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Winchelsea Football and Netball Club

Blues players named in GDFL 2023 Team of the Year



Winchelsea Primary School students

Stewart Mathison

Where does the water come from when we turn on the tap for a glass of water or to have a shower? We also need clean water to cook, wash our clothes and many other uses. The organization that brings clean water to Winchelsea, Geelong, Colac and many other places is Barwon Water. Their Education Officer, Fernando Garcia, told us that he has family living in Uruguay who do not have a clean and reliable water supply.



Planting day



So, with the help of Winchelsea Land and Rivercare members, grades 4,5 & 6 set out to discover the source of our water supply using funding from Surf Coast council community grants and support from Barwon Water.

Our first session was the last day in July, which is Schools Tree Day, when each year thousands of schools participate nationwide in environmental activities. Barwon Water supplied 160 plants to add to existing landcare planting on the river below the golf course.



Making the mural on the last day



discover the source of Winchelsea water supply



Wurdi Boluc Treatment Plant

On the second week we had the company of Brodey Hamilton from Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation. After introductions in the classroom, we all walked to the river and Brodey spoke of how the river is a boundary between two aboriginal nations. The river was important as a source of food because animals would be drawn to the water as well as fish to catch. Uses for some of the plants on the river were also discussed.

The third week was a bus ride to Forrest to visit West Barwon Reservoir which is the starting point for a large part of Geelong water supply. Fernando Garcia, from Barwon Water took us along the dam wall where we saw the outlet tower and spillway, then down to the base of the wall to see the mighty spray of water being released.

Walking back to the bus we saw the water being diverted from the river to the channel which flows to Wurdi Boluc which we had crossed four times on the drive out. We also found the leeches were active in the wet foliage. Stewart had two on his trouser leg which had everybody interested.

We had a sunny day for the excursion on week four to Wurdi Boluc treatment plant. Here the water from West Barwon is filtered with a little chlorine added, then piped to Geelong. We also found some leftover pipes which were so big we could run through them without bending over.

The final session was in the classroom where we reviewed what we had learned and then the pupils were invited to create pictures of what we had seen. There was a long piece of paper across three tables. At one end was the West Barwon Reservoir and at the other end was Winchelsea, and in between was the river, channel, pipes, treatment plant and tanks.

Students studied how precious our water is and essential for us to live healthy lives. We trust that this care of water and links with Landcare, the school, Barwon Water and Eastern Maar continues to grow as we enter perhaps drier and hotter seasons.



West Barwon Reservoir



Winchelsea Star

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WINCHELSEA GARDEN GROUP



Kylie Saunder

Many of you will remember the couple of years we held a Winchelsea Gardeners meet up inside the shelter of the old Mud Hut near La Hoot. Some of you might even remember the day we stomped our feet against the bitter cold of a 4 degree spring day, or Susie's scones. For those who might be new to the town, it was a wonderful opportunity to get together and put faces to names after years of talking about our gardens in the Facebook group. It didn't matter so much what we brought, even if we had nothing at all - it was more about a community of avid and seasoned green thumbs, novice and budding gardeners, produce growers, chutney makers, native garden fanatics, flower lovers and so on. The kids would run over to the play park, people would grab a cappuccino from Jacqui's cafe, and we'd stand around and talk for hours, often far longer than the 10 to 11 time slot we'd allocated.

As a Winchelsea resident I was really glad to contribute something to this community through the nine year strong social media group and the physical meetups. It was a real honour to facilitate sharing and swapping of plants, knowledge and enthusiasm. Whilst it may have been quiet over winter whilst the soil lay fallow and putting on a pair of gloves seemed a daunting prospect, Spring would always see a flurry of people sharing the joy of the fruit trees and daffodils, offer excess beetroot and cabbage seedlings, question what other people were growing, offer herbs and bunches of lavender, ask for help with bug problems or proudly show off their tidy garden. By mid summer and on toward Autumn, we'd be sharing recipes for green tomato chutney and trying to offload wheelbarrows of zucchini and fat pumpkins. Who could forget, too, the gardens nurtured and built during the infamous lockdowns, which highlighted our need for a little food sustainability and resilience through home growers?

After so many years, it's a bittersweet feeling saying goodbye to this group, but I suppose I'm not really - I'm only just disappearing from town for a little while. I'm beyond thrilled to pass the running of the group to Alison Dean, whose enthusiasm for community and for gardening has already shone through since she arrived in town. I'll definitely be at the first meet up (anyone want some potted ashwagandha, some garlic chives or a dozen eggs?) and even from afar, I'll be there in spirit, and most certainly, I'll be part of this community when we return!

