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What's your opinion?

Should Winchelsea buy its own 8-12 seater bus to drive our oldies around, go to the football, school trips, concerts at Mt Duneed, The Hub on Thursday nights, Bowling Club trips, Probus, shopping in Waurin Ponds ?

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Subsidy for bus hire available for 2 years from September 2025

Surf Coast Shire

Eligible community groups and organisations in the Surf Coast Shire can apply for subsidised commercial bus hire fees from 1 September 2025, after the Shire ceases operating the current community buses.

From health and wellbeing outings to educational excursions, Surf Coast Shire Council will subsidise bus hire fees for eligible groups and activities.

"This new subsidy offers community groups an option to hire a bus following Council's decision to transition from its current fleet to increase safety and the variety of vehicles groups can access," Cr Tony Phelps said.

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The subsidy will be in place until 30 June 2027. It can be accessed via bookings with approved regional transport providers: Wave Rider, Coastal Chauffers, Hutchinson Buslines Birregurra, MyBus Geelong, Murrell Group and Surf Coast Transfers.

"After eligible groups and organisations have booked and paid through their chosen transport provider, the group/organisation can request a refund from Council for the amount," Cr Phelps said.

"The shire has numerous not-for-profit groups, committees and organisations which arrange much-valued outings that deliver wide-ranging benefits, including community connection. I'm pleased Council can play a role in supporting them."

To check eligibility and to apply, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/BusSubsidy.

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WHY NOT join the Winchelsea Movie Club?

Jenny Mathison

The spring season of the Winchelsea Movie Club started last Thursday night with the thriller, "The Courier" starring Benedict Cumberbatch. A rating system is recorded nightly. With a result of 4.2 out of 5 this was considered, especially by the men apparently, as VERY good.

With the majority of the 50 members present, as annual members, it was great to have 8 new members who have taken up the opportunity to join for the Spring season for 5 movies.

Anyone can join at any time. For better value get in early.

Email movies@growingwinchelsea.com

Jenny 0409 672 054

Sue 0413 489 915

The Movie Club has been running out of the Globe Theatre for 8 years. Before the white ants decided the floorboards made a good lunch and the hall was closed for 18 months, a Globe Theatre Hall committee managed everything. As a user group, we loved working with the locals on that committee, especially when we, the Movie Club committee were needing equipment from the shire for the Movie Club. We are working with the Surf Coast Shire again to upgrade this equipment after 8 years. Times change and administration is now from Torquay but when things are not working, we are able to contact the shire through a simple phone call or a CRM. An example recently is the heater in the supper room. Quickly attended too.

The Movie club is membership based but open to everyone over 18. This ensures we roughly know our income for the year instead of having a nightly fee and not knowing if people will come while still having overheads of hall hire (\$100), royalties, movie and supper fees. We joined the Federation of Victorian Film Society so pay only \$82.50 per session royalties instead of what could be over \$200 per session for permission to show the movie. This allows us to keep the membership fees down. We have not changed them (yet) for 8 years.

Membership is

- Annual full fee for 10 sessions - \$70 (\$65 with Health Card)
- Seasonal Fee of 5 sessions - \$40 (\$35 with Health Card)

Membership includes supper.

Movies are set for the year.

Check what's on via www.growingwinchelsea.com/projects

Movies are once a month at 7.30 pm on the 3rd THURSDAY except December when it is the 2nd THURSDAY due to everyone being frantic leading up to Christmas. Always at the Globe Theatre.

If you think it might not be for you, enquire about FREE night. You might be surprised.

Next movies:

September 18	The Old Oak
October 16	Wicked Little Letters
November 20	Anatomy of a Fall
December 11	A Street Cat Named Bob



Stephanie and Ern Millard were 1st to join. Chatting with Stewart and Jenny Mathison (Pres)



Committee Members sue Hutton and Lyn Batson chatting with Lorraine Stubbs Margaret Reid.jpg



Never to lose an opportunity, Jenny Mathison welcomes members back while sharing info for free events of the Seniors Festival in October






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Cousin:

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Avoid:

using chemicals and pesticides in your garden, as the run off caused by rains can enter waterways and badly affect native animals by causing algal blooms.





We should help save this important animal before it gets hurt!

PIC-COLLAGES



Conservation Corner

Where Winchelsea kids share articles about caring for our environment

Collage about caring for our platypus
by Billie Plan aged 9 years from Winchelsea

Winchelsea – Home to the Platypus

By Alison Dean (Greenshade, Landscape Designer)

Platypus are lovable creatures that are an important part of our town. They are a treat when sighted in the Barwon River and are often seen near the bottom pub, just after 9 am. My daughters have seen one in the river, not long after 5 pm up past the train bridge. There is one thing, I think, all Winchelseans can agree on, we love our Platypus. So I thought I would do a little research into these beloved semi aquatic egg laying mammals. Raising our knowledge of how we can care for our precious Barwon River and Platypus is important in ensuring they remain in our town.

What makes the Barwon River in Winchelsea friendly to Platypus?

Platypus live in rivers with native vegetation; gums, wattles and native grasses on the banks. They build their burrows in the gently sloping banks of the river, and rest and hide in the shade of the overhanging trees. Nesting burrow lengths have been found to be up to 10 m long. Platypus eat aquatic insects and other small aquatic prey like yabbies, so it is important to avoid fishing nets and yabby traps in the river.

