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A glimpse into a Winchelsea Childhood

Rhani Bayon

On Monday evenings on Jackson street a simple ritual has begun.

After Kid's Kung Fu with Evan at Sunny Gym the kids along with their younger siblings cross the road to visit 'Gavin' the Ewe and feed her fistfuls of thistles and sourgrass. It has become an essential part of our routine and a reminder of just how lucky our kids are to grow up in this wonderful rural community full of these simple rituals that city kids can only dream of.



Get your gloves on! Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2026 are open

Clean Up Australia



Clean Up Australia Day returns on Sunday 1 March 2026, and individuals, families, schools, and community groups can register now to be part of Australia's largest environmental movement.

Since its inception, over 23 million volunteers have joined the Clean Up effort. In 2025, over 800,000 people volunteered across 8,000 events nationally during the Clean Up Australia Day period..

Now is the time to register, get your gloves on and get involved. Clean Up Australia Day is about coming together, as neighbours, as communities for a common goal. Whether you're hitting the beach, cleaning a creek, or picking up litter in your local park, your efforts count. When we come together, we create real, visible change.

Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2026 are now open. Volunteers can receive a free Clean Up kit, containing gloves, bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families, community groups and schools available (businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs).

As an added bonus, if you register your Clean Up Australia Day event before 31 December, you will automatically be entered into an early bird competition to win one of five donated \$500 Coles vouchers. Ts & Cs apply.

Register at cleanup.org.au for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 1, 2026

Business Clean Up Day on Tuesday February 24, 2026 and Schools Clean Up Day on Friday February 27, 2026



Opening of the Winchelsea Community Bank Village

Kelly Turner

What a day for Winchelsea!

The official opening of the Winchelsea Community Bank Village was a huge success and what a milestone for our town. We were very lucky to have two former Bendigo Bank CEO and Managing Directors joining us for the celebration. Rob Hunt, who pioneered the Community Bank model 28 years ago, and Marnie Baker who presently sits on the Reserve Bank board. Both Rob and Marnie have been great supporters of what we have achieved locally and have been instrumental in the success of the Community Bank model.

This incredible project, five years in the making, showcases the true power of the Community Bank model investing profits back into meaningful community infrastructure that delivers both social and economic benefits.

Born from a vision to keep long term Winchelsea residents connected to their community and inspired by John and Beryl Read, the project was lead and funded by Corangamite Financial Services Ltd, the company behind the Anglesea, Winchelsea and Lorne Community Bank branches. With \$1.5 million in seed capital and additional support from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, this dream became a reality.

Ten beautiful two bedroom homes, each with a 9 star energy rating, now provide much needed downsizing options for locals, freeing up family homes and strengthening the heart of our community.

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We couldn't be prouder of what's been achieved!



Hesse's new Social Bus Program hits the road

Hesse Rural Health

Hesse Rural Health has launched a new summer initiative designed to bring people together and help older community members stay connected – the Evening Escapes program. Running every second Thursday throughout the warmer months, Evening Escapes offers social support bus outings that give participants a chance to relax, enjoy new experiences and spend quality time with others in a friendly supported environment.

For many older adults, getting out and about can become difficult, especially as the seasons change. Hesse's Social Support Program aims to make it easier, offering a safe and welcoming space for members of our community to explore local destinations, share meals and connect with others under the care of qualified compassionate staff.

The program is part of Hesse's broader Social Support Group services, which encourage community participation and social engagement for consumers still living at home who require support to get out and about. Evening Escapes adds a new twist by making these experiences available in the evenings, a great way to enjoy the longer daylight hours of summer and beat the isolation that can come from the colder months.

The group has already enjoyed a number of outings, including evenings at the Torquay Bowls Club and a local Belmont restaurant. Coming up, participants can look forward to:

- A hearty pub meal at the Inverleigh Hotel
- A magical Christmas Lights Tour in Colac, finishing with dinner at the Union Hotel

Each trip is led by experienced staff trained in Aged and



Community Care, ensuring every outing is both safe and enjoyable. The program caters to a range of interests, from quiet dinners to lively group activities, offering something for everyone.

Hesse's Social Support Program is funded by both the State and Commonwealth governments, with eligibility varying depending on whether participants are under or over 65 years of age. Those aged over 65 can contact Hesse's Social Support Program Coordinator for assistance with accessing My Aged Care and obtaining a referral code.

Evening Escapes is all about connection, laughter, and community – the perfect opportunity to get out, make new friends, and enjoy a night out this summer.

For more information or to check eligibility, contact: Hesse Community Health (03) 5267 1200



Let's get festive!

Share the Surf Coast Spirit

This festive season, the Surf Coast and hinterland will come alive with sparkling Christmas trees, colourful decorations, carols and family fun.

It's the perfect time to come together, celebrate community and embrace the season.

- We're installing a 4-metre lit Christmas tree in Winchelsea near the Anzac memorial. It will go up in mid November.
- Adding a local touch, Winchelsea's solar-lit timber twinkle trees (crafted by the Men's Shed) and the Elf Trail will spread extra sparkle.
- Gather your family and friends for Carols by the Barwon at Winchelsea Lions Park from 6pm on Saturday 6 December - with Santa making a visit!



Christmas lights map

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



Show us how you're getting festive – and win!

Share how you're getting into the spirit – Surf Coast and hinterland style. We'd love to

see your decorations, celebrations and festive pets!

Tag us in your photos (**Surf Coast Shire Council** on Facebook, **@SurfCoastShire** on Instagram) and use the hashtag **#SurfCoastSpirit** for your chance to win one of two \$100 local prizes!



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For all things festive (and full competition details):
surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SurfCoastSpirit



Come along to the last Winchelsea Community Dinner of 2025!

Jess Butler, Winchelsea Community Dinner Organising Group

Save the date Saturday 29 November when we will once again gather together as a community to share food, enjoy each other's company and build connections. Dinners are held in the hall on the corner of Mercer and Harding Streets 6.30pm. Bring something to share if you can (but if not just come along anyway – there's always plenty to share). We ask for a gold coin donation at the door to help cover costs of these community powered events.

This coming month will be our 9th Winchelsea Community Dinner. What a wonderful time we've had! There have been many stories shared, friendships formed, and laughter had. Not to mention the wonderful locals who've delighted us with their hidden talents by sharing a tune or two on the beautiful old piano. And then there's the food!

As one would expect in a country town, we have some sensational home cooks and producers in our community. There's always something different to try. Last month one of our regulars proudly shared her home made kimchi and a Japanese dish of fermented soybeans (Natto). We've had locally grown meat and eggs (including wild venison) lovingly prepared into slow cooks, roasts, pies and casseroles. A bounty of fruit and vegetables including homegrown pumpkin, apples and rhubarb.

