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Ally Mawson and Jayde Finau are our junior reporters of the week. They are here reminding us of the history of our pool and just what fun the pool will be this summer. Page 2

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Swim into the heart of the Winchelsea pool

By Ally Mawson and Jayde Finau

The original Winchelsea pool was built in 1963 by the community with a diving board and one pool big enough to fit everyone, a middle pool and a baby pool. The original pool was very much loved since it opened 60 years ago. The pool reached the end of its life after lots of summer fun for generations of families.

The pool closed for a rebuild in 2023 and reopened in February 2025. The fully re-built Winchelsea Pool, has a 25 metre pool and a leisure pool for relaxation. With heated water and a splash park there is plenty of entertainment for everyone.

The rebuilt pool has been very much loved since the opening in February. The remarkable pool is amazing for families throughout summer time. The Surf Coast Shire spent \$8.9 Million on the amazing revamped pool.

The pool is located at 12 Barwon Terrace right next to the playground and the Barwon river. The proposed opening times are from 29th November until Labour Day Weekend. We can't thank the community enough for bringing back summer time fun and happiness.



Letter to the Editor

Thank you, boys, for your interesting article

I read with so much joy and reminiscence the report by the two boys featured on the cover of this week's Star.

I grew up 75 years ago enjoying the opportunity as a boy exploring the fishing in the Leigh river at Shelford and found myself smiling within to think that there are still boys continuing this tradition.

I enjoyed their extensive report and was particularly taken by the fact that some of the good spots along the river remain secret, as it was in the past.

Congratulations on the initiative of Milton and Freddie and I look forward to reading of their future adventures along the river bank.

Regards Peter Bath, Bamba



What a lovely trip to the Heritage Alpaca Farm at Buckley for our Winchelsea Probus Club members

Linda Carter *Story and Photos*

Winchelsea Probus Club had their monthly trip last Friday.

Due to the cancelled buses we car pooled to the Heritage Alpaca Farm on Buckley Rd north. Our first encounter was in a pen of very hungry alpacas who were quite happy to take the feed from us. They all looked very neat having recently been shorn but all colours, black, white, brown.



Lorraine and Prada sharing secrets

Next we walked round to the paddocks where another flock was all in harnesses ready for us to take them for a walk. Not sure who took who for a walk!!

Mine was called Prada (nothing but the best) All he wanted to do was keep up with his friends.

They are quite friendly but can give quite a strong kick if you get behind them which we were constantly reminded of.

Anyway they all posed nicely for a group photo then led us back.



Murray and friend



Jim and friend

The fleece is beautifully fine and soft some of the garments in the shop are magnificent.

After that wonderful experience we all moved on to the Barrabool Maze for a delicious lunch. The gardens are beautiful. I don't know if anyone ventured into the maze. A lovely day thank you Heather.

Our next trip will be to the Moriac Hotel for our Christmas lunch. Whatever happened to 2025!!!!








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history of winchelsea

James Stirling, early licensee of the Barwon Hotel Winchelsea, buried in Winchelsea Cemetry 1871

This week's history article on James Stirling. His brother William will be next week and his son William will be the week after.

In previous articles we looked at the Barwon Inn Hotel (now known as the Bottom Pub) as part of the foundation of the township of Winchelsea. The Inn was acquired by James Stirling in 1853 and included a blacksmith's shop and Post office.

James Stirling and his family came as assisted immigrants to the Colony of New South Wales in and settled in Geelong 1841. James was a weaver in Scotland (both in Stirlingshire and Renfrewshire).

James (age 39, kitchen gardener or labourer) and Ann (38) and their family set sail from Greenock, Scotland on 20 Sep 1841 aboard the ship, Robert Benn. They arrived in the Port Phillip District on 26 Jan 1842.

James and Ann were married in Nov 1817 and had eleven children. However, only seven emigrated to the Port Phillip District NSW: Jane (19), James (18), William (15), Peter (13), Elizabeth (9), Thomas (6) and Margaret (1¼).



Stirling's General Store,
corner of Main and Palmer Streets Winchelsea

Image Credit Winchelsea and District Historical Society

By 1849 they had a house and shop in Spring Street in the area of Geelong called Little Scotland, which is between Gordon Ave and Aberdeen St in Geelong West. In April 1852 James Stirling secured the license to The Bunyip Hotel and began advertising in the local newspaper.

In about 1853 James acquired the Barwon Hotel in Winchelsea, and held the license until his death, after which the license passed to his wife, Ann Stirling. As well as being hotelier, James operated a store in Winchelsea and continued to operate the Bunyip Hotel in Geelong together with his sons until 1858. The Bunyip hotel passed to a new licensee in 1859 and appears not to have been renewed again in the name of any of the Stirling family.



Micheál 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.

Until Ann's death in 1885, the Barwon Hotel appears to have been managed by James' son-in-law Martin Gullan, who had married James and Ann's youngest daughter Margaret in 1864.

James' brother William Stirling also managed a general store in the town and James' son, also called William, became a prominent figure in the foundation of the town. Both will be the subject of future articles.

Upon James' death the Barwon Hotel was inherited by his son William and daughter Margaret. James died at his residence the Barwon Hotel in Winchelsea in the morning of Sunday 11 Jun 1871, at the age of 77 years. James was buried in Winchelsea Cemetery. After her death he devised four separate parcels of land constituting his real estate to other members of his family.

- The first parcel of land (a little under three acres) comprising lots 2B and 3B, crown grants in favor of Beal and Trebeck, together with the hotel and premises i.e. the Barwon Inn, he devised to his son William and daughter Margaret, as tenants in common.
- He devised a further five acres comprising Government Lots 4 and 5, with any appurtenances on them, to his grandson James Stirling (son of James Stirling and his wife Ann Stirling) and granddaughter Ann Stirling (daughter of Peter Stirling and his wife Mary).
- A third parcel of land on which a blacksmith's shop and dwelling house were erected he devised to his granddaughter Ann Roadknight, (daughter of Jane Stirling and her husband William Roadknight, settler in Gippsland).
- A fourth parcel of land, comprising twelve acres, Government allotments 26 and 27, he devised to his daughter Elizabeth Fender, widow of William Fender.





