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# Winchelsea Probus Club 20th Birthday

Linda Carter

A Probus Club essentially is a local association of retired and semi retired professional and business people, and others who are of character and respected in their communities, who meet regularly for friendship, fellowship and fun.

The name is an amalgam of the abbreviations of the words professional and business. Probus is also a latin word meaning honest or virtuous, from which the English word Probity is derived.

Nowadays we are a little more relaxed and the club is open to anyone, usually over the age of 60, who is able to attend the monthly meetings and monthly outings that we enjoy.

Probus was formed in the UK in 1965, sponsored by a Rotary Club in Welwyn Garden City. New Probus clubs now still have to be sponsored by a Rotary Club. Its most significant rule being "The object of the club shall be the promotion of good fellowship."

By 1971 there were 150 clubs around the United Kingdom. Probus came to New Zealand in 1974 and reached Australia by 1976. There are now clubs all over the world.

A strength of the movement is that there is no organising body so each club sets its own rules, the watchword being informality.

Our Probus Club of Winchelsea began in 2004 with 27 members meeting at the Bowling club. We have had as many as 82 members and currently stand at 56. Following a 2 year shutdown during covid we met for a brief time at the Globe Theatre, our current home is the Senior Citizens where we are very happy.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 10am. The meeting usually lasts around half an hour and then we enjoy morning tea and a good chat, usually followed by about a 30 to 40 minute speaker.

## What is Probus?



Group shot after visiting the Shrine and enjoying lunch



Enjoying Christmas lunch at Jan Juc Hotel

We try to cover a wide spectrum of topics from people's life stories, local identities, travel, first aid, local history, wedding dress collection, local mayor, policing, nursing, interesting collections, the list is endless.

Once a month we have an outing which have also been very diverse. Zoos, galleries, nurseries, exhibitions, gaols, coffee mornings, extended tours to Beechworth, Silo Tour, Echuca, Port Fairy etc.

We would love to extend our membership, joining and annual fees are affordable. If you are interested in joining our friendly, welcoming group please come along to any meeting on the first Monday of the month, 10 am at the Senior Citizens Rooms, Harding St, or contact our Secretary Lorraine Stubbs on 0417 467 927. We would love to see you, I am sure you will enjoy being part of our happy friendly group.





The Brown family with organic producer Paul Simmons

# Winchelsea Community Market

Sunday 7 April 2024

## Judy Cameron

The Brown family from Ocean Grove made their first visit to the Winchelsea Market on Sunday. But not their last they said as it was great to see some unique items and stalls compared to other markets they had visited.

Here they are buying up organic produce from Paul Simmonds of Kawarren.

Sadly this was Paul's last market as he is opening a shop - Great Ocean Road Organics - next to Little Crumbs bakery in Apollo Bay.

Paul bought his farm from the famous Cliff Young in 2001.

## Wikipedia:

In 1983, aged 61 years old, Cliff Young won the inaugural Westfield Sydney to Melbourne Ultramarathon, a distance of 875 kilometres (544 mi).

The race was run between what were then Australia's two largest Westfield shopping centres: Westfield Parramatta in Sydney and Westfield Doncaster in Melbourne.

Young arrived to compete in overalls and work boots, without his dentures (later saying that they rattled when he ran). He ran at a slow and loping pace and trailed the pack by a large margin at the end of the first day. While the other competitors stopped to sleep for six hours, Young kept running. He ran continuously for five days, taking the

lead during the first night and eventually winning by 10 hours.

Before running the race, he had told the press that he had previously run for two to three days straight rounding up sheep in gumboots. He said afterwards that during the race he imagined he was running after sheep trying to outrun a storm.

The Westfield run took him five days, fifteen hours and four minutes,[1] almost two days faster than the previous record for any run between Sydney and Melbourne, at an average speed of 6.5 kilometres per hour (4.0 mph). All six competitors who finished the race broke the old record.

Upon being awarded the prize of A\$10,000 (equivalent to \$36,011 in 2022), Young said that he did not know there was a prize and that he felt bad accepting it, as each of the other five runners who finished had worked as hard as he did—so he split the money equally between them, keeping none.





L-R: Ag Shaw, Ron Land, Helen Land and John Heritage

Twisted Tango provided great entertainment at the Winchelsea Market. The band is happy to perform for weddings, parties - and whatever, Ron and Helen are also available as a duo act. For bookings, contact Ron on 0439 397 982.



Perfect weather for the Winchelsea market on Sunday. Pictured enjoying themselves are locals Barbara Schroeter and Jean Shinnars.

Barbara was the first typist for the Winchelsea Star in the 1970s when she also set the pages.

Those were the days of Letraset for headlines, and cutting out the various articles and photos and glueing them to the pages.

These were then taken to a printer in Geelong who put the paper together.

These days, Jean is the backup typist for Linda Carter for the articles that get dropped into the IGA Supermarket.

And Jean was a regular contributor with the 'Winchelsea Senior Citizens News' page, including composing limericks.

Perhaps she could consider resurrecting that?



(L-R) Barbara Schroeter and Jean Shinnars.



# Yes! YOU can write for the Star

We want the Star to inform, engage, inspire, and interest the residents of Winchelsea and surrounds. And we need your writings to get there.

The Star has no actual reporters or designated writers - we publish what you send us. If you have some news, an opinion, an interest or perspective, or a story - we'd love you to send it in for publication.

The Star loves to hear anything of direct interest to the Winchelsea community. The more local content we can put in, the better!

## How much can I write?

You can write just one article. You can start a new column about something you're interested in. You can send us a series of articles on a theme. What would **you** write about?

Your article can spread over 1 or 2 pages (approx 850 words) or you can write longer pieces and split them across multiple editions.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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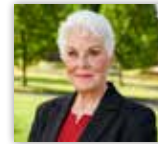
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Amy Fisher  
Succession Legal



Sue Marshman  
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Alyson Burchell  
Funeral Director

Winchelsea Community House, Succession Legal and Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Service offer this information session. Have you wondered how to write a will? Why have one? What if I don't? The same questions can be applied to Funeral Planning.

