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**My name is Molly. That's me, on the left, along with my partner in crime, that smug looking labrador. I don't usually 'do' adventures and on this occasion I'm sure I just got a little bit confused. (find out more on Page 3)**



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# A Beautiful Day

(from front page)

Hullo Winchelsea community. My name is Molly O'Mara. As you can see from my photo I am a Maltese Cross. I used to live in a small country town on the way to Mildura and came to live in Winchelsea with the O'Maras when my owners moved to Africa to help build a kindergarten. I had to find a new home.

I wish to thank the Winchelsea community for the rescue that probably saved my life.

Pep O'Mara, (also a rescue dog but a Labrador), and I jumped on the back of Mick's ute to go to our shopping centre to pick up Saturday night's evening meal. He parked, then, went into order. While he was waiting he heard a commotion out on the footpath. Pep had got out of the ute's tray canopy by knocking the canopy's rear window up and was having a discussion with a dog on a lead. Mick grabbed Pep and discovered I was standing in the middle of the Highway. I had also escaped!

I was completely terrified and panic stricken!

I ran down the Highway into the path of the incoming cars. Bystanders waved their arms to signal the oncoming traffic to slow down. If they hadn't I would have been surely run over. I then crossed over the stone bridge and went into hiding. Mick searched for me but didn't know where to look. Then a car stopped and the driver said. "Are you the person looking for a dog? My family is stopping her from getting out from those flats over there. Jump in and I will take you there."

The driver, (who was from Colac), drove Mick over to the units opposite the Senior Cits. where his family was preventing me from escaping.

Mick found me at the last flat. I was so happy to be found I gave Mick a big hug. The World was beautiful! The Colac driver gave us a ride to the shopping centre before going back to pick up his family. What wonderful people they are.

A big thank you for all those who assisted in my rescue.

Molly O'Mara with assistance from Mick,

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## Greening and stormwater treatment

A new project aims to provide cooler, greener and more water-efficient residential streets in Winchelsea and improve the quality of stormwater running into the Barwon River.



The Winchelsea Greening and Stormwater Treatment Project will initially focus on Hesse and Armytage streets, involving planting of trees supported by passive self-watering systems which use stormwater runoff from street gutters.

The plantings and systems will reduce stormwater runoff volumes and pollutant loads going into the river, provide healthy growing environments for the trees and accompanying plants and reduce reliance on use of potable water for irrigation.

They will also help green and cool the street environment.

The project will also see installation of a gross pollutant trap between Main Street and the river, to reduce discharge of litter into the river.

Work on the Greening and Stormwater Treatment project is expected to start mid-2024.

Design is also underway for new paths to link both Armytage Street and Hesse Street South with the soon-to-be-extended Barwon River Loop Walk, with construction also set to start mid-2024.

The Greening and Stormwater Treatment Project is funded by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.



## Globe Theatre floor

The much-loved Globe Theatre has a new floor to accommodate concerts, dances, receptions and shows for decades to come.

New Australian chestnut flooring was sealed early last week following sanding and polishing.

The floor replacement, carried out in accordance with heritage requirements, follows removal of termite-damaged boards discovered during inspection last year.

Further work expected to be completed this week includes installation of doors to under-stage access, repairs to wall panelling, painting and fitting of original skirting board which is being milled to fit the new floor.

Installation of the flooring was delayed because Australian chestnut boards are specified in the heritage permit, leading to lengthy procurement time.

Globe Theatre was built in 1926-27, providing a venue for local soprano Marjorie Lawrence to perform on her journey to international fame.





# parkrun 6

## Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

13 April 2024

This week 56 people completed the course through Trebeck Reserve. 10 participants ran or walked their personal best time. Well done those who walked, ran or volunteered.

“The Athlete’s Foot” is a major supporter of parkrun Australia. Michael from the Geelong store visited our event and supplied some welcome snacks and drinks. Many thanks Michael!

This event was made possible by the following volunteers.

John CAUFIELD \* Amanda Worland \* Murray AS-BETT \* John Smith \* Kate McINNES \* Vicki Smith \* Olivia BLAMPIED \* Mick O’MARA \* Mila JOVIC \* Neil McINNES

Special thanks to those volunteers who were visiting from other parkruns.

Please email [trebeckreserve@parkrun.com](mailto:trebeckreserve@parkrun.com) if you would like to volunteer. Tasks are simple, sociable and fun.