Will platypus survive urban development in Winchelsea?

Platypus are sensitive to urban development. As we build our homes and other developments in Winchelsea, we need to be mindful of the impacts of large roofs and hard surfaces like roads and carparks that collect stormwater. Urban town's rivers banks are eroded by the large increase in stormwater dumped into the river, causing cavernous river sides. If possible, it is better to direct stormwater from roofs into rain tanks, to be used in the house and garden. Choose a tank size which collects most of the runoff and therefore only a small amount goes to the overflow outlet, to the river.

Driveway runoff is better directed into gardens/wetlands via swales than into stormwater drains. Stormwater pipes get directed to the river and can erode the river banks, and could destroy the platypus habitat. Therefore it is important to ensure that, as development increases in Winchelsea, stormwater dumped directly into storm water pipes and then into the Barwon River, is limited.

There are Water Sensitive Urban Design modelling tools to reduce the impact of urban development on local rivers. Although there is no proof our Platypus will survive the development of the suggested extra 10,000 people that Surf Coast council are projecting.

What can we do to help our platypus survive?

It is up to everyone to help protect our river, through thoughtful developments. Small urban footprints with smaller efficient buildings, plenty of greenspaces and limited hard surfaces like roads, driveways and concrete courtyards, will produce less amounts of stormwater collected into stormwater pipes and will therefore impact our river less.

Also, you can help restore native vegetation along the river which will support the platypus habitat with our Winchelsea Land and River Care Group. (HOW DO WE FIND THEM?)



Image by Noel Shaw (1929-2014), a palaeontologist who studied at the University of Melbourne, an artist, a teacher and a conservationist. The image was published in *Platypus & Other Primitive Mammals* by Jack Hyett and Noel Shaw in 1982 by Nelson Australia. Noel was the author of many field guide books of Australian fauna from 1970-1984. Noel Shaw was Alison Dean's dad's cousin.

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Art and Country event held in Winchelsea

Jess Butler, Surfcoast for Reconciliation

On Sunday 17th of August a group of locals gathered on Gulidjan Country at the Shire Hall to listen to stories of Art and Country told by three Surfcoast artists. The event was hosted by Surf Coast for Reconciliation.

Winchelsea Shire Hall was transformed into a yarning circle, where our community could sit to listen and reflect on the stories that were being told. Artworks from each artist also featured prominently and helped to create a further sense of connection with what was being shared.

First to speak was **Dr Jenny Murray-Jones**, a Yorta Yorta, Baraparapa and Wiradjuri artist who lives on Wadawurrung Country in Winchelsea. Much of Jenny's art is based around the experiences of her family, including the painful realities of the Stolen Generation and other policies that promoted racism and discrimination.

Jenny shared generously with a rawness and honesty that invited us to consider our shared histories and how we can hold and make space for the painful realities of the past. Her sharing around country included the ways a number of her family members had been forcibly removed and separated from country, family and culture.

Jenny explained that much of her creation process has been an exploration of this separation and led her to spend periods of time in the various places her family members had lived reflecting on their stories and lives. Jenny's experiences of these places have deeply informed and inspired the creation of her paintings.

While much of what Jenny shared was moving and difficult, her warmth, humour and resilience shone throughout the conversation drawing us all into her stories. Jenny's story challenged concepts of country and family being somehow separated and instead asked us as listeners to consider that family and country are deeply entwined.

Following Jenny, was **Gerard Black** a Worimi man who lives on Gulidjan country. Gerard created the mural at the entrance to Hesse Health entitled "Harmony of Boundaries".

Gerard discussed his deep sense of connection to Country and how this enables the creation of his art. Gerard explained that he does not really see himself as an artist, instead he immerses himself within Country and its stories, and feels he is a conduit for these stories to be told. Gerard's explanation of this process was powerful and moving, particularly in the context of his sharing around growing up in 2 very different worlds and his struggles to find a sense of belonging.

Gerard explained it was through this artistic process that he created the mural "Harmony of Boundaries". This artwork is a representation of the Barwon River here in Winchelsea, embodied with many stories of Wadawurrung and Gulidjan Country including landscapes, animals and the passage of the sun across the river each day as it rises over Wadawurrung Country and sets on Gulidjan Country. The creation process included spending many hours walking the river and even immersing himself within it to feel the stories it held.

Gerard also shared his deep commitment to promoting respect between Aboriginal people and others who have come to call Australia home. This commitment was deeply evident in the way he spoke, inviting us into a shared sense of story and connection to Country.

The third speaker was **Ferne Millen** a Surfcoast based artist who lives on Wadawurrung Country. A number of Ferne's stunning

photographs were on displaying including a beautiful portrait of the late Archie Roach. Ferne discussed her commitment to working with and alongside Aboriginal people and her feelings around connection to Country. Ferne shared bravely around some of the difficulties in this space, including the fact that you don't always get it right and sometimes you mess things up.


Through Ferne's honest discussion of these issues her strong commitment to keep going with this important work was deeply evident and invited us to consider how we can be part of the reconciliation journey, even when this might feel difficult and uncomfortable. Ferne explored her artistic journey in both photography and painting, and how she has been deeply inspired by Country in the creation of her artworks.

