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Not One But Two Alan J Holding Awards for Community Service

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Mick O'Mara receiving the Alan J Holding Award



Robyn Black receiving the Alan J Holding Award

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- Re-opening Winchelsea Common, Old Shire Hall and Leisure Time Centre
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- Opening of Wurdji Baierr Stadium with new basketball courts
- Upgraded Mud Hut, planned construction of riverside playground with new River loop walk and pedestrian bridges across the Barwon River
- Greenfield Reserve upgrade along Thompson Creek Moriac
- New netball pavillion at Mt Moriac.

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I support Darryl Wilson as my second preference
- Authorised by Cr Adrian Schonfelder 230 Andersons Road Barrabool Victoria 3221



Two Alan J Holding Awards

words by Linda Carter, photos by Karen McPherson and Tony Phelps

Last Wednesday night Winchelsea Lions Club held a dinner at the Hub to welcome our Vice District Governor Susan Eyton and her husband Robert.

A delicious meal once again provided by our wonderful Janet Fletcher (also a previous recipient of the Alan J Holding award) and her amazing team.

The Alan J Holding award is awarded by Lions Clubs to recognise outstanding contribution to the community. This year Winchelsea Lions felt the need to make two awards.

One was to Robyn Black who was a reluctant but happy recipient. As we all know Robyn doesn't like accolades and had been invited to the night but nearly didn't come because she thought it would just be a bunch of people talking about things!! It took a lot of prompting by Don Smith to even get her there. Fortunately she did. Robyn has devoted a lot of her time to the community, founding WYLD with her friend Monique, which has provided an enormous service to our youth, she is heavily involved in the Conquer the Corrugation project, and also causes in aid of cancer research and prevention.

Our second recipient was Mick O'Mara. Mick was accompanied by his wife Prue and his two daughters and their partners. Mick's professions have been a teacher and car salesman but the

award was presented for his 47 years involvement with the Winchelsea Star, 9 years as President. He has been a volunteer firefighter with Wurdale CFA, a member of Winchelsea Land and River Care Group, a volunteer guide at both Barwon Park and Werribee open range zoo, President of the Winchelsea Pool committee to name a few. Mick could have entertained us all night just with his anecdotes. Congratulations to both these very worthy recipients.

In VDG Susan's address she pointed out a few facts about the Winchelsea Lions Club.

- In 2022 we provided 2222 hours of volunteer activities
- In 2023 4744 hours
- In 2024 5529 hours to date.
- The current members of the club have accumulated 400 years of community service.

We are always looking for new members as some of us aren't getting any younger and like many clubs we are finding it increasingly difficult to fill positions. We all love helping the community but no one wants to do the essential official stuff!!

Our thanks to the Football Club for donating a wonderful raffle prize, very much appreciated by the winner.



Don Smith receiving the District Governor's award for community service



VDG Susan Eyton handing over the special Governor's pin to Vice President Raymond Gunson



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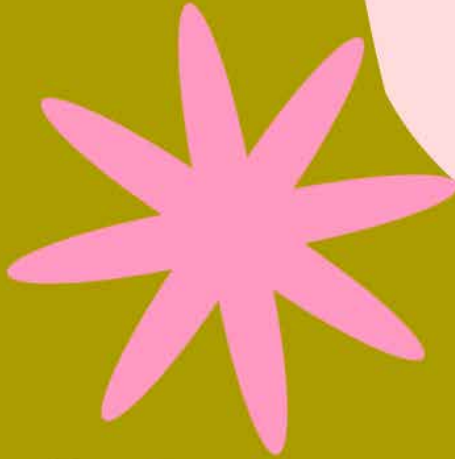


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2 Winchelsea programs this school holidays – FREE for youth
Surf Coast Youth invite any young people aged 12-25 to attend our FREE school holidays.

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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Jamie Roles * Helen Woodall * Neil McInnes * Kate McInnes * David Woodall * Murray Aisbett * Don Smith * Brian Davey. Special thanks to Brian and Jamie who were visiting and also volunteered to check the course and do the First Timer welcome and Course Check.

Further details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results

Please check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information. You do not need to be a runner. Around one third of participants walk the course.

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register. This is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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parkrun was conducted at 495 locations across Australia this week.