A summary of this week’s results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results)

Check our Facebook page for photos and further information.

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The Star has no actual reporters or designated writers - we publish what you send us. If you have some news, an opinion, an interest or perspective, or a story - we'd love you to send it in for publication.

The Star loves to hear anything of direct interest to the Winchelsea community. The more local content we can put in, the better!

## How much can I write?

You can write just one article. You can start a new column about something you're interested in. You can send us a series of articles on a theme. What would **you** write about?

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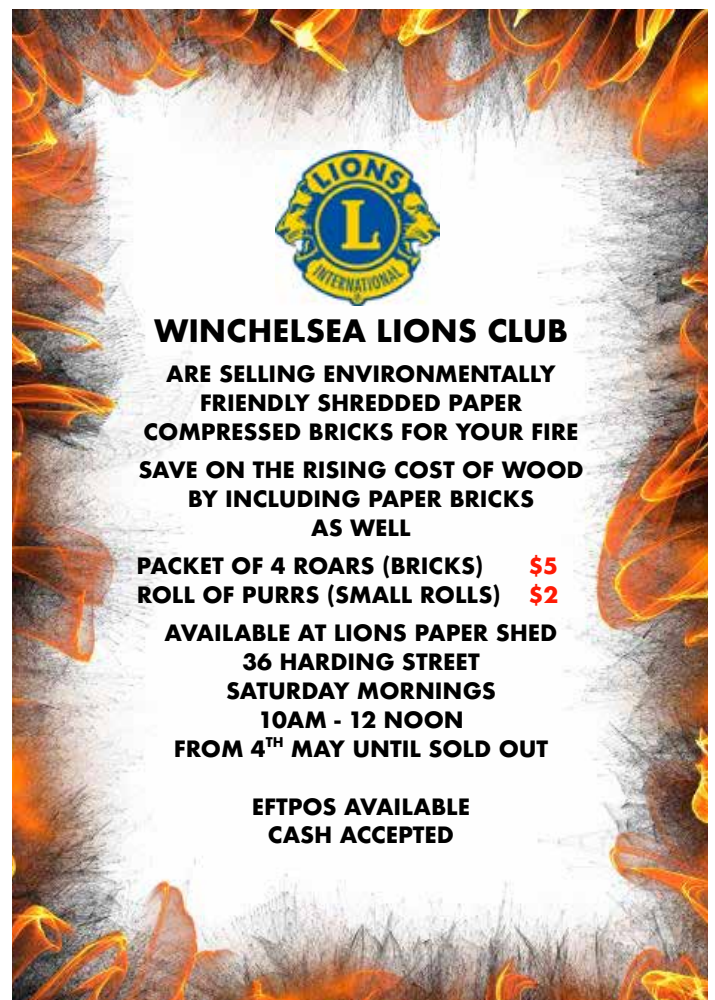
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# **ANZAC Day Thursday 25th of April 2024**

**The service will start at 10.30, at the Winchelsea Reserve, RSL Club rooms.**

**All Welcome**

**After the service there will be morning tea served in the Hub by the Winchelsea Football and Netball Ladies.**

**During the service wreaths will be laid, all are welcome to lay flowers, rosemary or wreaths. The Winchelsea RSL are committed to making this event unique, something to be a part of. All are welcome to Australia's special day.**

**Look for the RSL members outside the IGA Winchelsea and buy a badge to support those who served, and those still serving.**

**Chris Alsop 0405449814 for more information**

**Secretary Winchelsea RSL**



# Letter to the Editor

## 'Well done'

To all the Production and Committee Members of the Winchelsea Star who are responsible for getting the Winch Star published. Your efforts of getting all the local news and activities to us is greatly appreciated. The colour photography is a wonderful addition.

(Name supplied)

## Farewell Shirley Roeszler

With sadness we say farewell to our friend Shirley, who died in the care of the Hesse staff last Friday, April 5th. 2024.

The members of the Winchelsea Book Club always enjoyed evenings when Shirley was present discussing a book. She had such an interest in literature. Unfortunately, illness kept her away many nights since Covid.

Fond memories of Shirley belong to her Book club friends over the years.

- Pat, Jenny B. Jenny M. Sue, Julie, Klara, Judy, Carol, Wendy and Steve, and Gillian

Rest in peace Shirley.