Happy Gardening!

Alison Dean

It's a pleasure to be one of the new organisers of the Winchelsea Gardeners group. I moved to Winchelsea about three years ago, from Essendon, and have loved becoming a part of this diverse and wonderful community. I am a garden lover (who isn't?!). Started my garden passion following my grandfather around his backyard, planting tomatoes, picking and eating blood plums and marvelling at his compost heap. Later in life I studied Urban Horticulture at Melbourne Uni and I learnt how most of our problems can be solved by planting plants or being within nature. Now I work as a landscape designer/landscaper/gardener. I have a small business called Greenshade. The last few years

I have been involved in school/kinder nature playspaces and nature inspired residential gardens.

What I love most about Winchelsea is the abundant wildlife, in particular birdlife, in Winchelsea. We have the most beautiful Barwon River, with its giant River Red Gums, running through our little town which brings such diverse birdlife. I am particularly fond of the occasional Gang Gang black cockatoo pair that lazily flap and screech across the sky near my house to perch and snack in a nearby gum. We are also lucky enough to have a little yellow spotted Pardalote bird flit about my garden occasionally, thanks to my neighbour's biodiverse garden, which has attracted it. I have recently joined Winchelsea Landcare to join them in all the wonderful work that they do to improve the river's habitat and biodiversity. It's always a rewarding activity for the whole family.

The other wonderful aspect that I love about Winchelsea is that we, us in Winchelsea, love to grow and share food. From our wonderful Free and Honest stall, championed by Brie and Richard to all the boxes of lemons and other goodies that we share at front fences. Sharing and growing food is a very generous attribute that many in Winchelsea are afflicted with, and I love it.

I am looking forward to sharing garden stories and learning lots of good gardening tips at our meetings. Our first meeting I have organised to be held at the Winchelsea Elderly Citizens building. I think this is a welcome space that we can relax within. We can access whether this is the best place to meet during the meeting.

See you there!





WINCHELSEA GARDEN GROUP

get together

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Some Winchelsea History

Mick O'Mara

The Vicarage has been sold! Many new residents to Winchelsea may not know any thing of the Vicarage. It is tucked away at the western end of Batson Street. Thomas Austin had the Vicarage built to house the Vicars who were the Ministers at St. Thomas' Anglican Church.

The Vicarage construction appears to be different to most of Winchelsea's stone constructions. Most of Winchelsea stone work, eg bridge, Barwon Park and the Shire hall have been seamed, The Vicarage has been chiselled. Don't know what I am talking about? Catch up with me one day and I will explain. Most of Geelong stone work is chiselled.

My guess is that the Vicarage was built prior to the Government taking the land back from the squatters, which they did in 1855. After taking the land it was subdivided and put up for auction. Thomas Austin bought 2 blocks near Winchelsea township. One was known as Sammy's Cellar in Dicksons Rd. This would have Barwon Park's shepherd's cottage and the Vicarage, indicating they were built before the subdivision. At some stage extensions have been made to the original Vicarage building.

The 1855 subdivision gave the purchasers ownership through what was called Old Book titles. There was a large title (on parchment) accompanied by documents giving details of each change of ownership. Originally titles went to the centre of the river. In about 1909 ownership was changed to the normal high water mark. Recently Old Book titles were done away with and changed to Torrens Titles. Not sure where the property boundary is now days.

Now the question you want answered. What did the Vicarage sell for? Bidding started at \$900,000. There appeared to be 4 or 5 bidders When bidding stopped at (I think) \$1,900,000 Michael and his partner (sorry I have trouble remembering names now) were declared the new owners of the Vicarage.

Welcome to Winchelsea Michael and Partner!





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Ice cream makes the sweetest play

Winchelsea Playgroup had fun with everything "Ice-cream" at our Thursday 7th September session, by dressing in ice-cream colours and enjoying lots of 'Ice-cream' play.

We had our very own handmade Ice-cream Shoppe play-set with an umbrella roof, ice-cream signs, pretend ice cream cakes, pies and ice cream cones piled so high with chocolate, mint, strawberry, lemon and vanilla ice-cream scoops! The children took turns as the Ice-cream Shopkeeper serving customers and running up so many ice-cream sales; using our little cash register and pretend money. We also had a mini Ice-cream Shoppe with our 'Little People' play set - it even had Drive-Thru Ice-cream service!