It was a true privilege to be able to attend this event and listen to the powerful stories that were shared. In discussions with others afterwards and the space held in the room during the conversation it was evident that many of us were deeply moved and inspired to reflect on how we can connect to and care for Country here in Winchelsea.



Ferne Millen, Dr Jenny Murray-Jones and Gerard Black









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Judy Cameron

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Cromwell's Quirks Gender-Based Taxation?

Cromwell Forgansen

PART TWO: Retirement comfort determined at birth

Global perspectives

Scandinavian nations such as Sweden and Norway declined to adopt Gender-Based Taxation (GBT), but their combination of high-quality childcare, generous parental leave (with non-transferable quotas for fathers), and individual taxation has lifted women's workforce participation dramatically. Here, structural supports rather than tax differentiation appear to be working well. There is a school of economic thought arguing that simply shifting to individualised taxation could achieve much of what GBT promises, without resorting to gender based solutions. The focus for the Commonwealth of Australia averts from tax differentials, preferring to turn to superannuation reforms. Various governments have proposed co-contributions targeted at low-income earners, (always, disproportionately women), and ensuring superannuation is paid on paid parental leave. While not GBT in name, these policies reflect the same concern: that current systems fail to account for gendered realities of work.

The feminist lens

The debate around gender-based taxation also resonates with a longer feminist tradition. From Mary Wollstonecraft's call in the 18th century for women to be treated as rational beings in their own right, through Simone de Beauvoir's critique of women as "the second sex," to Gloria Steinem's insistence that women do not need to change for men — the thread is clear: inequality persists not because women fail to adapt, but because social, political, and economic structures built for men remain the default. Writers such as Kate Millett, Shulamith Firestone, and Mary Daly pushed this argument further, suggesting that true liberation requires systemic transformation. Firestone, for instance, argued that the family and reproductive structures lock women into economic dependency, while Millett identified patriarchy itself as a political system. Seen through this lens, the tax code is not a neutral instrument but a mirror of the society it serves. What follows, then, is a shift in emphasis: the question is not whether women should adapt to tax

systems designed for uninterrupted, full-time, male-pattern careers. The question is whether tax and superannuation systems should be redesigned to reflect the realities of women's lives. Or, to borrow Steinem's framing: women do not need to change for men; rather, men and the institutions they dominate, need to change for women.

So where does this leave us?

Alesina and Ichino's proposal was never meant to be the final word, but rather a provocation. It forced economists, politicians, and the public to grapple with an uncomfortable tension: should tax policy treat everyone identically, or should it account for real-world differences that make "neutral" systems unfair in practice? The debate is far from settled. For advocates, GBT remains to seem an elegant theoretical solution to labour-market distortions. For opponents, it embodies the risks undermining both equality before the law and the push toward dismantling traditional gender roles. Perhaps the lasting contribution of the GBT debate is not the policy itself, but the space it opened. By asking the seemingly outlandish question, "Should men and women pay different tax rates?", it forces societies to examine why women remain disadvantaged in retirement, why their labour is undervalued, and what governments might do to change that.

Drawing the threads together

For older Australians watching their super balances closely, the question might feel less like a theoretical puzzle and more like an urgent reality. The unfortunate and outrageous truth remains that women retire poorer, despite often working harder both in paid and unpaid roles. The feminist tradition reminds us this is not because women have failed to adapt, but because systems have failed to adapt for them. Taxation may not be the whole solution, but it cannot be argued out of the picture. If fairness in retirement is the goal, then the path forward cannot rest on women changing their lives to fit a system designed for men. Rather, it must vest in reshaping that system so that everyone, gender-regardless, can retire with dignity.

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What to bring

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New members always welcome.
Enquiries Lorraine 0417 467 927



SOCIAL BRIDGE

Senior Citizens Centre
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
New players always welcome
Contact Elaine Atkinson 0458009616

WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION

55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Tuesday	2pm-4pm	Saturday	1.30-3.30pm
Thursday	2pm-4pm	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

A taste of Show Day right at home at Hesse Health Winchelsea

Hesse Rural Health

For many, a trip to the Show is a highlight of the year. At Hesse Rural Health, we've made sure our residents don't miss out on that tradition, with staff and volunteers bringing all the colour, flavour and fun of Show Day right into the heart of the aged care facility.

This year's Show Day was packed with classic attractions, from the bustle of "Side Show Alley" - where residents tried their luck at balloon popping, target shooting, ring toss, ball pong, and bean bag toss - to the Home Craft competition that put local creativity on display. The always popular "Guess the Lollies in the Jar" drew plenty of entries, with the winning guess landing on the sweet total of 600.

Showbags overflowing with puzzle books, colouring pages, magazines, chips, chocolates, lollipops and lolly trolley vouchers delighted residents, while one of our volunteers, Joy, brought some extra sparkle of fun as a giant inflatable clown, filling the halls with laughter.

Food was another highlight, served up just the way a country show should be. Residents enjoyed a morning Devonshire tea of scones with jam and cream, followed by a hearty afternoon treat of Dagwood dogs washed down with refreshing mango smoothies.

Adding to the excitement this year was the involvement of Winchelsea Primary School students, who joined in as part of Hesse's intergenerational program. The Grade 6's manned the sideshow games and supported residents throughout the day, their energy helping create an atmosphere of joy and connection.