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Zinaida Campion

David Arden, Songman: A Review

Who was lucky enough to attend Dave Arden's concert at COPACC last Wednesday? I saw a few familiar faces... and I'm ready to bet that you left the theatre in a more thoughtful frame of mind than when you entered it.

What we heard last week was no less than a nuanced and deeply personal history, both of Arden's family and the wider Indigenous community. Through his songs, he told the stories of remarkable First Nations people, their journeys of heartbreak and oppression, empowerment and triumph. Each song was a part of the richly glowing tapestry that was the programme.

In "Kokatha Gunditjmarra Clan", Uncle Dave explored the issue of identity, race and ancestry. "I See, I Hear" spoke of his childhood growing up without his birth mother, raised by his aunts. "Freedom Called" told the stories of his ancestors who served in Gallipoli and World War II, thus acknowledging the frequently forgotten First Nations people who served in the Australian army. The battle to be heard when no-one wants to hear the truth was eloquently voiced in "One Step Forward". A local choir, The Colac Chorale, joined him for "So Young", and "Call It Out", which was a powerful protest against racism and discrimination. My personal favourite, "Meerta-The Ballad Of James Arden", finished the programme. It told the story of his great-grandfather James, who served in the First World War as a horse breaker for the Light Horse Brigade. He was a pillar of the Indigenous community, and fought for First Nations rights.

Needless to say, this concert left a deep impression on me. There was so much power in the simplicity of David's performance, and his straight-forward lyrics gave each song a raw, personal edge. I detected a rather pronounced Country influence to his music, which perfectly suited his earthy approach. Dazzled, I waited in the foyer after the performance to meet the icon.

Uncle Dave is as unassuming and kind as he is great. He was so humbled by the size of the audience, and had an enthusiastic greeting for everyone. Despite having graced some enormous stages, he was equally honoured to perform in a country theatre. His charm and warmth captivated me immediately. Of course I begged him to perform in our region again – so here's hoping...!

All in all, an unforgettable experience! Keep an eye out for future concerts of Dave Arden's, I highly recommend.

Ciao!

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



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Biography

David Arden - Kokatha/Gunditjmara Songman 1986-2025

David Arden is a prominent Australian musician and songwriter of Kokatha/Gunditjmara heritage. Over his four-decade career, he has collaborated with legendary First Nation and non-First Nation artists, leaving a significant mark on the Australian music scene.

In 1986, David was frontman for the Koori Youth Band, which recorded its first EP as part of Rock Against Racism Volume 2. This marked the beginning of his musical journey.

David went on to work with various acclaimed First Nation artists in Australia, including the Hard Time Band, Archie Roach and the Altogether Band, and Bart Willoughby and the Mixed Relation Band.

He worked very closely with late Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, serving as a key guitarist and vocalist for them and touring nationally and internationally with Archie.

David Arden has released several albums, including "Rainbow Man" (1996), "Kookatha/Gunditjmara Clan" (2007), "Close My Eyes" (2016), "Red Desert Man" (2020) and "Meerta" (2023). He released singles like "Freedom Called," written with Paul Kelly, which acknowledged the often-forgotten Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service.

In 2006, David Arden co-founded The Black Arm Band made up of respected Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal names in Australian music industry.

David took on the role of Musical Director for "Nukkan Ya Ruby" (2010) which celebrated the legacy of the late Ruby Hunter at Sydney Festival's opening night at the Domain. He also musically directed "A Fight For Survival" (2021) which celebrated the strength of the Northlands community led by activist Gary Foley in their successful and epic fight against the Victorian State Government.

On December 15 2022 he performed at the State Memorial Service for Uncle Archie Roach at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne.

In 2023 David was inducted into the Arts Centres Australian Music Vault Hall of Fame. Arden reflects on his rich family heritage, experiencing racism, incarceration, and the beauty of keeping his mobs' storytelling alive in song..



Riverlee Spring Art Show

Veronica McDonald

The paintings are done, the brushes are cleaned and the artists of Riverlee are ready. Exhibition next weekend

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'Granny Get Your Gun'

Abbey Geddes

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SATURDAY 8th NOV
Supporting Winchelsea Primary School & Winchelsea CFA

FRIDAY 14th NOV
Supporting Grovedale/Waurn Ponds Lions Club & Modewarre Cricket Club

SATURDAY 15th NOV
Supporting Winchelsea Repertory Society

Globe Theatre, Winchelsea
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Doors open at 6:30pm. Patrons must be seated by 7pm.
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The story follows a tough protective Aussie Granny (Jody Earl) named Helen Fury. After taking her grandchildren, Dakota (Claire Geddes) and Rylie (Liam White), to see an old western film at the cinema, Granny is suddenly brought into the outlandish world on screen. The colourful townsfolk of Gravestone need Granny's authority and courage to bring order back to their town after gunslinger, Big Bad Billy-Bob Bonner (Rob Davies) and his gang rob the local bank. This adventurous tale features humour, heroes and heart.

The performances fundraise for local clubs and social groups, each performance supporting a different organisation...

- Friday 7 Nov: **Winchelsea Bowls Club**
- Saturday 8 Nov: **Winchelsea Primary School & Winchelsea CFA**
- Friday 14 Nov: **Grovedale/Waurn Ponds Lions Club & Modewarre Cricket Club**
- Saturday 15 Nov: **Winchelsea Repertory Society**

The shows begin promptly at 7pm each night at the Globe Theatre. Tickets \$60 include a 3 course meal courtesy of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club (BYO Drinks). Patrons are encouraged to dress up in their best cowboy/western themed attire.

To get your tickets, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DFWZY> or scan the QR code on this page. Ticket sales close one week prior to performances.



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Winchelsea Primary School

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COOKING

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AWARDS:

3/4H: Arlo Whittaker for working hard to improve his skills in decoding words when reading. Great job Arlo!

3/4WP: Jed Stewart for being so enthusiastic and dedicated to his learning. He also has a wonderful sense of humour and shares superb ideas which we all love hearing! Well done Jed, you're a superstar.