Amy Fisher is a regular key note speaker and will present what can be a complicated subject in a clear and easy to understand way. Sue and Alyson are experienced and passionate funeral directors and will address the key factors when considering which funeral plan is the right one for you.

**When: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

**Where: Winchelsea Neighbourhood House**

**Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm**

RSVP Winchelsea Community House - Phone 5267 2028

Succession Legal



Tuckers  
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# parkrun 5



Rob McDonald setting a personal best time

## Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

6 April 2024

This week 74 people completed the course through Trebeck Reserve. 10 participants ran or walked their personal best time. Two people completed their first parkrun. Congratulations to Brendan Peel from Albert Park parkrun who travelled here to set an Australian record for participating at the highest number of different parkrun locations. Brendan has been a visitor to 328 locations across Australia. Welcome to all the visitors who came to support Brendan.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers. Lily DELL-RENNIE \* Mark SMIT \* Don SMITH \* Cheryl SMIT \* Kate McINNEN \* Jodie MAZEY \* Tracey JENSEN \* Mick O'MARA \* Kristen CZERKIEWWICZ \* Irene BOMMAKANTI \* Neil McINNEN

Special thanks to those volunteers who were visiting from other parkruns. Next Saturday we have vacancies for the following roles

- Timekeeper
- Finish tokens
- Turnaround Marshal

Please email [trebeckreserve@parkrun.com](mailto:trebeckreserve@parkrun.com) if you would like to help.

parkrun will be conducted as normal next Saturday. We will be finished and clear of the track before the "Conquering the Corrugations" walk to Inverleigh starts

A summary of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results). Check our Facebook page for photos and further information.

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 only needs to be done once and can be used worldwide.



Volunteers from the Trebeck Reserve parkrun no 5



Charlotte setting her PB time



# Letter to the Editor

## 'What do you think?'

Perhaps the Surf Coast Council might consider their fellow council and ask them about this option.

Brian Bohan



# Wetlands closed to hunting

The Victorian Government has closed 32 wetlands to hunting for the 2024 duck season to prevent losses or disturbance to significant numbers of threatened species and breeding waterbirds.

The number of wetlands closed is partly due to an increase in the presence of threatened species currently present at Victorian wetlands. The increase is due to favourable environmental conditions, including extensive flooding in late 2022, resulting in increased waterbird habitat and breeding activity. As wetlands dry, birds are concentrating on remaining wetlands.

Wetlands have been closed to duck hunting to protect significant concentrations of threatened species including the Blue-billed Duck, Blue-winged Shoveler, Freckled Duck, Curlew Sandpiper and Brolga.

Signage will be installed to alert hunters to the closures and wetlands will be monitored throughout the season.

Closing wetlands or regulating hunting methods at wetlands ensures that threatened species are protected and duck hunting remains sustainable. Other wetlands may be closed or further regulated if significant concentrations of threatened species are found.

**In the Winchelsea area, Lake Murdeduke State Game Reserve is closed to Blue-billed Duck hunting.**

For more information on game hunting in Victoria, visit [gma.vic.gov.au](http://gma.vic.gov.au).

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# WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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# Winchelsea

## Growing Winchelsea Inc General Meeting

Tuesday 9 April 2024

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Shire Hall

Winchelsea House

### Presentation by Daryl Pelchen of CORA

Come and hear the latest developments and provide input into how our Community can take advantage of the many opportunities. With innovative thinking, planning for a purpose and community support anything is possible.

### Meet the team

There are some new faces at Growing Winchelsea Inc. Come and introduce yourself, find out more about new initiatives and raise issues or concerns.

**RSVP by Thursday 4 April 2024**

For catering purposes please contact Elaine Atkinson

[secretary@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:secretary@growingwinchelsea.com)

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### Additional General Meeting Diary Dates for 2024

11 June 2024

7 - 8.30 pm Winchelsea House - Presentation by Surf Coast Shire

11 November 2024

7 - 8.30 pm Winchelsea House - Guestspeaker to be confirmed

# Winchelsea Churches



## St John's Catholic Church

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Harding St, Winchelsea 3241  
MASS TIMES  
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## St Thomas' Anglican Church

Rev'd Phil Jacobson  
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stthomaswac@gmail.com  
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
Service 10am

## Winchelsea Uniting Church

0475 777 301  
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Services 9.30am Sundays

### Thought for the Week

"Thank you, God, for little things that come unexpectedly to brighten up a dreary day that dawned so dimly. Thank you, God, for sending a happy thought my way. To blot out my depression on a disappointing day."

**John Bader,**  
Former U/C Accredited  
Lay Preacher

# Embracing Easter

Phil Jacobson

Easter is now behind us, and while, for many, it marked a time of religious significance, you might find yourself wondering, "What does Easter have to offer for those of us who aren't particularly religious?" Well, don't worry, my dear non-churchgoers, because Easter isn't just about attending church services and indulging in chocolate eggs - it's about renewal and new beginnings, and that's something we can all get on board with, regardless of our beliefs.

While the religious significance of Easter may not resonate with everyone, the theme of renewal and new life certainly can. For the church, Easter represents a time of rebirth - a chance to leave behind the old way of how we were and embrace a new way of how we want to be. But who says this sentiment is exclusive to the pews? If you're a non-churchgoer, it's also possible to take this opportunity to have a bit of a think on your lives and consider what changes you can make to experience your own version of renewal.

So, what exactly does "new life" mean for those who don't frequent the pews on Sunday mornings?

It could mean a multitude of things, really. Perhaps it's finally deciding to pursue that hobby you've always been curious about but never had the courage to try. Maybe it's taking steps to improve your mental or physical health, whether that's through therapy, exercise, or simply making healthier choices. Or it could even be as simple as letting go of grudges or negativity that have been weighing you down and embracing a more positive outlook on life.