We have sensational bakers too with delicious desserts for a sweet end to our meal. It's been wonderful for those of us with dietary requirements to be able to join the meal, there's always gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options.

We've been fortunate to have local Artzy Jazzy donate her time and resources to create a fun atmosphere for the children and for them to form connections with other local kids.



We also have an amazing crew of volunteers who developed the idea and have continued to work tirelessly to make these dinners happen every month. A special thank you to Kate Shawcross, Sky Densley, Alison Dean (plus Billie and Eva), Melissa Selvidge, Krissy Butler, Tony Phelps and Tara Quin. On a personal note it's been a privilege to work alongside people who each have brought their unique skills and talents along with a shared passion for community connection.

We've been helped in many ways by generous community members. Finding a venue willing to host the dinners for an affordable cost (given we had no funding!) was a challenge and we are grateful to St John the Baptist Catholic Church in allowing low-cost use of their hall.

The Winchelsea Star provided a generous donation of seed funding to get us started, without this it would have been difficult to get these dinners off the ground. Then there's our local Kenty's Bakery who donate dinner rolls to be enjoyed at each dinner. See you on Friday the 29th!

Winchelsea Place Plan

Share your feedback



Community Working Group members have channelled aspirations and experiences helping develop a draft Place Plan for Winchelsea, which will help guide the town's growth to 2050 and beyond.

The draft plan will inform the development of a new structure plan in 2026 and is now available for public review and comments.

View the plan and share your thoughts via yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WPP before **22 December 2025**.



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Bees are swarming in our Spring Garden

Julia Holohan

Spring has sprung & it's heads down, bottoms up in the garden! So many things are bolting, including our bees which have swarmed.

They landed on the driveway, right where we park our cars, an odd place to settling on a cool evening!

I'd been out, arriving home in the dimness of early night. The moon allowed enough light to notice what look liked spilt oil on the driveway, I gently put my foot on it to judge if it was oil. It buzzed loudly! Sure enough, torchlight showed many buzzing bees flapping their wings! They stayed there overnight.

The next morning, It was quite cold and they were very sluggish. Paul is the beekeeper here but he was very unwell, I was on my way out, again, running late & in a hurry, as I usually am. I put the old laundry trolley over them while they were still quiet with the cold morning, hoping our old dog wouldn't wander over them or the same if a visitor popped in to see Paul.

On my return, they had happily made themselves comfortable on the lower part of the laundry trolley!

We were disappointed they'd swarmed but Paul the bee person was still unwell. It was our neighbour to the rescue. He didn't need another hive but he was happy to collect them that evening in the dark when they'd be quiet and sleepy.

He arrived wearing his bee keeping whites with head covering and gloved hands, looking very much a "white knight", he set to work with his smoker, puffing smoke over them to passify them. With a torch to be able to see, he gently lifted the trolley enough to get his esky underneath it and with a quick, gentle but firm movement, the bees were in the esky. Keeping them well covered with smoke he gently brushed up the few stragglers, popped the lid on the esky & "Bob's your uncle". Job done!

They were then delivered to a new owner in a proper hive box, not his esky, and everyone was happy, especially Paul as he's now fighting fit again & ready to get on with tackling all else that's bolting in growth, going to seed, seedlings to plant out, seeds to be sown, lawns mown & those never ending weeds pulled.



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Has the four waste bins system been a success?

Surf Coast Shire Council

The four-bin system has changed the way residents manage their waste - and the difference it is making to the environment. Thanks to the four-bin system, more than 70 per cent of residential waste is being diverted from landfill.

Data over the last 12 years shows key milestones in the journey toward a more sustainable waste system:

- July 2019 - the financial collapse of Council's recycling contractor saw an increase in landfill tonnage.
- December 2019 - Anglesea Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) trial began, food and green waste in the green bin leading to a reduction in landfill waste.
- January 2020 - new recycling contractor appointed, with landfill tonnage decreasing and recycling increasing.
- February 2021 - purple glass-only bin introduced, diverting glass from the recycling bin. All food waste could go in FOGO bins. As FOGO tonnages increased, landfill tonnages fell.

Cr Adrian Schonfelder said the data paints a clear picture of how residents' efforts are paying off, but also where improvement is needed.

More than half of what's going into red Landfill bins could actually be recycled or composted. 52% of material in landfill bins should have gone into FOGO, glass or recycling bins.

"Food and garden waste placed in the FOGO bin is turned into nutrient rich compost, helping to grow more food and close the loop on waste," he said.

"When food and green waste goes to landfill, it takes up valuable space in the Anglesea landfill, which is nearing capacity. Once it's full, our waste will need to be transported further, increasing costs for everyone."

Read about waste at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ data:image/

FOUR BIN SYSTEM

LANDFILL (red lid)

Most general household waste that cannot go in your FOGO, recycling or glass-only bins.

Tips

- Check what goes into your FOGO. Recycling and glass-only bins keep those items out of landfill.
- Never put batteries, e-waste, liquids, hot ashes or chemicals in any bin.
- Do not overfill your bin and ensure the lid can close. Residents are responsible for picking up litter from overfull bins. Bags of household waste sitting next to bins will not be picked up.
- E-waste (items with a cord, plug or battery) cannot go into any kerbside bin.

FOGO Food Organics and Garden Organics (green lid)

Food scraps and leftovers, lawn clippings, leaves, prunings and small branches. This is called a FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) collection.

RECYCLING (yellow lid)

Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, metal tins and cans.

GLASS-only (purple lid)

Glass bottles and jars (without lids).

Tips

- EMPTY BOTTLES AND SCRAPE JARS to remove food
- Put bottles and jars in the bin LOOSE – no bags or boxes
- REMOVE LIDS from bottles and jars. Put beer bottle, wine and spirit tops in the yellow recycling bin. Put small plastic lids in the red landfill bin.
- Metal collars and labels can stay on bottles and jars
- Broken bottles and jars are accepted; broken drinking glasses are NOT accepted.
- A car boot load of glass bottles and jars are accepted FREE at transfer stations



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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Geelong Sustainability – Youth Justice Event

Join us for a powerful evening with the voices, experiences and leadership of young people in the climate justice movement. Hear from a diverse panel of inspiring young people who are taking action on the climate crisis while navigating its inequitable impacts.