"It was a very fun day," said Shayla. Harper agreed, adding, "I really enjoyed showing the residents how to do the activities." Cooper reflected, "I think it was fun helping the residents with the games," while Sarah described it simply as, "pretty good being at Hesse for their celebration day." Jimmy summed it up warmly: "It was very enjoyable and it was fun to connect with the residents through games."

In a moment that captured the spirit of generosity and togetherness, the resident who won the jar of lollies chose to donate the prize to the children, much to their delight.

The day reminded everyone at Hesse that traditions like Show Day are about more than games and treats - they're about community, connection and creating moments of joy together. With clowns in the hallways, laughter in the air and plenty of showbags to go around, Hesse's residents once again proved that you're never too old for Show Day fun.



Child safety overhaul

Victorian Government

The Victorian Government will take immediate action to strengthen the Working With Children Check and child safety in early childhood education and care settings with a \$42 million boost to the sector, by:

- Accepting and implementing all 22 recommendations of the independent Rapid Child Safety Review
- Bringing legislation to the next sitting week to allow for the immediate suspension of individual Working with Children Checks (WWCC)
- Establishing a new, nation-leading regulator that will more than double the frequency of compliance checks

- Beefing up the Social Services Regulator (SSR) by bringing the WWCC, the Reportable Conduct Scheme and Child Safe Standards under the one roof by the end of the year, giving it new powers, removing silos and weeding out predators
- Introducing mandatory child safety training and expanding professional support programs, including through changes to the National Law, to build a greater culture of speaking up, and
- Calling on the Federal Government to prioritise quality and safety in the national childcare system.

The work has already started and will continue in the coming weeks and months to restore trust in the sector.



Winchelsea Community House Inc. A6247K
 28 Hesse Street, PO BOX 75, WINCHELSEA, Vic. 3241
Phone: (03) 5267 2028 **Email:** manager@winchhouse.org.au
ABN: 48 932 340 254

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Mondays
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Thursdays
 6.30pm Mat Pilates

Saturdays
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shirehall@winchhouse.org.au
 03 52672028



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3:45PM-4:30PM

WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL

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*and positive attitude is
 everything.*

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Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00
Winchelsea community house.

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



Phonics with Robot Reg

Friday Mornings

Walkers – 2 years 10.15am

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 introduce



TAI CHI

Friday Mornings
 Winchelsea Community house

9am - 10am

\$10 Per Class



Friday's

10.30am – 12.30pm



"Sip, Chat, Share, Care"

In the Winchelsea Shire Hall.
 Everyone Welcome, Gold coin
 donation.

Craft & Crochet Group



\$5 per person.



1pm, every second Saturday
in the Winchelsea community house.

Register your interest at
reception@winchhouse.org.au

Next Class, Sep 6th

history of winchelsea

Elizabeth Austin, Winchelsea philanthropist, founded the Austin Hospital

This week's article is about Elizabeth Austin's contributions to the Austin Hospital. Next week is about her Geelong homes for women.

Elizabeth Phillips Harding, from Somerset, lived at Mt Hesse station near Winchelsea from its inception until her marriage to Thomas Austin of Barwon Park in 1845. After twenty-six years as Thomas Austin's wife, Elizabeth spent nearly forty at Barwon Park. After a visit from the Duke of Edinburgh in 1867 left them feeling their home was too modest, the Austins began construction on the grand mansion for which Barwon Park is famous today. After Thomas passed away in 1871, then three of their eleven children died young, the other eight having married into pastoral or city families, Elizabeth began a second career, as a philanthropist.

Following the death of a servant from an incurable illness, in 1880 Elizabeth donated £6,000 to establish a hospital for people with long-term conditions. Her example prompted others to donate money and the Austin Hospital for Incurables opened on her birthday in 1882. By 1892, her generosity had also helped establish a children's ward. She continued funding the maintenance and visited the hospital which she called 'my hospital' monthly. Continuing the family connection, three of her granddaughters served on the hospital committee until the 1960s.



Engraving by A.C. Cook, published in Illustrated Australian News, 1 June 1881. courtesy State Library of Victoria

Her other principal benefaction was the Austin Homes for Women at South Geelong, built to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887. Mrs Austin also supported the Servants' Training Institute, St Thomas's Church, Winchelsea, the Ladies' Benevolent Society and local charities. By 1892 her name was a household word throughout the colony. She died on 2 September 1910 at Winchelsea and was buried in Geelong cemetery with Anglican rites; the funeral was a civic event. Elizabeth Austin was the most prominent woman philanthropist of her generation and a pioneer of female benefaction in Victoria.



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

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



Winchelsea RSL Centenary Celebration Events

Graham Kenafacke, President Winchelsea RSL

The centenary of the Winchelsea Returned & Services League (RSL) marks one hundred years since its establishment. The 100th anniversary events are planned to recognise those who have served and to engage members of the regional community.

Events Schedule

The Sub Branch will organise several commemorative events open to the public. These activities aim to raise funds for veterans at Winchelsea Cemetery and for updating memorial displays. Plans are also underway to acquire a projector for educational presentations.

Celebratory events include a supper dance at the Globe Theatre on Friday, 12 September, featuring music by 'The Windbreakers Party Band' covering songs from the 1960s to the 1990s.

Admission is \$10 per person; children under 16 enter free.

