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Only in Victoria: kids go free for footy Round 21

Victorian State Government

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos has joined AFL CEO Andrew Dillon at Marvel Stadium to announce that tickets will be free for all kids aged 14 years and under for Round 21 in Victoria.

Round 21 begins on Thursday 31 July and kicks off the final month of the home-and-away season. The round includes five blockbuster matches across Melbourne and Geelong.

Kicking off on Thursday night, the Western Bulldogs host GWS Giants at Marvel Stadium, which will also welcome Melbourne and West Coast on Saturday afternoon. A rematch of the 2023 Grand Final takes centre stage at the MCG on Saturday night as Collingwood takes on the Brisbane Lions. On the Sunday, the Saints and Kangaroos meet at Marvel Stadium and Geelong Cats face Port Adelaide at GMHBA Stadium.

This year's Kids Go Free round builds on the success of the initiatives debut last year. More than 6,000 kids got to see their teams play in Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat thanks to last year's Kids Go Free round – more than a quarter of the total general admission tickets for that round.

The initiative is part of the Labor Government's AFL Events Package which includes support for the 2025 Toyota AFL Grand Final Parade and Footy Festival. This will provide a huge boost for young Victorian footy fans and their families. Looking to cheer on their team before finals in our world-class stadiums.

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parkrun 66



Saturday 7 June 2025

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



Twenty one parkrunners completed the course through Trebeck Reserve in cold, wet conditions this week. We had visitors from Portland and Melbourne. There were no first timers this week.

Two people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Tracey Jensen and Karyn Queen.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Ann Morsby, Don Smith, Murray Bennett, Angela Hurren, Ann Jones and Chris Hurren.

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

Further details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for more 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, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

You do not need to be a runner, wear fancy Lycra or the latest high-tech shoes. Around one third of participants walk the course.

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WHERE THE COOL KIDS CROCHET Spotlight on the community Crochet Group at Winch House

Alice Cloake

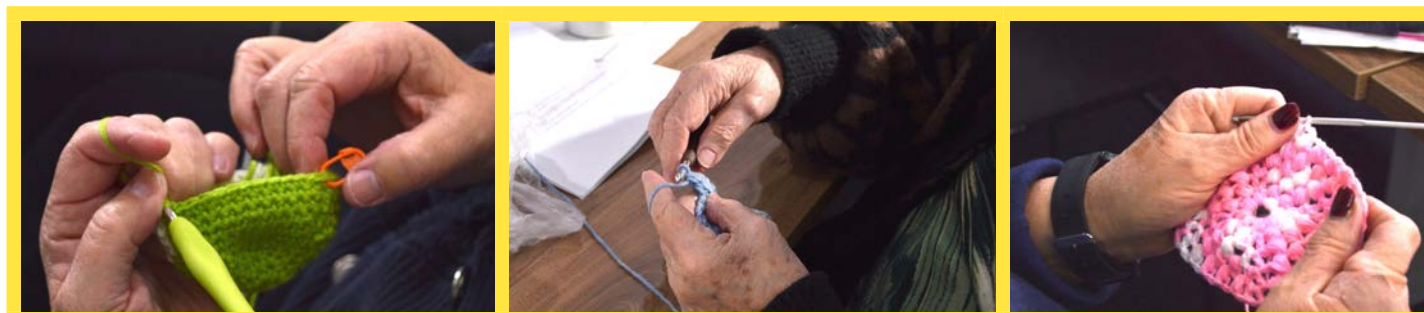


On the second Saturday of the month from 1.30pm, members of the Crochet Group gather their hooks, wool and \$5 and make their way to the Winchelsea Community House. This has been the way for over six years and though attendance has fluctuated, a core group remains dedicated to the hour or so of likeminded company and quiet creativity.

They sit around a square of long tables with sounds of soft music coupled with light conversation filling the room, and skilfully bring

together their creations one notch at a time. They make shawls, scarves, blankets for dolls and little toy penguins. Never have I wanted to be a part of a group quite so much.

There is nothing exclusive about this club, not skill level nor age is required for joining. At the last meetup there were eight in attendance, four long serving members and four newer members - the cool kids. Together this multi-generational collective is doing their bit to keep creativity, and the great skill of crocheting alive. And I wish I was as cool as them.



Call out to design the new Youth Myki Victorian State Government

Kids across the state have the chance to design the new youth myki cards that will hit the network next year. Young Victorians can submit their designs for a chance to showcase their work on over a million youth myki cards and to win a \$1,000 gift card.

Designs for the new youth myki can be hand drawn or a digital illustration – with the new card set to stand out from the current myki card range.

Entries will close on Sunday, 15 June 2025 with Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister Williams announcing the winner later this year.

A yearly student pass currently costs \$755, but from next year children aged under 18 can travel for free. For a family with three children under 18, that's a saving of \$2,265 each year.

For more information on the design competition and how to enter, please visit engage.vic.gov.au/youthmyki from Friday, 6 June.

Supporting Tiny Towns like Winchelsea

Gayle Tierney

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney has announced four new projects in Western Victoria for towns with populations of fewer than 5,000 people.

