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Round 3 BEST Series Champion!

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(from front page)

On the weekend Liv attended the Barwon Equine Showjumping Tournament Series (Rnd3) event at Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre.

This was Liv's first time competing in the Tournament as she has unfortunately missed the first 2 due to being away in Swan Hill (ran over 5 rounds).

Liv and her pony (Princess Sparkles) competed in an Optimum time event which means she had 85 seconds to complete a course of 8 jumps around 220m in length, against peers of her same age and jumping capabilities.

Liv and Sparkles nailed both rounds with clear scores and closest to optimum time. Liv & Sparkles went from 7th place after round 1, to taking out 1st place with a controlled and calculated run in round 2.

Liv then returned to the arena to compete in a Jump off, which means 5 fences chosen by the judge, with an optimum time of 65sec in numerical order, ie 1,3,5,6,8

Liv & Sparkles won the jump off, resulting in winning Round 3 BEST

Series Champion!

Liv and Sparkles have both grown from beginners to Champions through hard work, determination and a love for each other's company and bettering themselves.

This weekend Liv heads to Shepparton to compete in a State Qualifier event hosted by the Northern Victorian Showjumping Club representing Winchelsea Primary School.

This is not a Pony Club event, which means Liv will be competing against young and old, and horses with extensive jumping experience.

Liv has 2x classes jumping 50cm & 60cm against the clock (fastest clear time wins).

Liv has also qualified to represent Winchelsea Primary School in the Victorian State Inter-School Championships in April at Boneo Park.

I look forward to updating you all on their journey and thought I'd share some pictures.

Haylee McCallum (Parent)



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Sunday, At The Markets

by Alice Cloake

What a joy it is to walk our Sunday Markets with the community, to stop and chat with the sellers, hear their stories and marvel at their creations. Though the weather had decided itself to be cold and moody, the atmosphere at our last markets was anything but.

Kids beamed ear to ear as they emerged from the face painting tent, or got their hands stuck into slime at Lucy's Slime Workshop. The Men's Shed was gearing up for the usual lunch rush at their sausage stand. The CWA had all the delights you'd expect and want. Fresh produce was abundant, handpicked rhubarb from the Men's Shed, honey from Forrest, herbs from Birre - and that was just at the outside stalls.

Inside I spent some time talking to Tony Halewood. Standing proudly behind a small display of books decorated with Australian animals, Tony told me about their award-winning author and illustrator, Conny Fechner, his late wife. Tony travels around the community markets selling Conny's work. They are gorgeous books, perfect for gifting.

A big thank you to all those featured in this week's newsletter who spared a minute for the girl with a camera. Hope to see you at the next market!





WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB
In conjunction with
Winchelsea Primary School

Are holding a
FREE PICNIC


At Winchelsea Primary School Grounds
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026
12 - 3PM

For all children under 12 who reside in 3241
Must be accompanied by a responsible adult
This is a free picnic but you must have a ticket to receive your food

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Have you thought about joining the local Movie Club?

Winchelsea Movie Club enters its ninth year of bringing affordable, entertaining movies monthly to the Globe theatre.

Membership is essential -
10 screenings annually - \$70 Conc \$65
5 screenings Autumn /Spring seasons
- \$40 Conc \$35

WHEN –
Movies will be shown third Thursday
of each month (except July) at 7.30
Come early.

WHERE –
The Globe Theatre
17-19 Willis Street Winchelsea
Opp Winchelsea Tavern (Top Pub)

Movie List for 2026
19.2.2026 The Castle
19.3.2026 Tina
16.4.2026 One Life
21.5.2026 Roofman
18.6.2026 Gifted Hands
BREAK
20.8.2026 Rachael's Farm
17.9.2026 The Book Thief
15.10.2026 Mr Burton
19.11.2026 My Favorite Cake
10.12.26 Thelma

Membership can be paid by CASH on the first night February 19th or by direct debit to bank account.
Enquiries re bank account details to email - movies@growingwinchelsea.com
Jenny 0409672054 Sue 0413487915
Further information about the Movie Club – www.growingwinchelsea.com



YOU ARE INVITED TO
WINCHELSEA
COMMUNITY DINNERS

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

February 28th	July 25th
March 28th	August 29th
April 25th	September 26th
May 30th	October 24th
June 27th	November 28th

6.30PM HALL ON CORNER OF
MERCER & HARDING STREETS

PRODUCE SWAP TABLE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE
IF YOU ARE ABLE
GOLD COIN DONATION AT DOOR
MORE INFO- JESS 0409536752

Changes to diagnosing and treating ADHD

The Victorian Premier announced that GPs will be able to diagnose and treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in both children and adults.

A \$750,000 investment will deliver accredited training for an initial 150 GPs by September.

Currently, adults can only be diagnosed and prescribed medication by a psychiatrist, while children must see a paediatrician or a psychiatrist.

Under the changes, GPs will be able to undertake training to expand their scope of practice, so they can safely diagnose, treat and prescribe medication for ADHD in both adults and children 6 years and over.

Aligning with best practice ADHD treatment models, GPs will also consider non-medication care options. This includes lifestyle strategies and referrals for behavioural therapy, psychology and education to manage symptoms including attention, emotional regulation, and concentration challenges.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) estimates up to 163,000 Victorian children and 320,000 adults may be living with ADHD.

A targeted consultation with stakeholders will soon begin ahead of the proposed change.



Councillor Catch-Up

by Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor

What a busy start to 2026! After a lovely quiet week as usual between Christmas and New Year's Day, we're off with a bang and through the first month already.

