

# Winchelsea Star

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Arriving in Winchelsea in 2002, Veronica brought with her a life of stories and a volume of paintings that helped her build her connection to the community.

Initially Veronica worked as a mid-wife at the Geelong Hospital, but it was her employment at Hesse as a domiciliary midwife which gave her a sense of belonging to the community.

A chance meeting with Sandra Jones, a local artist, led to the beginnings of the Rivelee Artists Collective.

This further helped build Veronica's connection with the town and enhanced her reputation as a significant

landscape artist. With others, Veronica has been instrumental in bringing the creative voices of Winchelsea to the fore.

Curating exhibitions in both the Globe Theatre and the Shire Hall, Veronica has helped open up opportunities for artists to show their work.

Veronica has held two solo exhibitions and is well regarded as an artist in other regional communities. Veronica loves the country feel of Winchelsea. Her studio is her quiet place, and it's filled with the things that nurture her creative urges. Veronica brings a joyful colourful vibrancy to Winchelsea.

# Hesse Rural Health Social Support Program Celebrates their 35th Birthday

Judy Cameron

The social support program— previously known as ADDAS was founded by the Surf Coast Shire in 1989. It became a Hesse Rural Health program in 1994. I was delighted to share the celebrations with the team and the people who enjoy the services offered at the Community Centre at 53 Hesse Street, Winchelsea.

Chris and Colin



Colin is a very important volunteer for Hesse Rural Health - he drives the bus for outings and to the Hub for Thursday evening dinners. The outings include Morning Melodies in Camperdown, the Sphinx in Geelong, Batesford and Lara Hotels; ten-pin bowling in Corio; day trips to Apollo Bay, Anglesea and even the ferry to Portsea. He loves volunteering, not just for the free meals or pats on the back! He is giving back to the community and meeting different people.

Colin started coming to the Centre after his wife died. "I was lonely and depressed and realised I needed to do something. After getting involved here with the friendships I felt a huge weight off my shoulders."

Chris remembers a particular special day when they went for lunch at the Lara Hotel on a day when 3-year old kinder children were there. The Hotel put the tables into a square arrangement with the little ones playing in the middle and interacting with the 'oldies'. As Chris noted some grandparents don't live close to their grandchildren and they don't have that interaction which benefits both

Ross and Joan



Joan has been coming to the Centre for about 2 and a half years and enjoys the activities and meals. She worked in the Op Shop for 15 years until her legs wouldn't allow it anymore.

She said "Most of us have lost our partners which makes the companionship and sharing so important for our wellbeing". She enjoys Grandparents Day with the Birregurra Kindergarten children. They visit each other a month about – a delightful interaction for all concerned. Joan still lives at home alone with home care help from Hesse Rural Health.

Ross enjoys the company and friendships as he also lives alone. His mother Alison, who lived to 101 plus 6 days, also came to the Centre. One of his memorable trips with the group was to the Lara Museum. Ross worked at several places in his working life. One was at the Wensleydale coal mine – Joan also worked there – so I aim to get some stories about that time and place.

Val and Lloyd



Val is a recent arrival to Winchelsea having moved from Ouyen to be nearer to family. Lloyd has promised me he will write a story about his life. He told me he can speak 5 languages!

The social support team with the Hesse CEO Carissa Brock



Lisa Johns, Taryn Mayson (Co-Ordinator Social Support), Jenny Perdrisat and Carissa Brock (CEO). Lisa and Jenny are Activity Officers.

Ricky and Barry (who kidded me his name was Ned Kelly!)







Helen and Shirley looking back through old photographs



After rousing singing of "Happy Birthday to us" the delicious cake was cut and shared



Taryn Mayson

**From Taryn Mayson  
Social Support Co-Ordinator**

Hesse Social Support has been supporting the local community in Winchelsea and Beeac for many years, and more recently in Inverleigh and Bannockburn.

The program is primarily offered to 65 years and older (50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people) and focusses on wellness and reablement, and promotes continued community connection.

The program offers many activities including reminiscing, quizzes, craft and guest speakers at 53 Hesse Street Winchelsea, and outings on the Hesse buses to places of interest in the region.

The team are well trained, supportive, and assist consumers to achieve individual goals. The team are very proud of the fun and inviting atmosphere, and diversity of program offered at social support.

Please don't hesitate to contact the social support coordinator Taryn on 5267 1200 if you are interested in joining or even volunteering your time to assist the program.

If anyone out there with some time on their hands and a desire to support others in the community, this would be a great happy place to volunteer!





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# parkrun 27

7 September 2024

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



36 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week in great running conditions.

We had visitors from Frankston, Timboon, Bannockburn, Westerfolds, Balyang Sanctuary and Lilydale.

Congratulations to Caroline McNicol, Julie Buyel, Wendy Berg and Don Smith who completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve.

Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: \*Alf Frith \* Helen Woodall \* David Woodall \* Ann Morsby \* Don Smith \* Neil McInnes \* Kate McInnes \* Liz Bennett.

Special thanks to Alf who volunteered as our On Course Photographer.

Further details of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results)

Please check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an event. Please email [trebeckreserve@parkrun.com](mailto: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](http://parkrun.com.au/register). This is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,001 parkrun events worldwide.

Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please)

parkrun was conducted at 495 locations across Australia this week.





# Melbourne man cops heavy penalties for illegal fishing

Victorian Fisheries Authority & Better Boating Victoria

A man from Melbourne's western suburbs has received heavy penalties, including a \$20,000 fine, five year ban on fishing, and the loss of his ute, for illegally fishing in Victoria's northeast and Melbourne in 2023.