Successful projects in Western Victoria include:

- Growing Winchelsea (\$40,000): Interpretive Signage for Winchelsea Arboretum Trail
- Apollo Bay Community Voice Inc (\$50,000): Upgrade the vacated preschool building for community use
- Aireys Inlet Tourism & Traders Association (\$46,946): Aireys Inlet Community Information and Wayfinding Hub
- Wye River Surf Life Saving Club (\$28,263): Clubhouse Transformation

For more information about the Tiny Towns Fund, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund



Push-Up Challenge for Mental Health

Pushing for a Purpose in Winchelsea

Winch locals are dropping to the floor for a cause—the Annual Push-Up Challenge for Mental Health

Tara Quin

For the third year in a row, a team of locals from Winchelsea are participating in The Push-Up Challenge, a national initiative raising awareness and funds for mental health.

Their chosen charity? Lifeline Geelong. Their goal? 3,214 push-ups in 23 days—one for every Australian life lost to suicide in 2023. Team Winch has started strong, already banking over **5,457 push-ups** just three days in, and raising **\$763** towards their target.

But they've got their eyes on a bigger prize—topping their incredible results from year one, when they:

- Finished **Top 10** in Victoria for most push-ups banked

- Finished **Top 10** in Victoria for most funds raised
- Finished **Top 15** nationally overall
- Raised **\$2,300** for Lifeline Geelong
- Completed **80,631 push-ups** across a team of just 29 people!

This year's team has 25 members, and the spirit is just as strong—whether they're on the gym floor, in their lounge room, or awkwardly lowering themselves in office hallways between meetings.

Want to support their efforts? You can push for better mental health too.

Donate or join the team here:

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Funds raised support Lifeline Geelong's critical 24/7 crisis services, helping Australians find connection and support when it's needed most. So if you see a bunch of slightly sweaty, stiff-armed locals around town—give them a nod. They're pushing through for something bigger than reps.

New GPs celebrate completion of training in Geelong

Royal Australian College of GPs

Fifty-seven doctors celebrated the completion of their training as specialist GPs at the first regional Victorian Fellowship ceremony of the Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) at Novotel Geelong.

It marks a successful end to 11 years of education, training, rigorous assessment, and experience in primary care for the new Fellows of the RACGP.

New GP Dr Shruthi Vantakesh trained in Colac. She said working in general practice means she gets to help patients at every stage of life. "I've always wanted to treat all the parts of the body – it's very diverse. You get to be part of their journey, from birth 'till they pass." Dr Vantakesh said she found living and working in a small town challenging, but the experience gave her opportunities she wouldn't have otherwise had.

RACGP President Dr Michael Wright told graduates at the ceremony that earning their Fellowship was a huge achievement that reflects they have displayed the skills and experience to help patients in their communities thrive at all stages of their lives. "Admission to fellowship shows a GP has the confidence of their mentors and peers to serve their patients in the broad discipline of general practice independently.

"You will have faced different challenges – for some that journey started from another country, while for others you some have gone through big life events – births, loss, and transitions. And it's important to acknowledge that you could not have made this journey without the support of your families and friends.

"General practice is a fantastic specialty. No other specialty has the flexibility, variety, and independence that general practice offers us, or lets practitioners form such long-term relationships with our patients.

The RACGP trains 90% of GPs in Australia, across big cities, regional, rural, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Fellowship graduation ceremony coincides with Crazy Socks for Docs Day, where GPs around the country are wearing their wildest socks to challenge the stigma around doctors' mental health.

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Under 25 Football

- Lachie Gemmill
- Cam Primmer

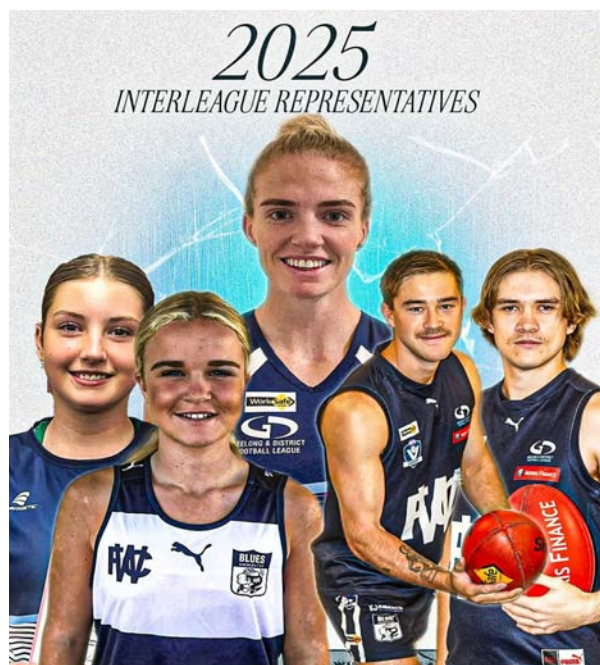
Open Age Netball

- Meg Royal

Under 17 Netball

- Millie Partridge
- Reani Mawson

You've made us all at Winchelsea FNC incredibly proud - Go Blues!



Under 11s

The girls had a tough game on Tuesday against Lara.

They started the first quarter 0-4 Lara's way. But the girls persisted and tried there hardest in the new combinations we have been trying, and managed to get a couple goals back without Lara scoring.

With the end result going down 7-3 the girls definitely have a lot to practise in the coming weeks including rebounds, getting in-front of their player and still improving on their strong shoulder passes!

Harriett was most definitely a stand out in this week's game, plenty of intercepts and you can see she is really taking on what we learn at training into her gameplay!

Emily



NetSetGo Report

The Baby Blues NetSetGo superstars have been hard at work lately, and it's really starting to show. After mastering the basics, the group has been moving into more game-focused skills—especially goal shooting and passing.