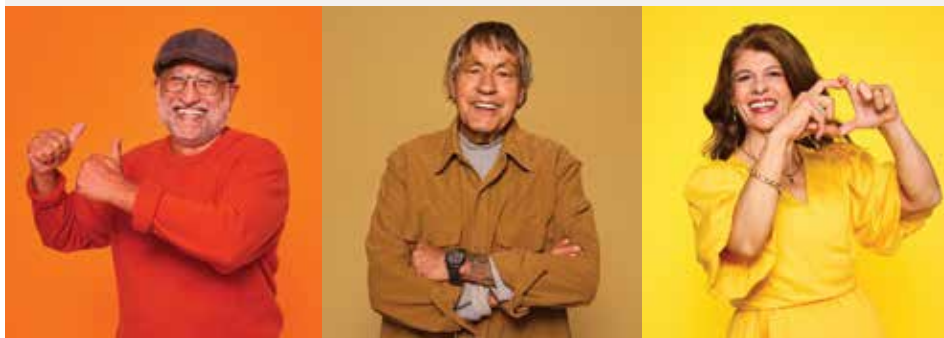


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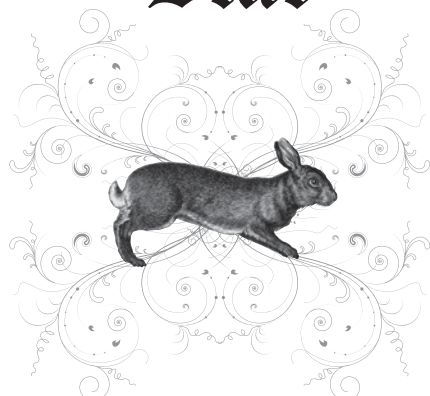
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This week's Winchelsea Star

10 September 2024

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The Winchelsea Star is one of 70 members of the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria. These volunteer-driven papers inform and educate their communities, strengthening them socially and economically and helping them to be resilient in times of hardship. They publish stories to let their residents know the history and culture of their people and localities.

Volunteer Committee

The Star is a registered non-profit Incorporated Association, directed by a Committee of Management with nine members.

Where local stories come from

Articles, news, information and events are supplied by the local community and businesses, local state and federal governments, and various groups. Some organisations, such as parkrun, Winchelsea Golf Club, Winchelsea Lions, Winchelsea Primary

School and the Football and Netball Clubs, send stories and sports results regularly.

Weekly production

Each edition needs the following input

- Editor(s)
- Advertising manager(s)
- Designer(s)
- Printer
- Distributor(s)

Ideally, all jobs are shared to spread the workload and cater for holidays, sickness.

All roles are voluntary except Designer and Printer which are sub-contracted.

The Winchelsea Star is compiled by Monday afternoons, and printed and digitally distributed on Tuesdays. Hard copies are distributed on Wednesdays, and are available from Wednesday afternoon from local shops.

Like to help?

The Star is a community publication, by the community, for the community, and community participation is key to its ongoing success.

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10 Nov 2024	2 February 2025
1 Dec 2024	2 March 2025
	6 April 2025
	4 May 2025
	1 June 2025

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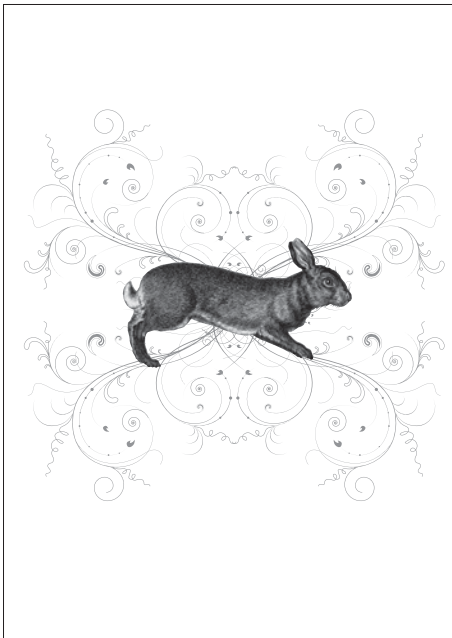
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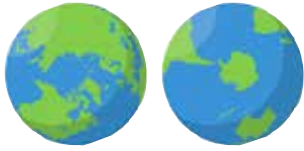
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A decorative background with a sunburst pattern, various flowers, and stars.



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Tasmania's first State of the Environment report in 15 years warns of 'escalating' challenges

From: abc.net.au/news/2024-09-17/

The government is supposed to provide an updated State of the Environment report every five years, but hasn't done one since 2009.

