in Victoria.

The property was named after George Brooks Legrew Hesse, who famously went missing with Joseph Tice Gellibrand, as explored in previous weeks in this article.

It was later owned by the Geelong merchants William Timms and John Wilson, who owned the property from 1853 to 1856. William Timms, who by 1849 was Geelong's biggest exporter of wool, became sole owner of Mount Hesse in October 1856 when he bought John Wilson's share for £17,500.

The property was later broken up and acquired by Timms' sons and run as three separate properties, 'Eurack', 'Mountside' and 'Mount Hesse', Mount Hesse being the homestead section and comprising 15,866 acres (6,400ha).



Mt Hesse Shearing Sheds



Mt Hesse Stables

The main homestead was built c.1856 for William Timms (Senior) to the design of Backhouse and Reynolds and was later extended by Davidson and Henderson for William Timms (Junior) in 1873.

In 1941 the house was severely damaged by fire, although it was re-built in 1947 using some of the original materials. The Lodge was built in 1873 for William Timms (Junior) as a three roomed gate lodge and it sits adjacent to the original main gate entrance.

Today Mt Hesse station is still operating and is one of the district's most successful merino stations, acquired by Südwolle Group in 2002, it combines centuries-old traditions with cutting-edge science to produce natural high-quality wool.



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

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cutural 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.

#### **SERVICES & ACTIVITIES IN WINCHELSEA**

#### **VLINE TRAIN SERVICES**

#### TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 6.21(coach) 07.55, 11.10, 14.04, 16.58, 19.21

Sat - Sun 9:34, 14.04, 16.58 19.18

#### TO WARRNAMBOOL:

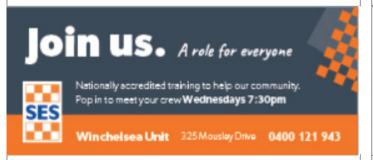
Mon - Fri 8.58, 11.51, 14.46, 17.28 (coach), 18.43, 20.53

Sat - Sun 8:48, 11.41, 14.46, 20.38



# COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall



# Winchelsea and District COMBINED PROBUS CLUB



Senior Citizens Rooms, Harding St, Winchelsea. New members always welcome. Enquiries Lorraine 0417 467 927



#### **SOCIAL BRIDGE**

Every Tuesday 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Senior Citizens Centre 36 Harding Street Winchelsea New players always welcome Contact Elaine Atkinson 0458009616

#### WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION

55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Tuesday Thursday 2pm-4pm 2pm-4pm Saturday 1.30-3.30pm Sunday 9.30-12.30pm



Closed on Christmas Day, but open on other public holidays that fall during their normal operating hours. www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites



#### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Our Unit meets at the Catholic Church Hall, Harding St Winchelsea each Monday 4.30pm-6pm All girls 5yrs- 15yrs Welcome! Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630 or Lily Del Rennie Ph. 0428 936 441



# 1st Modda & 1st Winchelsea SCOUT GROUP

Joeys: Tuesdays of school term 5-6pm Cubs: Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm Scouts: Tuesdays of school term 6:30-8:30pm All at Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd Venturers: Wed at Walton's Rd Venturer Den Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147



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

#### SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

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

#### **WINCHELSEA TAXI**

0429 672 888 or 5267 2888

Wheelchair accessible 10 seater bus available.

#### **WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP**

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

#### **Councillor Catch-Up**

by Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor

I had 3 visitors at the first Winchelsea Councillor Chat last week, with discussions ranging from road care, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings through to new bridge, industrial estate, tree plantings and pigeon-poo! Good to catch up on people are seeing, hearing and doing around the region, my thanks for the drop-ins who took the time to call by.

