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Winchelsea Movie Club is a real community success



Jenny Mathison

Put together a group of people who love a good night out with friend or meeting new friends or just going out for the night, add an excellent movie, good supper including wine and what do you have ... a very popular event that happened at our recently revamped (and ready for any occasion) local Shire Hall on 8 February.

can chat with Teresa, another "newish" resident of 3 years who has joined the Movie Club Committee. These events don't run themselves so need an active committee.

Membership is still the same price as seven years ago. Where else do you go for \$7 a night all inclusive?. There are 10 movies for the year shown monthly - third Thursday each month (except COLD July) Full cost is \$70 or \$65 with HCC for the year.



Helene, Dot and Teresa



Kerry and Richard

The first night of the seventh year of the Winchelsea Movie Club had all the above. 52 people attended either as new members, members who have joined along the years or people who came on the first night seven years ago.

During the evening you may meet a couple who arrived 3 years ago and have thrown themselves into the community. Richard can be found many times vacuuming the hall after a movie or helping with the sound system, while Kerry is packing chairs.

Or you may meet the delightful local ladies who love coming to the movies and of course the "cuppa" afterward when they

If you would like to join for the year or half a year, then contact Jenny 0409 672054 or Sue 0413 487915 or movies@growingwinchelsea.com

Dream Horse, the Welsh movie with Toni Colette based on a true story, proved to be an excellent choice for first of the season given a rating of 4.5 out of 5 by our audience through our rating box. This is considered a VERY good score. The committee chooses the movies on recommendations received over the year or the most popular at other movie clubs through the same rating system.

Next month, March 21st 7.30pm at the Shire Hall the movie to be shown is Leave No Trace.





Winchelsea Probus Club 20th Birthday!



Linda Carter

Last Monday Winchelsea Probus celebrated their 20th birthday with a party after our monthly meeting.

We were honoured to have Margaret Robinson, Rotary District Probus Chairman and Michael Ransom, Chairman of PSPL and representative board member for Victoria and Tasmania and his lovely wife Marie attend. Both spoke about what members enjoy about Probus and how we see the future of the Club.

We were so pleased that 16 past members were able to attend, some coming from as far as Portarlington, Anglesea and even South Australia.

The theme was blue and yellow, the Probus colours. The catering was wonderfully done by the Foxes Den and the



20 year badges presented to
Joan Caldwell, Jan Ramsay and Norma Lambeth



Karen McPherson, Maureen Gunson and Noreen Jones



Present President Margaret Reid and Foundation President Sandra Jones cut the birthday cake



delicious sponge cake was cut by our present President Margaret Reid and our foundation President Sandra Jones.

20 year badges were presented to foundation and current members Jan Ramsay, Norma Lambeth, Peter Marshman and Joan and John Caldow. John and Peter were not able to present.

We also acknowledged foundation but no longer members Jeanette McConachy and Faye Gibson whose birthday it happened to be today and also her husband Brian's next day.

Our President Margaret has produced a wonderful overview of the last 20 years, a copy was given to everyone. We would like to thank the Winchelsea Star for donating the funds for this to be produced.

Now it's onward and upward to the next 20 years.



Past members, Alice Polkinghorne from SA, Brian Gibson, Ian and Jill Treloar and Faye Gibson.



Maureen Gunson, Karen McPherson and Lorraine Stubbs



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Geoff Orchard, President

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We were entertained by Brooke Robbins with her guitar.

Lindsay Warner won the draw for the Joker, but sadly it wasn't his lucky day and it has jackpotted to \$2450.

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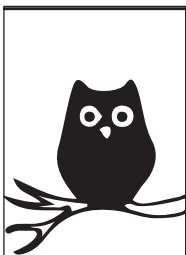
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Know your Neighbour

Brenton Rees

Breeze Health and Wellness, Winchelsea

A country boy, Brenton is from Sale, Gippsland and is a former Geelong VFL footballer, having experience in high performance sport.