As an active firefighter myself, I have joined dozens of our CFA volunteers from all around our region to combat the fires big & small to our north, west and immediate area. The silver lining on some very dark clouds is the way our communities pitch in when help is needed. The flash floods on the Great

Ocean Road, too, saw offers of services, items and accommodation almost immediately. The response from emergency services and cross-border council teams was efficient, quick and professional. In these times of heightened conflict and division, it is heartening to see how good people can be and usually are (see Page 23!). My thanks and congratulations to all involved, including and especially those behind the scenes that enable the front-line activities - families, colleagues, donors, strangers.

One thing that has come out recently courtesy of hot days with associated Watch & Act warnings, is some confusion and misunderstanding around a 'Bushfire Place of Last Resort' (BPLR), an 'Emergency Relief Centre' (ERC), and somewhere cool to stay for the day. We saw this in Winchelsea during that 40+ degree day, although it's a common issue across Victoria.

- a BPLR is NOT somewhere you should plan to go. It is a space that MAY allow you to survive if your fire plan has failed (or you ignored it) and you face imminent death where you are, and you've left it too late to evacuate. A BPLR likely has NO water, food, service, shelter, official representatives, or emergency services protection. You will be out in the smoke & embers fending for yourself. It's just a clear space, that's all.
- an ERC is an evacuation place where displaced people and maybe pets can go while their homes are under threat. The Colac showgrounds, for example, was an ERC for the Gellibrand fire with indoor camp-beds, camping facilities, advisors and more. It's a short-term place to go for a few days when you're told to leave your home, until it is safe to return or you've sorted out somewhere else to live.
- somewhere cool is voluntarily opened as a respite from hot weather, for example the Winchelsea Shire Hall or the Senior Citizens. It's unlikely to be a place to stay overnight, it won't take pets, there are no officials to provide updates or advice. It is only an air-conditioned space for people that struggle with daytime heat and don't have their own cooling at home.

In short - a BPLR is only for when you have no other choice and will die if you stay where you are. An ERC is somewhere relatively safe with essential shelter and assistances. Somewhere cool is only for the day.

All of the above reinforces the need for you (yes, you) to have a fire plan and to stick to it. What will you do on a 'bad day', where will you go, what do you need to take, what will trigger you to do it? For help, see fireplanner.vic.gov.au

Finally, find out more about Surf Coast Shire BPLRs at jo.my/bplr (this is a short version of surfcoast.vic.gov.au/bplr). I hope you'll never need one.

In the meantime, Council continues with a focus on the upcoming budget, with discussions around what to include and what not to and how much to allocate, all within the anticipated total rates collection for next year. Remember, the process is to determine the overall budget first (with a maximum possible increase set by the State Government under their Rate Cap) and then make everything fit into that budget. Keep a lookout for the draft budget likely coming out next month.



Community Satisfaction Survey *On now*



You may be contacted by an independent researcher during February/March as part of the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

The annual survey, commissioned by the state government, will ask for your perceptions of Council's performance.

Interviews are via phone and online. You'll be asked for basic demographic information, but not personal details such as name and address.

For more information please call 5261 0600.



Alice Cloake

This is a place for passionate foodies. Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Green Gazpacho

From Plenty by Yotam Ottolenghi

Submitted by Alice Cloake

About the Recipe

Gazpacho is a cold soup from Andalusia, Spain. It originated as a peasant dish of stale bread, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, and water but evolved with the introduction of New World tomatoes in the 16th century. This is not the "classic" red Gazpacho made with tomatoes though, it instead uses no less than 6 of our ingredient of the month - cucumber - along with a smattering of other green veggies. It is a wonderful recipe that is both refreshing and surprisingly filling. A great recipe for using leftover bread too!

Ingredients (serves 6)

2 celery sticks (including the leaves)
2 small green peppers, deseeded
6 mini cucumbers (350g in total), peeled
3 slices stale white bread (120g in total), crusts removed
1 fresh green chilli (or less if you don't want it too hot)
4 garlic cloves
1 tsp sugar
150g walnuts, lightly toasted
200g baby spinach
25g basil leaves
10g parsley
4 tbsp sherry vinegar
225ml olive oil
40g Greek yoghurt about 450ml water
250g ice cubes
2 tsp salt
white pepper

Croutons

2 thick slices sourdough bread
(150g in total)
4 tbsp olive oil

Methods

1. Start with the croutons. Preheat the oven to 190°C/Gas Mark 5.
2. Cut the bread into 2cm cubes and toss them with the oil and a bit of salt. Spread on a baking sheet and bake for about 10 minutes, or until the croutons turn golden and crisp. Remove from the oven and allow to cool down.
3. Roughly chop up the celery, peppers, cucumbers, bread, chilli and garlic. Place in a blender and add the sugar, walnuts, spinach, basil, parsley, vinegar, oil, yoghurt, most of the water, half the ice cubes, the salt and some white pepper. Blitz the soup until smooth. Add more water, if needed, to get your preferred consistency. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning.
4. Lastly, add the remaining ice and pulse once or twice, just to crush it a little. Serve at once, with the croutons.



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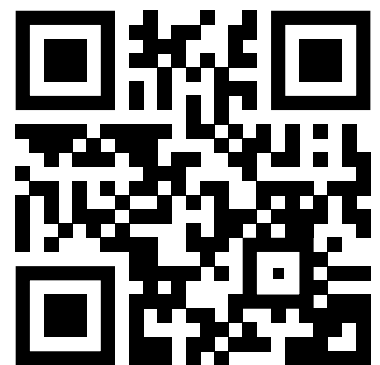
CALLING LOCAL CYCLISTS:

- Cyclists who commute to and from schools - teachers, students and parents.
- Regional and coastal cyclists in the towns of Lorne, Aireys Inlet, Winchelsea, Moriac and Deans Marsh and the rural hinterland.
- Women cyclists and non-binary cyclists.

