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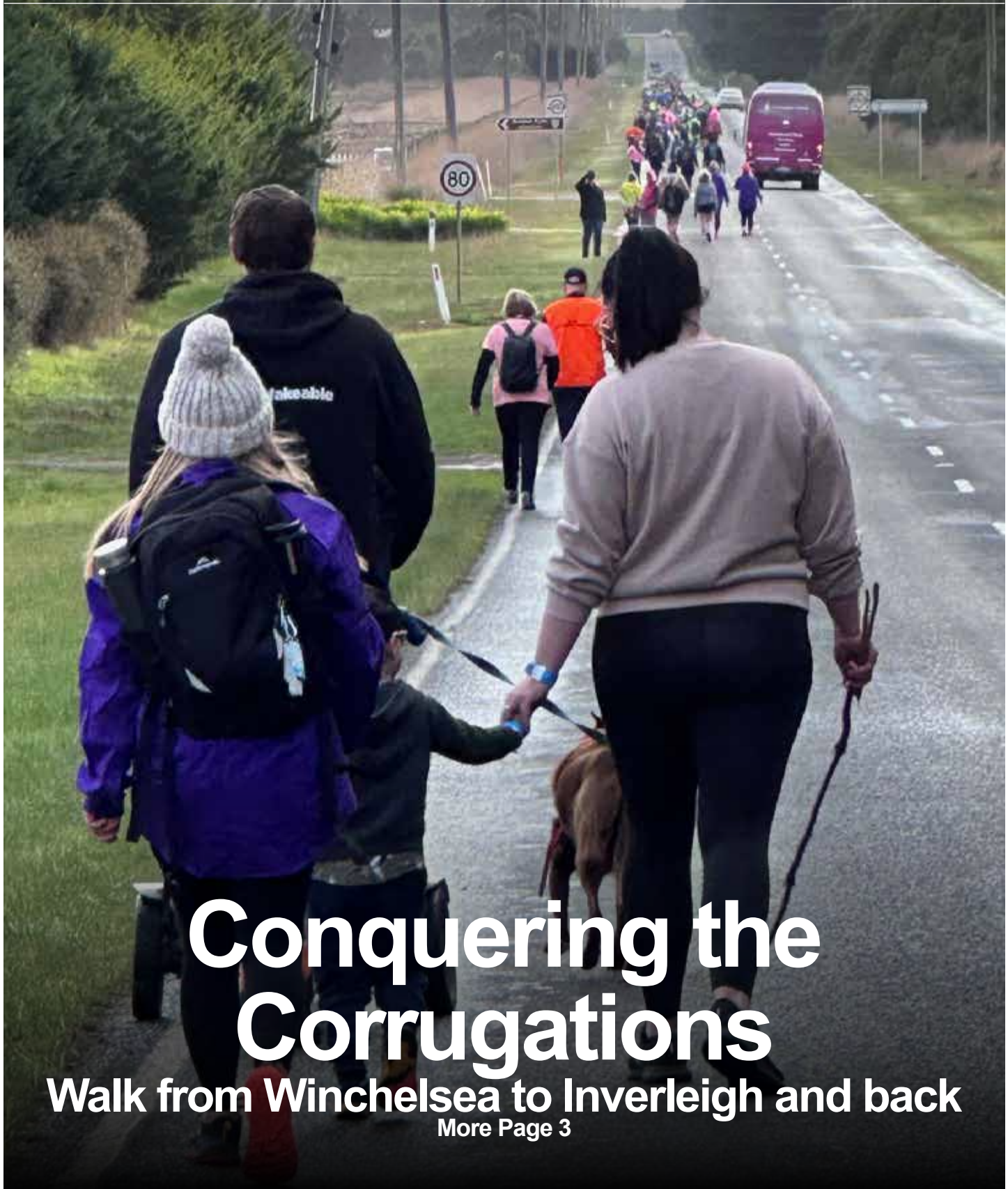
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Come along and join in the fun

Ahoy There!