By the way, the weekly community Co-Working/Study space in the Winchelsea Shire Hall is available Mondays and Thursdays 9am - 2pm. It's warm and comfortable with cushioned bench seats or make-your-own-arrangement of tables and chairs, free parking, nearby shops and cafes, a beautiful head-clearing riverside walk, mobile big TV with computer connection, internet, even printing. If you need to get away from your usual space to work or study, or somewhere to meet people (but not for confidential discussions), I highly recommend it as a cheap, convenient and central option. Spread the word! Definitely a use it or lose it service.

Many of the discussions would fit into the upcoming Winchelsea Place Plan, and I'm looking forward to observing the chosen group as they collect ideas and deliberate on what to put forward for potential inclusion into a masterplan for the next few decades. More opportunities will crop up for everyone to take a look at what they come up with on our behalf, and put in some feedback. I must say, there was a VERY disappointing number of survey submissions (just 37!), and only 24 out of 30 spots taken to participate in the workshops putting together a community-powered picture of future Winchelsea. It is hard to justify criticisms of Council programs and priorities if the local community doesn't engage until after the fact.

Speaking of opportunities to have a say, the Road Management Plan is still out for comment. Remember, this sets out at what point Council is required to step in and fix roads & pathways, and the recent Satisfaction Survey (see jo.my/satisfaction2025scs) shows that Winchelsea had the lowest rating for roads (sealed and unsealed). Your submissions DO matter and DO have an impact, and provide evidence for your Councillors to make changes and make decisions on your behalf.

Another issue you might be able to help with; as Winchelsea grows, we are seeing more dogs too. I don't mind saying, I'm a dog person. However, we've seen some incidents where dogs are threatening and in a couple of cases actually attacking other dogs and even people. To dog owners – you are required to keep your dog(s) under "effective control" and adequately contained at all times. To everyone – if you see poor dog behaviour, I urge you to report it to Council for the rangers to look into and log for evidence, see jo.my/scs-dogs.

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect the official policy, position, or views of Surf Coast Shire or its staff. They are offered in my capacity as an individual Councillor and should not be interpreted as representing the collective views of the Council or Shire.

# Open Days planned in August for Winchelsea Community Bank Village

#### By Ken McDonald

Community Village chair John Knuckey said today the new independent living units in Winchelsea are nearing completion, offering a unique blend of comfortable design and spacious living in an unbeatable location in one of the town's most accessible settings.

With an impressive 9-star energy rating, the development sets a new standard for housing older people and those wishing to scale back from their traditional family home. Each two bedroom unit has been carefully designed to be large and spacious, with abundant natural light flowing throughout. Extensive landscaped gardens give both a great sense of space to the communal areas as well as privacy for individual units.

Just a two-minute walk from the Barwon river, residents will also have nearby access to the main street shopping precinct, the Winchelsea sporting hub and gymnasium, swimming pool, cafes and eateries and the medical precinct, and have immediate access to the Senior Citizens Centre making this a truly central and convenient place to call home.

The Winanglo Committee, local community members who have bought the vision to provide high quality, affordable, sustainable village living for those wishing to downsize their housing and stay in their local community, are excited to introduce the development to the wider public.

Community Open Days are planned for early August, but for any families interested in more information or a private viewing of the units, please contact:

Ken McDonald 0418 524 150, John Knuckey 0427 672 011

# Grants for animal rescue centres to save and care for companion animals

By Victorian State Government

33 successful grant recipients are part of Round 12 of the Animal Welfare Fund Grants program, with \$1.6 million awarded in this round. This includes \$1.14 million to not-for-profit organisations, shelters, and community rescue and rehoming organisations to support the rehoming of companion animals.

Funding of \$460,000 has been granted to not-for-profit and community vet clinics to upgrade or expand their services or facilities or set up new low-cost clinics in areas of need.

Pets In The Park is a national organisation that provides free access to preventative veterinary healthcare programs, enabling homeless individuals to care for their pets while supporting their own wellbeing.