He moved to Waurin Ponds in 2014 to study Exercise and Sport Science. He completed his Honours project in 2017, exploring the Deakin medical student's knowledge of Exercise as Medicine. This was followed by Masters of Clinical Exercise Physiology through Deakin. He then went on to work around the Geelong area as an Exercise Physiologist, helping a range of individuals with chronic disease, injuries and neurological conditions.

With his partner Beth, and their two Labradors Fed and Stella, Brenton is now enjoying living in Winchelsea and is working to inspire a healthier and more active local community. Brenton is the founder of Exercise Physiology and Myotherapy clinic 'Breeze Health and Wellness' located in The Exchange on Main St, Winchelsea since September 2022.

His passion for optimal health and wellness was the catalyst to starting Breeze, in addition to providing world class health care to a regional community. Breeze's mantra "Move With Ease at Breeze" certainly rings true, with no shortage of tools in the clinic to help you maximise your strength and fitness.

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- Reduced chronic pain
- Improved sport performance

Breeze Health and Wellness prides itself on the care it has for clients and experiencing the joy they have on their journey to improve their health and wellness ensuring they not only progress but enjoy the process along the way.

When Brenton is not at work you will find him out in nature with Beth and the Labradors, playing or watching soccer, enjoying a coffee, taking care of his house plants or reading.

Get in touch with Brenton on 0428 790 023 or follow Breeze Health and Wellness on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/breezehealthandwellness> or Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/breezehealthandwellness/?hl=en>

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Water tower art puts Cressy on the map

Barwon Water

The first “silo artwork” in the Colac Otway Shire has been completed on the Cressy water tower, thanks to a partnership between Barwon Water and the Cressy & District History Group.

The project was the initiative of the Cressy & District History Group, with the intent to showcase the local history of the area at the same time as creating a tourist attraction.

The works were completed by renowned silo artist Tim Bowtell who is responsible for many silo artworks across Victoria and New South Wales, including the six silos at Colbinabbin, Victoria, which are critically acclaimed and popular with visitors.

Cressy & District History Group President and Project Coordinator Robyn Alexander said Tim had done a fantastic job on the four murals on the Cressy Water Tower, which depict significant aspects of the region’s local history.

“On one column facing Colac Ballarat Road, there is the Woody Yallock River where Cressy was founded, on the rear column there is a steam train representing our vibrant railway history, on each side of the barrel are two vintage aircraft representing the Cressy RAAF Base which operated during World War II, so you will see a Hawker Demon on one side and a Spitfire on the other.”

Ms Alexander said the completion of the project marked the end of a 12-year journey from when the idea was first seeded, and five years of planning since 2019.

“Thanks to Barwon Water for the use of the tower and funding partners Berrybank Wind Farms through the Corangamite



Shire and the Golden Plains Shire, Colac Otway Shire, Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm, and Golden Plains Wind Farm.”

Tim Bowtell said the mural was one of the more challenging he had worked on given the shape and height of the 60-foot tower and the 365-degree nature of the work.

“It is the highest work I’ve completed and I’m really pleased with how it’s turned out.

“It’s great to be able to work on projects like this, that tell a bit about the local history and have a really positive local impact.”

Barwon Water General Manager Customers, Community and Strategy Laura Kendall said the organisation was happy to support the project, which will promote an identity for Cressy, fostering growth and development for their community.

“We’re glad to be able to provide in-kind support of the use of the Cressy water tower as a base for the mural.

“It’s a project that will positively impact economically, culturally and socially, in turn invigorating community life and promoting community pride.”

The Cressy water tower, built in the early 1960s, is located on New Station Street and is a landmark for those approaching the township.

As well as now artistically representing some of the region’s history and extending the Silo Arts Trail along the Hamilton Highway, from which it is visible, the tower marks the northern most point of Barwon Water’s Colac region supply system.

It remains a crucial part of Cressy’s water supply infrastructure by gravity feeding water into the town’s drinking water network.



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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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Oh those scammers - "Business Registration"

Tony Phelps, Winch Websites

I check my Spam folder every now and then, to make sure it hasn't sidelined a legitimate email and also to keep tabs on what the scammers & spammers are up to. I thought I'd write about one example and assess what it's about and the type of scam that it is. Wouldn't it be great if nobody in our area fell for these tricks?

