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WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

This month's Highlight.

It's our 2nd Anniversary of the Community Market and Fathers day! What better way to celebrate them then with a Doggy Parade!
With prizes and Doggy bags up for grabs, it's sure to be a barking good time.
All furry friends are welcome to enter into the Parade, simply sign up at the Growing Winchelsea tent on the day.

Dogs on Parade.
10.30-11.30

1st of September 
9am-1pm

What to expect

Food Vendors
HOT JAM DONUTS
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DEVONSHIRE TEAS
TOASTIES
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Fathers day stalls
Market Stalls
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150TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!



- 1 PART 1: PLANNING & INVITATIONS
- 2 PART 2: SCHOOL LEAD-UP EVENTS
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We are here. Reach out and get involved.



PART 1 PLANNING & INVITATIONS

From August 2024...
There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Please help spread the word amongst former students and staff.



PART 2 SCHOOL LEAD-UP EVENTS

Wed 5th - Fri 7th November 2025
Special activities for students, including guest speakers, and open classrooms for previous students & staff.

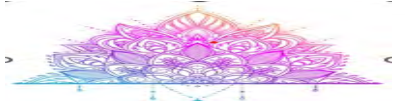


PART 3 THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday 8th November 2025
A ticketed birthday event from 2pm to 5pm for all friends of the school, previous students, staff, and current students & families.

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Cinthya Sabillon

For the fortunate residents of Winchelsea, having this lady in their midst is truly a stroke of luck



In the bustling world of competitive cooking Cinthya Sabillon, the founder and owner of La Caseta, stands out as the first and only business known to sell traditional Honduran food in Australia.

Last year, this talented cook secured the first-place title at the World Food Championships competition in the vegetarian category with traditional Honduran dishes such as Baleadas and Empanadas. This year, in 2024, Cinthya Sabillon once again graced the competition stage, showcasing her skills in two categories: Vegetarian and Seafood.

In the vegetarian category, Cinthya wowed the judges with her Honduran style flute tacos, earning a respectable third place. However, despite her best efforts, a minor disagreement with one of the judges over the presentation of the dish led to a missed opportunity for the top spot. Technical difficulties with the induction stove added an extra layer of challenge to the competition, but Cinthya's determination shone through as she persevered until the very last second of the competition.

What makes this story even more intriguing is that last year, when she won with the two most traditional dishes from Honduras, the category was new and it wasn't a 'Golden Ticket' one. But this year it was a 'Golden Ticket' category - to win a trip to represent Australia at the World Food Championships in the USA and the chance to win \$US150,000. They assign the coveted "Golden Ticket" to some of the categories each year for the cooking, for example, vegetarian, seafood, bbq, dessert, burger, etc.

Next day, venturing into unfamiliar territory, Cinthya decided to compete in the seafood category for the first time cooking "Sopa Marinera," a traditional seafood soup from the Coast of

Honduras. Despite her confidence in the flavour profile of the dish, a last-minute decision regarding the presentation of the dish ultimately cost her the coveted golden ticket. She got the second place, losing by 3 points.

Receiving feedback post-competition, Cinthya learned valuable lessons on the importance of presentation (especially for a competition), portion control (judges don't want big portions as Cinthya presented), and highlighting a hero ingredient in their dishes (something to work on!)

Despite the setbacks, Cinthya remains proud to have represented Honduras on the international culinary stage, showcasing the flavours and traditions of her homeland with every dish she created.

For the local community of Winchelsea, Cinthya Sabillon offers a unique opportunity to experience these Latin flavours through weekly meals, catering services, or getting the Honduran Food at the markets she frequents.

If you know of a business interested in a kitchen takeover at cafes or restaurants please let her know.

In a world where culinary artistry meets competition, Cinthya Sabillon stands as a shining example of talent, perseverance, and cultural pride.

And for the fortunate residents of Winchelsea, having this lady in their midst is truly a stroke of luck

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Calling all artists: Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar competition opens

Surf Coast Shire

Entries are opening for the Surf Coast Shire Community Arts Calendar competition, offering local artists chances to shine.

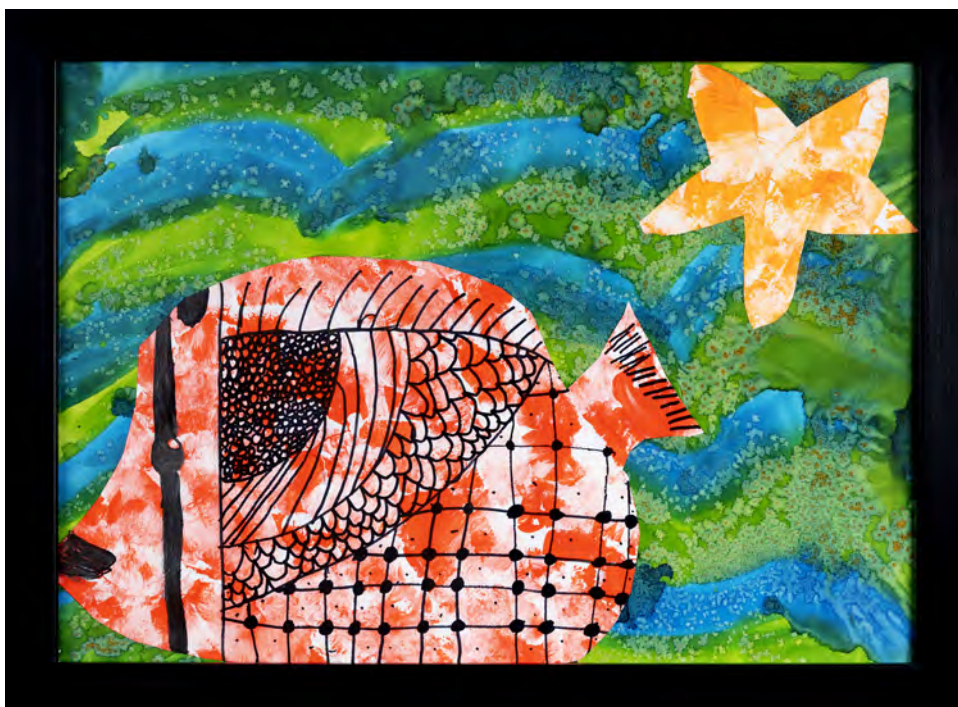
Works from artists of all ages will be in the running to be among the 13 chosen to feature in the 2025 calendar, and all eligible entries will be included in a special exhibition at the Anglesea Art Space during October.