It's been exciting to watch their confidence grow as they take on these new challenges. Whether it's nailing a tricky pass or sinking a goal, the players are developing strong coordination and teamwork. There's a real buzz at training sessions, with lots of encouragement, laughter, and high-fives all around.

These young netballers are making great strides, and it's clear they're having a lot of fun along the way. The future is bright for the Baby Blues!



Winchelsea Community Dinner

Tales from the Table No 3

Tara Quin

Last Saturday night, a warm and wonderful group of Winch locals gathered once again for our much-loved shared dinner. And as always, it was the conversations around the table that brought the most flavour.

One of the dinner committee members Jess, joined thoughtful discussions about life as a woman on the land—particularly the grit, ingenuity, and sheer determination it takes to keep farming through pregnancy and early motherhood. Stories were shared of babies bobbing along in bouncers while fences were mended, and toddlers in carriers while seeds were sown. It was raw, honest, and beautifully empowering.

Other tables chatted about the unique beauty of Winchelsea—the joy of knowing your neighbours, waving in the street, chatting at the playground. There was nostalgia too: a yearning for children to once again roam freely, ride bikes, and play in the streets like we did growing up.

Naturally, the food talk flowed too. Several of us swapped stories about raising our own meat—how much more ethical, sustainable, and flavourful it can be. One conversation turned into a spontaneous plug for local legend Kate Shawcross—who works at the local demolition yard—further proof that in Winch, you're always one chat away from knowing someone who can help.

The highlight for me? A real conversation curveball involving horses, a mobile phone ban, and philosophical differences about technology. Let's just say I met someone who doesn't own a mobile, avoids technology entirely, and turned down a dream job

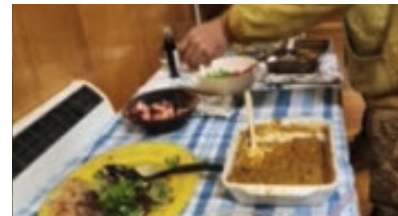
because it required carrying a phone for emergencies. What followed was a curious blend of admiration, confusion, and cautious diplomacy (on my part, anyway). We laughed, we disagreed, we survived.

There were also conversations about Winch's community food bank and Richard's upcoming coffee cart project. There was talk of a new-age food exchange involving local kids, community produce, and just a dash of utopian flair. Only in Winch.

A big thanks to Kat Wood for supplying the flowers and Alison Dean for the artistic arrangements, Jess and the team for setup and pack-down, and of course, the Church Hall and Winch Star for making this all possible.

The food report: Kate's beef and barley soup was soul-warming. The chicken curry? Gone. All the other delights, of which there were many—also gone. My rocket, pear and parmesan salad? Meh—still some left to feed the chooks! But the real winner was dessert: all the desserts were devoured, and you'll be happy to know—my apple crumble too. Not a crumb left.

Lesson learnt! Next month I'm going all-in on peach pie or lasagna. No salads or soups from me. To be continued... Tales from the Table never disappoints—until next month, be good to your neighbours and we hope to see you all at the next community dinner.

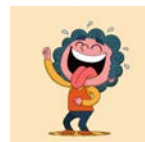


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Geelong Community Foundation

\$30,000 grant to support food access in Winchelsea

Wendy Greaves

We are thrilled to announce Winchelsea Community House and Hesse are once again a recipient of the Geelong Community Foundation annual grant round, the \$30,000 received will continue to support Food Access in Winchelsea.

The Foundation's annual Grant Reception evening was held on 29 May 2025. Grant recipients hosted a stall that celebrated their organisation's work and the activity for which they received funding. This was a vital opportunity for the Foundation's donors to meet grant partners and understand the impact of their social support and for grant partners to network.

The Geelong Community Foundation distributed 1.75M in grants this year to support 41 new initiatives that strengthen, uplift and connect our community. From mental health and education, to food security, housing and the environment these grants make our region fairer, more resilient and more inclusive.



GMHBA becomes gold sponsor of the Friends of the Great South West Walk, promoting mental wellbeing and community connection

GMHBA



GMHBA Portland Dental Assistant Sandra Seitz joins a group of walkers at the GSWW

GMHBA is proud to announce its Gold Sponsorship of the Friends of the Great South West Walk for their volunteer work in promoting and maintaining the renowned Great South West Walk, a 262km walk that attracts hundreds of community members and nature enthusiasts annually to explore the stunning landscapes of Victoria's southwest coast.

Teams from GMHBA Portland and Portland Dental chose to support the Friends of the Great South West Walk as part of GMHBA's community engagement strategy, reflecting the organisation's ongoing commitment to supporting local community initiatives that promote mental health and wellbeing.

The walking trail offers a spectacular journey through some of the region's most diverse and breathtaking landscapes. Established in 1981 as a community-led initiative, the trail was developed in collaboration with local schools, Parks Victoria and volunteers, designed as a loop beginning and ending in Portland.

The walk weaves through pristine national parks, including the Lower Glenelg, Cobboboonee, and Discovery Bay, showcasing towering eucalypt forests, tranquil rivers, rugged coastal cliffs,

and sweeping ocean views. It also features iconic landmarks such as the Glenelg River, Cape Nelson, and the Petrified Forest near Cape Bridgewater.

The \$5,000 contribution from GMHBA, Australia's leading regional not-for-profit private health insurer, will go towards trail maintenance, to help ensure the trail remains open and safe for locals and visitors alike to engage with.

Portland GMHBA branch manager Tania O'Brien said they chose to support the walk because it had grown from a grassroots initiative to something Portland was proud to share with the world. "Supporting the Great South West Walk is more than backing a trail, it's investing in community wellbeing," she said.

