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OP SHOP

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The Winchelsea Hospital Auxiliary Op Shop at 10 Willis Street reopened on 13th January 2023.

Trading days are Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Mondays 10am-3pm. Come and grab a bargain!

Please note the Auxiliary will not be accepting donations for a few weeks as they need a chance to clear existing stock before receiving any more.



Photo by Judy Cameron



Getting That Grant - A Free Arts Development Workshop for Surf Coast Creatives

DEVELOP

Would you like to spend time developing a creative concept or idea through grant funding but are not sure what grant organisations want?

Getting That Grant is a free workshop with Council's Arts Development Officer, Harriet Gaffney, to help you understand what funding bodies are looking for in successful arts and creatives grant applications and how to tell the story of your project in light of these aims.

About the Facilitator:



Harriet Gaffney is a writer and creative producer and the Arts Development Officer at Surf Coast Shire. She regularly assesses Artist and Creative grants for Creative Victoria and Council, and is currently an assessor for Regional Arts Australia.

KEY DATES AND LOCATIONS

Tuesday 24 January:

Winchelsea Shire Hall 10.30am to 12.30pm
Lorne Community Connect 2pm to 4pm

Monday 30 January:

ZOOM 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 31 January:

HOOP Gallery @ The MAC 10.30am to 12.30pm
Anglesea Art House 2pm to 4pm

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOP:

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ArtistCreativeGrants

EventBrite Booking Deets: [eventbrite.com/cc/getting-that-grant-professional-development-arts-1454619](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/getting-that-grant-professional-development-arts-1454619)

Email: info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au



Winchelsea Primary School to receive maintenance money

Students and teachers at Winchelsea Primary School will benefit when works get underway as part of another maintenance blitz.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney said the blitz – which includes repairing day to day wear and tear, fixing roofs and windows, repainting walls, resurfacing floors and replacing windows, pathways and stairs – will soon take place as part of the Planned Maintenance Program.

The program will see 80 schools across the state share in \$4.51 million of funding for the works, which will ensure the schools are safe, modern and properly upheld.

Winchelsea Primary School has been allocated over \$135,000 to address high priority maintenance tasks.

"We know students get the most out of their education when they have safe, modern classrooms to learn in, and first-rate facilities the school community can feel proud of," said Ms Tierney.

Course to support excellent responsible horse ownership

RSPCA Victoria is inviting new and future horse owners to attend a new course in February to promote excellent horse care and responsible ownership. The course will teach the essential skills every horse owner needs to provide appropriate care for horses.

"We are delighted so many Victorians are interested in taking care of larger animals and, in this case, being responsible horse owners," said Education & Training Manager at RSPCA Victoria Belinda Marchbank. Equine Excellence takes place onsite at RSPCA Burwood on Saturday, 18th February.

Participants must be 14 years or older and will receive a certificate upon their completion of the course.

Places for the course can be booked by calling 03 9224 2286.

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Estia Health



Brooke Murphy, centre in blue top, with a group of international travellers stranded during COVID-19 restrictions.

'Feed Me Surf Coast' founder Brooke Murphy Surf Coast Shire Local Legend

Brooke Murphy made a pact with the universe when her eldest daughter made it home to Australia from India 45 minutes before international airspace closed in the shadow of the pandemic.

She knew her daughter would have been OK with lifelong family friends in India if she didn't make it.

"But I wanted her home with us safely," Brooke said.

"And the thoughts of the hundreds of thousands of other young people stranded in many parts of the world, unable to make it home to their families never left my thoughts."

Brooke was at Melbourne Airport when the last plane touched down with returning passengers.

"And in that moment, I simultaneously thanked the universe for getting my daughter back home to me, and vowed I would do anything in my ability to assist any person stranded in our community who didn't make it home," Brooke said.

Inadvertently the big-hearted charity Feed Me Surf Coast was born.

"I'm a big believer in the universe always having a plan, as long as you are prepared to listen and follow the signs," Brooke said.

"The universe did deliver a sign, and shortly after I was introduced to Lana Purcell, the founder of Feed Me Bellarine.

"I had been working at a homeless drop-in centre in Geelong that was closed down as a result of COVID-19 and it really affected me. I was at a loss

wondering how the most vulnerable in our community would be supported during this unprecedented time.