The 666-page reports warns Tasmania faces escalating environmental challenges, including warming seas, extinction threats and the disappearance of kelp forests.

The report assessed 29 environmental categories across six broad themes — coasts and marine, land, biodiversity, rivers and wetlands, air, and waste.

It found 16 of the 29 categories were "getting worse", including:

- Sea surface temperatures, with monthly mean temperatures increasing by between 2.5 degrees and 3.8 degrees since 1944
- Kelp forests, which have suffered "significant declines" during "unprecedented change"
- Migratory shorebirds, which are "decreasing rapidly" in both abundance and diversity
- Pests, including weeds, invasive animals and associated diseases becoming "established"
- Threatened fauna, with 76 out of 460 vertebrate species listed as threatened in Tasmania
- Threatened flora, with an extra 41 species listed as endangered or threatened since 2002
- Native vegetation, including native forest and woodlands, decreasing 3.99 per cent since 2009

Only two of the 29 environmental categories — air quality particulate matter and the eradication of rice grass — were listed as "getting better", with the rest described as "stable" or "unknown".

- Eleven categories were deemed to be in "poor" condition, with seven "fair", and three "good".
- The condition of eight other categories, including water quality, wetlands and riparian zones, which is land next to rivers, was listed as "not applicable" because of poor data.

The report also recommended:

- Greater collaboration with Tasmania's Aboriginal community, to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and values into improved environmental care
- Establishing more marine protected areas, including no-take zones, to increase resilience of marine ecosystems
- Reviewing Tasmania's coastal policy, including impacts of climate change, development and recreational activities
- Implementing measures to end illegal clearance of native vegetation
- Developing a 'State of the Water' report

The new report said "significant investment" would be needed to implement the recommendations.

"Tasmania is experiencing significant impacts from climate change," the report stated.

"These impacts include the warming of seas around Tasmania faster than the global average, sandy beaches showing signs of erosion due to sea level rise, and the disappearance of kelp forests.

"Iconic vegetation communities have undergone concerning losses from bushfire, and face increased bushfire threat in the future.

"In addition, the number of native species closer to extinction continues to grow."

Global spending on subsidies that harm environment rises to \$2.6trillion, report says

From: theguardian.com/au/environment

The world is spending at least \$2.6tn a year on subsidies that drive global heating and destroy nature, with a \$800bn increase in direct support for activities including deforestation and fossil fuel use according to new analysis.

Governments continue to provide billions of dollars in tax breaks, subsidies and other spending that directly work against the goals of the 2015 Paris climate agreement and the 2022 Kunming-Montreal agreement to halt biodiversity loss, the research from the organisation Earth Track found, with countries providing direct support for deforestation, water pollution and fossil fuel consumption.

Christiana Figueres, who was UN climate change head during the Paris agreement negotiations, said environmentally harmful subsidies were an existential issue and governments urgently needed to provide policy coherence on the environment.

"Two years on from the signing of the landmark biodiversity plan, we continue to finance our own extinction, putting people and our resilience at huge risk." she said.

Another extreme low for Antarctic sea ice signals a permanent shift

Full story: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2447700>

An area of missing Antarctic sea ice twice the size of Texas adds to concerns that the ice has seen a lasting "regime shift", with consequences for ecosystems and global ocean circulation

This reinforces concerns that human-caused climate change has initiated a lasting "regime shift" in the amount of ice that forms in the Southern Ocean each year.

McGrath Foundation Luncheon

October is breast cancer awareness month.

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- 2nd place Juan - from Bentleigh Vic
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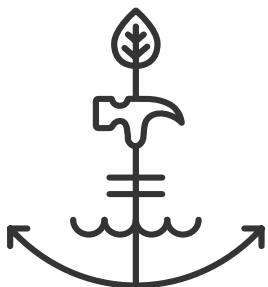
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Winchelsea Football & Netball Club



Melody Philpott

Grand final wrap up

**Saturday 14 September 2024
- East Geelong 33 def
Winchelsea 27**

This report comes a week late because we have only just recovered from this bittersweet ending to our A grade Blues season. The day was an emotional rollercoaster with thrills and dips; a ride shared by an entire Blues army.

