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Winchelsea Primary School
Official opening of the new playground and BBQ this week

Carols by the Barwon

6 December 2025





'Granny Get Your Gun'

Abbey Geddes, Winchelsea Repertory Society

Another year, another wonderful season of theatre at The Globe. With a history of over 50 years, the Winchelsea Repertory Society has once again put on a spectacular show for the community.

This year, our organisation put on a wonderful showcase of local talent with our production of 'Granny Get Your Gun'. Over 4 nights, we saw a nearly sold out season which is a wonderful outcome for our community and the local organisations that we support.

The feedback from the crowds has been overwhelmingly positive. One of the highlights this year has been the comedy. We always try to bring as many laughs to the Globe Theatre as we can but this year's show was filled with slapstick, puns and superb comedic timing. Another highlight this year was the cast rapport.

We all enjoy not only giving back to our community, but also getting to know each other and build solid relationships. This was echoed on stage as the collaboration and chemistry between the whole cast was really special this year.

We want to give a big shout out to the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club for catering our event again. They always do a superb job feeding our crowds!

At its core, the Winchelsea Repertory Society is about community. Providing entertainment and fundraising opportunities for the community but also being a space for the community to come together and build something special. We hope you enjoyed coming along to our show.

Until next year folks!

ABC journalists came to town last week to do a story on the new Winchelsea Community Village

Judy Cameron

Two ABC journalists, Jeremy Story Carter, National Communities Reporter from the Melbourne office and Cath McAloon from the Geelong office came to town last week to do a story on our Winchelsea Community Village with accessible housing for seniors.

Read the full article at

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-09/older-country-australians-dont-have-anywhere-to-downsize-to/105959030>

"A lot of [older regional Australians] would gladly move if there was somewhere smaller within their community, so they can keep going to the same doctor, the same church, the same coffee shop, the same bowls club," says Victoria Cornell, a social gerontologist and research fellow at Flinders University.

"It's not just the older person who loses when they have to leave their community. It's a loss for the community as a whole," says Ms Bernoth, an adjunct associate professor at the department of rural health at Charles Sturt University. "There's someone who's no longer at bowls. There's someone who's no longer at the men's shed. There's a wrench as their community members are taken away from them."

As Ken McDonald noted "It's creating housing for younger people too, because there will be 10 couples or singles that'll move in here, which is freeing up 10 bigger properties around town for younger people to move into."



Cath McAloon interviewing Ken McDonald, a chief instigator of the project, while Margaret Reid and Judy Cameron wait their turn.

Photo Jeremy Story Carter

The Winchelsea Community Village has the first two residents: Margaret Reid who has downsized from her three-bedroom property with a large garden now purchased by young couple. Reg Stephens, from his farm in Buckley which was purchased by another farmer for his son.

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Daz's Deadly December Challenge - Back for 2025

Tara Quin

Winchelsea's toughest fitness event is back for its third consecutive year, with Daz's Deadly December Challenge set to take over the Winchelsea Football Oval from 9am on Saturday 13 December.

Twenty competitors have signed up for what's become a true test of strength, grit and endurance. Participants will tackle a gruelling series of events, including a tractor tyre carry, tractor tyre pull, burpees and pull-ups between each exercise, bench hops, a bear crawl, two laps of the oval, push-ups, slam ball throws, and — in true Burgo style — a mystery exercise revealed only on the day.

Prizes are up for grabs for the top three male and female finishers, thanks to generous local sponsors:

- 1st Prize: A 3month membership at Winchelsea Health Club
- 2nd Prize: A Butcher's voucher and IGA shopping voucher
- 3rd Prize: A meal voucher from The Barwon Hotel

This year's major sponsor, The Winchelsea Star, has proudly come on board to provide event t-shirts for all competitors.

Now in its third year, Daz's Deadly December Challenge has cemented itself as a crowd favourite — both for those daring enough to compete and those smart enough to spectate.

Come down, cheer on the competitors, and see who will take home the title this year.

Will last year's winners defend their crowns? The reigning male champion certainly thinks so.



Daz & Nat completing the tractor tyre flip exercise in last year's deadly challenge

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Winchelsea residents join 'Warrnambool Connections' train trip for Positive Ageing Month

Elaine Atkinson, Member Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre

A lively group of 38 community members came together on 29 October 2025 for the Warrnambool Connections Train / Bus Trip, celebrating Positive Ageing Month with a day filled with friendship, laughter, and connection.

Participants joined from across the region—including Melbourne, Torquay, Moriac, Modewarre, Bellbrae and Winchelsea—representing a range of local groups such as Probus, Lions, Men's Shed and Senior Citizens Clubs.

The trip provided a valuable opportunity for networking and sharing stories while exploring highlights of the South West, including Koroit, Port Fairy and Warrnambool.

A highlight of the day was a relaxing lunch at the Warrnambool RSL, where the group was warmly welcomed by local members.

The atmosphere was full of laughter and conversation, as new friendships were formed and community ties strengthened.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many describing the trip as a refreshing and enjoyable way to connect with others from across the wider community.

The success of the day has inspired the groups involved to collaborate on developing a two-year calendar of future bus trips—demonstrating both the strong demand for community transport and the value of continued opportunities for social connection.

As one participant summed it up, "It was a wonderful day - great company, great locations, and plenty of good conversation. Next time, we'll make sure there's a coffee stop along the way!"

The Warrnambool Connections Train Trip was a shining example of how Positive Ageing Month activities can strengthen community bonds, reduce isolation, and promote wellbeing through shared experiences.



Bryan Jones and friends



Ben and Jean Shinnars with Roman Makohon (recently retired who travelled from Melbourne to join the trip)



Erice Lewis and Pope family



Robyn & Peter Noble with Father Graham who celebrated his 90th birthday that day with a friend not seen for a long time



Stitch it, Don't Ditch it!

Rhani Bayon



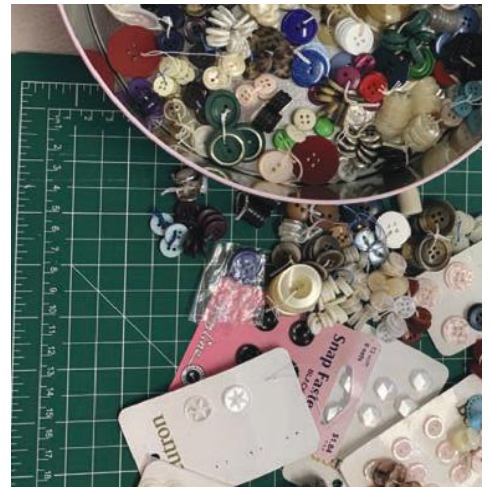
The hum of sewing machines and friendly chatter are set to bring new energy to Winchelsea Community House's Star Room.

One local recently dropped in and was thrilled to find the perfect space to cut out a fabric, something she couldn't do at home.



Thanks to an incredibly generous donation from the family of Kathleen Cleyne, the Star room is now equipped with Kathleen's sewing machines and overlocker for community use, along with fabric, sewing notions, and even quilt pieces ready to go.