"Feed Me Bellarine was already responding to the rolling disastrous effects as COVID-19 hit our shores, and many families on the Surf Coast were experiencing incredibly difficult times through job loss, children at home and uncertain future.

"Feed Me Surf Coast was quickly established as the second location to the already established 'Feed Me' charity."

Brooke became its co-ordinator and remains its mainstay, and her leadership and devotion to its altruistic mission has qualified her as Surf Coast Shire's latest Local Legend, recognising her positive impact on the lives of others.

Feed Me Surf Coast rescues food fit for consumption which would otherwise end up in landfills, and helps deliver it to people in need.

Volunteers collect from 10 supermarkets every day – more than 3000kg a week – as well as restaurants, cafes, bakeries, wholesalers, growers and farmers.

"We have 117 volunteer 'Feedsters' as we call ourselves, plus Torquay Lions, Surf Coast Secondary College and Bellbrae Primary School students, along with young adults with disabilities and their carers," Brooke said.

"We load, unload, unpack, pack down, stack, reload and unload 600 to 700 crates a week.

"Put simply, we rescue gigantic amounts

of food that would otherwise end up in landfill. We feed hundreds upon hundreds of families, we cover our expenses and we are not funded by anyone."

Brooke said their feed me efforts were initially focused on 210 international seasonal workers stranded on the Surf Coast without employment, housing or support, and 270 international students who had arrived just a few weeks before the international lockdown.

"We also quickly felt the burdens that everyday Australians in our community were experiencing – hardships that were not planned or expected but unimaginable by our middle-class standards, Brooke said.

"A small and committed group of community members spent day and night quietly responding to the needs of those who required support.

And Brooke says the by-product of 'all this back-breaking work' is fairly extraordinary.

"We have created a community within a community of multi-generational and multi-skilled, compassionate, intelligent, funny, sensitive, politically correct and terribly wayward, vibrant and shy, loud and quiet, flexible and firm, carefree and stern gang of ridiculous misfits doing amazing work," she said.

"We relieve hundreds of families from the daily burden of increased living costs."

Read about Surf Coast Shire's Local Legends via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends



An invaluable program: Council's COVID-19 Business Support

Community members and visitors are encouraged to support local businesses this summer as they continue their COVID-19 recovery.

An \$870,000 Surf Coast Shire Council-delivered support package - courtesy of three Victorian Government grants - has underpinned the Surf Coast business

community's navigation through the pandemic. Mayor Liz Pattison said it's a journey that is expected to take several more years, as visitor data trends show that it might take until 2025 for visitor numbers to return to pre-COVID levels.

"As a Council we want to see our existing businesses succeeding, and we

welcome emerging businesses. They both contribute to job creation and enable more residents to work closer to home," she said. "After a couple of pandemic-interrupted summers we hope the start of 2023 provides local traders with a much-needed boost. Supporting local wherever possible is one way we can help."

Council's COVID-19 Business Support program was wide-ranging, headlined by the Inspired by Surf Coast buy local campaign which supported more than 1,000 businesses; the installation of six Big Belly solar-powered compacting bins in dining precincts, and a pedestrian crossing at Bristol Road in Torquay town centre.

Other key outdoor projects were street furniture renewal in commercial centres in Aireys Inlet, Jan Juc, Lorne and Winchelsea, and an Inspired Performers street performer event which showcased local musicians and created the first Surf Coast musician directory.

Council received a total of \$870,000 from three Victorian Government grants, consisting of Outdoor Activation Fund (\$500,000), Business Concierge (\$120,000) and Outdoor Eating and Entertainment (\$250,000)




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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT



The land affected by the application is located at:	42 Harding Street, WINCHELSEA
The application is for a permit to:	Use and development of community care accommodation
The applicant for the permit is:	Winanglo Inc C/- The Planning Professionals
The application reference number is:	22/0160 <i>Please quote this number when making enquiries</i>

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority:
 Surf Coast Shire, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay VIC 3228
 This can be done during office hours, 8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday, and is free of charge.

You can view the application online through Council's eplanning portal:
<https://eplanning.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Account/Login.aspx>

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application. A copy of all objections is provided to the Permit Applicant. If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **27 January 2023** (or until a minimum of 14 days after the last notice is given)

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Uplifting the voices of Victoria's rural women

Rural women across the state can now apply for the 2023 Rural Women's Network Leadership and Mentoring Programs.

