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Winchelsea welcomes new container recycling machine to support local child care

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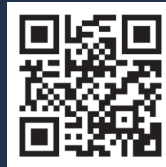


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You can now do your container recycling right here in Winchelsea

Tony Phelps, Winch House Committee

Winchelsea has taken a significant step towards sustainability and community support with the introduction of its own container recycling machine, part of the state government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). This initiative not only encourages environmental responsibility but also offers a unique way for residents to contribute to a vital local cause.

The Winchelsea Community House is thrilled to announce its registration with CDS Victoria as a charitable donation recipient. This means that when you recycle your cans and bottles, you can choose to direct the proceeds to Winch House. Each can or bottle recycled is worth 10 cents. While this may not seem like much, the cumulative impact of many small contributions can lead to substantial support for the community.

The funds raised through this recycling initiative will be specifically directed to the Occasional Child Care service operated by Winch House. This service has become increasingly essential as families face financial pressures due to the rising cost of living. Subsidising child care costs is crucial to ensure that all families, regardless of their financial situation, can access affordable and quality care for their children. The Occasional Child Care service at Winch House has been a cornerstone of support for many local families. However, with tightening budgets, the need for additional funding has become more pressing. Every contribution from recycling helps keep fees low, easing the burden on families who may already be struggling to make ends meet.

To participate in this meaningful initiative, residents can bring their recyclable cans and bottles to the new machine located at near the corner of Willis Street (aka highway) and Harding Street, conveniently situated opposite the hardware store and next to the Op Shop. The process is simple and user-friendly.

First, download the "CDS-Vic West" app and register for an account. Once registered, search for "Occasional" in the list of charities and set it as your active payout. Then head to the recycling machine with your items, and the machine will automatically process your donation, directing the funds to Winch House.

This initiative is a win-win for the community: it promotes recycling and environmental stewardship while providing much-needed financial support to local child care services. The ease of use and the direct impact on local families make it a compelling and accessible way for everyone to contribute.

The Winchelsea Community House extends its heartfelt thanks to all who participate in this program. Your efforts, no matter how small, make a significant difference. By choosing to recycle and donate through the CDS, you are helping to ensure that the Occasional Child Care service can continue to serve the community effectively and keep costs manageable for all families.

So, gather your cans and bottles, head to Harding Street, and make a difference today!



Lesley

Lesley moved to Winchelsea in 1999, leaving her farm to move into a cottage at the entrance of the town. This cottage was just the challenge Lesley needed to create her dream – Tea House and accommodation.

Winchelsea offered an affordable place to buy, on a busy highway, along with opportunities to contribute to this growing community.

Lesley has been involved in many local initiatives, the most important and satisfying, was at Barwon Park as the volunteer at major events and managing the café.

The two things that have impacted Lesley in her 25 years living here are firstly the duplication of the highway which effectively closed her Tea House. Secondly, the filming of *The Dressmaker* which brought her to Barwon Park.

Lesley more recently has resurrected the monthly market at the Shire Hall and she still volunteers at the local opportunity shop. You can find her playing golf, walking her dog, or playing in her garden. Lesley has the energy to get most things off the ground – the carols by the Barwon



in 2023 with rain threatening the event, Lesley and her team relocated the event to the leisure centre and the town turned out in force.

Every town needs its 'doers' and that describes this amazing person.

Geelong Sustainability empowers not-for-profits by reducing energy costs

Geelong Sustainability's Community Power Hub program will continue to support local not-for-profits in Surf Coast, and other regions this year.

The initiative offers free independent support and advice on how to reduce energy bills and navigate the complexities of renewable energy adoption.

Geelong Sustainability's Community Energy Officer, Emma Chessell, brings her extensive knowledge and offers a range of services depending on the organisation's needs.

Emma has helped local organisations with energy audits, solar feasibility assessments, business cases for energy upgrades, and assistance in transitioning from gas to electricity.

"The Community Power Hub program is

a game-changer for not-for-profits in our region, providing support and expertise that empower organisations to make informed decisions about renewable energy and help them save money," says Dan Cowdell, CEO, Geelong Sustainability.

Participating organisations can take advantage of independent case assessments, project cost and savings evaluations, assistance in engaging reputable installers, and post-installation follow-ups.

While rooftop solar remains a popular choice, there is a rising interest in gas elimination, infrastructure upgrades and electric vehicles.

The program delivered approximately 137kW of renewable energy in its first year, working with 38 local not-for-profits. This translates to an estimated \$37,000 in annual energy bill savings and a reduction of 160 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.

Geelong Food Relief is one of the local not-for-profit organisations the hub has recently helped. There were three main

areas of focus; assessing options for their electricity supply, solar and battery infrastructure, and increased solar.



Andrew Schauble Geelong Food Relief and Emma Chessell Geelong Sustainability



The Winchelsea Historical Society's new display cabinet showcases its' collection of small and valuable artefacts

Tony Phelps

The Winchelsea Historical Society is excited to announce the addition of a new display cabinet, now prominently featured in their premises at Hesse Street and Princes Highway Winchelsea.

The new display cabinet showcases a fascinating selection of items that reflect the rich history of the area.

Among the treasures are celebratory memorabilia from the school centenary in 1978, which mark an important milestone in the community's educational history. These items offer a glimpse into the past celebrations and the pride the town takes in its educational achievements.

Also featured are historical pharmacy products from the past chemist shops of Peter Crystal and Bob Keane. These items provide a unique perspective on the evolution of local healthcare practices and the types of remedies and products that were once common in Winchelsea.

One of the standout pieces in the new display is a Winchelsea Shire medal from the London International Exhibition held in 1873. This medal is a testament to the town's participation and recognition on an international stage, highlighting Winchelsea's contributions to various fields during that era.

One of the items on show at the Exhibition was apparently a piece of local coal - ask Lindsay Bennett for the story behind that.

Visitors can admire a collection of handmade buttons and studs from Levy's Store, a local establishment that operated last century. These small but intricate items offer a tangible connection to the town's commercial history and the craftsmanship of its past residents.