One of the great aspects of Easter is its symbolism of hope and transformation. Even though we're moving into Autumn there's still a feeling that anything is possible. (I'm still getting tomatoes!) And while some may attribute some of these to religious beliefs, (not the tomatoes), others can find solace in the universal themes of hope and renewal that Easter embodies.

For non-churchgoers, Easter can serve as a reminder to embrace change and seek out new opportunities for growth. It's a chance to shed old habits and thought patterns that no longer serve us and instead embrace a fresh perspective on life. Whether it's starting a new career, embarking on a journey of self-discovery, or simply making more time for the things and people we love, Easter can be a catalyst for positive change in our lives.

Of course, embracing new life doesn't mean we have to abandon our beliefs or values. It's about finding what resonates with us personally and using that as a springboard for growth and self-improvement. For some, that might mean exploring spirituality in a non-traditional sense - whether through meditation, nature walks, or acts of kindness towards others. For others, it might mean focusing on personal goals and aspirations that have nothing to do with religion but everything to do with living a fulfilling life. And of course, for still others, it might mean exploring a faith position as found within a church congregation.

Ultimately, the Easter season is a time for celebration and reflection, regardless of our religious connections. It's a reminder that no matter where we come from or what we believe, we all have the capacity for growth and transformation. So, as the Easter season continues to unfold, why not take a moment to consider what "new life" means to you? Whether it's embarking on a new adventure, cultivating deeper connections with loved ones, exploring something like "faith", or simply embracing a more positive mindset, the possibilities are endless. And who knows? You might just find that the greatest Easter gift of all is the opportunity to create a life that brings you joy and fulfillment.

At St Thomas' we meet in the church hall every Sunday at 10.00 am, so if you'd like to explore a bit more about how we see things, please feel comfortable to come along.



## Australian National Surfing Museum 30 years celebrating our surfing story

### Surfcoast Shire Council

Torquay's Australian National Surfing Museum is celebrating its 30th birthday.

Accompanied by a new 'Born in the Nineties' logo by renowned Surf Coast surf/pop artist Jeff Raglus, birthday events will include panel discussions for Melbourne Design Week, a new Gems of the Collections event series, a new interactive Hall of Fame experience and reflections of contemporary surfing narratives such as women in surfing, and industry sustainability.

The ANSM, run by Surf Coast Shire Council, celebrates the story of Australian surfing and its champions, culture and characters and is the home of the Australian Surfing Hall of Fame. It is the largest museum of its kind in the world and the only surfing museum recognised by the International Surfing Association.

Surfboards on display range from some treasures imported from Hawaii in 1919 and used at Lorne, to first-generation solid timber boards and personal boards of Australian Hall-of-Famers including Mark Richards, Layne Beachley, Simon Anderson and Terry Fitzgerald.

Across its three decades more than 400,000 local, interstate and international visitors have admired its exhibits drawn from a vast collection of more than 17,000 items.

Deputy Mayor Mike Bodsworth said 30 years on the museum continues to grow from strength to strength, attracting new audiences. Our Australian National Surfing Museum is a treasure right on our doorstep at the heart of the Australia's home of surfing. I recommend its collections and wonderful stories which reflect the achievements, dramas, and highlights of Australia's big surfing journey and capture the sport's vivid culture. And I love keeping an eye on the ANSM Instagram page for classic photos and stories.

"It is fitting to be launching these birthday celebrations against the backdrop of the 2024 Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach. Thirty years is a special milestone and we look forward to some great exhibitions and experiences throughout 2024."

The museum is at 77 Beach Road with entry through Torquay Visitor Information Centre. People can stay in touch with birthday year events via [australiannationalsurfingmuseum.com.au](http://australiannationalsurfingmuseum.com.au).

## Young leaders ready to take their place in Youth Congress

### Victoria State Government

A group of seven young leaders from across the state are joining 13 diverse returning members of the State Government's Victorian Youth Congress.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman inducted the new members of the Victorian Youth Congress at a ceremony in Melbourne, ensuring the voices of young Victorians continue to be heard.

The Victorian Youth Congress is an advisory body made up of young people across metropolitan and regional Victoria aged 12 to 25, who want to share their views and experiences to create meaningful change.

This highly successful program sees members appointed for a one-year term before having the option to extend for a second year.

During their time in Congress, members have the opportunity to learn how government works and engage with the Minister for Youth and other Members of Parliament.

The 2024 Victorian Youth Congress will continue to drive implementation of initiatives under the Labor Government's five-year Youth Strategy – Our promise, Your future. The strategy aims to improve the health, wellbeing and future of all young Victorians.

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## Have your say on the future of our forests

### Victoria State Government

Victorians have an opportunity to help design the future of the state's public land – which includes more than 1.8 million hectares of forest previously used for timber harvesting.

To inform the future use and management of Victoria's forest estate the Government has established the Great Outdoors Taskforce to investigate ways to support more visitors to explore the great outdoors, protect biodiversity and create new recreation opportunities.

The Taskforce will be chaired by former Victorian Minister for Environment Lisa Neville. It will consult with communities and stakeholders – ensuring all options for future uses and care of the forest are heard and explored.

The Taskforce will also explore which areas need to be protected to safeguard threatened species, areas that qualify for protection as National Parks and opportunities for Traditional Owner management.

The work will be undertaken over the next 12 months and consultation details will be released in the coming weeks.

For more information visit, [deeca.vic.gov.au/futureforests/immediate-protection-areas/future-forests](http://deeca.vic.gov.au/futureforests/immediate-protection-areas/future-forests).

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# Could you be an animal foster carer?

**Tori Ritchie**

*My names Tori and I'm a local Winchelsea resident, I'm also a foster carer and volunteer for Pawfect Pals Animal Rescue. PPAR is a Victorian based dog and cat rescue who take dogs and cats off the euthanasia list and bring them into our homes to rehabilitate them and find them loving forever homes.*

Have you ever considered volunteering or fostering for an animal rescue?