As the clock counted down to the grand final match, conditions were less than ideal. Two hours prior, the spectators were pelted by a brief hail storm. One hour to go, and the icy wind picked up. 50 minutes before kick off - showers. As our A grade Blues started their warm up, streaks of blue appeared amongst the mostly grey sky.

East Geelong took the first centre pass to start a valiantly fought 60 minutes from both sides. The Eagles hit the score board first. The Blues attempted to respond instantly but some early nerves saw wayward passes. Not put off by the challenge of doing it tough, the Blues regrouped. The Blues' first attempt on goal was picked up by towering Eagles defence, and our A grade girls were chasing early. A mid-quarter change brought Liv Paastch on into goal attack, and this legend was accurate early. The closing minutes of the first quarter were a to-and-fro, possession lost under each goal ring in instances of footwork and offensive contact.

The defensive powerhouses of both sides came alive in the second quarter. Gemma Stavenuiter responded to the mounting East Geelong defence to pick up an important rebound. Rhi Williams at goal defence had an almighty task in shutting down the playmaker in Eagles'

goal attack. The Blues took on contests with heart, but more was demanded from the umpires who expected crisp and clean play. Megan Goonan was injected into the game, and made the absolute most of her minutes with a gutsy fly for an intercept. Despite the Blues' presence, the Eagles continued their unified charge.

It is said that the third quarter is the premiership quarter. Kat Filice into goals allowed Kat Kasparian to flex her defensive strength. A handful of effortless turnovers by Kat K was key, as the Blues delivered their highest scoring quarter of the game, trailing by only five goals at the final break.

The final quarter was an arm wrestle.

The Blues took every opportunity to create the turnovers needed to pull back the score deficit. There were long range shots, huge work rates and positional changes. Ultimately, it wasn't enough. The Eagles made good decisions under pressure, and their footwork gave them freedom of the Blues' physicality. The Eagles triumphed, defeating the Blues by six goals.

To our A grade Blues - you were tough and genuine in the biggest game of the year. You put in miles of hard work and we are so proud of you! There is plenty to celebrate within this team. Thank you for season 2024, can't wait to see what's next for you all!





MOUNT HESSE HOMESTEAD

The story of Mount Hesse Station began in 1837 when John Highbett of Dorset, England, in partnership with William Harding of Somersetshire, was granted 'The Licence To Occupy The Waste Lands Of The Crown, The run known as 'Mount Hesse No 1', of 45,877 acres. At the same time, John Highbett was granted on his own account HESSE MOUNT later known as 'MURDEDUKE', of 22,000 acres.

John Highbett had left England in 1830 for Tasmania, where he was granted 500 acres near George Town. In 1836 he brought his sheep to Port Phillip, travelling them around the Barwon River until taking up this land. William Harding was a cousin, and he arrived at Port Phillip in 1841, accompanied by his sister Elizabeth. William was to run these estates, his sister keeping hut for him until she married their neighbour, Thomas Austin of BARWON PARK, in 1845.

John Highbett at the same time was a partner in a property in the Barrabool Hills, and he built Highbett House and developed Highbett's Town now Geelong's Highbett. Not surprisingly he left the partnership with Harding in 1847 and subsequently sold his interest in HESSE MOUNT (MURDEDUKE) to Henry Hopkins of Hobart Town on May 20, 1851. By this time William Harding had begun to establish his ambitions for 'MOUNT HESSE NO 1'. He had built several rubble stone huts around the station for shepherds and on taking over the least proceeded to build many improvements. Probably adding to the existing original stone homestead, the initial dwelling, a rubble stone hut, was surrounded by substantial men's quarters and sizeable stables by 1849. He imported the base structure of the popular circular store of the time, dated 1844 it stands in a prominent position.

Harding went on to erect one of the first of the large woolsheds in the district in 1852. His plan was to contract shear for his neighbours and the shed was designed for 20 blade shearers. The original intent was to build sleeping quarters into a loft inside the shed, similar to the original woolshed at BARWON PARK. To achieve his goals Harding had to borrow heavily, contracting a loan from the successful Geelong merchants, Timms and Wilson. Expenditure of large amounts of capital was a great risk at that time and he was unable to repay his borrowings and so he was bought out by William Timms and John Wilson, only one year after setting up his great woolshed. Harding may have sold out too soon. Gold was discovered at Ballarat in 1851. For a few years it caused a lot of trouble with the lack of shepherds, shearers and labour generally, but the next 40 years became a period of general prosperity for the station owners of the Western District.