Whether you'd like to make a quilt, a garment, a craft project or simply sew on a button, everyone is welcome.



Among the collection is a beautiful vintage Husqvarna machine with cams. If anyone knows how to use it, please come and share your knowledge!

Pop in and see what's happening! You might just find inspiration and a few new friends along the way.

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New era for Winchelsea's living war memorial

Surf Coast Shire

Winchelsea's stately and enduring 'living' war memorial is set for a new era.

Eastern Reserve's Winchelsea and District Soldiers' Memorial 1914-1918 grandstand has undergone a \$103,945 upgrade, providing more functional clubroom space for the town's RSL sub-branch.

Members have called grandstand rooms home for more than a century, after having built the functional community memorial with the support of the former Winchelsea Shire Council. It is one of few 'living' war memorials in Victoria.

The building is heritage-listed and architecturally significant, considered to be the most substantial public building in Australia built using the knitlock construction method designed and patented by architect Walter Burley Griffin in 1917.

Upgrading has included:

- Expansion of library, museum and work space.
- Installation of a doorway opening connecting rooms.
- Construction of a new entry ramp, increasing accessibility to the building.
- Installation of downlighting highlighting the building façade.
- Repairs to windows and doors, and
- Internal and external painting.
- The project has been jointly funded, with contributions of:
- \$49,728 from the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing via the Victorian Veterans Capital Works Program 2023-2024.
- \$10,000 in-kind contribution from Winchelsea RSL Sub-Branch.
- \$37,487 from Surf Coast Shire Council.
- \$6,730 from the Eastern Reserve Community Asset Committee.

Community members joined sub-branch members and project partners for formal opening of the project and dedication of the rooms on 14 November.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman: "Through the Veterans Capital Works Program, we're proud to support the upgrade of the Winchelsea Soldiers Memorial, preserving an important place of remembrance for veterans and the community."

Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney: "Winchelsea has such a proud and long-standing history of honouring service, and this heritage-listed site has been at the heart of that story for over 100 years. "These upgrades mean veterans, their families and the whole community now have a safer, more accessible and truly welcoming place to gather, reflect and remember."

Winchelsea RSL Sub-Branch president Graham Kenafacke: "We thank the Victorian Government, Surf Coast Shire Council and Eastern Reserve Community Asset Committee for having partnered our sub-branch in this project. Having occupied the memorial grandstand as a sub-branch unbroken for more than a century, we are very proud to have completed an upgrade which will greatly support our administrative, commemorative and fund-raising work into the future."



L-R Project Control Group and RSL member David Loone, RSL Victoria Senior Vice-President Des Callaghan OAM, Rev. Chris Duff, Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Mike Bodsworth, Winchelsea RSL president Graham Kenafacke



Opening of Winchelsea Memorial Grandstand and RSL clubrooms upgrade



Upgraded interior of Winchelsea Memorial Grandstand and RSL clubrooms

"Extension of the rooms gives us more space for displays, and we are passionate about our role in keeping our service history alive for our community. And this work has been a long time in the making. Creating an opening through our dividing wall has been discussed by members for well over a decade, and now it has finally happened!"

Winchelsea RSL Sub-Branch has operated without a break since formation in 1919.

The sub-branch rooms include displays of local and regional service information and artefacts, and a small library.



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Interview with local author, the distinguished Janet Brown

Hello again Winchelsea! This week my guest is a local author, the distinguished Janet Brown. Her many works have won awards in Australia, England and Canada, and she has a Master of Arts in Creative Writing and a Bachelor of Science Education. Her film "Water, Water" won the Silver Award for Short International Film at the Wasaga Film Festival in Canada in 2016, and she has written many award-winning plays.

Janet was also one of the first people to encourage me to create this column, and has been endlessly supportive of my mission to promote the arts in our area. In fact she is more on the ball than me, as she reminded me of the upcoming centenary of the Globe Theatre! Good thinking, we will definitely have to mark this important anniversary.

So without further ado, I will hand over to Janet, as she encourages you all to remember the impact that the Globe has had in your lives. Personally, the association with Marjorie Lawrence emboldened me to pursue a career as a soprano myself, so there you go.

Ciao!

Finding The Words

Zinaida must be congratulated for initiating the ArtsRural column in the Winchelsea Star. It's great to see this focus on all the talented artists and their creative interests in this region. I'm a writer, and have been writing professionally for over thirty years. I work from my peaceful home office here on our farm in Gherang.

Over this time I've written many plays, books, short stories and essays that have been published and performed, and a short film I wrote and produced won a prize in a Canadian film festival a few years ago. That was exciting. I've worked as a freelance writer for different newspapers, magazines and organisations. Over the decades I've enjoyed teaching writing workshops and courses but these days I only teach an occasional writing workshop or two if I am invited to do so - my own projects keep me busy.

Inspiration can come from anywhere. For the past few years Geelong Gallery has invited me to teach creative writing workshops where we use the art works on the walls of the

gallery for our inspiration. This is called 'ekphrastic' writing, and there certainly is something about working in that beautiful environment: the participants always enjoy the experience and I am amazed by their ideas.



Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, and Co President of Geelong City Opera. She has a strong background in languages, a love of local history, and an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.






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The Fire Danger Period is NOT the same thing as a Total Fire Ban.

Your local council or shire may have their own local laws about lighting fires. Contact your local council to find out what municipal local laws may be in place. Local laws may be in place all year

Municipality	Start Date	End Date
SURF COAST	24/11/2025	01/05/2026

If you need to use fire in the open air during the Fire Danger Period or on a day of Total Fire Ban you may require a permit.

Find the rules at: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-permits/about-fire-permits>



Victoria's Treaty becomes law

Victorian Government

Victoria has taken another step forward on the path to Treaty, with the signing of the Statewide Treaty and Royal Assent given to the legislation recently passed by Parliament.

Royal Assent from Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC means the Statewide Treaty Bill is now law in Victoria, cementing the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria as a permanent representative and decision-making body for First Peoples within the existing democratic system.

The Assembly will form part of a new entity, Gellung Warl, which will also include an accountability arm and a truth-telling body.