Did you know about the Winchelsea Community Singing Group? A delightful twilight gathering for musical frolics, this merry band of troubadours in the making cover everything from classical to jazz, cultural folk songs to children's nursery rhymes, with ears and tonsils peeled for making some very serious fun together.

In the delightful ambience of the Winchelsea Shire Hall, the rafters ring weekly to melodious strains that are fun to forge and guaranteed to provoke smiles and giggles or tingles down the spine, quite often both! Choir Mistress Kai Whyte doesn't merely have the qualifications and

experience, she has that 'je ne sais quoi' that transforms work into joy and ends in everyone labouring in harmony. If you need a feel-good moment in your life, or 'just' love music for its own sake, you can't go past this regular community experience, drop in and tickle your tonsils with us and see what all the fun's about.

Singing Group meets every Wednesday evening of the school term from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Winchelsea Shire Hall, cost is a mere \$5 per week and cheap at thrice the price!

See you there :-D

Community Developer
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Conquering the Corrugations walk from Winchelsea to Inverleigh and back

In support of those affected, in honor of loved ones lost, we walk as the one.

On the weekend of 27th-28th of May Conquer the corrugations celebrated the first Victorian walk. With over 180 participants over the two days, support from Conquer the Corrugations Cape York, Royal flying doctor MHN, SES, Fire Brigade, Lions club, Bendigo bank Winchelsea, Winchelsea IGA, Charlie and his Angels, Community bus drivers Jason and Mick, photographers Murray and Steve, the day was a complete success. Walking and talking allowed for

many heart felt conversations, with loved ones and strangers alike. Acceptance and openness flowed as did laughter and tears.

Conquer the Corrugations started in 2015 in Cape York and has been growing every year since. The hope is to have every state involved in this amazing event. Northern Territory is September 2nd till 3rd and Queensland, Cape York September 30th till October 1st.

So very proud to have been part of the Victorian team.

Kerryn Gambino

Thank you Lions for feeding the walkers

Winchelsea Lions helped to feed the many wonderful people who walked from Winchelsea to Inverleigh and back last weekend.

A beautiful day on Saturday but not so great on Sunday. Many thanks to Colleen for providing the food and well done Charlie for a wonderfully organised event.

Even some of our Lions participated in the walk





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Author Thomas Mayo speaks from the heart at Reconciliation Week event

Audience members shared a sustained standing ovation for author and advocate Thomas Mayo following his presentation at Surf Coast Shire Council's National Reconciliation Week event.

The Kaurareg Aboriginal and Kalkagal, Erubamle Torres Strait Islander man is a respected signatory to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and shared reflections on Reconciliation as he outlined the journey of the statement, with historic and contemporary perspectives.

The statement is an invitation from First Nations people to all Australians to walk together and recognise Australian identity shaped across millennia.

It calls for three main things: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution, Truth Telling and Makarrata or Treaty.

About 160 people attended the event in Council's chambers.

Mayor Liz Pattison acknowledged Thomas Mayo's dedication to sharing the statement and all that it seeks and represents.

"As we continue our journey in Reconciliation and support National Reconciliation Week we seek to deepen our understanding of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and what Reconciliation truly means," Mayor Liz Pattison said.

"We thank Thomas for helping us continue that journey."

Thomas Mayo's presentation followed a Welcome to Country and powerful cultural truth-telling by Wadawurrung woman Corrina Eccles, who also received a standing ovation.

Council voted in April to support the Voice to Parliament as a step forward in its journey toward Reconciliation.


Australians will vote on enshrining a Voice to Parliament in a referendum between October and December this year.

Council will not seek to influence how people vote but will share clear and accurate information on what the Voice is and how to participate in the referendum so people can make considered and informed choices.