The Winchelsea Historical Society is eager to share these artefacts and many more with the public. They warmly welcome visitors every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm and on Fridays from 10am to 3pm.

The museum is also open on Market days 1st Sunday of each month, providing an excellent opportunity for residents and tourists alike to explore Winchelsea's heritage.



Margaret Reid and Lindsay "Bluey" Bennett with the new display cabinet



1978 Celebration of school centenary



1873 London International Exhibition medal



Array of pharmacy products of old

A visit to the Historical Society's museum is more than just a walk through displays; it is an invitation to engage with the past.

Visitors have the chance to delve into the stories behind the artefacts, discussing past events, places, and notable figures with knowledgeable society members.

This personal interaction enriches the experience, making history come alive through shared memories and anecdotes.

The Society's dedication to preserving and presenting the history of Winchelsea is evident in the care and attention given to each exhibit.

The new display cabinet is a testament to this commitment, offering a fresh and engaging way for the community to connect with its roots.

For those interested in local history or seeking to learn more about Winchelsea's past, a visit to the Historical Society is highly recommended.

The new display cabinet, with its diverse and intriguing contents, is sure to captivate and educate all who take the time to explore it.

This acquisition, made possible through the generous funding of the Winchelsea Star, allows the Society to exhibit a broader array of small artefacts from their extensive collection. The Historical Society extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Winchelsea Star for this significant contribution, which enhances the museum's ability to share local history with the community.

The Winchelsea Star, in turn, acknowledges the vital support of its readers and advertisers. Your continued patronage makes such community donations possible, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual support within Winchelsea.





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The devastating toll of firewood theft from Victoria's forests has been revealed as authorities crackdown on illegal firewood take and habitat destruction threatening native wildlife and Aboriginal cultural heritage.


In 2023, firewood thieves destroyed more than 9,200 native trees or cleared roughly 462 hectares – approximately 178.5 MCGs – of public land in Victoria, with stolen wood sold on to unsuspecting Victorians by illegal firewood operators.

When Victorians unintentionally buy illegally sourced firewood, often through online marketplaces, roadside stalls, and word-of-mouth, they could also be inadvertently supporting the individuals and syndicates destroying native forests and wildlife habitat.

To help buyers tell if wood has been illegally sourced, ask them:

- Where does your wood come from? They should be able to detail where their wood was sourced.
- Can I get a receipt? They should provide a tax receipt with a business name and ABN listed.
- Why is the wood so cheap? If the firewood seems cheaper than similar nearby, ask them why.

The community can help by reporting suspicious sellers or firewood theft from public land to 136 186.




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Thank you for your contributions to the Station Precinct

Linda Carter

The railway precinct mural lighting and signage is now complete.

Many thanks to the Journey Early Learning Centre for their contributions.

Other supporters include Growing Winchelsea, Winchelsea Lions Club, Winchelsea Community Bank, Regional Arts Victoria.

A special thanks to the Winchelsea Men's Shed who crafted the railway sleepers and put the sign together.



WINCHELSEA STATION PRECINCT MURAL

A Day in Winch

Artist - Lauren Green

A Day in Winch depicts the Barwon River flowing through, the life of the town, reflecting the unity and connection that this vital waterway holds for Winchelsea's flora and fauna.

The 42 metre mural depicts 24 hours in the life of Winchelsea as seen through the eyes of local children.

The Barwon at night lit up by stars and a bright moon reveal the local platypus, fish and a big gum tree.

Night moves into dawn and a famous family of mallard ducks take to the water next to a bright wattle tree.

Sunrise highlights a horse and some dandelions; daybreak the sheep, lambs, chooks and a pair of yellow-tailed black cockatoos.

Clouds start to appear and we welcome the rain along with the bare trees and raucous corellas; before a beautiful rainbow develops over a pair of plovers.

Rabbits hop and majestic monarch butterflies take to the air.

Finally, the day moves towards sunset.

Gang gangs take flight and magpies rest in an ancient gum above a lone cow.

Black-faced wallabies graze and two blue heelers play on the riverbank as the sun slides behind the horizon.

Pigeons return to rest among the gum nuts by the bridge's bluestone arches, marking the end of another day in Winchelsea.

Officially opened on 27 March, 2024

This mural project was led by Growing Winchelsea via a community project working group and was made possible by funding from the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund, Surf Coast Shire, Amarah Property Group, Winchelsea Community Bank and Lions Club of Winchelsea. Additional project supporters included Winchelsea Primary School and Journey Early Learning Centre Winchelsea.




parkrun 20

20 July 2024

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



This week 6 hardy participants braved some really horrible weather to complete the course through Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to Eva Phan who completed her personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.

We had visitors from Craigieburn, Frankston, Perth and Colac. This event was made possible by the following volunteers.

* Simone FITZGERALD * Kate McINNES * Ann Morsby
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A summary of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results

Please check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an 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.

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 only needs to be done once and can be used worldwide.



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parkrun was conducted at 493 locations across Australia this week.





A commemorative plaque made of Wathaurong Glass is featured at the entrance of the Bruno Lounge.



Martino and Anna Maria Bruno in their market garden

Keeping the Bruno legacy alive With a visit to Hesse Rural Health residents

Hesse Rural Health

Peter Bruno keeps his family legacy alive with a special visit to Hesse Rural Health

Peter Bruno certainly understands the meaning of community spirit - thanks to the incredible example set by his parents, Martino and Anna Maria.

Having originally been sent to Australia as a prisoner of war during WWII, Italian-born Martino later chose to settle in Winchelsea with his new bride Anna Maria, when the conflict had ended.

As new arrivals, the couple set about doing what they knew and loved - working the land and growing vegetables on their farm.

Over time, the family prospered, generously sharing their produce with staff and residents at Hesse Rural Health, daily.

Voted Citizen of the Year in the Winchelsea Shire, Martino was active in the local football club, the church, as well as the Winchelsea District Garden Club to name just a few community groups.