Victorian Fisheries Authority Acting Director of Education and Enforcement Paul Shea said the man, in his 60s, had faced several charges relating to an illegal haul of golden perch from Lake Hume and the possession of a commercial quantity of abalone in spring last year.

"The man was already serving a two year prohibition on fishing when Fisheries Officers apprehended him and another man at Lake Hume with more than twice the daily bag limit of golden perch," Mr Shea said.

"Officers had inspected the pair in a boat at the lake's northern end, where they presented 10 golden perch as their catch of the day. The bag limit is 5 per person so all appeared well.

"Further investigation however revealed another 12 golden perch concealed under the boat's floor, making a total of 22 goldens ranging in size from 39cm to nearly 60cm. Officers seized their 5.1 metre boat on the spot, along with their fishing gear and fish.

"In the days that followed, two subsequent search warrants in Melbourne located more than 200 abalone meats in one of the premises.

"In the Sunshine Magistrates Court last week, one of the men pled guilty to five charges and was convicted, fined \$20,000, banned from fishing for five years, and had his 2014 model Toyota Hilux worth \$25,000 forfeited."

The other man had pled guilty to fewer charges earlier this year in the Wodonga Magistrates Court and was ordered to pay \$850 to the Court Fund. He also gave an undertaking to be of good behaviour for 12 months. His fish and fishing gear were forfeited.



Mr Shea said Victoria is home to world-class fisheries that provide sustainable seafood and cherished recreational fishing opportunities, and we want to keep it that way.

Only licensed commercial fishers can sell their catch.

If you see or suspect illegal fishing in Victoria, call our 24/7 reporting service, 13FISH (133474), to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. You can remain anonymous.

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# Community urged to spare flying-foxes as agencies unite to untangle illegal fruit netting

## DEECA

Wildlife authorities are putting the spotlight on the shocking extent of grey-headed flying-fox injuries and deaths from illegal netting entanglements, as organisations unite to educate gardeners about wildlife-friendly fruit tree netting ahead of the spring growing season.



Grey-headed flying foxes photographed by Lydia Phelan for Wildlife Victoria

In the first six months of 2024, Wildlife Victoria recorded more than 110 cases involving flying-foxes caught in illegal household netting, exceeding the total number of cases reported in all of 2023.

Licensed wildlife carers also rescued and rehabilitated more than 400 flying-fox pups between July 2023 and June 2024. These incidents were reported to the Conservation Regulator and wildlife experts suspect that many of the pups ended up in care after being separated from their mothers, many of whom were likely to have been entangled in household fruit tree netting.

The Conservation Regulator, Zoos Victoria, RSPCA Victoria, Wildlife Victoria, and Animal Welfare Victoria have partnered to address the dangers illegal household netting poses to wildlife, especially native bat species, and remind household growers to use safe, compliant fruit tree netting.

Since 1 September 2021, it has been illegal in Victoria to use or sell household fruit tree netting with a mesh size bigger than 5mm x 5mm, as larger mesh netting is more likely to entangle, distress, and seriously injure or kill animals. To help check if netting is compliant, try poking a finger through the mesh and if it can pass through, then it's too big.

Community members should remove and stop using non-compliant netting immediately.

In addition to using netting with a legal mesh size, experts also encourage:

- using white-coloured netting with a cross-weave design to help nocturnal animals see and avoid it at night.
- tightly securing netting to a frame or tree trunk to prevent trapping terrestrial species.
- protecting selected branches with fruit bags or sleeves, rather than netting the whole tree.

Our vulnerable grey-headed flying-foxes play an important part in our ecosystem as their diet of fruit and nectar from more than 100 species of native flowering and fruiting plants helps pollinate trees and disperse seeds. Many native and threatened plant species rely on flying-foxes for survival.



GHFF entangled white netting

If you find a flying-fox trapped in fruit tree netting, call an experienced, vaccinated wildlife rescuer to assist. Do not attempt to touch or handle it yourself. To find a rescuer, call 136 186 or use the Help for Injured Wildlife Tool: [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/hfiw](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/hfiw)

In Victoria, all wildlife is protected by law, and it is illegal to use or sell non-compliant household fruit netting under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019. Authorised Officers can issue on-the-spot fines of \$395 to users and \$790 to sellers of illegal netting. Offenders also face a maximum penalty of \$2,964 if prosecuted in court.

The community is encouraged to report wildlife crime to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

For more information on how to protect both household fruit trees and wildlife, visit: [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/wildlife-and-fruit-trees](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/wildlife-and-fruit-trees)



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# New ticketing options for V/line passengers

## Victorian Government

The Government is making travelling across regional Victoria faster and simpler – delivering another way for regional Victorians to access train and coach tickets.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced that eTicketing would make taking a journey with V/Line easier – giving passengers the option to display their tickets on their smartphone.

Available from Wednesday, 18 September, the new electronic ticketing option will conveniently provide passengers with a link to their ticket via SMS or email when they make a reservation for a long-distance train or scheduled coach service – rather than visiting a staffed station to buy a ticket or have one mailed by post.

The eTickets will be available on V/Line scheduled coach services as well as the Albury, Ararat, Bairnsdale, Echuca, Maryborough, Shepparton, Swan Hill and Warrnambool train lines.

Tickets can be added to a passenger's Apple or Google Wallet,

or downloaded as a PDF which can be printed at home and brought with them when they travel.

The tickets will also cover additional travel on Victoria's public transport network, such as metropolitan trains, trams and buses, in the same way that a paper ticket currently does.

Passengers can still choose to collect tickets they have purchased online from their nearest staffed V/Line station, V/Line ticket agent, or premium Metro station, or have them sent via post before they travel.