Animal Welfare Fund Grants Round 12 recipients include Geelong Animal Welfare Society – Moolap (\$16,750)

For more information, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/community-and-education/animal-welfare-fund-grants-program

#### NAIDOC Week 2025 is a beacon of hope 6-13 July 2025

By St Vincent de Paul Society

'NAIDOC Week is a time to learn about and celebrate the continued history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia,' the Society's National President Mark Gaetani said.

'This year's NAIDOC Week theme - ' The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy' - honours the achievements of the past and the empowerment of young leaders and provides an opportunity to reflect on the generations of advocacy and activism."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are overrepresented in almost all support services provided by the Society, reflecting the challenges they experience from historic and contemporary injustices.

'Government interventions have repeatedly failed because they have been developed without respectful and informative listening to First Nations People's advice on how issues should be tackled in community,' Mr Gaetani said.

'We continue to advocate for improvements to the co-development and co-design of policy and funding of services and programs.

'Real change can only be achieved by empowering First Nations communities, groups and individuals to contribute to the important policy making decisions that affect their lives.

'This is why a focus on the Next Generation is so important and is filled with promise. It

will help to truly recognise and value the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia's history.'

Mr Gaetani said the Society's support for First Nations justice is informed by Catholic Social Teaching and by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops. Resources have been developed to mark Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on 6 July.

'It is time to listen and to put Indigenous voices at the heart of the Australian Government's policies and programs that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

'We, the Australian people, have accepted the generous invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart to walk with First Nations people towards recognition, reconciliation and justice,' Mr Gaetani said.

'The St Vincent de Paul Society is proud to support the Allies for Uluru and has been a long-standing supporter of the truth telling and treaty process. It is so important for the broader community to have a good understanding of the forces that shaped Australia's history, both before and after European settlement.

'The role of First Nations people is central to this story. We all need to know the truth about what happened here and the intergenerational impacts of these events.'

#### Immense body of work done by Yoorrook Commission acknowledged by government

By Victorian State Government

#### **Historic Yoorrook Justice Commission Reports Tabled**

The State Government has tabled the Yoorrook Justice Commission's final reports a historic moment on our path to truth-telling and Treaty.

The reports conclude the work of the Commission, established by the State Government in partnership with the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria to investigate injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria since colonisation, including the impact of past and current government policies and actions.

This is the first formal truth-telling inquiry of its kind in Australia, and the Commission's work will have significant impact in helping all Victorians better understand our history.

The Government acknowledges the immense undertaking of the Commissioners and Commission staff in preparing these historic reports.

We acknowledge the strength and courage of those who made submissions and gave evidence to the Commission over the past four years.

We share the Yoorrook Justice Commission's goals of truth and justice and will carefully consider the Commission's final findings and recommendations.

### Antique Repairs

#### By **Doug Burns** est. 1976

- All Furniture
- French polishing
- Carving
- Veneering
- **Wood Turning**
- Porcelain



**Unusual Requests Welcome** 

180 Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea

0428 672 704





Fun, Interactive music sessions for pre-school children (0-4 y.o.) and parents/caregivers

When: Mondays from 10 to 11 am (runs during school terms) Where: St Thomas' Hall

25 Barwon Tce.

To Enquire ring: 0407838256



#### There's Still a Hole in our Roof

It has been a very difficult couple of weeks with our school building. A substantial leak has occurred and with the continuing rain over thepast few days, it's meant repair works have been delayed. I am very hopeful that the entrance will be opened as normal to begin Term 3. Iam thankful to everyone for diverting either around the front of the school, or to the middle doors. Thankfully, there has been minimaldisruption to learning. 5/6O moved spaces for a couple of days, but otherwise everyone else has stayed in their rooms. The bulk of the challenges have occurred in **the hallways**.



#### **VISUAL ARTS WEEK 11**

This year for NAIDOC Week, all classes participated in a lesson that involved theuse of Aboriginal symbols to create a story. The students had lots of fun usingsticks and scratching techniques to create their visual stories.