This week - "Business Registration For Winch Websites". Steven Hoffman was kind enough to write to me (more than once) and no doubt several thousand other small businesses around Australia;

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No doubt there is a fee for being 'listed' - do a Google search for the organisation and you find very little other than their website & socials, a couple of obviously fake positive reviews, and a stream of small businesses that have fallen for the scam and are effectively promoting it. There's a nice-looking certificate and badge which can be put into websites and social media pages etc, which may make the business owner feel good (after all, s/he is the best in Australia!) but these



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So if you see a nice shiny badge like this on a website you're visiting, do them a favour and let them know they've been scammed and to remove the badge. It might look good and sound good, but it's unworthy bling.

This is a good example of a scam which isn't illegal, but very shady. You do get a badge, and of course they 'review' the hundreds and hundreds of businesses in their directory (with an automated bot), and yes, they do actually have a directory. Similar scams include those that target the annual renewal of a business name - for an extortionate price - with a letter that looks remarkably like an invoice but which will switch away from direct registration with the government to a private organisation that does it for you at a considerable profit.

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Term 1, 2024

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When: Wednesday afternoons 4.45pm-6pm
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Bookings now open reception@winchhouse.org.au

Chatty Cafe

When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon
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Next Session: Friday 16th February, 2024
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
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Surf Coast Shire

Are you a local community member with a passion for improving inclusion for people with disability? Surf Coast Shire Council wants to hear from you! Council is looking for people with lived experience of disability to join its All Abilities Advisory Committee (AAAC).

For more information and to find out how to apply, visit our website surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AAAC or call (03) 5261 0600 and ask for the Access and Inclusion Officer.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have speech communication difficulty, you can call us using the National Relay Service (NRS).

Please let us know if you have any access or support requirements, as we are committed to making sure everyone can be involved equally.

Expressions of interest close Friday 23 February 2024.

Authorities sick and tired of cleaning up

Environmental authorities are urging Victorian households and businesses to spare the environment and dispose of their used tyres legally and responsibly after more than 2700 car and truck tyres were found dumped on public land last year.

The Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria recorded at least 60 separate illegal dumping incidents involving personal or commercial quantities of tyres across Victorian public land in 2023, with the State's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) estimating that thousands more have been dumped, burned, or stockpiled.

Dumped car tyres can have serious impacts on human and environmental health. Old tyres also contain harmful chemicals that leach into the environment and groundwater as they break down, potentially poisoning plants and animals.

Discarded tyres also present a serious fire risk, as tyre fires are harder to control or extinguish than regular fires. As rubber burns hotter and more easily, tyres dumped in forests can fuel bushfires with devastating effects.

Legal disposal of old tyres reduces these environmental and safety risks, and recycled tyres can often be turned into other products, including roads and artificial playground turf.

Individual or small quantities of tyres can be responsibly disposed of at recycling centres, such as local council transfer



stations, for a small fee. Most tyre outlets will also accept old tyres as part of government recycling schemes, either for free if people have purchased new tyres from their shop, or for a small fee if brought from elsewhere.

When disposing tyres through one of the above options, people should check with their local council, recycling facility, or individual tyre seller to see if they accept them.

Victorian businesses also have legal obligations for safely storing and transporting large amounts of waste tyres. EPA Victoria produces guidance on managing these responsibilities, which can be found at: www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/manage-industrial-waste/waste-tyres

In Victoria, it is an offence to dump litter or waste under the Environment Protection Act 2017, with maximum penalties ranging between \$3,846 and \$230,772.

For more information on local council waste services, visit: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/recycling-at-home/council-waste-and-recycling-services

The public can report illegal dumping on public land to 136 186 or to EPA Victoria on 1300 372 842.



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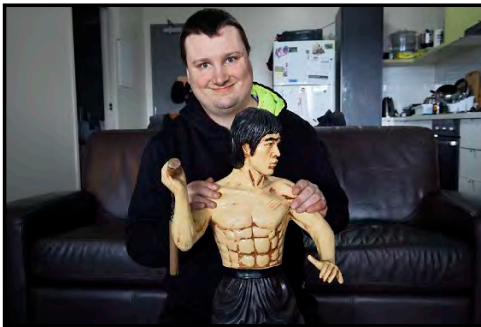
Designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the Ocean Film Festival showcases more than two hours of sublime footage taken above and below the water's surface.

