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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

Thank you to Star Committee members

I would like to say a big thanks to all those Winchelsea Star Committee members who so skillfully guided us through all the electoral processes that lead up to a federal election, carefully laying out the intricacies of the system - from clearly explaining exactly how the candidates are numbered on the ballot papers to which party each candidate belonged to.

This last piece of information was invaluable, enabling voters to work out in advance of fronting up to the voting booth exactly what order they wanted to place their numbers on the ballot papers.

My copy of that latest Star went with me when I went to vote. When offered lots of last minute advice in the form of myriad pamphlets, I was able to rather cheekily say that I had my Star to guide me.

Hope that this information was a useful guide to first time voters and perhaps acted as a refresher to even us oldies who are veterans of the system. Again, thank you again for all your hard work and dedication.

CF

Dear Editor

Do we really want Quolls around our area? Don't we have enough problems with birds? People who have fowls for eggs and eating, I am sure would be worried.

Also does Mr Lockie know we have a beautifully kept market garden along side the Men's Shed . There are also small stalls in Barwon Terrace and Austin Street with produce in season.

Name Supplied

Dear Editor

ANZAC Day Appreciation

The Winchelsea RSL Sub Branch wishes to thank the Winchelsea community for their support of the ANZAC Day Commemoration and ANZAC Day appeal.

Overall, the day was a great success (even though the PA system ultimately failed),

We look forward later this year to the advertising of our intended community celebration of the opening of the Grandstand.

Graham Kenafacke, President, RSL

Dear Editor

Royal Children's Hospital - Good Friday Appeal

On behalf of the Winchelsea SES, I would like to thank the amazing and generous Winchelsea community for their donations to this years' Royal Children's Hospital - Good Friday Appeal.

We are thrilled that our annual tin shake has raised more than \$8,000 for sick children and their families.

The funds raised will support ground-breaking research, state of the art equipment and technology, and provide regional hospitals with crucial paediatric resources.

None of this would be possible without the kind generosity of people like you! For this, we thank you and appreciate your support.

Kerri Cropley

Community Engagement officer, Winchelsea SES



Winchelsea Probus Club enjoys their monthly bus trip

Coragulac House near Colac

Story and photos Linda Carter



Our first stop was at the Red Rock lookout for morning tea. What a magnificent view, but everything looked so dry. Luckily we have had some rain since then to green things up a bit.



Coragulac House is a 30 room bluestone homestead lovingly restored by Sharyn and Garry Gibson. Sharyn gave us a wonderful tour sharing lots of stories about the history of the former owners, and their own trials and tribulations during their mammoth restoration. The highlight being the "secret" men's room through a hidden door, opening up into a magnificent billiard room with raised timber panelled roof with wonderful stained glass windows. What a surprise!!



The reception room also has a raised ceiling, copper lined enormous fireplace and wallpaper that looks like it should be in a Scottish castle.

Sharyn's silver collection is nothing short of amazing. All that, along with luxuriously furnished bedrooms, makes it a truly grand home. Some of us visited the gardens and stables where they hold weddings etc. It is available for tours, afternoon tea, functions, with two fully self contained accommodation areas. Set on 56 hectares of land, it is currently for sale - for a cool \$4.6 million it could be yours!!!



Following that amazing experience we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Lake View Cafe at the Colac Botanic Gardens. Many thanks to Heather and Jenny for organising another lovely trip, and our amazing driver Don who is a mine of information and always manages to find the scenic route home.

We don't know how many more trips we will be able to take with the Shire's new policy on community buses so we will have to enjoy what time we have. This month we are off to see the elephants at Werribee Zoo. If anyone would like to come, please contact Probuc. You don't have to be a member.



THE PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE BIT

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Another successful Community Dinner - Good company, good food - a winning recipe!

Tales from the Table – April Community Dinner

Tara Quinn

Another Winchelsea Community Dinner down, and once again, it was full plates, full laughs — and a few new faces at the table.

Gabby, new to town, came bearing venison party pies (brave!). Veronica joined after a neighbourly recommendation. And we even had Neil from the Star drop by to see what all the fuss — and the funding — had created.

The food? Outstanding. Kate's pork roast and crackling stole the show (after a nervous kitchen moment). The vegetarian and gluten-free options were plentiful. My homemade pumpkin soup? Let's just say... it had more leftovers than ladles lifted. Lesson learned: next time, crumble over soup every day.

Conversations bounced from the history of the Star's printing days (involving trains and serious patience) to the mystery car break-ins at the op shop — and of course, a healthy serving of animal stories, including a dramatic retelling of the local Spider Diaries. (The frightening places spiders have been found loitering within my home. Therapy may be needed.)

Massive thanks to Alison for the beautiful garden florals, to everyone who cooked, cleaned, or contributed, and to those who showed up ready to chat and share a meal. A big thank you also to Kentys Bakery for donating the delightful dinner rolls, St John the Baptist Catholic Church for low cost use of the venue and the Winchelsea Star for a very generous financial contribution to get our dinners off to a wonderful start.

If you're new to Winch, or have been meaning to come but haven't yet — don't be shy. There's always a seat at the table for you.

See you next month!



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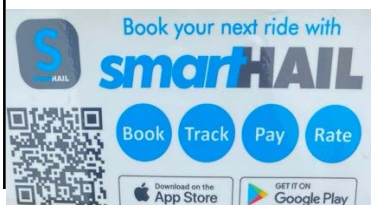
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Thank you to our Surf Coast Shire Volunteers

Aireys Inlet Community Celebration

Sunday 18 May

- Garden Tour 11am
Aireys Inlet Community Garden,
2 Fraser Dr, Aireys Inlet.
- Community Celebration 11.30am -1pm
Aireys Inlet Community Centre,
6 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet.

Lorne Bowls Club Volunteer morning tea

Tuesday 20 May

- Barefoot bowls 10am-11am
- Morning Tea 11am-11.30am

Lorne Bowls Club
35 Mountjoy Pde, Lorne.

Torquay Local Legends Award Ceremony and Volunteer Celebration

Thursday 22 May, 10am-12pm

Council Chambers
1 Merrijig Dr, Torquay.

Winchelsea Community 'Chatty Café' Volunteer edition

Friday 23 May, 10.30am-11.30am

Winchelsea Shire Hall
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea.