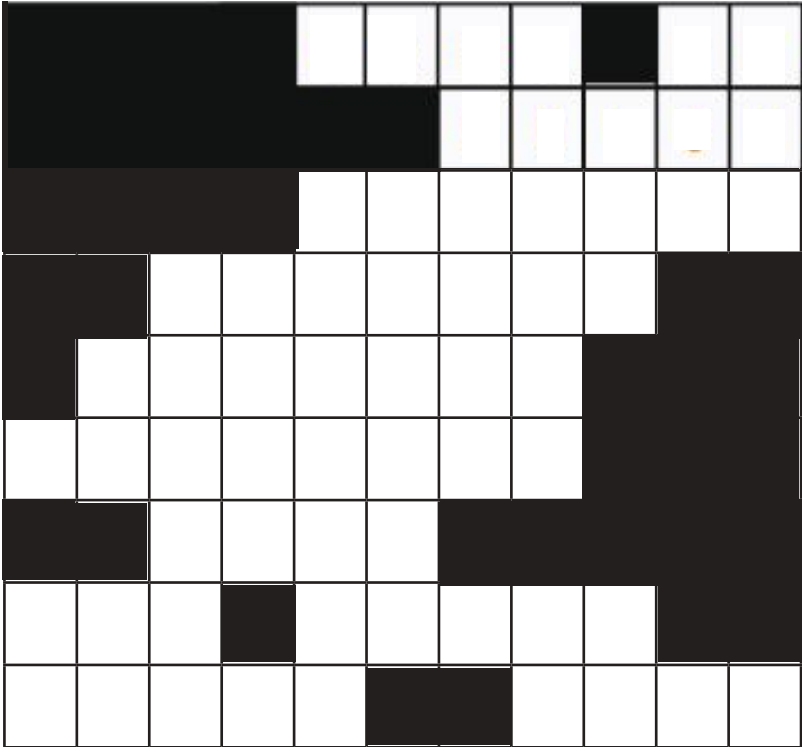
Today's ceremony at Government House marks the formal passage of the Treaty legislation and the Treaty Agreement between the Victorian Government and First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria – an agreement built on truth, respect and shared purpose.

The Treaty will officially commence on Friday, 12 December 2025 with a ceremonial exchange at Federation Square during the Victoria's Treaty: It's Here event – a celebration of 60,000 years of culture, song, dance and community that is open to all Victorians.

Families are better off when they have responsibility over their own lives and Treaty gives Aboriginal people a say in how their services are run.

In Victoria, we have been on a long and steady path to Truth and Treaty for nearly a decade. We have passed legislation three times, developed policies, and made commitments across the government.

ACROSS WORDS #2 - FIREFIGHTING AND BUSHFIRE CONTROL



ACROSS

1. Firefighting team
2. Short for turnout appliances (equipment)
3. Moist ground cover that can reduce fire spread
4. Controlled burn along a containment line (shortened)
5. Issued to alert communities of a fire threat
6. What firefighters aim to do before control is declared
7. Controlled fire lit ahead of a bushfire to reduce fuel
8. Holds water
9. As in air attack by water-bombing
10. Water-bombing aircraft
11. Airborne result of fire
12. Fire-siren (shortened)

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Twinkle Trees – Reminder to return decorated trees by Wednesday 19 November

Growing Winchelsea

Winchelsea is gearing up for a bright and festive season, with 46 Twinkle Trees now distributed to local families and community groups, thanks to generous funding from Community Bank Winchelsea & District and the craftsmanship of the Winchelsea Men's Shed.

Only four trees remain available, and families still wishing to take part in this year's display are encouraged to get in quickly.

If your family hasn't got a Twinkle Tree to decorate for the installation down Main Street, please email Elaine Atkinson eatkinson048@gmail.com.

If you would like to buy one from the Men's Shed for your own home \$20, please call Ray Atkinson 0407839139 from the Men's Shed

Growing Winchelsea is asking all participants to return their decorated trees to the Winchelsea Men's Shed on Wednesday, 19 November 2025, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. These decorated trees will be part of the vibrant Christmas decorations along the Main Street.



Trees piled up

Installation of the Twinkle Trees is expected to take place during the final week of November, alongside other festive displays and the newly installed town Christmas Tree, proudly provided by Surf Coast Shire.

The town is already beginning to look festive, and the full display will bring even more colour and cheer to Winchelsea's heart.

Judging of the decorated Twinkle Trees will occur in early December, with prizes and recognition for standout entries to be announced at a family BBQ on Sunday 21 December 2025 at 1.00 pm at the Mud Hut.

Anyone unable to return their tree during the scheduled drop-off window is encouraged to contact Elaine Atkinson, 0458 009 616. eatkinson048@gmail.com

Growing Winchelsea thanks all families for their creativity, community spirit, and participation in making Main Street sparkle for Christmas 2025.

Carols by the Barwon – Saturday 6 December 2025

The Winchelsea community is set to gather once again for the much-loved Carols by the Barwon on Saturday 6 December 2025, bringing families and friends together on the banks of the Barwon for an evening of tradition, music, and festive cheer.

Festivities begin at 4:00 pm, with an exciting range of food vans and stalls spread across the historic Bluestone Bridge. Visitors can enjoy classic favourites including Spud Stick, the Lions BBQ, Birregurra Ice Cream, and a fresh-fruit Smoothie Bar serving fruit salad blends.

A variety of international food options, including Vietnamese and Korean, will also be available, adding colour and flavour to the evening.

For children, there will be a Jumping Castle and face painting, helping set the tone for a relaxed family afternoon leading into the carols.

The official Carols Program begins at 6:00 pm, featuring a strong lineup of local performers. Audiences will enjoy performances from Mainly Music, Mel's Dance, Winchelsea Primary School, Girl Guides, Winchelsea Carolers, and the Colac City Band and Singers running through until Santa's arrival.

The most anticipated moment of the night comes at 7:45 pm, when Santa arrives with treats for the children.

The evening will close at 8:00 pm with a final thank-you to attendees and sponsors.

CAROLS BY THE BARWON is proudly supported by community partners including Winchelsea Star, SES, Hayeswinckle, One Body Chiropractic, Growing Winchelsea, Jason Nogueira Photography, Surf Coast Shire, IGA Winchelsea and Winchelsea Lions Club.

This year, Carols by the Barwon is a Waste Wise event

Families are encouraged to bring reusable drink bottles, keep-cups, and containers to help reduce single-use items. The environmental reasons are straightforward:

- Reusables significantly reduce landfill, especially from plastic bottles and disposable cups.
- Avoiding single-use materials cuts down on the energy and emissions required to produce and transport disposable items.
- Refillable options help prevent litter entering local waterways, protecting the Barwon River and the wildlife that depend on it.
- These habits build long-term community awareness around responsible consumption and recycling.





Family BBQ and Presentation Sunday 21 December

Program for the Family BBQ and Prize Presentation

- 1.00 pm Meet at the Mud Hut -
Lions BBQ and other foodies
- 1.30 pm Welcome, Acknowledgement
of Country, Acknowledgement of sponsors
- 1.40 pm Major sponsors invited to participate in prize
announcements for the Best Decorated House in the
Winchelsea Christmas Lights competition, Twinkle
Trees prizes, and the Elf on the Shelf prize draw. There
will be a range of prizes.



The Winchelsea Lions Club will be there providing the BBQ as a fundraiser for Lions.

Everyone in our community is welcome to enjoy the playground and park. The event will be very much a low key, laid back lunch in readiness for Christmas

**CAROLS BY THE
BARWON**

6 DEC 2025

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Winchelsea, It's Time to Shine – Final Call for Christmas Lights Competition Entries

Growing Winchelsea

Winchelsea is already looking brighter, and it's no surprise — the Men's Shed has sold a huge number of their timber Christmas trees this year. With so many families getting behind the festive spirit and decorating their homes, it's clear the town is ready to put on a fantastic show.