The couple held and supported countless fundraising events for the town and planted many street trees. Martino's gardening skills even saw him make an appearance on television series, Bourke's Backyard, an experience he loved.

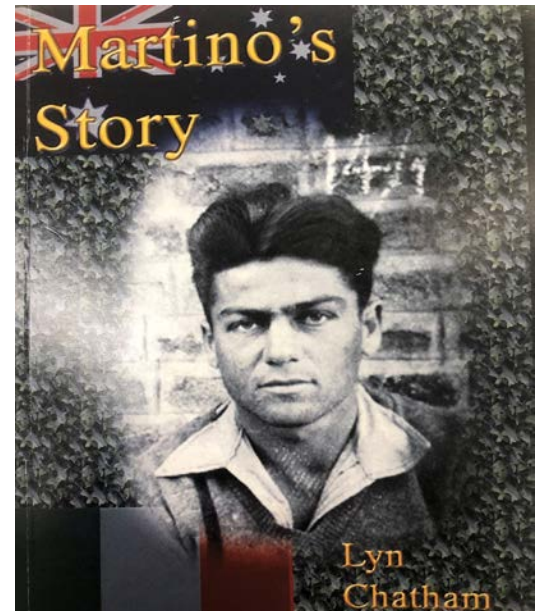
Eventually, Martino and Anna Maria came to reside at Hesse, where they both enjoyed living in our care in their later years.

To honour their legacy, their son Peter Bruno worked with author Lyn Chatham to publish Martino's Story, donating all proceeds from the 3,000-plus books sold, which helped to build a new wing for Hesse in the early 2000s.

Peter visited residents last week in the aptly named Bruno Lounge to tell the proud story of his late parents and to remember their wonderful legacy.

Thank you for inspiring us, Peter and family. Your parents' memory lives on.

Many thanks to the Winchelsea Star for your support in sharing our stories, this week, and every week. We appreciate you! Hesse Rural Health




Martino's Story



Peter Bruno visiting Hesse residents



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Protection of young children is paramount

Victorian Government

The Government is supporting organisations in education, health and family to keep children safe through the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS).

Ten organisations will share \$2 million to upskill staff in using the CISS to protect children's wellbeing and safety. The CISS enables professionals who care for children, such as teachers and nurses, to share their experience and knowledge about a child with each other to support a child's wellbeing and safety.

The Municipal Association of Victoria will receive funding to strengthen professional relationships and embed best practices for the use of CISS in local government areas across Victoria.

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency will receive funding to ensure that CISS is being used in a culturally appropriate way to support the best interests of Aboriginal children and their families. Other organisations receiving grant funding are 54 Reasons,

Anglicare Victoria, the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association, Centre for Mental Health Learning, fka Children's Services, Independent Schools Victoria, Jewish Care and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Reviews and inquiries – including the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse – identified that a lack of information sharing has contributed to tragic outcomes for the wellbeing and safety of Victorian children.

Twenty organisations have previously received grant funding to strengthen the use and knowledge of CISS across sectors and encourage increased collaboration among services to better support children and their families.

Visit vic.gov.au/child-information-sharing-grants-program to find out more about the CISS Capacity Building Grants.

The benefits of forgiving someone

Phil Jacobson

I thought some might be interested in seeing how we “roll” during Sunday services, and one thing we try to do is to make current sense from the texts we use. What follows is an example of this. Happy reading.

In John's Gospel it's written, “He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This was initially directed at Jesus' friends, but there's an underlying truth here that applies to all of us. Any act of forgiveness is an act of creating new life, a new way of “being” for both parties involved, of freedom.

In John's gospel, this act of giving his Spirit is for the purpose of bringing people together, or reconciling a situation. It's pretty simple, forgive others and you've forgiven them., withhold that, and people are still caught in their guilt.

Years ago, some men from Geelong went to England to join a monastery. During the day they'd work in the local village and return at night to their monastic home

One day one of them headed to the parish Church and stepped into its secluded charm.

Near the back of the building, a man was kneeling and crying. Without saying a word, the Geelong man went and kneeled a few paces away. When with a great sigh the villager sat up, The visitor put his hand gently on the man's shoulder and said: “You seem to be doing it tough.

The stranger blurted out his story. Ten years earlier, when he was in his late teens, he'd committed a crime, was arrested, tried, and sentenced. He'd been free for nine months. But he still felt terribly ashamed and came alone during each week to pray for the God's help.

He visitor said: “But God forgives you. Forgives you utterly. The stranger whispered: “Yes, I know God forgives me, but the people in my church and village don't.

That's really sad, and wrong., because we're all in the business

of forgiving or not forgiving, and I'm talking about the nitty gritty of what's happening here and now.

The church should exemplify its beliefs in families, local communities and even wider afield. We should be constantly offering forgiveness, and loosing the unhelpful bonds that bind us.

But isn't that what we all should be doing?

We either make real the forgiveness to each other or we tie up each other more tightly in the bonds of guilt because if we withhold forgiveness, people will remain unforgiven.

Not rocket science!

Mind you, there are times when we need confront others with the hard truth. The perpetrator of domestic violence, the raciest, the insincere, the hypocrite, all need to be called out. Jesus did. But the overwhelming task of Jesus was in freeing people from their guilt, alienation, or sense of worthlessness. He was a friend of tax gatherers and sinners, prostitutes, and people with leprosy.

This is our task today, to offer forgiveness, mercy, and liberation.

Tragically, the church through the centuries has been caught up in the blame game and we've traded on guilt. Far too often ministers have used it to motivate people into doing what's right in their eyes.

Members of congregations do it also, we do it to each other, and to the ministers.

The blame game is a disease from which the church should be free. Yet it festers on.

But let's not talk in generalities. How much forgiveness operates here in our midst?

Compassion or criticism? Innuendo or true mercy? Law or grace? This brings me to significant point: when we lock ourselves into unforgiveness, or “ungrace” , we have handcuffed ourselves.