# What To Do After A Bushfire

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### Thought for the Week

"With patience to wait and faith to endure,  
Your life will be blessed and your future secure.  
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before He appoints you to rise far above  
all the small things that so sorely distress you.  
For God's only intention is to strengthen and bless you."

**John Bader,**  
Former U/C Accredited  
Lay Preacher

# Wetland closure update - Lake Modewarre near Winchelsea and Moodie Swamp closed to hunting

Lake Modewarre near Winchelsea and Moodie Swamp near Yundool will be closed to duck hunting from Saturday 13 April 2024 (inclusive) to prevent disturbance to significant numbers of threatened species.

The Game Management Authority (GMA) and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) have been regularly monitoring the wetlands.

Recent surveys detected significant numbers of Brolga at Moodie Swamp and Blue-winged Shoveler at Lake Modewarre. The Victorian government will close both wetlands to duck hunting to prevent disturbance to these threatened species.

Signs will be installed at both wetlands alerting hunters to the closure and Authorised Officers will patrol the wetlands to ensure compliance.

To see all wetlands closed or partially closed to hunting for the 2024 duck season, visit Wetland Closures – 2024 duck season

Wetlands will continue to be monitored throughout the season. Hunters are reminded to check the GMA website regularly for updates before they go hunting.

People are urged to report illegal hunting and breaches to public safety laws to the GMA, online at Report Illegal Hunting or by calling 136 186.

A reminder that the hunting start time is 8am for every day of the 2024 duck season. The daily bag limit is six birds per day. Hunting of the Blue-winged Shoveler and Hardhead is prohibited.

## Reminder – phaseout of 3G network

Victorian farmers are reminded of the upcoming phaseout of the 3G network.



Starting from 30 June the 3G network will be phased out in rural Victoria.

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# Opinion Piece - There's A Few Developments Around Winchelsea

by Tony Phelps

Councils around the country (and likely their equivalents around the world) tend not to get the best rap - sometimes it's well deserved, sometimes not so much, usually a bit of both. Our own Surf Coast Shire has made some unfortunate and even strange mis-steps (think the mud-hut replacement fracas). However, it does seem that changes are afoot for Councils in general, and how they deal with their constituents and stakeholders, with more (and better) consultation and a bottom-up or community-led perspective.

My personal face-to-face experience with Council staff has nearly always been positive - they are capable, professional and motivated people doing the best they can within a tightly controlled environment. I am as guilty as the next person of leaping to conclusions when plans, decisions or policies are announced that at first glance look wrong. It's only after finding out more that the whys and hows and whens come to light to explain decisions made quite reasonably. Local government is our closest level of government we interact with, yet it is hamstrung and constrained by all sorts of State and Federal rules and regulations it has no control over.

But I digress. I was perusing the Council website's "Winchelsea, Moriac and surrounds projects" page at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/About-us/Works-and-projects](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/About-us/Works-and-projects), and it has to be said there's some good stuff going on in and around Winchelsea. Dollars are definitely being spent, and improvements being made. It's good to see.

- **Mud-hut replacement** - now called the Gathering Space Shelter, community input has led to a significantly improved design even if not particularly reflective of the original. It has a lovely shiny new BBQ, and we are promised tables & seating in the near future.