Since 2014, more than 800 new services have been added to the V/Line network – with almost 200 extra weekend services to be gradually rolled out in the coming years.

Victorians continue to enjoy the regional fare cap, which has transformed the way people travel around the state, with 31 million trips taken and more than \$80 million already saved by passengers.

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# Surf Coast Shire partners with 2024 Electric Homes Program to boost energy efficiency

## Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has announced its participation in the Electric Homes Program, a regional initiative designed to help households transition from gas to electric and increase overall energy efficiency.

The program, developed by Geelong Sustainability, will be open to expressions of interest until 30 October across the Surf Coast, Geelong and surrounding regions.

The Electric Homes Program has a focus on promoting energy-efficient solutions, including solar panels, batteries, and other home efficiency improvements.

It is designed to help homeowners save money on their energy bills, reduce emissions, switch off gas and live more comfortably in their homes.

The program will provide participating homes with:

- A comprehensive energy audit to identify opportunities for energy savings.
- A variety of products and services including solar, battery storage, heating and cooling split systems, hot water heat pumps, electric vehicle chargers, induction cooktop installations, home insulation and draught proofing.
- Unique services and pricing on certain products as part of the program by trusted businesses and service providers.
- Information sessions to help educate residents about the benefits of energy-efficient home upgrades.

The Surf Coast Shire Council has a focus on environmental leadership, and the Electric Homes Program, aligns with its Climate Emergency Action Plan (2023-2025). The initiative supports the Council's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance renewable energy use, and improve community resilience to climate change.



"The Electric Homes Program represents a significant step in Council's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability," said Mayor Cr Liz Pattison.

"By partnering with Geelong Sustainability, we are making it easier for residents to access energy-efficient solutions, reduce their carbon footprint, and lower their energy bills."

People can learn more by attending an Electric Homes Program Surf Coast Shire information session.

Information Session Details:

- Date: Thursday, 12 September 2024
- Time: 5:45pm – 7:00pm
- Location: Surf Coast Shire Offices, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

More information is available at [ElectricHomes.com.au](https://ElectricHomes.com.au).

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### Volunteer Committee

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

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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

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### Weekly production

Each edition needs the following input

- Editor(s)
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- Printer
- Distributor(s)

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### Like to help?

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## Winchelsea Blues Bowling Club

### Kitty 'n Jack

It's coming up to that time of year once again and training has been happening for a few weeks now with good attendances.

This year we have entered two Mid Week teams, Divisions 1 and 3 and three Saturday teams Divisions 1, 2 and 4.

Pennant commences Mid Week 8th October and Saturday 12th October.

Club events have already commenced and most are mixed gender with the exception of Singles, Pairs and Ladies Consistency Singles.

Booklets should be available shortly and you are strongly encouraged to keep your eye on the boards, web page, group chat and the Star.

Hope to see a good attendance at Opening Day next Saturday the 14th and may the bowls be with you!!

## New 24/7 operating hours attract more people to Winchelsea Health Club

### Surf Coast Shire

The Winchelsea Health Club is celebrating significant success since its transition to a 24/7 operation, seeing a marked increase in membership and a diverse range of the community using it.

With membership numbers currently standing strong at 270 and growing, the club has become a central hub for fitness and wellness in the community, having doubled its membership since 2022, from 134 members.

Since moving to a 24/7 operation in March, the Health Club has attracted a broad age demographic. The latest figures show a well-balanced membership base with representation from all age groups. There is approximately 50% of members in the 16 to 35 age group and 50% of members in the 36 years and above age group.

"The diversity of age highlights the club's ability to cater to a variety of fitness needs, from younger members just beginning their fitness journey to older members focused on maintaining their health and well-being," said Cr Adrian Schonfelder.

"The club is proud to report a broad age demographic and an even distribution of male and female members. It demonstrates

the club's inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone in the community," he said.

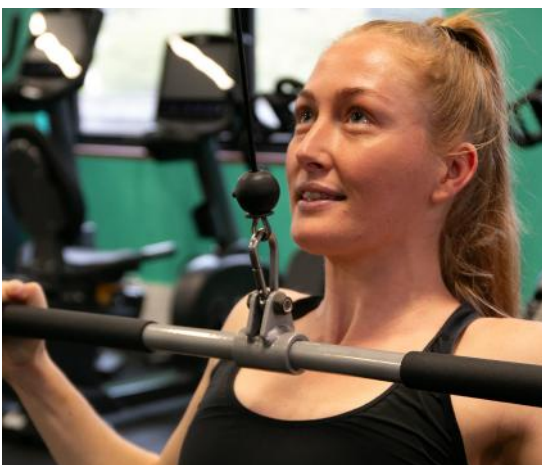


The flexibility of the club's membership options is another key factor to its success. With no cancellation fees, unlimited fitness classes, and the choice between direct debit or upfront memberships - it offers a range of options to suit different lifestyles and budgets.

While the Health Club is open 24/7 for members' convenience, it's staffed 42 hours a week across six days, ensuring that members have access to professional support and guidance.

As the Winchelsea Health Club continues to grow and evolve, it remains committed to supporting the health and fitness goals of the entire community, regardless of age or fitness level.

To find out more, call Daz or Nat on 5267 2336 at the health club to book a tour and discuss membership options.