Date: Tuesday 25th November
Time: 5.30pm- 7.00pm
Location: Deakin Cats Community Centre, GMHBA Stadium

FREE but booking essential @ geelongsustainability.org.au

This is an intergenerational event. We encourage people of all ages to come along, learn, and reflect on how youth-led perspectives can be integrated into climate action at every level

Climate change is a crisis of intergenerational justice. It's not too late to make it right

Abbreviated from 'The Conversation'

- Philippa Collin Professor of Political Sociology, Western Sydney University
- Judith Bessant Professor in School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University
- Rob Watts, Professor of Social Policy, RMIT University

Climate change is the biggest issue of our time. 2024 marked both the hottest year on record and the highest levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the past two million years.

Global warming increases the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, bushfires, floods and droughts. These are already affecting young people, who will experience the challenges for more of their lives than older people.

It will also adversely affect those not yet born, creating a crisis of intergenerational justice.

Caught in the changing climate

In 2025, children and young people comprise a third of Australia's population. Given their early stage of physiological and cognitive development, children are more vulnerable to climate disasters such as crop failures, river floods and drought.

Under current emissions trajectories, United Nations research warns every child in Australia could be subject to more than four heatwaves a year. It's estimated more than two million Australian children could be living in areas where heatwaves will last longer than four days.

Not walking the walk

Some key policy figures understand how climate change is turbo-charging intergenerational unfairness. Former treasury secretary Ken Henry described the situation as an "intergenerational tragedy", referring to the ways Australian policymakers are failing to address the changing climate, among other crucial issues.

Climate change was barely mentioned in the May 2025 federal election. The major parties largely avoided the subject.

It was also concerning that the first major decision of the newly re-elected Albanese government was approving an extension to Woodside's North West Shelf gas project off Western Australia until 2070.

Thwarted attempts

In 2023, young people worked with independent Senator David Pocock to draft legislation addressing these concerns. This bill required governments to consider the health and wellbeing of children and future generations when deciding on projects that could exacerbate climate change.

It was sent to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee. While all but one of 403 public submissions to the committee supported the bill, in June 2024 the Labor and Coalition members agreed to reject it. They argued it was difficult to quantify notions such as "wellbeing" or "material risk".

Turning around the Titanic

Independent MP Sophie Scamps is planning to introduce the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill. It's based on similar legislation in Wales, which has worked successfully for a decade.

The bill would introduce a legislative framework to embed the wellbeing of future generations into decision making processes.

It may feel like turning around the Titanic, but it must be done.



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Two treasured gardens open their gates for a weekend of inspiration and tranquility

Kate Anderson, Open Gardens Victoria

Garden lovers are invited to enjoy a weekend of creativity and calm when two Surf Coast gardens — Gherang Gardenalia and Greenfield Moriatic — open their gates on 29 and 30 November. Just 15 minutes apart, these much-loved private gardens offer contrasting yet complementary experiences: one bursting with playful artistry and resilient planting, the other a serene haven inspired by Japanese design and the beauty of space.

Gherang Gardenalia

Gherang Gardenalia is a vibrant four-acre garden shaped by the imagination and resilience of owners Karen (a horticulturist and artist) and Geoff Voss (a collector). "Our garden has evolved with us over 25 years," says Karen. "Shaped by the environment, soil and climate. Some areas remain a little wild and untamed, offering habitat for birds and small reptiles, while others are serene spaces for relaxation and reflection." The garden showcases drought-tolerant natives and exotics thriving on rainwater, with gravel paths winding through creative garden rooms, shady retreats, and playful upcycled sculptures. Highlights include a striking 'living wall' of *Banksia marginata*, a citrus grove, two vegetable gardens, and a glasshouse brimming with life.

Address: Gherang Gardenalia 80 Lakeside Drive Gherang

Extras: Surfcoast CWA will be providing morning and afternoon teas. Plants for sale and pop-up art gallery featuring works by local artists

Greenfield

In nearby Moriatic, Greenfield offers a contrasting experience — a peaceful, thoughtfully designed garden by Denise and Russ Murfitt. What began as a bare paddock is now a sanctuary of calm inspired by the Japanese concept of Yutori, meaning space and ease. Meandering paths lead beneath birches, maples, and cherries to hidden corners filled with hydrangeas, ferns, and flowering perennials. "I designed Greenfield to be strolled," says Denise. "To notice the shifting light, the sound of water, and the small details that remind us to pause and appreciate life."

Address: Greenfield 50 Greenfields Drive Moriatic

Extras: Plants sales and pop-up gallery featuring cards and unframed works



Gherang Gardenalia



Greenfield

HOURS: Sat-Sun 29-30 Nov 10am - 4.30pm
TICKETS: Each garden - Adults \$10, Students \$6,
 Under 18 & students with OGV Student Pass (with ID) - Free
 Tickets at gate or Trybooking www.opengardensvictoria.org.au

Planting gardens to attract birds, butterflies and blue-banded bees

Judy Cameron Heavily edited from 'Recreating the Country' blog and book 'Recreating the Country' by Stephen Murphy

Designing for wildlife - have we got our priorities right?

The motivation for planting a garden is often to attract a wide variety of birds, reptiles and insects. To create a small ecosystem that provides for most of their needs. We can then enjoy watching and interacting with our garden's wild residents and visitors.

However, I do feel uneasy when I admit that when I'm planning a native garden, I first think of my needs; how I want the garden to look and be maintained?

I'll think about the aesthetics...

- Will the grey foliage on this group of plants 'pop' next to glossy green leaves of that group of plants?
- Does the flower colour on these two shrubs clash or will they complement each other?
- The vertical leaves of these tussock grasses will look great next to a clump of local correas
- Will I still be able to see the beautiful trunk of that feature tree in a few years when these shrubs grow?

... then some practicalities come to mind

- Will the garden be convenient and safe to maintain?
- Are those thorny stems/leaves going to be a hazard when we're weeding?
- Will this plant grow too large and shade a north facing window?
- Is this garden likely to be a fire hazard near the west/north wall of the house?

In my defence, I think these are predictable (and sensible) humancentric planning issues for a gardener, whether they live in the city or on a country estate.

What if we flipped this planning process on its head and put the needs of the birds, butterflies and native bees first and our human needs second? What would the garden look like, would it look much different?

Ideally the plants would mostly be local to the area and include small indigenous flowering herbs and groundcovers that form a natural carpet over the soil surface. I'm pretty sure my clients would go 'wild' about the local indigenous plants because they're the plants that they have evolved with and know the best.

