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FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
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**WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY
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**COFFEE AND
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**Winchelsea Community House
Grand Final brekky fundraiser -
a great success!**

WW1 Book Launch Inverleigh



Christine Windle

Everyone is invited to a WW1 book launch and talk on Sunday October 27th, 2 pm, at the Inverleigh Public Hall. It will feature a talk by Robert Wight, whose new book 'Inverleigh and Murgheboluc District Soldiers in the Great War, 1914-1918, Individual Stories of Service and Sacrifice', will be launched on the day.

Rob is a WW1 buff with a passion for researching military history. He is a member of the Western Front Association and of the Inverleigh Historical Society. The 143 stories in this book are of WW1 soldiers from the Inverleigh and Murgheboluc districts. Their experiences are representative of the overall AIF experience. A summary of the war, the use of many contextual and personal images, and a clear engaging style make this book military and local history at its best.

There will be a display of WW1 memorabilia and uniforms organised by the Inverleigh RSL, time for questions, a delicious afternoon tea, and book signing and sales with cards and cash accepted. This free event is co-hosted by the Inverleigh Historical Society and the Inverleigh RSL Sub-branch.

RSVP to Christine on 0403 267 286 to help with catering or simply come along.

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Winch House fundraiser on a roll

Tony Phelps, Committee Chair



A huge “Thankyou” to everyone that called in to the Winchelsea Shire Hall for a breakfast roll and/or hot drink the morning of Friday 27th (Grand Final eve). It was a busy and very successful event raising funds for Winch House and its occasional child-care service. A tasty egg and bacon roll plus a barista-made coffee make for a good start to a public holiday.

A crew of volunteers plus manager Wendy Greaves and Shire Hall coordinator Rhani Bayon beavered away pumping out egg-&-bacon rolls, coffees, hot chocolates and chais. These were prepared in the commercial kitchen alongside the main hall space, where people were able to sit and enjoy the breakfast while chatting with others.

Proceeds from this event support Winchelsea Community House and in particular its Occasional Child-care service (which runs Mon-Fri 9am-2pm). It was equally importantly an opportunity to pull in people that haven’t seen the Shire Hall yet, and may not be familiar with Winch House and its community focus. The Shire Hall space is currently being managed by Winch House but funding from Surf Coast Shire to do so has only been provided up until the end of June next year - if you want to see it continue to be an extension of Winch House and available for community use in this way, be sure to voice your support to ALL the new Councillors after this election’s results as they will need to set the 2025-2026 budget very early on in their new term.

By the way, “Save The Date” for the next Winch House event coming up on Sunday the 27th October - the Re-Loved Market featuring stalls with pre-loved clothing and accessories for men, women and children. Open 9am to 3pm. Come along and snaffle a bargain or several and contribute to an increasingly circular economy.

Congratulations to Wendy and Rhani for organising both the brekky and the re-loved market! It’s great to see all this activity in our historic Shire Hall right in the centre of town.



Shirley Leak is a local treasure

Judy Cameron

Shirley Leak is a local treasure.

I caught up with Shirley at the Historical Records Rooms in Hesse Street where she oversees the amazing collection of Winchelsea Football Club history which she instigated.

There are over 300 books/folders of year books, team sheets, committee meeting minutes and photo albums with records dating from 1895. And at her home she has boxes of local weekly Footy Records from game days!

Shirley was just 15 when she met her future husband Murray (1937-2014), then 17, at a dance in her home town of Deans Marsh where she supported the Deans Marsh Football team.

They married two years later in 1955 and she had to switch her allegiance to the Winchelsea team where Murray played from 1951 to 1969.

Their two sons Neil and Daryl played for The Blues too. Neil played 438 games and Daryl 306 with Winchelsea and Daryl also for Geelong Under 19s and Reserves in 1977-78.

In 1961 Shirley instigated the forming of a Ladies Committee to support the football club. They ran morning coffees, stalls, debutante balls and took on catering assignments.

The club had their 100th year anniversary in 1976. Shirley already had a collection of newspaper clippings by then and started collecting, copying and collating any data she could.

This became an obsession and pride that still continues today. She has taken many photos over the years and compiled club year books.

Some of the football club paperwork had been missing for 40 years. Winchelsea's Keith (Bruiser) Leorke (1928 – 2003) was the Secretary of Polwarth & District League. The new owners of his home found the records in the ceiling of the house where they had been put for safe keeping.