National Reconciliation Week runs until 3 June. Its 2023 theme Be A Voice for Generations encourages all Australians to be voices for Reconciliation in tangible ways in everyday lives.

Thomas Mayo is the author of several books, including Finding the Heart of the Nation – The Journey of the Uluru Statement Towards Voice, Treaty and Truth. His most recent is The Voice to Parliament Handbook, co-authored with journalist Kerry O'Brien, and the proceeds from its sale go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



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Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Moriac Structure Plan.


Community members are invited to attend an information session to explore key features of the Draft Moriac Structure Plan - developed with significant local input.

INFORMATION SESSION: Wednesday 28 June
2pm – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm
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Winchelsea Historical Society Winchelsea Street Names

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Son Jacob was first white child born in Winchelsea.



Jacob Alsop, First white Man Born in Winchelsea, in 1847

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Boosted Printing Facilities at Winch House

Wendy Greaves, Manager

Winchelsea Community House recently upgraded its photocopier/printer with the help of the Winchelsea Star, offering a significantly improved facility to the community. We are now able to provide full colour, double-sided, folded and even stapled documents from a copy or a printed file.

This means you can now get your printing and copying needs met locally within Winchelsea. Got to photocopy important documents or completed forms? Scan the copies directly to your own email address. Got a newsletter you'd like to print and send to your members/customers? Make as many editions as you need and even pre-fold them ready to hand out. Pricing is set by whether you want black & white or colour, the paper size (A5, A4 or A3 available), and whether you print on one side or both sides.

It's important to recognise that Winch House is not providing a full commercial printing service, it's essentially a self-serve facility - we have a fabulous resource but do not have experts on hand to create and format documents. You'll need to put together your source documents yourself and either email or bring them to Reception as PDF. If you

only need copying, have them printed ready to be photocopied. Make an appointment so we can help choose the right printer options and get the process started with you. You'll need to be in attendance for the duration of your printing, and you'll need to be there to collect all the outputs if it's a large job.

This is a great asset available to the community, and we'd like to thank the Winchelsea Star for its support in getting this upgrade facility. Call in soon to find out more!

Winchelsea Community House is Winchelsea's community centre for inspiration, growth and enjoyment - we're here to connect and engage the Winchelsea community with community activities, community development and lifelong learning so that people in the wider Winchelsea community feel good about themselves, their prospects, the place they live, and their place in society. We offer and run a wide range of activities and programs, according to community demand. Seniors' walking groups, craft groups, lifestyle courses such as cheese-making, technology courses, job-ready courses such as first aid and RSA... if it helps to build, connect and engage community, we'd love to put it on, subject to financial sustainability (ie. it covers all our costs).

Winchelsea Community House also offers office resources such as internet access,



public computers, printing, presentation/conference/meeting rooms. We can provide things like a projector & screen, laptops, something to read from our free book library, and toddler toys through our toy library. For community and non-profits, these things are free or low-cost (a bond/deposit may be required).

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Community Market

Shire Hall
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R.S.L clubrooms are located in
1914 - 1918 Memorial Grandstand
At Winchelsea Football Club
Main Entrance

Development at 44-46 Main St, the future home of the Winchelsea Op Shop

Works have commenced at 44-46 Main St in Winchelsea, following a planning permit being issued by the Surf Coast Shire to utilise the site for an Op Shop.

Temporary bracing has now being erected to allow for the exploratory and demolition works to take place. These works were required as the next step involves opening the walls and floors to review the current building state. Once completed, the findings of these investigative works will determine the scope of the rebuild requirements to finalise the building plans.

Hesse is seeking to renovate and increase the shops size and capacity, in order to continue the Op Shop being a community hub for the growing Winchelsea community, as well as raising much needed funds for our local

health service, Hesse Rural Health – a service we all rely on!

Fundraising endeavours for the Op Shop Rebuild Appeal remain ongoing with a target to raise \$400,000. To date just over \$200,000 has been raised through community and local business donations, including \$50,000 recently matched in co-contribution funding by the Winchelsea Community Bank.