As much as I would like to follow the design brief of my wildlife clients to the letter, the human needs for safety, convenience and aesthetics will always be strong motivators. A garden designed for wildlife will doubtless begin as an artificial space created for pleasure, contemplation and shelter, but in time and with studied neglect, it will likely achieve some wild, natural elements that are suited to a larger variety of birds, reptiles and insects.

Though wildlife will always contribute greatly to these design elements, gardens will continue to be a reflection of their human creators. They are a wonderful way to connect with nature, maintain our mental health, and provide motivation to get outside into the fresh air and challenge our bodies in ways that a gymnasium never will.



Steve's home garden in the early stages. You can find the full, informative story with suggested things to plant: <https://www.recreatingthecountry.com.au/blog>

AND if you would like a great Christmas present for someone who cares about biodiversity Steve's book is highly recommended.



Zinaida Campion

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

Geelong City Opera: Your Local Company

Did you know we have an opera company right on our doorstep? If you didn't, there's a perfectly reasonable explanation: it's very new. Geelong City Opera came into being in 2025, the brain child of two remarkable ladies, sopranos Lisa Breen and Susan Nielson. They made history last year by doing what had never been done before in Geelong, forming a grand opera company. A few local groups had produced light repertoire, like Gilbert and Sullivan, but there has never been a proper opera company in Geelong.

Opera Australia visits Geelong sometimes, and put on an interesting production of the Magic Flute by Mozart last year in the Geelong Arts Center. Other small indie companies visit the area as well, such as Lyster Opera headed by the excellent Jamie Moffat, which put on Rossini's The Italian Girl in Algiers last year in Drysdale. So clearly, there is a healthy demand for opera in our region, which is fantastic.

I joined Geelong City Opera in September, when I was invited to succeed founding Co President Susan Nielson upon her withdrawal from the company. I had attended the company's first production last year, Callas, La Divina, so I was excited at the prospect. Now, the company is headed by Lisa Breen and myself, but its mission remains the same: bring quality music to the region, and showcase local musicians, especially emerging performers.



Co Presidents
of Geelong City Opera,
sopranos Zinaida Campion
and Lisa Breen

Photo by Tim Hetherington

Our next production, Sunday 16 November, is called 'Marvelous Melba', and we will be celebrating the life and career of the legendary Australian diva, Dame Nellie Melba. Our cast includes Lisa Breen and Zinaida Campion, sopranos, Tim Hetherington, tenor, David Eckstein, bass, Stefanie Gumienik,

piano, Suzanne Moodie, flute, and actor Julie Fryman, narrator. It will be held in the beautiful space of All Saints Anglican Church, Newtown.

Join us for an epic musical journey, and meet the artists afterwards. Enjoy some of the finest operatic repertoire of all time, and feel good, knowing that you are supporting local performers. See you after the show!

Ciao!

Details: 16 November 2025, 2pm
All Saints Anglican Church, Noble St, Newtown.

Tickets \$30 adult and \$25 concession, at door or via
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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.



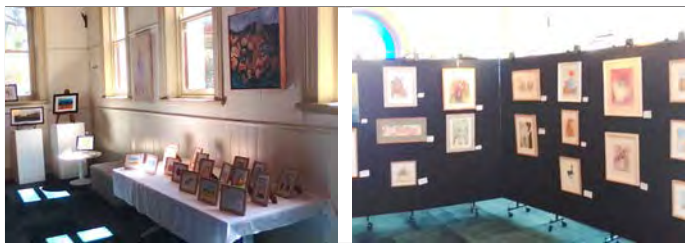
Riverlee artists shine in the Shire Hall

Zinaida Campion

As a local arts fan, I'm always on the lookout for unique and exciting creative events that showcase the best of our community's talent. The other week, I had the great pleasure of attending the Riverlee Artists exhibition at the historic Shire Hall. This well-curated event was a testament to the skill and imagination of local artists, and a must-see for anyone who appreciates the beauty of our region.

One of the standout features of the Riverlee exhibition was the incredible diversity of artistic styles on display. From delicate watercolours to vibrant oils, from landscapes to animal portraits, there was something for everyone in this vibrant and eclectic collection.

What truly set the exhibition apart however, was the warm and welcoming atmosphere fostered by our friendly local artists who attended the event. These talented ladies were eager to make visitors feel right at home and were always ready to talk about the inspirations behind their artwork. I asked one of the artists, Jill Treloar, how Riverlee came into being. "About twenty years ago, we started taking classes in a shed on Sandra Jones' property, Riverlee. That's how we got our name. But before that, we were a watercolour class that had been taken since 1999 by Ray Woods". The classes are now taught by Dee Matheson.



Slowly making my way around the exhibition, something cute caught my eye. A painting of a little blonde girl in a mauve ballet costume, with her back to the viewer. She was clutching a pink toy rabbit, and appeared to be walking down a hallway. "Off for a Fash-a-moo", it was called. The painting was executed with so much love, I was unsurprised to learn the artist, Chrissy Smith, was the grandmother of the subject. "That's my granddaughter August", she explained proudly. "It took me a while to get the hair right". Absolutely charming. She also added that the exhibition had been very well attended, with many visitors wanting to join.

Most of the art was for sale, with a table of miniatures catching my eye, and a wonderful collection of unframed watercolours by Laurel McLennan spread over the long dining table. Some individual works that caught my attention were Cheryl Brunt's "Desert Outback", "Sheep On The Lookout" by Dee Matheson, "Banksias" by Jill Treloar, and some gorgeous fairywrens in watercolour by I. Dalton.



Jill Treloar with "Banksias" Photo by Zinaida Campion



"Sheep On The Lookout" by Dee Matheson
Photo by Zinaida Campion



Chrissy Smith with "Off for a Fash-a-moo".
Photo by Zinaida Campion

The Riverlee Artists exhibition was more than a showcase for local art – it was a celebration of our community's creative spirit. By supporting local talent and promoting the arts, events like this play a vital role in feeding the creativity of our region and inspiring the next generation. With this in mind, we look forward to next year's exhibition, doing our bit to maintain our local artistic identity.

Ciao!

Week 5: Grades Three & Four



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Awards: Grades Three & Four

- 3/4H: **Harper McGregor** for continuing to work hard and improve her skills in literacy. Well done Harper!
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- 3/4R: **Jaylee Chenhall** for showing kindness to your classmates everyday, especially this week when you spent your own DOJOs to buy a dance party for the class! Well done, Jaylee.

Theme: We have just started a unit on Democracy. We will explore how rules and laws help communities function and how different levels of government, especially local government, operate and impact our daily lives. We will learn about the structure of the Australian Government and the roles of its members.

MY: We are learning about strategies that can be used to make our homes and school environment safe.