Also Twinkle Trees on Main will feature decorated trees made by families and community organisations, thanks to the Community Bank.

So to all those households already lighting up their front yards, now is the moment to register and make sure your home is included on the official Christmas Lights Trail. Families love planning their evening strolls and drives, and the trail only works when decorated homes put their names down.

For anyone still wanting to join in, the Men's Shed does have a few timber trees left for \$20, but the focus now is on bringing all those beautifully decorated homes together into one great community experience.

This year's Lights Trail will feature in the Winchelsea Christmas brochure, right alongside the Elf on the Shelf Trail held early December and Carols by the Barwon - 6 December 2025 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Registering ensures families know exactly where to go to enjoy the lights, the fun, and the festive atmosphere spreading through town.

Prizes are also on offer for the best-dressed house, with winners announced at the community family BBQ on Sunday 21 December 2025 at 1 pm at the Mud Hut. It's a relaxed, family day — the perfect chance to celebrate the effort everyone has put in to make Winchelsea sparkle.

Entry forms are available on the Growing Winchelsea website. If your house is decorated, be part of the trail — it's a great tradition, and the more homes involved, the better the town looks and feels.

Let's make this year's Christmas lights something the whole community can enjoy - Register by 21 November 2025.

Visit Growing Winchelsea: www.growingwinchelsea.com
or email Elaine Atkinson eatkinson048@gmail.com





The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Can we tackle climate change without net zero? Here's what it really means

By Jo Lauder, ABC climate reporter

While in political circles it's often used to loosely describe support for climate policies and the efforts to bring emissions down, it's actually a technical term for the point where temperatures will stabilise.

The Federal Liberal Party has agreed to scrap net zero from the Climate Change Act and repeal Labor's 2030 emissions reduction target if elected. Its Coalition partner, the Nationals, have already abandoned any support for net zero. At the end of the day, without net zero, the world will continue to heat up ...

Climate change is caused by emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere that trap heat from the Sun and cause temperatures to rise. When we release emissions by burning fossil fuels, they don't disappear; they accumulate, making the problem worse.

Net zero means reaching the point where we don't emit more emissions than can be absorbed, making it a zero-sum game. Either it's absorbed by forests, oceans and natural sinks, or technologies that can draw down and store carbon, or a combination of both.

Only then will temperatures stop rising.

Full story <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-12/what-does-net-zero-mean-and-why-we-need-it-to-act-on-climate/105996502>

Gas is the problem not the solution

By Matt Grudnoff, Senior Economist Australia Institute

On Radio National on Wednesday morning WA Premier Roger Cook said: "I think everyone recognises the anxieties that exist around fossil fuels at the moment. But certainly, when it comes to LNG it is going to continue to play an important role in the transition to clean energy."

But a secret report that the WA government commissioned and received at the beginning of the year warns that rather than helping with the transition, WA's LNG exports might be slowing the switch to renewable energy.

The report highlights 5 risks, including:

- Resources are directed to gas infrastructure and away from low-carbon technologies.
- Long-lived gas infrastructure can create a dependence on gas, delaying the transition.
- Cheap gas can delay the price competitiveness of low-carbon technologies.
- Focus on gas can reduce innovation on renewable energy and storage.
- Cheap gas can drive up energy consumption and increase emissions

This report's findings are similar to those from a CSIRO report commissioned by Woodside in 2019.

The science is clear, we need to transition away from fossil fuels. Instead, Australia is expanding not just gas but also coal. Claims his will help reduce emissions in the long run are deeply flawed.

This all highlights how wrong it was from the Federal Environment Minister to approve Woodside's North West Shelf extension to 2070. We need to phase out gas and coal and arguments that it is part of the solution should be rejected

Losing faith: new research shows young Australians have no confidence in either side of politics to tackle climate change

By Staff writers, The Point (an initiative of The Australia Institute)

Fewer than a quarter of young Australians trust the nation's political leaders on climate.

Monash University yesterday released its annual Youth Barometer, based on a survey of 527 people and in-depth interviews with 30 Australians aged between 18 and 24.

Co-author of the 2025 Australian Youth Barometer, Professor Lucas Walsh, said it was particularly concerning that some young people appeared to be losing hope.

"Young people know what's coming and they're worried," Professor Walsh told ABC radio.

"They're not feeling represented by politicians. The so-called adults ignore them."

Read full story/research *Losing faith: new research shows young Australians have no confidence in either side of politics to tackle climate change*



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My extended backyard, the Otway Ranges

Julia Holohan

Last week I explored our extended backyard garden, the Otway ranges.

I backpacked with my daughter & friends along the Great Ocean walk from Apollo Bay to Cape Otway.

What a garden of delight. From the stunted growth of windswept foreshore bushes to the tall towering gums with their branches swaying in the strong winds, dripping rain from their leaves onto us.

The colours of pale mauve native violet, a creamy white flowering bush, yellow hop bush & many other beautiful flora, I must download an app to help me identify these plants. Then, add a variety of ferns, understory plants, ground covers, moss & lichens giving an added palette of mostly greens and brown with a bit of creams, yellows & orange.

The fauna too joined in. Koalas growling high up in the swaying gums as we approached our first camp site. We stood in the rain balancing with our packs on our backs and craning our necks to find them, gasping with delight when we did.

Then a few more koalas lower down in their trees calmly resting, as we pitched our tents in the camp ground.

Such a stunning place to explore, stopping regularly, watching in awe, at that coast, the vast ocean expanse. The never ending lines of white capped waves continually pounding onto the shore and into the rocky cliffs. Untamed and untamable. Mesmerising. It was hard to take our eyes off it and continue on our way.

On to Blanket Bay for our 2nd night, which, except for the cold, appeared almost tropical with a 3 sided timber shelter, green grassy camp area and a waterfall.

Here the campers delighted in a resident wallaby until, while the picnic table was unattended it helped itself to food! Mmm, not so good for the wallaby's health!

Also a male satin bower bird with his stark red eyes he would boisterously trill and dart through the camp ground. Blue wrens, currawongs & other avian life that we couldn't name. Next time we'll remember to download a bird app!



The big delight on our third day was finding close to the track; a bower, expertly designed & built & complete with assorted blue accessories. We could hear the male bower bird was close by so we didn't linger long, we moved on, only to realise later that none of us took a photo of that wonderful bower.

With 2 creek crossings to wade through & many steps later we reached our destination, Cape Otway lighthouse.

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'Branching Out' program brings new trees to Winchelsea

Surf Coast Shire Council

Winchelsea and Deans Marsh have received leafy makeovers, with trees planted along key roads in both towns in partnership with local communities as part of Council's multi-year 'Branching Out' initiative.

Plans for the Winchelsea project were developed in partnership with Growing Winchelsea's Arboretum Trail sub-committee. Trees have been added along Barwon Terrace and Hopkins Street, aligning with the sub-committee's Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Concept Plan.

Council worked with the Deans Marsh Streetscaping Group to deliver the Deans Marsh project, featuring planting in priority areas identified in the group's Community Streetscape Vision.