3/4R: Dakota Bathman - for taking on feedback and using more expression in your voice when you read aloud. Well done, Dakota!

INCURSION:

We have an incursion this Thursday from the Common Ground Project. It is a regenerative farm and social enterprise that promotes food security by creating fair access to locally grown, healthy food.

Twinkle Trees for businesses

Hey Winchelsea businesses!

Get your name shining on Main Street this year with a Twinkle Tree that shows off your unique style or trade.

- Mechanics - nuts & bolts decorations
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

How a climate adaptation 'shortfall' is being felt in northern Australia

From <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-10-23/northern-australia-struggles-to-adapt-to-climate-change/105841310>

Source: Christian Downie, Professor of Political Science, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University

Some urban areas in northern Australia are struggling to adapt to climate change as experts warn of increasingly unbearable temperatures.

Talk to anyone who has lived north of Australia's 26th parallel and it will not be long until the conversation turns to the heat. Karratha residents at an early October park run in WA's northwest were jogging in 30-degree heat by 8am.

At the height of summer, the heat will be much worse. The Pilbara city hit 48.4C in 2022.

Water scarcity in the sub-tropics and extreme weather in the tropics is making climate mitigation more difficult.

An urban design expert says significant temperature reductions can be achieved by building low-cost shade structures and using cool reflective building materials.

PR firms are spreading climate misinformation on behalf of fossil fuel companies. Could Australia stop them?

From <https://theconversation.com/pr-firms-are-spreading-climate-misinformation-on-behalf-of-fossil-fuel-companies-could-australia-stop-them-266353>

Have you heard offshore windfarms kill whales? (They don't.) Or that electric vehicles catch fire more often than petrol cars? (It's the opposite.) Perhaps you've heard "natural" gas is clean? (It can be worse than coal.)

This is what climate misinformation looks like. These claims are common, influential and damaging. They're often spread for a reason: to slow the uptake of clean alternatives to fossil fuels. Unfortunately, they are shaping public opinion.

This week, a Senate inquiry is hearing testimony from officials, climate scientists and researchers about the scale of the problem and its effects on Australian politics. Policymakers are also hearing about the main culprits: oil, gas and coal companies, as well as key enablers such as public relations firms.

International Court of Justice

From Michael Poland Campaign Director, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative

Last month, the International Court of Justice ruled that the 1.5°C threshold is the world's agreed primary temperature goal, and it is legally binding. It was crystal clear that governments must ensure their climate plans represent their "highest possible ambition" and are capable of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

The world's highest court went further, stating that it is not only domestic emissions that must be addressed, but that fossil fuel extraction, licensing and subsidies may be an "internationally wrongful act".



GEELONG SUSTAINABILITY

Electrify your home - Find us at the Winchelsea market!

The Geelong Sustainability team will be attending markets around the region to share tips and advice on how you can cut your energy bills, improve home comfort and take advantage of government rebates, planning tools and support.

We'll have a stall at the following markets - enjoy local produce, makers, creators and come learn how to electrify your home!

Winchelsea Makers and Growers Market - Sunday 9 Nov, 9-2pm

You can find our events listed on our website www.geelongsustainability.org.au and Facebook.





GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY BANK VILLAGE

Friday 31st October 2025
42 Harding St, Winchelsea

Sausage sizzle at **12pm**
Official opening ceremony **1pm**
Village open for inspection **12 pm till 2pm**

YOU'RE INVITED

For more information:
Ken McDonald 0418 524 150
John Knuckey 0427 672 011







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<https://winchelseabankvillage.org.au/>
Winchelsea Community Bank Village

In My Garden

Julia Holohan

I feel it's time to do some work with my herbs. I don't have a proper herb garden, my herbs are scattered around from where over the years I've attempted different spots for herb gardens. We've cut back on trying to grow everything herbal & now only have those that grow well here and that we use regularly.

I do look after our mints, learning early on, if you don't, they'll take over your garden! They're now grown in an old concrete laundry twin trough with both plug holes blocked so their roots cannot escape. They are close to the house making them easy to access to water, trim & use. There's only 2; spearmint & peppermint which are used daily. The peppermint is starting to shoot after being dormant over winter whereas the spearmint grew robustly through winter, I have finally cut it back today hoping it will rejuvenate quickly.



Coriander & dill, their seeds are sown straight into the garden, being happy for them to grow wild, picking out any that end up in the wrong spot, leaving others to go to seed for more to grow. Our neighbours struggle with coriander which we can swap with them for others of theirs. Coriander grows well over the cooler months, but can go straight to seed in the warmer months when I'll resow seeds fortnightly, it's already bolting quickly with seed heads. I love coriander!

I don't have a lot of luck with chives & parsley, I persevere and can usually get just enough. Lucky our neighbours will swap theirs for our coriander.

Bay. We're not very fond of the massive tree it grows to be. We don't have a bay tree, our lovely neighbours are happy for us to gather bunches of leaves from theirs to use.



Lovage self seeds & pops up this time of year after being winter dormant. I love using it in place of celery & in salads.

Wormwood is for growing around the chook pen as it's good for their general health, keeping mites at bay & it also helps with shade for the girls on hot days, it's currently struggling with what looks like thrip, another job to attend to.