"Spending time in nature is an effective way to support mental health and prevent stress from taking a toll. The Great South West Walk offers a unique opportunity to disconnect from daily pressures, recharge, and build resilience. It's a proactive approach to fostering long-term wellbeing and preventing mental health challenges, contributing to a healthier, more balanced society."

Friends of the Great South West Walk President Jen Johns welcomed the support from GMHBA. "We're so proud to be the stewards of this incredible walk and feel a real responsibility to create a safe environment for our local community and for visiting tourists," she said.

"Having GMHBA come on board as a Gold Sponsor will ensure we can continue to offer well-maintained trail and comfortable campsites, enabling people to enjoy short day hikes or the full multi-day experience."

GMHBA has long been committed to fostering health and wellbeing not just within Geelong, but throughout the state of Victoria. GMHBA actively engages in programs that make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and families in the regions where they operate. For more information about GMHBA and their community initiatives, visit: www.gmhba.com.au.

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Winchelsea Star Production Coffee Meeting Saturday 31 May 2025 @ Sweet Thyme

Discussion on ads continued, we have been thinking about ads for a while. Perhaps they could be slightly smaller in size so they occupy less room overall, leaving more room for articles. For black/white ads, we are thinking of line advertising with ads grouped together in categories (similar to the old 'white pages' and 'yellow pages' phone books). This would cost advertisers the same as at present - but make it much easier to find the business you're looking for! It would also make space for micro-businesses to advertise at a minimal cost, such as dog walkers, home hairdressers, snake catchers, skip bins, home cleaners, cake makers, wood carvers - and all the other varied services offered by our talented locals.

There was a proposal that we find copies of previous newspapers produced in Winchelsea in years long gone. For highlights similar to 'On this day in 1946 ...' We will try to access them from the State Library.

There was an interest in resurrecting data such as the Neighbourhood Watch program used to provide so we could publish these type of statistics and information in the Star.

Numerous options were discussed regarding ideas for coming articles. Several people expressed an interest in hearing about progress with the new Op Shop build.

We are looking for new writers, a volunteer has come forward who is happy to write children stories and draw a children's colouring-in page, the primary school is going to send regular articles this year, and we are looking forward to a regular column by our neighbours, the Moriac Community Network.

*We would really welcome feedback and ideas about ads in the Star, please drop us a line.
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This Week's Winchelsea Star

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Environment

Viva Energy gas import terminal still risky and uncertain with safety and dredging concerns unresolved

Geelong Sustainability



The Geelong Renewables Not Gas Alliance is deeply disappointed by the approval of Viva Energy's gas import terminal while significant concerns around additional dredging in Corio Bay remain unresolved.

The Victorian Premier and Planning Minister have announced environmental approval for Viva Energy's controversial gas terminal, without releasing details to the Geelong community.

Reports released since reveal that concerns around safety and navigation raised by expert witnesses, Ports Victoria have not been addressed.

Instead, the inquiry report states any additional dredging of the shipping channel would be subject to a separate assessment, including potentially a whole new Environment Effects Statement – another major hurdle for the company.

Spokesperson Lauren Dillon for ACF Geelong said, "Maritime experts, Ports

Victoria and Vopak have all flagged the current Corio Bay shipping channel is too shallow for most LNG tanker ships and significant dredging could be required to ensure safe navigation of the vessels.

"This additional dredging isn't part of Viva Energy's proposal and wasn't scrutinised in this environmental assessment. This means the community, the regulator, and even the Minister have yet to see any assessment of what will happen to the local ecosystem if the shipping channel is deepened for LNG ships.

"We would like to thank the local community who have campaigned tirelessly for four years to oppose this project, including gathering thousands of petition signatures, attending public hearings, presenting expert evidence, and hosting rallies."

Spokesperson Jane Spence from Geelong Sustainability said: "Investing in new gas infrastructure locks us into decades of emissions at a time when urgent climate

action is needed. "The proposed gas import terminal is not just a climate risk — it is an economic gamble that could leave Victorians worse off.

"We are incredibly disappointed by this outcome in the face of considerable community opposition. "We call on the Victorian Government to invest in ambitious electrification and renewable energy solutions that provide reliable power and long-term jobs for a safer, healthier, and more sustainable future for our community."

"As the electricity system shifts to renewable energy, fossil gas could become Victoria's biggest climate problem. The smartest solution remains helping households and businesses shift to efficient electric appliances."

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The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Australia just approved Woodside's gas project until 2070. How could it happen?

Extracted from an article by ABC News climate reporter Jo Lauder 31 May

Some weeks more than others, climate change really bears down on Australians.

This week, the news carried images of eerie orange skies as dust storms whipped across landscapes dried from record-breaking droughts. Further north, homes were submerged in floods exacerbated by heavier rain from a warmer climate.

And also this week, the Australian government approved the extension of one of the world's largest gas facilities until 2070.

But this decision isn't about climate change.

At least not under Australia's current laws, where the climate harm from fossil fuel projects doesn't have to be considered.

How can Australia approve a fossil fuel mega-project that will run until 20 years after the world is meant to reach net zero emissions?

"I think the average punter out there is basically saying, 'Hang on, this is about climate change and 2070, what are we doing? What in the hell are we doing?'" lamented Greg Bourne from the Climate Council.

The North West Shelf is already Australia's third-highest emitting facility in the country, producing about 6 million tonnes of greenhouse gas each year.

