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**6 DEC 2025**

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- Gather your family and friends for Carols by the Barwon at Winchelsea Lions Park from 6pm on Saturday 6 December - with Santa making a visit!



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Decorate your home and share it on our interactive Christmas lights map, where you can also discover the best displays around the shire.



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# Christmas Elf Treasure Hunt Winchelsea 2025

## Week 1: The Christmas Elves are coming to Winchelsea!

Something magical is happening in Winchelsea, a number of cheeky Christmas elves are about to visit Winchelsea from the 5th December to the 18th December before they head back to the North Pole to help Santa pack the sleigh for Christmas Eve.

They are coming to spread Christmas cheer and will be hiding in local shops and businesses, just waiting for **YOU** to find them!

This fun Christmas adventure is brought to you by Growing Winchelsea and it is the perfect way to explore our town, meet local business owners, and go into the draw to win some awesome Christmas prizes! But the elves won't be easy to find, they're small, sneaky and love to hide.

To join in the magical Elf Treasure Hunt around Winchelsea, visit the friendly team at the Winchelsea Community Bank who will give you your own Christmas passport. The passport will tell you all the places to search for these cheeky elves. Every time you find an elf, write down their name in your passport and have the businesses owner or staff stamp your passport.

You will need a grown up to come along with you (elves get nervous around unsupervised children) this fun is for the whole family.

Once you have found all the elves return your completed passport to the Christmas competition box located at the Community Bank.

You could win one of some great prizes, including a 10 pass entry to the Winchelsea Swimming Pool and movie passes galore, just in time for summer holiday fun.

Keep a look out in next week's Winchelsea Star newspaper to learn where to hunt for the Elves.

**A note to parents: Adult supervision is required with this activity.**

## Winchelsea Set to Sparkle This Christmas with Community-Made Twinkle Trees

Winchelsea is lighting up this festive season, with 48 beautifully crafted twinkle trees ready for installation along Main Street. The trees, designed and decorated by local members, families and community groups, will transform the township into a vibrant display of creativity and Christmas spirit.

Community members are encouraged to take a stroll or enjoy a drive down Main Street at night to experience the variety of unique designs that will make Winchelsea shine throughout the holiday season.

This project has been made possible through the generous support of Community Bank Winchelsea & District, whose funding continues to strengthen local initiatives. Equally vital has been the outstanding work of the Winchelsea Men's Shed, whose members crafted and distributed the trees with care and dedication, working in partnership with Growing Winchelsea.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the entire Winchelsea community. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and participation have brought this project to life and helped create something truly special for everyone to enjoy.



# Winchelsea Shines Bright for Christmas 2025

Winchelsea is ready to sparkle once again as the town comes alive with festive cheer this December. Santa and his sleigh have taken pride of place at the OP Shop again, our Christmas tree—generously provided by Surf Coast Shire—is already glowing, and more decorations will soon transform the town into a vibrant celebration of the season.

A much-loved favourite, Upside down Santa sliding down the chimney at the old public library, has also made its welcome return after some years. Look out for other colourful decorations! Combined with our iconic Twinkle Trees, these displays will help create a magical atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun by decorating their homes and helping to spread the Christmas spirit throughout the community.

This year's festive program is filled with events for all ages, including Carols by the Barwon on Saturday 6 December 2025, the Elf Christmas Trail, a lively Christmas market on Sunday 7 December 2025, and a family-friendly Lions Club BBQ, on Sunday 21 December 2025 at the Mud Hut at 1.00 pm prize announcements. Everything is set for a joyful month of celebration, connection, and community pride.

Come along, get involved, and enjoy the magic of Christmas in Winchelsea!



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2. Answer the five questions.
3. Submit your response by 11pm on Sunday 7 December to enter a prize draw.

**There are five x \$100 gift cards to be won!**



This campaign is supported by the Victorian Government through the Kerbside Reform Grant





# Scout raffle thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who supported 1st Modewarre Scouts through the on-line Scouts Vic Monster Raffle.

The raffle closed on November 20th, with the winners to be announced soon. Good luck everyone!

The funds raised for Modewarre support our program for our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. This allows us to provide amazing adventures at minimal cost to families. Our Cubs recently attended a Surf Camp at Eumeralla Scout camp. They had a surfing lesson with Go-Ride-a-Wave at Anglesea Beach, then lunch and afternoon activities at Coogoorah Park. These included practising snake bite first aid, making scroggin for hikes, playing giant jenga, blindfold rope square making, and a conundrum of taking a rabbit, carrot and fox across the bridge just 2 at a time without anything eating anything else, before returning to camp for a brief rest. We finished the afternoon at the obstacle course which came with a flour and water sponge attack by Leaders. This then required a shower, with none of the normal reluctance displayed!

Sunday morning was a quick pack up of tents as rain threatened, then billycarts down the hill and caving in the amazing on-site container caving facility.

The Joeys, Cubs and Scouts are finishing the year with bike rides, canoeing nights, cooking and then a whole Group break-up at the new Winchelsea Pool.

Marie McPadden  
Group Leader  
1st Modewarre Scout Group



## New Committee Keen to See Community Help Shape Winchelsea's Future

Growing Winchelsea Inc. is pleased to announce the election of the Committee at the 2025 Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th of November. Thank you to members of the community for participating at our AGM, which marked the retirement of John Tebbutt, concluding his five-year tenure as President of Growing Winchelsea.

The Surfcoast Shire was represented by Libby Stapleton (Deputy Mayor SCS), Tony Phelps (Cr SCS) and Joel Grist (Cr SCS), Robyn Seymour (CEO SCS). In

addition, Kate Sullivan (Manager Integrated Planning SCS) spoke about the Draft Place Plan which is currently out for comment.

The new committee is grateful for the opportunity to work with the community and the Surfcoast Shire - strengthening and evolving the organisation to reflect the aspirations of the people who live and work in and around the Winchelsea township. We now call on locals to get involved, whether through leadership, sharing ideas, or exploring new roles to help build a generative advocacy group.

The Committee members nominated and elected included Michelle Stocks, Jane Bartier, Perlita Purcell, Elaine Atkinson (Secretary), Richard Butcher (Interim Vice President). Elaine Atkinson has subsequently resigned her post as secretary/treasurer effective 13th November 2025. We wish Elaine happiness in her newfound freedom to enjoy family and friends. Growing Winchelsea will endeavour to fill the role played so effectively by Elaine for our community. The new committee of

Growing Winchelsea will necessarily need to review their active community engagements as we transition into a new year of discourse and opportunity.

Leadership and imagination sit at the core of our endeavours, encouraging diversity of voice and discussion around the future of Winchelsea. Respect for the lands and people, past, present and emerging is fundamental to our discourse around aspirations and propositions. If you're looking to expand your leadership horizons, we welcome you to the table. From teens to elders, imagination has no boundaries.

For information about how to join this new committee, and to participate in the evolution of Growing Winchelsea please contact [secretary@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:secretary@growingwinchelsea.com).



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## **A Place Where People, Dogs And Cats Can Live Together Safely**

Surf Coast Shire Council and the community can take the lead to help foster friendly relationships between pets and people, following adoption of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-29.

The plan outlines how people, dogs and cats can live together safely in the Surf Coast Shire. It highlights the importance of both Council and the community playing their role to manage cats and dogs.

Councillor Liz Pattison said shared responsibility was one of four principles in the plan, along with education and training, knowing the rules, and improving together.

"In four years we want to look back on this plan and give pet owners and ourselves a pat on the back for doing all that we can to make the Surf Coast Shire a place where people, dogs and cats can live together in harmony," Cr Pattison said.

"From a Council perspective there will be a bigger focus on promoting pet registration and the desexing program, we'll work with Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority to improve dog-related signage, and our Rangers will proactively patrol to educate people on responsible pet ownership.