Entries open Friday 23 August and close Sunday 15 September. The competition will again feature the categories of open 2D, open 3D, youth and child.

“We encourage eligible aspiring and established artists from across the shire to enter their works,” Cr Gary Allen said. Even if they are not among the 13 chosen for the calendar, being featured as part of the exhibition can provide a substantial thrill and valuable exposure.

“This competition offers accessibility to artists of all ages and across diverse mediums. We are particularly hoping to see more entries in the 3D category this year, which includes sculptures, ceramics and textiles. Works already installed in private or public spaces can be submitted via photograph.”

A panel of judges will select the 12 works which will accompany each calendar month. Winners will be announced at a community event to launch the exhibition at 6pm on 11 October.



Salty by DeeDee won the People's Choice award for the 2024 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar

The exhibition will run until 26 October and visitors will be able to cast votes in a People's Choice Award which will determine the work to grace the calendar cover.

Each of the 13 artists to be featured will receive a \$300 cash prize, and acknowledgement in the calendar.

Artists must be Surf Coast Shire residents or ratepayers to be eligible for judging and inclusion in the exhibition, and must not have featured in the past two calendars.

Artworks must be no larger than 100cm x 100cm and must be ready to hang. Entries are restricted to one per person.



People can find full entry details surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendarcomp

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Youth Fest Art Exhibition is back for 2024

Surf Coast Shire

The Surf Coast Shire Council is excited to announce the 2024 Youth Fest Art Exhibition is about to begin.

This year's exhibition, themed "Senses – Sense of Identity, Sense of Place," will run from 1 – 15 September at Anglesea Art Space, with the official opening event scheduled for Sunday, 1 September, 2pm to 4pm.

The 2024 exhibition theme encourages young artists aged 12-25 who live, work, or study within the Surf Coast Shire to explore and express their sense of identity and place through various art forms and styles.

Cr Mike Bodsworth said, "Each piece of art will uniquely respond to the theme, offering insight into the experiences and perspectives of our young people."

"This youth art exhibition serves as a wonderful platform for creative expression, enabling young artists to share their thoughts, emotions, and ideas through their art," he said.

"The Youth Fest Art Exhibition also teaches young artists how to present their work professionally, which is crucial for their artistic growth."

One of the entrants is 15-year-old Frazey Horsburgh-White, who has taken inspiration from the acclaimed Felicia Chiao to create an emotional and thought-provoking multi-media artwork. The piece is a complex blend of foam core board, wood, resin, paper, and oven-baked clay. Frazey enjoys working with various mediums and shares her motivation behind the artwork, and explained, "this project was a way of incorporating the different skills I've picked up. Each of the materials and textures play a role in telling the story I wanted to express."

"My artwork is a reflection of the emotions many of us experience, but often struggle to articulate," Frazey said. "I wanted to visually explore those feelings of being overwhelmed and then finding a way through to something brighter."

"This artwork shows the level of art ability the community can expect to see at Youth Fest 2024," concluded Cr Mike Bodsworth.

The Youth Fest Art Exhibition will be open to the public September 1-15 from 11am-4pm at the Anglesea Art Space, Shop 2, 103 Great Ocean Road Anglesea (corner of Noble Street).

The exhibition is part of the Vic Youth Fest supported by the Office for Youth, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

Frazey



* SENSES * YOUTH ART EXHIBITION *

Opening Celebration

Sunday 1 September, 2pm-4pm

* Angelsea Art Space

Shop 2, 103 Great Ocean Road Anglesea (corner of Noble St)

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Interested in becoming a councillor?



Surf Coast Shire Council is hosting a free information session for individuals who are considering running in the October 2024 Council election.

This session will be held at:

Council's Civic Office
1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay
6pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 4 September

This will be a combined session presented by Council and the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), with the agenda including:

- The VEC Election Manager will provide information on how to nominate as a candidate. Several processes have changed following the 2020 Council election, so prospective candidates are encouraged to attend even if they have attended sessions for previous elections.
- Council's CEO Robyn Seymour and members of the Executive Management Team will discuss the role of Council in the community including functions and priorities, and challenges facing Council during the next four years and beyond.
- Council officers will provide an overview of a councillor's conduct, integrity, and governance obligations, and information on recent legislative changes. Candidates will also be given information about the support that is available to councillors, an outline of the councillor induction process and time commitments.