Shirley pointing to a photo of her sons Daryl and Neil.

Shirley was also involved with the tennis and cricket clubs. She has been an avid and passionate support of the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club for over 50 years and as a true Blue is a worthy contender for a Life Membership.

So if you want to visit the Winchelsea Historic Centre and explore Shirley's amazing work the centre is open on Wednesdays from 1-4pm and Fridays from 10-3pm.



The room where you will find the information. Recently a John McDonald contact Shirley to find out what number his father wore when he played – and of course she could answer his query.



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This event was made possible by the following eight volunteers: Ann Morsby * Don Smith * Jon Varney * Neil McInnes * Murray Aisbett * Kate McInnes * Angie Mawson * Dan Fidow. Special thanks to Big Dan for volunteering as Course Photographer.

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 enjoyable 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 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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You do not need to be a runner, wear fancy Lycra or the latest high-tech shoes. Around one third of participants walk the course.

parkrun was conducted at 495 locations across Australia this week.



Reani Mawson wins Bronze in Victorian Regional Athletics

'Congratulations, Reani'

Angie Mawson

Reani Mawson (aged 15 from Winchelsea) represented Grovedale College in Victorian State Schools Regional Athletics carnival on Wednesday at Moonee Valley.

Reani had previously qualified at the District carnival earlier this year, winning Gold in the 100m and Gold in the 4 x 100m relay.

Reani came 4th in the 100m, narrowly missing a medal yesterday morning and then powered down the home straight in the final leg of the 4 x 100m. Reani and her team consisting of other Grovedale College athletes came home with the Bronze Medal.

Congratulations Fi, Ella, Ella and Reani.



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Your priorities are my platform. Across Wannon the key issues I hear from voters are:

- cost of living
- fair funding for Wannon
- improving infrastructure
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Why I choose to live in Winchelsea

Jill Evans



Danni

Danni came to Winchelsea in 2021.

Living in Geelong and looking to start a family, Danni wanted something different – a place with a sense of community. On a drive with her partner, they called in to a Winchelsea café and were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the staff and other customers.

Here was the answer, in this tiny township, close to family, a place to raise children. Elsie came along and helped Danni build friendships with other families.

Then in 2023 at 29 weeks of pregnancy, Danni was rushed to hospital because little Evelyn was ready to be born. Weighing 602 grams this little fighter came into the world with an eye on her future. After five months in the Royal Womens Hospital Danni and Evelyn were able to come home.

The Winchelsea Community couldn't do enough to support this family. Meals were prepared, funding was raised to help with costs, and Danni realised they had made the right decision to live in this beautiful town.

2024 offered Danni the opportunity to give back and now she runs the Winchelsea Playgroup. Evelyn still needs some medical support but life has taken on a different feel, now a time to enjoy all the joys of living in Winchelsea.





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Winchelsea Star

Extraordinary General Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came to the Meeting at the Shire Hall last week. We discussed and voted on the updated Constitution, so now we are up with the latest!

Going forward, we are going to hold a production meeting - with coffee of course - on the last Saturday of each month. You're welcome to come along with comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events - or to say Hi!

We are very proud of our local weekly Community Newspaper!

Letter to the Editor

Thank you so much for another wonderful edition.

Lee

Helping families cover the cost of kids sport

The State Government is making sure more kids get the opportunity to play the sport they love, with another round of \$200 sport vouchers.

The next round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program opens this week – helping eligible families cover the costs of sports memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Families can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child.

Almost 150,000 vouchers have been provided since 2020. More than half of the families say their kids would not have been able to participate in sports without the voucher.

From soccer to dance, there are more than 70 sports and 2,000 activity providers in the program, meaning kids across Victoria have the chance to take part in the sport and activities they love.

Families can apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at an activity provider like a local sporting club.

The program is open to kids aged up to 18 named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and named on a Medicare Card.

Special consideration is also available for children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, migrants and international students.

For more information and to apply for a voucher visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

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1 Dec 2024	2 March 2025
	6 April 2025
	4 May 2025
	1 June 2025

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New powerful laws address violence against women

Women will be further protected from
family violence with stand-alone offences
criminalising non-fatal strangulation
coming into effect this weekend.

The Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal
Strangulation) Act 2024, includes two new
offences to crack down on perpetrators
and help the justice system better identify
and deal with an incredibly dangerous act
of violence – often taken against women.