Celebrating Victorian Volunteer Awards Surf Coast Shire

Nominations are now open for the Victorian Volunteer Awards 2025 – recognising the individuals and organisations who go above and beyond to support their communities.

Last year saw a record 499 nominations, and this year's Awards aim to highlight even more of the powerful stories that reflect Victoria's proud culture of volunteering.

Run in partnership with Volunteering Victoria, the Awards honour outstanding volunteers and organisations across eight categories.

Individual categories include

- Young Volunteer Award
- Volunteer Commitment Award
- Volunteer Leadership Award
- Volunteer Impact Award

One of the individual winners will also receive the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award for Volunteer of the Year, including a \$10,000 donation to a not-for-profit of their choice.

Organisation categories include

- Inclusive Volunteering Award
- Grassroots Volunteering Award
- Volunteering Innovation Award
- Volunteering Partnerships Award

The Volunteering Excellence Award will be presented to one of the four winning organisations for their outstanding impact and leadership.

For more information and to nominate a Victorian making a difference, visit volunteerin victoria.org.au/awards.

Council Hardship Policy updated Surf Coast Shire

Council has updated its Hardship Policy to assist community members having difficulty paying Council rates, fees and charges.

The policy outlines Council's approach including:

- more options for relief applications, to make accessing support easier;
- Council will proactively identify ratepayers and service users experiencing hardship and assist them in understanding the relief application process;
- interest will only be charged on overdue rates and charges, not the subject of a relief measure;
- a detailed review process for people dissatisfied with a decision made under the policy;
- family violence and economic violence clauses relating to confidentiality and under the financial hardship definition;
- Council will provide contact details for external support providers to ratepayers experiencing hardship.

Relief measures available under the policy include payment plans, deferred payments, waivers on interest and/or default costs, and in particular circumstances, partial or full waivers on rates and charges.

Ratepayers having difficulty paying rates, fees or charges are encouraged to reach out for a confidential discussion by calling 5261 0600 or emailing info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

The full policy, and further information for those experiencing hardship, is available at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/paymenthelp.

How lovely to have the Highton Scouts celebrate Anzac Day with Hesse residents

1st Highton Scouts connect with community at Hesse Rural Health for ANZAC Day

Hesse Rural Health



Austin Bunting from 1st Highton Scouts with the Hesse Rural Health Anzac Wreath



Malin Speare from 1st Highton Scouts performed The Last Post for the residents



On Anzac Day last Friday, 40 Scouts from the 1st Highton Scout Group had the meaningful opportunity to visit Hesse Rural Health, where they spent time connecting with residents and acknowledging the significance of Anzac Day. The visit was a touching experience for both the Scouts and the residents, as stories were shared and heartfelt conversations took place, reflecting on the sacrifices made by past and present servicemen and women.

A small service was given to the residents of Hesse Rural Health hosted by 1st Highton Scout Group for those who were unable to attend the local service at the Eastern Reserve RSL Club Rooms.

The Scouts were in the region for a weekend camp in Winchelsea and also took part in the town's Anzac Day Service at Eastern Reserve. Dressed in uniform and representing their group with pride, the Scouts stood in solidarity with the local community to honour the legacy of the Anzacs.

It is touching to see today's youth taking the opportunity to connect and interact with our aged care residents and actively participate in long-standing Australian traditions — reflecting on our past and honouring those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. These moments of remembrance not only build respect across generations but also serve as a powerful reminder of the cost of conflict and the importance of striving for peace, so that future generations may never have to endure the horrors of war.

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Friday Mornings, 9.00am – 10.00am

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\$10 per session

Chatty Café

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This Week's Winchelsea Star
 Editor - Cerrie Forgan
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Winchelsea Star

Thanks to everyone who came to the April Production Meeting at Sweet Thyme, here are some of the issues we talked about over coffee. All welcome next time!

Winchelsea Star Production Meeting Saturday 26 April 2025

- We have asked Cindy to book us a table at Sweet Thyme ongoing for the last Saturday of every month
- We spoke about the ads, perhaps reducing maximum size and having all trades in one place as an easy reference.
- We are looking forward to the Moriac Community Network having a regular page about all things Moriac.
- We talked about the Election coverage in the Star
- Pleased the Primary School is going to send regular information.
- We got a lead for a possible volunteer photographer who might be willing to take photos for the Star. .
- It was very interesting to hear about the process of printing the Star each week.
- We discussed the price of the Star.
- We discussed more places to sell the Star in town, possibly we could leave previous copies in cafés for customers to read.
- We decided to ring the people listed on the Facebook page and ask if they'd like to submit an article.
- There was also a suggestion about a letter from the editor sometimes.

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WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR COACHING

Mondays from 3.30pm
with experienced Nicole Mullen, \$10

RUNNING GROUP

Winchelsea has a small run group. Its more of a social run, jog and chat. We wait for slower runners and walk when one of us needs a rest. The aim is 10k with the option of 8 or 5k it's up to you.

To finish, a coffee at La Hoot.

Sunday mornings 8am at La Hoot.

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Wed 7-830pm or Thurs 10-11.30am

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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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Thanks for your ongoing support

Winchelsea and community.

Don't forget our specials - bag of children's clothes \$5.

Books, puzzles, CDs all 1/2 price still.

Opening hours Friday, Saturday and

Sunday and Monday, 10 till 3.

DEFIBRILLATOR MISSING

The newly installed Defibrillator outside the Netball change rooms has been missing for some weeks.

If it could be replaced asap that would be great, no questions asked.

These Defibrillators save lives

SHOPPING AND A CUPPA AT WAURN PONDS SHOPPING CENTRE

for Winchelsea Seniors Card Holders

Do you find it difficult getting in and out of Geelong to do your shopping?

Would you like to meet and connect with other Winchelsea Seniors and do your shopping or have a cuppa?

We have some new dates:

• **Wednesday 21 May**
contact Neil on 0408 102 802 to book

• **Wednesday 28 May**
contact Jill on 0427 633 277 to book

• **Wednesday 11 June**
contact Neil on 0408 102 802 to book

• **Wednesday 25 June**
contact Jill on 0427 633 277 to book

More dates to come for July and August.