Core Literacy: We are focusing on spellings that represent the 'g' sound including the spellings 'g' 'gg' 'gh' and 'gu'.

English: We have started to explore the purpose, features and structure of informative texts.

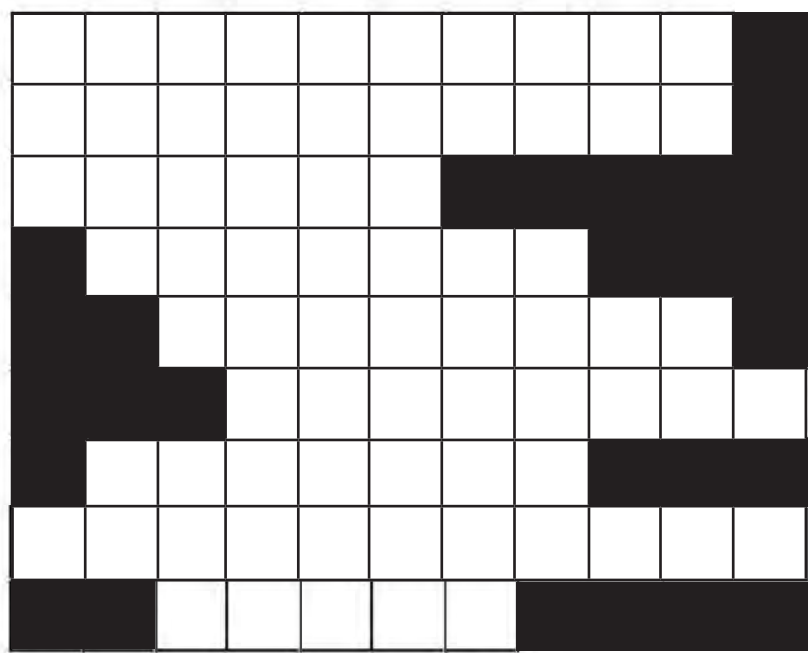
Maths: We have looked at chance and probability to predict the likelihood of events occurring.

From the Principal

Updated Mobile Phone Policy
School Council approved an updated mobile phone policy. Smart watches can be used at the school, however must be in school mode for the entire school day.

Swimming Program Adjustment
The swimming program provided by the school will now be reduced from two weeks to one week. The two main factors for this decision are increased costs associated with the pool and the difficulty in securing swimming teachers.

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Winchelsea Shire Hall, Gold Coin Donation.

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REDEDICATION OF THE RSL

At the grandstand, Eastern Reserve
Friday 14 November 1.45pm

WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING Mon 3.30pm
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Friends of the Barwon invite you to our Annual General Meeting 2025

Date: Wednesday 3rd December
Time: 6 - 8pm

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

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MONDAY

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

VINYASA YOGA

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



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

1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS



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

ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class
6:00pm-7:00pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036
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WEDNESDAY

WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea
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WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.
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MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE
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THURSDAY

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Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

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10am-12pm (School term) \$5
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WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
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WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

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November/December

What's On

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

To add an event to the calendar, please email news@winchelseastar.org.au

MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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HELEN MARY KINIMONTH KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13 November 2025 7pm
HMK Kinder/Church Hall
32 Hesse St Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
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FRIDAY

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Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA REPERTORY SOCIETY 'GRANNY GET YOUR GUN'

Friday 14 November 2025 7pm \$60
Globe Theatre, 7 Wills St Winchelsea
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Friday 14/11/2025
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'GRANNY GET YOUR GUN'

Saturday 15 Nov 2025 7pm \$60
Globe Theatre, 7 Wills St Winchelsea
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SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

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Letter to the Editor

Colac Agricultural Show

At a time when conversations about Australia's wool industry leave you a bit down in the mouth – it was a joy for Tarndwarncourt to be at the Colac Agricultural Show on 1 November to share what the wool industry looks and feels like at the grassroots level in regional Australia.

The Sheep Pavilion showed well-bred local Suffolk, Polwarth, Corriedale, English Leicester who were up for pats and judging. Trestle tables laden with fleece showed the difference in wool across breeds. A blade shearer let showgoers get up close to see how calm the sheep was for its annual clip.

In a newly painted corner, several crafters formed a line-up of rhythmic spinning wheels, making the connection between sheep and "string", while a weaver made cloth to complete the transformation.

Over in the Homecraft Pavilion a new section saw 19 entries in Wool Spinning to help exhibit the talent of our local wool crafters and profile local fibres.

After 159 years, with a full spectrum of sheep and wool across industry and culture, it was heartening to see at the grassroots, wool is still celebrated and cherished.

Tom
Tarndwarncourt Homestead
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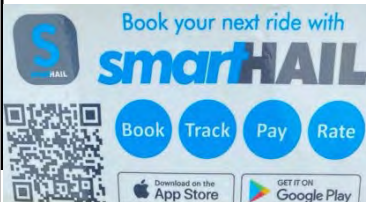
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Community Bank AGM welcomes Guest Economist David “Robbo” Robertson

Michelle Stock

Corangamite Financial Services Ltd, Community Bank Winchelsea, Anglesea and Lorne invites all shareholders, customers, and community members to attend its upcoming Annual General Meeting, to be held at this year at the Anglesea Bowls Club on Monday 18 November at 6.00pm.

This year's meeting will feature special guest speaker, Mr David “Robbo” Robertson, Chief Economist and Head of Economics and Markets Research at Bendigo Bank. Known for his insightful and entertaining approach to global and domestic financial trends, Robbo will share his perspective on the state of the Australian economy, interest rate outlooks, and the forces shaping our financial future into 2026.

David Robertson joined Bendigo Bank 23 years ago as Head of Financial Markets and now leads the bank's economic and market research team. His distinguished career spans several major institutions, including the State Bank of NSW, First Chicago, and the Commonwealth Bank. Over the years, his deep understanding of economics and approachable communication style have made him one of Australia's most engaging economic commentators. Many will recognise him from his popular YouTube economic updates, where his fresh, relatable insights attract a loyal audience from across the country.

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the achievements of the Community Bank across the region, with branches in Winchelsea, Anglesea and Lorne and how its profits are reinvested to benefit our local towns. Attendees will also have the chance to hear about upcoming projects, partnerships, and community initiatives supported through the bank's ongoing commitment to building stronger, more connected communities.

All are welcome to attend, whether you're a shareholder, a customer, or simply interested in learning more about community banking and the economic landscape that affects us all.

A light supper will be provided following the meeting.

To assist with catering, please RSVP to secretary@corangamitefs.com.au.