Both programs will encourage and empower participants to have an active voice and role in the agriculture sector.

The 2023 Leadership Program will provide women with support to participate in training and study that accelerates their development as leaders. Participants will also work closely as a group to explore issues impacting rural women, learn from subject matter experts, and connect with other rural women from across Victoria.

The 2023 Mentoring Program will pair rural women together for a peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience.



Dog Trials return to Deans Marsh this coming weekend

Photos Belinda MacKenzie

After a forced COVID hiatus, the popular Dog Pro Deans Marsh Dog Trials are back on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd January at the Deans Marsh Memorial Reserve, from 8am – 5pm each day.

Since early settlement, working dogs have aided farmers in managing flocks of sheep across our great Country. Now a well-loved Australian icon, Dog Trials give these dogs, and their handlers an opportunity to showcase their skills, training and bond in a competition working through a series of obstacles.

There are 200 members in the Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association and typically 30 trials held across the state annually. The Deans Marsh Dog Trials is a well-loved and well-attended event, attracting some of the best trainers and dogs in the country.

Founders and event organisers for over 13 years, Jill Stewart and Mark Fagan are excited to be going ahead with this year's trials after a year off.

"Everyone loves the trials in Deans Marsh. It brings such great energy to the town. Stock men and women from across the country come for the weekend to share in their love of working dogs. All salt of the earth

people, enjoying the challenge of working with our dogs and the sheep through the obstacles." said Fagan.

Mark Fagan and dog Faith have been working together for 5 years in Sheep Dog Trials, attending over 10 competitions a year across Victoria. Mark is also the commentator for the Deans Marsh Sheep Dog Trials.

Mark's favorite obstacle is the pen. "If you pen the sheep, you get 20 points and are in with the chance of being in the finals. It's always very nerve racking. It takes patience, but when it all comes together. It's such a great high" he said.

Top competitors at this year's event will be Jimmy Dodge (Ballarat), current Australian Champion, and his dog "Cooper" and the number 1 dog in Australia. John Tuddenham (Ballarat) and dog "Michael". "He's young and winning everything." said Fagan. Michael Deppler (Western Victoria), with dog "Molly", who has just won equal first top dog in Victoria. "So, the best of the best will be on display over the weekend."

And this Trial is not just for the seasoned. Friday Night local farmers and dog handlers, who are new to the sport can enter to have a go in a

Learner's event. They will be partnered with an experienced dog trainer to walk the course and mentor them for their first experience.

Along with the entertainment of the trials, food, and Deans Marsh Cricket Club bar will be available each day with the action heating up on the Sunday.

Public Transport to and from Colac, Birregurra & Lorne is available to line up with the Trials, giving great access to come and enjoy a day.

For more information visit deansmarsh.org.au/dogtrials or follow the Deans Marsh Dog Trials on Facebook.

Entry for the Dog Pro Deans Marsh Dog Trials

To enter the Deans Marsh Trial, you need to be a member of the Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association. The entry form is located on the VWADA website - VWSDA | Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association Inc |

Entry to the Learners Event

To enter the Learners Event on Friday 20th from 5pm – 8pm, please contact Jill Stewart on 0429 998 367. Limited places are available.



Jason Armstrong Runner Up,
Rhys Jeffs Men's Club Champion

Erin Baulch Ladies Club Champion,
Wendy Knuckey Runner Up.



Winchelsea Bowls Club

By Kitty 'n Jack

On Tuesday 10th of January 2023 the Pennant season resumed play after the Christmas break in terrific weather for bowling.

Winchelsea Midweek Division 1 def Colac Central at home, winning 2 rinks 80 shots to 55 shots. Position on ladder 2nd with 4 rounds to play and the top 5 being very close this year.

Winchelsea Midweek 3 were def by Colac away, 62 shots to 89 shots. Position on ladder 5th.

Saturday Pennant on the 14th of January Winchelsea Division 1 match was unplayed due to heat rule. Most unfortunately this was the only match that was called off and Winchelsea were ahead on the board but 6 ends short of constituting a match. Very disappointing for the players as they have dropped to 4th place on the ladder with what should have been a win.