These laws, referred to as Joy's Law,
would not be coming to effect without

the advocacy of the family of Joy Rowley
whose life was cut short in her own home
– where she should have been safe.

Research shows that victims of non-fatal
strangulation are seven times more likely
to be seriously injured or killed by their
partner than other family violence victims.

Perpetrators who intentionally injure their
victim will face up to ten years in jail –
ensuring there are serious consequences
for this violent and intimidating behaviour.

The second offence, which carries a
maximum five-year sentence, applies
even when no injury has occurred. This
ensures better protection for victims who

may not have visible injuries.

These laws will not apply when the non-
fatal strangulation occurs in the context of
sexual activity and consent is freely and
wilfully given.

In May, the State Government announced
further reforms with the Women's Safety
Package which will include new initiatives
to stop violence before it starts.

These changes will include changes to
the service of Family Violence Intervention
Orders so that protection can start
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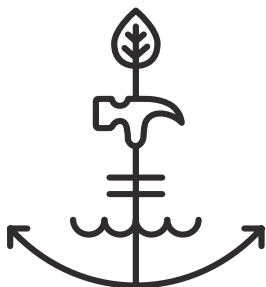
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Celebrate Children's Week in Winchelsea and Torquay

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Surf Coast Shire Council will host two free community events at:

- **Helen M Kininmonth Kindergarten**
30 Hesse Street, Winchelsea
Thursday 24 October, 1pm to 3pm
Featuring nature play, healthy snack activity, sensory experiences, creative craft, and more.
- **Elephant Walk park – The Esplanade, Torquay**
Tuesday 22 October, 10am to 12pm
Featuring a Welcome to Country, pop-up activity stalls with creative craft, sensory experiences, a science show at 11am, and more.

Attendees are asked to bring their own water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

"Young children have had a ball at these events in previous years, so be sure to save the date and come along," Council CEO Robyn Seymour said. "We know play is invaluable for kids, which is why there is a diverse range of activities on offer at both of these events. Most importantly, there's plenty of fun to be had by all."

This year's Children's Week theme is 'children have the right to a clean and safe environment'. Learn more at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ChildrensWeek or follow @SurfCoastEarlyYears on Facebook or Instagram.

The Children's Week events are presented by Council in



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He says the stallholders would include winemakers, distillers, brewers and makers of ice cream, cheese, pasta, preserves and other tasty treats.

“We’ll have Timboon Fine Ice Cream churning fresh ice cream to taste, and Schulz Organic Dairy will be hand-churning butter,” Mr Dennis explains. “In the activity tent, you can learn how to grow veggies and take home your own seedling.

“We’re lucky to live in such a productive region with good soil, rain and some seriously hard-working people on the land. Our region is home much-loved big brands like Bulla, Western Star



Taste the best of the Otways in one place

Makers and growers from across the Otways will gather at the Colac Showgrounds on October 20 to celebrate the region’s bounty with hands-on fun for the whole family.

The Otway Producers Festival will showcase the region’s excellent food, drink, flowers and fibre with a full program of activities and an indoor market with more than 40 local makers and growers – some of them selling direct to the public for the first time.

“There’ll be no shortage of delicious food and drink to try, and we’ll have hands-on fun for kids of all ages,” says Tom Dennis, president of the Otway Harvest Trail, the organisation behind the event.

One of the big drawcards will be a kids’ pasta recipe competition with a prize of \$400 for the winner’s school and \$100 for the young cook. Primary school students across the region are busy submitting their favourite quick and easy stove-top recipes using Otway Pasta Company Pasta.

“Bonus points will be given to recipes with fresh Otways produce,” says Steve Robinson, owner and chief pasta maker at Otway Pasta Company. “I’ll be cooking the winning recipe on the festival stage. I can’t wait to see what our young cooks come up with.”

The \$2 entry fee includes an animal nursery and farm-themed face painting for the kids, plus maker demonstrations and an informative line-up of speakers on the festival stage.

Mr Dennis says the volunteers behind the Otway Harvest Trail want the festival to build community connections and remind locals of the world-class food, drink and fibre in their own back yard.

and Australian Lamb, and this festival is a way to remind locals that smaller scale operators add so much depth and flavour to the place we call home.”

Local makers and growers will be interviewed on the festival stage by Colac-born food journalist and broadcaster Wendy Hargreaves (nee Busfield), who will find out the stories behind the produce and dive into topics ranging from how we farm through to future job prospects.