Corangamite Financial Services

Annual General Meeting

Come along to our AGM meeting 2024/2025



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history of winchelsea

Janet and William Stirling, shopkeepers in Winchelsea in the 1860s

This week's story is about William and Janet Stirling. Next week will be their nephew, also called William Stirling.

William Stirling (1806-1865) Born 1 Jun 1806 in Springbank, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. He immigrated to Victoria with his family and settled in Winchelsea.

Last week's article looked at the Barwon Hotel (The Bottom Pub) established by William's brother, James Stirling. In 1853, the Inn included a Store and Blacksmith shop, and remained the main General Store in Winchelsea until approximately 1865 when his brother William Stirling opened the General Store on the corner of Main and Palmer St on the site of the current Bendigo Bank. Mr. W. Stirling's store included the Post Office. By 1877 the mail came and departed one day a month, via the train.

All Winchelsea locals today know Ashwani and Sukoon and family from our local IGA as the storekeepers of our local community. We remember when Ashwani recently very generously donated \$1100 to the Op Shop, among the many other contributions the family has made to our town. Our colonial storekeepers were just as central to the local community.



Janet Johnston Stirling
Image Courtesy Anne Doburn

William married Janet Johnston (1815-1904) in Glasgow on 20 July 1840. Sixteen years later, they emigrated to Geelong on the ship the "Admiral Boxer" from Liverpool with six children and Janet's mother. William worked as crew on the ship. The family arrived in Geelong on 9 March 1857 and lived for the first three years between Gordon Avenue and Aberdeen Street, known at that time as Little Scotland.

William and Janet had nine children, two of whom died young, the youngest James Thomas (b 1858 in Winchelsea) was the only one born in Australia. Janet Stirling grew vegetables on a large plot near the present Winchelsea bridge and gave her produce away to the needy.

In 1860 William Stirling was listed as a house and landholder and he sat on the original Winchelsea Road District Board, the precursor to the Winchelsea Shire Council. In 1861 he was on the Committee for the Winchelsea Public Library. He was also one of the founders of the Western Beach Sea Bathing Company.



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.



Will Stirling's General Store
Cnr Main and Palmer Streets Winchelsea,
on the site of the current Community Bank
Image courtesy State Library Victoria

William was a member of the Ancient Independent Order of Oddfellows, a fraternal and philanthropic organization in Winchelsea from its inception in 1862. He passed away in August 1864 aged fifty-eight. About fifty of the brethren met at the Lodge Room, wearing ancient regalia and black silk scarfs. The A.I.O.O.F led the funeral procession, the pall bearers being D.G.M. Bio. the Rev E. Tanner, Bro. George Anderson, Bro. George Lee, and Bro. Secretary R. Davies. The procession marched slowly in time with the tolling of the church bell, and the Loyal Winchelsea flag flew half-mast.

The Geelong Advertiser reports "A great number of respectable persons, both old and young ... forming part of the procession. Rev' L Sheldon performed the funeral service, and at the close of the service brother "the Rev E. Tanner" read the funeral oration, as adopted by the Order, and members of the Order took turns in throwing sprigs of thyme into the grave. Stirling was remembered by his community as a truly honest and conscientious man.

Another William Stirling who was his nephew, son of his brother James Sterling who owned the Barwon Inn Hotel (Bottom Pub), was key in the formation of early Winchelsea, and we will hear more about him next week.



Winchelsea businesses unite to bring Christmas Magic to town

Growing Winchelsea

The Winchelsea Christmas Elf Trail 2025 has officially reached capacity, with 15 local businesses joining forces to make Winchelsea shine with festive cheer this December.

Running from 8-21 December 2025, the Elf Trail invites families to explore local shops, find hidden elves, and experience the joy of shopping locally. Participating businesses will offer festive treats, special offers, and a warm Christmas welcome to visitors young and old.

The event is part of the broader Christmas in Winchelsea celebration, which includes the Carols by the Barwon, Christmas Market, Christmas Lights Competition, Twinkle Trees on Main and a special community feature in the Winchelsea Star.

"The response from local businesses has been absolutely fantastic," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea. "We're thrilled to see so many stepping up to create something magical for our community. It's this kind of spirit that truly makes Winchelsea sparkle at Christmas."

Businesses who missed out this year are encouraged to register early in 2026, as the event continues to grow in popularity and community support.

For more information about the Christmas in Winchelsea program, visit www.growingwinchelsea.com



CAROLS BY THE BARWON

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2025 Christmas Lights Competition Winchelsea Lights Up for Christmas

Growing Winchelsea

The festive season is set to sparkle again as the Winchelsea Lions Club, in partnership with Growing Winchelsea, launches the 2025 Christmas Lights Competition.

Residents are encouraged to decorate their homes and register to take part in this year's dazzling display. **Entries close Wednesday 21 November 2025**, with judging by the Lions Club commencing early December.

"Let's connect our town with lights, laughter, and festive spirit as neighbours decorate their homes and share the joy of Christmas," said Graham Kenafacke, President Winchelsea Lions.

A family BBQ and presentation will be held on Sunday 21 December 2025 at 1pm at the Mud Hut, where winners will be announced.

Registered homes will feature in the popular Winchelsea Star Christmas Lights Trail feature on 2 December 2025. Additional copies will be distributed throughout the community to ensure everyone can enjoy the trail.

Entry forms are available at: www.growingwinchelsea.com

Completed entries or inquiries can be directed to:

Elaine Atkinson, Growing Winchelsea Secretary
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com 0458 009 616



Winchelsea Lions Club
PO Box 78, Winchelsea VIC 3241
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<https://winchesealionsclub.org.au/>

REGISTRATION FORM Christmas Lights Competition 2025

Name: _____

Address of Display: _____

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Email: _____

Permission

☐ I give permission for my home / business to be photographed and/or included in the Winchelsea Christmas Lights Trail, published in the Christmas Program produced by Winchelsea Star and available from Tuesday 2 December 2025.

Signature: _____ Date: __ / __ / 2025

Important Information

- Entries close: 21 November 2025
- The Christmas Lights Trail addresses will be available throughout Winchelsea from 2 December 2025.
- Winners will be announced at the Family Christmas BBQ at 1.00 pm on Sunday 21 December 2025 at the Mud Hut
- Prizes awarded by the Winchelsea Lions Club



Have you picked up your Twinkle Tree?

Growing Winchelsea

We were spreading Christmas cheer early with our Twinkle Trees on Main decorating workshop at the Community Market last Sunday 9 November.