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Volunteering and fostering allows you to contribute to reducing the number of homeless dogs and cats. This helps alleviate overcrowding in shelters and increases the chances of finding permanent homes for these animals. Through your efforts, you become a part of the solution.

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Another reason to volunteer and foster is the joy it brings. Seeing an animal transform from scared and traumatised to a happy and confident is a heartwarming experience. The bond you develop with your foster is incredibly rewarding, as you see their progress. The gratitude and appreciation shown by the animals you help and the people you work with can bring a sense of purpose to your life.

By offering your time, resources, and love, you can save lives, reduce pet overpopulation, and promote responsible pet ownership. Your involvement can lead to personal growth, new friendships, and a sense of purpose. Your actions can transform the lives of animals in need and create a better future for them and your community.

## **FAQS:**

**Q:** I want to foster a dog/cat but I have a pet, is this a problem?  
**A:** *Sometimes, but not often! Most foster carers are animal lovers and have pets. All rescues will ensure you find a foster that will work for your situation. For example; if you have a cat and want to foster a dog, we would place a dog that is cat friendly with you.*



**Q:** I don't want to foster full time, can I do it whenever I want?  
**A:** *Yes! This is the best thing about fostering, it's up to you. Most rescues will advertise what dogs/cats need caring for and if you're available then you put up your hand.*

**Q:** How long can I expect to foster a dog/cat for?  
**A:** *This depends on the animal, time of year and how many people are looking to adopt. Some puppies/kittens will go in a couple of weeks. Some older dogs or dogs with certain requirements will take a couple of months. Personally, I've never had a foster longer than three months.*

**Q:** What can I expect when I foster an animal?  
**A:** *This depends on the animal, but usually you would take it to the vet for desexing, vaccinations, microchip and a general health check, usually in the one visit. If the animal requires additional veterinary care then you follow up on its appointments. You also write up a 'profile' for the animal as you will know it best, its likes and dislikes etc. You will usually be sent the adoption applications and conduct the meet and greets with potential adopters.*

**Q:** Will I be out of pocket for the animals food/vet/care?  
**A:** *No! All rescues will pay for anything that you require for the animal including food, bedding, enrichment toys etc.*

**Q:** This sounds great! How do I apply?  
**A:** *Most rescues have Facebook, Instagram or a website. You fill out an application with your experience with animals and living situation so they can find your perfect animal.*

# Fresh local jams reduce food waste

Victoria State Govnment

A new kitchen has opened at the Queen Victoria Market's Purpose Precinct, backed by the State Government, to reduce food waste by creating fresh jams and chutneys from unsold produce.

The production line is in full swing, run by social enterprise Moving Feast - reusing unsold market produce to develop their range of jams, sauces, chutneys and preserves, to be sold at the market after Easter.

The Purpose Precinct is Australia's first dedicated social enterprise precinct, with space for more than 80 social enterprises to sell their products while creating new employment pathways and networking opportunities.

Moving Feast will provide new skills and job pathways for people who have faced barriers to employment, while regional social enterprises will also benefit from the new kitchen and will be invited to supply fresh produce to be used in the production line.

Mildura-based regenerative farm Food Next Door – a social enterprise that supports refugee and migrant communities – is the first regional social enterprise to get involved and will supply their organic garlic to the kitchen.

Victoria has a strong and vibrant social enterprise sector, with more than 3,500 social enterprises employing around 60,000 people and contributing \$5.2 billion annually to the economy.

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With current conditions ideal for burning, weather patterns may cause smoke to linger over parts of the state overnight and through to early morning.

FFMVic CFO Chris Hardman says, "Planned burning on public land keeps Victoria safer from bushfires. While we burn to the conditions not the calendar, autumn generally gives more opportunities for planned burns as the weather is more stable



and fire behaviour is generally predictable. Reducing fuels such as grass, leaves, bark, shrubs and fallen branches means fires are less intense and slower to spread, making it more likely that firefighters can keep bushfires small and contained.

"Smoke can be a result of private or agricultural burns, chimney smoke or planned burns. We work closely with and use information from the EPA and BOM to keep the smoke from planned burns as low as possible and inform the community. Victorians can also sign up for planned burn notifications."

CFA CO Jason Heffernan urges Victorians to understand permit requirements before private burn-offs. The Fire Danger Period has ended in a few areas, but it remains in place across the majority of Victoria. It's your responsibility to know what restrictions are in place. If you're in doubt, refer to the CFA website. If you do intend to conduct a planned burn you will need to apply for a permit and ensure that all burning activities comply with the permit prescriptions and requirements."

Victoria's Chief Environmental Scientist Professor Mark Patrick Taylor said EPA understands smoke from any source, including planned burns and private burn-offs can cause health concerns.

For the latest information about when and where planned burns are happening near you, visit <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>.

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- animal health and nutrition
- farm mapping and planning
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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News :

## ROUND 1 - THOMSON VS WINCHELSEA

Last Saturday saw the Blues travel to Godfrey Street Oval to play Thomson Tigers in the opening round of the G.D.F.N.L. Thomson were runners up in last years Grand Final so it was always going to be a test of where the Blues were at for season 2024. With Brendan Forssman back in charge at the helm after the untimely departure of former Coach Christian Shaw due to work commitments - ( the Club wishes to thank "Butch" for his work and dedication to and for the Winchelsea Blues during his time as Senior Coach ) – Foss will be up to the challenge.

## RESERVES

**Winchelsea Blues 6.10.46 defeated by Thomson Tigers 10.4.64.**

It was a beautiful day for Footy out at Thomson for the 1st Round match, overcast and little wind. The Blues were up and about in the 1st quarter but found scores hard to come by, different story in the second quarter winning the quarter and taking it right up to Thomson to trail by just 2 points at half time. The third quarter was a very even affair with the Blues just not converting what they might have, to go in at the third change - 4.9 to Thomson's 5.4. Thomson took the game up a notch in the final quarter and ran out winners by 18 points. As a first hit out the Reserves can not be too disappointed about the loss. There are a few new players to the Reserves Team and the team will benefit and get better as they have more training and playing time together.