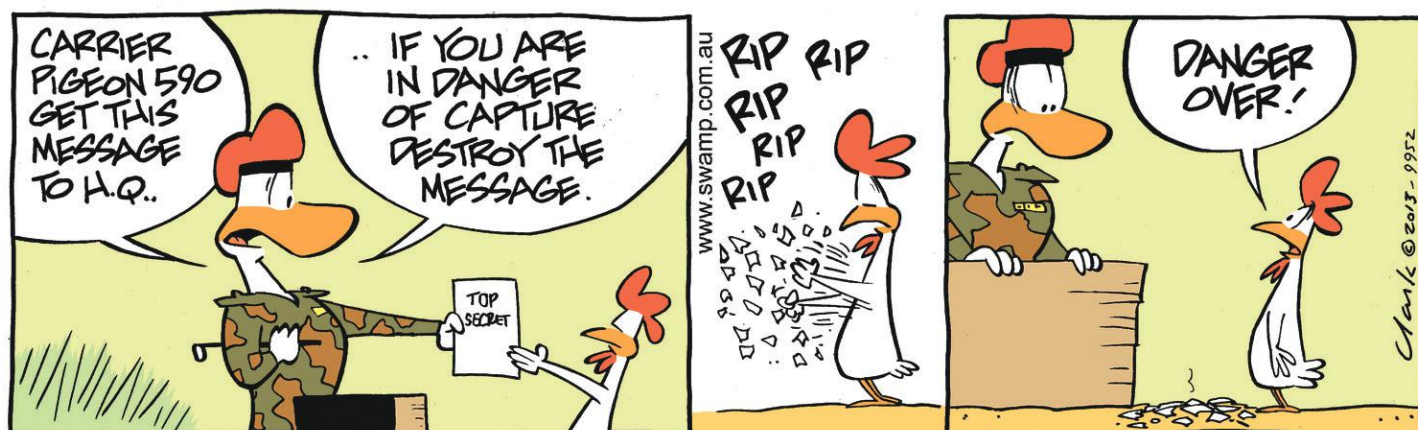
We've recently planted ginger, galangal & turmeric for the first time crossing my fingers that they'll grow & in our cool climate.

Garlic, another crop we like to be able harvest enough to use a whole year. The Garlic cloves are planted around the shortest day of the year (mid June) & harvested around the longest day (mid December).

Chilli is another we want to crop enough to have for year round use. We have tree chillis which are a large, hot red chilli that grow well in our cool climate and can stay in the ground for around 5 years.

I have started some Habanero chilli seeds in punnets this year & have my fingers crossed they'll do well too. They're a smallish orange chilli & hot! I bought the chillis in an op shop last year! We liked them so I saved the seeds, the same way I do the tomato seeds, on the paper towel & they have now sprouted.

Then there's the herbs I've neglected; lemon balm, sage, thyme & marjoram. I haven't cut them back and they've become woody & have crept into each other & neighbouring areas! I need to get them under control ... I'd better get out there now & enjoy their scent while I try to tame them!



Cartoon courtesy Gary Clark



Growing Winchelsea Inc.
PO Box 43, Winchelsea Vic 3241
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

Families and community groups can join in “Twinkle Trees on Main”

Growing Winchelsea

The festive season is fast approaching, and the Winchelsea community is gearing up to make Main Street sparkle with Twinkle Trees on Main, proudly supported by Community Bank Winchelsea & District.

The Winchelsea Men’s Shed has been busy crafting up to 50 wooden Christmas trees, ready for local families, community groups, and businesses to decorate and display along Main Street.

Collecting Trees

From the Men’s Shed BBQ stall at the Winchelsea Community Market Sunday, 9 November 2025, 9am-1pm.

Decorating Trees

- At the market, there’ll be a hands-on decorating workshop where families can pick a tree, decorate it on-site, and leave it ready for installation.
- **What to bring** Your own paints, lights, and decorations (Some materials will be available).
- **Need help decorating?** Men’s Shed volunteers will assist with tasks like attaching screws.
- **Tip** Paint takes about two hours to dry — the perfect chance to explore the market, grab a coffee, and come back to finish decorating!

Prize winners will be announced at the Family BBQ at the Mud Hut on Sunday, 21 December 2025, at 1 pm.

This project is made possible through the generous support of Community Bank Winchelsea & District, whose continued commitment helps make community initiatives like this shine bright.



Trees ready for delivery



The Elves are coming to Winchelsea!

Growing Winchelsea

Local businesses invited to join the 2025 Winchelsea Christmas Elf Trail

Local businesses invited to join the 2025 Winchelsea Christmas Elf Trail Winchelsea is about to get a whole lot more magical!

Growing Winchelsea Inc. is calling on local businesses to be part of the festive fun and join the Winchelsea Christmas Elf Trail, running from 8–21 December 2025. This year’s Elf Trail is set to be bigger, brighter, and cheekier than ever — with hidden elves popping up in shops, cafés, and businesses right across town! Each time a shopper finds a Hidden Elf, they’ll jot down its name on their entry form for a chance to win fantastic festive prizes.

It’s all about bringing families into local stores, celebrating community spirit, and showcasing Winchelsea as a destination for Christmas cheer.

So far, nine businesses have already signed up, with more expected as Growing Winchelsea reconnects with those who received Expressions of Interest early in August. Businesses can take part for one special day or be part of the entire 14-day campaign — it’s flexible, fun, and designed to fit every business. Participating businesses will:

- Host a Hidden Elf in their shop or premises.
- Offer a small festive feature — a Christmas discount, special product, mini activity, giveaway, or just a warm, sparkly welcome.
- Have their Elf visit photographed for use on the Christmas in Winchelsea Facebook page and other promotions.

The Winchelsea Star will feature a 4 page Christmas Feature on 2 December 2025, with extra copies printed for community distribution. This feature will include:

- A 2 week Elf Trail map and guide outlining each participating business and what festive fun or offer they’re featuring.
- Opportunities for participating businesses to book advertising space around the feature’s border — ideal for a Christmas greeting, discount, or thank-you to customers.

In the weeks leading up to December, The Winchelsea Star will also publish individual business profiles — short, feel-good stories highlighting the people and passion behind each business.

To help make this process easy, a simple template will be created to guide businesses in writing their stories before submitting a photo and details to the Star’s production team.

The Elf Trail will culminate in the Christmas Family BBQ and prize draw on Sunday 21 December at 1 pm at the Mud Hut, where winners will be announced, prizes awarded, and plenty of Christmas joy shared.

Growing Winchelsea Inc. extends a huge thank you to the Winchelsea Star for their generous sponsorship and ongoing support of the Christmas in Winchelsea program.