Winchelsea Division 3 lost their 1st game for the season on a very slow green in most uncomfortable conditions at Simpson. Overall score 76 shots to 85 shots winning one rink. Position on ladder 1st.

AROUND THE GREEN

The Mens and Ladies Championship Singles have been completed. Congratulations to Erin Baulch and Rhys Jeffs who will play in the first day of the Champion of Champions matches at Colac on the 22nd of January, all the best to you both.

Mens and Ladies Pairs on the card plus some Tournaments at other clubs,.

May the bowls be with you all!!!

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Applications close 5pm Friday 3rd February 2023.



Managing Victoria's bushfire risk during wetter seasons and beyond

An open letter from Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria

This year, many Victorians have experienced extreme weather with heavy rain and flooding. Our changing climate means these events are becoming more frequent and extreme.

The recent State of the Climate report by the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO confirms that changes to weather and climate extremes are happening at an increased pace across Australia. In coming decades, we will see an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days and a longer fire season for southern and eastern Australia.

Even though conditions have been wetter through most of the state this year, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) has continued to take action to manage bushfire risk. Victoria is Australia's most bushfire prone state. By investing in prevention, we aim to protect people, property and the environment by reducing the risk and impact of major bushfires.

We look for opportunities year-round to conduct planned burns that will protect people, and our environment – including forests, their wildlife and biodiversity – from bushfires this summer and in the drier years to come. We burn to the conditions, not the calendar. Some burns that were planned for spring may take place this summer if conditions are right

and it's safe. Others could take place in autumn next year. Although we don't expect many long-running or large forest fires this summer, areas across the north and west of the state may see increasing fire potential from mid-summer, especially in areas of high grass growth.

Drier forests, woodlands and heathlands are also at risk of fires with the onset of hot and dry weather conditions.

Going forward, we will prioritise planned burns in places with increased risk.

The wetter weather has presented opportunities for different types of burning. In some areas, the higher levels of moisture in the soil and natural gullies have allowed our crews to conduct lower-intensity burns. The gullies act as natural boundaries for the fire, which is not always possible during drier conditions.

Past events show us that planned burning can reduce the loss and destruction caused by bushfires.

As a world leader in bushfire risk management, we have many different tools in our toolbox. Planned burning is not the only way we manage bushfire risk and reduce fuel like grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark and vegetation. We've increased our use of mowing, slashing and mulching this year.

We've also expanded our network of strategic fuel breaks to better protect against bushfires. These strips of land are in the highest priority locations – close to towns, water catchments and sensitive environments. We have also upgraded our infrastructure, including forest roads, fire dams and fire lookout towers.

In addition to our bushfire risk management program, FFMVic, together with Country Fire Authority (CFA), is continuing to support Traditional Owners to use cultural fire on Country. Over 200 cultural burns are planned over the next three years.

We work with CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), local government and communities to deliver the best local approaches to bushfire risk management in Victoria.

While FFMVic does a vital job managing bushfire risk, I encourage all Victorians to ensure they have the right information, tools and actions to prepare for fires.

This means familiarising yourself with the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System. This system is the same across Australia, so you can assess risk and take action if needed, wherever you are.

If you live on or near land that is at bushfire risk, make sure to follow the Fire Ready Kit from CFA.

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Women's Workshop

Any ladies out there who are interested in learning some workshop and home maintenance skills?

The Winch Mens' Shed are running free workshops starting in August. Let us know what you would like to learn and what days and times are most suitable. We can tailor the workshop to cover what is most requested and on days that suit most.

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

Winchelsea Star

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

Weekly deadline is 5pm Friday.

Copy for sports results and weekend events is Sunday 6pm (4pm for hard-copy articles/results left at IGA) unless by prior arrangement.

Copy should be emailed to news@winchelseastar.org.au or left at IGA Supermarket.

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Australia Day Breakfast

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB

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Come along and enjoy an egg and bacon roll or two and some good old Aussie mateship.

Gold coin donation appreciated.



Singing

Winchelsea Community House has supported the beginning of a regular singing group at the Winchelsea Shire Hall.

2023 will see the continuation of weekly singing, commencing Wednesday

1st February 2023 at 4.45pm at the Shire Hall.