To register for this session, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Election2024 or scan the QR code.



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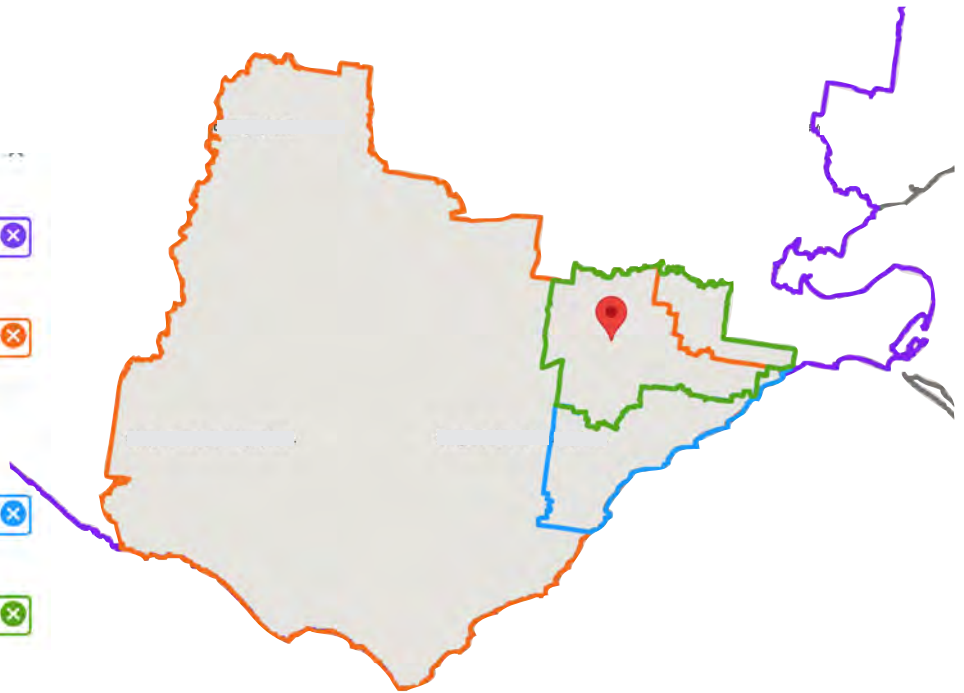
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Call for candidates for Surf Coast Shire Council election

Victorian Electoral Commission

Candidates ready to stand in the upcoming Surf Coast Shire Council postal election are urged to use the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC's) newly refreshed Candidate Helper to get their applications ready for submission when nominations open on Monday 9 September.

Electoral Commissioner Sven Bluemmel reminded candidates that there are several important steps they must complete before nominating.

'If you want to represent your local community, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination. This rule applies to all candidates, including those who are currently or have previously been a councillor,' Mr Bluemmel said.

The VEC's online Candidate Helper at vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate allows candidates to pre-fill their nomination forms before submitting them at their nomination appointment.

Candidates can also watch a series of videos on key topics such as the nomination process, including the rules and procedures that apply.

More information is available online at vec.vic.gov.au. The Candidate Handbook is also available on the VEC website.

Prospective candidates are also encouraged to attend the candidate information sessions being held in each electorate before the opening of nominations.

Prospective candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination forms and pay the \$250 fee in person during business hours. They must provide evidence that they have completed the online candidate training, as this is required by law and will be shown on each candidate's nomination form.

Candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination form in person at the election office by calling the Candidate Helpline 03 8620 1316 between Tuesday 20 August and Monday 9 September. From Monday 9 September candidates can call 131 832 and they will be directed through to the relevant election office.

Nominations close at 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September. Late nominations will not be accepted.

More information on nominating is available at vec.vic.gov.au

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Hundreds turn out for Alex Dyson's campaign kick-off in Warrnambool

Alex Dyson

Alex Dyson's Independent campaign to secure a better deal for Wannon got off to a rousing start yesterday, as hundreds of supporters gathered at the Warrnambool Civic Green for the campaign's official kick-off. The event, marked by a strong sense of community and shared purpose, featured moving speeches, local talent, and an inspiring turnout from the people of Wannon.

Expressing his gratitude for the overwhelming support, Alex noted how touched he was to see familiar faces from all stages of his life, including those who travelled from all corners of the electorate and former school teachers who he mentioned during his address. As a product of South West Victoria himself, he emphasized the importance of community in his campaign, stating, "Seeing so many people from across Wannon, all wanting a better deal for our region, fuels my commitment to this campaign. Together, we can make history and finally bring the representation our community deserves."

Independent MP for Goldstein, Zoe Daniel, was also in attendance, delivering a powerful speech emphasizing the strength of independent candidates in holding the major parties accountable and ensuring communities are heard. "Having an independent MP is about more than just having a voice in

Canberra; it's about making sure that voice echoes the needs and aspirations of the people it represents," she said.

Looking ahead, Alex announced the next major steps in his campaign—a Listening Tour that will take him to Hamilton, Colac, Portland, Ararat and beyond, to genuinely listen to the community and help shape the priorities of the Independent campaign going forward. "The benefit of being Independent is that I take my lead from locals, not lobbyists, so I'm looking forward to hearing from as many Wannon residents as possible over the next 12 weeks " Dyson said. Additionally, he confirmed the upcoming opening of a campaign hub on Liebig Street in Warrnambool, as well as hinting at future hubs around Wannon.