- **Winchelsea Pool** - if you've been up Barwon Terrace you'll have seen work has begun. Essentially flipping the current layout around, the entrance will be at the highway end, and the new pool will include a "zero-depth splash park" (love these terms) as well as the pool itself and the toddler pool. It's a big project, but I think it will be a great asset for Winchelsea that hopefully will last as long as the old version that was built by the Winchelsea community back in the early 60s.
- **Barwon River Playspace** - a big upgrade coming to the playground between the BBQ hut and the pool. That will be great for small kids in town but also for encouraging travellers to stop a while as they pass through on the highway.
- **Barwon River Loop Walk** - a long time coming, but a circuit up one side of the Barwon and back down the other with bridges at each end? Fabulous! A couple of viewing platforms are planned too, incorporating indigenous design reflecting the Gulidjan peoples of the west side and the Wadawurrung people of the east. These are pretty cool and this whole project is again good for locals and visitors.
- **Winchelsea Common** - after a bit of argy-bargy between State and Council over who does and pays for what (one of those mixed-ownership things), this area has been made available to the public again over on the western edge of town opposite the footy ground. A nice place for a stroll or dog-walk. Fenced off a bit for vegetation protection, plus there's a history of lead contamination from many years as a shooting range, but we're told it's all been safely dealt with. Seating, pathways, magnificent trees.
- **Globe Theatre** - it's had a complete new floor, and as a heritage-listed building that floor had to be of Australian chestnut. I shudder to think of what that unexpected cost was, but the good news is that the hall will be open again this month. It's been used for activities like karate and dancing, for film viewings (it has a full 6-speaker sound system with large projector screen), and the annual Winchelsea Repertory Society plays amongst many other uses. Good to have it back again.
- **Netball courts replacement** - it's in my mind that it's not really all that long ago that the netball courts were put in, but it seems they need replacing. This time the plan (after the season finishes) is to replace with something more durable and able to cope with seasonal ground movement. This is the sort of infrastructure maintenance I think is so important.
- **Winchelsea greening & stormwater treatment** - some trees and "passive irrigation" are planned for Hesse and Armytage streets. This nicely complements what Growing Winchelsea are going with the Arboretum Trail project (see [growingwinchelsea.com](http://growingwinchelsea.com)). Such things seem relatively small but have big impact on the 'feel' of our streets and town. They also have a real impact on reducing street heat/drying and water run-off into the Barwon.

Most of you reading this will have a connection or strong interest in Winchelsea and where it's headed as we play our part in creating history. I encourage you to keep up with developments like those above (this publication is of course the best place) and to get involved when you're offered the opportunity eg. feedback or consultation.

In particular, the local Growing Winchelsea volunteer organisation is a really good way to add your voice and influence what happens in the Winchelsea area in future.

Take a look at [growingwinchelsea.com](http://growingwinchelsea.com), and if you'd like to join in, get in touch with Elaine via [secretary@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:secretary@growingwinchelsea.com)

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## Fair Access Policy seeking community input

**Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking community input into the draft Fair Access Policy. This policy seeks to address barriers experienced by women and girls in accessing and using community sport and recreational infrastructure.**

To support this draft policy, Council has developed a draft action plan which outlines the actions Council will take with the clubs and user groups to further improve access to and use of community sporting infrastructure for women and girls.

Council's draft Fair Access Policy has been based on the Fair Access Policy roadmap developed by the Office for Women in Sport.

"Council is committed to ensuring community sporting environments are welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all. This draft policy and action plan looks at how our sporting clubs can remove barriers for women and girls for participation," Cr Kate Gazzard said.

"We know our sporting clubs in the Surf Coast Shire are already doing great work to make sure women and girls can play any sport, just look at the number of female teams across all sports."

"This policy outlines Council's requirements, roles, responsibilities and expectations to support our sporting clubs in removing barriers for everyone to participate from their first participation to senior competitions and committee and leadership roles," she said.

The community engagement is open from Wednesday 27 March until Tuesday 21 May 2024.

Find out more and have your say [yoursay.vic.gov.au/fair-access-policy](https://yoursay.vic.gov.au/fair-access-policy)

## DEVELOP grants unearth the depth of local creative talent

**The depth of creative talent in all disciplines across the Surf Coast Shire has been highlighted through the Council's 2024 DEVELOP Artists and Creatives Grants.**

Eight grants have been awarded in a diversity of fields including literature, music, aerial performance, playwriting, and visual arts.

The 2024 DEVELOP recipients are:

- Nicholas Dacomb, Winchelsea – Faces and Places – Playwriting Mentorship
- Jacinta Halloran, Fairhaven – to Present her Fourth Novel at NT Writers Festival, Darwin
- Gillian Hutchison, Anglesea – GROUNDED – development of long form articles for publication in GALAH and Surfing World
- Cara Johnson, Bamba – The Gift

of Time – New Methodology and Exhibition development

- Minerva Lamorgese, Bellbrae – for purchase of an Aerial Performance Rig
- Jordan Prosser, Lorne – BLUE GIANT – Novel development
- Hugh Riddoch, Jan Juc – MAPPING UP – New Methodology and Exhibition development
- Jesse Williams and Jack Robbins, Anglesea - Giraltones / Forever Son - Video Vignettes.

Cr Gary Allen congratulated the successful applicants.

"The quality of applications in all creative disciplines was extremely high, with a weighted assessment score of 87 or above required to achieve funding," he said.