The children also enjoyed colouring in Ice-cream themed colouring sheets, and making colourful Ice-cream craft. Willow's Nanna made play-dough Ice-cream - it was rolled into balls of yellow (Lemon), blue (Bubblegum), pink (Strawberry) and green (Mint) to make pretend Ice-cream Sundaes. We added toy watermelon pieces, kiwi slices, strawberries, bananas and grapes to our sundaes. They looked so yummy; but they would have tasted VERY salty if we had really eaten them!

For our next Playgroup session on Thursday 21st September. we'll be making our 3rd visit to Winchelsea's Hesse Rural Health Aged Care. We take along some Playgroup toys, play-sets and activities - it's such a fun session filled with so many smiles! Its's really lovely to see the young children and babies interacting and playing alongside the elderly Residents. We'll be there 10:30-12pm. Go to our Facebook Page "Winchelsea Playgroup 2019" for more info.



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Netball Finals Report

We are very proud that Winchelsea were the highest represented club in the GDFNL netball section as of last week's rounds ending on a high.

U/15s

In an intense showdown of between Winchelsea & Bannockburn on Saturday. The U/15s had an unfortunate loss for their spot in a grand-final.

The first quarter saw a neck-and-neck battle, our U/15s showing strength and passion to be playing a prelim final. Millie Partridge and Reani Mawson with minimal goals missed, excellent defensive efforts from Jayde Walker, Sienna Nelson and Abi Kutchenmister scores became level at half time. Keeley Smith and Bella Leak demonstrated exceptional vision into our goalers and facilitated smooth transitions from defence to attack with Ash Bell's assistance and pressure shutting down Bannockburn's clever WA.

Bannockburn were too strong for our mostly bottom age U/15s to keep up with them, pushing out their lead at 3-quarter time by 6 and keeping their lead in

the final quarter. Fresh legs were brought onto the court within the 3rd and 4th quarter in Elizabeth Humphreys & Ellie Brown, who both brought more energy and commitment to the team's structure within the final half.

We would like to congratulate the girls on their commitments throughout the season getting them this far. Advancing to a preliminary final is a great achievement! This accomplishment should be taken as inspiration and memories throughout their netball journey. Well done to coach Angie for her leadership and guidance to this team. Her expertise and experience to the game has contributed to the success of these talented young girls.

We look forward to seeing what this team can offer in season 2024!

A Grade

2023 finished like 2022, and our A grade side goes out of finals in straight sets.

The game started well against Werribee and winch opened a nice early lead. Meg Royal was



C Grade team ahead of their grand-final.



outstanding matching werribee physical strength and applying pressure at every opportunity. Our defenders fought hard all day creating many opportunities for us to score but just couldn't when we needed it most. Mel Philpott GS rolled her ankle badly at training Thursday prior however played despite the pain and heavy taping.

Coach Casey Carroll led her team well while she was on the court, but we just could not match Werribee in height strength and brutality.

Ebony Berg was our best on court shooting the most goals for winch despite being on the court the least.

East Geelong will play Werribee in a 2022 Grandfinal rematch and Winch will go back to the drawing board and start focusing on 2024.

Werribee 30 def Winch 29

B Grade

Considering Inverleigh's top of the ladder finish, this prelim final posed a challenge for B Grade. The team's preparation over the week with a sports psychology session and practice match with deliberate focus on executing 4-minute defensive blocks, with the intension to outrun Inverleigh's fit and experienced team.

With all players showing their determination, it was Inverleigh's strong start in the first quarter that had Winchelsea B Grade playing catch up for the entirety of the game.

Coaches created some several strategic changes in hope to catch Inverleigh off guard. However, Inverleigh's experienced team took away grand-final hopes for our young B -Grade team.

Notably, Connie Royal and Izzie Ryan delivered exceptional performances in defence, forcing Inverleigh to work tirelessly to feed their shooters. Meanwhile, Katrina Felice's pinpoint accuracy in shooting left Inverleigh's defenders struggling to contain her.

Despite initially hoping for finals berth due to other teams' losses in the home-and-away season during



Geelong and District Football League

Round 17, reaching the preliminary final stands as a commendable achievement.

With ending their season last weekend, they will get straight back into pre-season as of December and we look forward to what B Grade can bring next year.

C Grade will fight for a 2023 premiership cup on Saturday in the Grand-Final against Corio.

Beating Corio by 1 in the first semi-final this game will be a tough fight for our C Graders.