"If you're a pet owner, we want to see things like dogs being under effective control in public spaces, adhering to the cat curfew, picking up after your pet, and being mindful of others.

"We know that the majority of pet owners do the right thing, and we thank them for that."

The four-year action plan supports Council's broader goals of safety, wellbeing and environmental protection. There is an increased emphasis on monitoring data to inform service delivery and assess effectiveness of actions in the plan.

The plan was informed by community feedback via two surveys which attracted a total 660 responses. It included 175 responses on the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan over a three-week exhibition period.

There are more than 5,500 dogs and 700 cats registered in the Surf Coast Shire.

The Domestic Animal Management Plan will be submitted to the Victorian Government, a requirement of the Domestic Animals Act.

View the plan: [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DAMP](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DAMP).








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by Zinaida Campion

## Opera Australia's Carmen: A Review

Did anyone get the chance to see Carmen at the Regent Theatre recently? Altogether a rather interesting production by Opera Australia.

Bizet's Carmen is one of the most popular operas of all time, and it's easy to see why. The whole plot is a smutty but deeply resonant cocktail of crime, lust, betrayal, deception, corruption, and eventual destruction. Let us analyse act by act Opera Australia's version of the cautionary tale that is Carmen.

### Act One

The curtain rises on a square in Seville. Morales (Nathan Lay) and his soldiers are standing outside the cigarette factory and having a gossip about the passers-by. Michaela (Jennifer Black), the only ray of light in this moral quagmire, is searching for Corporal Don Jose (Diego Torre), and is subjected to the crudeness of the leering soldiers. Minutes from the beginning of the opera, and the moral tone is already set. Masterful work on the parts of the two librettists, Meilhac and Halevy, who based the script on the novel by Prosper Merimee. Michaela flees the scene, postponing her search for Don Jose.

The female cigarette makers emerge from the factory for their break, in the 2000s-looking uniforms designed by Marg Horwell. The light is warm and smoky, perhaps hinting at the seductive nature of Carmen (Sian Sharp), who leads the pack. Her roving eye settles on Don Jose, who has arrived, and she sings the sultry Habanera, ostensibly to all the men who have gathered to ogle, but her sights are set on the corporal. She slyly tosses him a flower.

Michaela reappears after the women have gone back to work, and here Black perfects the blushing country maiden. She hands Don Jose a letter from his mother, but is too shy to stay as he reads it. In the letter, his mother asks him to marry Michaela. He inwardly

resolves to do so, but just then, there is an uproar!

Carmen and another woman have had a fight in the factory, and the workers have split into factions, each side barracking for one of the two. The battle looked very realistic, with the frenzied women on either side of the stage and the guards caught in the middle of the maelstrom. Carmen is arrested, and Sharp portrayed her defiance well as she refused to answer why she had started the fight. She mocks the officer Zuniga (Richard Anderson), who leaves Don Jose to guard her.

Carmen doesn't waste any time. In the famous Seguedilla, she attempts to seduce him with an invitation to join her to drink and dance at Lillas Pastia's tavern, with the hint of more, come night. Sharp's rendition was not as full-bodied vocally as I had expected, but her acting was par excellence. Torre was the perfect foil, succumbing to her wiles as the weak minded Don Jose. By the end of the duet, Carmen had wrapped him in the rope that bound her, effectively reversing the roles of captor and prisoner. Bewitched, he releases her, only to be arrested himself for it.

### Act Two

The tavern is crowded, and lit with neon lights. Carmen and her cronies Frasquita (Jane Ede), and Mercedes (Angela Hogan), sing a riotous trio, and Sharp's voice is sounding heartier. Escamillo (Luke Gabbedy) arrives and sings the famous Toreador Song, though the rendition was unfortunately lackluster.

After the crowd leaves, Don Jose, released from prison, arrives for a rendezvous with Carmen. She dances for him, and manipulates him into deserting and following her into the mountains with the smugglers. She accuses him of not loving her if he refuses. His answer is the famous aria, *La fleur qui me jete*, in which he shows

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her the flower she threw him, and which he has kept all this time. Torre's rendition was magnificent, reminiscent even of Placido Domingo, one the most famous Don Jose's in history. The lovers join the smugglers, and their fate is sealed.

### Act Three

Night has fallen on the smugglers' camp. Carmen's agitation is palpable; she is tired of Don Jose, but fears that he will kill her if she leaves him. Sharp was centre stage, and her loneliness was graphically illustrated by the rest of the smugglers having their backs to her, wrapped up in their own conversations. Mist filled the darkened stage. Frasquita and Mercedes read their fortunes, and their trivial babble about love and wealth provide a ghastly contrast to Carmen's brooding. She reads her own fortune: death. This scene gave me goosebumps, it was so emotionally accurate.

Like an angel of light, Michaela appears. She prays that God will protect her as she approaches the smugglers' lair. Black was extremely moving as she portrayed the inner courage of the simple girl. Michaela demands that Don Jose visit his mother who is dying, and is grieved by his fall from grace. Don Jose goes, but threatens Carmen that he will return.

### Act Four

Carmen has taken Escamillo as her new lover. The set was a room full of flowers, that appeared to be the bullfighter's dressing room. He leaves for the bullfight. Mercedes and Frasquita enter, warning Carmen that they have seen a vengeful Don Jose lurking in the crowd. She decides to stay and talk with him, hoping he will see reason.

Their final duet was sizzling. Don Jose begging Carmen to come back to him, her insisting she no longer loves him. The tension was electrifying, interrupted

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only by the noise of the crowd at the bullfight in the background. As the crowd cheers for Escamillo, Carmen confesses she loves the torero, and throws Don Jose's ring in his face. In a fit of rage and jealousy, he kills her. The climax was perfectly executed by the leads.

Uproarious applause!

## Conclusion

Even though this production had a modern setting, which can sometimes feel less colourful than the original timeline, I feel that it was for the most part emotionally engaging enough to be arresting. Carmen is truly a story for any era, which explains why it remains such a favourite. It would be a good first opera for anyone wanting to discover the genre. I highly recommend.

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**Saturday December 6th  
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Rebecca and Rose from the CCMA will be running an introductory session on iNaturaliste – the online biodiversity citizen science platform that records and identifies all types of flora and fauna. You will learn how upload observations by practising with some intriguing macroinvertebrates from the river.

All citizen scientists and nature enthusiasts young and old are invited.

Children welcome

It will assist if you have already downloaded the iNaturalist app to your phone.

### Enquiries

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# Spring Vegetables

by Peter Groves

The coming of warmer sun and spring showers makes for an opportune time to consider growing vegetables in the backyard. Raised garden beds are a good way to make growing your own vegetables easier and it also helps the household budget by providing the family with chemical free vegetables.

The advantage of the raised beds is in the ease of management, keeping weeds and critters including the house terrier away from seedlings. Not to be under estimated is the benefit of being able to pick fresh, clean vegetables when required. These beds are illustrated in the photographs and are available at Bunnings. For summer plantings I recommend tomatoes and Lebanese cucumbers which enjoy the heat and a have long fruiting season.

For regular supply of greens, silver beet and spinach are a must and for a bumper crop of spinach try the perpetual variety. When these beds are netted it is also possible to keep out white butterflies which will make way to grow brassicas.

Rabbit hutches are available to purchase at hardware stores which are ideally suited to housing a couple of hens. The advantage of these rabbit hutches is that they provide rabbit proof and fox proof accommodation (and terrier proof). I strongly recommend Isa-brown as a suitable breed of bird. They are reliable layers and have very quiet temperaments. At Clifton Spring I found them to be friendly pets that enjoyed my company. A bonus is they do provide some garden manure.