This makes us the prisoners, as well as those we refuse to forgive.

“Ungrace” is a terrible prison.

“Receive the Holy Spirit” says Jesus.

Be a gracious forgiver as Jesus is a gracious forgiver of you.

Be a liberated liberator and see what happens.



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Alan Barron of Grovedale had a Letter to The Editor published in the 9 July edition of The Winchelsea Star. Alan has been writing climate change denying letters to Geelong papers for decades.

I will respond to his claims line by line.

The article Highway to Hell by Joelle Gergis in The Climate Report, was all doom and gloom. Its alarmist and lopsided stance was not justified.

Of course it is doom and gloom, because we have wasted decades of planning to avoid the precarious position we are in now. In fact in 1896 Swedish scientist Svante Arhenus published the first quantitative prediction of global warming due to a hypothetical doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide. CO2 then was around 285 parts-per-million (ppm). Now it is 427 ppm.

Dr Joëlle Gergis, has a right to be alarmist as her assessments are based on facts – not opinions. She is an award-winning climate scientist and a lead author on the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on the Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report — a global, state-of-the art review of climate change science.

The bottom line is that human beings are living longer today and crop yields are up which means more food is being grown. There is no cause for the pessimist stance taken by Ms Gergis.

That may be true today but with rising temperatures less of Earth will be as agreeably habitable as in the past and the species and food production will suffer. Crop production is also up due to chemical solutions which can't last. Ecosystems will continue to change, creating even more insecurity on the planet and populations will be forced to relocate to survive.

Goodness, our younger generation had enough to cope with during the Covid pandemic and are still just now getting over all the negativity of that time.

And we can expect more pandemics. Climate change affects the spread of disease, for example, by altering the natural range of disease carrying insects, like mosquitoes.

We shouldn't be filling the young minds of the next generation with unnecessary fear. Going on historical data, the weather is behaving pretty much as it has done in the past, there is no reason to be concerned.

The Australian Climate Council states that in 2024 we have already witnessed countries in all corners of the globe endure extreme weather events. From ferocious wildfires to devastating floods and scorching heatwaves, the toll of climate change is all around us. Climate pollution from coal, oil and gas is supercharging our atmosphere and leading to more frequent and severe extreme weather events.

It would help our young people no end to adopt a more beneficial and positive approach to the future.

Our young people should know the truth of what is ahead. Most of the changes observed over recent decades will continue and worsen in the future.

The Save the Children Fund say "Extreme events, including wildfires, floods and hurricanes, have become a frightening new normal. Hotter temperatures, air pollution and violent storms are leading to immediate, life-threatening dangers for children, including difficulty breathing, malnutrition and higher risk of infectious diseases."

For them to be more hopeful the adults must act urgently. Imagining a liveable future can be a powerful motivator for moving away from burning fossil fuels BEFORE it is too late.

We have the knowledge and the tools. We just need the political will.

As Joëlle said "It makes me wonder if people in decades to come will look back at the world's collective failure to shut down the fossil fuel industry in time and see it for what it really is: an intergenerational crime against humanity."

Claire Osborn Little Aths Local Legend

Claire Osborn didn't need to look far to find a reason for forming Surf Coast Little Athletics Club.

"I wanted something for my kids in years to come," she says. Surf Coast Little Athletics launched three years ago and now has 150 young members.

Her devotion to the cause has qualified her as Surf Coast Shire's latest Local Legend, recognising her contributions to helping young people to thrive, and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles.



"Claire Osborn has tirelessly volunteered for three years to start Surf Coast Little Athletics and been the sole organiser, including getting sites, equipment, paperwork, communications, joining in regional and state relays, aths comps and more," her nominee said. "Many families have benefited from having this in the community, and will continue to do so into the future. She has seen something that would be good for our community and tackled the mammoth task."

Claire works as a paramedic and is team manager at Ambulance Victoria's Armstrong Creek branch. She has four children and started the Little Aths project on maternity leave. "It wasn't just me putting in that level of work - there were others putting in just as much."

Claire participated in Little Aths at Box Hill and treasures what it gave her. "I noticed when talking with parents enrolling their children that they had fond memories of friendships they formed in Little Aths."

Claire launched a community survey and public call-out for foundation committee members. "The committee should be celebrated because without the support of those people it would not have happened," she says.

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Danni, Playgroup Coordinator

Hiya Winchelsea Families,

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We are so excited to share that as of Term 3, we are moving to a weekly format at St Thomas's Hall.

So now every Thursday morning between 10AM and midday we will have a Playgroup session.

For just \$5 per family, you will get some light morning tea and hot drinks for caregivers. Please bring a keepcup for your hot drinks, one with a lid that is not easily accessible for young children.

Each week we will have a wide variety of new toys, experiences and sensory play spaces for children to learn and explore.

We have been given some great opportunities through grants and fundraising to purchase some really great and exciting resources for the children. This includes a lightbox, soft play shapes, sensory tiles and more!

Our playgroup committee has been planning lots of great things, themed playgroups and more for Term 3, we hope to see you there!

We'd also love to invite community members to come along to showcase any special talents or hobbies that they'd like to share with us. If this is something of interest to you, please let me know by emailing us at winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com

Can't wait to see some new faces in our playgroup space.

Behind the scenes of Southern Blast

Surfrider Foundation Australia

"We had the idea, but no one on the team had ever produced a film before"

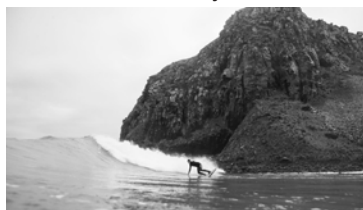
My name is Drew McPherson and I produced the film Southern Blast and want to share a bit of the behind-the-scenes of why and how we made this special film.

The idea came after a tour of 'Community Conversations' events that Surfrider Foundation Australia hosted in northern Tasmania. These were small but moving events where both hosts and attendees learnt so much about the risks facing coastal communities from seismic blasting and fossil fuel expansion. We gave the microphone to local fishers, who had spent their life in the Southern Ocean. They told us harrowing stories—not only to their the scallop beds but everything in sight. They spoke of losing millions of dollars in catch rates and the foul smell of the ocean after the blasting vessel.