New trees have been planted on:

- Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road;
- Deans Marsh-Lorne Road; and
- Winchelsea-Deans Marsh Road.

The aim is to create tree-lined avenues that contribute to the community streetscape vision for Deans Marsh of 'cool, vibrant and interesting streets that work to strengthen a sense of place for residents and visitors.'

The contract for both projects includes watering and maintenance for the first two years, to help the trees become healthy and established.

Naida Hutton from Growing Winchelsea's Arboretum Trail sub-committee said, "Two of the stated aims of our Concept Plan are to provide beautiful avenues in Winchelsea streets and become known as a treed town. "Other benefits of this ongoing project, include mitigating the heat in our streets in summer and providing streetscapes of which all residents will be proud.

James Maund of the Deans Marsh Streetscapers said the Deans Marsh community are thrilled to have 80 new street trees in the centre of town. "As soon as the trees went in there was an immediate and exciting new sense of place created," Mr Maund said. "This project is an excellent example of the Shire and local



Winchelsea: Councillors Tony Phelps, Adrian Schonfelder and Joel Grist with Growing Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Sub-committee members Rod Taylor and Victoria Hastings.

community working together to deliver a project which will have positive outcomes for generations to come."

'Branching Out' is being planned as a six-year initiative, subject to future funding, that would ultimately see around 1200 new trees planted across the shire. It aims to increase the Surf Coast's 'urban forest,' creating environmental benefits while contributing to increased health and wellbeing for the community and more vibrant and liveable places.

Future planting projects will be identified through development of a Branching Out implementation strategy, which will include an opportunity for community input early in 2026.

More information is available on the Branching Out webpage: yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/branching-out.

Surf Coast Shire adopts new public lighting policy to protect environment and reduce energy use

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted new Public Lighting Policy and Guidelines, to guide consistent, sustainable and well-informed decisions about public lighting.

The new policy provides a framework for how public lighting is planned, installed, maintained and upgraded, ensuring alignment with community expectation, environmental sustainability and cost efficiency.

Cr Libby Stapleton said the policy will help balance the community's need for safety and accessibility with Council's commitment to protecting the environment and reducing energy use. "This policy is about lighting the way forward, ensuring that when we make a decision about lighting, we do so consistently, sustainably and with the community in mind. It will help us manage assets more effectively, reduce long term costs and

energy use and support initiatives that preserve our unique natural environment."

The policy also acknowledges and supports the Aireys Inlet and District Association's (AIDA) ambition for Dark Sky Accreditation, which promotes the protection of natural night-time environments by reducing light pollution.

"We're proud to work alongside community groups like AIDA who are leading the way on Dark Sky principles," said Libby. "This partnership approach ensures we can meet the needs of residents and visitors while protecting the beauty of the night skies for future generations."

The Public Lighting Policy will have a positive long term financial impact through more sustainable and better managed public lighting infrastructure.



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**Venue: Jeff Sykes Rowing Centre
(8 Barwon Terrace, South Geelong)**

Justin O'Connor will be our guest speaker, sharing his experience with improving fish passage in our rivers, with a focus on the Moorabool and Barwon Rivers. Justin leads the Aquatic Connectivity program with the Arthur Rylah Institute

A light supper and tea/coffee will be served
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Winchelsea Pool opening in two weeks - 29 November 2025

Surf Coast Shire

Winchelsea Pool's new season will start on 29 November, and will run until Monday 9 March, opening 12pm to 6pm daily.

Group swimming lessons and school carnivals are booked, community members are in line to fill lifeguard roles, and a trial cold weather threshold for opening will enable longer hours on hotter days.

Cr Joel Grist, "We recognise Winchelsea residents love this great community asset, and have made adjustments in response to feedback from our survey. These include opening consistent hours across school terms and holidays, dedicated lap swimming lanes and cold weather closures. The pool will not open when the forecast temperature is below 21 degrees, enabling staff hours to be reallocated to extended opening on hotter days, weekends and public holidays. A new Winchelsea Swimming Pool Facebook page will keep people informed of opening hours."



VicSwim lessons are set for January, and Winchelsea, Deans Marsh and Colac schools have booked for lessons and carnivals. Several locals have undertaken free lifeguard training offered by

Book now for VICSWIM Summer Kidz swim classes

Victorian Government

With summer just around the corner, more Victorian kids will get their chance to learn important water safety skills at an affordable price.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced bookings have opened for the popular Aquatics and Recreation Victoria run VICSWIM Summer Kidz swim classes.

Five 30-minute lessons are provided over the course of a week in January for a subsidised cost of just \$43 —helping more families afford lessons for their kids.

Thousands of children take part each year at locations across the state including beach and inland water venues.

Many families have shared that their children would not have participated in swimming lessons, if not for this program.

For more information and to book, visit vicswim.com.au



Kidsafe urges families to 'layer up' protection to prevent drowning tragedies this summer

Kidsafe Victoria

As temperatures rise and families prepare to spend more time by the water, Kidsafe Victoria is urging parents and carers to 'layer up this summer' by putting multiple layers of protection in place to keep children safe in and around pools and spas.

Figures from Royal Life Saving Australia's (RLSA) National Drowning Report show that 15 Australian children aged 0-4 years drowned in 2024/25.

Swimming pools were the leading location where these incidents occurred, accounting for 53% of all toddler drowning deaths.

While pool and spa barriers can be effective in reducing the risk of drowning incidents, evidence suggests that a large number of drowning deaths involve barriers that are faulty, have not been maintained or are not compliant with Australian standards.

The Kidsafe campaign reminds Victorians that no single safety measure can prevent drowning. Effective prevention relies on a combination of safety measures, including:

- Regularly checking pool and spa barriers to ensure they are compliant and in proper working order
- Ensuring children are actively supervised by an adult at all times in and around water
- Enrolling children in water awareness and learn-to-swim classes
- Undertaking a first aid/CPR course and updating these skills regularly

"Every layer saves lives," said Kidsafe Victoria CEO, Sarah Sexton. "Even the best pool fence can't replace the need for active supervision, and even the most vigilant parent can't rely on supervision alone. Drowning happens quickly and silently - it's about putting as many safety layers in place as possible."

"We want every Victorian family to enjoy summer safely. Take five minutes to check your pool barrier, refresh your first aid skills, and remember - supervision is the single most important layer of protection when it comes to kids and water."

What's on Weekly

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WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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Winch Community House,
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MONDAY

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Cubs: 6:30-8pm (School term)
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Marie McPadden 0409 330147

VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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TUESDAY



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

1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS



Joey's: 5-6pm (School term)
Scouts: 6:30-8:30pm (School term)
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
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9:30-10.30am
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THURSDAY

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November/December

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Caroline Lawrey's 'Winter Sunrise' wins People's Choice vote

Surf Coast Shire

A work by Aireys Inlet artist Caroline Lawrey capturing stunning beach morning light will feature on the cover of the 2026 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar.

Winter Sunrise at Urquhart Bluff topped People's Choice voting during the Arts Calendar Exhibition at Anglesea Art Space.