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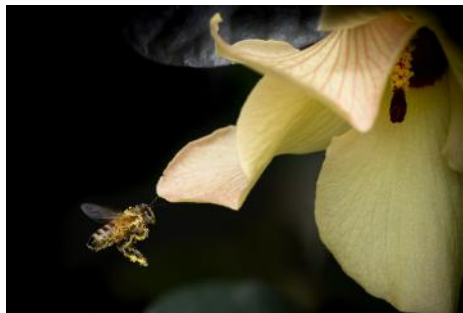
Wheen Bee Foundation



Dronefly in Gardenia Thunbergia Flower  
Paul Harrop  
2023 Open Winner



An Oriental Broad-nosed Weevil  
Phil Smith  
2023 Open 2nd Place



Hibiscus Bound  
Lea Brooks  
2023 Open 3rd Place

Returning for its third year, the Pollinator Photography Competition encourages photographers to turn their attention to the finer details of the world around them and capture Australia's bees or other pollinators.

First place wins \$1500, with \$750 for second, \$500 for third and \$750 for people's choice. The School Competition awards a primary and secondary school winner with a \$500 prize each.

Run by the Wheen Bee Foundation, the competition has become a highlight on the pollinator calendar receiving more than 500 entries each year.

Last year's winner, Paul Harrop, said his winning photo was down to patience and

a bit of luck. "I was in the right place, right time," said Mr Harrop, a retired primary school teacher from Brisbane's south-west.

Mr Harrop was walking around Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha, where he is a volunteer guide, when he spotted the dronefly on a Gardenia Thunbergia Flower next to the path. He had his favourite Nikon D500 with a 105mm macro lens on hand. "I knew I was on to something good when I was able to get my lens close enough for a clear and sharp photo," he said. "

The Pollinator Photography Competition takes place in the lead-up to Australian Pollinator Week, a nine-day festival dedicated to raising awareness of the

importance of pollinators and supporting their needs. Australian Pollinator Week starts on 9 November and runs to 17 November.

The Pollinator Photography Competition is sponsored by iWooHoo, Flow Hive, the Centre for Bee Education, Bee School by Beechworth Honey and the Wheen Bee Foundation, Rotarians for Bees and the Bee Friendly Farming program.

Winners will be chosen by a select panel of judges and announced in a Pollinator Photography Webinar on Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm AEDT.

The competition closes Monday 28 October at 5pm. Submit an entry [wheenbeefoundation.org.au](http://wheenbeefoundation.org.au)

## Pollution Dilution - is dilution the solution to pollution??

Friends of the Barwon has a webinar  
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This webinar is organised by Friends of the Barwon,  
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If you are interested in joining the event,  
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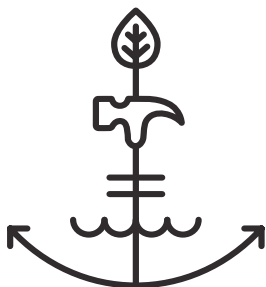
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# Vietnamese Boat People Part 2

Thanh Nguyen

Satisfied with their raid, the pirates gave us some water and sent us on our way. They had taken the captain's compass in their haul. We no longer knew which direction to go we needed to go. Despite this, the pirates were still considered civilised. We heard later that they became quite brutal, taking valuables and throwing people overboard. Each time we need to relieve ourselves, we hang over the side of the boat, with our rear ends hanging over the ocean. In my case, each time I do, I have to catch my stool, retrieve my cash cigar, clean it up and reinsert it, ready for the next pirates.

My two older brothers also attempted the perilous journey with my sister in law, who was eight months pregnant with her second baby. They thought that she still had enough time to make the trip and escape with their first born son. Their boat was stopped by pirates who, after taking what possessions they could, separated the men and women on the boat. Petrified, the women and girls rubbed motor grease over their faces and bodies in the hopes that the smell would deter the fishermen's interests. The stress of the incident put my sister in law into early labor and my brother, a navy captain, delivered his second born son on the boat.

We continue to get robbed by pirates and completely lose our bearings. What was intended to be a two day trip has now been nine days. We are all weary. Each time more pirates come and search us I need to take off my clothes for them. I'm so tired now I sit with my shirt unbuttoned to show them that I have nothing left to give. There was a man who had a gold filling in his tooth. They extracted it out of him as he screamed in agony. The children on board screamed and cried. The trip was no longer fun.

Miraculously, we arrived at the coast of Thailand. The local villagers allow us to dock and come onto their land. They help us fix our boat and give us food and clothing. We are so thankful to be back on land and for their kindness. After two days though, they informed us we weren't able to continue staying here. We would need to keep sailing. Not that there was any other choice, but the kindness fuelled us to carry on.

We went back to the sea and back to the pirates. We were robbed at least a dozen times altogether. We reached Malaysian shores but the local people did not receive us quite as well as the Thais. They stood on the beach with weapons shouting and yelling at us to leave. We kept sailing however, even at night time, there were still people on the shore meeting us with hostility.

Eventually the captain suggests we vandalise our boat to get ashore. As long as we can keep sailing they will continue to make us keep moving forth. We made a hole in the boat and let the water seep in.

We had to jump into the ocean and swim to shore. My sister couldn't swim and was terrified. I held her as the water lapped around her neck and we fumbled our way to land.

Thanh is the principal dentist at Central Dental Geelong. She is very grateful to have been able to grow up and create new life in Australia after migrating here in 1990.

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# The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

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## Australia has just been handed a map for getting to net zero. Here's how it will guide us

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Australia's push for net-zero emissions received a welcome boost on Thursday, with the release of an official report showing how Australia can seek to cut domestic emissions across each sector of the economy.

The Climate Change Authority prepared the report, which provides vital scaffolding for Australia's climate ambitions. Hopefully, it will inform the Australian government's upcoming decarbonisation plans for each sector of the economy, and its updated goal for emissions reduction out to 2035.

The pathways laid out by the authority show how emissions cuts can be made in sectors such as land use, resources, transport and energy. Importantly, the report shows what effective climate action looks like – and what Australia can achieve.