“There are so many delicious places to explore in the Otways,” says Mrs Hargreaves. “Every time I come home to Colac, there’s something new to discover.”

\$2 entry fee. No dogs. Bring cash, carry bags and refillable water bottles

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Thought for the Week

"The peace of God, the peace of man.

Be upon each window, each door.

Upon each hole that lets in light.

Upon the four corners of my house.

Upon the four corners of my bed.

God Bless."

John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
Lay Preacher

Winchelsea Op Shop Rebuild Appeal Update

Hesse have been working extra hard behind the scenes in planning and fundraising efforts to restore the new permanent home for their Op Shop.

With the proposed site of 44-46 Main St in Winchelsea having a heritage overlay and significant refurbishment design challenges, it's taken some time to ensure everything is in order to return it to its former glory.

But after experiencing these planning delays and a lot of Hesse heart and soul, Hesse are delighted to advise that they have both an approved planning permit and the funds for Stage 1 of the Op Shop rebuild!

Stage 1 is now in final planning, with works to be completed in 2025. This will deliver a restored and refurbished building to the old bakery site to operate from initially whilst the Stage 2 (extension) is planned.

As the building being restored in Stage 1 is smaller than the previous Op Shop that was lost to fire, an extension is required under Stage 2. The size of this extension to support the ongoing operations of this shop is dependent on the fundraising received.

Thanks to support received to date, Hesse are now more than halfway towards reaching their Stage 2 goal to extend the existing building and bring this important Winchelsea community space fully back to its former operations - and that means back to fully serving the local community.



For more information scan the QR code or visit our website: hesseruralhealth.com.au

We couldn't have made it this far without the tireless support of the Winchelsea community and surrounds, with a very special shout out to the members of the Hesse Rural Health Hospital Auxiliary.

This community powerhouse has managed to raise \$200,000 in total towards the Stage 2 goal of \$400,000, and has set its sights on helping once again to bring this project home.

To keep the momentum going, Hesse is holding a SPRING RAFFLE, with many amazing prizes to be won.

All proceeds raised go to the Hesse Op Shop Rebuild Appeal, and you will be in with a chance to win one of the 13 prizes including garden supplies, power tools, accommodation, prestige golf club vouchers, plus other vouchers and wine prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from Hesse Reception, the temporary Op Shop location of 10 Willis St in Winchelsea, plus many other local locations, as well as being able to be purchased online by using the QR code provided above.

The raffle will be drawn at 12pm on Sunday 10th November 2024, at the Winchelsea Community Market. Get in quick for your tickets and support this amazing cause!





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Multi-agency exercise focuses on emergency relief for communities isolated by bush fire

Surf Coast Shire

A major regional exercise hosted by Surf Coast Shire Council has focused on providing emergency relief for Great Ocean Road communities potentially isolated by bushfire.

The planning exercise at Aireys Inlet Community Centre drew together input from multiple organisations, looking at ways to best identify and deliver relief needs in an emergency.

It was staged as property owners and occupants are being encouraged to undertake spring clean-up and fuel reduction work across Surf Coast Shire in preparation for the bushfire season.

Fire authorities are warning of potential for an early start to the fire season following dry winter and autumn.

The multi-agency emergency relief exercise focused on a Great Ocean Road community being isolated at noon on an extreme fire danger day in late January, with fire outbreaks forcing road closures.

The exercise involved organisations including Surf Coast, Colac Otway and Corangamite shire councils, Country Fire Authority, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police, State Emergency Service, Department of Families Fairness and Housing, Emergency Recovery Victoria, Red Cross, Salvation Army and utility providers.

"This important exercise looked at critical actions which need to take place during the first 12, 24 and 48 hours, from outside and within the isolated community," Surf Coast Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Robyn Seymour said. "Principal objectives

included working on how to identify and deliver relief needs, understanding a governance structure and ensuring all agencies are using the same terminology.

"Providing emergency relief in these situations is challenging and complex. Having agencies come together to work through scenarios in advance can be vital in helping many cogs work together when crisis arrives."

Emergency Recovery Victoria Regional Recovery Director Angela Carey said: "Recovery needs to be swift and effective after an emergency. Planning exercises are essential to make sure all partners in emergencies are in the best possible position to anticipate and respond to the needs of community after a major emergency.

