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Lions Australia Day

Winchelsea Lions celebrated Australia Day in fine old traditional Aussie style with egg and bacon rolls and wonderful entertainment by Don Fisher "The human jukebox" It was a perfect morning and lots of Winchelsea folk came along to mark the occasion, many thanks to you all for your generous donations. It was lovely to see our councillor Heather Wellington looking so well and enjoying the festivities.

The only thing missing was the flag on the flagpole!!!! Can we blame the corellas????

Didn't matter because we brought our own. Once again thank you Winchelsea and see you next year.











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details on Aged Care.

An eventful grants program set to open

Event organisers are invited to apply for Surf Coast Shire Council's Event Grants Program, with successful recipients to contribute to the positive impact of local events.

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Grants are available for events to be held between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. There are three categories:

- Community Events: grants up to \$3,000.
- Boutique, Creative and Special Focus Events: grants up to \$7,500.
- Tourism Events: grants up to \$10,000.

Councillor Libby Stapleton encouraged event organisers to consider applying for a grant.

"Whether your event is big or small, we know that funding assistance is welcomed," she said.

Applications open 1 February and close 28 February. All applicants must speak with a Council events officer prior to submitting an application. To arrange an appointment, please email eventgrants@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or call 03 5261 0600.

Winchelsea Hospital Auxiliary

Auxiliary members please note the February meeting has been cancelled

OP SHOP DONATIONS

Donations will be received at the Op Shop from the 1st weekend in February. on Saturdays and Mondays 10am till 2pm.

Please note: no furniture accepted and other goods will be accepted at the discretion of the Auxiliary as per Human Resources for Health guidelines.

The Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the community for their ongoing support.

Ingrid Rowe (Sec)

For more information, including the Event Grants Guidelines and online application form, visit surfcoastevents.com.au.

Below: Aireys as a Dark Sky Location is a previous event grant recipient. Image credit: MICHAEL VAN BERKEL





Memories of Haydn Shinners

Over the years Haydn was involved in so many things, such as :

Probus Club of Winchelsea

Masonic Lodge

Meals on Wheels

Winchelsea Lions

Winchelsea Star

Visitor Information Centre

Morning Melodies

Church Vestry

Senior Citizens

Catering for Belmont Senior Citizens

Catering for St Thomas Cof E

Help caterers from Horticultural Society

Judge for Horticultural Society when required

Plant stall for Horticultural Society

Volunteer at Barwon Park and also catering for afternoon teas etc

Catering for Winchelsea Cricket Club

Catering for 28th Flight Air Training Corps events.

Wormbete's in house chef for years for the Blakely Family

Bottom Hotel for Lorna and Bob Stephens as the chef

In house chef at Murdeduke for years

In his younger days he was a shearers' cook in rural Victoria and outback NSW

In the very beginning he made biscuits for Darryl Lea in Geelong.

Thank you everyone who sent cards and phone calls. We the family feel the support of everyone. Thank you all so much.

Very grateful thanks to everyone who came to Seniors and gave plates of food etc. Also to the CWA girls who organised the kitchen and also prepared extra food and then the big clean up afterwards.

Dear Haydn was a much loved husband of Jean, father of Ben, grandfather of Katel and Logan. Brother to Eunice (dec) Max (dec) Geoff (dec) Cathie, Gary and Lynette.

We all miss you deeply.

This was Haydn's Grandchildrens beautiful eulogy at his funeral

What "Pop" meant to us

From the day we were born Nan and Pop shared in our upbringing.

Pop would wake early every morning to make our breakfast and prepare our school lunches whilst our parents went to work.

He or Nan would also drop us off and pick us up every day until my brother and I learnt to ride our bikes to school.

Logan and I would always look forward to sleeping over at Pop's to wake early for pikelets and then go to Sunday School while he went to Church.

Pop was a fantastic cook. On Sunday night he would make delicious roasts with all the trimmings.

Cauliflower and cheese, roast potatoes, pumpkin, peas and carrots mixed with honey and sesame seeds. We also loved his pavlovas and trifles.

Nothing was too much for him in the kitchen. He would use every pot, pan, knife, fork and spoon to make wonderful meals and always made sure to use the good dinner service.

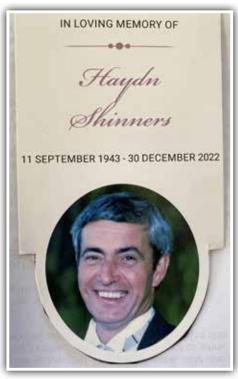
Of course Nan would have to do the dishes but we always laughed and had fun putting everything away.