The roadmap also shows how Australia can do its part to limit global warming to 1.5°C to avoid temperatures climbing dangerously higher. Climate scientists are clear: every fraction of a degree matters.

### Why are these pathways important?

The authority groups Australia's domestic emissions into six categories: electricity and energy, transport, industry and waste, agriculture and land, built environment, and resources.

For each sector of Australia's economy, getting emissions to net zero poses different challenges and opportunities.

Preventing emissions from buildings requires, among other things, getting off gas and making them more efficient. Reducing emissions from transport means encouraging uptake of diverse solutions such as electric vehicles, trains and cycling.

The report provides pathways that can guide the decarbonisation of each sector. It shows which technologies could be taken up and phased out, how to attract, enable and time investments, and how to align policy with practical implementation.

The authority borrows from the approach of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, by showing a range of possible routes to net zero and comparing their work to others.

We hope the Australian government continues this approach, to ensure decision-makers understand how different modelling approaches and scenarios combine to create a robust body of knowledge.



vietin recent years. *AzureJasper/Shutterstock*

### Pathways show us the way

We have spent more than a decade doing work similar to the report just released. Our own sectoral pathways are also designed to support governments, businesses and investors as they look for opportunities to reduce emissions.

Decision-makers around the world are calling for such guidance.

Why? Because pathways create a signal of how things can change. Laying out the problem, and different approaches to solving it, helps create a common understanding of the opportunities, risks and barriers to effective action.

They make it possible for governments to set clear goals and ensure policies match what is needed and are backed by evidence. Rather than just setting out the overarching intention of, say, cutting emissions in half in a decade, pathways show how it can be done.

Pathways let investors and companies identify and reduce risks and get ahead in a global economy aiming for net-zero emissions.

And they lay out the technologies and processes needed to make the shift: ranging from mature, ready-to-deploy technologies such as renewable energy and storage, to maturing technologies such as green steelmaking.

### Pathways to keep 1.5°C alive

Early next year, the Australian government is expected to release its new 2035 emissions target, taking us beyond the current target for 2030.

Every signatory to the 2015 Paris Agreement has to publicly set a new target every five years. Other nations are doing the same.

In the authority's plan, Australia would hit net zero by 2040 under the more ambitious pathway aimed at meeting the 1.5°C goal, or 2050 under the 2°C scenario. These net zero dates are broadly consistent with our own analysis.

But there are opportunities to move faster still.

### Boosted ambitions

Transport is now Australia's fastest-growing source of emissions. The authority's transport pathway envisages



passenger vehicles going electric and encouraging public transport and active transport, such as walking, cycling and micro mobility such as e-scooters.

It aligns with our research, which shows a diverse solutions approach is a better option to reduce transport emissions. This is especially important given recent delays in the shift to zero-emissions vehicles.

However, the authority only takes a diverse approach to passenger transport. Our own work shows Australia can diversify its approach to freight transport.

The authority focuses on moving trucks from diesel and petrol to battery electric and green hydrogen. But Climateworks' analysis shows we can also reduce distance travelled through route optimisation and shift freight to rail, where possible.

For the built environment – our houses, offices and infrastructure – the report rightly notes most technologies are now technically ready, commercially available, cheaper to run and healthier. They include energy-efficient electrical appliances, roof and wall insulation and window glazing. But there's an opportunity to go further.

The most cost-effective way to green your house depends on which state or territory you live in. Quick fixes – such as switching gas hot water for heat pumps – are included in the authority's report.

But as our recent modelling shows, homes in cooler climates benefit from more comprehensive improvements including double-glazing windows and adding insulation to walls and ceilings, alongside the quick fixes.



Heat pump? Solar? Insulation? The most cost-effective way of cutting emissions from houses differs state by state. ThomsonD/Shutterstock

### What's next?

The pathways laid out by the Climate Change Authority in this report will not just be left on the shelf. They have very real use for business leaders and investors, as well as for policymakers.

These pathways will guide Australia's comprehensive national net-zero plan. They give us a starting point and show us how it can be done.

## Bird swooping: know what to expect this spring

### DEECA

As spring approaches, some native birds may swoop during their breeding season.

Simon Ruff, Senior Wildlife Projects Officer at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said: "Every spring, some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable."

"While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of native birds, warning people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact."

Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting. Species that may swoop commonly include magpies, masked lapwings and butcherbirds.

"Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so the presence of magpies or other common swooping birds doesn't necessarily mean you'll be swooped," Mr Ruff said.

"Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last a short time, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest."

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe, while also helping our native birds:

- Know your local swooping hotspots and avoid the area
- Move quickly but do not run if you find yourself close to a swooping bird
- Wear protective head and eye coverings
- Don't harass birds – this can make swooping worse
- Don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests.

Avoid known swooping hotspots by planning your route.

Report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>.

All native wildlife is protected by law. Harassing, harming or disturbing native birds and other wildlife is illegal in Victoria and penalties apply.

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# WINCHELSEA SHIRE HALL



## Sandra Jones

The Hall at 28 Hesse Street has significance as a local civic and architectural landmark in Winchelsea. A physical legacy of the former Winchelsea Shire was established in 1864 (replacing the Winchelsea District Roads Board that founded in December 1860). The existing Shire Hall building replaced an earlier building that was constructed in 1866. A bluestone war memorial planter was built at the front. Two cannons were placed at the front pointing to the bank and hotel but were later removed. We have a photo with one in place but would love it if anyone has a photo of the two please.

The Shire moved to the Surfcoast and the hall was used for tearooms, musical days and meetings. Use as a restaurant was chosen but unfortunately not conducted due to the pandemic taking place. It is now run by Winchouse for Surfcoast Shire as a place for various local functions.