*Celery growing in milk cartons*



*Peter with a netted cabbages to prevent white butterflies laying their eggs on them*



*Peter checking the Broad Bean crop*



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# The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

## Australia finally acknowledges the environment underpins all else. That's no small thing

- by Dr Ken Henry AC, former treasury secretary and chair of the Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation

"The winners stand to be future generations of Australians. In this instance, our elected representatives have demonstrated they understand that this is where their most weighty obligation is owed. But meeting that obligation is hard. Democracies often appear carefully designed to reward short-termism. Yet the success of a parliament can only be assessed according to what it does for the future. In the final sitting week of 2025, the Australian parliament appears to have delivered.

The package of reforms to the EPBC Act fixes an ugly policy mess. The mess had been called out in several reviews, including Graeme Samuel's review delivered more than five years ago."

Full story here: [theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/nov/28/nature-protection-laws-australia-acknowledges-environment-underpins-all](https://theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/nov/28/nature-protection-laws-australia-acknowledges-environment-underpins-all)

## La Niña declared days out from summer – what does this mean for Australia?

Ben Domensino - Meteorologist at Weatherzone

"When La Niña is occurring, abnormally cool water lies near the surface of the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean and warmer than normal water sits in the western tropical Pacific. This sea surface temperature pattern is associated with changes in the overlying atmosphere, with easterly trade winds typically becoming stronger and blowing extra moisture towards the western side of the Pacific Ocean.".....

What can Australia expect from this La Niña?

"With Australia entering summer under the influence of La Niña, many people might be expecting to see above average rain and cooler than average days in the coming months, particularly in the country's north and east.

However, the latest long-range outlooks from the Bureau paint a different picture, predicting near or below average rain and abnormally warm days for much of the country this summer."

Full story here: [weatherzone.com.au/news/la-nina-declared-days-out-from-summer--what-does-this-mean-for-australia/1891047](https://weatherzone.com.au/news/la-nina-declared-days-out-from-summer--what-does-this-mean-for-australia/1891047)

## As I write my last column, the facts on climate crisis speak for themselves

Paul Brown, Guardian environment correspondent

"In 1995, when the first "conference of the parties" (Cop) of the UN's climate change convention met in Berlin, the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration was approximately 360.67 parts per million ..... As I write, the carbon level – recorded daily in this paper – has reached 426.68 parts per million – well over scientists' so-called "safe" limit of 350. According to them, the planet is heading towards oblivion. All that time news editors have told me not to be too downbeat; let's have some optimism.

This is my last column. I think the facts speak for themselves."

Full story here: [theguardian.com/news/2025/nov/21/as-i-write-my-last-column-the-facts-on-climate-crisis-speak-for-themselves](https://theguardian.com/news/2025/nov/21/as-i-write-my-last-column-the-facts-on-climate-crisis-speak-for-themselves)

## What Can I Do? I Drive So Much!

by Dr. Emily & the team at One Body Chiropractic

We get asked this question A LOT!

So i thought i'd share with you my go to's for when you are driving.

BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE TO DO IT... IT'S JUST A PART OF MODERN LIFE, ISN'T IT?

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TATTOO these into your brain!

1. Tilt your rear vision mirror up so you have to be up tall in the seat at the start of the day AND at the end.
2. At a red light, push your head back into your headrest (this creates natural traction and lengthening). Or, if driving in the country, do it for a song or two. (Here's a pro-tip for the LADIES! Do what I do and take those claw clips or buns out! They push you forward!)
3. Put your seat to 90 degrees. Make sure you aren't sinking back into your chair, like a camping chair, soft couch, or racing car-style seat. Have your knees at equal height to your hips, or lower. Don't have your knees higher than your hips. This puts too much strain on your lower back and causes

you to then slump forward

BONUS TIP! A rolled-up jumper in your lower back can be great here too!

In general, there are LOADS of little things you can do to help yourself. IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING WHOLISTIC.

I'm always sharing these with our clients on a daily basis. Unfortunately, NOTHING replaces being in balance and aligned through your spine and nervous system so you can heal and feel good... BUT this will help you out with DRIVING specifically.

HAPPIER DRIVING!





# A Little Food Trailer With A Big Dream.

by **Richard Lockie**

Many years ago I received a dream to assist remote communities in Africa to become better self organized and resilient through defining their offerings and needs.

This came out of growing up in Zimbabwe, witnessing the challenges faced by the extended family's 'extra' children.

Tuckshops can be found in the most remote locations, they are small commercial enterprises like a food trailer they have a great reach into the local community.

Years later and many twists of fate, Life brought me to Winchelsea. The Hinterland Collective is a part of the local translation of this dream.

Our collective potential, products and purpose. Everything starts from an idea and then is built from the ground up. The ground needs to be fertile, abundant and not dependent on depleting inputs to have long long term viability.

All those farmers, gardeners who do use fertilizers and pesticides there is no blame, judgement or provocation intended. You are doing what you need to do to feed your families and keep your farms alive with the information you have available to you.

Do I only eat organically grown food? No. Would i like to? Yes! I do not have all the answers but i have questions and Believe we can do better. We can garden and farm without the use of toxic additives. Victoria has a well spring of experienced farmers from Biodynamic to Regenerative who have experience and results over decades.

Yes these things take time, investment and support. Yes, the Organic industry is full of fallacies. You are either building topsoil or depleting, leaving an inheritance in the soil or eroding it.

This hot topic is important in The Hinterland Collective (THC) as natural practices where possible are the fundamental we are promoting and selling. Conventional farming is a product of time and nothing anyone needs to defend.

Starting with the gardeners.

I believe Winchelsea's gardeners have

potential to grow far more food than we currently do. Seeing what has come through the honest and free stand at one point this has verified this but also observing some retirees' gardens.

Having a place to sell produce is the first step in the right direction for this. Beer money or saving for a trip. An outlet is vital to stimulate growers. I am working on a place for this and open to suggestions and help around achieving this.

Skills. Passing knowledge. There are many retired members of the community with years of experience in fruit tree pruning for example. What grows well in this area.

There are also youngsters looking for ways to earn a buck. RichEarth will register members' needs and offerings for the THC data bank. Our local asset. Act as a go between a coordinator of local produce, products and skills. RichEarth will be an interface to be able to meet, liaise and coordinate all things THC.

A great example: Retirees are needing help on their farm in Wensleysdale. The orchard has 40 or more fruit trees which are overgrown and need serious attention. Over time and registrations THC develops a database of willing pruners, teachers, harvesters. Their orchard is registered and offered to the network and a team is put together that matches the need.

Agreements are set in managing the orchard. During harvesting a broader team is called in to help and earn on the resale. Everyone participating earns dollars or tokens on resale or takes produce in exchange.

It could be a farm or garden that is available to the network and THC matches the farmers to the land owners. Links with investors.

Mediated over a cup of tea or coffee. Getting people who want to farm or garden on the land. Bringing the skills to us and making available the resources we have.

Landcare is not where this initiative ends. The dream is to promote local groups already in existence and support new families to find their fit in the community. Update some older structures and bridge the gap between town and country.

What skills do you bring to the table? What are your needs? Locally accountable relationships built around trust, sweat, coffee and cake!

None of us know what the future may bring but i believe if we are well organized we can weather any storm and be as self reliant as possible.

RichEarth is a place to come together.

Morning coffee and road snacks on your drive. Build your social project with like minded folks or support existing groups.



# Services & Activities In Winchelsea

## VLIN TRAIN SERVICES

### TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 06.41 (coach) 08.07 11.10  
14.04 16.58 19.21

Sat - Sun 08.27 10.27 14.04 16.58  
19.17

### TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 08.58 11.51 14.46 17.28  
(coach) 18.42 20.52

Sat - Sun 09.44 11.41 14.46 18.38  
20.38

## SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

**Cnr Princes Highway & Hesse St,  
Fridays, 2pm-5pm**

Parked in Hesse Street  
(outside Shire Hall)  
Fridays 2:00 and 5:00pm  
unless it is a Public Holiday.

## WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES



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## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

7pm second Wednesday of month  
Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall  
36 Harding Street Winchelsea

## WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Every second Thursday 10am-12pm

St Thomas Anglican Church Hall

cnr Barwon Tce and Hopkins St,  
Winchelsea

Contact: Danni Menzies 0432019944

winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com

Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019

**New families welcome**



## 1st Modda & 1st Winch SCOUT GROUP

**Joey's:** Tues 5-6pm (school terms)

**Cubs:** Mon 6:30-8pm (school terms)

**Scouts:** Tues 6:30-8:30pm (school terms)

**Venturers:** Weds

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd

**Venturers:** Walton's Rd Venturer Den

Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147



## Winchelsea and District COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

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

## WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION

**55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea**

Tuesday 2pm-4pm

Saturday 1.30-3.30pm

Thursday 2pm-4pm

Sunday 9.30-12.30pm

Closed Christmas Day,  
but open on other public holidays.  
[www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites)

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**INTERNATIONAL COMEDY HYPNOTIST**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

The Hub, Hopkins Street Winchelsea

Doors open 6.30pm - Show starts 7.00pm

No late entries

Tickets \$45 - Limited seats available

Funds raised support Victoria's Conquer the Corrugations

Drinks at bar prices

BYO nibbles

SCAN ME

See Robyn at IGA for more details

**Adopt a Surfcoaster  
this Christmas**

**Together, we can make sure every Surf Coast family experiences the joy of Christmas.**

**We welcome gifts for children aged newborn to 18 years.**

**Gift Suggestions:**

- **Toys & Games:** Board games, Lego, beach toys, balls, puzzles
- **Gift Vouchers** (Mecca, Rebel, JB Hi-Fi, Bounce, Live Wire Park)
- **Books** (all ages)
- **Art Supplies:** Craft kits, drawing sets
- **Beach Gear:** Towels, hats, sunglasses
- **Personal Care:** Perfume, cologne, skincare packs, deodorant sets
- **Chocolates/Stockings**
- **Fashion:** Backpacks, water bottles, socks, jewellery, make-up packs
- **Please include wrapping supplies so families can wrap gifts themselves.**
- **Please drop off your donations by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Adopt A Surfcoaster - Christmas 2025**

**Drop off points**

- **Community Bank Winchelsea**  
11 Main Street Winchelsea
- **Community Bank Anglesea**  
65 Great Ocean Road Anglesea
- **Community Bank Lorne**  
1/32 Mountjoy Parade Lorne

**Bendigo Bank**

**Community Bank Surf Coast**





# Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

email [editor@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:editor@winchelseastar.org.au) or  
leave a note at **Winchelsea IGA**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Next year we have Cuboree for Cubs in Sept, then Jamboree for Scouts Jan 2027  
Marie McPadden Group Leader  
1st Modewarre Scout Group 0409 330 147



### WANTED: UKULELES

Winch House is looking for unwanted ukuleles to support a coming course "Intro to Ukulele".

If you should have an unloved Uke at home and wish to donate it pls drop off at Winch House or ph 0408502611 to arrange collection.  
*Thank you*

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

The Tennis Club is running Pickleball every Wednesday 7pm at the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre!  
Only \$5 a person  
All equipment supplied  
Wear suitable footwear  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

## WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

**JUNIOR COACHING** Mon 3.30pm  
with experienced Nicole Mullen \$10

### WINCHELSEA OP SHOP

Quality clothing and homewares.  
10 Willis Street, Winchelsea Vic 3241

### WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB

**Large bags of pine cones for fire pits \$5**  
**Lions Club Christmas cakes**  
Available now.  
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

The Saturday Afternoon Crochet Group cordially invites anyone who has attended a session this year to our Christmas Get Together.

Anyone attending should bring a plate to share and a Secret Santa gift to the value of \$10 - \$15. Saturday 13th December at the Winchelsea Community House from 1.00PM.

### WINCHELSEA RSL

Change of meeting venue and time for December meeting.

Winchelsea RSL AGM . Friday 12 th December

TIME 11am

VENUE Barwon Hotel ( bottom pub)

Followed by Christmas Lunch

David Loone, Sec.



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# What's on Weekly

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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

### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

### WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

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

## MONDAY

### SURF COAST SHIRE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

24/11/2025 - 01/05/2026

### GROWING WINCHELSEA WINCHELSEA ELF ON THE SHELF

5-18 December 2025  
growingwinchelsea.org

### CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
(03) 5267 2028

### MAINLY MUSIC

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

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES



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

### 1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

### VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
(03) 5267 2028

## TUESDAY



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

### 1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

## WEDNESDAY

### WINCH WALKERS

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

### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

### MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

### STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT!

2-4pm Wednesdays from 12 Nov  
Winch Community House, Hesse St  
SEWING MACHINE \$ & OVERLOCKER  
AVAILABLE  
Gold Coin donation

### KIDS ART & CRAFT SESSIONS

4-4.45pm fortnightly Age 5+  
\$15 per session or \$60 term  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

### WINCHELSEA LIONS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Register by Wednesday 21 November  
growingwinchelsea.com

### MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

Afternoons/evenings Pre-school - teens  
Winch Senior Citizens Club  
www.melsdancecentral.com.au

### CWA WINCHELSEA

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



### SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



## THURSDAY

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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



# November/December

## What's On

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

To add an event to the calendar, please email [news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5  
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am  
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
(03) 5267 2028 (03) 5267 2028

### MAT PILATES

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

### WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

## FRIDAY

### TAI CHI

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

### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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

### PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

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

### CHATTY CAFÉ



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

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm  
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea  
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263  
[jeanshinnars@gmail.com](mailto:jeanshinnars@gmail.com)

### WINCHELSEA RSL

7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec  
Winchelsea Men's Shed,  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
David Loone 0488 165 109

### GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY

(MOBILE) 2-5pm  
Old Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street  
0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

## SATURDAY

### DAZ'S DEADLY DECEMBER CHALLENGE

Winchelsea Football Oval  
9am on Saturday 13 December.

### PARKRUN



8am Trebeck Reserve  
Sussex St, Winchelsea  
[www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/](http://www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/)

### WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

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

### WINCHELSEA POOL SEASON OPENS

12pm to 6pm daily  
Sat 29 November - Mon 9 March

### WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE Working Bee Citizen Scientists



First Saturday of the month 9am  
Meet at Guye Reserve, Barwon Terrace  
Rod Atone 0428 549318  
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

### WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-11am (Last Sat monthly)  
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street  
[www.winchelseastar.org.au](http://www.winchelseastar.org.au)

### WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5  
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St,  
Vee 0467 219 227

### CAROLS BY THE BARWON

Saturday 6 December 6pm  
Winchelsea Lions Park  
Bring your own chairs and blanket  
Santa appearance!

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 6pm each week  
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm last Sat monthly, except Nov/Dec  
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea  
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

## SUNDAY

### RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot,  
Main Street Winchelsea



### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly  
Shire Hall car park, Main St Winch  
[growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/](http://growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/)

### WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week  
Hesse St, Winchelsea 0475 777 301  
[uca.winchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:uca.winchelsea@gmail.com)

### ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week  
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
0477 672 042,  
[stthomaswac@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaswac@gmail.com)

# New Council Policy Aims To Reduce Single-Use Items And Packaging

Council has adopted a new policy seeking to further reduce single-use items and packaging in the Surf Coast Shire.