While a judging panel chose the 12 works to feature with each of the 2026 calendar months, people were able to vote in person and online for the work to feature on the cover.

Caroline said it was humbling to have been chosen by public vote. "I can't tell you how chuffed I am about this because for me it's not about the painting, it's about the community that the painting represents," Caroline said.

The work is painted in oils and impressionist style from a photograph taken by Caroline's husband Michael just before they entered the water with members of their 'Dodgy Dunker' early morning swimming group. The group includes members Nerida and Shayne and their black labrador Nelly and the work depicts them walking along the gleaming beach, with Nelly in full flight running along the waterline beside them.

Caroline said of all the People's Choice votes cast for her work, one was particularly meaningful. She was volunteering at the calendar exhibition when a family including a 10-year-old girl visited. "The young girl admired Nellie the labrador in my painting



and decided to vote for it because it made her feel happy, and she could visualise her Nanna being at the shore enjoying a morning sunrise," Caroline said.

Caroline has been painting in oils and impressionist style for eight years, and is mentored by leading Victorian impressionist Peter Smales.

Winter Sunrise at Urquhart Bluff will make history featuring on the cover of the last print edition of the Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar.

Surf Coast Community Arts Calendars 2026 will be available free from 8 December from Council's office in Torquay, Visitor Information Centres, community houses and hubs.

See the list of distribution points and artists to feature during each of the calendar months via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendarcomp

National recall of Parilla Fresh alfalfa sprouts linked to Salmonella infections

Department of Health, Victoria State Government

People are being urged not to consume alfalfa sprouts produced by Parilla Fresh following a national recall due to potential Salmonella contamination. The company, based in NSW, has recalled the product while the investigation continues and further testing of the product is undertaken.

The Victorian Department of Health advises the impacted alfalfa sprouts were sold in multiple supermarkets including Coles, Woolworths, IGA and other independent grocers and stores in NSW, Queensland, Victoria, Northern Territory, Australia Capital Territory and South Australia. These products were all sold in 125g varieties with use-by dates up to and including 20 November 2025.

Products affected are listed on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) website. Brands included in the recall include:

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Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Caroline McElnay, said anyone who has recently bought the affected products should discard

them immediately. "If you've eaten alfalfa sprouts, you should monitor for symptoms of salmonellosis, which may include diarrhea, fever and headache," Dr McElnay said. "Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and dehydration are other common symptoms."

Symptoms usually start 6-72 hours after exposure to the bacteria and usually last for 4-7 days, however symptoms can sometimes last a lot longer.

Most people recover within about a week and do not need treatment but you should see your doctor if your symptoms last longer than a few days.

"The best thing you can do is rest at home and drink a lot of fluids, such as water or oral rehydration drinks."

To date, as part of the ongoing joint investigation, at least 44 people nationwide have been identified with the unusual strain of Salmonella, including 9 people in Victoria.

You should contact your doctor if:

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history of winchelsea

Councillor William Stirling, early member of the Winchelsea Shire Council

William Stirling (1827 - 1887)

Born 23 Jun 1827 in Govan, Lanarkshire, Scotland, William was the oldest son of Janet and James Stirling, who immigrated to Winchelsea in about 1853 on the ship Admiral Boxer.

It is likely that William was named after his uncle, who also came from Scotland to live in Winchelsea, and was the subject of last week's history story.

From his early thirties, William Stirling figured large in public life in Winchelsea. From the inception of the Winchelsea Shire, he was a member of the Shire Council. He was a Manager of the Winchelsea Common and a Trustee of the Winchelsea Cemetery. He was a member of the committees of the Winchelsea Public Library, the Winchelsea School Board and St Thomas' Parish.

In 1868, with his father James Stirling of the Barwon Hotel and Mr. Lee, William spoke up at a public meeting applying to have the Common on the east side of the Barwon River reserved for public use, thus saving it from being taken up by selectors and becoming private property. The Common was initially used for gathering fire wood and grazing dairy cows. It now boasts walking tracks with interpretive signs about its' history and environmental and cultural significance, and an off-leash dog park enjoyed by many of the residents on the Wadawurrung side of the river. The Stirlings' efforts to protect the common was unanimously supported by the Winchelsea community.

In 1868 William Stirling was Grand Master of Ancient Independent Order of Oddfellows (A.I.O.O.F) Winchelsea Lodge No#. 14. He was also Lodge Treasurer for Victoria, and at one time held the office of Grand Sire of the Lodge for Australasia.



William Stirling

Image credit Winchelsea and District Historical Society

In 1871 Stirling argued for the secularisation of the local Church school in Winchelsea as he had attained that of the 150 or more school aged children in the area, only 50 were attending the local school on the grounds of it being a church owned school. Along with Thomas Austin, Stirling gave a large donation to the school for maintenance of the school building and petitioned to have the school and its' property handed over to the board of Education to make the school more accessible to more of the community.

The same year he gave a lecture to the Winchelsea Mutual Improvement Society on agricultural opportunities for the farms



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 wolffhound.

of the district. In 1872 William Stirling served as a J.P. for the Winchelsea Police Court. In 1874 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Winchelsea Cricket Club. In 1875 He released two large tins of trout fingerlings into the Barwon River near the township on behalf of the Geelong Acclimatisation Aociety with a view to improving the river for the use of local fishing.

In 1883 he sat as the Chair of the Winchelsea and Lorne Railway League to propose a Railway line be built from Winchelsea to Lorne Via Deans Marsh.

On 31 October 1887 William Stirling attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows. The next day, being Melbourne Cup day, he visited Flemington racecourse with other members of the Society. In the evening he returned to the Supreme Court Hotel, where he was staying. He left early on Wednesday morning, but left a valuable gold watch which had been presented to him by the Oddfellows, under his bed pillow, which alerted his friends that he had gone missing. This was a concern to his loved ones as he was known for leaving home for periods of time in the same inexplicable manner.

After having been missing for several days, on 3 November 1887 William Stirling drowned in the Murray River near Albury when he encountered a snag while going for a swim. A man named Clarkson jumped into the river and attempted to rescue him, almost at his own peril. Stirling expired on the bank shortly afterwards, despite attempts to revive him. He was sixty years of age. Stirling had been staying at the Globe Hotel, Albury under the name of Stanley. He was buried at Albury without his identity having been discovered.

A telegram from Albury informed the people of Winchelsea that the old gentleman drowned while bathing in the river on Thursday evening had been identified as William Stirling, J.P. of Winchelsea. His relatives obtained official permission for the exhumation of the corpse, and his remains were conveyed to Winchelsea by train and reinterred in the cemetery here.

When the late Mr Stirling's body arrived in Winchelsea, his clothes were examined by his friends, who found a number of letters and papers, giving both his name and address, had fallen through a hole in one of the coat pockets into the lining of the garment. His friends criticised that the search for a clue to his identity made by the Albury police before they authorised his burial must have been 'very perfunctory'.

The funeral cortege was proof of the general respect for Mr. Stirling - over 50 vehicles, filled with residents, and 20 horsemen, ascending the journey to the grave. Amongst the principal mourners were members of the A.I.O.O.F.