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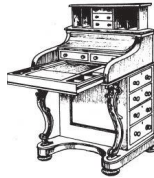
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### Thought for the Week

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In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can.  
To all the people you can,  
and enjoy while you can.  
As long as ever you can.”

John Bader,  
Former U/C Accredited  
Lay Preacher



### Join the 'Conquer Crew'

Let's walk for Lifeline and help them support those in crisis.

**WHEN: Saturday 14th September @2pm**

**WHERE: La Hoot Cafe and finish at the Barwon Hotel**

Let's walk 9kms for the 9 lives lost everyday in Australia to suicide.

**Robyn Black**

**This month at One Body Chiropractic, we are focusing on spreading awareness and educating our community about subluxations.**



You're probably wondering, what on **earth** is a subluxation?

#### What is a subluxation?

A subluxation is a misalignment in the spine that puts pressure on your nerves, affecting muscle and organ function. As chiropractors, we're trained to identify these misalignments, which can lead to serious health problems if left untreated.

#### Why it matters:

Your brain and nervous system control everything in your body, from your heartbeat to your muscles. Your spine protects this system, but when a joint becomes stuck, locked up or inflamed, it disrupts nerve function. Leading to, disruption of function to the organs and muscles that nerve is connected to. Over time, this can lead to chronic health issues.

#### Common causes:

- **Physical Stress:** Accidents, repetitive activities, sedentary lifestyle
- **Chemical Stress:** Processed foods, environmental toxins
- **Mental Stress:** Emotional overload, work, finances

Subluxations are often *silent* but **serious**. Pain is usually the last sign, much like tooth decay that goes unnoticed until it's too late. Regular chiropractic care can help detect and correct subluxations before they become major issues.

*You only get one spine—take care of it!*

This month, we're here to help you understand and reduce the impact of subluxations, so your body can thrive.

**You can follow us online for vitality support, and more on this topic!**

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**Instagram: @onebodychiropractic**

Want to know how your body is functioning?

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 Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019  
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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News to share in the last couple of very busy weeks for the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club.

The W.F.N.C. was in charge of the Finals Canteen on Sunday September 1 at St. Albans Football ground and as all Final Canteens it was a huge day to organise and execute. These events are "pop up" operations meaning everything that is required to be used or sold on the day must be brought into St. Albans and removed at the end of the day.

Donna McCallum was the first to arrive at 6.30 am and Scott Mawson arrived shortly afterwards to start the set up of the BBQ by the Netball Courts, Norm Banham had loaded the Club trailer the day before with everything that may be required on the day, that in itself is a big job. Ash Gemmill did the bread run from Baker's Delight in Waurin Ponds which involved 2 trips!

The crowd for the Father's Day Final was slow to build but soon the Canteen was humming along and a very big thank you to the Footballers and the Netballers who came on time and did a great job throughout the day. There were some pretty tired people at the end of the day, thanks go to Nik & Ash Gemmill, Donna and Tan Budge who were in the Canteen for hours doing a great job. Libby Leak made the trip in and altogether the day ran as smoothly as it could. The Football & Netball Club can be proud of how the day was so well supported by players, supporters, committee members and the catering team. Well done everyone!

In 2 years time the W.F.N.C. will have the Grand Final Canteen!

The Netballers have been hard at work preparing for their Finals campaign. All 4 Senior teams have played Finals this season and this is a feat that the Club has never been able to achieve before.

A Grade is the only team left in the finals – they will play on the Grand Final Day at St. Albans September 14.

**GOOD LUCK BLUES!**

Newly appointed Senior Football Coach Ben Moloney has wasted no time in getting to know his players for season 2025, already being seen on a regular basis around the Club, which is great, welcome aboard Ben.

**The Blue's Bistro:**

The Thursday night dinners will continue until the 19th September. The 19th's menu is sure to be an interesting one but for now this week we have on the menu -

Satay Chicken

Roast Beef

Flathead Tails

All served with salad or vegetables. Dessert to be announced.

Chicken Nuggets & chips available for the Juniors

Ice cream and Topping + sprinkles still only \$2

Complimentary Tea & Coffee available all evening.

**Dates of Interest:**

The Club's Senior Vote Count is Sunday the 15th of September

The Club's Presentation evening to be held at Buckley's Entertainment Centre Thursday 26th September. Tickets available online.

GOOD LUCK TO THE A GRADE TEAM ON SATURDAY

**GO BLUES!!**

## Sporting clubs score grants

**Victorian Government**

The Government is backing grassroots sporting clubs with more grants now available to help break down participation barriers and get more people involved in community sport.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced applications are open for the Sporting Club Grants Program, with grants of up to \$5,000 for clubs to improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and officials – helping clubs across the state to empower and enhance the experience of volunteers.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are also up for grabs to help clubs delivering a new sport or active recreation program.

Clubs can also apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to purchase uniforms and equipment, and \$750 travel grants are available to help clubs participate in competitions away from home.

Previous recipients include Westerfoldians Inclusive Running Club in Doncaster East who scored more than \$1,900 to

improve their volunteers' coaching skills, and a \$2,000 investment has helped coaches from Ballarat Gold Swimming Club get their pool lifeguard qualifications.

The Victorian Skateboarding Association was able to host dedicated learn to skate sessions for community members from disadvantaged backgrounds thanks to a \$4,000 boost, and seven up and coming cricketers from the Afghan Youth Association of Australia got their chance to compete at the first International Community Twenty20 cricket league in Wollongong last May thanks to \$5,250 in travel grants.

The Sporting Club Grants Program is backed by the Regional Community Sport Development Fund that is delivering infrastructure upgrades and other programs.