*Please get down to St Albans Park at 1:00pm to cheer on our final team in the Grand-Final!
GO BLUES!!!!!!*



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

The World Meteorological Organization has announced that the world went through its hottest northern hemisphere summer on record, fuelled by El Niño and climate breakdown driven by the burning of fossil fuels.

- **The WMO** said on Wednesday that last month was the hottest August on record “by a large margin” and the second hottest ever month after July 2023 (Al Jazeera);
- **August** is estimated to have been about 1.5C warmer than the pre-industrial average, and for every day in August global average sea surface temperatures beat the previous record set in March 2016, also an El Niño year;
- **To address** the crisis African heads of state have proposed a global carbon tax regime in a joint declaration, ensuring large-scale financing for climate-related investments (BBC);
- **It comes** as a new report warns 18 new coal projects in development in Queensland would see emissions of methane that escape from coalmines rival the state’s electricity sector for climate pollution by 2030 (The Guardian);
- **New figures** meanwhile show Australia’s greenhouse emissions are still rising, up 4.1m tonnes on last year (The Saturday Paper);
- **The NSW government** is moving to enter negotiations to extend the life of Australia’s biggest coal-fired power plant in Eraring (SMH);
- **Australia** still has the highest per capita emissions from coal in the G20, as well as being the second biggest coal exporter in the world, with a new report noting we are also “an enabler for other

countries in becoming polluters” (The Politics);

- **Climate scientist** Joëlle Gergis warns “business as usual” exploitation of global fossil fuel reserves would see land areas of Australia warm between 4 and 7°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100, meaning “catastrophic levels of warming will render large parts of our country uninhabitable, profoundly altering life in Australia” (The Monthly).
- **Bonds** to carry climate warning The federal government has settled a landmark class action lawsuit that alleged it had failed to disclose climate change-related risks to investors in sovereign bonds
- **As part** of the settlement terms, the government has agreed to make a statement acknowledging that climate change is a systemic risk that may affect the value of its bonds (Reuters);
- **Kathleen O’Donnell** filed the suit in 2020 claiming investors who buy government bonds should be made aware of climate risks that would make it difficult for Australia to pay back its debt;
- **O’Donnell** argued Australia could be facing frequent adverse climate events in 2050, when her bonds mature;
- **It comes** as the federal government not only refuses to release a secret report on how climate change will fuel national security threats, but has also rejected requests to reveal when it was completed (The Guardian);
- **Australia** is bracing for a difficult summer as unprecedented climate disasters unfold across the northern hemisphere (The Monthly).

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The Colac Players Inc - 'LADIES' DAY'



L to R: Rhonda Mahoney, Bairbre Williams, Chelsea Sharp, Leah Wiernik

The Colac Players are delighted that several new members are actively involved in this production, both onstage and in the production team ...

Assistant director, Jen Maclean has attended many play readings and was keen to expand her story telling skills and bring this story to the stage. Bairbre Williams and Leah Wiernik join seasoned players Rhonda Mahoney and Chelsea Sharp in the key roles of this play: four co-workers who have a fun day out at the races.

Bairbre has taught drama and has considerable experience in musical theatre, pantomimes and children's plays to draw on for her return to the stage after a long break.

Leah's voice may be familiar to you from the air waves of MixxFM and 3CS . She performed in Priscilla, Queen of the Desert with Red Door and is enjoying working with the Colac Players team.

Off stage, too, we are fortunate to have fresh perspectives and new skills offered to complement our existing talented members. So, a strong team is preparing a delightful night of entertainment which we are confident you will enjoy, especially as it is an opportunity to dress up and have a fun night with friends without losing your shirt at the races.

A fun day at the races can be a reality for you too. Colac Turf Club have donated our major raffle prize: an umbrella package for 10 for the Christmas Races.

Celebrate Positive Ageing Month in October

From a nature walk and come-and-try lawn bowls, to movie screenings, morning teas and multi-generational play time with kindergarteners — Positive Ageing Month promises a diverse range of activities this October.

The Surf Coast Shire Council will mark Positive Ageing Month with events spread across the coast and hinterland to celebrate people aged 55 and over. The calendar includes:

- Seniors Community Luncheon at Anglesea Bowls Club (5 October)
- Wiser Walker, Wiser Traveller course at Council office, Torquay (6, 20 and 27 October)
- A short Surf Coast Walk in Jan Juc, guided by Angair (9 October)
- Torquay Community Luncheon at Torquay Seniors Citizens Centre (10 October)
- Have a go at bowls at Lorne Bowls Club (11 October)
- Movie, music and afternoon tea at Deans Marsh Cottage (12 October)
- Lorne village kinder play time at St Cuthbert's Hall (13 October)

- Various women's sharing shed and men's shed open days (17 to 19 October)
- **Hinterland Movie Club event at Winchelsea Shire Hall (23 October)**

"There is a wonderful selection of events, with majority organised by community groups and organisations," Cr Allen said. "I attended numerous events last year, and was delighted to see the social connections made and the knowledge shared. I'm sure that the 2023 celebrations will be just as special, bringing together the community for plenty of fun.