Local riders will be selected to take part in this 12-month program, each receiving a free **ICON3 smart bike light** valued at over \$180. (\$20 postage applies).

As you ride, the light collects non identifiable real time data about your cycling environment.

Apply to be part of the trial by Friday 27 February 2026:
surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SmartBikeLightTrial



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Looking for a Casual Groundskeeper

Our school is seeking a new groundskeeper, who might be keen to partner with us in maintaining our grounds and promoting pride within our community.

\$40 per hour, flexible arrangements, training provided, some experience preferable.

Please reach out to our school office and chat to Bron - 5267 2134

Welcoming Prep Families for 2027



Principal Tours for Families

8:45am at the school - please RSVP by phone or email
Families encouraged to come to one tour listed below

Tuesday, March 3rd
Monday, March 30th
Thursday, May 7th
Wednesday, May 27th
Friday, June 5th

Come 'n' Play Evenings for Families & Students

5pm-6pm at the school - no RSVP required

An opportunity for your child to come into our school and familiarise themselves with our classroom and staff

Families and students welcome to attend all of these sessions

Wednesday, February 18th
Tuesday, May 5th
Monday, August 3rd



Contact Bron & Jen in our office - we look forward to hearing from you!

winchelsea.ps@education.vic.gov.au
(03) 5267 2134

Enquiries welcomed from 27th Jan
Enrolment applications from 20th Apr

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL IS GROWING



1

Growing confident young readers

78% of our Year 1s were at or above level in their Phonics Check (state average 58%)



Growing parent endorsement

71% Parent Endorsement in the 2025 Family Survey, up from 43% in 2023

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3

Growing facilities

A new playground just completed, with a master plan currently being funded by State Government to increase capacity and improve buildings.



Growing community presence

Our big kids visit Hesse Rural Health fortnightly, visit the local kindergartens and are regular contributors to community events and the Winchelsea Star publication!

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Brain Food

We encourage all students to bring brain food to school. We will allow time for students to take a short snack break during learning sessions to boost energy levels in the morning. 'Brain Food' can include fresh fruit and vegetables. Fruit and Vegetable break Snack (yoghurt, muffin, biscuits) Lunch (sandwich, pasta, wraps)

Students of the Week -

Prep A - Adeline Parish - For starting school with great confidence and joy!

Prep R - Jude Jackson - I love how you show our school value of Be Kind by helping your friends to pack up.

Grades 1/2 : Lucas Sims

-Consistently showing the value 'learn well,' by listening to instructions and trying his best 110% of the time. Keep up the great work Lucas, you are a role model to your peers. **June Dyson** for making a great start to Year 2. June has been displaying all the school values. Well done June!

Grades 3/4 -Rune D'Agostino: for setting high standards for himself in all areas of learning. Well done, Rune!

Grades 5/6 - Jaylee Chenhall - For always being a kind, welcoming and respectful friend in our classroom.

Henry Wynhoven- for making such an amazing and focused start to the year. Well done Henry!





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FIRST AID & CPR Training

Saturday 21st March

Winchelsea Shire Hall



Full First Aid Training \$170 8.30am - 2.30pm

CPR Refresher \$70 8.30am - 10.30am

email:
manager@winchhouse.org.au
Or
Call: 03 5267 2028

WINCHELSEA RE-LOVED MARKET

SUNDAY 19TH OF APRIL

9.30AM - 1.30PM

**PRE-LOVED CLOTHING,
HOMEWARES, ANTIQUES,
BOOKS, COLLECTABLES.**

With music From Ron Land & Twisted Tango

Do you want to sell your Pre-Loved, Recycled or repurposed clothing or homewares? Book a stall by emailing shirehall@winchhouse.org.au or scan the QR code.



*Stitch it,
Don't ditch it!*

Wednesday's from 4th of Feb 2026

9.30am - 4pm

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER available.



9.30am Friday Mornings

Pre-School 3 – 5years

'A fun, High energy class to introduce and teach
Phonics Skills to Kids'

Bookings at robotreg.com.au

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00
Winchelsea community house.

All Welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat



TAI CHI

Friday Mornings

Winchelsea Shire Hall

9am - 10am

\$10 Per Class

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health suitable for all abilities & ages.

We are always here to help, listen to your ideas and welcome volunteers. 9am -2pm Mon- Fri

Chatty Café

Fridays 10.30pm – 12.30pm

"Sip, Chat, Share, Care"

In the Winchelsea Shire Hall. Everyone Welcome, Gold coin donation.



history of winchelsea

Winchelsea State School

Today, the Winchelsea Primary School has around 150 students, serving the town and surrounding farming areas with a diverse curriculum. It has been a central part of our local community for 147 years. Many of our lifelong residents have either been students or teachers there, in some cases both, and in many cases local families are proud to have an inter-generational connection with the local school.

The Education Act of 1872 led to a rapid increase in schools in the Victorian Colony. In 1878 a District Board of Advice No. 283 requested the Department to supply a residence, after completion of the State School building and its official opening by Sir Arthur Stanley, Governor of Victoria.