Businesses keen to join the Elf Trail can contact:

Elaine Atkinson – 0458 009 616
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com



Call for Tenders

Coordination of 'Christmas in Winchelsea 2025'

Growing Winchelsea Inc. invites individuals or organisations to put forward an Expression of Interest for Coordination of Christmas in Winchelsea 2025 this December. *This has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Winchelsea Star.*

About Christmas in Winchelsea

Running from 6-21 December 2025, this event features family-friendly activities, local business participation, and community competitions, including:

- **Carols by the Barwon** (6 Dec): Evening of live music, food vans, and community carols along the Barwon River.
- **Christmas Market** (7 Dec): Family market with Santa, food, festive stalls, and popular "Hidden Elf" fun.
- **Winchelsea Elf Trail** (8-21 Dec): Local businesses host hidden elves offering festive activities and promotions.
- **Twinkle Trees Competition**: Families decorate timber trees for installation along Main Street.
- **Christmas Lights Competition**: A Lions Club initiative lighting up Winchelsea homes and streets.
- **Prize Draws & Family BBQ** (21 Dec): Celebration and announcement of competition winners.

The event is promoted through the Winchelsea Star Christmas Feature and supported by local groups including the Lions Club, Men's Shed, Winchelsea Star, Community Bank Winchelsea & District, and the Surf Coast Shire.

About the Role

The Coordinator will oversee planning, logistics, sponsorship support, and community liaison to ensure successful delivery of the program. Planning is already well advanced.

Key Dates

- Applications close: 30 October 2025
- Event period: 6-21 December 2025
- Contact for Tender Brief: secretary@growingwinchelsea.com



2025 Christmas Lights Competition Winchelsea Lights Up for Christmas

Growing Winchelsea

The festive season is set to sparkle again as the Winchelsea Lions Club, in partnership with Growing Winchelsea, launches the 2025 Christmas Lights Competition.

Residents are encouraged to decorate their homes and register to take part in this year's dazzling display. **Entries close Wednesday 27 November 2025**, with judging by the Lions Club commencing early December.

"Let's connect our town with lights, laughter, and festive spirit as neighbours decorate their homes and share the joy of Christmas," said Graham Kenafacke, President Winchelsea Lions.

A family BBQ and presentation will be held on Sunday 21 December 2025 at 1pm at the Mud Hut, where winners will be announced.

Registered homes will feature in the popular Winchelsea Star Christmas Lights Trail feature on 2 December 2025. Additional copies will be distributed throughout the community to ensure everyone can enjoy the trail.

Entry forms are available at: www.growingwinchelsea.com

Completed entries or inquiries can be directed to:

Elaine Atkinson, Growing Winchelsea Secretary
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com 0458 009 616



Winchelsea Lions Club
PO Box 78, Winchelsea VIC 3241
winchelsea.vic@lions.org.au 0448339003
<https://winchesealionsclub.org.au/>

REGISTRATION FORM

Best Christmas Lights Display Competition 2025

Name: _____

Address of Display: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permission

☐ I give permission for my home / business to be photographed and/or included in the Winchelsea Christmas Lights Trail, published in the Christmas Program produced by Winchelsea Star and available from Monday 1 December 2025.

Signature: _____ Date: __ / __ / 2025

Important Information

- Entries close: 27 November 2025
- The Christmas Lights Trail program will be available throughout Winchelsea in the lead-up to Christmas from 1 December 2025.
- Winners will be announced at the Family Christmas BBQ Sunday 21 December 2025 at the Mud Hut at 1.00 pm
- Prizes awarded by the Winchelsea Lions Club.

Victorian Government grants available now

Bring creativity into classrooms

Grants of \$10,000 are available for schools to partner with an individual artist, or \$35,000 to partner with a creative collective or organisation.

The program helps students develop their creativity and provides opportunities for both the teachers and the creative professionals involved to build their creative skills.

Projects from the previous round include diverse collaborations across theatre, performing arts, filmmaking and writing.

Applications open Wednesday 8 October and close Thursday 13 November 2025.

For more information visit creative.vic.gov.au.

Regional sport

Regional All Abilities Participation Grants of up to \$25,000 are available in three categories: Equipment and Travel, Inclusion Workforce, and Programs and Disability-led Initiatives.

Grants can be used to purchase specialised equipment and uniforms, such as sports wheelchairs, sensory balls, throwing frames, accessible starting systems, modified bats and racquets.

Funding can subsidise wages for a skilled workforce to boost participation, such as disability sports coaches. It can also cover travel to competitions and festivals, and enable clubs to create their own all-abilities sports programs.

For more information visit sport.vic.gov.au/funding



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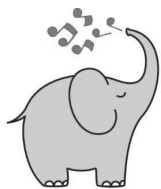
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End of an Era – and a Call to the Future: Growing Winchelsea President John Tebbutt Steps Down

Growing Winchelsea

After many years of dedicated service, John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea Inc., will step down from his role at the organisation's Annual General Meeting on Monday 10 November 2025 at 7:00 PM at Shire Hall, Winchelsea.

John's leadership has been instrumental in advocating for a thriving Winchelsea. His commitment, passion, and tireless drive have shaped Growing Winchelsea into a respected voice for the community. Through his work, he built a strong and trusted partnership with the Surf Coast Shire Council, ensuring Winchelsea's priorities are heard and understood at every level.

John has always put Winchelsea first. He has shown how professionalism and persistence, combined with genuine care for fairness and equity, can create lasting positive change. His leadership will be deeply missed, but his example will continue to inspire us all.



Adrian.Schonfelder & John Tebbutt

Despite facing personal health challenges, John's dedication never wavered. He lived Growing Winchelsea's vision —

"We exist to advocate for, listen to, and support our community to achieve a thriving Winchelsea."

As the town prepares for significant growth under the Winchelsea Place Plan and upcoming Structure Plan, Growing Winchelsea recognises the need for new leaders to step forward. The organisation is calling on passionate community members to help guide Winchelsea through a future of change and opportunity.

We need new voices and new energy. This is the time for people who care about Winchelsea's future to step up and be part of shaping it.

Growing Winchelsea's AGM will celebrate the organisation's achievements under John's leadership and look ahead to the next chapter — one that continues to value prosperity, innovation, collaboration, and community strength.