The next Hesse Op Shop Rebuild Appeal fundraising activity, will be the event 'Hesse Hearts of Gold Masquerade Ball' at Barwon Mansion on Saturday 28th October.

This will be a wonderful evening of laughter, excellent food and quality entertainment. The Hesse Hearts of Gold Masquerade Ball will be a ticketed event with 300 guests in attendance, tickets will be sold online only, initially sold in tables of ten seats and then

opened to individual seat purchases at a later date. Tables at the Hesse Hearts of Gold Masquerade Ball will be available for purchase online in coming weeks.

Hesse is reaching out to all sections of the community who may be interested in sponsoring the event or contributing an item for the auction on the night. All donations are tax deductible, so coming to the end of the financial year this may be the perfect time to donate.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities please contact Jessica Culhane, Hesse's Communications and Community Partnerships Officer on 03 5327 1200 or via email at jculhane@hesse.vic.gov.au.

The completion of this project is paramount for both our community and our health service. We very much hope that you will consider supporting this very worthy cause.



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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News



Janet Fletcher

A dismal day weather wise saw the Winchelsea Blues host Thomson Football & Netball Club at Eastern Reserve last Saturday.

There was a good crowd through the gate despite the weather, and as usual Winchelsea Lions representatives Neville Mawson and Murray Aisbett did a great job for the W.F.N.C. - just another way of the Winchelsea Lions helping their Community. The Winchelsea Blues love having Neville and Murray on the gate every home game no matter what the weather, and on the rare occasion Nev or Mussa can't make it on game day there is always someone from the Lions Club to step in
THANK YOU FROM ALL AT THE CLUB.

Reserves:

**Winchelsea 4.6.30
were defeated by Thomson 7.6.48.**

The Reserves got off to a good start leading 2.3 to Thomson's 1 goal at quarter time, but Thomson found their feet in the second quarter to go in to the long break 4.1 keeping the Blues scoreless in that quarter still at 2 goals 1 point. The Blues came back after half time but the second quarter proved costly and they were unable to make up that lost ground. Good to see some of the injured of late back out on the footy field such as Callum

Nankervis, Dusty Baker and Jack Todd just to name a few.

Goals:

Jarod Winzer, Jack Todd, Robbie Gleeson and Rueben James all 1 goal.

Best:

Dustin Baker, Joshua Freeman, Matthew Gillespie, Shaun Morris, Jack Todd, Callum Nankervis.

Seniors:

**Winchelsea 9.8.62
were defeated by Thomson 17.15.117.**

Thomson got off to a flying start and never let the Blues get into any sort of play to their game plan, The third quarter Thomson gave the Blues a football lesson but to the Blues credit they came home well in the last kicking 6.2. to Thomson's 3.3 to make the final score far more respectable.

GOALS:

Jordan Gould 4, Leigh Ellis 2, Caleb Brown 2, Jordan Huff 1.

Best:

Michael Bourdouvalis, Jordan Gould, Adam Walsh, Brenton Rees, Jordan Huff, Tom Stephenson

As in the Reserves the Blues welcomed back several players from injury including Jordan Gould and Caleb Brown.

This weekend the G.D.F.L. have a bye due to the King's Birthday long weekend and so the Winchelsea Blues can regroup to go again the following week travelling to Bannockburn in Round 9 on June 17th.

Auskick:

Winchelsea Auskick continues to go really well and many thanks to the parents who drive this especially Mark who does a great job with the kids. Thank you!

Junior Football:

Wow! The Under 10's are coming along so well, being bottom age this group is constantly up against older and bigger opponents but they are showing great improvement every week and to see such improvement is a credit to the Under 10 group of players, parents and coaches.

Well done everybody. The side has picked up new players along the way and now have a bench every week!