"Victoria's emergency management sector is well prepared for the season ahead, but being fire-ready is a shared responsibility. We all have a responsibility to understand the risk, have a fire plan in place and keep up-to-date with warnings on the VicEmergency App and website."

The exercise provided a reminder that residents living in areas of fire risk should continue to undertake fuel reduction work, and that having well-prepared and practised fire plans are crucial to protecting properties and lives.

People can find valuable guiding information via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Emergencies-and-safety and cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

During October Surf Coast Shire Council will issue green waste disposal vouchers to ratepayers to support disposal of garden waste as part of summer fire preparations.

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Thank you to the Winchelsea Star and the various local Facebook pages, schools and kinders for promoting our recent Family Bush Dance.

A 5:30pm start, and a sausage sizzle run by the Scouts, worked better for younger families this year, with an increase in numbers.

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CARERS WEEK Sun13 October - Sat 19 October

Free public transport for Victoria's carers

Victorian Carer Card holders will be able to enjoy free public transport for seven days during National Carers Week from the State Government.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence encouraged Victoria's dedicated carers to take advantage of free travel on trams, buses and trains throughout Victoria from Sunday, 13 October through to Saturday, 19 October.

Victorian Carer Card holders will be able to explore metro Melbourne and regional Victoria free of charge. This will help carers get to celebratory events for carers throughout National Carers Week and connect with family and friends.

Carer Card holders can use their carer myki card to touch on and off as usual, with no charges during this period. Carers will need to carry their Victorian Carer Card or a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card on public transport.

More than 750,000 Victorian unpaid carers provide care and assistance to a family member or friend with support needs due to disability, chronic illness, or older age.

National Carers Week runs from 13 to 19 October 2024 and is an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate carers of all ages and backgrounds, acknowledging the vital role they play in our community.

To apply for a Victorian Carer Card, visit carercard.vic.gov.au.

More information on the free public transport offer is available at ptv.vic.gov.au.

Grants to support Victoria's carers

The State Government is helping Victoria's unpaid carers create social connections and improve their work and study opportunities with funding for activities across Victoria.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence announced the recipients of the 2024 Connecting Carers in their Community program grants at an event celebrating National Carers Week.

The program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$25,000 to grassroots and community groups for activities that help carers with social connection, wellbeing and achieving their personal goals – especially in relation to work readiness and employment.

Many carers provide care around the clock, making it difficult for them to access the support they need to look after themselves, engage in work and study or connect with others in their community.

Grants have been provided for more than 40 projects across Victoria, supported by an investment of \$900,000 from the State Government, with just over half the grant recipients based in regional and rural areas.

Latin Stories Australia will receive a grant to expand its delivery of online and in-person workshops that connect Latin American and Spanish carers with their peers, provide tools to maintain their wellbeing and help them advance their personal goals including career advancement. Kirrae Health Service will be supported to create a local support group for First Nations carers in regional Victoria, helping them form lasting social and supportive connections, to combat social isolation and foster cultural connection.

Nourish to Flourish in Colac will provide educational sessions and self-care activities for people caring for a loved one with an eating disorder, aiming to reduce social isolation and upskilling carers to become advocates for themselves and loved ones.

For more information about the Connecting Carers in their Community program, visit carersvictoria.org.au.

To find out more about National Carers Week, visit carersweek.com.au.

Free Camping!

The State Government is helping busy families this summer by making camping free in every national park and state forest in Victoria.

Camping will be free at all 131 of Parks Victoria's paid campgrounds from 1 December 2024 until 30 June 2025 – saving families \$7.3 million in booking fees.

The \$9 million investment will ensure all campers have free access to every campground across the state – including the popular Tidal River in Wilson's Promontory, where fees are currently \$40.70 a night.

As part of this investment, \$1.7 million will go towards additional maintenance, repairs and operating costs to ensure campgrounds are kept clean and safe for all to enjoy.

It builds on the State Government's half-price camping initiative that's been in place since 2019 and saved campers a staggering \$25.7 million.

Families who have already booked and paid to go camping won't miss out. Existing bookings for the summer will be honoured and refunded.

More than 50 million people visit Victoria's iconic state forests and national parks a year, for camping, hiking, fishing and hunting, four-wheel driving, trail bike riding, horse riding, birdwatching and much more.

The State Government has delivered 31 new and 60 upgraded campgrounds, as well as 155 upgraded four-wheel drive tracks and 16 walking tracks totalling 31 kilometres.