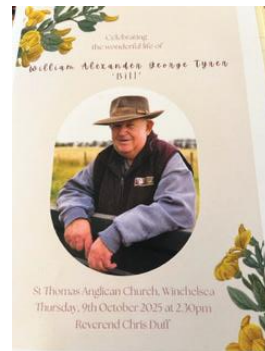
**Growing Winchelsea Inc
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**
Monday 10 November 2025
7:00 PM
Shire Hall, Winchelsea

All community members, business owners, and service organisations are invited to attend and be part of Winchelsea's evolving story.

VALE Bill Tyrer

Helen Rolls

William (Bill) Tyrer was born in 1944 and lived in Footscray for the first 9 years of his life. He loved sport and football and of course was a keen Bulldogs supporter and attended their 1954 premiership game! Bill and his sister were part of a loving and musical family.



In 1954 Bill's father bought a dairy farm at Ricketts Marsh where

Bill began his lifelong connection to the land. By the age of 12 he mastered the Clydesdale horses, long before the family could afford a tractor. He played tennis and football locally and he attended Colac High school. He studied Wool Classing at the Gordon Tech and last year proudly accepted 60 consecutive years with a certificate of Recognition. He worked in woolsheds across NSW, Victoria and SA and loved the lifestyle and shared many amusing stories from the time.

Bill met Frances in Deans Marsh in 1964 and they were married 4 years later. Their daughter Kylie was born in 1969 but tragically lost her life in a car accident 18 months ago. Their next child sadly died at birth then in 1973 Sylvia was born and in 1978 their son Stuart.

Bill worked in the Portland Wool Stores and was also a wool traveller covering a big area but was away from the family. He then became a Livestock Agent with Elders in Heywood and then in 1979 he joined Dalgety Farmers in Colac. He soon stepped into the role of auctioneer where his easy manner and genuine care for his clients built a loyal and thriving clientele. In 1986 Bill became a livestock agent and auctioneer for Charles Stewart & Co and most of Bill's clientele followed him. He loved his work and was a valued staff member and was there until 2011 where his clients respected his honesty, friendship and knowledge.

Bill always wanted to be a farmer and bought part of his in-laws property and happily farmed until 3 years ago. His favourite time of year was shearing where he enjoyed all the camaraderie in the shed. He joined the Birregurra Bowling Club and was soon 'hooked'. Bill was in demand as auctioneer for many charity functions with his quick wit and infectious sense of fun. Bill always loved cars and finally replaced his first car with a 1956 Dodge Kingsway which he at times proudly drove to church!

Bill & Frances loved to dance and they were good at it! When the church closed in Deans Marsh Bill and Frances faithfully attended St Thomas's weekly together for years and they were much loved by all the parishioners. Bill and Frances celebrated 57 wonderful years of marriage together and Bill was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Frances was an amazing support to Bill in his last years of ill health where he bravely persevered on. Bill has fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith.

Bill's funeral service was at St Thomas's in Winchelsea on the 8th October. The church was packed as well as the hall and many people were standing outside. There were hundreds there, some from interstate and around Victoria to pay their respects. It was a beautiful service taken by Rev Chris Duff, the Eulogy read by Peter McConachy and an amusing poem written and read by Rod Armistead and the Bible readings were read well by Stuart. The fitting Recessional was 'True Blue' as Bill was! Bill you were much loved by your family and many friends and you will be sadly missed by us all and long remembered. **God bless you Bill.**

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
(03) 5267 2028

MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
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 WINCH 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
(03) 5267 2028

GROWING WINCHELSEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10 November 2025 7-8pm
Shire Hall, Hesse St Winchelsea
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

TUESDAY



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

1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class
6:00pm-7:00pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036
zumbawithsimone09@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea
ralextander@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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

STITCH IT, DONT DITCH IT!

2-4pm Wednesdays from 12 Nov
Winch Community House, Hesse St
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KIDS ART & CRAFT SESSIONS

4-4.45pm fortnightly Age 5+
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Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

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 Dr, Winchelsea



THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

DON'T LET SCAMMERS CATCH YOU OFF GUARD

Thursday 30 October 10- 11.30am
Winchelsea Shire Hall
Morning tea provided

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
(03) 5267 2028 (03) 5267 2028

October/November

Community Events

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@winchelseastar.org.au

MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
(03) 5267 2028

HELEN MARY KINIMONTH KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13 November 2025 7pm
HMK Kinder/Church Hall
32 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/)

FRIDAY

TAI CHI

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

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
0417 848 292

PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

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

CHATTY CAFÉ



10.30am-12.30pm, Gold Coin Donation
Winch Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
5267 2028

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA REPERTORY SOCIETY 'GRANNY GET YOUR GUN'

Friday 7, 14 November 2025 7pm \$60
Globe Theatre, 7 Wills St Winchelsea
www.trybooking.com/DFWZY

WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS

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

WINCHELSEA RSL

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/

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Sat 8 November
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St
Full Training 8.30-2.30 \$170
Refresher 8.30-10.30 \$70
5267 2028

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9 -12pm first Sat of month outside IGA.
Proceeds to IGA Community Chest.

RELOVED MARKET

9-1.30pm Sat 15 Nov
Winch Community House 28 Hesse St
(03) 5267 2028

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE Working Bee



First Saturday of the month 9am
Meet at Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace
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Victorian Government

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Victorian residential rental properties must be advertised with a single fixed price, to protect against rental bidding.

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Since its inception in 2024, Consumer Affairs Victoria's renting taskforce has issued over 90 fines totaling more than \$750,000.

Other reforms from 25 November include increasing the notice period for notices-of-rent-increase and notices-to-vacate from 60 days to 90 days, removing no fault and no cause evictions and banning third-party businesses and apps from charging extra fees to pay rent or apply

Scam info session Free Morning tea

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Week 1 of 2

Some of the following may sound utterly fantastic to the uninitiated, prompting you to reach for a boulder of salt to take it all with, but it truly is a wondrous world we live in, so I warmly invite you to query the reputable sources wherever it might seem I'm drawing a long bow.

Some people feel fairly confident of the special places humans have earned for their selves across the stages of evolution, history, the sciences, arts and culture. But if, as it's beginning to look likely, that organisms in general are special in exactly the same terms, then what can "special" actually mean?

Take the plant kingdom for instance, most are demonstrably capable of both abstract reasoning, (i.e. evolution of a brain is only one way of deploying such capabilities), as well as compassion.