#### PERFORMING ARTS WEEK 11

**Prep** We are exploring games based on the story, 'We are going on a bear hunt.'

- 1- 2 We are finishing off the unit learning about pantomimes and enjoying the final week of 'freechoice of games.'
- **3-6** We are finishing off the unit learning about improvisation and enjoying the final week of 'freechoice of games.'



#### PREP 2026 ENROLMENTS

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW
DUE FOR 2026
IF YOU HAVE A CHILD
READY FOR SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR - PLEASE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL
TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF
ENROLMENT AT OUR
SCHOOL/TOUR AND
ENROLMENT FORMS

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**



Now open everyday!

8:15 to 8:45am

Every student is welcome to come along to get a healthy breakfast in the Multi Purpose Room



# What's on Weekly

#### **MONDAY-FRIDAY**

# WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea (03) 5267 2028

#### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028 Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

#### **MONDAY-SATURDAY**

#### **WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB**

Accessible - 24 hours Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St 5267 2336.

#### **MONDAY**

#### **CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE**

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

#### **MAINLY MUSIC**

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

#### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term) St John's, Mercer /Harding St Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630 Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

#### GROWING WINCHELSEA FORUM Mon 14 July

- 1. The Winchelsea Place Plan 2. Windfall Tax
- 6.00-6.30pm 04580 09616 www.growingwinchelsea.com





#### 1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

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

#### **VINYASA YOGA**

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

#### **TUESDAY**



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

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# 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**

#### WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe) Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au

#### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class. 6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre. Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036 zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com

#### **MAT PILATES**

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

#### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Ray Atkinson 0407839139 winchmenshed@gmail.com







# JULY/AUGUST

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm event details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend. To add an event to the calendar, please email news@winchel-

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#### **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE**

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm 36 Harding St, Winchelsea Jean Shinners 52672263, 0427672263 jeanshinners@gmail.com

## MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

# WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm Hesse St, Winchelsea www.facebook.com/

#### **MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL**

Wed afternoons/evenings pre-school - teens Winch Senior Citizens Club www.melsdancecentral.com.au

#### CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly Senior Citizens, Harding St winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com



7.30pm 132500 323 Mousley Drive, Winchelsea



#### **THURSDAY**

### WINCH KIDS ART CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY 17 July

Winchelsea Shire Hall Preschool ages 9-9.45am School ages 10-11am \$10 per child Materials provided

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR TONY PHELPS

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

#### **COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE**

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

#### 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 Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au 0417 848 292

#### WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

#### **FRIDAY**

#### TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10 Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

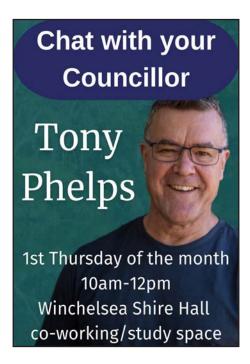


### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly (except Nov)
Shire Hall car park, Main St
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelseacommunity-market/

#### PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

10.30am (1–3 yrs) 11.30am (3–5 yrs) (School terms) www.robotreg.com.au/pages/shae







When: Mondays from 10 to 11 am (runs during school terms) Where: St Thomas' Hall

**Where:** St Thomas' Hall 25 Barwon Tce.

To Enquire ring: 0407838256



# What's on Weekly

#### **CHATTY CAFÉ**

10.30am-12.30pm Donation Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

#### NATIVE FLOWER WORKSHOPS

Fri 25 OR Sun 27 July 10.30am-1.30pm Barrabool Hills Lavender \$120 pp 112 Monahans Rd. Gnarwarre Includes materials, equipment, flowers, country style lunch, 3 hour workshop Carrie 0421 464 209

#### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm Hesse St. Winchelsea www.facebook.com/

#### WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 36 Harding Street, Winchelsea Jean Shinners 52672263, 0427672263 jeanshinners@gmail.com



#### WINCHELSEA RSL

1-30pm 18 July, 7.30 15 August, 1.30 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec Winchelsea Men's Shed, Hesse St. Winchelsea David Loone 0488 165 109