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WINCH HOUSE AGM 2025 Manager's Annual Report

Wendy Greaves, Manager, Winch House

The 2024/2025 year has been an excellent one for us with lots of new and exciting activities and programs taking off. The Winchelsea Community is growing rapidly and more and more people are connecting with us and getting involved in what our Community House and Shire Hall spaces have to offer.

We are pleased to report a healthy financial result for the 2024/2025 year, which has only been achievable because we have extra income streams that are making us financially stable. The funding from Department of Families, Fairness and Housing is now well short of covering what it should be – eg Coordinator's wage and oncosts and also main operating costs of opening a community house. Houses have now been forced to find other consistent and reliable means of supplementing the core funding.

AUSPICE GROUPS

As at 30th June, 2025 Winchelsea Community House has six auspice groups being:

- Winchelsea Men's Shed/Community Garden
- Wensleydale Rural Community Group
- Winchelsea Youth Leisure Drop-In (WYLD)
- Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network
- Conquer the Corrugations
- Hesse Rural Health – Food Project

GROUPS OF THE HOUSE

Craft Group- Although now quite small, the group continue to come in on Wednesdays during term and work on their individual projects whilst enjoying each others' company and sharing ideas, skills, recipes and food. New members are very welcome to come along and join the group.

The Saturday Afternoon Craft Group has changed in that we now cater for all crafts, not just crochet. Laughter and banter fill our afternoons and occasional discussion trying to solve the problems of the World. Everyone brings along their own projects to work on. Recently we have been serenaded by a budding violinist! Anyone crafty is welcome to join us, crocheting, knitting, diamond dot painting, what ever the craft is that takes your fancy, we welcome you with open arms (and a cup of tea or coffee).

Thursday Knitting Group- A small group of ladies come together to knit and chat over a cuppa on Thursday mornings from 10.30 to 12. Everyone is welcome to this small social group.

Toy Library- This has seen a big increase in usage which is fabulous. A lot of young families have moved into town and are enjoying trying out toys from the borrowing library. Toys can be borrowed at any time the office is resourced, usually Monday to Friday between 9 and 2. You can borrow 2 toys for 2 weeks for \$2. Be sure to come in and have a look at it.

SERVICES

Office services continue to be very much used, especially photocopying, printing and assistance with all types of online renewals such as passports, working with children checks, employment forms etc. We are happy to help with most things but suggest that you call beforehand to make sure we are free to assist you.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a key part of our community organisation and are very welcomed. We have a variety of volunteer roles at Winch House including Toy Library, Occasional Care, Gardening, Front Desk Reception or being a member of our Committee of Management. We thank our current volunteers for all their hard work during the year.

OTHER

We continue to manage the Shire Hall space at the front of our building. Our arrangement has been extended until 30/6/27. We need your help in making sure this space gets used so please connect with us if you have any ideas about sessions you would like to see happening. There are many activities running during the week in both the Shire Hall and Community House so be sure to keep your eye on our advertising for things that might interest you.

Our childcare service is still very popular, especially with lots of under 3 year olds looking for pre kinder places. Unfortunately due to government staff ratios we have very limited availability but it is always worth enquiring as circumstances are changing for families all the time and places do become available.

We are always up for a chat and welcome you to come in and tell us what you would like to see happening at the Community House and we will try our best to make it happen.

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Have a Blessed week.

John Bader,
Christian Pastoral Carer

Rest in Peace Klay McCormack

Riarne McCormack

We are saddened to share the sudden passing of

Klay McCormack

on 22 October 2025, aged 36 years.

Klay was a key member of the Birregurra community throughout his childhood and teenage years, playing many seasons of tennis, football and cricket for Birregurra and pioneering the establishment of the Birregurra Skate Park.



Adored and treasured father of Roy.

Dearly loved and cherished son of Linda and Gary.

Much loved and special brother of Temae, Riarne and Jarryn. Loved brother-in-law of Jack and Tom.

Much adored and special uncle of Grace, Max and Lucy; Archie and Ollie.

Dearly loved.

Now at peace.

The Funeral of Klay McCormack will be held at Ss. Johns' Anglican Church, cnr Hesse and Pollack Streets, Colac on Friday, November 21, 2025 commencing at 1pm.

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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

RESULTS

Results 12/11/25 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford 13 Players

1st - Neil Hickman (12) 35 points
2nd - Kelvin Boddington (16) 31 points
BDL - Rob Wilson (21) 31 points
NTP (6th/15th) - Club

Results 15/11/25 - Stableford 11 Players

1st - Rob Wilson (22) 38 points
2nd - Andrew Ellery (33) 36 points
BDL - David Lewis (23) 34 points
NTP (6th/15th) - Rob Wilson
Golden Hole - Jackpot

This Saturday 15th November - Pinehurst
If possible, book on the Golf Australia App.
Register on Bookatee if you're having trouble.

The Longest Day

Well done to all the players that took on The Longest Day to raise money for Cancer Council. The incredible players worked hard and fundraised over \$30,000 which puts us at 11th in the country for a club raising money!

Our day was full of terrible golf, lots of rain, great people and a little bit of good golf sprinkled in. We had players who even trekked down from Melbourne to play their Longest Day at Winchelsea Gold Club.

This could not have been done without the support of our club members as the ground team, feeding us, keeping us hydrated and bringing the energy when we started to loose it! Thank you to our sponsors Maguire's Butcher and Foxes Den for donating the raffle prizes and Diamond Windows who supported all our players and members by keeping them hydrated. It was great to see so many family and friends there to support our cause! We at excited to see what we can do with this event next year!

Don't forget:

Our **A.G.M.** is Thursday 20 November, 7pm
If you want to get involved, this is your opportunity.

Presentation Night is Saturday 22nd November, 6pm
\$30 per head with a meal included. Please RSVP



Maguire's Butcher
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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

Winchelsea Junior Netball Summer Season Report

Under 10s

Our Under 10s played an amazing game this week! Even in the cold and rainy weather, they showed incredible heart and determination out on the court. Juliette had a standout performance, shooting five goals, and the girls worked together beautifully with plenty of great intercepts and strong teamwork. Despite the tough conditions, they gave it their all and walked off with big smiles. We are so proud of their effort and resilience!

Under 11s Pink – Bye

Under 11s Blue

Each week Team Blue continues to grow in confidence and experience, and this week was a shining example of just how far they've come. It was an impressive match built on teamwork, determination, and visible improvement from every player on the court.

Player of the Week – Oakley Mathison

Oakley absolutely dominated across the court, outpacing his rivals and showing off his fancy footwork in a stellar performance. His energy and skill set the tone for the team's success.

The team also welcomed Harper McGregor for her first game, and she certainly didn't look out of place — pulling in intercepts, leading strongly, and applying great pressure throughout.