That's just the direct emissions from extracting and processing the gas and doesn't count emissions after the gas is sold, shipped, and burnt at its final destination.

Some estimates put the total lifetime emissions from this project at the equivalent of a decade of Australia's current emissions.

A decade. Think of it as pushing out Australia's climate goals by another 10 years.

But Mr Bourne said the decision would "haunt" the government.

Before working at the Climate Council, he worked for decades in the gas industry

in Western Australia and internationally, including at the North West Shelf.

"We've been talking about net zero by 2050, that number is in people's heads," he said.

"Then suddenly, a project which is now allowed to go ahead until 2070, it's going to ring alarm bells in a very, very, very big way."

It's not just climate experts warning that the world needs to stop expanding fossil fuels: the International Energy Agency says there is enough existing coal, oil, and gas projects to supply the world and stay the course to net zero.

"The world is awash in gas, primarily coming out from the Middle East, but lots coming out from America and so on like that. I think our Australian companies fool themselves into thinking that they're going to be the last company standing, pushing gas out there," Mr Bourne said.

Currently, the environment minister has veto power over major projects if they would impact "matters of national environmental significance", such as protected plants, animals, and ecosystems.

In the case of the North West Shelf, the minister considered the impact on cultural heritage relating to the ancient rock art of Murujuga.

But under these laws, in the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, climate change is not a deciding factor.

"The fact that our environment laws do not address the harms caused by climate change from coal and gas extraction is a really dangerous loophole," said Julia Dehm, an associate professor in the law school at La Trobe University and climate law expert.

"There's long been calls for reform of the EPBC act to include a climate trigger."

This concept was actually proposed back in 2005 by Mr Albanese, who, as shadow environment minister, wanted to fix this "glaring gap" in the laws.

"The climate change trigger will enable major new projects to be assessed for their climate change impact," he told parliament in 2005.

"Climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing the global

community and one of the greatest threats to Australia's way of life.

"It is time to act. It is time for procrastination to end ... We cannot any longer afford to be complacent on this issue."

Twenty years later, Australia has not closed that gap and the Albanese government just approved the type of project that he was targeting back in 2005.

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

The rain and plants have arrived - now we need planters

Stewart Mathison



Some of the 1500 plants to go on the River this year

The working bee planned for last Saturday was cancelled due to the weather forecast which turned out to be a wise decision. Everybody knows the rain is very welcome and with more forecast through the week planting conditions will be much better.

With the rain expected to clear by the weekend we will be planting on the river at the end of Dwyer St (below golf course) this Saturday June 14 from 9 am and also on the first Saturday in July.

All welcome.

Enquiries to Rod Stone 0428 549318 or Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

Environment

Government urged to act swiftly as drought devastates rural Victoria

Bev McArthur MP

Member for Western Victoria, Bev McArthur has moved a motion demanding urgent targeted support for drought-stricken regions, including subsidised water, financial assistance for fodder and water delivery and meaningful government intervention to sustain rural communities.

Mrs McArthur said, "This government is sleepwalking through a rural emergency in Victoria. Rainfall is at historic lows, feed and water supplies are vanishing and farm families are facing the kind of hardship that would break most people.

"These aren't just numbers on a page, but livelihoods, communities and the very backbone of Victoria's food supply. It is utterly unacceptable that while South Australia is stepping up to support its farmers, Victoria is lagging.

"Farms are running out of water, feed and hope. Victoria's farming families don't want sympathy. They are calling for action from the Government now."

The motion passed unanimously.



Why do dam repairs often fail?

Clem Sturmfels, Land Management Extension Officer

As dry conditions continue across Victoria, many farmers may be considering repairing leaking or failed dams to increase on-farm water storage capacity once it rains.

Dam repairs are often high-risk, expensive, and should only be undertaken when the cause of failure and repair options are well understood.

Repairs should only be attempted on larger, well-constructed dams.

Understanding the dam's history—who built it, what equipment was used, and how it has performed—is essential before any work begins.

Poor construction, unsuitable materials, inadequate compaction, and soil contamination are among the most common causes of dam failure.

While poor maintenance can contribute, it is rarely the primary factor.

Diagnosing the cause of dam failure can be complex. It is important to determine whether the leak is through the wall or floor of the dam, and whether it is isolated or widespread.

Thorough inspections should ideally be carried out across multiple seasons, including winter, spring, and summer. Where possible, landholders should:

- Inspect the dam bank for seepage, subsidence, cracks, or tunnels
- Check the waterline for whirlpools or surface turbulence
- Examine downstream areas for soft ground or lush vegetation, indicating seepage
- Use a steel probe or crowbar to test soil firmness in suspect areas
- Watch for unusual signs such as bright yellow or very clear water, which may indicate tunnelling or unsuitable soil
- Monitor and photograph the site regularly to track changes in water levels or visible issues
- Inspect the dam after heavy rain to identify potential problems
- Carefully examine any breach in the dam wall, looking for signs of unsuitable materials like sand, gravel or topsoil.

Soil testing is a crucial part of any repair effort. Testing should include samples from the failure site and surrounding areas, as well as any potential borrow pits.

Basic soil assessments, including texture, aggregate stability, and shrinkage, can be undertaken by landholders using simple guidelines available on the Agriculture Victoria website: Soil materials for farm dam construction.

Repair options depend on the location, cause, and severity of the failure.

Solutions may include reworking existing materials, sourcing suitable material nearby, or using additives like lime, gypsum, bentonite, or specialised products such as sealants or membranes.