#### **GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY**

(MOBILE) 2-5pm

Old Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street 0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

#### **SATURDAY**



8am Trebeck Reserve Sussex St. Winchelsea www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

#### FLOW YOGA

8am, \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

#### **WINCHELSEA** LAND AND RIVERCARE



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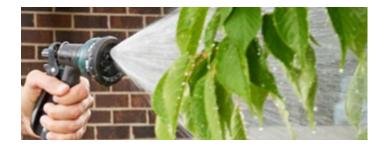
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# Winchelsea Golf Club

WINCHELSEA GOLF CLUB

By Winchelsea Golf Club

Golf news - and a big thank you to Winchelsea Pharmacy for all your support.

#### Results: Saturday 28/6/25 Winchelsea Pharmacy Trophy

3rd Round - Stableford 18 Players

1st - Kelvin Boddington (17) 37 points

2nd - Daryl Boddington (14) 35 points

BDL - Angus Heathcote (21) 33 points C/B

BDL - Bernie Perry (19) 33 points C/B

BDL - Tom Shaw (17) 33 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) Peter Bath Golden Hole (6th) Bill Spencer

Thank you to Winchelsea Pharmacy for sponsoring our last 3 rounds. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed! The winner with the combined score of the best two rounds was Rachel Boddington. Congratulations!

Next Saturday - July 5th - Hand of Friendship Winchelsea vs Inverleigh.

Register at 10am for an 11am Shotgun start.

Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Course will be closed to the public until 3pm.





#### Applications are now open for seasonal firefighter roles

#### By DEECA

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is employing 500 seasonal firefighters prior to the summer bushfire season.

FFMVic Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, said seasonal firefighters boost Victoria's firefighting capacity in the lead-up to summer and during the peak fire season.

"New recruits will train and work alongside our permanent firefighting staff, responding to bushfires rapidly to keep communities safe this summer," Mr Hardman said.

"They will be part of a team of close to 1800 frontline personnel and 1200 accredited incident management staff this bushfire season."

Last year Forest Fire Management Victoria firefighters responded to more than 1265 bushfires across the state, and delivered priority planned burns which will help reduce the impact of bushfires this summer.

"Emergency response deployments can occur anywhere across the state, providing opportunities to travel and work in different locations," Mr Hardman said.

"In previous seasons, some recruits have also been deployed to support firefighting efforts across Australia and internationally."

Barwon South West Region Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Scott Turner, said seasonal firefighter roles provide rewarding

career opportunities for those with a passion for the outdoors, learning new skills and making a difference.

"In addition to responding to bushfires and helping to deliver planned burns, new recruits will also undertake pest and weed control works, and maintain recreational reserves, strategic fire breaks and forest roads," Mr Turner said.

"They can also be called on to support other emergencies such as major floods, storms and biosecurity incidents."

"Many of the firefighters deployed to the current Canadian bushfires started their careers as seasonal firefighters," he said.

Applications are now open for seasonal firefighter roles across eight locations in the Barwon South West region including Dartmoor, Nelson, Heywood, Casterton, Gellibrand, Barwon Downs, Lorne and Anglesea.

FFMVic is committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that reflects the Victorian community. As part of its ongoing commitment to support meaningful careers for current and future First Nations staff, designated positions are available.

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#### Saturday 5 July 2025

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Eight people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Eva Phan, Sean Logan, Lillian Logan, June Petrie, Ann Jones, Kirsty Logan, Marlene Gladman and Bert Pelgrim. Congratulations also to Chris Hurren who completed his 50th parkrun.

Also a very large CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to Neil McInnes for reaching his 100th Volunteering for parkrun, as without his ongoing assistance and support the Trebeck parkrun would not be possible.