As Alex Dyson's campaign continues to gain momentum, the message remains clear: it's time for an honest, local, and independent voice to get a better deal for Wannon at the next election.

For more information about Alex campaign at www.AlexDysonIndependent.com.



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24 August 2024

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34 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week in beautiful running conditions.

Six people completed their first parkrun. Welcome to Jane, Greg, Fiona, Kylie, Bianca and Dee, Congratulations to Amanda May, Ebony Berg and Liz Bennett who completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. We had visitors from Balyang, Caroline Springs, Werribee, and Lang Lang. Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.



This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Murray Aisbett * Neil McInnes * Helen Woodall * David Woodall * Kate McInnes * Don Smith. Special thanks to Kristine and Eric Da Silva who were visiting from Caroline Springs and volunteered as Tail Walkers.



Further details 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 is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,001 parkrun events worldwide.

Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please)

parkrun was conducted at 495 locations across Australia this week.



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History

There have been three newspapers in this area. The Winchelsea and Birregurra 'Star' appeared in the 1890's and the the Winchelsea 'Mercury' in the 1920's. In 1977 'Winchelsea Star' was founded by a group of residents from Winchelsea and district to provide news, information and communications of a local nature.

Past editions

Visit <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-410430568> to see prior editions of the Star held by the National Library of Australia.

Community Newspapers

The Winchelsea Star is one of 70 members of the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria. These volunteer-driven papers inform and educate their communities, strengthening them socially and economically and helping them to be resilient in times of hardship. They publish stories to let their residents know the history and culture of their people and localities.

Volunteer committee

The Star is a registered non-profit Incorporated Association, directed by a Committee of Management with nine members. Office bearers are;

- President
- Editor
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, nine Committee members are elected, then this Committee chooses the office bearers.

Weekly production

In terms of producing each edition, the following roles are allocated by the Committee;

- Editor(s)
- Advertising manager(s)
- Designer(s)
- Printer
- Distributor(s)

Ideally, all jobs are shared to spread the workload and cater for holidays, sickness.

All roles are voluntary except Designer and Printer which are sub-contracted.

The Winchelsea Star is compiled Monday afternoons, printed and digitally distributed on Tuesdays, with hard copies on Wednesdays. It is available Wednesday afternoon onwards from local shops.

Where local stories come from

The Star has no formal reporters. Articles, news, information and events are supplied by the community at large. Some organisations, such as the Senior Citizens, Primary School and Football and Netball Clubs, supply an article regularly.

Like to help?

The Star is a community newspaper, by the community, for the community, and community participation is key to its ongoing success.

We welcome volunteers to assist in management, become a reporter to sniff out stories, create advertising graphics, distribute printed editions, or take on a photographer role ...

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Judy Cameron

What can I return?

Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible. You can keep the lids on, we recycle them too.

Check for the 10c mark

Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode.

You shouldn't crush your containers.

We recommend you don't crush containers, as most refund points can't accept them if containers have been crushed.

Lids can be left on

They will become part of the circular economy too and will be made into new products.

What can't be returned?

There are some drink containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally excluded containers are those that are less than 150mL and greater than 3 litres. Many of these containers can still be recycled in your kerbside bins.

There are multiple ways to receive your 10 cent refund.

You can either keep your refund, or support your favourite charity or community organisation with a donation.

Vouchers

Vouchers are generated instantly, and can be redeemed at participating stores such as your local supermarket. These can be



Anna Clothier converting her refunds to the family fund for their Christmas holidays in Warrnambool

used towards your purchase, or they can often be exchanged for cash in-store. No personal details are required. This is the most common payment type at reverse vending machines.

Donate your refund

You can find a registered charity or community organisation to support. Local Winchelsea groups you can donate to include the Primary School, Fire Brigade, Lions Club, Neighbourhood House and SES Winchelsea Unit.



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Safer, smoother and faster journeys for Geelong

Trains will return on the Geelong and Warrnambool lines, with the Australian and Victorian Governments' 72-day construction blitz on the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication now complete.

Trains resumed on Monday following intensive works that duplicated eight kilometres of track, upgraded Marshall and South Geelong stations and removed two dangerous level crossings.

Trains will now travel over new rail bridges at Fyans Street and Surf Coast Highway, with the removal of the two level crossings reducing congestion for the tens of thousands of drivers that use these roads each day.

Fyans Street will feature a new streamlined road alignment, along with picnic facilities and rest areas available in the new open space around the rail bridge.

Upgrades to train detection technology have also been completed on the remaining public level crossings between Waurin Ponds and Warrnambool as part of Stage 2 of the Warrnambool Line Upgrade, which will enable the introduction of VLocity trains by the end of the year.

The South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication total project cost is \$933.6 million with the Australian Government committing \$784.1 million.

More job pathways for local government workers

The Government is supporting more Victorians to get the training and skills they need to work in local government.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne today announced a \$6.3 million pilot program to address workforce shortages in councils across Victoria, creating pathways to secure jobs with good pay and conditions.

The two-year pilot will be delivered by a consortium of higher education providers led by RMIT University, filling skills shortages in areas like engineering, town planning and allied health.

Local Government Earn and Learn program participants will commence training in 2025, creating more job pathways for local government workers wishing to retrain and new opportunities for jobseekers.