This was how the film was dreamt up—we had been campaigning against seismic

blasting with our friends Save Our Coast and we knew there was little to no public information out there. So we decided to make an education film highlighting the impacts of seismic blasting. No one on the team had ever produced a film before.

We spoke with Matty Hannon, and approached our partners Ben and Jerry's with a pitch. We were fortunate to meet the late great filmmaker and Tassie surf pioneer Mick Lawrence who helped the film become more than just an idea.



Kyron Rathbone in his happy place @nickgreenphoto

Shooting the film was fun—we got a crew together and spent a few weeks filming, surfing, jamming on the guitar and cooking together. It was freezing in Tas and we did it on a super tight budget as we do with everything, but that made shooting all the more special. Those eighteen months just about brings us to now—July 2024. Mick is no longer with us, but his spirit lives on in this film. I hope you enjoy this visual

diary behind the scenes and can feel the love that went into making Southern Blast from everyone involved when you watch.



Cast of Southern Blast cooking up dinner of abalone and sea-greens @nickgreenphoto



Late great Mick Lawrence on-set of Southern Blast @nickgreenphoto

Southern Blast is available to stream online for anyone to watch. An educational film for communities here on the Southern Ocean and the world who now have insight into the destructive process of seismic blasting and the offshore oil and gas industry.

Families urged to reduce farm drowning risks

KidSafe

Leading safety agencies urge regional families to set up safe play areas and supervise children around water, to reduce the number of drownings on farms. The call comes during National Farm Safety Week 2024 which runs from 14-20 July.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths on farms. According to the latest Royal Life Saving Society of Australia's National Drowning Report, 26% of toddler drownings in 2022/23 occurred in inland waterways such as lakes, dams, rivers, and creeks. That figure rose to 43% in the 5-14 year age group.

Jason Chambers, GM Kidsafe Victoria, said farms have unique hazards not commonly found in a suburban home, including bodies of water. "Farms and regional properties often contain different bodies of water such as dams, troughs, irrigation channels, water tanks, rivers and lakes, which pose a potential drowning hazard for children."

"Creating a safe play area away from water and other hazards such as animals and machinery, is a great way to provide kids with a safe place to explore", said Mr Chambers.

In 2020, Shepparton mother Ash Napolitano endured every parent's worst nightmare when her two-year-old son, Hunter, drowned in a dam on a Goulburn Valley farm. In honour of their

son, Ash and Matt established the Hunter Boyle Children's Swim program to provide children in the Goulburn Valley region with free swimming lessons and water safety education.

Dr Hannah Calverley, Manager – Research and Evaluation with Life Saving Victoria emphasised the significance of teaching children to swim and having an emergency plan. "We urge families to enrol children in swim classes to learn water safety and to keep their first aid and CPR qualifications current," said Dr Calverley.

Farmsafe Australia Chair Felicity Richards highlighted the important role that active adult supervision plays in keeping children safe on the farm. 'Keep children within arm's reach and ensure they are never left alone near hazardous areas such as machinery, animals, or water sources. Being physically close allows you to respond instantly if a dangerous situation arises', said Mrs Richards.

Farm water safety tips

- Make sure children are actively always supervised by an adult when in or around water. For toddlers, this means having an adult within arm's reach.
- Set up a safe play area away from water hazards such as dams. The play area should be securely fenced, located close to the house, and equipped with adequate shade, as well as a range of fun and engaging activities for children.
- Enrol children in learn to swim classes.
- Ensure that water storage areas, such as wells and tanks, are securely covered.
- Where practical, remove items floating in dams that may attract children into the water.
- Dress children in brightly coloured clothing to help them be seen when on farms.
- Fill in unused holes where water can gather, such as ditches, dips, and post holes.
- Learn CPR and regularly update your skills.

For more information on farm safety and the Hunter Boyle Children's Swim Program, please visit www.kidsafevic.com.au

The Hunter Boyle Children's Swim Program

In August 2020, 2 year old Hunter was happily feeding horses when he silently fell into a nearby dam and drowned. In the depths of their despair, Hunter's parents were driven to make a difference. In partnership with Kidsafe Victoria, The Hunter Boyle Children's Swim Program was launched in May 2021.

What started as a program to provide 10 local children in need with swimming lessons has expanded with the generosity of the Shepparton community who have supported and assisted to self-fund the program activities, including providing:

- Over 40 children with free swimming lessons and all the equipment they need to participate, including bathers, goggles, a towel and swim bag.
- Culturally appropriate swimwear for 20 local mothers, assisting them to overcome one of the many barriers that they faced to participating in swimming lessons.
- 6 swim teacher scholarships to help address the shortage of swim teachers in the region

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Tony Phelps, Winch House Committee Chair

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The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is a nationally recognized qualification that equips students with the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide quality care and education to children from birth to five years. This course covers a broad range of topics, including child development, health and safety, and designing engaging and educational activities for young children.

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How to Enroll

To find out more about the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and to begin the enrollment process, please contact Winchelsea House. The staff at Winch House are ready to answer any questions you may have and assist you with your enrolment.

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For more information or to enroll, reach out to Winchelsea House via reception@winchhouse.org.au or phone 5267 2028 Mon-Fri 9am-2pm. Don't delay – your future in early childhood education starts here!



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Surf Coast Shire Council postal election

My council, my vote



You must be enrolled to vote

A general election for Surf Coast Shire Council will be held in October 2024. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Surf Coast Shire Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

State-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this general election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- you live in Surf Coast Shire and you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- you live in Surf Coast Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll or
- you have lived at your current residential address within Surf Coast Shire for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at **4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024**.

How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 131 832.

Thinking about standing for election?