The school opened on March 1st 1878, at 15 Gosney Street with Thomas W. Barry as Head Teacher. The residence, built in the early 1880s served until condemned in 1966 and sold in 1968. With 30 children in Form 1, at the end of Arthur Bryant's head teachership, the school inaugurated central classes. Under Head Teachers Stan Annear, J. Dalrymple and B.F. McHugh the central classes developed to the stage where Winchelsea became a Higher Elementary School in 1964. J.G. Dunn became Head Teacher in 1967-68 when enrolment reached 381. Among former pupils were the Hon. James McDonald, MLA, the Hon. Alan McK. McDonald, MHR, and Matthew Richmond, later Principal of Collingwood Technical School. HTs who have given long service to the school include John Grose (1891-97), George B. Corbett (1914-22), E.W. Holland (1926-36) and T.E.G. Mortimer (1940-49).

The cultural progress of the town from that time is reflected in the steeply-pitched gabled Victorian eclectic Picturesque Gothic styled building and in the northern (1914) addition. The surviving original and early buildings reflect its historical and social values, as they continue to be recognised and valued by the local community as a legacy of teaching and personal development. The original building was probably designed by the Education Department's architect, Henry Bastow, although the design is unlike most of the standard school building types produced by him in the 1870s and 1880s in Victoria. The original school building also represents one of only four known surviving 19th century schools in the Surf Coast Shire.

In October 1912 Parents of children attending the State School held a meeting in the school building to complain that the building was no longer fit for purpose, as the number of students attending had outgrown the building. The school responded by engaging St. Thomas's Sunday school for the infant classes to make room for older students at the state school.

The Education department promised to enlarge the school as it is too small for the number of children attending but said that it was unable to do so straight away given that a solution was found in the Sunday School. The health officer, Dr. Eddie, then condemned St. Thomas's schoolroom as unfit for purpose. A



strong deputation was formed by the meeting to Press upon the Minister of Education the necessity extending the school, reporting that it was in a bad state. As a result, the building was extended, the extension being finished in 1914. The Federation era additions also contribute to the architectural interest of the place with their paired gabled forms and hipped roofs (to the west) clad in galvanised corrugated steel, brick wall construction (but not the overpainting), brick chimneys with corbelled tops, brick plinth, timber framed 12 paned double hung windows arranged in banks of four, and in the window hoods supported by timber brackets.

When the proposed P-12 school is built in Winchelsea in coming years to accommodate for the recent expansion of our community population, the old school building will be conserved for its heritage significance to our town.



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

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.

Artists, makers and venues: It's time to register for the 2026 Surf Coast Arts Trail

Surf Coast artists, makers and venue organisers are being encouraged to sign on for the 2026 Surf Coast Arts Trail.

Registrations are open until 30 March, inviting participants to showcase their works and creative processes across the August weekend which draws thousands of people to studios, galleries and community hubs across the shire.

"Our much-loved Trail is turning 15 in 2026, and we are sure it will be a fittingly vibrant celebration of the creativity and talent across our shire," Cr Mike Bodsworth said.

"Last year's Trail featured more than 200 artists across 56 venues throughout the region. More than 15,000 people admired works, shared artists' inspiration and generated more than \$210,000 in sales.

"We encourage first-time or long-time participating artists to get their registrations in and be part of one of the region's most-celebrated arts events."

The Trail will be on 1 and 2 August, 2026.

Surf Coast Shire Council's Arts Team will host an online information session for artists – ideal for first-time participants and venues – on Tuesday 10 March, 1pm to 2pm.

"We're here to support artists at every stage throughout the Trail, so please be sure to make the most of the online session, and if you have any further queries don't hesitate to contact our Council Arts Team," Cr Bodsworth said.

"We want to help ensure that your Trail experience is as rewarding and enjoyable as possible."

The 2026 Trail will also offer new opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved, with the establishment of a Volunteer Program to provide support for artists and venues during Trail opening hours.

A new Saturday Night Gig Guide will provide information for visitors and locals about performance art activities accompanying the Trail, such as theatre or music events on the Saturday evening.

Links for artist registrations, the information session and more information on the Trail, volunteer program and gig guide will be available via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ArtsTrail

Artists can contact Council's Arts Team via artsteam@surfcoast.vic.gov.au, 5260 0600 or Council's civic office at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

Real Power Bill Relief For Victorians

The Victorian Government is delivering real cost-of-living relief for Victorians, with more than 245,000 eligible Victorian households already receiving \$100 off their energy bill as part of the latest round of the Power Saving Bonus.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio encourages people to apply for the power saving bonus before it ends on 31 March.

When applying, households need a recent residential electricity bill and must hold a health care, pensioner concession, veterans' affairs pensioner concession or veterans' affairs gold card.

Eligible Victorian households can claim the bonus through the Victorian Energy Compare (VEC) website or with in-person and over-the-phone support from the Community Outreach Program.

More than 10 percent of applications have come through Neighbourhood Houses and over the phone through the helpline – giving people without access to the internet the extra help they need to claim their bonus.

Victorians struggling with energy bills can access the Energy Assistance Program, a free phone support service delivered in partnership with Anglicare Victoria and cohealth, providing expert guidance and practical help for anyone having trouble paying their energy costs.

Victorians can use the Victorian Energy Compare website to find the best priced offers in the energy market. In 2025, people who used the website to switch to a better deal saved an average of \$170.

Fire Danger Period NOW Country Fire Authority

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting.

The Fire Danger Period is NOT the same thing as a Total Fire Ban.

Your local council or shire may have their own local laws about lighting fires. Contact your local council to find out what municipal local laws may be in place. Local laws may be in place all year

Municipality	Start	End
SURF COAST	24/11/2025	01/05/2026

If you need to use fire in the open air during the Fire Danger Period or on a day of Total Fire Ban you may require a permit.

Find the rules at: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-permits/about-fire-permits>

New Committee. Fresh Approach.