The Single-Use Items and Packaging Policy aims to help protect the natural environment and reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill.

It replaces the previous 2021 Plastic Wise Policy.

The new policy has been broadened and will see the phasing out of many single-use items across all Council facilities, Council events, and events on Council land, over the next three years.

It also aligns with current state government single-use plastics bans.

The policy will apply to all formal use of Council facilities, such as:

- User groups, including sports clubs, who are tenants of Council facilities;
- Community members or businesses hiring Council facilities for parties, events, conferences or workshops;
- Facilities directly managed by Council; and
- Organisers hosting events and markets on Council land.

It does not apply to informal use of

Council facilities such as visiting a library or local park.

The policy outlines three categories of items to be phased out:

**Category one** – State bans: items already banned by the Victorian Government and EPA such as lightweight plastic bags;

**Category two** – Local bans: single-use items (including single-use compostable items) to be phased out, including all plastic bags and takeaway coffee cups and lids; and

**Category three** – Reduce your use: items that are harder to avoid but still important to try and reduce such as soft plastic packaging.

Exemptions are available in certain circumstances, including health and safety, existing commercial agreements, and lack of suitable alternatives.

A key change from the 2021 policy is that the new policy discourages all single-use items – including compostable items – where previously these were seen as a more sustainable alternative to single-use plastic.

Compostable packaging cannot be accepted by Council's FOGO processor due to the presence of PFAS (synthetic chemicals that contaminate compost) and the lack of regulation of 'compostable' labelling.

A draft of the new policy was open for community feedback between 29 May and 4 July this year and promoted to tenants and users of Council facilities.

Of 86 survey respondents, 93 per cent

expressed support for the policy (72 per cent were 'very supportive' and 21 per cent 'somewhat supportive').

Changes made as a result of community feedback include:

- Implementation period shortened from five years to two years for general facility users, and three years for markets and tenants with takeaway food service (such as sporting club canteens).
- Additional support for markets and sporting clubs, with a two-year testing and co-design phase followed by a one-year implementation period.
- Commitment to share supplier names to help users identify available alternative products.

Councillor Phoebe Crockett said the policy and implementation period would reduce the volume of waste being sent to landfill while being manageable for facility users.

"Single-use items and packaging are major contributors to waste and pollution," Cr Crockett said.

"The endorsement of this policy is a sign that this Council is still committed to leading the way with actions that avoid waste and maximise re-use.

"We will work closely with our facility tenants and offer a range of support to help the transition away from single-use items."

The policy is an important action in Council's efforts to achieve the aims in its Circular Economy Action Plan.



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**Where:** St Thomas' Hall  
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**To Enquire ring: 0407838256**

## WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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# A Sparkling WINCHELSEA Christmas



Join in  
the Festivities

December 2025



# Carols By The Barwon

*Sing, Celebrate, and Share the Joy  
because nothing says Christmas  
like a song shared with the whole town.*

**Saturday 6 December 2025**

**4pm - 8pm Food vans open  
6pm Carol Singing**

**Winchelsea Lions Park  
by the River, 15 Main Street**

A Winchelsea tradition continues! Join family, friends, and neighbours for an evening of music, activities, laughter, and festive cheer by the Barwon.

Local choirs, musicians, and community groups will fill the air with Christmas spirit as we celebrate together under the stars. And those naughty Elves will be out and about for the kids to have fun finding them.

Enjoy the Lions BBQ, delicious food vans on the Barwon Bridge, Face Painting and the Jumping Castle. For comfort, please bring your own chairs and blankets. This is a Waste Wise Event, please bring your own cups and food containers.

Here is the QR code for the Carols we will be singing. Point the camera on your phone at the QR code, and the carols will appear on your phone.



Alcohol free event  
Gold coin donation



*Relax and enjoy our program*

Our MC for the night is Rob Davies

- 6.00 pm Welcome, Thankyou to Sponsors, Acknowledgement of Country
- 6.05 pm Winchelsea Mainly Music
- 6.12 pm Mel's Dance Central
- 6.19 pm Winchelsea Primary School
- 6.26 pm Winchelsea Girl Guides
- 6.33 pm Winchelsea Carollers lead community singing
- 7.05 pm Colac City Band with Singers
- 7.45 pm Santa Arrives
- 8.00 pm Thankyou and Finish Up



# Christmas Market

*Shop Local, Sparkle More*

*Come for the gifts, stay for the Christmas cheer!*



**Sunday 7 December 2025**



**9am -1pm**



**Winchelsea Shire Hall, 27 Hesse Street**

Discover the magic of the season at the Winchelsea Christmas Market!

Packed with local stalls, handmade gifts, festive treats, and community spirit, it's the perfect place to find something special — and support the makers and businesses that make Winchelsea shine.

Vintage Machinery, Entertainment, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and colouring-in activities



## Twinkle Trees On Main

*Every tree a twinkle, every twinkle a smile.*



*Light Up Winchelsea Together*



**2 - 20 December 2025**



**Main Street, Winchelsea**

Take a leisurely walk through the town with the family throughout December 2025 - Main Street has come alive with creativity and colour.

The local community has decorated 50 timber Christmas trees built by volunteers at the Winchelsea Men's Shed and installed by volunteers along Main Street. Each one tells a story of local pride, teamwork, and festive imagination.

Check out the other festive decorations around town too - Santa and his sleigh in pride of place at the Winchelsea Op Shop, and Upside Down Santa sliding down the chimney at the old public library.

Decorated Twinkle Trees will be judged by representatives of our local Community Bank and prizes will be awarded at the Community BBQ at the Mud Hut 4 Barwon Terrace at 1pm on Sunday 21 December.





# Christmas Elf On The Shelf

*Find the Elf, Feel the Cheer!*



**8-21 December**

**Businesses throughout  
Winchelsea**



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Children have 15 shops and businesses to visit (with a parent) to find the Elves, write down each Elf's name and have their passport stamped at that business.



Once the Trail is completed, passports can be returned to the Competition Box at the Community Bank to go into the draw to win prizes at the Community BBQ at the Mud Hut 4 Barwon Terrace at 1pm on Sunday 21 December.

Families can use this guide to find each Elf, day by day, for two weeks of festive adventure.

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- ☐ The Winchelsea Community Bank, 11 Main Street
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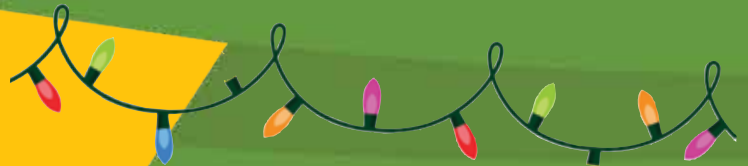
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# history of winchelsea

## Stirling Women of Early Winchelsea

The town of Winchelsea today is a convenient shopping hub for the farmers of the surrounding country, with the bakery, pharmacist, Dr, Dentist, School, Kindergarten and various other services saving local farmers from a day trip out of their busy lives to bigger cities such as Geelong or Colac. But colonial towns needed to be completely self-sufficient, in the absence of modern transport, a trip to Geelong or Colac would be a day's walk each way and would likely require an overnight stop. Supply chains had to be short and everything that was required as essential needed to be produced locally or imported at great expense and inconvenience.

It is for this reason that James Stirling opened a blacksmith out of the Barwon Inn, where he would have made everything from farming tools and nails to door hinges, pots and pans. Meanwhile, the Stirling women were playing a crucial role in the supply chain for the town, producing food for locals to purchase in the family businesses. Ann (Fergie) Stirling, wife of , James Stirling, married 4 Dec 1818 in Govan, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Together, Ann and James had eleven children, seven of whom survived to emigrate to Winchelsea with them. Jane (Stirling) Roadknight, William Stirling, Elizabeth (Stirling) Meyler and Margaret (Stirling) Gullan. In June 1841, soon after Margaret's birth, the family was residing in Crossmyloof village in Cathcart parish, about two miles south of Glasgow centre. In September the same

year they emigrated to the Port Phillip colony aboard the ship, Robert Benn and arrived in Port Phillip, Colony of New South Wales (Victoria) on 26 Jan 1842.