On Saturday, 13 September, from 10 am to 5 pm, the Geelong Military Enactment Group will present military enactments and static displays at Eastern Reserve and the Hub. Some activities may feature blank ammunition firing. Gold coin donations to the Winchelsea RSL are welcomed.

Additional static displays from the Birregurra Motorcycle Club, Geelong Motorcycle Club, and Western District Car Club will be available. The Lions Club will provide sausages and drinks for purchase.

On the afternoon of 3 October 2025, there will be a reopening of the RSL rooms with a short dedication ceremony, wreath laying, and afternoon tea.

Community input needed for Winchelsea Pool to be at its best

Haidee Benning

Part 1 of 4 weekly parts: An opinion piece on community involvement in the Winchelsea Swimming Pool project

I believe there is something biologically built into us as human beings that receives deep value on a mental, physical and spiritual level when we connect as a community to share company, work on common goals, and interact across a diverse age (and cultural) range to engage in activities as a collective group. Our indigenous brothers and sisters have known this for thousands of years as have many other cultures (think Greek, Italian, French or even tribes in Africa) who gather together to share meals, important events and social, sport and leisure occasions. The provision of daily or weekly time in 'togetherness' is, quite simply put, good for us! There is countless research out there on the negative effects to one's health and wellbeing of isolation and social withdrawal that could support this notion.

With respect to developing and sustaining strong healthy communities, I also feel that success relies on the people on the ground and the efforts they make. When we work together on unified goals that advance a greater communal objective, we often achieve good outcomes. Acting as a collective with motivation and focused intention provides opportunities to nourish and build healthy connection, relationships and wellbeing.

Over the years, there are countless examples of local communities doing just this. Football and Netball clubs (along with all other sporting clubs at a grass roots level) would not exist if it were not for the people behind the scenes doing all the hidden work building and holding the clubs together. Playgroup and Parents groups, art and music events, book-clubs, men's sheds, surf clubs, senior citizens clubs and more. Their success are all largely attributed to the everyday people who live in the town and group together to make things happen for the benefit of the whole, often on a shoestring budget.



Haidee Benning grew up in Winchelsea during the 70s and 80s riding horses, playing netball and swimming at the local pool. At 18 the pull of the sea called her to the coastal townships of Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and Torquay where she worked for the next 6 years not only in education and childcare but also in healthcare as a Remedial and Sports massage therapist.

During her 20s some of the roles Haidee filled included working at Anglesea and Aireys Inlet Primary school co-ordinating the After School Care programs, and also in Torquay where she co-ordinated the Surfcoast Shire's school holiday programs, various sport and recreation programs, and youth at risk programs throughout the shire. She also did a stint at H.M. Kininmonth Kindergarten in Winchelsea working with preschoolers.

One of her favourite jobs during her 20s was spending many afternoons a week teaching children swimming at the Torquay Swim School with a fabulous team of staff headed by Olympic swimmer Marjorie McQuade. Haidee still fondly recalls Marjorie as an incredible woman, teacher and mentor with an infectious love for teaching swimming that rubbed off on Haidee and has lasted more than 30 years. Swim teaching is a "Love Job", she says. "There's not much money in it, but you don't do it for the money, you do it for the love of it".

Haidee also worked in musculoskeletal medicine in a wide range of settings. For over a decade, she worked at various community health centres (including Hesse rural health in Winchelsea and Beeac and Anglesea community health centre), physiotherapy, chiropractic, and sports medicine clinics as a remedial and sports

Having grown up in Winchelsea and been involved in the community there in one way or another for the past 50 years, I know many of these 'pillars' of community service. These key community minded folk become integral to the history of the place they live and work in because of the selfless contributions they make for the good of their town and its various groups, clubs and organisations. They have assisted in forming the very fabric of this town's values, ethos and community spirit (not to mention the example they set to others through their leadership and generosity). My point is, that often the best things about the communities we live in are a result of the people themselves and how they work together sharing a vision to make things happen.

The population is steadily on the rise in Winchelsea. This brings a fresh wave of new inspiration, vision and motivation to the region which has helped lead to diversification and growth in some wonderful projects and offerings that could benefit us all. Community dinners, new use of the Shire Hall for Yoga, Qi Gong, monthly community markets and wellbeing programs, the share-shed, new sport and recreation offerings like Karate and Dance groups, just a few great examples of such initiatives.

I would like to see the revival of the newly rebuilt Winchelsea Swimming Pool become another success story of community led initiative. Currently managed by the Surf Coast Shire (for 2025/6 season), the pools management after that will be handed on to contractors (who will also manage the new Aquatic complex being built in Torquay). I believe that in order for our community to maximise this wonderful new venues full potential, and gain access to it in a way that best serves the region's needs, it will be necessary to call forth that same gathering of community spirit and sense of collective purpose.

massage therapist. She worked with elite athletes, olympians, AFL and national soccer and rugby teams, elite surfers competing on the world surfing circuit, the Victorian springboard diving team, along with everyday people injured at work, senior citizens and many others. She also co-ordinated hydrotherapy and exercise rehab classes at various locations throughout the Geelong and Surfcoast region.

In 1999 Haidee returned to University to study a 5 year double degree in Osteopathic Medicine in Melbourne. Upon completion, she returned to the Winchelsea community to start her family and open the Winchelsea Osteopathic clinic which she ran for over 20 years, and has only just recently handed it on to colleagues.