Growing Winchelsea Inc is entering an exciting new chapter, with a new committee stepping in and a renewed focus on connection, conversation, and community led ideas.

An Open Invitation to Get Involved.

This year marks a deliberate shift in how Growing Winchelsea operates. The new committee is moving toward a more relaxed and welcoming format that prioritises networking, listening, and the sharing of ideas. The aim is simple. To create a space where people feel comfortable turning up, having a conversation, and contributing in ways that suit them, whether that is through big picture thinking, practical suggestions, or simply being part of the discussion.

This refreshed approach comes at a crucial time for Winchelsea. Members of Growing Winchelsea Inc have been actively involved in the Surf Coast Shire Council workshops that are shaping the **Winchelsea Place Plan**. Through an expression of interest process, 29 local community and business members were selected to take part. Together, they have helped shape a shared vision for Winchelsea as it grows toward an expected population of 18,500 people by 2050.

The draft Place Plan sets out what matters most to the Winchelsea community and is guided by seven key principles to support thoughtful and sustainable growth. It also recognises that the success of the plan relies on partnership, with Council and the community sharing responsibility for turning ideas into action.

Looking ahead, the final Place Plan will inform a new Winchelsea Structure Plan in 2026. Growing Winchelsea Inc is committed to working alongside both processes, advocating for local priorities and ensuring community voices continue to be heard as decisions are made about the town's future.

Now is the perfect time to get involved.

This is a pivotal and exciting time for Winchelsea. If you would like to be involved, share your ideas and suggestions, make a commitment to shaping Winchelsea's future, or simply

enjoy being part of a proactive and positive community, Growing Winchelsea welcomes your interest and input. **Let us know by sending an email with your interest to:**

secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

Growing Winchelsea Inc will hold its first meeting of the year at the historical Winchelsea Railway Station on **Wednesday 25 February, 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

Come along and learn about the current planting and seating project as well as future ideas. The meeting will follow the final Place Plan session and will set the direction and tone for the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome. Be comfortable, bring a chair. Come along, meet your community advocacy group, and be part of what comes next.





The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Barwon Water's Annual Water Outlook

Barwon water recently published their Annual Water Outlook (AWO), providing a two-year forward look at how our water supply systems may respond under different climate conditions. Some of the challenges facing our region's water resources that are outlined in this report include:

- This year, the Greater Geelong region officially became the fastest growing regional area in Australia with a population increase of over 7,000 since last year.
- 585,000 people will be calling our region home by 2050.
- Moorabool inflows have declined by 50% since 1997.
- West Barwon Reservoir inflows have declined by 29% since 1997.
- Inflows at the West Barwon reservoir this year being the lowest on record in 95 years,
- Although the regions' population grew by 1.9%, total water demand across Barwon Water's service region grew by 2.5% compared to last year – an increase in average water consumption per person.

The AWO report can be accessed via the Barwon Water website at: [Annual-Water-Outlook_2025.pdf](#)

Thunderstorm outbreak to affect every Australian state later this week

Ben Domensino – Weatherzone

Widespread rain and thunderstorms will develop across Australia in the coming days, possibly causing flooding in areas of the country that were baking in 50°C heat just last week.

The water vapour satellite images highlight copious moisture in the middle and upper atmosphere over northern and central Australia on Thursday. This tropical moisture will interact with a broad area of low pressure over Australia during the next few days, causing wet and stormy weather to

extend further south and east across the country.

Full story: <https://www.weatherzone.com.au/news/thunderstorm-outbreak-to-affect-every-australian-state-later-this-week/1891181>

Removing livestock from grasslands could compromise long-term soil carbon storage

by University of Manchester

Removing sheep and other livestock entirely from upland grasslands—a strategy often promoted as a way to boost carbon storage and tackle climate change—may actually reduce the most stable forms of soil carbon, according to new research. The study suggests that while removing livestock from upland grasslands can increase fast-cycling carbon stored in plants and dead vegetation, it can also lead to losses of a more stable form of soil carbon.

The findings come at a critical time for environmental management policy in the UK and globally, as governments develop land-use frameworks to meet net-zero targets.

Full story: <https://phys.org/news/2026-02-livestock-grasslands-compromise-term-soil.html>

The Guardian view on risks from biodiversity collapse: warnings must be heeded before it's too late

Editorial

For years, climate and nature experts have struggled to get across the message that species extinctions, dead rivers and deforestation are an existential threat to people as well as animals and plants. The risks have become too extreme to be ignored.

.... warnings about the risks of “eco-terrorism” and the growing likelihood of war between China, India and Pakistan due to competition over a shrinking water supply from the Himalayas.

.... nature loss cannot be ignored any more safely than global heating can. Its message – that “nature is a foundation of national security” – must be heard.

Full story: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/01/the-guardian-view-on-risks-from-biodiversity-collapse-warnings-must-be-heeded-before-its-too-late>

Flawed economic models mean climate crisis could crash global economy, experts warn

Damian Carrington Environment editor, The Guardian UK

Recovery would be far harder than after the 2008 financial crash, the researchers, from the University of Exeter and financial thinktank Carbon Tracker Initiative said, as “we can't bail out the Earth like we did the banks”.

As the world speeds towards 2C of global heating, the risks of extreme weather disasters and climate tipping points are increasing fast. But current economic models used by governments and financial institutions entirely miss such shocks, the researchers said, instead forecasting that steady economic growth will be slowed only by gradually rising average temperatures. This is because the models assume the future will behave like the past, despite the burning of fossil fuels pushing the climate system into uncharted territory.