**GOALS:** Will Smith 2, Matthew Synoradski 1, Jarrod Winzer 1, Dylan Spong 1, Bailey Forssman 1.

**BEST:** M. Synoradski, B. Kahle, M. Gillespie, C. Davis, J. Winzer, H. Nagle.

## SENIORS

**Winchelsea Blues 11.5.71 were defeated by Thomson Tigers 10.21.81**

The Senior team were keen to get out on the oval and get this season started ! Much like the Reserves the Senior Blues had plenty of the play but not much showing on the scoreboard. Second quarter and the Blues were all over Thomson, pegging their lead back to 4 points at half time. 5.4 to 5.8 The third quarter belonged to Thomson, and going into the last change it looked like they could have easily run away with a big win, but the Blues had other ideas and kicked the last 4 goals of the match which wasn't enough to take the 4 points but certainly could hold their heads up coming off the ground. Plenty to work on in these early days but promising signs after having gone down by 10 points to last years Grand Finalists.

**GOALS:** Jack Symmonds 2, Tavae Sauni 2, Jordan Gould 2, Jordan Huff 1, Rueben James 1, Fin Kesopp-Cole 1, Leigh Ellis 1, Lachie Gemmil 1.

**BEST:** Adam Walsh, Ollie Mahncke, Tavae Sauni, Caleb Brown, Fin Parish, Riley Berg.

This Saturday sees the Winchelsea Blues host Bannockburn in a twilight game at Eastern Reserve where the memory of Ed Smith will be treasured by his Winchelsea & Yakandandah Football Clubs. The Reserves will kick off at 3.30pm.

There will be a minutes silence in Ed Smith's memory before the Senior match commences.

The Bar and Canteen will observe this minutes silence.

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club once again will be supported by the Winchelsea Lion's Club who will man the gate at Eastern Reserve for the Club on game days. The Club is very appreciative of their role during the Football & Netball season. The Lions Club also help out in so many other ways - just quietly going about their community business.

## The Blue's Bistro

Last Thursday night saw the reunion of players and volunteers at Eastern Reserve, the latter providing meals for Footballers & Netballers as well as supporters, the general public and the "Bus to the Hub" programme. It was a fabulous show of faith in what the Blue's Catering Team strives to offer on a Thursday evening.

Big Thanks to Kim & Amanda who have helped out on opening night with apparel and Social Club Memberships for some years now, and these ladies do a really great job.

Big night for apparel, big night for Social Memberships and a huge night for the number of meals provided to patrons on the night.

Our Volunteers love what they do, and while we have our moments when its no longer fun it will no longer happen! The Club's Volunteers are just that – Volunteers. Many have links with players, past and present – there are those families who are fifth generation with a Club that originated in 1876.

Some of our Volunteers have no ties whatever with the Club – they are there as part of community spirit and make up what we call the Winchelsea Blue's Catering Team.

So many comments have come my way on the night and afterwards how great/lovely/terrific it was to see Tania Budge back on board on Thursday night. Welcome back Tan!!

This week's menu will be -

- Chicken Schnitzel / Parmo
- Sea Food Baskets
- Porcupine Balls

All served with salad / chips / vegetables / gravy.



DESSERT Apple Crumble - please order with main meal to avoid missing out!

JUNIOR BLUES Chicken Nuggets & Chips & Gravy/Tomato Sauce

Ice cream & Strawberry/Chocolate/Caramel topping with/without sprinkles.

### Recycling

The Winchelsea Blues is now taking part in the "Recycling for Change" programme.

It is a 10 cent deposit scheme run by State Government where the proceeds go directly to the Football & Netball Club. Keep an eye out for plastic tubs around the ground to put these recyclable items in. These include anything with the bar code and the 10 cents marked on the item - aluminium cans (please don't crush or bend the cans as it interferes with the bar code reading), glass ie: stubbies, liquid carton drink containers between 150mls and 3 litres are eligible. There will be signage by the tubs to help with what can and what can't be put in.

PLEASE don't toss other general rubbish in these tubs !! The Winchelsea Blues are happy to be taking part in the programme as are the Winchelsea Bowls Club to be recycling correctly and raising funds for our Clubs.

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	<b>MEN: SATURDAY APRIL 6 PAR</b> 1st- Mark Bell (21) SQ 2nd- Evan Partridge (20) SQ 3rd- Matt Beauchamp's (17)SQ NTP- 8/17th Denis Waterfall Golden Hole - Greg Rigby



# Netball News

Claire Mawson

## U/13s: Thomson def Winchelsea 29-2

The young junior side, featuring all bottom-age players, has enjoyed a fantastic start to the season. Our 13s team although playing against a strong, tall Thomson team in round one have already shown remarkable skill, determination, and teamwork. Even in their defeats, the young players have gained valuable experience, learning important lessons that will contribute to their development. With each game, we are excited to see them gain confidence and refining their skills with new coaches Ella Clayton & Izzie Ryan.

## U/15s: Winchelsea def Thomson 36-13

A great start to the season, playing against a young Thomson side. Our 15s side has welcomed some new faces to the Navy Blue this season. With the team coming together for the first game of the season, under coach Rhiannon Williams (A Grade superstar) the team were unstoppable, considering they have not played with each other before. We are excited to see how this little team goes and what coach Rhiannon Williams can bring to her side throughout the season.

## U/17s: Winchelsea def Thomson 54-5

What an amazing start to season 2024. A very tiny Thomson side could not stop the strength of the relentless Winchelsea attack. We dominated over the entire court. Shooting accuracies definitely a standout. With the experience coach Angie Mawson and assistance from former senior player Georgia Bell we are looking forward to seeing how this season plays out.