In 2011, Haidee moved to the South of France with her family where she lived for several years. During this time she studied Ayurvedic Medicine in both France and India. Upon returning from Europe, Haidee incorporated Ayurveda into her practice and divided her time between Winchelsea and Port Fairy running two busy clinics in both locations whilst raising her family. Haidee rekindled her love of teaching swimming in Port Fairy where she has been involved in the local Surf Club and also the fabulous indoor pool, the community run Belfast Aquatics centre.

As a long term Yoga and Qi Gong practitioner she has also recently included the healing art of Zen Thai Shiatsu Therapy to her practice. In 2024 Haidee had another opportunity to travel and she currently divides her time between Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and Winchelsea. When she is back in town, she still works at the local Osteopathic clinic and enjoys re-connecting with the local community, both in Winchelsea, along the Surfcoast and in Port Fairy.

Victoria is banning machetes from 1 September

A 3 month amnesty will allow Victorians to safely dispose of machetes with no penalties.



Scan to learn more



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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



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



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



1ST MODDA/
1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS
Joey's: 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

SENIORS SHOPPING & CUPPA WAURN PONDS

for Winchelsea Seniors Card Holders
27 August
Contact Jill 0427 633 277 to book

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday on the Month (except November)



Shire Hall
9am to 1pm

Upcoming Dates:

July 6th	Nov 9th (2nd Sunday)
August 3rd	Dec 7th
Sept 7th	Jan 4th
Oct 5th	Feb 1st

Food, Produce, Coffee, Plants, Crafts
Homewares, Candles, Bags, Skincare
Jewellery, Soap + Baby Goods

Stallholders - Contact via Growing Winchelsea Inc Website
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August/September

What's On

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.

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

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



SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500
323 Mousley Drive,
Winchelsea



THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR TONY PHELPS

10am-12pm First Thursday 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

MAT PILATES

6.30pm \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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

FRIDAY



Friday and Saturday 12 & 13 Sept

WINCHELSEA RSL

Celebrating their 100 year anniversary.
Help them celebrate.

TAI CHI

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

PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

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

CHATTY CAFE

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

Chat with your Councillor

Tony
Phelps

1st Thursday of the month
10am-12pm
Winchelsea Shire Hall
co-working/study space

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Listen to guest speakers



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All welcome
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Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
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Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com



WINCHELSEA RSL

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



PARKRUN

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

FLOW YOGA

8.30am, \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

9am End of Dwyer St.
Rod Stone 0428 549318
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054



WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-10am (Last Sat monthly)
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street
www.winchelseastar.org.au
5273 0295

WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm 2nd Saturday each month \$5
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
reception@winchhouse.org.au

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 5pm each week (Winter season)
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm (Last Sat each month)
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

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

WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week
Hesse St, Winchelsea
0475 777 301
uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
0477 672 042,
stthomaswac@gmail.com



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(Monday Evening Clinics available and selected Saturdays)



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Winchelsea Auto 5267 3001

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Bendigo Bank 5267 3189

BUILDERS

Alford Built 0408 583 362

Lupton Builders 0438 840 104

MGT Building 0409 433 687

CAFE

Café La Hoot 0407 528 999

CHIROPRACTOR

One Body 5267 2240

CHURCHES

Anglican 0477 672 042

Catholic 0404 598 558

Uniting 0475 777 301

CLUBS

Girl Guides 0448 672 630

Golf 5267 2660

Lions 4224 0226

Movie 0409 672 054

Probus 0417 467 927

Scouts 0409 330 147

COMMUNITY

Community House 5267 2028

Foodbank 0417 848 292

Mainly Music 0407 838 256

Men's Shed 0407 839 139

Playgroup 0432 019 944

RSL 0488 165 109

Senior Citizens 0427 672 263

Toy Library 5267 2028

CONCRETERS

AMA Concreting 0411 871 950

Vince Concreter 0412 840 704

Winchelsea Concreting 0438 235 237

DANCE

Mel's Dance 0400 874 338

ELECTRICIAN

Green Lead Electrical 0467 097 101

EMERGENCY

Police 5267 2025

SES 132 500

ENTERTAINMENT

COPACC 5232 9418

EXCAVATORS

DownRyte Excavations 0409 447 288

Trenches & Holes 0427 672 945

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Direct Temporary 0417 310 800