William Timms became sole owner in 1856 and he immediately built a new impressive bluestone homestead to the design of architects Backhouse and Reynolds. He remained a businessman, living at Pine Villa, in Pakington Street, and spending the summers at MOUNT HESSE. He died in 1858, his Trustees carrying on his estate until it was divided up - in 1876. John, the eldest son established a bluestone home built by Alexander Hamilton of Colac, on the East section, calling it 'MOUNTSIDE'. Robert Timms took over the west section known as Eurack, building 'Eurack House' in 1873, commissioning popular architects Davidson & Henderson.

William Fowler Timms took over the homestead section of 15,866 acres which continued to be known as 'MOUNT HESSE'. In 1873, he made extensive additions to his homestead, adding drawing room and dining room, toilet block and servants quarters. To the stables he added a bluestone wing with a double carriage room, polo pony stalls and a sizeable blacksmith's forge. A gatekeeper's lodge was built at the entrance to an elm-lined drive through elaborate gardens to the homestead. Davidson and Henderson won the tender for these buildings and all the stone was quarried from various stony rises



on the property. In the Timms' time, fencing began. In 1862 the first boundary fence was constructed between MOUNT HESSE and BARUNAH PLAINS. Before that, the boundary line was a single plough furrow.

In 1862 a Merino stud was founded which has been carried on to the present time. Extensive lucerne pastures were sown down at EURACK, and wheat was grown, much of it being sold for seed in the district. Like many other landowners, the Timms family invested in property in Northern States which proved a drain on their resources. When the time came to repay their sisters the brothers were unable to do so, and so in November 1882, at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, MOUNT HESSE was auctioned and purchased by James L. Kininmonth. EURACK HOUSE was also sold that day to Mr McEdwards. MOUNTSIDE went to new owners in 1886 (Walter Tully).

James L. Kininmonth emigrated from Fife in 1852. At 18 years he was contracted for 2 years as a shepherd to the Russells of BARUNAH PLAINS. He spent 28 years there becoming sheep overseer in 1853 and then manager in 1857 and partner in 1869. He came out to better his fortune and succeeding beyond his wildest dreams, as he told his friends, he had made his money in Victoria and intended spending it there. This he did at the age of fifty, when he brought his newly won Fifeshire bride, only 26 years of age, to MOUNT HESSE. He proceeded to improve the stud, struggle with the rabbits, sink wells for water, sub-divide with fencing, sow windbreaks of sugar and blue gum, on the bleak plains. He added a laundry and brought plumbing to the homestead, converting a downstairs bedroom to a bathroom.

James Kininmonth died in 1896 leaving a young wife and family of seven in the care of Trustees and a trusted manager, Sandy McCallum. His only son James became manager in 1926 and subsequently his grandson Peter became manager in 1954 on his father's death. Up to this time the property had run on much the same lines as in the 1890's. But the advent of the Soldier Settlement Scheme changed the scene. In 1956 the Commission reduced the property by half, from 15,886 acres to 8,741 acres, establishing eleven farms on the area taken up. The station employees had numbered 21 including a gardener, house cook, 18 station hands and a cook for the men. Two new cottages were built and the employees changed from 21, to four married couples and a manager. Since then any buildings have been relevant to farm operations, i.e. hay sheds, machinery sheds, grain silos, sale ram housing, and most recently, the conversion of a hay shed to provide extensive under cover sheep-handling facilities.

Tragedies and joys of the usual order have played their parts in the history of the property - there have been high spots, the births, weddings, dances in the great woolshed and the shadows, the deaths, through illness, accident and old age. The loss of the great Timms' homestead to fire in 1941 was a blow to the family. It was not until 1948 that the present homestead was built to replace it, well after the Second World War and its effects.

Another historic building was lost to an internal fire when the men's quarters burned down in 1969 and with them went the most enormous bread oven, not to be replaced. With the support of those families who make their lives on MOUNT HESSE (if only for a short while) and of those now numerous descendants of James L. Kininmonth who through their goodwill contribute towards his achievements this property may survive a little longer the winds of change and of the Western Plains.

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Ollie, 17, is now doing his dairy apprenticeship with Pinecrest Dairy which operates three farms in the Heytesbury region and studying his Certificate II in Agriculture at RIST.

Ollie completed Year 10 at South West TAFE in 2023 and was looking for a work opportunity this year.