U/19s:  
BYE

## D Grade: Winchelsea def Thomson 42-22

The 2024 D-grade team applied relentless pressure on Thomson right from the onset, forcing four held balls within the first 5 minutes of the match. The team maintained their intensity throughout, leading the game from start to finish and securing a comfortable victory with all 4 points. Noteworthy performances were delivered across the court, with standout players excelling in their respective positions. Belinda Czerniawski demonstrated a powerful goal-scoring performance, while Paris Sharp and Amanda Hilet showcased exceptional skills in the midfield. Chrissy Noble, Emily Wilson, and Abbey Todd formed a formidable defensive rotation, contributing significantly to the team's success.

Every player stepped up and contributed to a strong team performance, promising an exciting season ahead. This comprehensive victory not only highlights the team's ability to dominate on the court but also sets a positive tone for future games.

## C Grade: Thomson Def Winchelsea 30-28

In the 2024 C-grade team's match against the formidable Thomson team, characterized by their high quality and physicality, the team exhibited a promising start. Despite facing a deficit of four goals at halftime, the team displayed resilience and determination throughout the game. Notably, captain Haylee Mac showcased exceptional leadership in the midfield, providing crucial support to players such as Anna Smart and debutant Reani Mawson in the goal circle.

The defensive unit demonstrated remarkable tenacity, securing numerous rebounds and intercepts to orchestrate a remarkable turnaround, propelling the team to a two-goal lead by the conclusion of the third quarter. This concerted effort by the team not only put Thomson on the back foot but also demonstrated the team's potential.

Despite the valiant efforts and spirited performance, the team fell short by a narrow margin of two goals. The match highlighted areas for improvement such as fitness, experience, and coping with opponents' physicality. Nonetheless, the team's resilience and strategic play throughout the match serve as a testament to their determination and potential for future successes.

## B Grade: Thomson def Winchelsea 41-27

The newly formed B Grade side displayed impressive synergy and coordination in their match against a well-built Thomson side, showcasing promising potential. They faced a formidable challenge from an experienced Thomson renowned for their skill and expertise. Young junior and new to the club Karlarni Boddington, debuted and shut down the goaling circle along side the experienced Connie Royal. Our experienced shooters, Katrina Filice & Stephanie Hicks dominated the goaling circle, however Thomson defence were just too clever with the body. The seasoned Thomson side proved too much to overcome, highlighting areas for growth and development for our B Grade team.

## A Grade: Winchelsea def Thomson 47-32

Initially taking some time to find their rhythm, A Grade steadily gained momentum as the match progressed. With determination and focus, they managed to put their foot down and assert control over the game, ultimately securing a well-deserved victory. With multiple new combinations from the team and a star stand out performance by our new recruit Zoe Tennant. This impressive turnaround showcases the team's resilience, and ability to capitalise on opportunities when it mattered most. We are excited and hoping for our A Grade side to further their season off the back of last year, ready to cheer them hopefully all the way in 2024!

# Free specialist women's health clinic in Geelong

## Victoria State Government

More Victorian women will soon have access to free and comprehensive care and support under the one roof, with five of the State Government's Women's Health Clinics opening across Victoria from June.

The first five of 20 comprehensive women's health clinics will open at the Barwon Health Geelong, Northern Hospital, Royal Women's Hospital, Frankston Hospital, and Ballarat Base Hospital.

The clinics will remove the barriers women face trying to access specialist care and deliver more services closer to home.

Services will be delivered by gynecologists, urologists, specialist nursing and allied health support under the one roof, making it easier for women to access specialist care for conditions including endometriosis, pelvic pain, polycystic ovary syndrome, perimenopause and menopause.

Both Barwon Health and the Royal Women's Hospital have existing women's health clinics, which will now extend services to five days a week. The three other locations will establish new clinics.

Part of the State Government's landmark \$153 million women's health package, five clinics will open every year over the next four years across Victoria – including a culturally

safe Aboriginal-led clinic and a mobile Women's Health Clinic which will visit remote parts of the state.

The announcement coincides with the opening of the Women's Pain Survey, which is seeking the views of women and girls who have experiences with pain and accessing related services.

Seeking a wide range of views, the survey is also calling on clinicians and healthcare workers to help identify areas where the health system and services can be improved.

The findings will contribute to the ongoing Inquiry into Women's Pain, adding to the insights from Victoria's recent nation-leading health report, Listening to Women's Voices. This confirmed what women already know: their health and pain are real and regularly overlooked, with 40 per cent of Victorian women living with chronic pain.

Victoria has a proud track record of working to improve women's health outcomes – from establishing Victoria's first clinic for women's heart health, delivering 11 sexual and reproductive health hubs, and launching the state's first ever sexual and reproductive health phone line.

The Women's Pain Survey is now open at [engage.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain-survey](http://engage.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain-survey)

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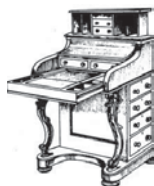
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# Aged care funding questions

## National Seniors Australia

Almost five years since the previous government responded to the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, there have been great expectations.

Some improvements have been made and many more are coming. However, as the Royal Commission noted, meaningful change cannot happen without sustainable funding. Where this funding will come from has been a key stumbling block in a complex reform process.

In June last year, Minister Wells announced an Aged Care Taskforce to review funding arrangements. National Seniors Australia (NSA) contributed to the Taskforce through a submission in August.

On March 12, after some delay, the Taskforce released its final report outlining 23 recommendations. This as an important milestone on a long road towards a safe and quality system of care.

### Taskforce Recommendations

The Taskforce's key principles align with many of those proposed by NSA in its own submission. Supporting older people to age in the home as long as possible; equitable and sustainable funding arrangements; and quality, innovation, and transparency in the aged care system are things we can all get behind.

The report also addresses the key question of where the additional funds will come from to improve the system. According to the Taskforce report, government plays a significant role in funding aged care. Around 75% of the total cost of residential aged care is funded by the federal government (via general revenue), with the federal government funding 95% of the total cost of home care services.