To nominate as a candidate for Surf Coast Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Surf Coast Shire Council and
- be eligible to become a councillor and
- have completed the mandatory candidate training provided by Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

Enrolment closes

4 pm Wednesday 7 August 2024

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

Council-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- not a State-enrolled voter within Surf Coast Shire.

New rules mean you are no longer automatically enrolled if you are a non-resident property owner (e.g. landlord, business owner). If you are a non-resident property owner within Surf Coast Shire, you need to apply to enrol if you wish to vote in the Surf Coast Shire Council election.

Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property within Surf Coast Shire since the last election but you are not a resident of Surf Coast Shire
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Surf Coast Shire, or
- you pay rates on a property you occupy within Surf Coast Shire and have no other voting entitlement within Surf Coast Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for your tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Surf Coast Shire, or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation within Surf Coast Shire that pays rates to Surf Coast Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within Surf Coast Shire.

How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the criteria and wish to enrol, contact Surf Coast Shire Council on 5261 0600 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024**.

How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?




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Free dental care for Victorian kids

The Smile Squad has now delivered free dental care to more than 100,000 students – helping parents save time and money and keeping Victorian kids happy and healthy.

Delivered by teams of dedicated oral health clinicians who travel across the state in bright orange vans, Smile Squad provides free check-ups, x-rays, teeth cleaning, application of fluoride and dental sealants, fillings, and root canals to school students.

Since 2019 Smile Squad has delivered 200,000 appointments to kids at government schools and provided 600,000 dental health packs with a toothbrush and toothpaste.

A survey of students found that 36 per cent of them don't brush their teeth twice a day, and 16 per cent of them had never had their teeth checked by a dental professional before Smile Squad visited their school.

Importantly, this transformational program has benefits that reach beyond Victorian kids. By delivering free dental care to Victorian kids, we are freeing up treatment places for more adults to be seen by our public dental services.

Victorian parents are encouraged to keep an eye out for information about Smile Squad and sign their kids up when the service next visits their school.

Creative enterprises supported

From a First Peoples kids swimwear to transforming algae into a sustainable replacement for vinyl, the State Government is backing Victorian creatives to take their ideas to the next level.

Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks announced \$2.2 million in grants to support 123 projects across the state.

Independent creative workers and micro businesses are the backbone of the state's \$38.5 billion creative economy. Grants include a new multi-lingual theatre show to be developed in collaboration with Taiwanese artists and a short film about the experiences of Indian diaspora.

The Fund's dedicated First Peoples stream will support 22 projects including a children's book about preserving culture, two artworks exploring the sacred site Leanganook on Dja Dja Wurrung county and a performance by Na Dijnang Circus.

Projects by deaf and disabled creatives include a documentary from Restless Dance Theatre and Chunky Move that will tour the state and a suite of short films made by students with lived experience.

For more information and the full list of grant recipients, visit creative.vic.gov.au.

Rates rort hurting farmers

The VFF has laid bare the ineffectiveness of the Victorian Government's rate capping policy to protect farmers, with farmers getting the raw end of the rating stick.

VFF President Emma Germano said, "Councils are failing to equalise rate increases across different classes of land. The burden of funding local government is shifting more and more onto the agricultural sector."

"Tax hikes show that Victoria's rate capping system is broken. It is unfair to have rate increases exorbitantly high for one group of ratepayers, but no increase or even a reduction for others."

Nineteen regional councils are increasing farm rates this year above the state government cap of 2.75%, whilst residential rate increases remain at or below the cap.

"Unfair rate increases take money away from farmers investing in their businesses, growing more food and fibre and providing local employment. Ultimately this drives up the cost of food or puts farmers out of business or both."

The VFF's recent submission to the Parliament Inquiry into Local Government funding and services recommended councils apply the rate cap to each class of land.

"The fundamental principle should be that as the value of farmland increases, the differential rate is adjusted to reduce the rate in the dollar so that the rate burden paid by the farm sector remains stable. This system would ensure a fairer distribution of the rate burden between land types." Ms Germano concluded.



DataGene seeks two new directors

DataGene, the body responsible for driving genetic gain and herd improvement in the dairy industry, is seeking two new directors to join its skills-based board.

Chair Graeme Gillan said, "Directors bring experience in dairy, herd improvement, finance, research and development and governance and set the course for DataGene's key activities."

The DataGene board includes three directors with direct expertise in dairy farm management. Mr Gillan said it was important to have directors experienced in all facets of milk production and dairy farming systems who could identify and evaluate technology and service programs to support the industry.

Two directors are retiring from the board.

Directors can serve a three-year term and up to three consecutive terms. Mr Gillan said the rotation of directors ensured the ongoing refreshment of skills and experience on the board.

People interesting in nominating can contact Mick Hay 1300 380 701 or apply to www.rimfireresources.com.au by Friday August 2. For more information: <https://adr.to/j6deuai>



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1846 Land was granted by the government, and a building was constructed by Mr Austin and his neighbours Messrs. Beale and Trebeck. This building is now the Parish Hall.

1851 Bishop Charles Perry visited the station of Mr Austin.

1854 Reverend Edward Tanner, formerly minister of Pentridge, commenced in Winchelsea. He was charged with heresy by two parishioners for saying all men were equal in the eyes of God, but the charge was dismissed. As an expression of

regard by the people, he was presented with a buggy and harness at the end of the year. He resigned in 1864.

1856 A bluestone Parsonage erected overlooking the Barwon River.

1860 Laying of the foundation stone for the new church.

1861 Opening of the new church.

1874 St. Thomas's Church consecrated by Bishop Perry.

1911 Wooden rooms added to the Parsonage.

1952 A new brick Vicerage was built on the side of the church.



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Peter Day is an 'artist'

His work will be featured among the many artists in this year's Surf Coast Arts Trail (3-4 August)

Moggs Creek sculptor Peter Day finds many of the components for his 'artist' work where Surf Coast land meets the sea.

That's where debris from natural and man-made worlds washes up to provide inspiration and tactile elements for his sculptures, which reflect on the relationship between the two worlds.