After Ann and James purchased the Barwon Inn (The Bottom Pub) from Beale and Trebeck, Ann established a market garden below the pub and grew vegetables which supplied the township of Winchelsea, presumably sold through her brother-in-law's grocery shop on the adjacent corner.

Janet Johnston Stirling, established a fruit orchard, the remnants of which are rumoured to have survived on the Gulidjan side of the river, to the North of the bridge, down below the skate park and the back of the kindergarten. Janet grew fruit in this orchard, which she would have sold in the Crocer across the road on the site of the Bendigo Bank today.

William and Janet (Johnston) Stirling sailed on the ship Admiral Boxer from Liverpool on 3 December 1856, arriving in Geelong on 9 March 1857 It is believed that William worked as crew on that ship. Janet's mother Annie (Martin) Johnston came to Australia on the same ship as Janet and family. When they arrived in Winchelsea and united with William's brother James, William and Janet established the Grocer store across the road from the Inn. Their Children were John born 27 April 1841; Anne (died young); Robert Johnston b 1844 (?); William (died young) Elizabeth



Mrs William Stirling (photo by Laurene Lloyd).

Wilson; Johnston b 1849; Annie Martin b 1850; Margaret Johnston b 1852; Jessie Johnston b 1854; James Thomas b 1858 in Winchelsea (the only one born in Australia). Janet was known to give her produce away to the needy". The story in the family is that, as she grew older, she added 10 years to her age. Told everyone she was 99 years old, when she was 89 years! Janet was known as Granny Stirling to the Winchelsea Community and Ann was known as Aunty to everyone who knew her. When the famous artist Eugene Von Guérard came through Winchelsea on April 5 1857, he sketched the Barwon Inn and Mrs Stirling's Vege garden in front of it.



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

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



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# Annual Reports 2024/2025

## Wensleydale Rural Community Group (WRCG)

by Christine Trotter

Our group continues to focus on providing a monthly network opportunity in the form of community dinners, Xmas events for both community and children and administering our local Facebook site to support members and each other in knowing where they live and supporting each other. We also seek to promote and connect residents with the various other groups such as Landcare, CFA, Recovery Group etc.

Our FFOTM (first Friday of the month) Group held social dinners every month at varying local restaurants. The dinners continue to play an important role in developing and maintaining a connected and supportive community with new community members attending. We average 25 members attending each month. Feedback is very positive with many friendships created



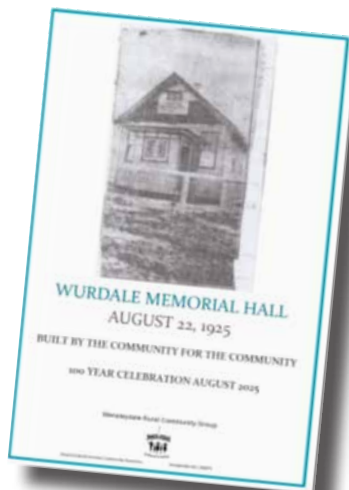
## Winchelsea Youth Leisure Drop-In (Wyld)

The WYLD group has not been active in recent years due to the personal commitments of Monique and Robyn, which limited opportunities for regular meetups.

Following our official resignation from the group, we promoted the opportunity for new volunteers to continue the WYLD legacy. We were fortunate to receive interest from several local people willing to step in and take the lead.

Unfortunately, before activities could begin, two core volunteers had to resign, which meant the group was again left without a leadership base.

To ensure WYLD has a pathway forward, Robyn has agreed to organise local meetups during Term 4, supported by youth mentors on a fortnightly or monthly basis. It is hoped that these gatherings will reignite momentum and attract additional volunteers to secure the group's future.



across the area.

Our group continues to support the local community and children's Xmas event by providing 110 sweet packs for Santa to hand out as the Wurdale Fire Brigade (WFB) truck travels around the local area. The annual Xmas Get Together at the Wurdale Hall. Is popular with an average 110 attending each year

## Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network (W&SRN)

by Frank Dean, Chairperson, on behalf of the W&SRN Committee

The hard work has been completed!

After several years of long and dedicated effort, the documentation for the functional operation of the W&SRN has been completed. To summarise the work:

- a) An Operational manual has been written
- b) Selected Inventory items purchased
- c) Committee members were introduced to Emergency Management Procedures in both theoretical and practical situations.

The committee work is anticipated to be continual & repetitive to some extent. Both existing & new committee members will continue to be educated, trained & encouraged to discuss incident response and recovery within their domestic and community environments.

The challenge now is to keep effective and selected information flow through to the community. In the reporting period, this has been achieved by:

- a) Presenting updates on Seasonal Weather and Community Expectations at the Wurdale Christmas Party in



Significant work has been undertaken this year for the planning of a 100 Year Community Celebration for our local Wurdale Memorial Hall. The scope is confirmed as a Bush Dance and Sausage Sizzle on the night of August 23, 2025. Open to community members from Wurdiboluc, Wensleydale, Gherang and Winchelsea South to attend via invitation. In addition, many research hours have been spent in the developing a Wurdale Hall history booklet. We are very thankful that we received grant support from Surf Coast shire and a number of key community members have come together to work hard to make it a success.

conjunction with the Wurdale Fire Brigade and Wensleydale Rural Community Group.

b) Research, produce & deliver a copy of our "Community Safety Checklist" to every property in Wurdale & Surrounds. This initiative was supported by the Surf Coast Shire.

c) Initiate regular postings on the Gherang & Wensleydale Community facebook page regarding topics such as weather conditions, Fire Danger Ratings & Warnings and general environmental warnings.

At committee member level, we have also had regular meetings to achieve a number of objectives including:

- a) Growth & Cohesion of the Committee
- b) Inventory checks and equipment maintenance
- c) Review procedures annually if required.

Solid procedural and practical skills have been established to support the Victorian Emergency Services and the Surf Coast Shire if and when required. More importantly, the W&SRN has an important long term desire to support our local community after a traumatic event.

The ongoing support and commitment of Winch House, the Surf Coast Shire and the Gherang & Wensleydale Community is gratefully acknowledged.

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# Annual Reports 2024/2025

## Winchelsea Men's Shed



by Frank Jelliff

The AGM for the year 2024-2025 was held on 1 May 2024. All Office bearers from 2023-24 were re-elected. Ray Atkinson continuing as Co-ordinator. Bill Walters continuing as Workshop Manager, Ray King as Treasurer, Clyde Stephenson as Garden Manager and Frank Jelliff as Secretary.

The Winchelsea Men's Shed continues to provide a friendly and inviting meeting place for men in the Winchelsea and surrounding areas. The Shed has a well equipped workshop and welcomes anyone who wants to drop in for a chat and a cuppa.

The Shed is open every Wednesday and holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month (or as required). We appreciate the support of the community and our sponsors whose contributions help to keep the Shed a thriving environment.

"Women's Workshops" are continuing with expert tuition from Stuart Forbes. We have regular attendance from ladies wanting to learn new skills. Stuart Forbes continues to give generously of his time in running these workshops.

The continued upkeep of the Winchelsea Community garden is overseen by the Men's Shed and made functional and productive by the continued hard work of our members, but special mention to Clyde

Stephenson who spends many hours tending to the garden. We would like to remind visitors to the garden that although the vegetables are free, please only take what you need so that others can also enjoy the produce.