These projects are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

Applications close 7 October 2024. For more information visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

**Term 3 and 4 - 2024****First Aid and CPR Training**

**When:** Saturday  
**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
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 \$70 CPR Only (8.30am-10.30am)  
**Bookings:** [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

**Chatty Café**

**When:** Friday Mornings  
 10.30am - 12 noon  
**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
**Where:** Winchelsea Shire Hall Space  
**Cost:** Free  
**Bookings:** no bookings required  
 Chatty Café Volunteers will be present to [welcome you!](#)

**Carer's Corner (NEW)**

**When:** 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
 11.00am - 12 noon  
 And every last Friday of the month  
**Where:** Winchelsea Shire Hall Space  
**Cost:** Donation Tin  
 Come along and connect with other [carer's](#) and have a cuppa and a chat, and share useful resources.

**Tai Chi**

**When:** Friday Mornings  
 9.00am - 10.00am  
**(During School Terms)**  
**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
**Where:** Winchelsea Community House  
**Cost:** \$10 per session

**Crochet Group**

**When:** Alternate Saturday Afternoons  
 1.30pm  
**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024  
**Where:** Winchelsea Community House Space  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per session  
**Bookings:** [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

**Expressions of Interest**

-Child Activity on Saturday afternoons such as Board Games or Craft for children aged 8-14. This will be volunteer led so [volunteers](#) are also being sought.  
 -Book Club on Friday afternoons (1-3)  
**PLEASE REGISTER ANY INTEREST WITH US**

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**SOON!**  
 Bookings & Inquiries @ Winchelsea Community House

**Sound Healing**

**When:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**Where:** Winchelsea Shire Hall Space  
**Cost:** \$40 per session  
**Book now:** Vicki - 0400 149 749

Community Houses such as ours provide programs and activities to learn new skills, brush up on your existing skills and more than anything to connect with others in your community and reduce social isolation. New skills may help you with employment and build your confidence to in turn help others. Activities such as singing and sound healing help your mind and reduce any unwanted stresses.



# Netball News



Melody Philpott

## Sat 8 Sept - Preliminary Finals

And with that, the 2024 season comes to an end for our C and D grade Blues. What an almighty achievement for both sides to make it so far into the finals series.

### D Grade - Winchelsea 24 def by Inverleigh 38

Congratulations to our D grade Blues for a valiant effort against the Hawks in this week's Preliminary Final.

This 12-player strong side opened the game with an evenly matched quarter. As the first half transpired, the Hawks were able to put themselves ever so slightly in front on the scoreboard.

Our very own runner-up league Best and Fairest Paris Sharp delivered another strong performance through the midcourt.

The excitement and intensity of the game was lifted by Chrissy Noble - I hear you ask, where did she come from? It is rumoured that this defensive superstar returned from somewhere in the Northern Hemisphere only days before the match.

Flanked by turnover-generator Emily Wilson and pressure-queen Tatum Wootton, our defence unit created opportunities for the Blues to chase down the Hawks.

Min Czerniawski flexed her finals experience with an impressively accurate day in the goal shooter bib.

Despite all best efforts from our Blues, the deficit grew to a convincing 14 goal win for Inverleigh.

Our D grade Blues have had an impressive year - congratulations to you all!

A special shout out to junior players Claire and Millie who complete this team. These legends have been consistent performers throughout the year, and are netball champions in the making. The club's future looks bright with these girls onboard!

### C Grade - Winchelsea 45 def by Inverleigh 47

Take a bow, C Grade Blues! What a Preliminary Final - the buzzing energy within this team reflected in the almighty cheer squad who supported from the sidelines (and afar). Our Blues army - we thank you too!

The Blues were up against a well-drilled Inverleigh side this weekend. The speed of Sandi Bowen and the height of Claire Harrison were missed as these weapons were sidelined due to injuries.

Although lacking manpower, there was no shortage of talent, the Blues putting out a brave performance. Duo Ella Clayton and Emma Maclean applied gripping pressure to the Hawks' safe goaling unit, working tirelessly all game.

Tessa Peters combined with leisha Brown through the midcourt, providing engine room energy without ever appearing out of gas.

And is there a more formidable attacking force than Mawson sisters Claire and Reani? These girls proved to be tough, tough and tougher again.

Despite strategic changes, body-on-the-line efforts and a huge final quarter fightback, the Blues narrowly missed this win by 2 goals.

Applause is warranted for the leader of these two sides, Sarah Hampshire. Hammy was also supported by coaches Megan Goonan and Abbie Floyd.

This coaching outfit was able to navigate a sometimes tumultuous season to the effect of both C and D grade sides playing well into finals.

The growth of this large squad into the two competitive outfits witnessed this weekend past, is nothing short of a transformation. Kudos and many thank yous to our coaching crew!

It goes without saying that there are more than just players who hold a sporting club together. Thank you Muz - our primary carer who's craftsmanship with strapping tape has saved many struggling joints!

Thank you Carly - You are a statistical wizard and reliably supportive of both coaches and players.

There are many more thank yous - you know who you are.

Although the playing season closes for our C and D grade squad, we get excited to watch our A Grade girls line up in the grand final next Saturday.

## Let's go Blues!



D Grade Blues



Claire Mawson + Leisha Brown



Millie Partridge + Reani Mawson




Player Haylee McCallum with world's best support crew Olivia, Sas and Cooper

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A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow and red breathalyzer device in his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a red screen and the number '99' and 'SY/2024' on it. The background is dark, with some blurred lights from the car's interior.

# Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

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# Will my dam fill this year? Soil moisture keeps score

## Agriculture Victoria

Farmers in Victoria are encouraged to closely monitor their soil moisture and dam water levels over the coming months to ensure water availability is included in future planning.