"Positive Ageing Month aligns with the Council's work towards an age-friendly community, where ageing people are valued, respected and actively supported to participate in their community."

To view all of the events and for booking details: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth

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Community Action Plan Resolution

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Agenda Committee Meeting

Items of business

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Business arising from previous minutes
4. Business Arising

4b Subcommittee reports

- Planning and Infrastructure
- Barwon Park
- Community Market
- Arboretum/Station Precinct

4c Arboretum Trail Presentation

Presentation regarding
the progress
of the Arboretum Trail
by Naida Hutton

The Voice from many years ago

Mick O'Mara

About 50 years ago I was appointed Head Teacher at a small country school where most of the enrolment was made up of indigenous kids. My experience of teaching indigenous kids was about zilch. I had played football against teams who had some Aboriginal players but that was about it.

I had a learning experience awaiting me. The kids in my trust were great kids but somewhat casual in their approach to school and learning. Back then I think this casual approach was probably common in the Aboriginal communities. I think Charlie Perkins, at that time, was the only person of Indigenous descent to have finished a Uni degree.

To overcome this casual approach to formal education the Whitlam government came up with this brilliant idea. Money would be put into the kids' bank accounts to encourage regular school attendance.

What great idea! However it didn't work! You see, the kids rarely got into town where they could see a bank and their bankbooks. This incentive meant nothing to them.

The community elders and I set about coming up with a solution. We met up with our local MP. (a Liberal) and put a proposal to him. The money would come to the school in cash and I would distribute it in accordance with the kids' attendance.

Each Friday lunch time I would pull out the Attendance Roll and we would examine it. The discussion may have gone something like. "Johnny, you weren't here Wednesday. What happened?" Johnny, "Umm. Memm ... I went fishing" Johnny's money for that week went back in the till. We then walked down to the community store where the kids spent their "week's wages" on ice creams etc. The kids' attendance improved dramatically.

We had regular meetings with our local MP. Some times he would say, "Yes I can do that" or, "No that's not possible" Isn't this a small-scale version of what is proposed with a "Yes" vote in the coming "Voice" referendum?

Another similarity between the small scale "Voice" that we ran and the proposed Referendum "Voice" was that, for good or bad, the only people that it applies to are indigenous. It will make no difference to the life experienced by non-indigenous Australians no matter if there is majority for "Yes" or "No"

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Margaret Reid

During our open day last Sunday (Market Day) a question was asked about the origins of the Shire of Winchelsea logo (pictured).

Investigations have revealed that Pegasus is from the family crest of the Earl of Winchelsea, England.

The latin phrase "nil conscire sibi" means "to have a clear conscience" or "to have nothing to reproach oneself for". It is a phrase that is often used to express the idea of having a sense of moral integrity and innocence. We referred to Coast to Country History of the Shire of Winchelsea by EB & ML Gregory (page 112-113) that states "the literal translation is 'to be conscious of

no wrong in oneself'. A freer translation would be 'to be convinced of one's own rectitude.'"

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When: Wednesday afternoons

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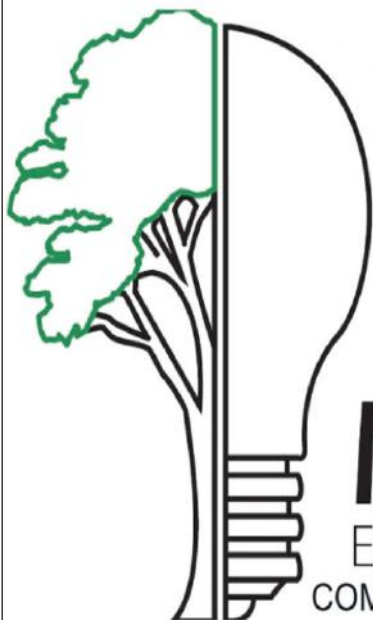
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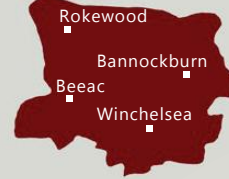
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