The cost is as follows:

10 weeks - \$70

Concession - \$50 (10 weeks)

Children under 16 - free

You are also able to attend on a weekly basis - \$10 a session.

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Sat and Sun

9:35am, 1:36pm, 7:18pm

To Warrnambool:

Mon - Fri

9:29am, 2:56pm, (to Colac
5:27pm), 6:45pm, 8:53pm

Sat and Sun

8:47am, 2:49pm, 8:37pm

Country Women's Association



7pm Second Wednesday of Month
Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall

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1st Modewarre and Winchelsea Scout Group

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Cubs: Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm

Scouts: Tuesdays of school term
6:30-8:30pm

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Venturers: Wed at Walton's Rd Venturer Den

Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147

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Workshops to help locals upskill and secure creative grants

Surf Coast Shire community members are invited to join one of five free professional development workshops this month, aimed at helping creatives to successfully apply for Council's DEVELOP artists and creatives grants which open 1 February.

Surf Coast Shire Council will be offering grants of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for collectives to support creatives from all artistic disciplines to explore new directions, innovative ideas and bold concepts.

Council is strongly encouraging First Nations artists and artists from diverse groups such as LGBTQIA+ and culturally and linguistically diverse communities to apply. The grant workshops will assist people with the application process.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Gary Allen said the workshops were an excellent opportunity to learn more about the grant writing process and build confidence to apply for grants as they become available.

"We understand the grant writing process can feel daunting," Cr Allen said. "That's why we are doing everything we can to remove some of the barriers that prevent bold ideas from being born into the Surf Coast community."

"We want to see your great ideas and these workshops have been designed as another step towards helping creative people in our community come out into the open and start making the art they are dreaming of."

Delivered across the shire from 24 to 31 January, and on Zoom, workshop participants have an opportunity to learn how to:

- understand the aims of a funding body for a particular grant round,
- measure these aims against an individual project,
- incorporate them into project planning and development. As well as:
- what constitutes "merit" "impact" and "viability" in the arts,
- support documentation and what works, and
- project plans, costings and budgets.

For more information and to book a spot in one of the workshops, visit: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/creativegrants.

WINCHELSEA HOSTEL AND NURSING HOME SOCIETY INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting for the General Public will be held at the Winchelsea Shire Hall and via Zoom on Tuesday 24th January 2023, at 4.00pm.

Please contact Hesse on (03) 5267 1200 or reception@hesse.vic.gov.au to receive the remote link invitation.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the report of the Committee of Management and the audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022.
3. To appoint the Victorian Auditor General's Office as auditor.
4. To elect officers of the Association and members of the Committee.

Carissa Brock
Secretary



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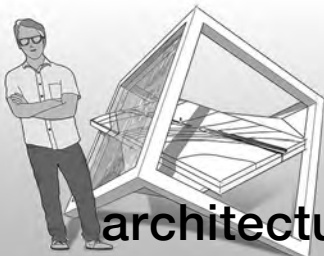
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Surf Coast Shire Councillors appointed to committees and organisations to represent and advocate for the community on high priority topics

Council Representation on Various Regional/Peak Organisations for 2023

At its December meeting, councillors were officially appointed to 19 regional and peak organisations representing the Surf Coast Shire community in 2023 as listed in this table.

Or view them as part of the December Council meeting minutes at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings.

Committees/organisation with legislated purpose	Councillors
Audit & Risk Committee	Cr Bodsworth Cr Wellington
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Schonfelder Cr Stapleton (sub)
Committees established to provide specific advice to Council	
All Abilities Advisory Committee	Cr Bodsworth Cr Hodge (sub)
Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LG Forum)	Cr Bodsworth
Bells Beach Committee	Cr Bodsworth Cr Gazzard
Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Committee	All Councillors
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Allen
Corporations with local government representation (director positions)	
Geelong Regional Library Corporation	Cr Pattison Cr Schonfelder (sub)
Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism Inc. Board	Robyn Seymour
G21 Geelong Region Alliance Ltd - Board of Directors	Cr Pattison Robyn Seymour
Other organisations/committees	
Lorne Community Impact Advisory Committee	Cr Allen
Torquay Community Impact Advisory Committee	Cr Hodge Cr Barker
Australian Local Government Association	Cr Pattison
Geelong Heritage Centre Collection Advisory Committee	Cr Allen
Peri Urban Group of Rural Councils	Cr Pattison Robyn Seymour
G21 Pillars	
G21 Culture and Economic Development Pillar	Cr Allen
G21 Health and Wellbeing Pillar	Cr Bodsworth
G21 Sustainability Pillar	Cr Pattison Cr Gazzard (sub)
Managing Growth Advisory Group	Cr Stapleton

Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre repair works complete

Surf Coast Shire community members will soon be playing sport and enjoying events in the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre now that repair works to the building are complete.