Expert advice should always be sought before using manufactured products, as locally sourced materials are often more effective.

Dam repair works usually involve:

- Excavating the site for safe machinery access
- Preparing the foundations to optimise bonding
- Ensuring repair materials are moist and placed in layers not exceeding 100mm
- Compacting each layer with multiple passes of a padfoot roller
- Ensuring the total depth/width of repair materials exceed 300mm
- Shaping final slopes to a maximum gradient of 3:1 (horizontal:vertical).

Repairing dams also present significant health and safety risks, including unstable soil, steep slopes, machinery hazards, and exposure to dust.

All works should be carried out by qualified and experienced personnel, and safety protocols must be in place, including reliable emergency communication.

Permits or licences may be required to undertake dam repairs. Landholders are encouraged to contact their local council planning officer and water authority for guidance.

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history of winchelsea

The Armytage family at Ingleby Station

Written and Researched by Dr. Paul Michael F Donovan, Federation University, of Winchelsea

The land on which the Ingleby homestead now stands is the traditional lands of the Gulidjan people and was first colonised by Thomas Armytage, one of the earliest pastoralists to follow Batman and Fawcner into the Port Phillip District.

He initially arrived at Port Phillip in 1836 with his partners Charles Franks (mentioned earlier re the murder of him and his shepherd) and Thomas Ricketts (after whom Rickett's Marsh was named on the Princes Highway near Birregurra, and Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary in Port Philip Bay just off Beaumaris in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs).

Armytage, Ricketts and Franks were shipping stock across Bass Strait to a site near Werribee in 1836. Their venture began disastrously when the stock dispersed after Franks' death.

Following the disappearance of the explorers Joseph Tice Gellibrand and George Hesse, several search parties were mounted in an attempt to find them. One was a group of five which included John Cowie, David Stead, Captain Joseph (or James, sources disagree) Stephen Pollock, of Pollock's station, Irrewarra (namesake of Pollocksford, Pollockdale, near Wickliffe, and Pollock's Plains, north of Lismore), William Roadknight (Point Roadknight) and Thomas Armytage.

During this search, Thomas Armytage settled on the land which became the Ingleby Run at the place where the party first found Gellibrands tracks, which led into country to the west which was too rocky to track any further.

The original house of bluestone built by Thomas Armytage still stands near the current Ingleby Homestead. It was extended in timber on the west facing side.

It was later replaced by Thomas' Father, George, who built the current Ingleby Homestead. The homestead, garden and farm can be booked for weddings, special occasions, events and location shoots.

Thomas was only sixteen years old when he came to the colony to start his pastoral run. He lost his life when he caught a cold by crossing the Barwon before there were any bridges. His father, George Armytage went on to become one of the key settlers in Winchelsea and one of the most prolific colonial Settlers in Victoria.



Mícheál 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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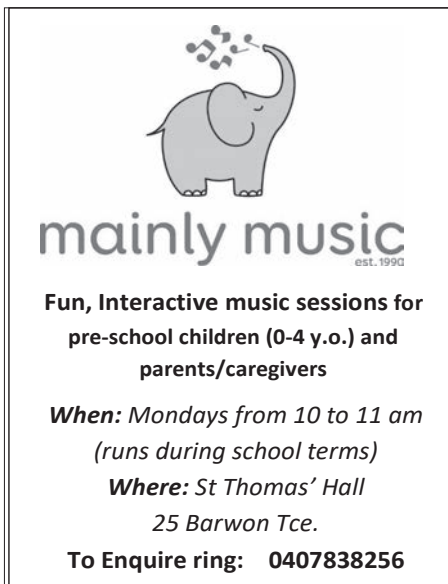


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The event has been created to give the opportunity for members of the community who seldom have the chance of a local 'Day Out' to come together socially enjoy food, music and fun! We hope this will be the first of many events like this offered in the Hall.

Get ready to experience the authentic, raw, and emotional power with 2Tones, the dynamic duo created late last year.

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Their live performance are a testament to their chemistry and talent.

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There is no set theme or categories, but writing must be suitable for airplay between 6am and 6pm for a general listening audience.

Stories may also be made available as podcasts after broadcast.

Entries must be submitted by 25th of June to

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Applications are now open for the annual OCR FM July Journal writing project.

Each year members of the community are invited to submit short stories, poems and other writing pieces to be aired on OCR FM throughout July. Author's may choose to record their pieces themselves or submit for an OCR FM volunteer to record on their behalf.

OCR FM will also be holding a writing event at the end of June for anyone keen to use a typewriter and record their work on the day.

For more information please contact OCR FM station president Tyson Graham via email admin@ocrfm.org.au or phone 0429 081 989.



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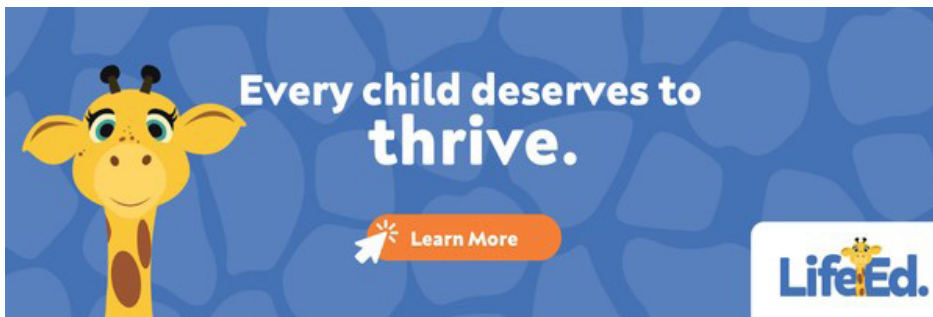
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Last year's submissions to Healthy Harold's Garden Grants revealed more primary school and early learning educators are looking to develop "calm gardens" or "grateful gardens" to boost children's nutritional knowledge and encourage them to grow in resilience.