There was a big crowd to watch the game last Saturday morning including several of the Senior players, some of whom are assisting every week, and that makes things easier for Lachie and Byron to concentrate what they have to bring to the game and training every week.

Blue's Bistro;

This week the menu is
Chicken Schnitzel / Parmi
Sea Food Baskets
Mrs. Wilson's Meatloaf.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday night !

Canteen News:

Just to let everyone know Donna & Russell McCallum will be heading to Queensland soon and this will leave the Canteen with out anyone to manage the home game days that are left, if there are any of you out there who could do a week or all 3 remaining games at home could you please call Janet Fletcher – mob: 0400 783408. Donna has done an amazing job – THANK YOU!

All at the Club wish Scott Mawson a speedy recovery from more surgery last week and again this week, will be good to have you back when you can get here!

Thanks to Ash and Tilly and others who have stepped up to help out in Scott's absence.

GO BLUES!!



Services and Activities in Winchelsea

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Big Ideas

When: Friday 16th June, 2023
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Calling on First Nations artists

Barwon Water is seeking expressions of interest from First Nations artists interested in participating in an exciting opportunity to interpret and illustrate the Barwon Water story.

"Water is fundamental to all life", said Managing Director Tracey Slatter, "and we are grateful to Traditional Owners and the First Nations community for generously educating us about the spiritual and cultural importance of water, as well as sharing knowledge, passed on over tens of thousands of years, of how to sustainably manage Country and Waterways".

Our Strategy 2030 highlights Barwon Water's commitment to a caring for Country approach to our land and waterways with Traditional Owners, and this project deepens our commitment.

Aboriginal Partnerships Advisor Kiri

Tawhai encouraged First Nations artists to view the project information and consider submitting an expression of interest:

"We are seeking two artists: one artist to interpret the Barwon Water story as it relates to Eastern Maar Country; and a second artist to develop the Barwon Water story as it relates to Wadawurrung Country," Ms Tawhai said.

"We see the two artworks sitting side by side, and it is envisaged that these artworks would be paintings or mixed media works on paper, canvas, wood or other material."

Barwon Water plans to facilitate workshops on Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung Country to help inform the development of the artworks by the two artists. It is envisaged that these workshops would also be an opportunity for the artists to share some of their artistic practices in a hands-on element of the sessions with First Nations young people.

"We see the development of story and imagery as an opportunity for discussions at our sites on Country and hope that the successful artists would be comfortable to share this experience with some young First Nations people in our region. Barwon Water can help to facilitate and guide this process and help to invite young people to be involved."

The artworks will become part of Barwon Water's visual identity and brand and will be proudly reproduced on uniforms and communications materials in the future.

Artists can visit the Barwon Water website to review the assessment criteria and remuneration details and submit an expression of interest for this opportunity.

Please note that artist collectives are also eligible to apply.

Expressions of Interest are open until Monday 5 June.



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COVID-19 Weekly Data

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 464, an increase of 12 per cent from last week. There are currently 464 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals.

There are currently 11 COVID patients in intensive care. There are 4 cleared cases in ICU. There are 3 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 12. In the past three months, 3,183 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria.

Of Victorians aged 18 and over, 18 per cent have recorded a vaccination or COVID diagnosis in the past six months. This means 4.2 million Victorians are eligible for a 2023 booster dose.

Of Victorians aged 65 and over, 41 per cent have recorded a vaccination or COVID diagnosis in the past six months. Of Victorians aged 50 to 64, 20 per cent have recorded a vaccination or COVID diagnosis in the past six months.

A total of 50 COVID-related deaths were reported to the department in the past week. This represents an almost 18 per cent increase when compared to the same period the previous month. An average of 7 deaths were reported each day in the past week.

There were 8,669 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria this week, a decrease of 15 per cent from the previous week. The average daily number of new cases this week was 1,238, down from 1,520 last week.

The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 7,830.