With greater numbers of older people and many living longer, government revenue will need to grow to pay for this. The Taskforce has advised against a levy or other taxes, citing intergenerational fairness and cost-of-living concerns. Instead, it focuses on expanding existing co-contribution arrangements for those who can afford to pay, but with a strengthened safety net for those who cannot.

It's important to note, some people already contribute significantly towards the cost of residential care, notably for everyday living costs, such as food and accommodation, depending on their financial circumstances.

The Taskforce report makes it clear that government must be the main funder of direct care services, such as nursing care and that any increases in co-contributions focus on non-care living costs. It points out these are costs people pay for themselves throughout all stages of life.

It also recommends any changes to co-contributions be grandfathered for those already in residential care and any changes to co-contributions in home care occur only as people's needs change.

While the report provides a general roadmap for funding reform, there are details about how changes to co-contributions will work in practice.

National Seniors response  
The Taskforce recommendations are not the final word and have to be considered by government.

While some seniors have told us they are willing to contribute more, this is only if changes are reasonable, fair and result in higher quality care.

In this regard, National Seniors believes the federal government should consider the following:

- The government must continue to consult about changes to funding arrangements, especially those related to co-contributions
- Any changes to co-contributions must be reasonable, introduced incrementally and be grandfathered for those already in the system
- Further transparency and accountability measures must be put in place to ensure funding, especially consumer contributions, are spent wisely and efficiently
- Care services should be of the highest quality for all older people accessing aged care, regardless of their ability to co-contribute
- There is a need to broker multi-partisan support for funding reform, because fixing aged care must be above politics.

In terms of transparency, providers should be required to open their books to forensic auditing to restore confidence in their management of funding.

If these things can be delivered, government will have the best chance of gaining community acceptance. And older people will have the best chance of receiving the care they need and deserve.

### Where to from here?

The new Act is expected to be legislated by 1 July 2024. Funding reform should not delay the implementation of the Act, nor should funding reform be rushed.

This is a crucial moment to simplify overly complex funding arrangements, to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability, so let's take the time to get it right.

NSA will engage closely with the government as it deliberates how to implement any new funding arrangements to ensure we get a high quality aged care system for future generations of older Australians.

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Chris Grice  
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Chief Executive Officer

*In support of those affected,  
In honour of loved ones lost,  
We walk as one.*



# This event is Returning to Victoria in 2024!

Raising awareness of the 'corrugations' in life, supporting and remembering those affected, and removing the stigma surrounding mental health challenges – Sat April 13<sup>th</sup> & Sun April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024..

Participants will walk from Winchelsea to Inverleigh on Day 1, returning on Day 2. Total distance is 34km completed over two days with the options of joining for Day 1, Day 2 or both.

*A free family friendly event open to all ages.*

## Registrations Open!



*"2023 was an amazing event!  
Seeing strangers talking and  
walking together, making  
new friends and simply  
listening to each other made  
the two days magical."  
- Charlie Earl  
(Winchelsea)*



*"I felt so welcomed.  
Everything was provided  
from a loo to food and  
even hot drinks. My  
highlight of the 2023 event  
was seeing people come  
together and feeling safe  
sharing their stories."  
- Jos Middleton  
(RFDS)*



[www.conquerthecorrugations.com.au](http://www.conquerthecorrugations.com.au)

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## Handle with care: bobby calf transport requirements

Agriculture Victoria is keen to remind producers of their responsibilities when transporting bobby calves.



Agriculture Victoria Livestock Welfare Compliance Program Manager Veronica Campbell said Agriculture Victoria Authorised Officers still find unfit calves being supplied for transport and sale and calf trailers that are over-crowded or don't meet the prescribed requirements. Bobby calves that are fit for their intended journey must be healthy and alert. They should weigh at least 23 kilograms, be strong, able to bear weight on all four limbs and able to rise from a lying position. Their hooves should be firm, and their navels dry, wrinkled, withered and shrivelled.

"If a calf isn't fit to load, appropriate arrangements must be made for its care or treatment. If in doubt, leave it out. Bobby calves must be assembled and transported to ensure delivery in less than 18 hours from last feed with no more than 12 hours spent on transport, unless moving between rearing facilities where the journey must be less than six hours. Calves must be fed, within six hours of loading. Anyone in charge of bobby calves must have a record system that identifies when the calves were last fed prior to transport."

Ms Campbell said calves must be adequately protected from the weather during transport and be kept clean and dry. In practice this means the trailer or crate should have an enclosed front for protection and appropriate bedding or material on the floor of the trailer to reduce the risks of slipping. All bobby calves must have sufficient space in the livestock crate to be able to lie down on their sternums during transportation.

For further information regarding bobby calf welfare visit the Agriculture Victoria website, call 136 186 or consult with animal health and welfare staff at your local Agriculture Victoria office. Anyone wishing to make a specific complaint regarding livestock welfare can contact Agriculture Victoria at [aw.complaint@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:aw.complaint@agriculture.vic.gov.au) or phone 136 186.

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### Is your producer group keen to test a technology or some innovative research?

Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with Meat & Livestock Australia, is conducting a new producer demonstration program with the opportunity to

establish five new on-farm demonstration projects.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader Farming Systems, Bindi Hunter, said the program is inviting expressions of interest from Victorian sheep and beef producer groups to design and conduct their own three-year project. 'The demonstrations are conducted on group members' farms (preferably three sites per project per year) and involve participation by members in group activities, including skill development, site monitoring and discussion of results.

'Projects must be focused on increasing adoption of key management practices or commercially available technologies that improve business profitability, farm productivity and sustainability.'

Selected projects will focus on demonstrating systems or technologies in one of four priority areas:

1. Manage and adapt to a changing climate or specific regional conditions (e.g. addressing feed gaps, grazing system, enterprise mix)
2. Reduce emissions or emissions intensity, (e.g. reproductive efficiencies, feed types and quality, soil fertility management)
3. Manage animal health and welfare risks resulting from increasing/ emerging biosecurity threats in a changing climate
4. Implement on-farm innovations that improve production and management efficiencies (e.g. recent research findings, genetics, ag tech).