Pick up from your home between 9am and 10am, leave Waurn Ponds at 1.30pm and drop off at your home. You will get a reminder call.

Vehicle: 12-seater Surf Coast Shire Council community bus so spots are limited!

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

**Must have a Seniors Card to be eligible.*



Social Bridge is played
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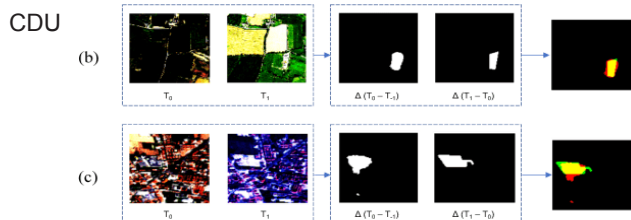
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Protecting our forests with help of AI

Charles Darwin University

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the newest tool to prevent depletion and degradation of forests, revealing how technology can help protect the ecosystem.

Charles Darwin University (CDU) collaborated on a study led by the University of Sri Lanka, to develop an AI model which detects changes in the amount of land surface covered by trees.



The custom AI model was fed a dataset of images from Google Earth and was able to detect forest cover changes with an accuracy of 94.37%.

Change Detection for Forest Ecosystems Using Remote Sensing Images

Associate Professor in IT Bharanidharan Shanmugam said, "Traditional methods struggle with accuracy. Manual interpretation is time-consuming and prone to errors. Our research provides a tool for governments, environmental agencies and conservationists to monitor deforestation more effectively. It enables rapid analysis of satellite images, allowing authorities to identify high-risk areas and respond to deforestation before irreversible damage occurs."

WaterSmart washing machine rebate

Barwon Water



Front loaders are typically more water, energy and cost efficient than top loaders.

Did you know, you may be eligible for a rebate of \$100 or \$200 when you replace your top loading washing machine? You'll save water, energy and money by upgrading to an efficient front-loader.

A rebate of \$200 is available to eligible residential customers that replace their top loading washing machine with a new eligible front loading washing machine with a price of \$700 or over.

A rebate of \$100 is available to eligible residential customers that replace their top loading washing machine with a new eligible front loading washing machine with a price of under \$700.

With a more efficient front loading washing machine, you could save around 26 kilolitres in water or \$62 a year off your water bills and up to \$107 a year in energy costs (based on 8kg machine and one warm water load a day).

The program is open until 30 June 2025. You can view eligibility details and more information on our website.

From Scraps to Soil:

Easy home composting and worm farming

Sat, 24 May, 10am - 11:30am AEST

Common Ground Project, Freshwater Creek

Home composting and worm farming is a great way to avoid food waste, enrich your soil, and grow delicious and nutritious food to feed your household – helping you save money too. Are you curious about home composting and worm farming and would like to know more?



Or are you already doing this at home but have some questions? This workshop is for you.

Hear from Richard, composting and worm farming guru from Wormlovers, for a comprehensive introduction on the basics of composting and worm farming, the types of systems available, how to set them up, troubleshooting and much more.

All attendees will receive a free pack of worm juice or worm castings to take home and feed to your garden valued at \$30!

FREE TICKETS <https://events.humanitix.com/from-scraps-to-soil-series-composting-and-worm-farming/tickets>

Hosted by Surf Coast Shire Council Circular Economy Team

This workshop has been made possible thanks to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) Kerbside Reform grant funding.

Free energy savings support for local community groups

Geelong Sustainability

Our Community Power Hub provides free advice to local community organisations to help them save on energy bills and take climate action. We've assisted 55 local organisations save over \$105,000 per year through energy audits, energy upgrades, solar feasibility assessments, electrification planning, emissions inventories, net zero roadmaps and tariff savings on energy bills.

Know a community organisation that needs energy support? Find out more and get in touch www.geelong sustainability.org.au.

WaterSmart rebates for businesses

Barwon Water

Calling small business owners – do you want to save water and money? The WaterSmart Business Rebate Program helps eligible business owners save on their water bills by improving the water efficiency of their business.

Rebates of up to \$1,500 are available to small businesses to install approved water efficient products to:

- replace old inefficient, leaking or single flush toilets with new water efficient dual flush toilets
- replace old inefficient taps, showerheads and appliances such as commercial dishwashers and glasswashers
- upgrade inefficient irrigation systems
- use an alternative water supply, such as rainwater.

To find out more and apply go to our [WaterSmart Business Rebate Program](#) web page.



Casuarina Woodland working bee

Winchelsea Land and Rivercare Monthly Working Bee

Stewart Mathison

The Landcare working bee on Saturday morning saw eleven people out and about in the sunshine keen to assist with the landcare aim of protecting our environment. While Jane and Kerry did the monthly test of the river water, the rest headed out to Buckley School Road to do some removal of Bridal Creeper.

A native of South Africa this creeper is highly invasive and aggressive, it smothers trees and shrubs. Bridal Creeper can form large mats on the ground and large masses in the canopy of trees. It is listed as a 'Weed of National Significance' - one of the 20 worst weeds in Australia and is a declared Noxious weed across Victoria. It has the potential to spread widely and cause serious economic loss to agriculture or have some detrimental effect on animals, the environment or the local community. Bridal Creeper grows rapidly in autumn/winter and dies back to the roots over summer. The leaves are bright green to 3cm long, broad and round at the base, coming to a point at the tip (similar to Wandering Trad). Stems are thin (like a dress pin) and wiry. A round green berry develops after the white flowers, ripening to red. It grows in drier areas such as ridges or open grassy forest and paddocks. Often found in farm windbreaks where the seed is dropped by birds complete with fertiliser.

Bridal Creeper grows from fibrous roots which have storage tubers - these must be dug out for best results. The above ground portion of the plant can be cut and left to die - this should be done before it fruits. The roots must be dug out and disposed of carefully.

The photo shows what we found; one long thin shoot which 'gave away' the location of the large underground root system. Growth probably stimulated by the 40mm from thunderstorm that came through Winchelsea in March. Careful digging was needed to get all the roots and 2 bags were filled and taken away.

Next working bee is Saturday June 7th at 9am on the River.

Surf Coast Council to cease buying carbon offsets and focus on local action to reduce emissions

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council is moving away from a reliance on paid accredited carbon offsets toward more direct measurable actions that reduce emissions locally.