"Well done to the grant recipients who demonstrated a strong creative vision, and quality project planning and

supporting documentation, all of which are vital when applying for grants."

Each applicant who made contact with Council in the lead-up to the grant was given detailed professional development in how to approach writing grant applications.

"We want to build their skills in applying for funding, not just for the Council's grants, but for funding opportunities at state and federal level too," Cr Allen said.

"Every one of our 2024 recipients has what it takes to really build their national and international profile – and the profile of the Surf Coast's creative sector along with it."

The eight recipients will work on their projects during 2024, with Minerva Lamorgese's aerial artistry to be on display at Ashmore Arts during the 2024 Surf Coast Arts Trail on 3 and 4 August.

Council received 13 applications and engaged with more than 30 potential applicants in the lead-up to the round.



# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News where it has been a huge week for the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club.

Last Saturday saw the Winchelsea Blues host the Bannockburn Tigers in Round 2 of the G.D.F.N.L. in a twilight meet at Eastern Reserve. It was another great day weather wise for Football & Netball and the massive crowd who turned out to watch both the Football & Netball obviously thought so as well. To all those Footballers and Netballers who were rostered on for Canteen duty well done, and a big thank you – you all did such a great job! Huge thanks to Life Member Donna McCallum who orchestrated the day in the Canteen from start to finish, likewise to another Life Member Scott Mawson who as usual, with a small team, managed the Bar all day – and it was a long one!

## RESERVES:

**Winchelsea Blues 6.10.45 were defeated by Bannockburn Tigers 7.10.52.**

This was a close, competitive game of footy Bannockburn in the lead by a point at the first change, and the Blues by a goal at half time. The third quarter saw the Blues working hard to lead by 2 goals 3 points going into the last. That's when the Blues allowed Bannockburn to lift their game and run over the host side kicking 4 goals 4 to the Blues miserly 1 goal for the quarter. Very disappointing for the Reserves who looked to be just in control for the first 3 quarters, that was one that got away.

## GOALS:

Zedaki Copland 2, Will Smith 2, Robbie Gleeson 1, Cooper Davis 1.

## BEST:

Will Smith, Baily Forssman, Matthew Gillespie, Shaun Morris, Bailey Kahle, Zedaki Copland.

## TRIBUTE FOR ED.

After the Reserves game the Winchelsea Blues Footballers & Netballers assembled on the oval along with their Bannockburn opponents, the Bar and Canteen shut down and there was a short address from the Club's President Daniel Greskie. This was followed by a minutes silence to pay tribute to Blue's player Ed Smith who passed away just before Christmas. Ed's family and friends from Yackandandah were in the crowd on Saturday, the Winchelsea Blues hope to see them again soon.

## SENIORS:

**Winchelsea Blues 8.9.57 were defeated by Bannockburn Tigers 9.12.66.**

An emotional Blues kicked a solitary point in the first quarter to Banno's 5 goals 5 points and the stunned crowd were dreading what was shaping up to be a complete blowout – but the Winchelsea Blues are better than that and kicked 5.3 to 1.1 to bring the game back on track. Scores at half time - Winchelsea 5.4 to Bannockburn's 6.6 . The Blues surged ahead in that third quarter to level the scores at three quarter time. They had their chances in the last quarter but the kicking for goal was wayward and the Blues kicked 4 points – Bannockburn did better kicking 2 goals 1 point to grab the win. Winchelsea's Tom Moloney making the most of his opportunities bagging 5 goals for the Blues.

## GOALS:

Tom Moloney 5, Lachie Gemmill 1, Aaron Cooke 1, Leigh Ellis 1.

## BEST:

Caleb Brown, Luke Henry, Tom Moloney, Rueben James, Josh Freeman, Lachie Gemmill

Next week the Blues host North Geelong Magpies at Eastern Reserve for another twilight match, the Reserves kicking off at 3.30pm. The Lions Club famous "Chuck Wagon" will be on site this week to take some pressure off the Canteen – thank you Winchelsea Lions! Junior Football starts this week for the Under 10's – Good Luck everyone!

## THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Busy again last week – thanks to our players and patrons who are so supportive of the Club in this way. Thanks again to Amanda and Kim for their assistance again on Thursday night.

This week we have on the Menu -

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# GO BLUES!!