For instance, when heliotropic plants find their selves hostage to the psychopathic kind of scientists who would fan them overnight with breezes in precise directions, randomly selected by computer, then in the morning, present them with light approaching from exactly, say, 47° from the direction of that randomly chosen wind direction, then the plants will be ready and waiting, reaching in the right direction for the light before it's even turned on, regardless of the directions involved. Along other lines, some plants are known to use the underground fungi network to courier the nutrients required to form "rooting hormones" to the underside of their fallen comrades, so that they can arise again phoenix like, but what's more interesting I find is that, if the tree over its lifetime has not been fair-handed in giving out nutrients to other trees in their time of need, then no such last-hour medicinals will be sluiced their way. (I.e. real personalities at work, so nothing special that only humans could or would do).

Speaking of fungi, some can coordinate combined efforts of both inspired guesstimation and "brute-force" techniques when it comes to planning networks for transferring resources, getting there first actually (in evolutionary terms), eventually teaching humans how to optimise these seemingly mutually exclusive approaches. Some large scale infrastructure and logistics organisations today use fungi to model their problems and ratify they've reached the best possible solution. (i.e. the humans are seeking an higher authority ;-)).

And in turn, speaking of beating humans to it, we all know the architectural prowess of gang-gang cockatoos, but what I find even more appealingly amazing about them is crèching their nestlings so each couple gets more chances to forage for their chicks, which I am reliably informed they achieved millions of years before the first hominids even began to climb up the greasy pole of evolution ... so I'm guessing that's not what makes humans special either.

May be humans are special because they harness fire, along with the kites and the falcons, no, that can't be it.

It's common knowledge that many animals use tools, but just like humans, (and well before them), sea otters have been sequestering their favourite shellfish-bashing stones in their



Kanzi, (28Oct80 - 18Mar25),
whom I look up to for his heroic efforts

underarms, ready for whenever a snack comes their way. Octopodes collect and carry coconut fragments around with them which they can configure as a defense when threatened or protection for their eggs, even deploy as multi-part tools for various challenges through life. Bottle-nosed dolphin Mothers teach their Daughters how to carry and protect their noses with sponges whilst probing the seafloor for food. Ravens carry favourite stones with them for dropping on things to break them open, as well as maintaining curved bark "cups" for carrying more food or even water than otherwise possible. Chimpanzees carry entire toolkits around with them for probing, spearing, pounding, crushing, scooping, scraping, hunting, involving favourite rocks, sticks and even paint-brush frayings for brushing ants and termites out. They also maintain "ateliers" or workshop spaces with equipment set aside for creating tools by modifying common objects around them in nature, e.g. detaching, reducing, reshaping and combining, even sponge-making. The typical chimpanzees' ateliers will house all the special tools for tool making, as well as anvils for specialised tool use. Each chimpanzee's tool-kit can vary in number according to environmental requirements from around 4 to 18 instruments, most of which can last many many seasons before requiring a replacement to be manufactured. May be the carrying and construction of tools, alongside the comprehension of past, present and future required to understand how worthwhile they are, isn't what makes humans special either.

Humans configure middens, mind you, when a crash of rhinoceros complete their annual migration, one of the first things they establish is their communal midden, where, by scent, everyone can tell, exactly who lives in the vicinity including their age, sex, territorial status, oestrous state, as well as the general health of the crash and elements of conditions over the last little while. Well, that's most rhinoceros, there are some specific types, lets call them "toxic alphas", (its just a name after all), who don't like attention being diverted away from them, who will trample all the individual midden-postings into one conglomeration in order to destroy each discrete data "point", then void as many bodily fluids as he can over the lot, to make the midden all about their Self instead. (I wonder if any other species act so? ;-)) Fluent in midden-technologies are also squirrels and octopodes, pack rats, hydraxes and squirrels. So, looks like humans aren't so special when it comes to middens or toxic-alphas.



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Cricket News

A- GRADE ROUND 4 RESULTS

Winchelsea 4/159 def Collendina 8/158

Shane Murdoch 53 not out	Jarrold Groves 4/22
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Ray Edwards 29	Ray Edwards 1/21
Baiden Luppino 18	Ricci Sauni 1/36
Toby Furbush 18	



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B- GRADE ROUND 4 RESULTS

Winchelsea 10/104 def by Inverleigh 5/107

Todd Hardy 27	Lakshay Sharotri 1/13
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Thought for the Week

"What is right for one soul
may not be right for another.
It may mean having to stand
something strange
in the eyes of others.
But do not be daunted.
Do whatever it is because
you know within it is right
for you."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader,
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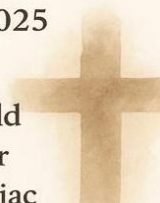
*Sadly missed by friends
and family*

Peter passed away on 9th October
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ongoing illness. In accordance with his
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Junior Netball

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Winchelsea Junior Summer Competition Report

Under 10s – Bye

Our youngest Winch stars had a well-earned bye this week — we can't wait to see them back on court next round!

Under 11s Pink (Junior)

What a fantastic game from Winch Pink this week! We welcomed Coda Ainsworth for her very first game, and the girls didn't hold back — showing huge improvement right across the court from last week. Every player focused beautifully on their role, demonstrating great teamwork and determination.

The girls listened intently at each quarter break and applied their feedback with maturity and purpose. Undeterred by their loss, in true Pink Team spirit they walked off the court with big smiles and celebrated with another loud team cheer

Player of the Week: Emilia Warren

Emilia has proven that her hard work at home and willingness to take on feedback have elevated her defensive game out of sight. She showed incredible speed, pulled off strong intercepts, and snapped up rebounds with confidence. Fantastic effort, Emilia!

Under 11s Blue

This week we welcomed two first-time players — Evie Ryan, making a strong return from injury, and Oakley Mathison, our exciting new recruit who showed that netball talent truly runs in the family!

With a rotating bench and positional changes each quarter, the team adapted brilliantly and maintained great energy throughout the game.