"Best practice has changed and so must we," Cr Leon Walker said.

From 30 June 2025, Council will align its Climate Emergency Response Plan 2021-2031 with evolving best practice by ceasing to be a certified carbon neutral organisation.

Funds previously used to purchase non-local offsets will be re-directed to initiatives that reduce the organisation's emissions and support the development of local carbon abatement projects with environmental, social and/or economic co-benefits.

"We remain as committed as ever to reducing organisational emissions and to tackling the climate emergency. "We're focused on reaching our target of zero emissions from all operations, excluding Anglesea landfill, by 30 June 2030," Cr Walker said.

Cr Walker said there were growing concerns about the credibility of carbon neutral claims, and procuring quality approved offsets is challenged by availability and cost.

"Many other councils and organisations are looking to reduce their emissions and invest in projects with local benefits that promote biodiversity and capture carbon, rather than buying cheaper international offsets to cover their entire emissions."

Anglesea Landfill is Council's biggest emission source, accounting for 70 to 85 per cent of corporate emissions. Landfill emissions can't be eliminated as existing organic material deposited over the life of the landfill operation will continue to emit 'legacy' emissions for over 20 years.

Council plans to reduce organisational emissions by:

- Switching its facilities from gas to electric.
- Switching its light fleet of Council vehicles to all electric.
- Replacing appliances that use high global warming potential refrigerants.

Council has reduced its non-landfill corporate emissions by 41 per cent since 2021, which includes:

- Converting all Council operations to 100 per cent renewable electricity, through the Victorian energy collaboration.
- Installing 784kw solar 92kw battery storage on Council facilities.
- Transitioning street lighting to LED.
- Introducing FOGO (food and garden organics) residential waste collection to divert organic material from landfill.

An organisational Emissions Reduction Strategy will be developed for Council's consideration in 2026 following the development of the Council Plan this year.

"We will continue to monitor and review what's going to deliver the best results so we can lead the way to achieve a true cleaner, greener future," Cr Walker said.

Surf Coast Shire

Council adopts Urban Futures sustainable growth strategy

Surf Coast Shire

A new Urban Futures Strategy will guide sustainable urban growth in Surf Coast Shire across coming decades.

Surf Coast Shire Council resolved to adopt the strategy at its April meeting, putting in place a clear policy framework defining the future roles of towns to guide land use planning.

The strategy has been prepared during the past few years, shaped by community and stakeholder feedback along with expert technical assessments of forecast population and housing growth to 2051.

It aligns with Victorian Government and regional planning policy directions including the government's housing target of 8,000 additional dwellings to be provided in the shire by 2051.

Research and forecasting undertaken by population and growth projection experts in the development of the strategy consider this target achievable, with capacity for the majority of future dwellings being shared across Torquay and Winchelsea using greenfield and in-fill development opportunities.

The strategy affirms Torquay and Winchelsea as the two principal locations for long-term growth due to constraints on other coastal and rural towns in the shire.

It is recognised that growth outside of established towns and settlements is associated with higher infrastructure costs and potential impacts on the environment and agriculture. In line with Victorian Government policy direction, the strategy supports growth within established townships.

The strategy includes a direction for Council to prepare a comprehensive Place Plan for Winchelsea in collaboration with the community, determining the appropriate level and locations of growth for the town, as well as further strategic work planning for growth in Torquay within the town's protected settlement boundary.

Draft 2025-26 Council Budget and Draft 2025-29 Revenue and Rating Plan available for community feedback

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council has released its Draft 2025-26 Budget and Draft 2025-29 Revenue and Rating Plan for community feedback.

The draft budget aims to balance financial sustainability with continued investment in important community facilities and services. It features a forecast result (Unallocated Cash Surplus) of \$2.2 million, and a record capital works program to deliver new and renewed assets.

The proposed total capital works budget of \$64.25 million includes planned multi-year projects worth \$49.14 million such as the Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre, hockey pitch at Banyul Warri Fields, and Karaaf Diversion project, along with new projects valued at \$15.11 million.

There is strong focus and investment in roads and pathways, alongside new and renewed community buildings, facilities and open spaces.

Highlights of the proposed new capital allocation include:

- A major irrigation and drainage upgrade to the oval at Spring Creek Recreation Reserve, Torquay (\$2.55 million);
- **upgrade of Gladman Street, Winchelsea to become a sealed road (\$757,064);**
- unsealed road renewals on Bambra-Aireys Inlet Road (\$386,000), Eagle Rock Parade in Aireys Inlet (\$97,000) and Pettavel Road in Freshwater Creek (\$152,000); and
- renewal of Cape Otway Road from Dysons Lane to Parish Lane, near Moriac (\$200,000)

The draft budget also details the Council's commitments to core services such as open space, civil and road maintenance (with a total budget of more than \$14.3 million), waste and recycling services (\$13.06 million), early years (\$4.53 million), and local libraries (\$850,500 contribution to the Geelong Regional Library Corporation).

Specific initiatives have been funded to help protect and enhance the natural environment, generate economic activity, support community-led projects, and keep the community safe. These include:

- \$160,000 for year two of the 'Branching Out' urban tree planting program;
- \$148,600 for community grants;
- \$87,000 for Christmas decorations and activations; and
- \$64,600 to Life Saving Victoria towards lifeguards on Surf Coast beaches.

The draft budget factors in a total average rate rise of 3 per cent, which is in line with the Victorian Government's cap.

Mayor Mike Bodsworth encouraged the community to read the budget and have its say. "The budget is a document full of numbers but it's about much more than numbers – it's about the lives of the people in our shire," Mayor Bodsworth said. "It sets out how and where we'll invest to support our community and see this region thrive in the years ahead."

It is the final budget under the 2021-2025 Council Plan, and will transition Council into a new four-year plan set to feature a refreshed set of strategic priorities.

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION:

Online: yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget25-26

Write to:

Chief Executive Officer, Surf Coast Shire Council
PO Box 350, Torquay Vic 3228

Submissions must be received by 10am Mon 26 May 2025.

Anyone making a submission can request to present to Council at a hearing of submissions, which will take place online at 6pm on Tuesday 3 June 2025.