- Families picked up their trees at the Men's Shed BBQ stall at the market
- They got a hand from our Men's Shed volunteers if they had any tricky bits at the workshop
- Then most of them decorated their trees at the workshop (paint drying took around 2 hrs)!
- A few brought their own paints, lights and decorations—some extras were on hand.

Some families took their tree home to decorate and they will drop them off on the morning of 19/11/25 to the Men's Shed for safe storage until installation along Main Street late November.

You got to be in it to win it!

Let's make Winchelsea shine bright together!



Winchelsea Railway Station shines thanks to dedicated volunteers

Growing Winchelsea

The Winchelsea Railway Station has undergone a stunning transformation, thanks to the ongoing efforts of the local Stationeers volunteer group. Over the past two years, this passionate team has worked tirelessly to beautify the station precinct—bringing new life and pride to one of the town's historic landmarks.



The newly refurbished seat highlights just one of many improvements that now make the Winchelsea Railway Station a true gateway to the town.

The project has included a vibrant mural, rejuvenated gardens, pruning of the much-loved heritage roses, and the addition of new planter boxes now filled with hardy native plants. Together, these improvements have created a warm and welcoming environment for travellers and locals alike.

A recent highlight is the installation of a beautifully restored seat—originally from Geelong and now given a second life at Winchelsea. Members of the local Men's Shed meticulously dismantled, sanded, and repainted the bench, ensuring it looks as good as new. The refurbished seat now takes pride of place beside the one of the new planter boxes, providing a perfect spot to sit and admire the results of the community's hard work.

"This project is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when community spirit and teamwork come together," said Graham Kenafacke. "Our volunteers have shown tremendous dedication, and the results speak for themselves."

The Stationeers project has been made possible through generous support from the Surf Coast Shire Vic Track, Keep Victoria Beautiful and V/Line, whose backing has helped transform the precinct into a welcoming and attractive space that celebrates both the town's history and its community pride.

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Department of Health

Board director opportunities at Hesse Rural Health

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board director positions at **Hesse Rural Health**. The positions start on 1 July 2026, for up to three years. These positions provide an exciting opportunity for persons with an interest in making a difference in the health sector and have the knowledge and skills for ensuring health care is delivered safely and effectively, with public money used to the benefit of all Victorians. As a director you will be doing more than just contributing your time or knowledge. Being appointed to a hospital board places you in a position of trust. You will play an important role in providing leadership, accountability and integrity in the delivery of healthcare across Victoria. Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional experience, knowledge, and skills that contribute to the strategic leadership and oversight of healthcare for the Victorian community. It is preferable that applicants reside in Victoria or, within the border community of those hospitals near the New South Wales and South Australian borders. While Victorian public health boards are based on capabilities, boards are more effective when these capabilities also represent the richness of the diverse voices of Victorian communities. We encourage First Nations people, people living with a disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, gender equality, and upholding human rights.

Applications close at **Midnight Sunday 23 November 2025**. Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply, please go to the following website: www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

For all enquiries regarding the Board, please contact **Kate Lockhart, Executive Assistant** on (03) 5267 1200 or email kate.lockhart@hesse.vic.gov.au



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FRIDAY 14th NOV Supporting Unicef/Save the Children & Modewarre Cricket Club	SATURDAY 15th NOV Supporting Winchelsea Repertory Society

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December 11th
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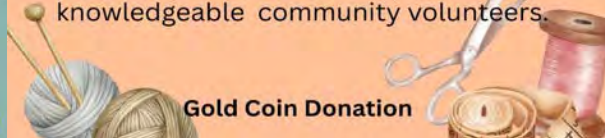
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12th

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Barwon Tce, Winchelsea

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Thought for the Week

"Often people attempt to live their lives backwards: They try to have more things or more money, in order to do more of what they want, so they will be happier.

The way it actually works is the reverse.

You must first be who you really are, then do what you need to do, in order to have what you want.

Think about it."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader,
Christian Pastoral Carer

Landcare Event Rescheduled to Saturday December 6 at 9am

You may have seen this event advertised last month which was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather.

It has now been rescheduled to **Saturday December 6 at 9am**. It will be held at Guye Reserve in Barwon Terrace along with our regular working bee.



Citizen scientists and nature enthusiasts are invited to an introductory session on using iNaturalist – the online biodiversity citizen science platform that records and identifies all types of flora and fauna. Learn to upload observations by practising with some intriguing macroinvertebrates from the river.

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Winchelsea Golf Club



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RESULTS

5/11/25 - Mid Week/Weekly Stableford

13 Players

1st - Neil Hickman (12) 37 points
 2nd - Stephen Harvey (17) 36 points
 BDL - Cam Parke (10) 32 points
 BDL - Max Bubb (13) 30 points
 NTP (8th/17th) - Cam Parke

Ladies Results 5/11/25 - Stroke Competition

NTP 6th

Winner: Robyn Vesey 100-25-75

R/Up: Sue Cuthbert 114-33-81 Cb from Elizabeth Alston

Had the play off for **Medal of Medalists** between Elizabeth Alston, Di Bartel and Sue Cuthbert. Sue won on a count back from Elizabeth to win her first Medal of Medalists. We had the play off for the **Silver Spoon** between Elizabeth, Tara Steward and Sue. Sue has taken the Silver Spoon for 2025. Summer comp starts next week.

8/11/25 - Hugh & Rodney Robertson Memorial - Par

12 Players

1st - Max Bubb (13) Square
 2nd - Tara Steward (20) 1 Down
 BDL- Daryl Boddington (14) 4 Down C/B
 NTP (2nd/11th) - Neil Hickman
 Golden Hole (15th) - Bill Spencer

Coming up this week:

Wednesday's Weekly Stableford
 Saturday Stableford

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WINCH HOUSE AGM 2025 Chair's Annual Report

Monique Jacques, Chair Winch House

It has been a year of change and growth for Winchelsea Community House. Earlier in March this year, our elected Chairperson, Mr Tony Phelps, was successfully elected to Surf Coast Shire Council. We congratulate Tony on this wonderful achievement and thank him sincerely for his leadership and dedication. Following Tony stepping down, I was honoured to step into the role of Chairperson, and I am excited to continue building on the great work already underway.

This year, much of the Committee's focus has been on strong governance - especially ongoing review and updating of policies and procedures, particularly in relation to our Occasional Care Service. While this work is time-consuming, it is absolutely vital to ensure compliance and, most importantly, to keep delivering safe, high-quality services for our community.

But governance is only part of the story. What really inspires us is seeing the Community House in action. Every week, people of all ages walk through our doors to learn, connect, share skills, and enjoy being part of something bigger. Whether it's a class, a group, a training session, or a community gathering - our House continues to be a place where people feel welcome and supported.