The films document the beauty and power of the ocean, and celebrate the divers, surfers, sailors, paddlers, swimmers and

oceanographers who live for the sea's salt spray; who chase the crests of waves; and who marvel at the mysteries of the big blue.

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INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS

Housing options for seniors

Housing affordability continues to be a burning issue. A shortage of housing for seniors looking to downsize, but not ready for supported living, was identified in southwest Victoria.

Corangamite Financial Services Ltd (CFS), which operates the Community Bank branches at Winchelsea, Anglesea and Lorne brainstormed possible solutions to this issue. The result is an impressive project – ten independent living units (ILU) for seniors and people with disabilities will be built to address the problem. These units will be built on land obtained from the Surf Coast Shire and are architecturally designed to be age and disadvantage friendly.

Those most likely to take up these units are farmers and other locals looking to downsize but still capable of independent living. They're typically seeking quality accommodation that sits between a conventional family home and supported living.

CFS has contributed \$500,000 from their Community Enterprise Foundation (CEF) account as seed capital for architectural planning, a heritage survey, permits and the initial groundwork on the site. CFS has committed a further \$1 million to the construction cost.

Also assisting with the development of the ILU's are:

- Surf Coast Shire – provision of 3,100m² of land for the nominal fee of \$1
- Hesse Rural Health Services – provision of support packages for residents
- Winchelsea Lions Club – possible financial support and identification of tenants
- Growing Winchelsea Inc – identification of tenants
- Bendigo Bank – loan funding.

The CEF have been instrumental to the success of the project and have facilitated workshops to fine tune the concept and provide guidance on the most appropriate structure.

CFS Director, Gerard Kelly, said a lot of thought and research had gone into the structure to ensure the best outcome for all parties.

"This is about how a Community Bank company can leverage funds accumulated in the CEF to work in partnership with local councils and other parties to build permanent, much needed community capital in their regions. Realistically, this is what the Community Bank companies were set up for! The power of the Community Bank model is to provide both the impetus for the development and also the seed capital via the Foundation," said director Gerard Kelly.

Taking a closer look at the barriers for women in sport

Victoria State Government

Teams of top researchers at Victorian universities will embark on research projects to help break down barriers for women and girls in sport.

The program also supports the development of early career researchers with an interest in gender equality and emerging issues impacting women and girls in sport and recreation.

Deakin University has two grants and will lead research aimed at increasing women's visibility and look at the impacts of menstruation on participation in sport and active recreation

RMIT University will examine active outdoor recreation experiences for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse women through the Social, Accessible, Fun and Equitable project.

This round will bring the total value of research grants awarded through the Change Our Game Research Grants Program initiative to more than \$460,000 - with 21 research projects being supported since 2018.

Funded through an earlier round, La Trobe University's Enhancing Participation Pathways for Women Coaches in Community research explores key barriers experienced by women coaches in community sport and was released today. It outlines eight steps that sporting organisations and clubs can adopt to recruit, induct, support, train and retain women as coaches. **To find out more about the research and the program visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au**

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- **Andrew Stewart - Yan Yan Gurt West Farm;** National award winning carbon neutral livestock farmer and agroforester.
- **Lisa Miller - Southern Farming Systems;** soils, pasture and livestock specialist.
- **Professor Bill Malcolm - The University of Melbourne;** Economics of emissions on farms.
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Investing in community sport to change the game

The Victorian Government is backing more women and girls from all backgrounds to get involved in the sport they love, right across the state.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today opened applications for the 2023-24 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants program.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support community sport and recreation clubs or organisations to increase participation, build capability, promote gender equity and support the professional development of women and girls playing, volunteering and working in community sport.

In this round of the program there's also a strong focus on supporting club or organisation initiatives that encourage the equitable inclusion of women and girls from all backgrounds and experiences.