Player of the Week: Lilly Janes

Lilly was outstanding, shutting down Bannockburn's talented goalers over the final three quarters. She continually goes above and beyond to ensure every teammate feels included — proving she's not only a highly skilled player but also a true leader. Congratulations, Lilly!

A special shout-out to our Team Manager, Hannah, whose diligence and organisation ensure everything runs so smoothly each week. We're so grateful for all that you do!

Under 13s Pink (Junior) – Bye

The team enjoyed a rest this week and will be ready to hit the court full of energy next round.

Under 13s Blue (Senior)

The girls had an awesome game this week! Defenders worked tirelessly to create consistent turnovers, while the attackers moved the ball beautifully down the court. The team showed real grit, fighting back from seven goals down to finish just one goal behind at the final whistle — a fantastic effort from everyone!

Under 15s

Another tough match this week for our U15s, but the girls gave it their all and walked off the court with big smiles — a true reflection of their team spirit, perseverance and willingness to learn. Keep it up, girls!

Under 17s

Winchelsea's 17 & Under girls had another strong showing in Round 2 of the summer competition grading, putting on an impressive performance against Inverleigh.

The team displayed great connections across the court and plenty of determination in both attack and defence. With consistent results across the opening rounds, the side is hopeful of earning a spot in Division 1 — a well-deserved challenge for the remainder of the season.

The summer competition continues to be a fantastic opportunity for this group to build combinations and confidence as they prepare for the 2026 winter season.

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A big thank you to our amazing parents and grandparents for all your encouragement, help with bibs, snacks, and organising the kids — it really does take a village!

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Winchelsea Bowls Club



Julie Johnson

What a week, both Midweek teams finally play at Cobden without a lot of wind and two good wins for the sides.

Saturday once again good weather until the final few ends for Winchelsea 1A playing Winchelsea 1B at home. Winchelsea 1B are clearly out of their depth playing the two top sides in a row and having just been promoted to Division 1 are finding it all a big learning experience. Time will tell if they can win a few games in this Division this season, while 1A keep rolling onward and upward in good form.

PENNANT RESULTS MIDWEEK

Division 1 away def Cobden

Winning all rinks 74 shots to 51 shots.

Division 3 away def Cobden

Winning all rinks 88 shots to 28 shots.

PENNANT RESULTS SATURDAY

Division 1 Winchelsea 1B were def by 1A at home
52 shots to 145 shots.

Division 4 **BYE**

Division 5 Winchelsea def Colac City

1/2 rinks 43 shots to 29 shots.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Congratulations to Marcia Brandenburg and her sister-in-law Jodie Bertrand (Apollo Bay) as that combination won the Corangamite Playing Area Ladies Pairs and will go on later in the season.

There are many Club events being staged over the weekends and they will all be noted as they complete the competitions. Sunday 26 October is the Jenny McConachy Memorial Tournament with a full field of 16 teams and the results will be in the next edition.



Please keep Friday 5 December free when Camperdown Magpies 1 will play Winchelsea 1A at Winchelsea under lights, commencing 6.00 p.m.

Winchelsea will have Jamie-Lee Worsnop and Aaron "Disco" Wison playing with them. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a Commonwealth Games Medalist in all colors for various events and an Australian Indoor Champion. Both are in their early 30's and have represented Australia over 50 times each. They will no doubt showcase the sport of lawn bowls for all ages and we are fortunate to have them represent us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see class in action.

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Winchelsea Golf Club

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BDL - Greg Rigby (23) +1 C/B
BDL - Tara Steward (20) -1 C/B
BDL - Rod Batson (32) -1 C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Dale Morgan

Golden Hole (6th) - Denis Chappell

Saturday 1st November - Stroke

Book through the Golf Australia app.

Another successful Bowl has been played and won at Winchelsea Golf Club with 18 teams competing for the cup. Portarlington has come away with a back to back win knocking off the Winchelsea team by 2 Points. It was Winchelsea's to win until the last card was finalised!

The winners on the day as follows:

Bowl winners, Portarlington- Fiona Newman 32 Pts, Julie Walker 30 Pts and Sue Holland 34 Pts.

A Grade Winner: Sue Holland 34 Pts CB from Elizabeth Alston

B Grade Winner: Tina Walker 34 Pts Lorne

NTP 2/11: Rose Lloyd, Lorne

NTP 6/15: Fiona Newman, Portarlington

NTP: 8/17 Di Bartel, Winchelsea

A Hugh thanks to RAK Davis and Sons for sponsoring this event and being a long standing sponsor for the Women's golf at Winch, the effort going into everything from prizes to decor was great. Appreciate the support.

Not high scores but some happy people over the day. The room looked fantastic with a purple theme this Year. Our girls put a big effort into everything they do at the club. The course was in fantastic condition, best I've seen it for a very long time and it didn't go unnoticed. An amazing effort from the Greens committee and all that helped to make it shine on Monday.

Golf in Australia is changing, like the world, to electronic scoring. The country is in the middle of it so yesterday was a learning kerb into this new system so I would like to thank Neil Hickman for the support sorting things out after the game and Lesley Mathison for her help.

We have been lucky at Winchelsea, our Bowls have been always well attended due mainly to the hospitality shown at the club from the treats on the tees to the happy Bar staff, thanks Riggers, the wonderful lunches we put on, well done ladies, and the Club coming together to ensure we have a great day. Thanks one and all.



2025 Winchelsea Memorial Bowl Portarlington back to back winners, Sue Holland, Fiona Newman and Julie Walker



A Grade Winner Sue Holland Portarlington 34 points



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First up, Lesley and last week's Magic MVP Jo adjusted quickly to the tricky conditions, casting a winning spell 8–5! Meanwhile, Adri and Dale couldn't quite find their rhythm, falling 2–8.

Next, Lesley and Adri turned up the heat, delivering a sizzling 8–3 victory to give us the edge. But the final set saw Dale and Jo caught in a counter-curse, going down 1–8.

Final result: 2 sets each, 19–24. Another close battle — the potential is there, and the magic's brewing stronger every week!

Magic MVP: Lesley!

Our captain led with calm, confidence, and a little extra sparkle this round.

Next week: we take on the Highton "Long Shots"!

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