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## This Week's Results

LADIES - WEDNESDAY APRIL 10  
Quarterly Medal - Stroke - Putting Comp  
Winner: Robyn Vesey (22)74  
R/Up: Di Bartel (22) 76  
Putting: Robyn Vesey 27

**MEN'S MIDWEEK COMP: STABLEFORD**  
Winner: Mick Barron (25)37pts  
R/Up: Dennis Waterfall(20)35pts  
NTP: Craig Harrison

Saturday April 13 - This was the annual Macguires Butchers Day. Paul and Lyn have been sponsoring the Golf Club for decades and this is a shout out to thank them for their unwavering support.

Winner: Dennis Waterfall (20)37pts  
R/Up: Matt Beauchamp (17)36pts  
NTP: 6/15 Greg Rigby  
Golden Hole: Dale Morgan

Next Saturdays Event - 2 Man Ambrose Invitation Day



## Raising Awareness Of Renters' Rights

**The State Government is raising awareness of minimum standards in rentals as the renting taskforce starts to ramp up – targeting and cracking down on dodgy rentals.**

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams today joined Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria Nicole Rich to remind rental providers, agents and renters of their rights and obligations ahead of the taskforce's crackdown on rental law breaches – including breaches of the minimum standards.

A state-wide campaign will kick off today giving easy to understand information to Victorian rental providers about their obligations to deliver a safer and secure home, and to renters about their rights while renting.

The campaign will run across multiple platforms over the coming months and will be visible on key real estate websites. Translations will also help get the message out to people who don't speak English.

Rental properties in Victoria must meet minimum safety and quality standards and include things that people would reasonably expect of a home – like a functional kitchen, lockable external doors, and being structurally sound and weatherproof.

Letting a new renter move into a rental property that doesn't meet these standards is a criminal offence, with maximum penalties of more than \$11,000 for individuals and \$57,000 for companies.

There has been an increase in reports of poorly maintained rentals - with repairs and maintenance in the top five issues that people contacted Consumer Affairs Victoria about last financial year.

The State Government recently announced a dedicated renting taskforce, backed by a \$4 million investment - to crack down on offences like renting out properties that don't meet the minimum standards.

The renting taskforce builds on work being done through the State Government's Housing Statement, including banning all types of rental bidding, restricting rent increases between successive fixed-term rental agreements, and extending the notice of rent increase and notice to vacate periods to 90 days.

The Government is also establishing Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria and delivering a Rental Stress Support Package to support tenants doing it tough.

## Looking for a Cuppa and a Chat? Head to Winchelsea Community House's Chatty Cafe!

Do you fancy a warm drink and some friendly conversation? Then look no further than Winchelsea Community House's Chatty Cafe! Every Friday during school terms, from 10:30am to 12 noon, the doors are open to anyone looking to connect with others in a welcoming and inclusive space.

Whether you're a newcomer to Winchelsea or a local looking to expand your social circle, the Chatty Cafe is the perfect place to strike up a conversation. It's a great way to meet people with similar interests, share stories, or simply enjoy a relaxing morning with a cuppa.

The Winchelsea Community House team fosters a friendly atmosphere where everyone feels comfortable introducing themselves and joining in on the conversation. There's no pressure to talk about anything in particular – just come along, grab a seat, and see where the conversation flows!

Perhaps you're interested in local events, have a recipe to share, or want recommendations for a good book. The Chatty Cafe offers a chance to connect with people from all walks of life, swap ideas, and learn something new.

Even if you're feeling a bit shy, the friendly volunteers at the Winchelsea Community House are there to make you feel welcome and introduce you to others. So, why not pop by next Friday? You might be surprised at the wonderful connections you can make over a cup of tea and a chat.

### Winchelsea Community House Chatty Cafe

**Every Friday during school terms  
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**Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St**

**All welcome!**

**For more information, you can contact  
Winchelsea Community House on (03) 5267 2028**

So, come along, raise a cup, and join the conversation at the Winchelsea Community House Chatty Cafe!





# Victoria's Catchment Management Authorities Win Prestigious National Banksia Award

**Vic Catchments, the peak body for the Corangamite CMA and Victoria's nine other Catchment Management Authorities, has won the Nature Positive category of the 35th National Banksia Sustainability Awards.**

The Awards celebrate trailblazers in environmental and social sustainability, with winners across 14 categories spanning travel, agriculture, conservation and more announced at the gala event – all recognised as true champions of sustainability and social impact.