"Last year's entries were fantastic and shows us that Aussie teachers are thinking outside the box and beyond the classroom when it comes to support for students," said Russell D'Costa, CEO Life Ed Australia.

"We have been partnering with schools to deliver preventative health education for more than 45 years now, and what continues to be clear is the importance of memorable, immersive experiences to embed learning. It's because children learn by doing. That is what Healthy Harold's Garden Grants is all about."

It empowers Aussie kids to learn about how growing and eating healthy food can

fuel their bodies and boost their moods. Life Ed have teamed up with Bakers Delight to provide schools with free resources to empower students to learn more about nutrition and connecting with nature and each other.

The initiative gives primary schools, preschools and early learning centres the chance to win their share of \$25,000 in grants by simply sharing their vision for their school garden.

Thanks to Life Ed partner Bakers Delight, schools will have more chance to win with applications categorised by school type and size.

To learn more, visit lifeed.org.au/gardengrants.

About Life Ed Life Ed is the largest and most recognised provider in preventative health education in schools. For more information visit lifeed.org.au

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RACV says Buckle Up, as seatbelt fines raise serious concerns

RACV

RACV is urging all Victorians to wear their seatbelts every time they are in a vehicle, following alarming new figures that show more than 8,500 drivers were caught not wearing a seatbelt in the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year, totalling over \$3.3 million in fines.

Victorian Police data suggests that the state could be on track to record more seatbelt offenses than the 34,744 record in the last financial year.

Concerningly, 118 Victorians have lost their lives in 2025 (as at midnight 20 May 2025), up 8.3 per cent, and over the last five years, 130 lives have been lost in Victoria where the occupant was not wearing a seatbelt.

RACV Head of Policy James Williams said the figures were a stark reminder of the risks associated with ignoring seatbelt rules.

"Failing to wear a seatbelt is a simple, but deadly mistake," Mr Williams said.

"Seatbelts save lives. Choosing not to wear one puts you, your passengers, and other road users at risk."

In Victoria, the penalty for not wearing a seatbelt correctly is a \$395 fine and three demerit points.

"Crashes can happen anytime, anywhere – and the consequences of not being restrained can be fatal."

RACV is calling on all drivers and passengers to prioritise their safety every time they enter a vehicle by:

- Ensuring seatbelts are worn properly and by all occupants.
- Adjusting seatbelts to sit snugly across the chest and lap.
- Checking that children are using appropriate restraints for their age and size.

"Wearing a seatbelt is one of the simplest actions we can take to reduce road trauma. It takes just seconds to click in – and it could save your life," Mr Williams said.

For more information on seatbelt safety, visit the RACV website.

Emergency Volunteer Grants now open

Victorian State Government

Volunteers across Victoria will benefit from more money for trucks, equipment and modern facilities to help keep themselves and their communities safe with the Government's Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) now open.

Minister for Emergency Services Vicki Ward announced that \$30 million is available –double last year's amount and the most ever available in one round.

Over the next four years, an additional \$62 million is being provided from the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund to double the VESEP.

Every dollar raised by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund will support emergency and disaster recovery services.

VESEP is an annual grant program that helps emergency services volunteer groups purchase essential equipment or make facility improvements so they can strengthen and their emergency response.

Groups can apply for a grant of up to \$250,000 – a \$100,000 increase on the previous maximum – with the Government contributing \$2 for every \$1 raised by the local volunteer group.

Volunteer groups can purchase equipment including generators, pumps, utility vehicles, tankers and rescue trucks. They can also fund minor refurbishments or amenity upgrades to their station, club or unit.

Eligible services include the Country Fire Authority (CFA), Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), Life Saving Victoria, and Volunteer Marine Search and Rescue units.

Recent VESEP recipients include CFA Bullengarook, Forrest, Laharum and Toongabbie brigades, which all received more than \$140,000 each for new ultra-light tankers, and VICSES Warracknabeal, Goroke, Sunbury and Terang units, which received more than \$100,000 each to replace utility vehicles.

The 2025-26 VESEP applications are now open and close on 28 July 2025. For more information about VESEP and to find out how to apply for a grant visit emv.vic.gov.au/vesep.



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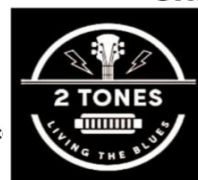
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Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen



The Winchelsea Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 May, with a warm atmosphere inside despite the chilly weather outside.

President Tracey Langley opened the meeting at 7:40 PM, welcoming new faces and providing a recap of the past year, along with updates on future plans for the courts and team development. She acknowledged the club's long-standing history and shared her enthusiasm for its renewed direction with fresh leadership on board.

Treasurer Lesley Mathison presented a brief but positive financial report for the past year.

All office bearer positions were declared vacant, and after discussion, the new committee was elected as follows:

President: Tracey Langley
Secretary/Vice President: Fletcher Allen
Treasurer: Lesley Mathison
Junior Coordinator: Emily McDonald

To close, newly appointed Vice President Fletcher Allen outlined exciting plans for the club's first-ever Thursday Night Triples team and initiatives to attract new members.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 PM, marking a successful evening with promising developments ahead.