.... rather than waiting for perfect models of risk, greater emphasis should be placed on extremes, not just central estimates, and on the vulnerability of the entire financial system. Investors should also speed up the move away from fossil fuels as a fiduciary duty to avoid large future losses, said Mark Campanale, CEO of Carbon Tracker.

Full story: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/feb/05/flawed-economic-models-mean-climate-crisis-could-crash-global-economy-experts-warn>

Birds In The Garden #2

Julia Holohan

There's been a change of shift with the birds in our garden.

We still have the wonderful morning chorus of Kookas and Maggies to wake us. There's the progression of the occasional others, eagles, parrots, gang gangs, cookies, galahs & the odd pea hen from next door's dam along with a baker's dozen of ducks!

But, the beautiful, & somewhat cantankerous, when nesting, wattle birds have mostly departed now that their young have grown and left their nests.

They had commandeered the north garden, the one in front of our kitchen window and the living area.

While nesting, they were extremely noisy, bossy and territorial, keeping pretty much all the other birds away. But, it was lovely to watch them seeking goodness from the many miniature callistemons with the red bottle brush flowers. Their long spindly beaks poking into the flowers, quick as a wink, and then, off, back to their nests to share with their chicks.

They were so quick it was difficult to get photos.

They will swoop into the garden every now and then just to remind the others that they still reign supreme, or so they think.

Now that the wattlebirds have mostly departed, the little tackers are enjoying the north garden. They had retreated to the, not so sought after, south garden while the wattle birds were in the north.

These are the Eastern Spinebills with their numerous young and the New Hollands. They are loving the kangaroo paw, spending heaps of time gathering the goodness offered by these flowers, followed by a quick dip in the water in the old plough discs we keep topped up with water for them.

Also, we are thrilled to have the "small wattlebird" enjoying the kangaroo paw flowers.

Like their bigger counterparts, they have enough weight to ride the long stemmed kangaroo paw flowers to the ground determined to get as much out of that flower in one go before they let go, the flowers & stalk swinging wildly back up as the bird flies off. We love the call of

the small wattlebird, it's gentle chortle, we feel it's a bit like a softened version of a mix of, magpie and parrot.... does that make sense!

We have what seems to be a late nesting thrush high up in the corner of our main shed. What a hot spot that must be in a tin shed over these last few weeks of total fire ban days. I'm amazed the thrush and its chicks haven't dehydrated or fried!

But it's there, steadfastly bringing in a new generation. It seems to be doing alright. It effortlessly swoops in and out of the shed as it needs to and sings it's melodic tune loudly echoing off the corrugated iron walls and roof as we enter, reminding us that it's still there and don't come to close. Another avian privilege for us to relish.

Then the "maggies", they're still about and enjoy a dunk in the dog's water bowl on the back porch on these hot days. I laughed today, no camera in hand unfortunately, as I spotted wet magpie foot prints leading away from the dogs bowl along the wooden slats.

How at home they must feel to casually walk away rather than fly!

Even if our bees are a bit further off in the garden, these birds are a hive of activity and look like they're having such fun and even if it is incredibly hard to get photos of them, we're happy with a cuppa in hand, watching them and feeling chuffed to have the privilege of having them in our garden.





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Winch House is looking for unwanted ukuleles to support a coming course "Intro to Ukulele".

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THE OP SHOP

The Op Shot cannot accept donations of these articles at the moment; DVDs, CDs, books, hiking bags, backpacks, duffle bags, suitcases, and cases.

DIAMOND DOT DAY

Resumes on 7 February
Senior Citizens Centre, Winchelsea
10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch
More info ph Tracey 0427500649

WINCHELSEA TENNIS CLUB

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We have exciting programs for Joeys, Cubs & Scouts this year. We have a few vacancies at Joey & Cub levels, and plenty of room at Scouts.
Group Leader Marie McPadden
0409 330 147

This week's Edition
Editor Judy Cameron

Winchelsea Star

Next Production Coffee Meeting Sat 28 February
9am @ La Hoot All Welcome - come enjoy a coffee!

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Stitch it don't Ditch it

by Winch House Craft Group

The community sewing machines are available once again at Winch House.

There are two sewing machines and an overlocker available for use so if you don't have a machine or an overlocker or if it's just too much trouble setting yours up at home come along on a Wednesday from 9.30am to 4pm and use the communities. If this time doesn't suit ring the reception at Winch House to make different arrangements.

This week the overlocker was put to good use, a doona cover was altered and a hole in the seam of a jumper was successfully repaired - all the jumper needs now is to be de-fuzzed then it'll be as good as new.



What's on Weekly

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

9am-2pm, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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MONDAY-SATURDAY

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Accessible - 24 hours
Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St
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MONDAY

SURF COAST SHIRE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

24/11/2025 - 01/05/2026

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

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

1ST MODDAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm (school term)
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Marie McPadden 0409330147

VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,
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TUESDAY



Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

1ST MODDAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Joey's 5-6pm (School Term)
Scouts 6:30-8:30pm (School Term)
Marie McPadden 0409330147

WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
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growingwinchelsea.com/project/
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FRIDAY

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Hesse St, Winchelsea

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Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
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Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

WINCHELSEA RSL

Winchelsea Men's Shed,
Hesse St, Winchelsea
David Loone 0488 165 109

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SATURDAY

PARKRUN



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www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

DIAMOND DOT DAY

Resumes 7 February
Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch
Tracey 0427500649

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9 -12pm first Sat of month outside IGA.
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Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

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Thought of the Week

"Your prayer is the key
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and as your heart opens
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and the prayer that you felt.
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Healthy, Wealthy And Wise Road Show Supports Positive Ageing

The Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Coastal Road Show on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at the Anglesea Memorial Hall will have information, stalls and presentations to help people stay active, connected and informed.