Epidemiological summary

There was a continued increase in Covid hospitalisation admissions this week. Quantitative wastewater sampling has remained at an elevated level.

Omicron recombinant XBB sublineages remain dominant, accounting for 85 per cent of circulating variants from wastewater surveillance. This includes

XBB.1.16 (30 per cent), XBB.1.5 (19 per cent), XBB.1.9.1 and XBB1.9.2 (14 per cent), and other mixed XBB sublineages (22 per cent). Other variants include Delta/Omicron recombinant XBC (7 per cent), CH.1.1 (5 per cent), and other strains at low levels (<5 per cent each). There has been continued growth of XBB.1.16 in the last week.

The department continues to monitor trends through Victoria's comprehensive surveillance system.

Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of Covid:

Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.

Get your 2023 booster: new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy. To find out if you're eligible for your next booster, visit the Coronavirus website. Flu vaccines are also now available.

Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can – it reduces the spread of the virus.

Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test.

Stay at home: if you have Covid, you should stay at home for at least five days and until you have no symptoms.

Talk to your doctor: if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for Covid and influenza medicines – and early testing and diagnosis are important. With expanded criteria, more people are now eligible for COVID medicines.

2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Vaccination continues to

provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from Covid.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

All adults aged 65 years and over

Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:

Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid

Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

Victorians are encouraged to book a free booster appointment through their local GP or pharmacy. You can find your nearest vaccination provider through the Health Direct Service Finder.

RATs available through local councils

All Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of rapid antigen tests (RATs) through their local council.

The council RAT distribution program is currently operating across more than 400 local sites, such as libraries and council customer service centres. The program is open to all Victorians, with all eligibility requirements now removed.

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Testing, especially with any compatible Covid symptoms, is critical to help with early detection and to protect others. It also allows for appropriate care and timely treatment.

Contact details for participating councils can be found at the Coronavirus website.

To access the most up-to-date information on Covid in Victoria, visit the Victorian Coronavirus website or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Victorian Community Pest Management Group Volunteers Receive Australian Biosecurity Award

Victoria's four Community Pest Management Groups (CPMGs) have been chosen to receive the Australian Biosecurity Award (ABA) in Canberra recently. The ABA's recognise individuals, groups and organisations that have shown commitment to supporting and promoting Australian biosecurity and the systems that underpin it.

The CPMGs were nominated by Agriculture Victoria to receive an award under the community category for their role in the Weeds and Rabbits Project. The four CPMG Chairs recently received their award on behalf of their groups in Canberra.

The CPMGs include the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce, the Victorian Gorse Taskforce, Victorian Rabbit Action Network and Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party who formed part of the Delivery Leadership Group, the project steering committee for the Weeds and Rabbit Project.

CPMGs consist of volunteer community representatives, and contractors, who provide education, engagement and extension services to landowners affected by invasive species.

The project attracted 4.3 million dollars and was a collaborative partnership between Agriculture Victoria and the CPMGs. The project was a biosecurity initiative aimed at improving the way established pest animals and weeds are managed in Victoria. The collaborative project model placed community at the table to guide investment decision making, critical for supporting community-led action on weeds and rabbits.

Invasive species cause substantial amounts of economic and environmental damage across Australia, with an annual economic cost alone at \$24.5 billion per year. The four CPMGs demonstrated that they have the skills and solutions to tackle complex problems like weeds and rabbits.

This game-changing project delivered 223 workshops and events and engaged over 6,000 people during its lifespan. The project helped CPMG groups discover better pathways into community, to assist and build capacity, to provide direction and improved understanding of invasive species issues.

Following the project, outcomes observed included more effective knowledge sharing between stakeholders, community, government and industry collaboration, reduced reliance on regulation & compliance and effective community led programs.

For further information on the Weeds and Rabbits Project visit <https://weedsandrabbitsstory.com/>.

If you would like further information from the award-winning community groups, you can contact them through their social pages.

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