Key dates

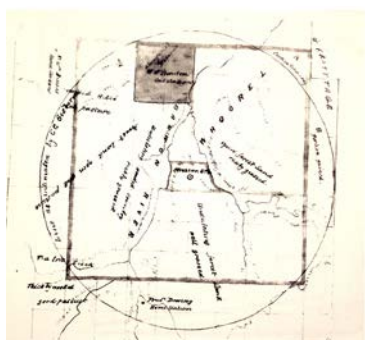
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| 30 April 2025: | Draft 2025-26 Budget and Draft 2025-29 Revenue and Rating plan open for community feedback. |
| 26 May 2025: | Submissions close at 10am |
| 3 June 2025: | Online hearing of submissions at 6pm (if required) |
| 24 June 2025: | Council to consider adopting finalised 2025-26 Budget and 2025-29 Revenue and Rating Plan |

history of winchelsea

Buntingdale Mission 1836-1850

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

Rev' Francis Tuckfield on behalf of The Wesleyan Missionary Society established the first Victorian mission in 1836 with a view to protecting Aboriginal people from the effects of colonisation. The site for the mission was selected at Buntingdale near Birregurra with the assistance of Wadawurrung trackers. Other missions and reserves soon followed, and many were run as successful tourism or agricultural enterprises, largely due to the skills and labour of their Aboriginal residents.



A map of the Mission land adjoining George Armytage, John Rout Hopkins on the Wadawurrung side and Alexander Dennis Charles Airey, Bowden, Fred Dewing and William Roadknight on the Gulidjan side.
Map Courtesy of Winchelsea and District Historical Society.

As the mission system grew, tensions also grew between pastoralists such as James Dawson of Kangatong or John Allan of Allansford, who wanted to protect Aboriginal people on country without a mission system, pastoralists who wanted to move Aboriginal people off country to missions and concentration centres, and pastoralists who wanted to wipe out Aboriginal people altogether by use of force. The pastoralists demanded more land for agricultural pursuits, and some saw the mission system as a threat to their interests. George Armytage of Ingleby, in Winchelsea wrote to Lieutenant Charles La Trobe on behalf of himself and his neighbouring pastoral squatters complaining that it was unfair that "their land" was being taken from them by Aboriginal people. The Irony of this complaint coming from squatters during the early stages of colonialism where Aboriginal men, women and babies were being physically harmed and entire communities forcibly removed from country is palpable.

A letter to the editor of the Age (Melbourne), on 29 August 1939, signed of as 'The words of A Bushman' describes the esteem with which the Gulidjan men from Buntingdale were held at the docks of Geelong.

'A Bushman' describes two incidents as an illustration of the virtue and work ethic of the Gulidjan men from Buntingdale. One where the Gulidjan dray team transporting wool from Buntingdale to the docks in Geelong rescued a drunk driver of a loaded dray belonging to a Colac settler. The Gulidjan men took it and its drunk driver in charge, driving it with their own team to Geelong.



An original sketch of Buntingdale Mission. Tuckfield's house is depicted in the centre at the base of the cliff. Artist unknown.

In the second incident, 'A bushman' reports that a Gulidjan man was driving the mission wool drays to Geelong with a white colleague. The white man met an acquaintance and was invited for a rum, when his Gulidjan colleague reprimanded him, saying "borac [Never] you gegue public house to drink, while wool quamby [forever] dray... borac [never] me take it your bullocks, you come barley and mind your own work till wool quamby [forever] store, then gegue and drink it rum with white fellow." This remonstrance by the Gulidjan man had its desired effect. The white man declined drinking with his friend and proceeded with the Gulidjan man to deliver his load.

According to 'A Bushman' when a group of Gulidjan people from Buntingdale mission gathered for church in Geelong, they were noted for their neat presentation and nice behaviour. 'A Bushman' lists some of the names of the 'native youths' of Buntingdale at the time. Mrs Tuckfield worked closely with the Gulidjan women in the "miamis", washing and cutting their hair, and administering medicines and other comforts, helping them dress for church and teaching them about her religion.

'A Bushman' vocally supports the mission system and opposes squatters who criticise it. 'A Bushman' offers a detailed description of some of the atrocities committed against Aboriginal people, (too graphic to recount here) as evidence of the need for the mission. Port Phillip's Indigenous population was rapidly declining. The squatters believed that the mission was exacerbating traditional tribal tensions between Wadawurrung and Gulidjan people, and Tuckfield complained that he was having difficulty converting Indigenous adults to his religion. The government, who were largely represented by pastoral squatters with vested interests, thus decided that the mission was a failure and cancelled his pastoral licence, which allowed the mission to exist, at the end of 1850. Wadawurrung and Gulidjan people continued to be employed on local Pastoral stations for generations thereafter.



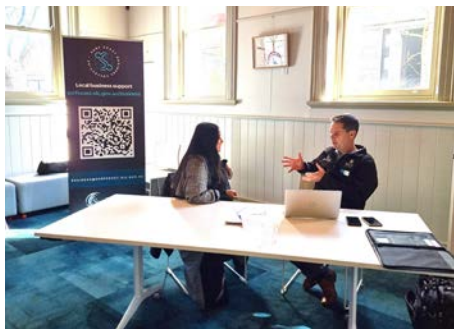
Mícheál P O'Dhonnabháin has lived in the Winchelsea area since 2010.

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.

Launch of Winchelsea Business Hub

Shire Hall Winch House

Winchelsea's new Business Hub was launched on Friday with two events delivered as part of Surf Coast Shire Council's Better Business Skills program.



Events featured Rural Resilience, keynote address by Leila McDougall—filmmaker, mental health advocate, and producer of her 2024 film *Just a Farmer*. Leila shared personal experiences and insights into the realities of rural life, mental wellbeing, and the strength it takes to balance farming, family, and business responsibilities, with an audience of approximately 30 local business owners and primary producers.

Following the keynote, attendees networked and participated in a business drop-in session, offering free advice from local services Rural Financial Counselling Service and FinWell support.

The events marked the official launch of the Winchelsea Business Hub, which now operates from the Shire Hall every Monday and Thursday. The hub offers a dedicated co-working space and opportunities for networking, learning, and support.