The road show is part of Council's Positive Ageing Program and brings together a range of local services, community groups and experts to share practical information and support on topics including mental health, general health and well-being, social connections, financial assistance, scam awareness, digital banking and dementia.

Cr Mike Bodsworth said the event makes important information easy to access in a friendly community setting.

"We know staying connected and informed plays a big role in living and ageing well, and this event is a great opportunity for community members to ask questions, have conversations and discover what support is available locally," he said.

This event is being held for the second time following the success of the inaugural roadshow in Winchelsea in 2025. It forms part of Surf Coast Shire Council's Positive Ageing Program and reflects Council's commitment to supporting people of all ages to live a quality, engaged and meaningful life, regardless of ability or life stage.

The program for the day includes:

9.30am – Community groups and service introductions
10.15am – Jules Haddock from The Anxious Bird
11am – SCAM Man AI presentation
12.30pm – 2pm – Discussion panel of financial experts

There will also be information and stalls from Dementia Australia, Lifeline, Ambulance Victoria, Red Cross, Anglesea Community House, Angair, Repair Café, Surf Coast Anglesea Probus Inc, Anglesea Men's Shed, Anglesea Pharmacy, Anglesea Medical, Community Bank Anglesea, and Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria West.

"We want people to feel comfortable coming along, having a chat and picking up information that could really make a difference in their lives," said Cr Bodsworth.

"There will be all-day grazing, show bags, raffles and giveaways, so it's also a fun and social day out."

Event details:


When: Wednesday 18 March 2026

Where: Anglesea Memorial Hall, 1B McMillian Street, Anglesea

Time: 9am to 3pm

Cost: There is no charge to attend but bookings are essential. Register at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PostiveAgeingEvents

For more information visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeing, phone 5261 0600, or email rsalvo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au



What's On at the MCN Shed?

Jan-April 2026

Men's Shed

Every Wednesday and Saturday - 9am-Midday (reopens Wed 7th Jan)
Kindling and Wood Shavings - for sale
Different activities available - contact Kelvin 0414 484 673

Women's Shed

Every Friday - 10 am-Midday - Art Class (limited spaces)
Contact Jeanette 0408 466 122
BYO Craft and Chat 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm
Feb 19th, March 19th, April 16th - contact Kim 0414 482 893

Sustainability Group

'Swap and Share' produce, jars, books, almost anything!
Nothing to swap? No problem - gold coin donations welcome! 😊
4th Saturday of the month 11am-Midday
Feb 28th, March 28th, April 25th - contact Sarah 0407 400 593

Book Club


1st Wednesday of the month - 7.30pm
Feb 4th, March 4th, April 1st - contact Michaela 0418 370 469

MCN monthly meeting

4th Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov)
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Feb (MCN AGM) 25th, March 25th, April 22nd - contact Kim 0414 482 893

Other events- more TBC

Thursday Feb 25th MCN AGM - yearly membership renewals due - \$40 -
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Community Comes Together to Support CFA Ration Packs

by Robyn Black

Thanks to generous donations collected through the IGA trolley, vital supplies are being gathered to support CFA ration packs for volunteers who give their time and energy during emergencies. These packs play an important role in keeping CFA crews supported while they are out protecting our towns.

This initiative wouldn't be possible without the generosity of community members who have donated items and helped spread the word.



Best donations are:

- Individually wrapped items that can be placed into smaller ration packs for members
- No chocolate, please
- Items can be purchased from your preferred store

Communities including Winchelsea, Barwon Downs and Wingeel have already benefited from the strength of this shared support — and there is more to come. Every donation, big or small, helps ensure our volunteers know they are valued and backed by the communities they serve.



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Surf Coast community urged to join Clean Up Australia Day 2026

Surf Coast Shire Council is calling on residents, schools, community groups and local organisations to register now and take part in Clean Up Australia Day 2026 on Sunday 1 March 2026.

Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community based environmental event, bringing together thousands of volunteers across the country to help remove litter and protect local environments.

Council is encouraging the Surf Coast Shire community to either join an existing clean-up site or organise their own event in their neighbourhood, local park, beach, bushland or waterway.

Cr Phoebe Crockett said Clean Up Australia Day is an easy way for the community to make a visible difference.

"Clean Up Australia Day shows what we can achieve when we all pitch in together," said Cr Crockett.

"It's not just about picking up litter, it's about caring for the places we live, play and love."

"It's great opportunity for our kids to get involved and build lifelong habits that help protect our environment."



To support volunteers, litter collected from registered Clean Up Australia Day sites in Surf Coast Shire will be accepted free of charge at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations.

When you register your clean-up site, all volunteers will receive a free clean up kit containing gloves and bags and other resources from Clean Up Australia.

Register your clean-up site or join an already registered clean-up site at register.cleanup.org.au

Cr Crockett said this event also sparks important conversations about making long term changes to reduce waste and prevent littering in the first place.

"Clean Up Australia Day is one day where everyone comes out to clean up together. It highlights how much waste we produce and is a reminder we can get in the habit of picking up litter in our neighbourhood, every day," said Cr Crockett.

Clean Up Australia provides resources, safety guidelines and promotional materials to make organising a site easy and safe.

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1st - Cam Parke (9) 39 points C/B

2nd - Rachel Boddington (39) 39 points C/B

BDL - Peter Bath (27) 37 points

BDL - Bill Spencer (14) 34 point

NTP (6th/15th) - Tara Steward

Wednesday 4/2/26 - Mid Week Ladies results

1st Rd Jess Budge Trophy, Stableford, NTP 11th

Winner: Robyn Vesey 39 pts

R/Up: Carol Stanesby 38 pts

NTP: Jackpot

A big welcome to Mary Parish, first game back.