FRAMER

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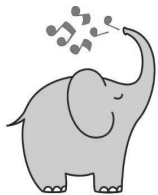
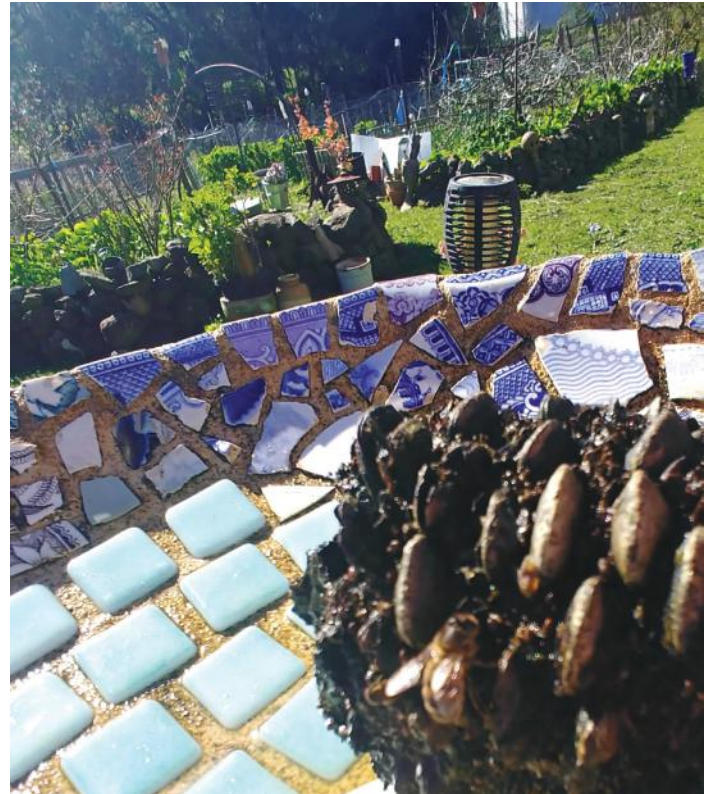
Rosemary is a drought-tolerant shrub with fragrant, evergreen, needle-like leaves and blue flowers (but also can be white, pink, or purple).

It is a great herb in cooking, especially on roast lamb. Plant one or more in sunny parts of your garden. Bees and their pollinating neighbours love it and it flowers in Winter when not much else is available for them.

Water is a vital component to life so providing it for the birds and bees with a shallow bird bath in the garden is important.

Position it away from buildings to catch natural rainfall but not too open and exposed to large predatory birds. Close to trees and shrubs for some shade is good and where birds can sit to survey the area before they bathe.

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Have a Blessed week.

John Bader

Christian Pastoral carer

Winchelsea Community Op Shop Sale Success

The Op Shop held a Book and CD Sale recently. Cleverly timed for school holidays with more passing tourists. They sold lots of children's books and adult ones too. They still have lots at very reasonable prices in the Book and Toys Shed, 10 Willis Street. Get yourself down there between Friday through to Monday for some Winter reading material.



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Brian Couper

Thank you for promoting our book sale. I am one of the volunteers who help run the book sale. The book sale made just over \$600 which will be used to provide much needed emergency relief to struggling people. Considering we sell the books for \$1 and 50c for children's, we were pleased with the outcome. The success of the sale depends of the matching of the books donated with people that are interested to read what we have.



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Thursday Theatrics Round 10 – All Aboard the Premiership Express!

The season wrapped up with a twist – Lara TC had to forfeit due to lack of players, which means Winch is straight into the Section 5 grand final! We'll face the Highton Flyers, either at Highton TC or Moriac TC depending on results.

Highton play the Coco Bewares, and for us to finish on top... the Cocos need 2 sets. So for once – Go Cocos!

The next time I speak to you all will be the grand final... let's get some support for this incredible Winchelsea Team!
 GO BLUES



Kids' design inspirations helped create Winchelsea's new Adventure Play Space

Surf Coast Shire

Wishlist play equipment designs by local primary school children have shaped Winchelsea's new Adventure Play Space.

Treehouse pods, a flying fox, slope slide and rock climbing wall are among elements to have progressed from Texta-drawn concepts to built features of the space now enhancing the town's Barwon River recreation precinct.

Surf Coast Shire Council invited grade five and six pupils from Winchelsea Primary School to share ideas for 'the ultimate playground' at a design workshop during project planning.

Community members have already enjoyed the playground and new shelter inspired by the former mud hut, and will gather for the formal opening of the Adventure Play Space on 29 August.

Member for Western Victoria The Hon. Gayle Tierney will join Mayor Mike Bodsworth and councillors for the opening ceremony.

Council contributed \$750,000 to the project and appreciates \$250,000 funding from the Victorian Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Councillor Tony Phelps encouraged community members to join the opening celebration.

"I'm sure many of our local young families might have already given the Adventure Play Space a run and found it to be a fabulous addition to our riverside area," Cr Phelps said.

"Adjoining the existing playground, new pool and new gathering shelter with barbecue it helps create a welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the environs and some healthy activity.

"Special thanks and congratulations to the primary school children who helped provide inspiration for the play space installation designs.

They have helped create a really special place for play, fun and letting imaginations run.

And thanks to community members who were involved in guiding the design of the gathering space shelter and working on the cob wall to tie the design back to the former mud hut."

The Adventure Play Space has all abilities access and the flying fox provides wheelchair access and an accessible seat.

Community members are welcome to attend the Adventure Play Space official opening at 3.30pm, Friday 29 August, 12 Barwon Terrace.

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Winchelsea Golf Course by Grade 5's at Winchelsea Primary School

Rochelle O'Mara

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Winchelsea Golf club visits three other clubs during the year. The three clubs are Inverleigh, an 18 hole sand scrape course, Bee- ac, a nine hole greens course and last but not least, Birregurra, another nine hole greens course.

There was a grandstand which has since been demolished, and it was used as the original clubhouse. The small club house was built before the Second World War.

Winchelsea golf club plays its open tournament over four days on the last week and weekend of May.

If you want to go play golf at the Winchelsea golf course it is only 25 dollars per person, and is open all day!

The women's club champion for 2024 is Liz Alston and the 2025 club champion is Tara Steward. The men's 2024 club champion is Tavea Sauni and the 2025 champion is to be announced.