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Art and activism come together with powerful purpose. "My work uses sculpture to inform viewers of the human impact on ecology and environment and the loss of wildlife habitat," Peter says. "It is about inspiring positive change."

Peter works under the title 'Adrift' and has lived on, and found endless inspiration on, Victoria's southern coast for decades. View some of Peter Day's work on Instagram: @peter_day_adrift or via surfcoast.vic.gov.au



This year Peter will share his work in sculpture, assemblage and painting as part of the Surf Coast Arts Trail for the first time, opening his Moggs Creek studio for visitors.

The Trail will feature hundreds of artists ranging from hobbyists to professionals, exhibiting and demonstrating skills from painting, sculpture and textiles to jewellery, ceramics, glassware and performance. Venues will range from private studios to community spaces and arts hubs, engaging thousands of visitors.

The 2024 Arts Trail is shaping as another extraordinary weekend with strong artist registrations promising immense diversity of work for people to admire and enjoy.

For more information, to preview the work of artists involved in this year's trail and to download the program visit surfcoast-artstrail.com.au



Michelle Leech, Deane Parker Tony Evans, Jade Killoran

New, innovative dairy practices brought back from New Zealand study tour

A study tour to New Zealand could lead to new-look regenerative and sustainable farming practices being trialled in south-west Victoria.

Local farmers and Heytesbury District Landcare Network (HDLN) representatives have recently returned from the study tour funded by the DemoDAIRY Foundation with fresh ideas that could be adopted locally.

Three HDLN representatives focussed on regenerative or sustainable dairying practices, including practices that reduce emissions or improve nutrient management and waterway health.

HDLN landcare coordinator Michelle Leech said the regen group had the opportunity to speak to a number of different researchers working on innovative projects.

"It was learning opportunity after learning opportunity and we were most excited about the connections we made," Ms Leech said. "Having that opportunity to discuss what they're doing and to create that connection to help figure out how we might apply those innovations locally is invaluable."

The HDLN regen team visited the South Island Dairy Event (SIDE), looked at bale grazing on a farm at Hororata, various grazing management techniques and multispecies seed blends at GGW Seeds Kimihia Research Centre and the Massey University Whenua Haumanu project.

The representatives will meet soon to review ideas that could be trialled or applied locally and report to the DemoDAIRY Foundation.

While impressed with the level of innovation in New Zealand, they found Australia leading in some areas. "It was nice to see how they are innovating, but we also found some things that we are doing really well in Australia compared to New Zealand," Ms Leech said.

Tony Evans from Camperdown Compost and soil consultant Jade Killoran from Healthy Farming Systems joined Ms Leech on the tour and said it had been a valuable mix of knowledge finding and relationship building.

Mr Evans, who is also a DemoDAIRY Foundation board member, said the regen group would get together to work out what could be considered for local trial work.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

ROUND 14 - 20.07.24

Welcome to Blue's News - after the last game played in Round 13 against Bannockburn and coming away with a solid win for the Seniors the Winchelsea Blues had the weekend of July 13 off as their part of the G.D.F.N.L. split round. Last Saturday saw the Club head to the Keith Barclay Oval to play for the second time this season the North Geelong Magpies. Plenty of rain had fallen during the Friday night and there would be more to come at North Geelong during the day.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 8.7.55 defeated North Geelong Magpies 4.5.29

Cold, wet, overcast and very slippery conditions were the order of the day and the Blues played good smart wet weather football in that first quarter to lead at the first change 3.3 to the Magpies solitary point. North came out playing better football during the second quarter but the Blues kept their pressure up and still had the lead at half time 6.3 to 3.2

Up until half time there had been a bit of rain fall but soon into the third quarter it started to bucket down and it just kept coming. The third was just a hard wet slog and it was difficult to see from one side of the ground to the other. The Reserves were good enough to increase their lead going into the last 8.7 to 4.3 The final quarter saw the Blues scoreless but the best the Magpies could do was kick 2 points so the Blues ran out comfortable winners by 26 points. Well done boys, a good well deserved win in the wet against a team who is always difficult to beat on their home turf.

On a sour note injuries include Angus Leigh not seeing out the game after kicking 2 great goals early on.

GOALS: Angus Leigh 2, Zach Moules 1, Jack Todd 1, Matt Gillespie 1, Jack Milbourne 1, Hayden Wilson 1, Bailey Forssmann 1.

BEST: Hayden Wilson, Aaron Cooke, Lucas Brown, Callum Nankervis, Zedakai Copland, Zach Moules.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 7.12.54 were defeated by North Geelong Magpies 9.11.65

Missing from the Senior side was Jordan Huff, Luke Henry, Ollie Mahncke, Cass Parish, Shaun Morris and hopefully the side will see at least some of these players line up for selection this week.

The rain had cleared by the time the Seniors kicked off at 2pm and the Blues started off well enough in the first quarter adjusting well to the conditions kicking 3.3 to 4 points, but the Magpies had plenty of the play in the second quarter kicking 3.1 to the Blues 1.3 and had cut the Blues lead to 7 points going in at the long break. More rain and mayhem in the third quarter saw a real tussle with some interesting Umpiring decisions thrown in and scores were level at three quarter time 5 goals 9 points apiece. Both sides had plenty of chances but North on their home ground made the most of theirs. It was anyone's game right up until the last 10 minutes when the Magpies kicked 2 goals in a row and the Blues just couldn't manage to close that gap.

So there is another loss by around the 10 point margin by this very young Blue's side. They have been competitive all season

and there is plenty to like about this young group, especially when the playing list contains so many former Junior Winchelsea players.

GOALS: Jordan Gould 3, Jack Symmons 2, Caleb Brown 1, Fin Parish 1

BEST: Lachie Gemmill, Jordan Could, Michael Bourdouvalis, Jack Symmons, Bailey Kahle, Tom Stephenson.

This week Saturday July 27, the Winchelsea Blues will host Werribee Centrals at the usual times at Eastern Reserve. All eyes will be on the Reserves to see whether they can cement a place in the finals this season after narrowly missing out in 2023.