The ongoing sale of timber offcuts, kindly supplied by a Geelong business and bagged by the Shed members, continues to earn the Shed a steady income through the colder months. Bags of offcuts can be collected when the Shed is open or deliveries can be made. Details appear weekly in the Winchelsea Star.

The Shed continues to support the community with assistance for projects in around the township. This year we completed and installed a cubby house for the Primary School, also a bbq unit for WinAngLo was constructed and delivered. Although we would like to take on more and larger jobs we are restricted by our small membership. Income from activities and projects goes towards maintaining the machinery and replacing it where necessary. The sale of items handmade by Shed members also contributes to overall income. These are usually on display at the Sunday Markets.

The Shed continues to run sausage sizzles at the Winchelsea monthly market when possible. We have not been in attendance at as many Markets in the last year as we would have liked, but hopefully we will be able to increase our attendance in the next 12 months.

Thanks to The Surf Coast Shire for their support and co-ordinating quarterly meetings for the Sheds under their jurisdiction. Terri Hannan (Community Projects Officer) co-ordinates these meetings which sees the leaders of the



five Surf Coast Shire Men's Sheds, Torquay, Anglesea, Lorne, Winchelsea and now Moriac gather for what is called "Heads of Sheds" meetings. These meetings are held at the different sheds on an alternating basis. They are a great source of information as well as for sharing ideas and resources across the region. These help to foster a good working relationship for all involved. We appreciate the work Terri puts in co-ordinating and chairing these catch-ups.

Thanks to The Bendigo Bank who continue to support us with grants and assistance. We cannot thank them enough.

Thanks to our co-ordinator Ray Atkinson who continues to be the first port of call for the Shed. Many thanks to Ray King in his role as Treasurer, and all his other work he does on behalf of the Shed. Bill Walters who oversees the running and maintenance of the workshop ably assisted by Stuart Forbes and a further thanks to Clyde Stephenson our Garden Manager.

The Winchelsea Men's Shed currently has 16 registered members.

The Committee of Management for year 2025/2026 is as follows:

**Co-Ordinator:** Ray Atkinson.

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# Surf Coast Shire Council outlines future of Anglesea Landfill

Surf Coast Shire Council has confirmed the path forward for the Anglesea Landfill, with the landfill's operational life approaching its end due to limited remaining capacity.

The landfill has served the community since 1974 and is now filling the final available cell, which is a sealed section where rubbish is placed, compacted, and covered to keep it contained and protect the environment.

Current projections indicate closure around 2030, although exact timing will depend on annual waste volumes. There are no options to extend the Anglesea Landfill within the current site.

When the landfill closes, the Anglesea Transfer Station and Resale Shed will continue to operate as normal, ensuring ongoing recycling and reuse options for the community.



Cr Mike Bodsworth said Council was planning carefully to ensure the transition is well managed.

"We know how important this facility has been to the community for decades and we are committed to a responsible, well planned closure process, including an ongoing role for the transfer station and much-loved resale shed," Cr Bodsworth said.

"Our focus is on meeting regulatory requirements, protecting the environment and keeping the community informed every step of the way."

Significant rehabilitation work will be undertaken once the landfill closes, including long term environmental monitoring to ensure the site complies with all EPA requirements.

"This is a major transition for our waste

services, but one that we can manage and extend by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill."

"Although the Surf Coast community achieves 70% diversion of recyclables and organics, there's still too much going into general waste bins, impacting the environment, wasting recoverable resources and costing way more".

Council officers will continue to monitor landfill capacity, waste volumes and financial performance to determine the optimal closure date.

Operations at the Anglesea Landfill will continue as normal until a closure date is determined.

Find out more about landfill at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WasteReport](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WasteReport).

# Surf Coast Shire Council Prepares For Fire Season With Annual Slashing Program

Surf Coast Shire Council's annual fire prevention roadside slashing program will begin early December, with slashing on Council reserves also scheduled as part of preparations for the upcoming fire season.

Contractors will start in the north of the shire and work their way south over approximately three to four weeks, depending on weather conditions.

Council officers have also been inspecting properties across the shire and issuing Fire Prevention Notices where needed to reduce bushfire risk on private land.

Mayor Libby Stapleton said the annual program is a vital part of keeping the community safe.

"We live in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia, but with that beauty comes one of the highest fire risks in Victoria," Mayor Stapleton said.

"The slashing program is one of the many ways we work to reduce fire hazards across the shire, and we are asking residents to do their part."

She said property owners play a crucial role in reducing fire risk.

"We all need to make sure we are ready for the fire season," Mayor Stapleton said.

"If you receive a Fire Prevention Notice, please act quickly. These notices are issued to protect you, your neighbours and the wider community."

Council's Fire Prevention Officers offer free advice to help property owners understand how best to prepare their properties to reduce bushfire risk.

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# Carer Card For Free Weekend Travel

In an environment where so many carers are experiencing financial challenges, Carers Victoria has been advocating for practical initiatives that reduce the cost of caring

That is why Carers Victoria is so pleased with the Government's announcement that Victorian Carers Card holders will be able to access free weekend public transport – potentially saving carers who use public transport more than \$360 per year.

The Victorian Carer Card offers a lifeline for thousands of people who provide care for a family member or friend with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, or who is frail aged. That includes a suite of public transport concessions that make getting around Victoria more affordable and accessible. On top of free weekend travel, cardholders can access:

- **Half-price weekday travel:** Eligibility for a 50 per cent discount on fares across metropolitan trains, trams, and buses, as well as V/Line trains and coaches. This concession fare ensures that essential trips — whether for medical appointments, support services, or personal respite — are far less of a financial burden.
- **Free travel vouchers:** Depending on their location, eligible carers can register to receive two or four free off-peak travel vouchers annually, providing further opportunities for rest and recreation.

Carers Victoria CEO Judith Abbott welcomed the announcement of free weekend travel for carers.

"Carers are often unrecognised pillars of our healthcare and social systems, sacrificing their own financial stability to look after people who need significant help," she said.

"The Carer Card not only provides a range of discounts, it is also a very practical way of recognising carers and the critical work they provide. Carers Victoria is keen to continue working with government and other partners to make sure that connection and mobility isn't a luxury, but an accessible right."

Melbourne mother Melinda, who cares for her profoundly deaf daughter Amelia in the city's north, said the free weekend travel would be invaluable for building Amelia's confidence and independence getting to school.

"Something like this is a godsend for carers," she said. "Now I can travel for free alongside my daughter to teach her how to use public transport and help her feel more autonomous."

To access these free and discounted fares, carers must carry their Victorian Carer Card and use a specific Concession myki (Carer myki), which can be obtained at staffed stations.

Eligible Victorian carers who have not yet applied for the Carer Card are encouraged to do so immediately to start saving. The card also provides discounts at thousands of participating businesses, including supermarkets and pharmacies.

## About Carers Victoria

*Carers Victoria is a leading for-purpose organisation that represents and provides essential support to unpaid carers across Victoria. The organisation advocates for a society that values, respects, and supports all carers, ensuring they have access to the resources and advice they need to manage their caring responsibilities.*



# Surfcoast For Reconciliation

by Jen Deneefe

The Victorian Statewide Treaty Bill was signed into law, receiving Royal Assent on 13 November 2025, and the Statewide Treaty has been formally signed by the Victorian Government and the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria. This makes Victoria the first Australian jurisdiction to enact legislation establishing a formal Treaty with First Peoples. The Treaty and the legislation creating the framework for its ongoing implementation officially commence on December 12, 2025.