Surf Coast Shire Councillor Adrian Schonfelder said Council had been liaising with the Victorian School Building Authority and Winchelsea Primary School to resolve ongoing problems with the floor.

“I am pleased to advise the Victorian School Building Authority has completed rectification works on the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre,” Cr Schonfelder

said. “The building has now been handed back to the Winchelsea Primary School and I can’t wait to see the Winchelsea community making use of this important multi-purpose space in January 2023.”

Works included under flooring ventilation, a concrete apron and improved drainage around the facility, improved guttering and works to the roof as well as repairs to the timber flooring.

The Leisure Time Centre building itself and surrounding land is owned by the Department of Education, but Surf Coast Shire Council is responsible for

maintenance and upkeep of the facility while the school handles bookings.

The agreement splits the costs for maintenance of the facility between the school (70 per cent) and Council (30 per cent) to reflect its primary use as a school facility.

“We understand how much the Leisure Time Centre means to the Winchelsea community and it’s good to be able to celebrate this space once again with community gatherings, basketball games and school concerts,” Cr Schonfelder said.



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Victorians urged to be on high alert for illegal pet businesses

As the new year approaches many Victorians are preparing to bring a new pet into their lives and RSPCA Victoria is urging the public to be vigilant when purchasing a pet and to be aware that it is illegal to buy or sell animals in public places such as parks, roadsides, and car parks.

Illegal breeders or sellers often operate covertly, provide misleading information, and may request to meet in a public place to illegally complete the sale of an animal. RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate is currently actively investigating a number of these illegal businesses and regularly prosecutes offenders in the courts.

In early December, RSPCA Victoria's Major Investigations Team executed multiple Domestic Animals Act warrants across two linked properties in Ballarat in relation to the alleged illegal sale of kittens from an unregistered domestic animal business. As a result, Inspectors seized six Burmese kittens due to non-compliance with the mandatory Code of Practice and RSPCA is currently investigating multiple suspects.

RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate Team Leader – Major Investigations, Lisa Calleja, said it is important to research before purchasing a pet.

"If you cannot find a suitable pet to adopt and instead choose to purchase, it is important to make sure you are purchasing from a registered breeder operating a legal breeding facility.

"A responsible breeder will answer all your questions, provide accurate information, and will allow you to visit the location where the animal lives to ensure the standard of care and living conditions are appropriate and that it has been bred for a temperament suited to being a pet. Many people unknowingly purchase animals from illegal businesses that sell animals from public places to hide the location of their operations."

"The subjects of RSPCA Victoria investigations are often sophisticated networks that use covert methods, so our Inspectorate team relies on the public for information that may assist with investigations. Significant investigations and successful prosecutions do eventuate as a direct result of tip offs from the public, so we encourage anyone with information to make a report. All details, no matter how insignificant they may seem, are welcome and all tip offs are reviewed," stated Ms Calleja.

RSPCA Victoria recommends people looking to become a dog or cat owner

read the RSPCA Smart Puppy and Dog Buyer's Guide or the RSPCA Smart Kitten and Cat Buyers Guide, which provide useful guidelines and tips for finding a reputable breeder. These include:

- visiting the place where the puppy or kitten was born.
- meeting the mother dog or cat (and father if possible) and make sure they are happy and healthy.
- and checking the breeder provides a high standard of care and living conditions for all their animals.

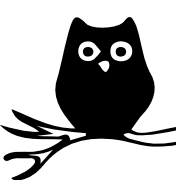
The Domestic Animals Act 1994 specifies that dogs and cats must be sold from either a registered domestic animal business, from a private residence or sold at a place where an animal sale permit is in place.