After almost every dinner we would all participate in family games night. When we were young we played tiddly-winks or skip-bo, then as I got older Pop taught me games like cribbage, 500 and rummikub. Monopoly however was a game that always came to grief.

We even disagreed on the rules once and had to get a barrister to intervene but even he refused to give a ruling and therefore the game was banned for life. It is still a very sore point to this day.

One of Pop's favourite pastimes was his beloved Senior Citizens. Following in his Mother's footsteps he would faithfully go every Wednesday and Friday afternoon and play either carpet bowls or euchre.

He has been President of the Senior Citizens for 10 years or so and when he was well he would cook lunches on



Friday's for everyone. We just couldn't keep him out of the kitchen wherever he was.

From 1976 Pop became the Catering Manager at the Geelong Grammar School Timbertop Campus where he catered for 300 students and staff 3 times a day for 4 terms over a year.

"Shinners Dinners" was the catchphrase the students would use. He Nan and Dad lived there for 15 years, you do the maths, how many meals would he have made in that time?

Lastly his greatest pride and joy was his garden and maintaining his Mother's rose garden, which currently looks better than it ever has

In tribute to his hard work we have dried the rose petals from the garden for those coming to the graveside to disperse.

Pop was always generous with his time and his talents. He will be greatly missed by many.

We love you Pop.

Time to hang up your tea towel and enjoy your well earned rest.

Winchelsea 🗪 Star

Articles are most welcome and must carry the name and address of the sender.

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One of Winchelsea's beautiful history periods

The Star has decided to publish an article that first appeared in The Age a couple of years back. It was written by Barney Zwartz, The Age's music journalist, and was about Mark Papworth. Mark arrived in Winchelsea with his family when his father, lan, was appointed United Church minister for Winchelsea.

At that stage Winchelsea School had started a music program that included a concert band. Winch would have been one of an extremely small number of schools in Australia that ran a concert band for primary kids. The idea that a school the size of Winch could run a concert band program came from Brian Blackett. Brian had been a member of the Casterton brass band from a very early age and was convinced that he could get a concert band up and running using Middle and Senior Primary kids.

The first Bandfest we ran was simply magic. The Leisuretime Centre was simply packed. The Navy Band was superb. Our kids were great too. So many kids benefited from the band program and some, such as Mark Papworth, went on to become professional musicians.

However,. all things come to an end. Brian was offered a senior music education position in Queensland, which he accepted. Without his leadership the Winchelsea band program gradually wound down and folded up.

It was a great pity!

April 2020

Wagner reinterpreted, bold as brass

Barney Zwartz has written an article in The Age and SMH about horn player Mark Papworth's Wagner project. Siegfried's Story, a CD of 12 scenes from the Ring adapted for the highly unusual combination of horn, tuba and piano, recording under the name Bonza Brass.

A Melbourne tram driver, Mark Papworth, has launched one of the most original and intriguing Wagner project in years. Actually, although Papworth does drive trams for



financial security and because the hours suit his many projects, he is a highly accomplished musician who studied in Melbourne, Perth and the United States for years and is equally at home on three very different types of French hom: baroque, natural and modern.

Papworth fell in love with Wagner's four-opera Ring cycle at 16 when he heard Georg Solti's famous recordings, and "it's blown my mind ever since".

In 2011, after studying at the University of Indiana, he returned to Melbourne and began adapting sections of the Ring for French hom and piano. In 2016, when he had eight pieces, tuba player Per Forsberg expressed an interest. So Papworth reworked all eight, giving the "meaty bass parts" to the tuba, and added four new movements. The fruit is Siegfried's Story, a CD of 12 scenes from the Ring adapted for the highly unusual combination of horn, tuba and piano (Rosa Scaffidi), recording under the name Bonza Brass.

The biggest challenge, Papworth says, was working out how to fit parts written for one of the biggest orchestras ever into three instruments. "Eventually I decided to give all the crazy string writing to the piano, the melody to the horn and a nice strong bass line to the tuba. The piano was good for filling in all the blanks." But he ensures that the tuba has quite a few moments in the sun. Sometimes the combination is highly effective, such as the creation of the world in the prelude to the first opera, but

just occasionally one misses the heft that comes with an orchestra of 100. Still, it is always fascinating.

The trio wanted to record the performance for their own pleasure, and approached Melbourne-based classical label Move, where CEO Martin Wright was sufficiently intrigued that he offered to produce the CD and issue it. It came out earlier this year, and Papworth hopes it may be an accessible way in for newcomers to Wagner.