Thanks, Helen Woodall

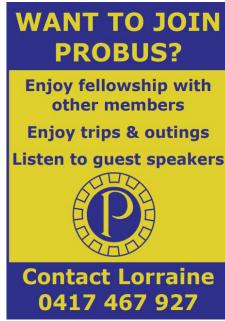
This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Ann Morsby, Don Smith, Liz Bennett, John Caufield, David Woodall, Helen Woodall, Daryl Gladman, Marlene Gladman

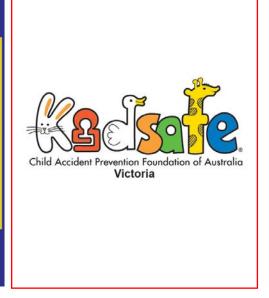
It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

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.











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# Winchelsea Tennis Club



Fletcher Allen

Round 5 Recap: On the Road ... On Top!

This week the night squad hit the road to Lara, ready to take down the ladder leaders. Michelle was out sick (get well soon!), so it was boys-only business—and business was booming.

Matt & Fletch kicked things off by not breaking serve and not breaking a sweat—6-2.

Jeff the Fill-In turned full-time destroyer, smashing his singles 6-0.

Fletch & Jeff then teamed up: long rallies, net kills, and another win—6-2.

Matt? Business as usual. Another royal thrashing—6-0.

Matt & Jeff dished out yet another donut in doubles-6-0.

Fletch took the scenic route in his singles, but still got it done—6-3.

Final Score: 6 sets to 0, 36 games to 7. Absolute ladder-toppling domination.

Winchelsea TC is now sitting 1st! — can we stay there? Next up after the break: the epic rematch vs the Wandana Wild Aces. Buckle up.

#### **Grants to support First Nations athletes**

By Victorian State Government

Victoria's next generation of First Nations athletes can take their performance to the next level with more grants for uniforms, equipment, travel and participation in sport carnivals, supported by the State Government.

From the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles to Super Netball, the performances of First Nations athletes on the big stage are an inspiration to all Victorians.

The program delivers grants of up to \$1,000 for team uniforms and equipment, and up to \$2,500 for travel costs so clubs can participate in both Victorian and national tournaments.

Individuals can also access up to \$250 for sporting uniforms and equipment, and up to \$750 for their own travel costs.

Previous recipients include Reservoir based Debbie's Diamonds who scored almost \$3,000 towards travel costs,

supporting their Men's C Grade and Women's B Grade basketball teams to compete at the recent 2025 VACSAL State-wide Basketball Classic in Mildura.

Mernda Calisthenics Club also bagged more than \$500 towards uniforms for five club members from ages 15 to 24 to enable them to compete in the local competition.

This grant program is part of the Labor Government's strong support for the Victorian Aboriginal community. Since 2020, the Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program has provided more than 480 grants to community sport clubs and individuals in Victoria's Indigenous communities.

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# New Payroll Tax Cuts take effect

**By Victorian State Government** 

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It follows the lifting of the threshold from \$700,000 at the start of the financial year. The change will mean about 6,000 businesses no longer paying any payroll tax and a further 22,500 businesses paying a reduced amount – saving up to \$14,550 per year.

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# **Junior Netball**

Shae Callahan



#### A Pink Round of Passion, Pride & Progress

This weekend was more than just another round of netball—it was a celebration of community, courage, and club spirit as Winchelsea took on local rivals Inverleigh in a special Ladies Day round for breast cancer awareness. With players, coaches, and supporters donning pink, the courts were buzzing with colour, purpose and positivity.

Our Under 11s had the incredible opportunity to play in front of the big game day crowd once again — and the moment was made even more special as they warmed up alongside their C Grade idols. The smiles shared between our youngest and senior players were a perfect reflection of the club's comradery and spirit.

On court, the U11s showed grit and determination, staging a thrilling second-half comeback before just falling short, 11–14, to a top-age and highly experienced Inverleigh side. Their fightback and teamwork were nothing short of inspiring!