Expressions of interest close on Monday 13 May 2024. For more information and to receive an expression of interest form, go to <https://go.vic.gov.au/3fTKvdU> or contact Bindi Hunter, Project Leader Farming Systems on 0428 589 016 or at [bindi.hunter@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:bindi.hunter@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

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### Reminder – phaseout of 3G network

Victorian farmers are reminded of the upcoming phaseout of the 3G network.

Starting from 30 June the 3G network will be phased out in rural Victoria.



If you use devices that rely on a 3G SIM card for connectivity it's important to understand how this may impact your farm operations.

Reach out to your technology providers to ensure your devices are compatible with the upcoming changes.

Stay ahead of the transition to ensure seamless connectivity on your farm.



# WINCHELSEA FACEBOOK

## Non-profit community Groups and Pages

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When: Wednesday 10 April, 2024

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#### Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons 1.30pm,  
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When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12  
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## Supporting the next generation of secondary teachers

### Victoria State Government

The State Government is helping Victorian students achieve their teaching dreams – delivering cost-of-living support to students and creating the next generation of skilled, dedicated teachers for the state’s education system.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced the opening of the Secondary Teaching Scholarships portal thanks to the State Government’s \$93.2 million investment – which will offer up to 4,000 teaching students the support they need to pursue secondary teaching at university.

Scholarships are available to all Victorian students who enroll in accredited secondary school or dual primary-secondary teaching degrees in 2024 and 2025 and meet study load criteria.

Graduates are encouraged to work in a Victorian government secondary or specialist school after completing their degree, with further incentives available for two years as they start their teaching career.

The total scholarship amount for students who complete their studies is based on the HELP fees charged by the Commonwealth Government – which can range to between \$18,000 for a four-year undergraduate degree or \$9,000 for a two-year postgraduate degree.

The scholarships program has already led to a significant increase in students interested in teaching courses in 2024.

Secondary Teaching Scholarships form part of a \$229.8 million investment by the Labor Government to attract, retain and support the teacher workforce.

This investment also includes \$95.7 million to support more graduate teachers in government schools and \$27 million for the Targeted Financial Incentives Program that provides \$50,000 to assist teachers from Victoria, interstate and overseas relocate to hard-to-staff positions in government schools.

To learn more about the Secondary Teaching Scholarships and to access the application portal, visit [vic.gov.au/scholarships-secondary-teaching-degrees](http://vic.gov.au/scholarships-secondary-teaching-degrees).

## Gearing up for statewide digital driver licence launch

### Victoria State Government

*We carry much information on our phones, so why not our licenses?*

Millions of Victorians will now have the option to carry their license on their phone, with the State Government’s digital driver licenses set to begin rolling out across the state next month.

Throughout April, consultation will ramp up with organisations that rely on photo identification including bars, restaurants, retailers, Victoria Police, and Australia Post to ensure they’re prepared for the rollout.

In May, more than 4.5 million Victorians who are fully licensed drivers, motorcyclists, or heavy vehicle operators will be the first eligible to download digital driver’s licenses as part of the state-wide launch.

This follows a successful trial in Ballarat last year, where more than 15,000 Victorians accessed their digital licenses via the myVicRoads and Service Victoria apps.

Digital licenses have undergone rigorous privacy and security testing, boasting features like a dynamic hologram and a timed QR code that businesses and authorities can scan to verify authenticity and prevent fraudulent use.

The licenses can also be updated in real-time if there are changes to license conditions or personal information like home addresses.

Victorians who have downloaded either the VicRoads or Services Victoria app will automatically receive their digital license through their app once it has been processed in May and will be alerted either by push notification or email.

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# Use of 'Electrofishing' along the Barwon River

## Barwon Water

An environmental monitoring program supported by Barwon Water and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority will collect data to assess the health of the Upper Barwon River and guide its future management.

The organisations have engaged the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Arthur Rylah Institute to conduct electrofishing surveys over the next two years, to understand the health of fish populations in the waterway. Electrofishing involves generating an electric field which temporarily stuns nearby fish so they can be briefly examined. The process, which is used throughout the world, is considered harmless for both fish and the environment.

Arthur Rylah Institute scientist Lauren Johnson explained that electrofishing involves passing an electrical pulsed current through the water, momentarily stunning fish so that they can be netted, identified and weighed. "Fish recover quickly and are released back into their environment unharmed. The Arthur Rylah Institute uses this fish survey method to monitor fish species across Victoria as part of a number of monitoring projects including the Victorian Environmental Flows Monitoring and Assessment Program (VEFMAP) and the Native Fish Report Card Program. "

The surveys will enable baseline understanding of fish populations and river health that can be used as a reference point for any future work and decision making.

More than 20 community members attended an electrofishing demonstration event at the end of February, when sampling was undertaken at several sites along the Barwon River from Forrest to Winchelsea. On the day, sampling found mainly native species and included Short-finned Eel, Obscure Galaxias, and Southern Pygmy Perch.

Barwon Water managing director Shaun Cumming said Barwon Water was supporting the survey with \$80,000 in funding, aligned to the commitment in its Strategy 2030 to deliver a healthier environment for all. "We know how much our customers and the local community value the environment and healthy local rivers, which is one of the reasons we're pleased to support this work. The data gathered over the next two years will help get the best outcome for the upper Barwon River into the future," he said.

Corangamite CMA chief executive officer Amber Clarke said the fish sampling information would help inform future management decisions and provide a baseline for comparisons to any future sampling work. "This data is an important snapshot in time of the status of fish populations in the Barwon River. When these surveys are repeated, we'll be able to track if populations are improving in response to the collective efforts made by landholders, government agencies, citizen scientists, Traditional Owners and Landcare groups to improve the health of the Barwon River."

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