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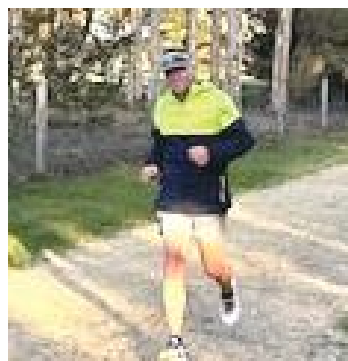


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Blues News

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ROUND 18:

Nth Geelong Magpies Vs Winchelsea Blues

RESERVES:

Nth Geelong Magpies 8.8.56 defeated Winchelsea Blues 4.3.27.

The Reserves got off to a great start in the first quarter chasing the number 3 spot on the Ladder against the Magpies who were sitting one above them. But the Magpies also had an agenda to hang on to third spot and after quarter time shut down the Blues efforts to hold them goalless for the remainder of the match. Not what the Blues were hoping for but none the less will head to St. Albans for the first time since the Club has joined the GDFNL in 2002. The Club wishes you all the best in the coming week's game!

GOALS: Angus Leigh 2, Tom Kennedy 1, Aaron Cooke 1.
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SENIORS:

Nth Geelong Magpies 27.14.176 defeated Winchelsea Blues 3.9.27

The scoreboard tells the story of this game, the last of the Home and Away fixture for the GDFNL. North Geelong is sitting third on the Senior Ladder and are in the mix to be there for the Grand Final. Winchelsea on the other hand didn't have a great deal to play for except pride but the Magpies swooped all over the Blues who just never were allowed to get going.

GOALS: Cameron Primmer 1, Indi Parish 1, Jack Sampi 1.
BEST: Tom Rouget, Jack Sampi, Jack Milbourne, Callum Nankervis, Caleb Brown, Ty Beasley.

AS THE SEASON CLOSSES:

As the last round of the Home and Away games finishes and signals Finals for some, for others all sorts of milestones become apparent in different areas within the Club.

AUSKICK

A great season with such good reports from the Parents of the 50+ registrations this year. The parental support is what AUSKICK is all about, and Winchelsea Auskick affiliated with the W.F.N.C. has had a wonderful time with great input and families supporting the Club at the Blue's Bistro on Thursday nights.

Juniors are slowly and surely re-establishing, thanks to a dedicated team of parents who have taken on the responsibility of Coaching and Team Management roles and the like which is the backbone of Junior Footy. Next year looks to an exciting one for our Junior Blues.

GO BLUES!

The Reserves playing Finals Footy for the first time in 25 years (under new Coach Jarryd Messenger) is a great achievement—one that can be built on in the years to come. Teams need to get used to playing Finals to get that feel of what is required. The Reserves have been knocking on the Finals door for the

last 5 /6 years and hopefully this will be the beginning of what is a regular occurrence.

GOOD LUCK!!

The Senior side while wracked with injuries – many of a serious nature – have managed to stay team focused under new Coach Ben Moloney and the re signings of the group speak for themselves. As well already signed, are a number of very handy recruits coming on board the Blues Train in 2026.

WELCOME!

DANIEL GRESKIE

For our Club President of the last 14 years Daniel Greskie, last week was his last time presiding over the Home and Away rounds.

Daniel is a 250+ player, Water boy extraordinaire, Life Member and has guided the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club through some interesting times. Who could forget the COVID debacle with the stop/starts, vaccination issues and the like, countless problems (big and small) many hi lights, many low lights, none more so than the tragic loss of Ed Smith who will remain in Club hearts forever.

Daniel has worked very hard for his Club over the years and has been recognised for this hard work by receiving the League's President's Award in 2015 as well as the prestigious John Edsall Award in 2018 for his exceptional commitment and service contribution to Football Administration.

Daniel's work with Mental Health, embracing "Read the Play" getting guest speakers like Glenn Manton to deliver strong messages to our players, and working to include the away strip being the light blue of the Mental Health programmes. The Mental Health Round is now a regular feature of the League Fixture – this was not always the case.

Daniel will continue to work hard for the Club in a different capacity which hopefully will free up more time to spend with his beautiful wife Jess and sons Hugh and Sidney.

From all of us, your Committee, players, supporters, Volunteers, Members and Life Members. Thank you Dogs.
GO BLUES!!

THE BLUE'S BISTRO

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Expressions of Interest

Summer Netball with Winchelsea!

As the winter season starts to wind down, we're already looking ahead to the AFL Barwon Midweek Summer Netball Competition – a fantastic opportunity for players to step up into new age groups, gain valuable experience, and continue developing their skills over the off-season.

We're excited to announce expressions of interest are now open for the competition, from October to March (with a break over the school holidays). By registering your interest now, we can begin planning teams early.

Games will be played at Kardinia Park and other venues across Geelong.

Game Nights & Age Groups

- Under 11s (born 2017–2015) Tuesday evenings
- Under 13s (born 2014–2013) Friday evenings
- Under 15s (born 2012–2011) Friday evenings
- Under 17s (born 2010–2008) Tuesday evenings

Whether your child is a current player, new to the game, or part of our Rising Stars program, summer netball is a great way to learn, grow, and enjoy time on the court with friends in a fun and supportive environment.

Register your interest now!

Please message your current team group chat or contact Shae 0409 641 550 to secure your spot.

Let's make it another exciting summer of netball for Winchelsea!





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