Papworth started playing the horn extraordinarily young. He went to one of the few state primary schools that had an orchestra and recalls coming home in tears in Grade 3 because he wanted to play the flute but the conductor insisted he had to learn the horn. "So my father went to his cupboard, pulled out an old instrument, and said 'this is a French horn and this is how you play it'. His aunty gave it to him when he was a teenager, and my father didn't believe in throwing out musical instruments, so he carried it around with him for 30 years," Papworth recalls. It turned out to be a Czech horn from the 1920s, itself now a historic instrument.

Bonza Brass is now working on another CD of Papworth's Wagner arrangements – Die Meistersinger, Parsifal and the Wesendonck Lieder.

This article by Barney Zwartz was originally published in The Age and Sydney Morning Herald on 28 April 2020.

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However given the disapproval of the 26th of January from different groups in society and principally from First

Nations People I am growing more sympathetic to the date being changed. The last Friday in January seems to be the most logical option and future Australia Day events would include a morning of acknowledgment and reflection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.

I attended the Pilk Purriyn-Truth Telling event on the morning of Australia Day and a Citizenship ceremony at the Surf Coast Shire civic building which were both very moving.

Cr Adrian Schonfelder

Below: L-R: Cr Adrian Schonfelder, Corrina Eccles Wadawurrung Elder and Cr Rose Hodge



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Thought for the Week

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If you are interested in attending please contact the Men's Shed on 0407839139 (Ray) or email winchmenshed@gmail.com

Pet Therapy

Christmas may be over and done for another year but these two little ponies, lil Stormy and Miss Milly, will bring a smile too your face, just as they did for Hesse Rural Health residents and Winchelsea Hospital adult activity group.

Tracey from Hollymist got her girls dressed and ready to spread some Christmas cheer and love amongst the residents and guests. They were so well behaved, gentle and patient. The smiles they bought to so many faces shows the benefits of pet therapy. Thankyou Tracey for sharing your girls, and your time and effort to make them shine. I know personally how much my dad loved meeting them and the snuggles they gave!





Streets of Winchelsea

Meyler Street



Henry Meyler born in 1825 Dublin, Ireland and was the Winchelsea doctor approx. 1858-1889 before Dr Eddie who was here from approximately 1899-1930.

Dr Mevler died in Winchelsea on 11/5/1889. He married Elizabeth Fender née Stirling in 1868.



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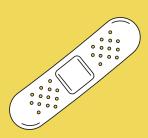
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STAY WELL THIS **SUMMER**



Know the three and survive at sea

Boaters and paddlers are being urged to Know the three when out at sea when out on the water this summer.

Safe Transport Victoria's latest boating safety campaign asks boaters and paddlers to follow three simple safety rules:

- Wear, maintain and service a lifejacket,
- carry at least two waterproof communications devices,
- and check the weather before and after setting out.

Wearing a correctly fitted lifejacket gives someone who falls into the water time to save their life by allowing them to get back on board or call for help. A waterproof communications device is needed to raise the alarm once someone is in the water or if the boat capsizes. It's important to always keep an eye on the weather forecast as conditions can change quickly.

There were seven boating-related fatalities in Victoria between July 2021 and June 2022. Boating related fatalities recorded over the past decade were from a range of hazards, including drowning, fire, collisions, gas inhalation, and other boating accidents.

Over the past ten years, nearly four out of five people who drowned while boating did not wear a lifejacket or wore an incorrectly-fitted lifejacket.

Male boaters aged between 35 and 60 are the largest at-risk group and are the primary audience for the campaign.

To help spread the Know the three when out at sea message, Safe Transport Victoria will run boating safety workshops at high traffic areas in regional Victoria throughout summer and officers will engage with boaters at boat ramps

The Know the three when out at sea campaign will run on radio, social media and online throughout the summer.

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Up to 2,000 people gathered at Cosy Corner in Torquay on Wadawurrung Country at sunrise on Thursday 26 January for the inaugural Pilk Purriyn truth-telling event.

Meaning 'sunrise' in Wadawurrung language, Pilk Purriyn was hosted by Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation in collaboration with the Surf Coast Shire Council.

The event started with a traditional Welcome to Country, and Smoking and Dancing Ceremonies, followed by Wadawurrung Traditional Owners addressing the gathering about the meaning of 26 January for First Nations people. Then, with the rising of the sun on the water, it concluded with a response from State Member for Geelong Christine Couzens, and Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Liz Pattison.

With four generations of Wadawurrung people present, Pilk Purriyn was an opportunity for members of all communities to come together, gather, deeply listen and reflect on the Country that they are living on.

The event aimed to support the First Nations community by acknowledging the trauma and harm to the First Peoples through colonisation, by recognising the survival, resilience of their people and culture that continues today.