By connecting education providers with councils, the free program will help Victorians get the skills they need to work in local government and deliver important services and infrastructure across the state.

RMIT, Federation University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University will collaborate with the local government sector to identify skills shortages and co-design training to directly address workforce need.

All 79 local councils in Victoria will be invited to participate in the program, addressing skills shortages across the state so that councils can deliver key services and projects.

Information about the Earn and Learn program is available at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/earnandlearnprogram.

Grants to support and engage young Victorians

The Government is helping young Victorians take the lead, build life skills and showcase their talents and contribution in the community.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today announced the opening of applications for Engage! 2025–2027 program grants.

Grants of between \$60,000 and \$180,000 over three years or \$20,000 to \$60,000 per annum are available for youth participation and engagement activities across Victoria.

The grants will fund community organisations, local governments, Aboriginal entities and social enterprises to work with young people aged from 12 to 25 to design and deliver activities that suit their interests and the goals they aspire to achieve.

There are three categories of activities funded in the program – youth engagement and participation, youth development and youth celebration and events.

This includes activities that promote the voices of young people and their participation in decision making, help them develop new skills and showcase and recognise their contribution to their communities.

More than 70,000 young Victorians were engaged and supported in 2023 across more than 90 initiatives as part of the 2022–2024 Engage! Program – including vocational training workshops, mentoring groups and local events that took place in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

The Engage program is part of the work of the Government to provide young Victorians with the support and opportunities they need to reach their potential and engage with their local communities.

Grant applications are open until 23 September 2024.

For more information about the Engage! 2025-2027 program, or to apply visit vic.gov.au/engage-2025-2027.

Unsealed road dust suppressions Applications open until 13 September

Surf Coast Shire

Nominations for Surf Coast Shire Council's dust suppression program for unsealed roads are open until 13 September 2024.

Each year Surf Coast Shire Council conducts a dust suppression program on rural roads. This program assists rural residents to reduce the amount of dust generated by passing traffic.

Residents can apply for their road to be considered for dust suppression. Council officers conduct assessments on each application, taking into consideration factors like traffic volume, types of vehicles using the road, speed limits, proximity to homes and the number of nearby homes.

Nominations will close earlier this year due to the caretaker period for Council election.

Dust suppression works won't be carried out until December and will last around three months, making sure the effectiveness of the dust suppression is at the time when it is needed most during the summer months.

"This program helps our rural towns contain the nuisance that is dust during the summer months", said Cr Libby Stapleton.

"I encourage all residents that live on a gravel road and experience issues to apply for this program", she said.

The timeline for dust suppression program is:


- Applications are now open to nominate your road for dust suppression.
- Applications close on Friday 13 September 2024.
- During October and November, Council officers will conduct assessment of roads nominated during the request period.
- All residents who applied will be advised if their request was successful or not.
- From December dust suppression works will be conducted on unsealed roads.

In addition to these works funded by Council, there are several roads that are treated through a private works agreement.


The product used for dust suppression is Dust Mag. The main component is magnesium chloride, which is used globally, and government approved. Dust Mag is applied directly to the road surface through a water cart and is absorbed within the top clay surface of the road.

Find out more about the dust suppression program and apply for your road to be considered at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DustSuppression

To speak to a Council officer about the program before making a submission, call 5261 0600 or lodge a request at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/lodgearequest



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Electric Homes Program Launch

Geelong Sustainability

The Electric Homes Program is back! It's the community's biggest electrification and home efficiency initiative, and we'd like to invite you to the launch event.

Last year we helped over 300 households in the Barwon region transition away from gas, and this year we are hoping to help even more with an expanded offering to help residents save on their energy bills, reduce emissions, switch off gas and enjoy a more comfortable home.

What to expect at the event:

- Learn about the program, how it works and the products and services that are included.
- Hear from the trusted local suppliers who will carry out the work, and view the products.
- Ask questions with the team from Geelong Sustainability.

Electric Homes Program Launch
When: 5.45 - 7.00pm, Wednesday 28 August
Where: Geelong West Town Hall, Geelong

If you want to learn more about the program now, head to electrichomes.com.au.



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The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Here are my snippets from the World Wide Web* gathered this week. Not much to be happy about here!

Ice Shelf Completely Disintegrates in East Antarctica

scitechdaily.com/ Kathryn Nansen, NASA Earth Observatory

It is relatively common for ice shelves in Antarctica to spawn icebergs. It is less common for an ice shelf to completely disintegrate. In March 2022, an ice shelf in East Antarctica did both. The collapse has reshaped a part of the Antarctic landscape where coastal glacial ice was once thought to be stable.

The loss of an ice shelf is problematic because it can indirectly contribute to sea level rise. Ice shelves are essentially the 'safety band' holding up the rest of the Antarctic Ice Sheet. When they collapse, the ice behind them can more quickly flow into the ocean and that is what raises sea levels.

All of the previous collapses have taken place in West Antarctica, not East Antarctica, which until recently has been thought of as relatively stable. This is something like a dress rehearsal for what we could expect from other, more massive ice shelves if they continue to melt and destabilize. Then we'll really be past the turnaround point in terms of slowing sea level rise.

Climate Change Is Pushing Fires to Higher Ground

<https://scitechdaily.com/> NASA Earth Observatory

Scientists have known for decades that climate change makes wildfires more common, larger, and more intense. Now an international team of scientists has demonstrated a new connection between fires and global warming.