In the Under 13s, Inverleigh's depth and experience were on full display as they took a 57–4 win. However, the highlight for Winchelsea came in the form of opportunity — with two U11s stepping up to gain valuable experience and confidence at the next level. We're proud of their effort and courage, and no doubt they've come away with new skills and memories.

Our Under 15s faced another tough Inverleigh side and, despite a strong effort, went down 12–36. The team continues to develop each week and are building great foundations for the future.

But the day wasn't without wins! Our Under 17s came out firing from the first whistle, playing a dynamic and confident game to take a well-earned 32–15 victory. The Under 19s backed that up with another strong showing, claiming a 28–16 win in front of an energetic home crowd.

From pink hair ribbons to proud moments, this weekend captured everything we love about grassroots netball — teamwork, resilience, and heart. Bring on next week!



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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher



#### **ROUND 12 -**

#### Winchelsea Blues vs Inverleigh Hawks

Welcome to the results of Round 12, where the Football results were a mixed bag of relief for the Reserve's side and a little disappointing for the Seniors.

#### **RESERVES:**

### Winchelsea Blues 8.9.57 defeated Inverleigh Hawks 3.5.23

Another fine cold sunny day greeted — the Footballers at Eastern Reserve last Saturday where both the Reserves and Seniors were hoping to have a repeat of the opening round winning both games against the Hawks on their home ground The opening half of Reserves Football was truly lack lustre with both sides managing only 2 points each at quarter time, with the second being much the same – the Blues going into the half time break 2 points up, scores being Winchelsea 1.5.11 to Inverleigh 1.3.9. The Blues managed to assert themselves the better of the two sides in the third quarter going in at the last change leading 31point to the Hawks 15 points.

The fourth quarter was a better effort again by the Blues and they went on to have a comfortable although low scoring win.

#### GOALS:

Patrick Dench 3, Bailey Kahle 2, Dustin Baker 1, Tom Kennedy 1, Liam Turner 1.

#### BEST:

Rory Elliot, Bailey Kahle, Patrick Dench, Dustin Baker, Fraser Amos, Tim Miles.

#### **SENIORS:**

# Winchelsea Blue's 11.14.80 were defeated by Inverleigh Hawks 18.7.115

Inverleigh bolted away with accurate kicking in the first quarter leading 8.3 to the Blue's 2.5. Winchelsea turned the game around in the second quarter to be within 5 points at half time but were unable to match it with Inverleigh in the second half. Cam Primmer and Indy Parish kicking 9 goals between them, and Caleb Brown back to his best with a B.O.G. performance were high lights for the Senior side.

#### GOALS:

Cameron Primmer 5, Indy Parish 4, Jordan Huff 1, Matt Gillespie 1.

#### REST

Caleb Brown, Tavae Sauni, Harry Nagle, Cassidy Parish, Lachie Gemmill, Jackson Timms.

Next week the Blues travel to the Viva Energy Oval to play the Corio Devils, games are at the usual start times, lets bring home some wins from Corio!

#### **AUSKICK:**

The Winchelsea Auskick Medal and Certificate Presentation was held last Saturday afternoon in the Bendigo Bank room at Eastern Reserve with a huge crowd of Grand Parents, Parents and siblings attending. There are many thanks to those parents who stood up this year to make Winchelsea Auskick enjoy great registered numbers, up from last year to over 50 registered participants this season. Thanks again to Colleen for her excellent work in administration for the group.

#### LADIES DAY:

Well done to those who organised and helped on the day for the Winchelsea Blue's Ladies Day with proceeds going to help continue the fight against Breast Cancer.

The Member's room was transformed and the Ladies all looked sensational, beautiful food and much laughter proving to be a winner on Saturday afternoon.

#### THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week's menu will be -

- Silverside with Honey Mustard Sauce
- Seafood Baskets, served with salad & chips or vegetables and Winch Pasta made with high protein organic pasta.
- Chicken Nuggets and chips / Fish and chips for the Junior Blues.
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**GO BLUES!!** 

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