The program is part of the Government's Change Our Game initiative, working to make sport more accessible, increasing local participation and providing opportunities for all Victorians to be leaders in their local sporting community.

Now in its seventh year, the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants program has provided more than \$2.2 million towards 461 grants that have benefitted community sport and active recreation clubs and organisations across the state.

One such initiative was with the Benalla Golf Club that saw 75 women and girls participate in a 'Fun on the Fairways – Girls in Golf' program. The 9-week program to learn golf skills, game play and course etiquette provided a safe and supportive environment and resulted in a 20 percent increase in competition rounds played by women.

Together with the Fair Access Policy, launched by the Labor Government in August 2022, Change Our Game Community Activation Grants provides a great opportunity for clubs and organisations to extend equitable access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure, and build participants' skills and knowledge.

These grants are part of the Government's \$18.8 million investment in the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation and the Change Our Game initiative since 2016.

Applications for this program close at 5pm AEDT, Monday 4 March 2024.

For more information about Change Our Game programs visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au

Tiny Towns Fund

Applications now open

Elaine Atkinson

I am happy to talk to any organisation who may have a project and be interested in applying for a grant from the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns fund. Growing Winchelsea would be happy to provide assistance.

Contact:
Elaine Atkinson
0458009616
Secretary, Growing Winchelsea Inc.

Amanda Palmer

I am writing to you to introduce myself as I have just joined the Business team here at Surf Coast Shire Council and to contact you as your group may be interested in applying for a grant from the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns fund.

The fund is open to incorporated not-for-profit associations within townships of 5,000 people or less. Grant amounts of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available.

Applications are open now and close 5pm Sunday 25 February 2024.

The aim of the fund is to increase liveability, opportunity and prosperity in small towns. The fund objectives include addressing gaps in community infrastructure, building community pride, enhancing living, working, socialising and recreation, supporting economic activity, increasing participation in community life and strengthening social cohesion.

Eligible community associations are required to contribute 20% of the project budget but 50% of the contribution can be in-kind.

Your group may have projects which suit the Tiny Towns criteria. I've attached a copy of the guidelines, and you can read more, and make applications via this link: <https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund>

Council will not apply directly to the fund itself to give community-led applications the best chance of success. We may have a role in providing land manager consent if community applications involve council managed land or assets.

If you plan to apply for a Tiny Towns grant for a project on Council land or in a Council facility, please let me know as soon as possible so we can be prepared for the above assessment before the grant deadline.

Contact Amanda Palmer
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Victoria's inspiring Rural Women's Award finalists

Four trail-blazing Victorian women are in the running for the 2024 Agrifutures Rural Women's Award.

The Award celebrates Australia's rural women leaders from across a range of industries, including Victoria's \$20.2 billion agriculture sector, who use their skills to benefit their communities and rural Australia, and inspire others.

The Victorian winner will be announced in April and will receive \$15,000 towards their project.

They will also go on to represent Victoria at the National Award, a Gala event at Parliament House in September.

The national winner will receive a further \$20,000 towards their project, and the national runner-up \$15,000.

In 2023, Victoria's Glenmore-based co-founder of Grown Not Flown, Nikki Davis, took out the national prize.

She said the award felt like recognition for the challenges she has faced as a female founder working across both the agriculture and technology sectors.

'I am not a natural farmer, I don't know how to fix a fence, and I would prefer to stay indoors when it is windy outside,' Ms Davis said.

'What I am good at is problem solving, working with technology and data, and believing that we can change the world with our ideas.'

This year's finalists are:

- Georgina Morrison, from Hamilton, formed the Creative Toolkit to help position rural Australia as a hub for competitive creatives. The online

academy aims to empower rural creatives to expand their profitable skillsets.

- Grace Larson, from Kyneton, formed The Sisterhood Project to mitigate the barriers of distance and affordability for parents and carers in rural areas. The Project aims to deliver free access to essential paediatric first aid training for vulnerable groups, to help curb higher child mortality rates in rural Australia.
- Reeanjou Ram, based in Melbourne but raised in Fiji, founded iTrazo Tracetech to help bridge the gap between Australia's rural producers and their metropolitan consumers. iTrazo offers digital traceability services to mitigate transport risks for producers and better inform customers.
- Sarah Holmes, from Mildura, founded EnviroEDU to promote environment, conservation and sustainability awareness in rural and regional communities. EnviroEDU aims to educate children at the grassroots level to help contribute to conserving our natural ecosystems.