READ THE PLAY

Last weekend was also the "Read the Play Round" which for almost 20 years has been delivering free mental health education sessions to young people in sporting clubs. Firstly initiated by David Langley this has grown and evolved over the years to include not only Football & Netball but has spread to other sports as well such as Soccer, Basketball and Baseball – the aim is to include every major sport for free!

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc. has been proud to be associated with Read the Play for many years. Thursday 18th July saw the 2nd Read the Play Fundraiser Breakfast held at Kardinia Park at 6.30am, and yes it was a very early start to the day, last year several of the W.F.N.C. Committee attended the Inaugural Breakfast and this year the Winchelsea Blues were also well represented at the Fundraising Breakfast M.C.'d by Tom King

Keynote Speaker was Kath Koschel and what an inspiring story Kath had to tell! Kath's audience was entirely captivated from her opening sentence to her last. So much to overcome and able to relate her story to others with such a sense of humour – Brilliant!

The "Read the Play" will continue to grow and help that age group of 12 to 18 year olds in various programmes. Congratulations to Michelle Gerdtz and her hard working team at "Read the Play".

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Repair work is well underway in the kitchen at Eastern Reserve, as with many repair works it may take a little longer than the 2 weeks that was first thought, it will be great to have everything back to normal to start afresh on Thursday nights soon – watch this space.

Last Thursday night the Club went down to the Barwon Hotel where Col and his team looked after us very well, this Thursday we are doing the same again, if anyone wishes to join us please feel free to do so from 6pm.

GO BLUES!!

CONDOLENCES:

All at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club wish to convey their sincere condolences to the Black family and friends with the passing of much loved Geoff Black.

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Netball News



Melody Philpott

Courage, respect and teamwork is what won Elizabeth Humphries the “Read the Play” award this week

Saturday 20 July 2024

U13s - North Geelong 18 def Winchelsea 2

This week our team had a really good crack at a taller, older North Geelong side. They played so well despite terrible weather conditions.

U15s - North Geelong 27 def Winchelsea 7

Despite being unable to come away with a win, there was plenty to celebrate for our U/15 Blues this week. This week was ‘Read the Play’ round. ‘Read the Play’ is movement which envisions the nurturing of resilient young people through local sporting programs. Congratulations to Elizabeth Humphries who was awarded the ‘Read the Play Award’ in this week’s game. The award was chosen by both umpires, who identified Elizabeth’s courage, respect and teamwork. Elizabeth brings an unwavering smile and constant support to this developing 15s side. Well done, Elizabeth!

U17s - Winchelsea 37 def North Geelong 3

Wowsers!!! CMON GIRLS! An absolutely all round ripper game from the entire team today. With Abi out and Sienna managing a minor injury we were running with bare numbers. Working on new plays and tactics over the last few weeks really paid off and the girls smashed these out on court today.

Even in windy, wet conditions the girls really took today to a new level - hopefully this is the confidence they need when they come up against the top teams. Excellent team effort - Let’s keep this up!

U19s - North Geelong 29 def Winchelsea 20

In frigid conditions, the Winch 19s faced a challenging match against a competitive North Geelong side. As we head into the last rounds of the season, our focus is on the opportunities each player has to reflect on and build upon what they’ve learned, especially in terms of mentality in preparation for their senior careers.

Our girls demonstrated their strength and skills across the court, but it was the defence by Kalarni Boddington and Emily Caldicott that truly stood out. Claire Gaffney applied our recent training drills to great effect, taking risks and creating confusion for North Geelong’s mid-court. Despite these efforts, North Geelong’s clever play ultimately led them to the win.

D grade - Winchelsea 33 def North Geelong 29

This is how it’s done! The D grade Blues absolutely delivered this week. The Blues were competitive yet controlled, brave but safe, passionate but disciplined. Min Czerniawski was on song – accurate under the goal ring. Tatum Wootton is growing in impact every game – providing consistent and plentiful options moving the ball out of defence. However no single player was a standout performer – this was a team effort which could not have been done without every single contributor. Time to follow this team – they have a finals glow about them!



Elizabeth Humphries
‘Read the Play Award’ recipient

C grade - North Geelong 37 def Winchelsea 34

This game was an opportunity for the C grade Blues to test themselves against top of the ladder North Geelong. Conditions were certainly unfavourable, with heavy rain falling as early as the warm up. Leading from the front, speedster Haylee McCallum was able to continue her punch in attack despite the wet. Defensive unit Ella Clayton and Emma McLean muted an experienced North Geelong attack. Quarter breakdown scores were near equal for both sides at each break. A better performance by the Pies in the third quarter was the only difference in quarter score breakdowns. C grade Blues hope to meet North Geelong again in finals – for redemption.

B grade - North Geelong 37 def Winchelsea 32

A few missed goals by the B grade Blues in the early minutes allowed North Geelong a glimpse of a competitive game, and that’s exactly what followed. Determined to not allow the Magpies to run away early, Connie Royal was a defensive machine with amazing reach over goaling attempts. Hannah Garner and Rose Hymus book-ended the side with tenacity in both wing positions, seamlessly combining through the midcourt. A momentum shift in favour of the Pies saw North Geelong add what felt ten consecutive goals in the second half of the third quarter. They say the third is the ‘Premiership Quarter’; the Blues made a valiant effort but were unable to claw back the deficit.

A grade - Winchelsea 32 def North Geelong 21

At the strike of 3:15pm the skies cleared, offering some more generous playing conditions to our A grade Blues this weekend. The court remained wet however and convincing possession of the ball was hard to come by in the opening quarter. Ten goals were shared by both teams in a total of 15 minutes. North Geelong under-appreciated the unstoppable reach of Gemma Stavenuiter, who turned up plenty of scoring opportunities for the Blues. Rhi Williams read North Geelong’s attacking strategy effortlessly, forcing the game to become one of long and aerial passes. Despite lifting in scoreboard presence in quarters two and three from both sides, the game closed as it started, a slow and damp affair.





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