Agriculture Victoria Land Management Extension Officer, Clem Sturmfels said during an extended period of below average rainfall and a change of season coming, the lack of runoff into farm dams is something to keep track of.

'Farmers need saturated soils to generate runoff, the exception being when dams are located below a road or rocky hilltop.

'Ensuring soils get to the point of saturation and generate runoff at this time of the year may be a challenge due to the rapid growth of crops and pastures and increasing rates of evaporation. Above average or high intensity rainfall will be needed to fill dams.

'High intensity rainfall or thunderstorms can quickly fill dams, however they can pose a pollution risk and shouldn't be relied on in a dry year', said Mr Sturmfels.

Agriculture Victoria manages soil moisture probes in various locations across the state. The probes provide real time soil water content data by recording soil water content from 30cm down to 1 metre as a reference point for a paddock.

'The probes have been calibrated to the specific soil type in the paddocks and reflect a moisture percentage based on the maximum and minimum soil moisture available to plants.

This has been determined by monitoring over many years and a range of seasons', said Mr Sturmfels.



'These probes can be a useful guide to general conditions in your area however it is also important to check conditions closer to home.

A more detailed assessment can be made using a post hole auger or by driving a crowbar or steel probe into the ground.

Subscribe to the Soil Moisture Monitoring newsletter and find out more information on the Agriculture Victoria website.

Information on preparing your farm for dry seasonal conditions can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website.

**Clem Sturmfels is hosting a webinar on farm dam management on Wednesday 11 September from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.**

**Clem will talk about dam water storage, best management techniques and discuss tools for calculating how much water is in a dam.**

Register at

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/event-listing/dry-season-spring-webinar-series-water-and-dam-management>

## Livestock Predation Survey

### Preliminary results

#### DEECA

Preliminary results from Agriculture Victoria's recent livestock predation survey will be discussed at targeted dingo conservation and management consultation activities being held across the state this week.

More than 500 Victorian livestock producers responded to the survey issued in July, providing valuable information about the levels and frequency of livestock attacks on their properties, the effectiveness of control methods and the impact of livestock predation on farmers and their local communities.

The insights collected through the survey will be considered alongside scientific research; conversations and perspectives from Traditional Owners, environmental and agricultural groups; and feedback collected through stakeholder engagement activities as part of Victoria's review of its approach to dingo conservation and management.

Of the 500 survey respondents, approximately 72 per cent were located in eastern Victoria, three per cent in the north west.

The survey showed that livestock predation is an ongoing concern to sheep farmers whose properties border public land.

**Just over half of the respondents reported incidents of livestock being maimed or killed by a wild dog or dingo in the past five years.**

Most producers (84 per cent) said they were using a mix of lethal and non-lethal control methods to manage predation with the most common forms of control methods being shooting, 1080 ground baiting, trapping, farm hygiene, exclusion fencing and guardian animals.

Agriculture Victoria is grateful to the hundreds of producers who took the time to take part in the survey.

For more information about consultation sessions being held across Victoria this week visit: [agriculture.vic.gov.au/dingoreview](https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/dingoreview)



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# New Electric Vehicle supports Maternal and Child Health Services while helping our Environment

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Surf Coast Shire Council has added a new electric vehicle (EV) to its fleet, for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service.

EVs and hybrids are used by our dedicated nurses to travel across the Shire to provide care and support to families with young children. This initiative supports the delivery of Council's Child and Family Health services, while reducing emissions and demonstrating a commitment to environmental leadership.

On any given day, a single MCH nurse may travel up to 140 kilometres to provide care to families with new babies. Last financial year, 363 babies were born in the Surf Coast Shire and visited at home by MCH nurses.

A total of 1,456 children aged 0-6 years accessed the MCH service last year, either through home visits or at one of the

centres in Torquay, Winchelsea, Anglesea, Moriac, and Lorne.

In line with the Climate Emergency Response Plan, Council has made a commitment to move to all electric passenger vehicles by 2028 and this is the first step in reaching this goal.

The approved passenger vehicles for Council are now Toyota Rav4 Hybrid and Toyota Corolla Hybrid, these vehicles save approximately 35% of CO2 emissions compared to a petrol equivalent.

Along with improving our utilisation of passenger vehicles, we have managed to save approximately 5,377 litres of fuel in the 2023-24 financial year, compared to the 2022-23 year.

# Farmers urged to fill their sheds with hay as stockpiles run low

## Feed Central

Feed Central's Dave Clothier says stocks of hay are already low and many hay sheds are empty, meaning there will be a pressing need for more hay.

Fifth-generation farmer from near Kerang in northern Victoria, Col Radcliffe, who has won multiple Feed Central National Hay Quality awards, expects high demand for quality hay.



Col Radcliffe

Mr Radcliffe's family business covers about 3500 hectares, including 600 on irrigation, with about 50 percent of the farm's production dedicated to hay with a focus on irrigated lucerne for the chaff industry, along with vetch and oaten hays.

"From everybody I've been talking to, it seems like hay production will be down 30-40 per cent," he said. "We've had a good run of seasons in this area but we know we're going to cop some adverse conditions."

"I believe there's going to be more requirement for hay, including for the growing feedlot industry. If you've got sheds that don't have hay in them, I'd fill them. If you can put quality hay in the shed, it's always saleable."

The Radcliffe family also produces grain but remains dedicated to hay growing, and has some tips for success.

"It comes down to attention to detail," Mr Radcliffe said. "Treat it as a hay crop, not just grain growers doing it to fix problems in paddocks. We're dedicated hay growers and give it the attention it deserves right from the previous harvest."

"And make sure you store it in a shed or have it properly covered."

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