In addition to the Victorian AgriFutures Rural Women's Award, the Victorian Government is supporting women in agriculture and rural communities more broadly with a suite of programs that provide leadership skills and support resilience and connection for women across rural Victoria.

For more information about the award, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.



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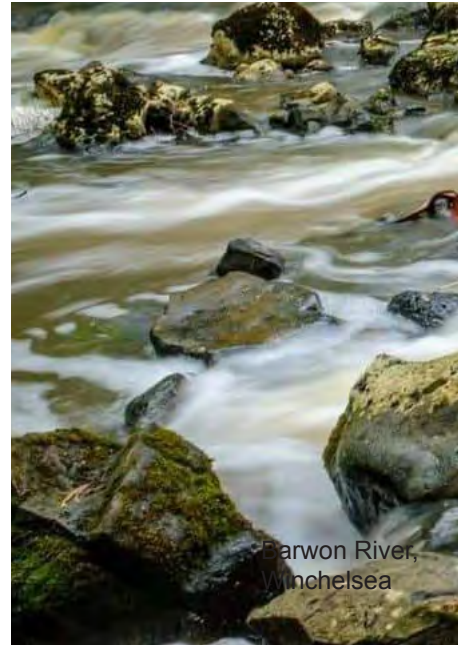
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 P. (03) 5261 0600 E. planningapps@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

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| The land affected by the application is located at: | 2-10 Moran Way (now addressed as 15-23 Sinclair Circuit) WINCHELSEA |
| The application is for a permit to: | Variation to Restrictive Covenant 2 (PS809705B) |
| The applicant for the permit is: | Mr Marshall Sullivan |
| The application reference number is: | 23/0374 <i>Please quote this number when making enquiries</i> |

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority:
 Surf Coast Shire, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay VIC 3228
 This can be done during office hours, 8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday, and is free of charge.

You can view the application online through Council's eplanning portal:
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Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application. A copy of all objections is provided to the Permit Applicant. If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **1 March 2024** (or until a minimum of 14 days after the last notice is given)

Item No. 50340 Planning and Environment Regulations 2005 Form 2



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| The land affected by the application is located at: | 2-10 Moran Way (now addressed as 15-23 Sinclair Circuit) Winchelsea |
| Description of the proposal | Amendment to Section 173 Agreement AU572832N |
| Who initiated the proposal | The proposal was initiated by Context Planning of applicant, who applied to the responsible authority for agreement to the proposal under section 178A of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> |

In accordance with Section 178A(3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* the responsible authority has notified the applicant that it agrees in principle to the proposal.

The application reference number is: **PG23/0280** *Please quote this number when making enquiries*

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Any person who is given notice of the proposal, or who ought to have been given notice of the proposal under section 178C of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, may object to, or make any other submission in relation to, the proposal.

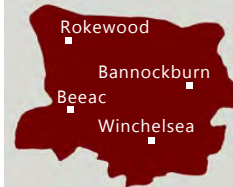
The responsible authority will not make a decision on the proposal under section 178E of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* before **1 March 2024**.

If the responsible authority decides to amend or end the agreement, or refuses to amend or end the agreement, the responsible authority will give notice of its decision to any person who made an objection.

Item No. 50340

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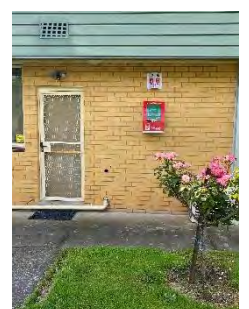
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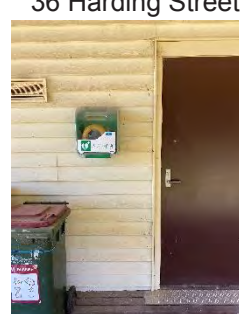
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