Ollie said the course was helping his career progression. "RIST runs a good program and you get to learn a lot of practical stuff," he said. "There's not always time to learn everything on the farm so it's good to have the background from the course."

He said the DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship was particularly helpful. "It's helping to pay for the fees for my education as well as the personal protection equipment that is required, and that doesn't come cheap," he said.

Applications for DemoDAIRY Foundation and Powell Legacy Fund scholarships can be made now and close in November. Visit the website demodairy.com.au



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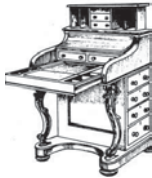
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Notice of AGM

Winchelsea Community House Inc. No. A6247K

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th October, 2024, at 7.00pm in the Shire Hall Building, 28 Hesse St. Winchelsea.

An invitation will be sent to all current 2023 members.

All other interested people are asked to email manager@winchhouse.org.au so an invitation can be sent.

Membership, which allows attendees to vote, is \$2.00 and payable at the AGM.

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. Annual reports from co-ordinators & Committee of Management including annual statement of income & expenditure.
2. Nominations called from the floor for Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary/ Public Officer as well as five (5) Ordinary Members for the Committee.

The Chairperson will allow any business that is relevant to the Annual General Meeting to be brought forward.

Tony Phelps, Chairperson

Opinion Piece - Hunting Down Down

by Elizabeth McCann, Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting inc.

It's "down, down" for the number of licensed hunters, according to new data from the Game Management Authority (GMA). Licences have shrunk in every category of game animal – duck, deer and quail.

Not that you'd know, from the GMA's spin.

The total number of game hunters has fallen to 58,611, representing less than one percent of Victoria's population. Duck licences have been trending down since 2017. Currently at 21,664 (including 280 freebies issued to juniors), the number of duck licences has fallen almost 20 per cent in seven years. Duck shooters now make up less than a third of one percent of Victoria's population. Did the Labor government check the licence statistics before rejecting the key finding of its own parliamentary inquiry – to ban duck and quail hunting?

When announcing the government's decision to back shooters rather than majority community sentiment, or veterinary and environmental experts, Minister Dimopoulos promised a raft of "common-sense" changes.

However the new hunting regulations finalised earlier this month do nothing to reduce the well-known cruelty of bird wounding. There is no mandatory training or accuracy testing for shooters. Hunting is still permitted in poor light – in fog, rain and mist, pre-dawn and post-sunset. Shooting is still allowed in reedy, bushy areas where retrieval of stricken birds is impossible. How is such a regime consistent with so-called "humane" hunting?

The duck hunting season has been extended to 90 days, now 50 per cent longer than in the 1960s. As the GMA has often spruiked a view that season length has little impact on the total number of birds bagged, why not shorten the season in deference to regional residents whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by the carnage?

There is no reduction in the massive number of wetlands and waterways locked up from regional ratepayers and tourists for a quarter of the year. With lethal bird flu predicted to inevitably hit Australia and decimate native birds, there is no provision of sanctuaries, such as Ramsar wetlands, to offer protection for vulnerable waterbird populations.

Finally, with cost-of-living biting us all, it's outrageous that the government expects the 99 per cent of us who are not game hunters, to continue to contribute tens of millions of dollars towards hunting. Although licence fees will belatedly rise a little, taxpayers will continue to fund more than a quarter of the multi-million-dollar costs of Victoria's hunting bureaucracies. Surely these funds are better spent on regional Victoria's road and water woes.

Overall, the duck hunting "emperor" has no clothes. Participation is declining. It fleeces non-hunters to pay the bills. It relies on a myth about economic benefits but not one shred of hard evidence (as opposed to shooters' opinions) has ever backed that up.

When announcing his new hunting regulations, Minister Dimopoulos listed the groups he had consulted with. Rural Victorians weren't on that list.

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The Winchelsea Community House aims to provide a space to connect with others in our community through a wide range of programs and activities. There are many opportunities to learn new skills or further develop existing ones for fun, for your resume or for your confidence and mental health.

Otway Producers Festival

Sunday, October 20, 2024
9.30am – 3pm
Colac Showgrounds

Taste the best of the Otways under one roof in a celebration of local makers and growers at the Colac Showgrounds on October 20.

The Otways Producers Festival will feature market stalls with farm-fresh food, drinks, flowers and wool from across the region, along with live music, hands-on kids' activities, maker demonstrations and an informative line-up of speakers on the festival stage.