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Feedback invited on draft policy aimed at reducing single-use items and packaging

Surf Coast Shire

Council is inviting feedback on a draft policy seeking to further reduce single-use items and packaging in Surf Coast Shire.

The draft Single-Use Items and Packaging Policy aims to help protect the natural environment and reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill. If adopted, it would replace Council's existing policy, the 2021 Plastic Wise Policy.

The draft policy has been broadened and would see the phasing out of many single-use items across all Council facilities, Council events, and events on Council land, over the next five years. It has also been updated to align with current state government plastics bans.

If adopted it would 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 would not apply to informal use of Council facilities such as visiting a library or local park.

The draft policy outlines three categories of items:

- Items already banned by the Victorian Government such as lightweight plastic bags;
- Single-use items to be phased out of Council facilities over five years – by

YOUR SAY

Draft Single-Use Items and Packaging Policy

We're seeking your feedback on our draft Single-Use Items and Packaging Policy.

This policy aims to reduce waste going to landfill and help protect the environment.

Visit yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SingleUsePolicy to:

- Read the draft policy, support guide and FAQs
- Register for an online information session – to learn more and ask questions
- Complete our online feedback survey.

The policy would apply to all Council facilities and events on Council land.

Feedback closes 4 July 2025.



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- 2030 – including all plastic bags and takeaway coffee cups and lids; and
- Other single-use items recommended to be avoided where possible.

Exemptions would be available on several grounds, including health and safety, existing commercial agreements, and lack of suitable alternatives. Anglesea Landfill is nearing capacity, so it

is increasingly important to work together to reduce waste going to landfill.

The draft policy is available for feedback until 4 July via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SingleUsePolicy.

Two online information sessions will provide an opportunity to hear more about the policy and ask questions:

For all your livestock, rural real estate and property management needs, speak to the Charles Stewart team

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RACV provides safety guidance for EV Drivers

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Sales of Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles reached almost 117,000 across Australia from April 2024 to end March 2025, according to the latest Australian Automotive Associations EV Index.

With EVs becoming increasingly common on the roads, RACV's Senior Manager EV Liam Brady said that EVs present unique considerations that drivers should understand to ensure both safety and optimal vehicle performance.

"EVs offer tremendous benefits, but their distinctive characteristics require some adjustment in driving habits," said Mr Brady. "Simple practices like maintaining consistent speeds and properly utilising regenerative braking can significantly impact both safety and vehicle range."

RACV recommends EV drivers adopt these specific driving techniques:

- Exercise pedestrian awareness: EVs' quieter operation means pedestrians may not hear you approaching.
- Establish visual confirmation: Make eye contact with other road users before proceeding through intersections or changing lanes.
- Eliminate distractions: Avoid using headphones or mobile phones while driving.
- Drive smoothly and steadily: Sudden acceleration or hard braking wastes energy and reduces range. Maintaining consistent speeds helps preserve battery life while providing a safer driving experience.
- Utilise regenerative braking effectively: This innovative feature converts energy lost during braking back into battery charge.
- Maintain your battery performance: Electric vehicle owners should be aware of how to maintain electric vehicle battery performance and lifespan, how to safely use and charge their electric vehicle, and what to do should an incident occur.

"Be aware of charging stations along your route to avoid range anxiety, especially when traveling beyond your vehicle's daily range."

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND THE BIG FREEZE

Welcome to Blue's News where the greater football community celebrated en masse the continuing story of Neale Daniher and his ongoing battle with Motor Neurone Disease on 9th June 2025.

For the last 11 years the Queen's, now the King's Birthday long weekend has become synonymous with Neale Daniher and his raising of funds and creating of greater awareness through "The Big Freeze" held on the Monday 9th match of AFL Football.

The monies raised through the Big Freeze events have helped pour millions of dollars into further research which is making great inroads in combating the devastating results of those who are suffering at the hands of "The Beast".

This is largely Football Community money, and the Football Community is acknowledged and thanked for their outstanding input, along with big corporate money playing its part.

To all those who purchased the "Big Freeze" beanies from the Bar at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club and from our favourite butchers Maguires thanks indeed for supporting the great cause.

INTERLEAGUE IS BACK!!

The King's Birthday holiday weekend also saw the long-awaited resurgence of Inter League Football & Netball series.

Another hit taken from the COVID extremes in not allowing sport to be played in most forms, country Football & Netball was no exception.

Last Monday's holiday was celebrated by the best of 2 local Leagues in both Football & Netball – The Geelong & District Football & Netball League against the Colac Football & Netball League.

Winchelsea's great venue and location for the 2 leagues was chosen to be the venue, and the Committee and the Club's Volunteers are hoping to make the day a great day out!

With the games being played on the Monday after the print deadline for the Star, the scores for the match will be presented in next week's Star article.

Saturday June the 14th will see the Winchelsea Blues host the Belmont Lions at Eastern Reserve, starting times are as usual.

BLUE'S BISTRO:

Another great night at the Blue's Bistro last Thursday !!

Welcome to all those new Auskick & Junior football families who are joining the Blue's Bistro experience. Heaters will be on, complimentary tea & coffee available, Bar open with great Beer & Wine at affordable prices from 6pm.

MENU FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

- Crumbed Cutlets – yes that is correct – Crumbed Cutlets - Normal price for 2 cutlets \$15 Members meal. 3 crumbed cutlets or more will increase the price of your meal. Thank you for your understanding and acknowledgement of lamb pricing at present.
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