Cath Jenkins, Chair of Vic Catchments and the Corangamite CMA, accepted the award at the gala event held in Melbourne last week. "Vic Catchments is thrilled and humbled to be

winners of this highly competitive category and congratulate all the other finalists," said Ms Jenkins on behalf of Victoria's ten Catchment Management Authorities (CMA).

"For over 25 years CMAs have been at the forefront of working with communities and partners to deliver incredible results for catchments across Victoria. It's a delight that

it's been recognised by such a prestigious organisation."

"We are a relatively small, yet passionate team and deliver projects on behalf of the Australian and Victorian governments. Partnerships are one of our biggest strengths and we share this success with everyone – Traditional Owners, partner organisations, community and government."

"We have achieved great outcomes for our natural environments, catchments, agricultural landscapes and communities in our 26 years, and we are only just getting started."

In 2023, across Victoria, CMAs:

- Enhanced over 3,000 hectares of vegetation to create habitat for native species.
- Improved practices over 9,000 hectares of agricultural land.
- Issued 13,000 approvals and advice for works on waterways.
- Installed 368 kilometres of fencing to protect rivers and wetlands.
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### FREE Responsible Service of Alcohol Course (RSA)

Winch House in conjunction with Surf Coast Shire and Goodsports is delighted to announce that we have been able to secure a further FREE RSA Course

When: MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL  
Time: 6.15pm to 10.00pm  
Place: Winchelsea Shire Hall

To attend you are required to enrol.

Please visit [www.ligcon.com.au/goodsports](http://www.ligcon.com.au/goodsports) and use the password "Goodsports".

Select the Winchelsea Course and click "Book" and complete the enrolment Process.

As part of the enrolment process, you are required to enter a unique student identifier, a USI. Don't have a USI or forgotten what it is? Go to [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) and follow the prompts.

## Come along and help support 'All Abilities Football, round 1

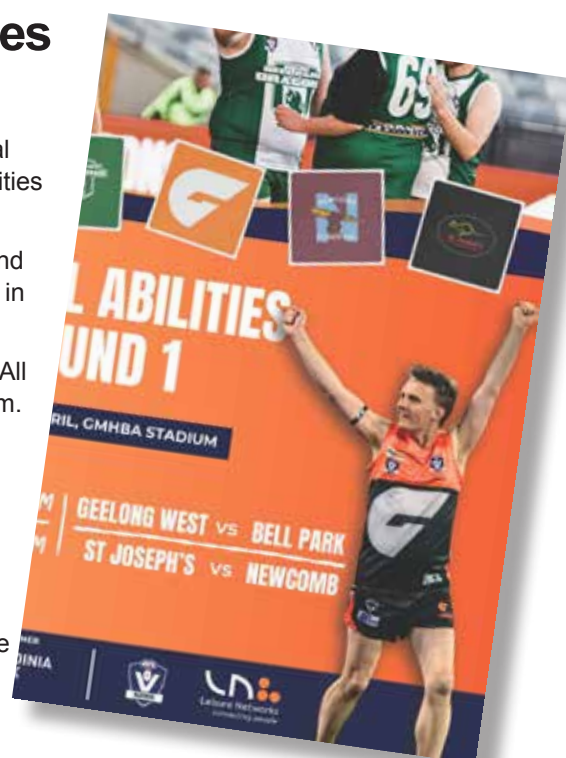
Last month, we witnessed the inaugural competitive basketball finals in regional Victoria, and now, we're gearing up to kick off the second season of the All Abilities FNL in style at the magnificent GMHBA Stadium.

EO of Leisure Networks, David Meade, couldn't be prouder of the work done and continue to do in the community, creating opportunities for everyone to engage in sports.

David invites you to join in cheering on the players at the season launch of the All Abilities Football at GMHBA Stadium on Saturday, April 27th, starting at 4:30 pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to experience the excitement firsthand!

Support for the All Abilities football and netball competitions as the Official Inclusion Partner to AFL Barwon has provided countless individuals living with disabilities with their first-ever experience of actively participating in their local clubs, playing as part of a team. These games offer a friendly and safe environment, welcoming people of all skill levels, ages, and genders. It's all about creating opportunities for those who might not otherwise have the chance to play sports without these All Abilities competitions.

Get along and see all the fun for yourself.





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# WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## The Winchelsea Post Office



The first Post Office in Winchelsea was in a general store originally owned by Elliot Brothers. This store was situated where the Bendigo Bank is today.