Penalties can apply for individuals or body corporates who sell dogs and cats from a public place. Individuals could face a maximum penalty in court of \$5,547.60, while body corporates could face a maximum penalty of \$27,438.

All reports made to RSPCA Victoria's Major Investigations Team must be lodged via <https://rspcavic.org/tip-off-form/> or by calling 9224 2222.

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Winchelsea Missing Money!

Penny Werner

One of my hobbies is to spend time every so often looking through the Australian Government's Unclaimed Money website and see if I can find the owner of lost money. It's amazing how many people know about the website but never check.

Here is a screen shot of five Winchelsea groups with unclaimed money maybe a post in the Winch Star will find someone who can help with the hunt?

The website is
<https://moneysmart.gov.au/find-unclaimed-money>

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+	WINCHELSEA COAL PROPRIETARY LIMITED, 004288171	\$270.00	36A CAMBRIA RD KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173 AU	ASIC (for use with Deregistered companies)
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COVID-19 Weekly update

There were 7,908 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria this week

In the past three months, 5,802 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria.


A total of 149 COVID-related deaths were reported in the past week

The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 6,638.

Transmission is being driven by multiple Omicron variants. The most recent wastewater analysis shows the recombinant strain XBF makes up the highest proportion of detections (29 per cent), followed by BQ.1/BQ.1.1 (18 per cent) and BA.2.75 and its sub-lineages



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Hunts bridge, Moorabool River

Friends of the Barwon welcome stronger Victorian planning policies and landscape controls for the Rivers of the Barwon

By Liz Hamilton, Executive Officer, Friends of the Barwon



Friends of the Barwon (FOTB) are delighted that stronger Victorian planning policies and landscape controls will now apply to the Rivers of the Barwon. Planning Scheme Amendment VC201 aims to provide greater protection for the Barwon River and all its tributaries from inappropriate and potentially harmful development. Significant Landscape Overlays, (SLO), now include all rivers of the Barwon and cover waterways, lakes, wetlands and billabongs.

FOTB Chair, Trevor Hodson noted that “for the past four years, since our inception, FOTB have advocated for much stronger planning controls to ensure inappropriate development did not adversely affect the rivers of the Barwon. Through our involvement with the Concerned Waterways Alliance (CWA) and the Barwon River Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC), FOTB have played a significant role in bringing this amendment to fruition.

Our engagement with candidates in the recent State election to recommend that the Rivers of the Barwon were included in the new Planning Scheme

amendment was pivotal in achieving this important outcome.

In summary, the amended Planning Policy Framework, introduces two new regional policies and a series of new SLO’s to recognise, protect and improve waterway health, amenity, access and community values. The Rivers of the Barwon SLO controls apply in the Ballarat, Colac Otway, Golden Plains, Greater Geelong, Moorabool and Surf Coast planning schemes, focused on the following waterway corridors:

- Barwon (Parwan)
- Moorabool River (Mooroobull)
- Leigh River (Waywatcurtan)
- Yarrowee River (Yarrowee)

To ensure that significant landscape and environmental values of waterways are protected, the SLO controls address:

- the siting and design of buildings and fences
- the removal of vegetation
- the undertaking of earthworks.

For land effected by the overlay, a planning permit may be required for some buildings and works. Click on these links for further

explanation about the application of Amendment V201 or to access the full amendment and associated maps.

Unfortunately, this amendment is only an interim measure until 31 December 2026. “We cannot rest on our laurels. Friends of the Barwon will ask for the Amendment to be continued, and also argue for it to be strengthened after the current limit date of 2026” says Mr. Hodson.

The aim of Friends of the Barwon is ‘To be an independent knowledge-based community leader and educator for the protection and improvement of the ecosystem of the Barwon catchment’. A healthy, flowing and life sustaining Barwon River system is both our goal and our obligation to the generations to come.

For more information about FOTB and our response to Amendment VC201, please contact Liz Hamilton at email: friendsofthebarwon@gmail.com

NOTE: All images are of the Barwon and Moorabool Rivers - courtesy of Dave Keelings, Geelong.



Christmas card exchange

The week before Christmas over 50 Winchelsea Primary School students and residents of Hesse Rural Health exchanged Christmas cards.

This was a new initiative, suggested by one of Hesse Rural Health's residents, Peter Groves.