Saturday 7/2/26 - Stableford

21 Players.

1st - Leigh Howard (15) 38 points

2nd - Neil Hickman (11) 35 points

3rd - David "Fly" Lewis (22) 34 points C/B

BDL - Tara Steward (16) 34 points C/B

BDL - Cam Parke (9) 34 points C/B

BDL - Greg Batson (28) 34 points C/B

NTP (8th/17th) - Cam Parke

Golden Hole (2nd) - Cam Parke



Coming Up

Wednesday 11th February - Weekly Stableford and 1st round of the Ladies Club Championships

Next Saturday 14th February - First Round Club Championships

Thank you for the great turn out at our working bee. Everyone got stuck in and the course is looking a treat. A fantastic effort. Special thanks for the extra efforts this week in extending our watering system and finalising our short course.



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Fletcher Allen

Saturday Superstars – Round 12 Wins all around!

Rapid Fire edition of this weeks Saturday Superstars! Mainly because of a special surprise I can't wait to share with you all...

Enjoy!

Section 1 Mixed:

Away to Western Heights, our team had the tightest thriller of the season so far! Which had been common for this team. Fletcher and Lesley start off and with a long match our squad fall a little short going down 3-6. Ange and Matt back this up however with a solid 6-2 victory. The Ladies unfortunately couldn't find a game and served up a bagel 0-6. Father and Son combo however continue their dominance in the men's and win 6-1 2 sets left. 2 sets all. 15 games each.

Fletch and Ange serve up arguably the best performance of the season winning 6-0 in a very quick set. Lesley and Matt manage to pick up a game in not the greatest performance 1-6.

Final score: 3 sets to 3, 22 games to 21 SECTION 1 takes it home once again! MVP: Fletcher

No surprise here, he is dominating this section, only dropping 1 service game for the day and dominating rally's. He is simply playing too good.

Section 7 Mixed

Playing against Drysdale at home, our premiership looking team bounced back in the best way possible.

Jo and Kurt started off winning their set with a donut 6-0 victory! Katrina and Josh also got a comfortable 6-2 win

Jo and Kat got up in a solid 6-2 win while Kurt and Josh had a harder

battle but got up 6-3

Finally Kat and Kurt got up 6-2 while Jo and Josh finish off with a 6-3.

Final Score: 6 sets to 0, 36 Games to 12 Response = Secured

MVP's: Kurt and Jo!

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Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson



Magnificent dedication and teamwork, the only way to describe our finish to the home and away matches this season of Pennant. Winchelsea has five of our six teams playing finals, four of whom are minor Premiers and two teams undefeated all year. Fantastic achievement everyone! Onward and upward is the best attitude to enter the finals series and achieve success no matter how hard it may look going into the matches.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Divi 1 def Colac City at home winning 2/3 rinks, 75 shots to 69 shots.

Divi 3 def Colac away winning all rinks, 82 shots to 40 shots.

First finals Tuesday 10th February Divi 1 at Cressy, Divi 3 at Colac.

SATURDAY RESULTS

Divi 1 A def Colac at home all rinks 112 shots to 81 shots.

Divi 1 B def by Apollo Bay winning 1 rink and drawing 1 rink, 87 shots to 108 shots. This squad have worked really hard all year to finish with 3 wins and lots of rinks wins. Congratulations on their effort, as what usually happens is the promoted team finishes a far last and we have done much better than that. Also, it has been proven over decades having 2 Division 1 teams has been very divisive within a

club and taken them all backwards. This did not happen with us. We are in it all together and we all support one another, a win for us once again demonstrating the Club attitude and support.

Divi 4 def Camperdown Magpies away winning 2 rinks and drawing the 3rd, 63 shots to 57 shots.

Divi 5 were def by Colac 33 shots to 51 shots.

AROUND THE GREEN

Club events are still being played when people are available. Friday the 6th of February was the first of 4 consecutive Barefoot Bowls nights. A very well attended event as there was a considerable crowd at the Football ground with another sporting event. Everyone appeared to enjoy the fun, live music by Brooke and of course the food. If you were unable to attend you are most welcome to come on the 13th, 20th or 27th of February or all of these dates, help if needed and plenty of equipment available.

While we enjoyed a night of celebration at the club after the games yesterday we are well aware that the really hard yards commence from Tuesday onwards and will continue until the season ends. Excellent teamwork, continued practice and encouragement of all others will be key and of course may the bowls be with us!!



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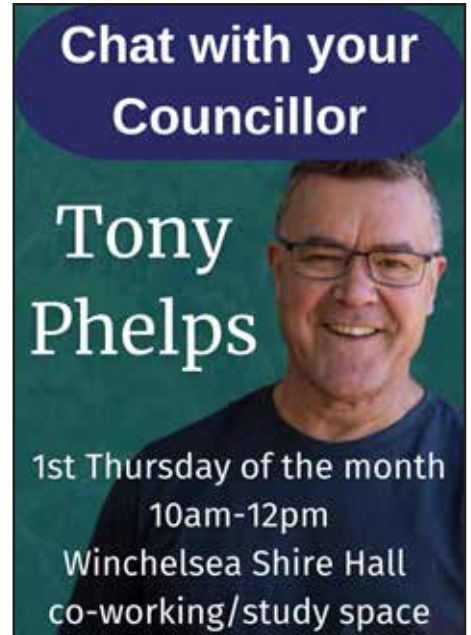
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