*Co-chairs of the First Peoples Assembly, Ngarra Murray and Rueben Berg signed the Treaty with Premier Jacinta Allen and Minister Natalie Hutchins.*



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# Winchelsea Golf Club



**Ladies Captain, Robyn Vesey**

## Results 26/11/25 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford

13 Players.

1st - Stephen Cole (15) 34 points

2nd - Rod Batson (22) 33 points

BDL - Denis Chappell (20) 32 points C/B

BDL - Max Bubb (14) 32 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Bill Spencer

The girls had a good day at Beeac on Monday the 24th. They didn't come home with the bowl but Robyn won B Grade with 35 points, best score of the day! Elizabeth and Robyn won a raffle each and Sue won the mystery seat. Good day out for our Winchelsea ladies.

And our missing photo from last week - Greg Rigby and Geoff Morgan

## Results 29/11/25 - Stableford

24 Players.

1st - Bill Spencer (16) 36 points C/B

2nd - Tavae Sauni (8) 36 points

3rd - Rob Wilson (23) 35 points C/B

BDL - David Harvey (17) 35 points C/B

BDL - Neil Hickman (12) 35 points C/B

BDL - Geoff Morgan (23) 34 points C/B

BDL - Tom Shaw (18) 34 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Stephen Cole

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## Wednesday 3rd December - Weekly Stableford

## Saturday 6th December - Stableford

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# Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar 2026 ready for distribution

The 2026 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar will be available from 8 December, sharing and celebrating the work of local artists.

People will be able to pick up free copies from distribution points across Surf Coast Shire and own a piece of creative history – the final print edition of the calendar.

It features 13 works in mediums ranging from watercolour and fine liner pencil to mixed media and ceramics by artists aged from under-12 to adults.

Works for each of the calendar months were chosen by a judging panel and the cover work by Caroline Lawrey Winter Sunrise at Urquhart Bluff topped People's Choice voting during an Arts Calendar Exhibition at Anglesea Art Space.

"The works chosen for this year's calendar beautifully illustrate the breadth of talent across our artistic community," Cr Leon Walker said.

"Congratulations to the artists on having been selected from almost 120 entries, particularly our successful entrants in the youth categories.

"We encourage community members to pick up their free copies of the calendar from our community outlets and enjoy the works for 2026."

Calendars will be available from Council's civic office, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay, and:

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The 2026 calendar will be the last print edition as Council develops new avenues for nurturing and promoting artistic activity.

The calendar's legacy will continue through a refreshed annual community art exhibition and the launch of an exciting new Arts Initiative Program supporting artists to share their work, connect with community and develop their creative practices.

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## Junior Netball

**Shae Callahan**

### Under 11s Pink

Another close, well-fought game against an evenly matched opposition, going goal for goal, but Geelong West came up with the goods at the end, capitalising on their turnovers.

There were plenty of intercepts and end-to-end action. Every player managed to get their hands on a turnover, and it was fantastic to see some of our more reserved players really taking on the game and growing in confidence.

### Player of the Week: Mila Gatti

Mila was a superstar across the court. She listened intently to her coach, believed in herself, and showed everyone exactly what she's capable of. With countless tips and attacks on the play, she was incredible to watch.

A special mention to Chloe Nestor, who ran all game in the heat — very red-faced but never gave up! Chloe is a beautiful goaler, sweeping the baseline and making strong front-position leads to give her teammates a safe passing option.

Keep up the great work, girls — keep smiling, having fun, and enjoying your sport!

### U11 Blue

It was a hot and humid day at Queens Park Reserve for Winch Blue, matched up against a very fast and tall Ammo's outfit.

### Player of the Week: Henry Wynhoven

Henry showed excellent composure in the goaling circle and battled hard against a tight, physical defensive unit. His passion for the game shines not only on court, but off it too — always enthusiastic, engaged, and curious. Every coach's dream!

Ruby Stocks demonstrated the hard work she's been putting into her goaling presentation, smartly using the feeders on the circle edge to gain a stronger position and set herself up



for the best shot.

This team continues to work incredibly hard — sticking together, chasing down loose balls, and backing each other every step of the way.

### Under 13s Pink

Bye

### Under 13s Blue

What an excellent game from our Under 13 girls this week! They put into play everything we've been working on at training, and it truly showed on the court. Our defenders were strong on the body, blocking beautifully and making it tough for the opposition to move the ball. In attack, the girls drove hard to the ball and used strong, confident passes to keep possession.

The teamwork was outstanding, with the girls showing great patience and supporting each other across all four quarters. A fantastic effort from the Under 13s—well done, girls!

### Under 15s

With Coach Sasha home sick this week, Junior Coordinator Shae and her daughter Elizabeth stepped in on the coaches' bench—and were immediately impressed by how far this team has come since the start of the season. The improvement was clear



to see, with great intensity at the ball and strong movement up and down the court.

This group has worked incredibly hard under Sasha's guidance, and the proof is out on the court each week.

A big thank you to Helena for jumping in at the last minute to fill in, and a special shout-out to Ash for stepping out of her usual goal shooter position and taking on goal keeper—fantastic versatility and team spirit!

### Under 17s

Our 17s took on Anglesea this week in tough conditions, with the heat and only seven players leaving the girls understandably tired by the final quarter. Despite that, they pushed hard and showed great resilience against a strong opponent. We're excited to be part of Division One this summer, as playing quality teams like Anglesea is exactly what will prepare our group for a strong and ready winter season ahead.



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# Winchelsea Bowls Club



Julie Johnson

We have had a wonderful week with bowling and congratulations to all the Winch Blues Bowls teams. We have four out of the six teams on top of the ladder and the others are climbing and doing their best to achieve great results.

At the weekend Division 1A shifted the players around in their side, giving some a rest, others responsibility, thereby making it a very little easier for Division 1B to be more competitive in their repeat home and away game.

Please remember the wonderful match to be played against Camperdown Magpies on Friday the 5th from 6.00 p.m. under lights with Aus representatives playing for Winchelsea and food available to purchase at the club.

## Midweek Pennant Results

Divi 1 def Simpson at home winning all rinks, 80 shots to 59 shots.

Divi 3 def Camperdown Magpies at home winning all rinks, 68 shots to 46 shots.

## Weekend Pennant Results

Divi 1A def Divi 1B at home winning 3/4 rinks, 100 shots to 68 shots.

Divi 4 def Camperdown Magpies at home all rinks, 72 shots to 52 shots.

Divi 5 def Colac City away winning all rinks, 65 shots to 26 shots.

## Around The Green

General Meeting 6.15 p.m. 4th December.

C. Magpies VS Winch from 6.00 p.m. 5th December

Singles Finals from around 4.00 p.m. plus BBQ Dinner Friday 12th December.

The next couple of matches before the break will be two away for Divi 1 Midweek against their biggest opponents in Colac City and Colac both on their home greens. Divi 3 will also face two away games against Cobden and Colac Central hopefully a good result for both Divisions. May the bowls be with you!!



Our Divi 3 team and Bankers last week are Geoff Orchard, Pam Mawson, Ross Erwin, Col Williams, Lindsay Warner, Graeme Lloyd, Doreen Clarke, Marie Drayton, Roxy Ryder, Angela Littler. Front Heather Wainwright, Elizabeth O'Brien, Helen Davie, Pat Lowrey, Yvonne Orchard, David Littler. (Some players missing but I was still playing when this was taken). Some of the Divi 3 are on rotation as we are so fortunate that we have too many players. This will change a bit as teams are set by Rys Jeffs, (Coach) for the finals.

Winchelsea Bowls Club welcomes all visitors. Our Club has a beautiful garden setting in the heart of the town. For the complete newcomer to lawn bowls, looking for a sporting activity that promises much fun and enjoyment with a competitive element, then the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of our Bowling Club is the place to be.





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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Murray Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, June Petrie, Don Smith, Chris Hurren, Bert Pelgrim and Kate McInnes.

Full details of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results) or check out our Facebook page for more photos.

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 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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