Fires are now burning higher up on hillsides and mountainsides because areas that used to be too wet to burn are now drier due to warmer temperatures and earlier snowmelt. The study also showed that drier air—which makes vegetation dry out and burn more easily—is moving upward at a rate of about 9 meters each year.

The crisis in our oceans shows how quickly climate chaos can strike

<https://www.newscientist.com/> 14 August 2024

A rapid rise in global sea temperatures is causing havoc across the world. It is a compelling reminder that the impacts of climate change will arrive in sudden, catastrophic bursts. Ocean temperatures have been rising steadily for decades, with our seas having absorbed much of the excess atmospheric heat generated by our relentless burning of fossil fuels. But in March 2023, almost overnight, they suddenly skyrocketed. Temperatures have since remained well above normal, reaching "hot tub" levels in some places, with disturbing consequences that suggest we have pushed ocean ecosystems to breaking point.

The rapid rate of these changes and the severity of the havoc they are causing have taken scientists by surprise. But it should also serve as a stark reminder that the impacts of climate change won't necessarily be slow, predictable declines but sudden cascades with grave consequences, many of which we don't fully understand.

Consider the world's coral reefs, which have suffered their fourth global bleaching event on record this year. At a certain point, possibly within a few years, a series of marine heatwaves will probably kill off most of the world's corals. Their demise will spell catastrophe, both for marine life and the people who depend on reefs for food, coastal protection and income.

Warmer water brings the world closer to other tipping points too. It laps at the edges of melting ice sheets and slows the circulation of ocean currents, for instance. Once these systems collapse, there is no going back.

Crashes, blackouts and climate tipping points: how can we tell when a system is close to the edge?

<https://theconversation.com/> Published: August 16, 2024

Ben Fulcher
Senior Lecturer, School of Physics, University of Sydney
Brendan Harris
PhD student, Neurophysics, University of Sydney

According to the infamous myth, groups of lemmings sometimes run off cliffs to their collective doom.

The edge of the cliff is what scientists call a "critical point": the spot where the behaviour of a system (such as a group of lemmings) suddenly goes from one type of state (happily running) to a very different type of state (plummeting), often with catastrophic results.

Lemmings don't actually charge off cliffs, but many real-world systems do experience critical points and abrupt disasters, such as stock market crashes, power grid failures, and tipping points in climate systems and ecosystems.

Critical points aren't always literal points in space or time. They can be values of some system parameter – such as investor confidence, environmental temperature, or power demand – that marks the transition to instability.

*The World Wide Web (WWW or simply the Web) is an information system that enables content sharing over the Internet. It allows documents and other web resources to be accessed over the Internet according to specific rules of the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Web

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

What a great story submitted by Vee Anscombe in last week's Star (Vol 47 Ed 32).

How clever the navigator and captain do arrange the ship as they did.

There's more to the story: I would like to know how Vee came to know about it and the Stephen Liddell and Hazel connection.

Peter Mackinlay, Geelong

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I sent Vee Peter's request and she responded:

In reply to Peter Mackinley.

Thank you for your inquiry, Peter!

The Hazel I referred to at the end of the article is the lady who introduced me to the story at a regular get together we have in Winchelsea. Hazel brought in a copy of an email she had received which contained the story.

It fascinated me instantly so after my return home I did a Google search to see what I could find out about the SS Warrimoo and the incident on the International Date Line and the Equator, but I didn't use the ships' name, rather a combination of "ship, equator and 2 centuries (I think). So, I had some confirmation it could be a true story.

I also Googled "who wrote "the freak of nature"", this led me to Stephen Linnell and his website "Musings on a Mad World", the story is contained in his musings, along with other interesting

articles. I also went to a favourite website of mine, Snopes, their reference to the story is "unproven".

I have spent some time since I submitted the article to the Star and another good read about the SS Warrimoo can be found at: <https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/ss-warrimoo-strange-tale/>.

Is it true or not, I don't know, and unfortunately none of those involved in the story are here to tell the tale! Thanks again for your inquiry!

Vee Anscombe, Winchelsea

Dear Editor

Just a big thank you to all the Star editors who publish our golf results each week.

You manage to turn our rather boring results into something that looks really special!

We do appreciate what you do for us. Thanks
Sue Cuthbert

Dear Editor

Thank you from St Thomas'

A huge thank you to Murray, Don, Brian, Maureen and Ray, Des and Jim for the terrific job they did cutting back the Church hedge and removing all the rubbish.

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Jenny McKay



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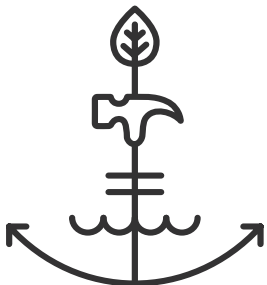
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Victorian Government

All eyes will be on Victoria in 2027 with the 150th Anniversary Men's Ashes Test between Australia and England now secured at the MCG, thanks to a new partnership between the Allan Labor Government and Cricket Australia.

The long-term partnership also means the iconic Boxing Day Test – a crowd favourite of Victoria's jam-packed major events calendar – will continue to be played at the MCG until at least 2030.

The partnership includes a focus on live music, food and drink, and come-and-try sports activities, fan activations and community events – bringing the excitement of the match out of the stadium and into the community.