Layla - Key Note Speaker

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Seniors' moments - wit and wisdom

Some Seniors moments of fun and enjoyment

Elaine Atkinson, Growing Wincheslea



DONATION OF CHAIRS

A big thank you to John Kennedy for the donation of chairs to the Senior Citizens Club recently. They have already been put to good use.

ARTS & CRAFTS

For those interested in having a chat and a coffee while doing your craft why not consider coming to our Monday afternoon session. Not only is it fun but members are always willing to offer help with a tricky piece of work.

BRIDGE

Every Tuesday a regular group of Bridge players meet to enjoy the game and learn more thanks to an experienced player who comes to offer assistance to beginner players. Numbers are growing and we are a friendly bunch who love the game and warmly welcome new players. So why not come along at 10 am and enjoy a cuppa after at midday.

EUCHRE / 500

Many of us have grown up watching family members bring out the cards after dinner for a game of Euchre or 500 and have some heated debate over "why did you play that card". It was serious business but we can assure you there are many laughs at our card tables each Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 1.00 - 3.00 pm with afternoon tea following at Senior Citiz.

CARPET BOWLS

There is a regular carpet bowls "tournament" every Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 1pm and they welcome additional players or beginners. Anyone can throw a bowl you say but why not come along and see the skill of our regular players like Maree, Ross, Dave, Yvonne, Phil, Pam and Colin as they take aim.

OCTOBER - POSITIVE AGEING MONTH

Planning will start shortly to consider ways our Senior Citizens Club can connect create and celebrate during the Victorian Seniors Festival in October. We welcome your ideas.

TIME:

Wednesday 1 00 pm- 3.00 pm

Friday 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

LOCATION:

36 Harding Street, Winchelsea

CONTACT:

Jean Shinnars

03 52672263, 0427672263

jeanshinnars@gmail.com



Maree, Phil and Dave



Phil, Yvonne, Maree and Dave



Eric, Leslie, Barry and Ken

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Friday 9th May

We will be having a Mothers Day Stall at School on Friday 9th May - Students can bring along money (Cash) to purchase a gift to take home to their special person.

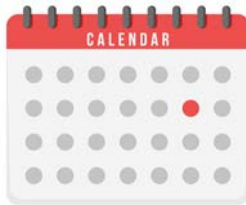
CAN YOU HELP AT THE STALL ??

- Set Up on Thursday 8th May?
- Helping students on the day at the stall?

Please let the school office know if you can help.

Items at the stall will be from \$2 & each child will have the opportunity to purchase one or two items each.

Please remember to give your child CASH on the day of the stall



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers Day
Sunday 11 May 2025

King's Birthday
Monday 9 June 2025

WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB AGM

Monday 19th May at 7.30 p.m.
in our Club Room in Armytage St.
Winchelsea.

We would love to see some new faces at the club and get more people playing tennis and getting involved!

So come along, have a 'cuppa' and bit of supper, meet some new people and see what our club has to offer!

All welcome!

Any inquiries to Lesley Mathison
0438672197

What's on Weekly

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
(03) 5267 2028

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St

MONDAY-SATURDAY

WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

Accessible - 24 hours
Staffed hours -
Mon/Wed 6am-12pm, 5-7pm
Tues/Thurs 9am-12pm, 3-7pm
Frid 6am-12pm,
Sat 7-11am
Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St
5267 2336.

MONDAY

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL TOUR

12 May 2025 8.45am
60 Main Street Winchelsea
52672134

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET THE TEAM

16 June 2025, 23 June 2025 9-10am
La Hoot , 1 Willis Street Winchelsea
52672134

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon & Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

3.30pm \$10 (03) 5267 2667
Tennis Club, Armytage St, Winchelsea

GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)
St John's Church, Cnr Mercer /Harding St
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

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 TENNIS CLUB AGM

19 May at 7.30 p.m.
Club Room, Armytage St. Winchelsea
Lesley Mathison 0438672197

TUESDAY

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL TOUR

6 May 2025 8.45am
60 Main Street Winchelsea
52672134

SOCIAL BRIDGE

10-12pm
Senior Citizens Centre, 36 Harding St
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

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

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

13 May 2025 4.30-5.30
60 Main Street Winchelsea
52672134

WEDNESDAY

BUS TO WAURN PONDS SHOPPING CENTRE FOR SENIORS

Wednesday 21 May, 28 May
Wednesday 11 June, 25 June
Neil 0408 102 802, Jill 0427 633 277

WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea
ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au

Come along and create your own masterpiece



Diamond Dot Day

Saturday 10th May
Senior Citizens, Harding St Winchelsea
11am till 4pm
\$5 for the day or \$10 includes lunch
Afternoon tea supplied
Ph Tracey 0427500649 if coming for lunch to
confirm numbers
Kits available for sale or bring your own and
join in the fun

MAY/JUNE

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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am, 51 Hesse Street, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
winchmenshed@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1 00 pm- 3.00 pm
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE
Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea
www.facebook.com/Winchelseaanddistricthistoricalsociety

1ST MODDA/1ST WINCHELSEA SCOUTS

Venturers: Wed Walton's Rd Venturer Den
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

CWA WINCHELSEA

2nd Wed each month 7-8.30pm
Senior Citizens Rooms, Harding St
winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com

SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500
323 Mousley Drive, Winchelsea

THURSDAY

COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon & Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Terrace
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am.
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197
Leisure Time Centre,
Gosney Street, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au
0417 848 292

MAT PILATES

7pm \$25 Starting 15 May
Winchelsea Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/

FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TOUR

30 May 2025 8.45am
60 Main Street Winchelsea
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TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

10.30am MINIS (1-3 years)
11.30am PRESCHOOL (3-5 years)
(School terms) Starts 2 May:
www.robotreg.com.au/pages/shae

CHATTY CAFÉ VOLUNTEER EDITION

10.30am-12.30pm Donation
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
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Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
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jeanshinnars@gmail.com

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY (MOBILE)

2-5pm, Old Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street
0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

SATURDAY

TREBECK RESERVE PARKRUN

8am Sussex St, Winchelsea
www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

FLOW YOGA

8am, \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE MONTHLY WORKING BEE

9am 5 June 2025
At the River. All welcome
Bring gloves and long trousers
Rod Stone 0428 549318
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