Messages were relayed by Morse code.

Mrs Evitt operated the Post Office in the first official building erected in the township as a Post and Telegraph Office.

Mr Thomas Stirling was the first officially appointed Post Master in 1856. His annual salary was twenty pounds - (\$40).

Morse Code was still the means of relaying messages at this time.

The Post Office shown was built in 1916-17 by H.E. Warner, a local building contractor who built many houses in the area.



### Your Help Needed

Does anyone know who this is?

If so, please contact the Winchelsea Historical Society. Call in Wednesdays 1pm-4pm or Fridays 10am-3pm, or email [winchelseahistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseahistsoc@gmail.com)



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When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon

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Next Session: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

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#### Tai Chi - Experienced

When: Friday mornings 9.30am-10.30am

(during school terms)

\$10 per session

Next Session Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

#### Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

6.15pm to 10pm

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#### Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons

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\$5 per session

Next Session Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

#### Knitting Group

When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12 noon

(during school terms)

Next Session: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others. Winchelsea Community House Space

#### Tai Chi - Beginners

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Next Session: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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## Celebrate the vital role bees play in global food systems

May 20 marks the seventh annual World Bee Day, and this year's focus is on the vital role bees play in global food production.

When Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers says while many people have some understanding of the importance of bees, most don't know the true extent to which we depend on bees for the food we eat every day.

"Most people know bees play a role in food production, but few know the sheer scale of their contribution," Ms Chambers said. "Here in Australia, at least 53 crops rely to some extent on bees. These include almonds, avocados, apples, berries, stone fruit and carrot, but also oilseeds such as canola, and legumes like clover and lucerne that feed farm livestock. Often when you sit down for dinner, the whole plate will have some link to bees."

This year World Bee Day will see a host of events and activities taking place in communities across Australia, focused on the 2024 theme – Celebrating bees and their vital role in global food production systems.

"There are lots of ways to get involved, whether it's joining a webinar, visiting a farmers' market, taking part in a community gardening session or simply talking to friends and family

about the importance of bees," Ms Chambers said.

A first for this year's calendar is the Great Bee Morning Tea. Communities, schools and businesses are encouraged to show their support for Australia's beekeepers by hosting a morning tea with cakes, cookies and other sweet treats all made with 100 per cent pure Australian honey.

"Beyond the honey they produce, beekeepers deliver vital pollination services to some of our biggest crops," Ms Chambers said. "By buying 100 per cent Australian honey you are not only supporting Australian beekeepers but the many Australian businesses that rely upon them."

As part of the World Bee Day festivities, The When Bee Foundation has again partnered with the Australian Farmers' Markets Association for the Bring Your Buzz campaign, which encourages people to wear yellow to their local farmers' markets and buy food from producers who value the role bees play in their production. Celebrations at farmers' markets run from Saturday 18 May to Sunday 26 May.

Anyone interested in hosting an event for World Bee Day is encouraged to register their event for free online at the World Bee Day website.

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# Surf Coast Shire Local Legends: Helping our community to thrive

A youth mentor, a mental health advocate, kindergarten volunteer and student volunteers are among Surf Coast Shire's new Local Legends.

Surf Coast Shire Council has announced latest recipients of its Local Legend awards, acknowledging contributions which help our community to thrive.

They are:

- Ocean Mind volunteer Matt Benson
- Anglesea Kindergarten volunteer Sue Saw
- Festival of the Minds founder Jules Haddock
- Surf Coast Little Athletics founder Claire Osborn
- Athlete Willem Curwood



- Reconciliation advocate Hutch Hussein, and
- Youth volunteers at Torquay Community House

"Our Local Legends awards recognise and celebrate people who are making a positive difference in our community," Mayor Liz Pattison said.

"The recipients are unsung heroes who inspire others with their contributions and achievements, devoting time and energy for greater good and the benefit of others, and all have been nominated by community members.

"We congratulate them and thank them for their contributions to making our shire such a special place to be."

Council will share profiles highlighting achievements and contributions of each of the Local Legends during coming weeks via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends), its Facebook and Instagram pages, and local media.

The Legends will also be acknowledged during Council's National Volunteer Week celebrations in May.

Ocean Mind therapeutic surf charity volunteer mentor Matt Benson is the first of the new Local Legends in the spotlight.

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