The Boxing Day Test is one of cricket's most prized traditions, attracting hundreds of thousands of cricket fans from across the country and around the world each year – with images of Melbourne and the MCG broadcast to millions.

Australia and England will play the 150th Anniversary Men's Ashes Test in March 2027 at the MCG – building on the legacy of the Centenary Ashes Test played at the 'G in 1977.

The 1977 match attracted a crowd that filled the MCG for five days of enthralling Test Cricket where Australia won by 45 runs – the same margin as 100 years earlier.

Also coming this summer, the MCG will host the Australian Women's cricket team as they take on England in the Women's Ashes Day-Night Test early next year.

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Farmer confusion reigns amidst green drought

Victorian Farmers Federation

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says farmers and regional communities are confused about whether they are eligible for drought assistance or where they can turn to for support as Victoria's green drought lingers and farmers approach the critical spring growing season.

VFF Vice-President Danyel Cucinotta said the confusion was adding to the burden faced by many farmers and is the driving force behind the VFF's proposed Victorian Drought Resilience Program.

"Farmers are telling us they are either unaware, confused or do not know that drought assistance is currently available or where they can access it. For those who do find assistance, it's not uncommon for them to encounter roadblocks when it comes to asset means testing, which is a huge problem."

"We see a real need for a one-stop-shop for drought information, resources and assistance available for all farmers and regional communities that is available on a permanent basis."

"Farmers are doing it tough right now. We can get this up and running quickly to serve those immediate needs and use it as a permanent resource and hub for the future. We just need the government to get on board."



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Join the Winchelsea Community House Committee: A chance to make a difference

Tony Phelps, Committee Chair

Are you a resident of Winchelsea looking to make a positive impact in your community? Consider joining the Winchelsea Community House Committee of Governance! This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of our beloved organization while gaining new skills and meeting wonderful people.

WHY JOIN THE COMMITTEE?

Make a Meaningful Impact

By joining the committee, you'll be directly involved in formulating strategies that benefit the entire community. From keeping an eye on the budget, to ideas for more community engagement, or seeking funds to improve facilities, your contributions will help create a vibrant and supportive environment for all residents.

Develop Your Skills

Serving on the committee is a brilliant way to enhance your personal and professional skills. If you have experience in HR, strategic planning, or community development, your expertise will be invaluable. And if you're interested in learning, there's no better place to gain hands-on experience in governance and organisational management.

Be Our Treasurer!

We are currently on the lookout for a Treasurer. If you're good with numbers and enjoy managing finances, this role is perfect for you. You'll oversee budgets, ensure compliance, and help steer the financial strategy of the Community House. You don't need any formal qualifications and a bookkeeper does all the accounting admin stuff!

What's Involved?

The committee meets once a month, either in person or online depending on what suits, making it convenient for everyone to participate. These meetings are very collaborative, offering a platform to share ideas and implement innovative solutions.

Time Commitment

Worried about the time commitment? Fear not! With just one evening a month dedicated to meetings, you'll find it easy to balance committee responsibilities with your personal and professional life.

A Supportive Environment

The committee is composed of friendly, like-minded individuals who are passionate



about community service. You'll be part of a team that values your input and encourages creative thinking. It's a supportive and welcoming space where everyone's voice is heard.

PERSONAL BENEFITS

Expand Your Network

Joining the committee is a great way to meet new people and build connections within the community. You'll work alongside individuals from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique perspectives and experiences.

Boost Your Resume

Being part of a governance committee is an impressive addition to any resume. It demonstrates leadership skills, commitment, and the ability to work collaboratively—all qualities highly valued by employers.

Feel Good About Giving Back

There's an undeniable sense of satisfaction that comes from giving back to the community. By volunteering your time and skills, you're helping to create a better, more connected Winchelsea for everyone.

How to Get Involved

If you're ready to step up and join this exciting journey, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're interested in the treasurer position or feel your skills would be a great fit elsewhere, your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

You can contact either our Manager, Wendy Greaves (manager@winchhouse.org.au), 03 5267 2832, or call in Mon-Fri 9am-1pm) or myself the Chair, Tony Phelps (chair@winchhouse.org.au) to express your interest or to ask any questions. We're always happy to chat about how you can contribute to making Winchelsea an even better place to live.

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Cost-of-living crisis bites animals

Belinda Dent,
RSPCA Inspectorate Team Leader South-West Region

As the Team Leader for RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate south-west region, every day my team and I are seeing first-hand how the cost-of-living crisis is affecting people and their pets. From Geelong to the South Australian border and everywhere in between, people are struggling, and when people are struggling, their pets are affected.

Those struggling to care for their pets are certainly not alone. Heartbreakingly, every month RSPCA Victoria receives between 400 and 600 calls from people wanting to surrender their pets for a variety of reasons, including financial difficulties.

Many of the cruelty cases we see aren't necessarily malicious cruelty but rather neglect due to people's circumstances changing beyond their control, such as unexpected illness, injury or hospitalisation, financial pressures, those affected by domestic violence, and many other factors.

Sometimes it's people simply not knowing how to provide basic care for their pets and, with a little help and education, things can be easily turned around.

So much of what my team and I do out on the road is focused on helping people in the community care for their pets.

We know animals make our lives better and, where it's safe to do so, the best outcome is often to keep people and their pets together.



RSPCA Inspectorate Team Leader
Belinda Dent

Over the last 12 months we've seen more cases of underweight animals.