The beautiful Shire Hall space has also been a highlight - hosting a wide range of activities, training, and events, as well as providing a unique venue for private venue hire and functions. It's wonderful to see this space alive with energy and being used in so many different ways.

Looking ahead, we want to hear from you - our community. What do you want to see at your Community House? What activities, groups, or services would make a difference in your life or someone else's? Please come and have a chat with our friendly staff, share your ideas, and help us shape the future of our programs.



Finally, I'd like to extend a heartfelt invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining our Committee of Management. Like many community organisations, we are always looking for new members. If you have skills to share - or simply a passion for contributing to your local community - we would love to welcome you on board. Being part of the Committee is a rewarding way to help ensure our Community House continues to thrive for years to come.

Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, and community members for your energy, commitment, and support throughout the year. Together, we make Winchelsea Community House the warm, vibrant, and welcoming place that it is today.

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Winchelsea Junior Summer Competition Report

Under 10s

No game this week due to the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

Under 11s

No game this week due to the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

Under 13s Pink

Our junior U13s team have found it to be a big step up from their very successful U11s season last year. To their credit, they are taking their learnings onto the court each week and always coming off with smiles on their faces. We're sure this talented group will continue to adjust and hit their stride in the coming games.

Defeated by St Mary's 20–3.

Under 13s Blue

Our senior U13s team had their first win for the season! After a great comeback last week where they narrowly went down by one goal, they came out firing early and finished strong to

defeat Armstrong Creek 25–13. It was an impressive effort from everyone on the court, especially with two players down. A big thank you to Lily, who stepped into the team brilliantly.

Under 15s

The girls had a really strong game this week, and their hard work showed in the final result. From the goal end to defence, the team worked together beautifully and demonstrated great teamwork and determination. It was fantastic to see the girls get a well-deserved win, defeating Bell Post Hill 31–3.

Under 17s

No game this week due to the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

The atmosphere was electric at training on Thursday night with the senior preseason squad returning to Winchelsea. It was fantastic to see huge numbers on the court so early into preseason, with both familiar faces and new players mixing and mingling with such positive energy. The excitement is already building — we're all looking forward to an amazing 2026 season at Winchelsea!

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Aircraft deployed as Victoria prepares for the fire season

Victorian Government

Ahead of what's expected to be a significant and elevated fire season, Victoria has strengthened its bushfire preparedness by deploying firefighting aircraft ahead of schedule to key parts of the State.

A total of 15 regional aircraft will start their service period early in key locations including Ballarat, Stawell and Ovens Valley. These aircraft can be moved across the state according to risk.

Victoria's aerial firefighting fleet is made up of a mix of firebombing aircraft, air supervision and information-gathering aircraft, and plays an important role in supporting the ground operations of firefighters.

Victoria also has a call-when-needed capacity of up to 100 aircraft that can supplement the Victorian core fleet, which is available year-round.

The remainder of this year's aerial firefighting fleet will arrive over the next month and into early December and are contracted until late March. These can be extended, if required.

Victoria is facing heightened fire risk this year due to low rainfall across the state, particularly in south-west Victoria, south-west Gippsland, the Mornington Peninsula and the Wimmera.

For more information on how you can prepare for fires and other emergencies, download the VicEmergency app or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.



Have your say: draft Service Review Policy

Council is seeking the community's feedback on a new policy that will help prioritise and guide future reviews of its services.

Council delivers more than 100 services, designed to meet a wide and evolving range of community needs and priorities.

The Draft Service Review Policy recognises that all services should be regularly reviewed to check that they are:

- being provided in an equitable manner;
- accessible to the people they're intended for;
- providing good value to the community; and
- can be delivered in a way that allows Council to remain financially sustainable.

The draft policy features nine principles that would be considered when carrying out service reviews in future.

Check out the principles and have your say about Council's decision making process for services delivered to the community:

yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/service-review-policy





**WED 26 NOV
AT 3PM**

2025 Annual General Meeting

Ian Whiting (Board Chair), Carissa Brock (CEO), and the Board of Directors extend a warm invitation to the 31st Annual General Meeting of Hesse Rural Health Service

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Winchelsea Bowls Club



Julie Johnson

Although October has been a month of considerably strong winds we have mainly managed to avoid these on Pennant days. However, the Jenny McConachy Memorial Open Tournament on Sunday 26 was hindered due to consistent rain across the morning, but after lunch play was resumed and a total of three games played across the day. Congratulations to the winners Marg, Helen, Rob and Larry from Apollo Bay, Jenny's second home. Thank you to the McConachy family and helpers on the day who saw to a delicious morning and arvo tea and a wonderful lunch.

AROUND THE GREEN

Club events continue to be played across Sundays but no results to hand as yet. On Friday 7 November many members were entertained by our local Repertory Society in "Granny Get Your Gun." On 14 November a Trivia Night will be held at the club. Bring a table and own nibbles with single entries as well commencing 7.00 p.m. \$10 per person, names on sheet at club.



Back: Jamie McConachy, Mark McConachy, Peter McConachy.
Front: Marg Hall, Rob Scott, Helen Healey, Larry Redman

RESULTS

MIDWEEK PENNANT

Division 1 were def by Colac Central at home winning 1/3 rinks, 65 shots to 76 shots.

Division 3 def Colac Central at home winning all rinks 67 shots to 38 shots.

No play in Cup week.

SATURDAY PENNANT 1 NOVEMBER

Division 1A def Apollo Bay at home winning all rinks, 119 shots to 74 shots.

Division 1B were def by Colac City away winning 2/4 rinks, 81shots to 115 shots.

Division 4 def Derrinallum at home winning all rinks, 83 shots to 30 shots.

Division 5 BYE

8 NOVEMBER

Division 1A def Colac Central away winning 3/4 rinks, 112 shots to 84 shots.

Division 1B def Simpson at home winning 3/4 rinks, 108 shots to 79 shots.

Division 4 def Cobden at home winning all rinks, 75 shots to 35 shots.

Division 5 were def by Colac away, 22 shots to 54 shots.

All the very best to Max Heaton-Harris who is competing in the Under 18 Nationals next weekend for Victoria. He will be playing Singles and is skipping the Triples and Fours.

May the bowls be with Max and the rest of the Club!!

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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Kate McInnes, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Ann Jones, Chris Hurren and Liz Bennett,

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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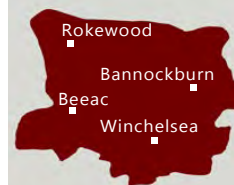
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