Organised by the Otway Harvest Trail, the festival will shine a light on local people behind small-scale food and fibre production. It will also celebrate the people who add value to the Otways food basket – winemakers, distillers, brewers and makers of ice cream, cheese, pasta, preserves and others tasty treats.

“There’ll be no shortage of delicious food and drink to try, and we’ll have hands-on activities for kids of all ages,” says Tom Dennis, president of the Otway Harvest Trail. “We’ll have Timboon Fine Ice Cream churning fresh ice cream to taste, and Schulz Organic Dairy will be hand-churning butter. You can also find out how DK Potatoes make those famous purple chips, and take your own spud seedling home with you.

Organisers want to encourage locals to make new connections and think a bit more about the food that’s grown across the Otway Ranges, plains and hinterland.

They also want to showcase the opportunities for jobs and training in the region’s flourishing food bowl.

“We’re lucky to live in such a productive region with good soil, rain and some seriously hard-working people on the land,” Mr Dennis explains. “Our region is home to much-loved big brands like Bulla, Western Star and Australian Lamb, and this festival is a way to remind locals that smaller scale operators add so much depth and flavour to the place we call home.”

Local makers and growers will be interviewed on the festival stage by Colac-born food journalist and broadcaster Wendy Hargreaves, who will uncover the stories behind the produce and dive into topics ranging from regenerative farming through to job prospects.

Food stalls will serve up good honest fare, with a variety of drinks to enjoy at the event’s indoor tables. These are some of the local businesses on show on the day (with updated details here):

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2. In 2025, we will be operating 4 composite classes: The P/1 Kookaburras, 2-3 Cockatoos, the Grade 4 Wattlebirds & the 5/6 King Parrots. Each class has an average size of 11 students, meaning that each student can have their social, emotional, and academic needs perfectly met.

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6. We recognise that school is meant to be fun, and we strive to give students an abundance of reasons to look forward to coming to school each day.

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- Sat 21st Sep – CFDNL Fundraiser
- Mon 7th Oct – Term 4 begins
- Thur 10th Oct – Bambra Wetlands day
- Fri 11th Oct – Athletics in Ballarat
- Tue 15th Oct – School Photos
- Thur 17th Oct – Positive Aging Month Trivia
- Mon 21st Oct – Basketball
- Wed 30th Oct – Little Aths (P-6)
- Fri 1st Nov – Cricket
- Mon 4th Nov – Curriculum Day
- Tue 5th Nov – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Sat 9th Nov – Dirty Warrny Bike Race Fundraiser
- Tues 12th Nov – Transition Day 1
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- Fri 20th Dec – Student Free Day



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Kidsafe Victoria issues school holiday safety warning

Kidsafe Victoria has issued a reminder about the importance of child safety prior to the September school holidays.

Kidsafe Victoria GM of Operations Sarah Sexton emphasised the need for increased awareness.

“School holidays are a time for fun and relaxation, but it’s crucial to remain alert to potential dangers. Kidsafe recommends taking a few minutes upon arrival to scan for potential dangers, especially with young children. It’s easy to overlook risks, particularly in unfamiliar environments,” Ms. Sexton noted.

Kidsafe’s holiday checklist includes:

- Check that poisons are stored safely out of children’s reach - they are often found easily accessible and under the sink in holiday accommodations such as rental properties or hotels.
- Ensure any medication that you travel with is out of sight and reach, preferably in a locked cupboard.
- Ensure you are aware of any water hazards at the property you are at, whether these are pools, dams, buckets, or particularly in more regional areas, septic pits.
- If planning a camping trip, assess your campsite carefully and avoid setting up under large trees or branches -



particularly with the recent windy weather which may have weakened branches.

- Always check fire restrictions before lighting a campfire. These can change rapidly based on weather conditions. When leaving your site, extinguish campfires with water, not soil. Covering a fire with sand or dirt can leave it hot enough to cause serious burns up to eight hours later.
- Create designated play areas separated from driveways and establish a safe spot for children to wave goodbye when visitors leave.

Kidsafe Victoria also reminded parents and carers about the importance of active adult supervision, particularly around water and fire.

“By taking these simple precautions and remaining vigilant, we can help ensure that the school holidays remain free from preventable incidents,” Ms. Sexton said.

For more information on child safety, please visit the Kidsafe Victoria website at kidsafevic.com.au

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