FROM SCRAPS TO SOIL

HOME COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING

Sat, 24 May, 10am - 11:30am AEST
Common Ground Project, Freshwater Ck
<https://events.humanitix.com/from-scraps-to-soil-series-composting-and-worm-farming/tickets>

WINCHELSEA STAR

PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

10-11am (Last Sat each month)
Sweet Thyme Cafe, Main Street
www.winchelseastar.org.au 5273 0295

DIAMOND DOT DAY

10 May 11am - 4pm
Senior Citizens rooms
Harding Street Winchelsea
\$5 for the day or \$10 includes lunch
Tracey 0427500649

CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm 2nd Saturday each month \$5
Winchelsea Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
reception@winchhouse.org.au

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 5pm each week (Winter season)
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm (Last Saturday Monthly)
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot

GARDENERS MEET & PRODUCE SWAP

9-10am (Second Sunday monthly)
5 Main Street Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week
Hesse St, Winchelsea
0475 777 301 uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday each month (except Nov)
Shire Hall car park, Main Street
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/

ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
0477 672 042, stthomaswac@gmail.com

TEACHINGS OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY

2.30-3.30pm 23 March-11 May
Senior Citizens Hall, Harding St
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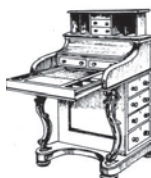
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Election win paves the way for a fairer society

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'We acknowledge the government has implemented more social and affordable housing, increased JobSeeker by \$40 per fortnight, upped Rent Assistance, expanded eligibility for Parenting Payment Single until youngest child turns 14, boosted the Urgent Care Clinics program and proposed a cap on PBS medicines.

"But more needs to be done," said the Society's President, Mark Gaetani.

"We are concerned about the inadequacy of JobSeeker, well below pension rate. A Foodbank study shows 3.4 million households ran out of food this year. One-in-six children is living in poverty."

The cost-of-living crisis impacts disproportionately on people with low incomes. The Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee called these payments "seriously inadequate".

Mr Gaetani said the housing rental market needs urgent attention. One in three Australians are renters, and too many are in insecure and unaffordable housing.

Other policy areas deserving attention are the wellbeing of First Nations Australians, and the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees."

"The Society welcomes the ALP's response to our Justice & Compassion policies."

Know your rights as renters

Victorian Government

The Government is urging renters to know and understand their rights – as part of an awareness campaign that is now live across Victoria. The 'Know the Fundamentals' campaign highlights the important things Victorians needed to know about renting, and where they could go for advice and support.

The campaign shares tips on the top issues facing renters, such as getting urgent repairs, properties not meeting minimum standards, rent increases, and renters not being clear on their rights before signing a rental agreement.

Most real estate agents and rental providers want to do the right thing and this campaign is also designed to help them understand and comply with their legal obligations.

Victoria has the strongest rental laws in Australia, with more than 130 rental reforms introduced in 2021, and further reforms coming into effect at the end of this year. These aim to close loopholes that drive up cost of living for renters and give them more certainty regarding their leases and living standards.

More people are renting than ever before. In 2024, around two million Victorians were living in a rental property. Everyone deserves the right to feel at home in their rental property.

A renting taskforce was set up last year to put the spotlight on rental laws and crack down on offences, including rental bidding, false advertising, failing to lodge bonds and renting out properties that do not meet minimum standards.

The renting taskforce has issued more than 70 infringements worth more than \$620,000 in fines since starting its operations last year.

People are encouraged to contact Consumer Affairs Victoria if they have concerns about misleading advertising of a rental property, terminations of rental agreements or notices to vacate.

The campaign has started rolling out across multiple channels, including social media, digital banners and out of home advertisements around Victoria, including billboards and digital displays in universities.

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Take Note! Road Rule 79A is about to be expanded

RACV

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RACV has welcomed the Victorian Government's announcement today that Road Rule 79A will be expanded to protect emergency roadside workers, tow truck drivers, and their customers.

Makarla Cole, RACV GM of Automotive Services, said, "Since 2017, drivers on Victorian roads have had to slow down to 40 kms per hour when passing emergency services vehicles at the side of the road. "For the past two years, RACV has called on the Government to include roadside assistance vans, such as RACV patrol vans, and tow trucks in this rule.

"From July 1, 2025, Road Rule 79A will be extended to include accident towing, breakdown towing, roadside assistance, Peninsula Link Incident Response, Eastlink Incident Response and Transurban Incident Response vehicles.

"Victoria's emergency roadside workers and tow truck drivers are often the first and only responders to an incident or breakdown and are exposed to the same risks to other responders, such as police and paramedics.

"I am sure every driver who has needed the help of an emergency roadside assistance worker or tow truck driver will be pleased to know that the Victorian Government is now protecting these essential responders in their workplace, and their customers."

Consider your password habits this World Password Day

Victorian Government

The Government is reminding Victorians to review their passwords and protect themselves from cyber threats.

Visit the Service Victoria website and use the password strength tester to make sure you have a strong password.

60% Victorians are still using weak passwords. A cybercriminal can hack a weak password in minutes, but a strong password could take centuries.

The Government advises Victorians to activate multi-factor authentication (MFA) on their devices to protect themselves. This makes it harder for someone to get into your accounts - even if they steal your passwords.

Victorians lost more than \$42 million to cyber scams last year, with only one in three Victorians using MFA to protect their accounts.

Strong passwords can protect bank details, online records, private documents, online communications, social media accounts, and other information shared online.

Victorians are encouraged to update their password to a passphrase, which is long and contains four or more random words.

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Winchelsea Tennis Club

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Section 1 Results: Winchelsea ladies demolish Grovedale in cold and windy conditions!

Round 11 of 2025 Tennis Geelong Summer Season Women's Midweek

The women are currently in Section 1 and seem to be going decently ok in it too! This week they fought through the very cold and windy conditions at Grovedale TC and defeated Grovedale in a crushing 6 sets to 0!

It started with Anna and Allison with a very close 6-4 win. Additionally, Sue and Lesley also won 6-4. From there the women had very convincing wins with Anna and Sue winning 6-1, Allison and Lesley winning 6-2, Allison and Sue winning 6-2, and Finally Anna and Lesley finishing the job with a 6-4 win. In total 36 games to 17

Lesley said after the win "It was quite windy today and after a late start due to the wet courts we had a good win!"