It was a lovely gesture enjoyed by both the children and the residents. Students from grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 all participated and really enjoyed the experience.

The students were most surprised by the handwriting of their pen pals, an art form long lost.

This will be an ongoing relationship between Hesse Rural Health and Winchelsea Primary School.

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Recycled Water Release to Barwon River in Winchelsea

By Stewart Mathieson

On December 16th last year I received a call from Barwon Water to update Winchelsea Land and Rivercare on treated water discharge to the Barwon at Winchelsea. It was explained to me that there had been much increased inflow to the storage ponds in October and November and no demand for irrigation water so a release was necessary to maintain safe storage levels.

The Barwon Water press release below arrived in mid December, too late for the last copy of the Star before Christmas.

We are continuing to release Class C recycled water to the Barwon River to safely manage recycled water storage levels in response to the high winter and spring rainfall and ongoing wet conditions.

To date we have released 17.3 megalitres of recycled water at Winchelsea and 11.5 megalitres of recycled water at Birregurra. This has helped to reduce storage levels at our water reclamation plants however releases will need to continue over the coming three months or until sustainable irrigation using the recycled water can take place.

We are monitoring water quality of the Barwon River upstream and downstream of the release points and to date have not detected any adverse impacts as a result of the release of the Class C recycled water.

As the wet conditions and weather forecasts continue to fluctuate, so too are flows in the Barwon River, meaning

we need to adjust how we release the recycled water to ensure appropriate dilution and mixing of the recycled water as it makes its way down the Barwon River.

Maintaining a good dilution rate between the treated Class C recycled water and river water will mean the treated Class C water being released is unlikely to have adverse impacts on the river's water quality.

At the moment we are achieving a dilution rate of 1:85 in Winchelsea and 1:95 in Birregurra, meaning for every 1 litre of recycled water there is 85 and 95 litres of river water at Winchelsea and Birregurra respectively.

Our strong monitoring program will be continuing and we will continue to make any necessary adjustments to our release to ensure there are no adverse impacts to local landowners, environment and the river. We are working with key agencies and sharing our monitoring results with the EPA, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority and local councils.

Checking the figures from the river gauge at Winchelsea show that peak flow in November was 4000 ML per day on 24th dropping to 100 ML on December 7th and then 65ML per day by Dec 16.

I was told that the monitoring for E.coli showed no difference between upstream and downstream of the release points but there had been fluctuations of E.coli in the river following runoff events after rainfall.

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Home gardeners are urged to act now to protect fruit and vegetables from Queensland fruit fly (QFF) this summer and help safeguard Victoria's valuable horticultural industry.

The wet spring created the perfect breeding conditions for the pest, which is most active now through to May.

Agriculture Victoria Statewide Fruit Fly Coordinator Cathy Mansfield said QFF are attracted to ripening fruit and vegetables.

"Maintaining good biosecurity practices starts in your home garden – and it's vital to limit fruit fly population growth and halt its spread to neighbours, nearby orchards or farms," Ms Mansfield said.

"The best way to protect your fruit and vegetables is to use insect-proof netting during the growing season." Continuously flowering vegetable and berry crops should be covered when developing fruit are very small.

If you're unable to net your trees, monitor for fruit fly and use other preventative methods such as baiting, and insecticides, traps and remove any unwanted ripe or dropped fruit.

QFF attacks a wide range of fruit and vegetables including tomatoes, apricots, figs, peaches, nectarines, cherries, and berries.

Home gardeners can keep watch for fruit fly sting marks on developing fruit and vegetables – they're only tiny and easily missed but affected produce can rot from the inside.

Fruit fly maggots are often found in the centre of produce, ranging in size from, 5-10mm long and creamy-white in colour.

If you do find active fruit fly, it's important to let neighbouring properties know and encourage people to check their own produce for damage.

"Leave your homegrown produce behind if you're going away this summer to ensure you're not accidentally bringing QFF into other regions," Ms Mansfield said.

"Some states have will not allow fruit or vegetables to be taken across state borders so check before you travel."

For more information including lists of common host plants, how to control fruit fly in your garden and netting tips visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff.



Adult Queensland Fruit Fly (Photo AgVic)



Netting on Nectarine Tree (Photo AgVic)

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