Here's a snapshot of every player's fantastic contribution:

- Grace Morris – Settled into goals beautifully, creating space and trusting herself to take the shot.
- Ruby Stocks – Ran the baseline with confidence, using the ring cleverly to find stronger scoring positions.
- Evie Ryan – Showed great strength under the post and grew in confidence as the game went on.
- Olivia Payne – Flying high across the court, creating leads and attacking space with purpose.
- Maddison Rowe – Gave her opponent no room to move, working tirelessly to hold strong defensive position.
- Lilly Janes – The ultimate teammate: always dependable for a reset, an intercept, or steady support when it matters most.

A true team effort from start to finish — keep it up, Winch Blue!

Under 13s Pink – Bye

Under 13s Blue





Our senior 13s faced a very physical St Albans team on Friday night. After a tough start and finding themselves 10 goals down at half time, they regrouped and fought back brilliantly, going down in the end 13–17. A fantastic display of grit and determination.

Under 15s

The 15s continue to show improvement each week. Their dedication at training is shining through on the court. They went down to a strong Grovedale side 11–15, but their growth is evident and encouraging.

Under 17s

Our oldest junior team is going from strength to strength, putting out another commanding performance with a 26–12 win over Torquay. A terrific display of skill, composure, and teamwork.

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11&U Newtown McBain	11&U Winchelsea Blue			
Summary	Statistics	Play-by-play	Line-ups	
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Quarters	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
 11&U Newtown McBain	1	1	1	1
 11&U Winchelsea Blue	4	11	12	15



Christmas trees start to light up across Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire

The festive season is on its way, with Christmas trees starting to appear across the Surf Coast Shire.

The first of five brand new, four-metre solar-lit Christmas trees has been installed in Winchelsea, with the remaining trees to be in place by late November.

Residents and visitors will be able to spot the trees in:
Winchelsea: Between Anzac Memorial and Bluestone Bridge.
Torquay: In front of NAB (bank) on Gilbert Street.
Anglesea: Cameron Park, next to the horse statue.
Lorne: Next to Visitor Information Centre on Mountjoy Parade.
Aireys Inlet: Between bottom shops and Painkalac Creek.

"This is the first time we've installed Christmas trees across our towns, and we're excited to see them bring some festive fun to our communities," Mayor Cr Mike Bodsworth said. "They are part of our Share the Surf Coast Spirit program celebrating the festive season and all that locals love about living here."

Between 14 November and 18 December kids can drop their letters off for Santa at the Torquay and Lorne Visitor Info Centres to get a reply by Christmas.

Santa visits

Anyone can take their own free photo with surfy Santa at:
Torquay Visitor Info Centre: 10am-1pm Saturday 6 December
Lorne Visitor Info Centre: 10am-1pm Saturday 13 December.
There'll be free facepainting for kids too.

Find out all about things festive in the shire at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SurfCoastSpirit.

Share how you're getting into the spirit - Surf Coast and hinterland style. Post photos of your decorations, celebrations and festive pets! Tag Surf Coast Shire Council on Facebook and @SurfCoastShire on Instagram - use the hashtag #SurfCoastSpirit - for your chance to win one of two \$100 local prizes!



Winchelsea Ward Councillors Joel Grist and Tony Phelps with the new Christmas tree in Winchelsea

Winchelsea's new public EV charger

Surf Coast Shire

Winchelsea's public electric vehicle (EV) charger is now live. The 40kW charger, located near the old library building on Willis Street, Winchelsea, provides a valuable addition to the region's growing EV infrastructure network.



The charger offers a usage fee of \$0.45 per kilowatt hour and an idle fee of \$1.00 per minute.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Tony Phelps said the new charger will help support the community's transition to cleaner transport, as well as visitors traveling through the area."

Funded through the Victorian Government's Destination Charging across Victoria program, the Winchelsea EV charger is one of four new public EV stations in the Surf Coast Shire.

The new EV chargers are located at:

- Winchelsea – Old Library Building
- Anglesea – Community Hub
- Lorne – Visitor Information Centre
- Aireys Inlet – Community Hall (operational early 2026)

For more information, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/EVChargers



Phoebe Crockett elected as a councillor for Surf Coast

Surf Coast Shire

Shire Council's Torquay Ward, after the Victorian Electoral Commission conducted a countback of votes from the October 2024 general election.

The election manager, Roger Millar, declared the result at 10 am on Thursday 6 November.

The countback included unsuccessful candidates who were still eligible for election.

The vacancy occurred after the resignation of Councillor Rebecca Bourke.



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Our annual roadside slashing program helps prepare for the upcoming fire season.

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Slashing will begin in the north of the shire and move south, taking about four weeks.

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Reporting varroa mite remains vital

Department of Agriculture, Victorian State Government



A bee frame with bees on it

Agriculture Victoria is encouraging beekeepers to continue to report varroa mite despite the state transitioning to management of the pest.

Throughout August, large numbers of beehives were moved into almond orchards for pollination.

As anticipated, new detections of Varroa have and will continue to occur across Victoria.

The focus is now on preparing beekeepers to live with the pest while slowing its spread.

Agriculture Victoria's Varroa Development Officers are working in field with beekeepers to ensure any positive loads within the state are well managed to minimise the biosecurity risk.





**WED 26 NOV
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2025 Annual General Meeting

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Julie Johnson

Remembrance Day where we held a minutes silence for those who served our country with courage, determination and deprivation not to even mention the death and destruction of war. It is the first time I can ever remember playing bowls on this day. LEST WE FORGET.

MIDWEEK PENNANT RESULTS

Division 1 def Colac 2 at home all rinks, 100 shots to 53 shots.

Ladder position 2nd.

Division 3 def Colac away all rinks, 73 shots to 42 shots. Ladder position 1st.

SATURDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Division 1A def Colac City at home 3/4 rinks, 103 shots to 79 shots.

Ladder position 1st.

Division 1B were def by Colac away, 57 shots to 125 shots. Ladder position 6th.

Division 4 def Colac at home 2/3 rinks, 58 shots to 54 shots. Ladder position 1st.

Division 5 were def by Lismore away 1/2 rinks, 27 shots to 28 shots.

Ladder position 4th.



AROUND THE GREEN

We are slowly but surely getting to the final rounds of many Club events. Max Heaton-Harris and the Victorian Team of Under 18 performed extremely well in the National Titles in Tasmania during the week. Victoria were silver medalists overall with Max taking a silver for the pairs and a gold for the fours. We are extremely proud of the efforts of Max and the team and only wish them all well, as most of them will move into Seniors next season.

On Friday 14th we enjoyed a Trivia Night compiled and presented by Daryl Wilson. Congratulations to the winners and to all who made a valiant attempt to answer the questions. Thanks to Darryl, a Social Member who took it on board to organize this evening, many laughs and wild attempts at answers, a fun night.

Please keep in mind

- the **General Meeting** 6.15 p.m. 4th December and
- the **Showcase bowling event** at Winch under lights 5th December with two Australian players playing for Winchelsea against Camperdown Magpies. That should be a fantastic night, commencing at 6.00 p.m. food available, spectacle night of great bowls guaranteed.

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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Kate McInnes, Ann Jones, Liz Bennett, Don Smith, Ian Wakeman, and Greg Moore.

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

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