Wadawurrung woman Corrina Eccles said: "As a Wadawurrung woman it was very brave to hold this event knowing this is something not all people support but if we are going to move forward we need a voice today that our ancestors and Elders were denied."

"For thousands of years Wadawurrung people started their day with the rising of the sun and today we continue that as we conquer a day that is felt heavily in heart and spirit. It gave us the opportunity for Traditional Owners to stand on our Country to share ceremony and truth-telling with those who choose to not celebrate this day."

"Seeing up to 2,000 people offer their respect and support this morning shows us that people want to see change and are here to listen."

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Liz Pattison said: "Pilk Purriyn was an incredibly moving event held on Wadawurrung Country, which helped deepen my understanding of First Nations culture and experience."

"As the Surf Coast Shire Council continues a journey towards Reconciliation with First Nations People, we recognise past wrongs and seek truth, understanding and healing. We want to support Traditional Owners and First Nations People in our community in the spirit of respect, recognition and compassion."



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Saturday Pennant Results

January 21st Saturday Divi 1 were def by Apollo Bay away, winning 1 rink 70/108.

January 27th night match under the dome at Colac Winch Divi 1 def Camperdown, winning 2 rinks 103/80. Ladder position 4th.

January 21st Saturday Divi 3 Winchelsea def Colac away, winning 3 rinks 96/70.

January 28th Divi 3 def Lorne away, winning 2 rinks 88/74. Ladder position 1st.

January 21st Saturday Divi 4 Winchelsea were def by Skipton away, 22/60.

January 28th Divi 4 were narrowly def by Derrinallum at home, winning 1 rink 52/60. Ladder position 8th.

Midweek results

January 17th Midweek Division 1 Winchelsea were def by Colac City away 36/42. Unfortunately the match was called off due to extreme heat, however we won 1 rink and drew another. It was a shame we could not complete the full number of ends as the result may have been better.



January 24th Winchelsea 1 def Simpson away winning 1 rink, 68/51.

Ladder position 2nd by percentage only. The top 5 are Colac 120 points, Winchelsea 119 points, Camperdown Golf 119 points, Colac Central 119 points, Colac City 109 points. As we have to play Camperdown Golf at home this week and Colac away the following final round our eventual placing appears to be somewhat challenging.

January 17th Winchelsea 3 def Lorne at home, winning 2 rinks 54/44.

January 24th Winchelsea 3 def Derrinallum away, winning 1 rink 77/69. Winchelsea 3 play their final game at home this week as their last round is a bye. Ladder position 5th.

Around the Green

Unfortunately both Erin Baulch and Rhys Jeffs were defeated in their second round matches of the Champion of Champions Singles last Sunday at Colac. On Sunday 5th February Jason Armstrong will play at City against the Western Region winner of the State Men's Singles and if successful will play on against the Far Western Region winner the same day. Julie Johnson will play against the Western Region winner of the over 60's State Singles on the 16th of February at Camperdown Golf and if successful will go on to play the Far Western Region winner the same day. Erin Baulch and Jason Armstrong will play the finals of the State Mixed Pairs on 26th February, order of play and venue still to be advised. We wish all the players the very best for these matches.

At Winchelsea the Men's Pairs are still in the process of being finalized. Congratulations to Julie Johnson winner of the Ladies Consistency Singles, Runner Up Annie Walker. We are certainly nearing the end of the Pennant matches so to everyone, may the bowls be with you!!

Electoral structure review begins for Surf Coast Shire Council

Throughout 2023–24, 39 Victorian local councils will undergo electoral structure reviews, with round one reviews for 12 rural shire councils kicking off next week.

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) introduced several changes, including that all small and large rural shire councils must now have electoral structures that are either unsubdivided, subdivided with single-councillor wards, or multi-councillor wards with an equal number of councillors per ward.

The reviews will be conducted by independent electoral representation advisory panels.

Under the Act, the Electoral Commissioner (or delegate) must be a member of a panel.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will provide technical and administrative support to the panels.

The 12 councils in round one have been divided into 3 groups.

For each group of councils, there will be 2 public information sessions to announce the start of the reviews, explain the processes, and open the submissions period. Surf Coast Shire is in Group 2 – 1 February to 1 May with preliminary submissions opening Wednesday 1 February

The VEC encourages all Victorians, particularly those in the local council areas under review, to contribute to the review process and have their say.

People interested in making a submission can map their proposed electoral structure online using the public submission tool available on the VEC website at vec.vic. gov.au/electoral-boundaries/council-reviews/electoral-structure-reviews from Wednesday 25 January.







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