This puts the team 5th on the ladder, equal to 4th on the ladder, which is currently Geelong Lawn.

No recap next week as the women have a BYE. Until next time!



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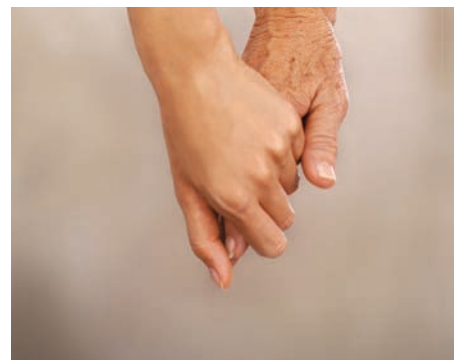
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- Use both hands or alternate between left and right when typing on a smartphone.
- Don't walk looking down at your phone. Hold your head up straight and engage with the world around you!
- Take regular breaks to look away from your device, move your neck from side to side, and stretch every 10 minutes if using mobile devices and every 30 minutes if using computers.
- Ensure computers are ergonomically set up correctly so the monitor is at eye level.
- Use an adjustable ergonomic office chair so your knees are slightly lower than your hips.
- Exercise regularly to maintain a healthy spine and overall health and well-being
- Consult an ACA chiropractor to limit and treat spinal health problems, including Tech Neck.

One Year On: Remembering Jake and Callum Robinson, and the movement they inspired

Chapter One Advisors

Twelve months ago, on a surfing and camping weekend in Mexico, brothers Jake and Callum Robinson and their friend Carter Rhoad tragically lost their lives in an act of violence.

Following their deaths, the Robinsons established the Callum and Jake Robinson Foundation. With the message to Live Bigger. Shine Brighter. Love Harder. The plan is to make the world a better place and has begun with grants for supporting diabetic athletes, the promotion of lacrosse and improving beach/ coastal ecosystems.

For more information or to support the Callum and Jake Robinson Foundation, please visit: www.cjrfoundation.com



Groundbreaking dental pilot paves way for nationwide rollout for a national dental scheme for seniors

The Australian Dental Association

A first of a kind dental pilot project which has seen improvements in participants' oral health could be the blueprint for a government seniors' dental scheme.

The Maroubra Seniors Dental Benefits Schedule Pilot tackled the oral health of 70 Eastern Sydney seniors with a chronic disease and socioeconomic disadvantage, from Nov 2024 to March 2025. Dentists provided dental treatment, with advice and information to improve oral health and reduce the risk from dental disease on the rest of the body.



The University of Sydney's Faculty of Medicine and Health then evaluated the effects of the treatment on the participants' dental and overall health. They found improvements in oral health, particularly in the management of tooth decay, gum disease, and provision of prosthodontic care.

"Participants commented on the dental health education they received to clean and floss more and see their dentist more often. These improved oral habits will have a beneficial effect on their chronic health condition," said ADA President Chris Sanzaro.

"The results of the four-month pilot show that this scheme is a valuable blueprint for similar pilots to be rolled out around the country and inform the construction of a Seniors Dental Benefits Schedule (SDBS) down the track."

The program's holistic approach supported both treatment and behaviour change, potentially reducing further tooth loss and improving oral health.



Patients reported better-fitting dentures, improved confidence and a greater understanding of oral hygiene practices, while all untreated tooth decay, a major problem in this cohort, was successfully managed and prevented from progressing to more severe disease. Prosthodontic and restorative services delivered involved multiple appointments and procedures, reflecting seniors' complex oral rehabilitation needs.




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Welcoming the next generation of Victorian ambos

Victorian Government

The next generation of Ambulance Victoria recruits will hit the road later this month. Following three years of full-time study – practical simulations, coursework, and clinical placements – the graduates are well-prepared.

20 graduates will now begin the bridging program as Medium Acuity Transport Service (MATS) paramedics, six in Melbourne and 14 across Barwon South, Gippsland, Grampians, Loddon Mallee and Hume. The 16 month bridging program provides graduates the opportunity to work with Code Two and Code Three patients.

The current intake of graduates will be followed by 30 additional graduate paramedics starting at the end of May.

Paramedics are getting the training and skills they need to deliver increasingly specialised levels of care, with 2022 election commitments to deliver Australia's first Paramedic Practitioners and more MICA paramedics.

These investments are as important as ever, with the latest quarterly performance data revealing Victorian paramedics responded to nearly 100,000 Code One cases this quarter, or around 1,100 lights and sirens cases daily.

This is more than 3,000 additional Code One incidents than at the same quarter last year – an increase of 1.5 per cent year-to-date on what was Ambulance Victoria's busiest year on record.

More mental health support for workers

Victorian State Government

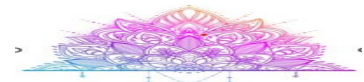
Workers now have access to a Worker Mental Health Support Helpline counselling service to help improve their health and wellbeing and prevent work-related mental injuries. It provides services similar to an Employee Assistance Program, and is available for workers in small and medium-sized businesses.

Workers using the free and confidential service will be supported by trained counsellors to address issues such as work-related stress and burnout before they lead to an injury that might need medical treatment or time off work.

Work-related mental injuries currently make up 18 percent of all workers compensation claims in Victoria.

TELUS Health will target industries at high-risk for workplace mental injury such as healthcare and social assistance, education and training, and manufacturing and construction.

Eligible workers can access to up to four sessions each of free and confidential 24/7 support via telehealth or online by calling 1800 318 421.



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parkrun 61



Saturday 3 May 2025

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On Saturday this week, we had 27 participants complete the parkrun course through Trebeck Reserve on a perfect morning for a walk or run. We had visitors from Lorne and Geelong. Congratulations to 5 of our parkrunners achieving the personal best, Nick Vanzetta, Mick Hobson, Michael Panckridge, Anthony Keogh, Sue Rawson and Kirsty Logan. Congratulations to Rose Thompson for reaching her 10th parkrun milestone and Jeff Bulter for reaching his 25th parkrun milestone.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Ann Morsby, David Woodall, Don Smith, Elizabeth Bennett, Murray Bennett, Kate McInnes and Helen Woodall. It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

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

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

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

parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week. Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please).





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