This can be due to circumstances such as people owning more horses than they can provide for, or, in many cases, those facing hardship not reaching out to ask for assistance early.

We're also seeing lots of reports of animals without shelter over winter.

It's been a very cold winter, particularly at night, and sadly, the reports we receive concern animals without sufficient shelter and warmth.



RSPCA staff handles dogs

Where we can, we've been helping those who are struggling by providing flea and worming treatments, emergency food, and on occasion, shelter for their pets.

Despite this work, RSPCA Victoria received 2,580 cruelty reports from the south-west region, resulting in the rescue of 477 animals in the last financial year.

To everyone in the south-west region, thank you for reporting animal cruelty.

The care you have shown for these animals ensures we're able to investigate and do what we can to help.

The people across the south-west region are our eyes and ears when it comes to animal cruelty, and we urge anyone with concerns to report it to us at RSPCA Victoria by calling (03) 9224-2222 or online at rspcavic.org/cruelty-report.

RSPCA Inspectors operate across Victoria, with dedicated teams assigned to one of four regions, plus the Major Investigations Team, which operates across the state.

Of course, the community's support doesn't stop there. It cost approximately \$9.7 million to operate the RSPCA Victoria Inspectorate in the last financial year, with the majority of funding coming from the community through donations, fundraising and events – thank you.

If you are one of many who are struggling to care for your pets, please don't be afraid to reach out for help, whether it be to us, to other community-based programs, to your local council, or to other groups who may be able to provide support.

Together, we can end animal cruelty.


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When: Friday Mornings
10.30am - 12 noon
Date: 30th August 2024
Where: Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
Cost: Free
Bookings: no bookings required
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have a cuppa and a chat, and share useful
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Tai Chi

When: Friday Mornings
9.00am - 10.00am
(During School Terms)
Date: 30th August 2024
Where: Winchelsea Community House

Cost: \$10 per session

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When: Alternate Saturday Afternoons
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Date: 7th September 2024
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Knitting Group

When: Thursday Mornings
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Sandra Jones

The Winchelsea Hotel was constructed on 13/4/1864 for Timothy Hardyman. The building and a garden are listed in the Rate Books with Timothy as owner and occupier.

From the 1860's until 1873 the hotel building also operated as a store. Stables were also listed as part of the hotel complex in 1903.

Timothy Hardyman owned the National Hotel in Geelong before coming to Winchelsea.

Early owners were Alan McDonald 1865 - James Hagger licensee-, Findon Murrell 1888 and Thomas Alsop in 1889. Legend has it that Thomas lost his hotel on a bet.

There were many owners after this time.

Mary Considine was owner and occupier in 1913. Her Victorian style building was clad in Oregon block work, remnants of which have been used inside the Hotel.

In the late 1920's a large part of the original building was destroyed by fire.

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Avian influenza

Agriculture Victoria continues to reach out to local communities. The team will be at the Golden Plains Farmers Market on Saturday 7 September, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. To learn more, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/avianinfluenza



Applications for Rural Women's Network Leadership and Mentoring program closing

Regional based women in the agriculture supply chain are encouraged to apply for the Rural Women's Network Leadership program, being delivered by LeadershipVic over two residential retreats and aims to empower women as leaders and change makers in their careers and in their communities. All study and accommodation costs are covered, with allowances for childcare and travel. Applications close 2 September 2024.

Five key tips for silage this season

Capitalising on any spring surplus will be critical on farms this year. While some things are out of our control, focusing on these key factors will help ensure that you get the best possible return.

Five key factors for silage this season are:

- **Only lock up pasture surplus to requirements** Making silage can be expensive, so it makes sense when pasture growth exceeds animal requirements. On most farms this generally occurs early to mid-Sept.
- **Use nitrogen to increase dry matter yield but cut pasture within 6 weeks of application** Once cutting is delayed beyond 6 weeks, the quality of silage declines more rapidly than if no nitrogen is applied. This can result in large quantities of low-quality silage unsuitable to feed cows in the early stage of lactation. By using rates up to 50 kg N/ha when there is sufficient moisture available, responses of 18 kg DM/ha for every kg N applied, 6 weeks after application can be produced.
- **Be prepared to cut pasture when the ryegrass component of the sward is just reaching early ear emergence** Ideally, cut pasture when the ryegrass component of the sward is at early ear emergence. Due to seasonal conditions this year, it is likely that paddocks may be cut at a range of times. For example, when it is still vegetative or later than early ear emergence. It will be critical to ensure that forage hits dry matter targets quickly, so it doesn't lose quality.
- **Use tedders to increase the drying rate of cut material and reduce the wilting period** The use of tedders has a beneficial effect on final silage metabolisable energy and crude protein. The length of the wilting period will be dictated by the type of silage and weather conditions. Given reasonable drying conditions material should be ready for pit silage within 48 hours and bale silage within 72 hours.
- **Ensile material quickly and seal well** It's important to ensure material being ensiled is tightly packed into a pit or the bale sealed promptly. The ideal dry matter of pasture for pit silage is 30%, any lower and effluent may be a problem and any higher compaction may be difficult. The dry matter percentage of bale silage should be about 45 – 50%. At this dry matter, a reasonable fermentation should occur, and it reduces the chance of spoilage.

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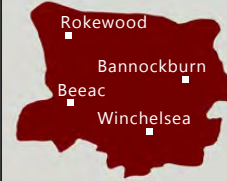


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