Camping and recreation contributes more than \$2.1 billion a year to the Victorian economy and supports 20,000 jobs – most in regional communities.

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The first known licence holder was John Highett in 1837. His partner was William Harding and the licence covered about 22,000 acres.

The next holder was Henry Hopkins, a merchant from Hobart Town in 1851 and then John R Hopkins in 1854. He took over the Hesse Plains run, by now known as Murdeduke Station. Murdeduke was derived from Murdi-duc, being Araboriginal for 'muddy water'. Tenders were called for the erection of a residence for Mr Arthur Hopkins.

After the demise of Arthur in 1882 it was managed by his son-in-law William Austin. William was the son of

Thomas Austin. In 1886 the homestead and 13,000 acres were purchased by Mr. Peter McIntyre. After his death the property Mountside passed to his son Charles and Murdeduke to his other son Andrew. In 1938 the homestead and 4,500 acres were purchased by James Wilson.

The earliest building of which any records exist is the structure that William Harding and sister Elizabeth resided in before her marriage to Thomas Austin in 1845.

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The Climate Report Judy Cameron

Fear

When It Helps, When It Hurts Bill McKibben from *The Crucial Years* (Reproduced with permission)

We've spent some time in recent years worrying that there was too much fear-mongering and doom-saying in the way we talked about climate change—that it was wearing people out. And indeed there's truth there—if we're going to do what we must, the story in the years ahead needs to be as much about the adventure of turning our planet solar as the dread that we'll turn our planet Venus.

But there are important moments when fear is a crucial resource. A week ago, in the wake of Helene, the veteran climate activist and North Carolina native Anna Jane Joyner wrote this dispatch from New York's "Climate Week"

There were fancy parties, cheerful sun imagery and giant signs reading "HOPE." The dominant theme was: We can solve this! We need to tell hopeful climate stories! But there's no "solving" a hurricane wiping out western North Carolina, hundreds of miles from the sea. Only focusing on optimism is like telling a cancer patient that everything will be OK if they just stay positive. At best, it comes across as out of touch; at worst, it feels callous. Yes, we can still prevent the worst impacts and must demand our governments scale solutions and act urgently, but we cannot minimize the horrors unfolding now, or that it will get worse in the coming years.

And yesterday, on air, the veteran Florida weatherman John Morales let his fear show through. As Cara Buckley recounted in *t*

he Times, "It's just an incredible, incredible, incredible hurricane," Mr. Morales said of Milton, closing his eyes and slightly shaking his head. "It has dropped. ..."

His voice faltered. He looked down, drew a shaky breath and continued, "... it has dropped 50 millibars in 10 hours." For viewers who didn't understand the staggering implications of this barometric plunge, Mr. Morales's choked delivery said enough. "I apologize," he said in a quavering voice. "This is just horrific."

This kind of fear is entirely useful—there are, I have no doubt, people who left their homes and drove north towards Georgia after hearing the break in Morales' voice. He saved lives. And he did it entirely honestly. "You know what's driving that," he said to viewers. "I don't need to tell you. Global warming. Climate change." It's honest fear, driven by deep understanding. As Morales wrote in an essay in the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* last year

"As the temperature of the planet increases, my confidence in forecasting storm intensity is decreasing... Today I am no longer as comfortable in putting everyone at ease in regard to the strength of a storm. I am afraid of rapid intensification cycles happening at the drop of a hat."

The fear of a planet where the old rules no longer hold is the ultimate fear—because then how do you even think about the future? And that's as true as politics as it is in meteorology. The deep fear that wakes me up at night has only partly to do with the weather; it's the political fronts.....

Submission against Viva Energy's gas import terminal

Dan Cowdell CEO, Geelong Sustainability

This is a reminder that the upcoming webinar on how to make an impactful submission against Viva Energy's harmful gas import terminal is happening soon!

Join us Online via Zoom at 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 October to hear from various community experts who will provide facts and highlight the issues with having a gas import terminal in Corio Bay, and take you through the process of creating a powerful submission that speaks out against Viva's revised plans.

Why Attend?

This webinar is a crucial opportunity for you to hear directly from local experts and advocates who will provide support and guidance to ensure your submission is as impactful as possible. With Viva Energy's project posing serious safety, marine environment and climate risks, your voice is essential in stopping this harmful fossil fuel development in Corio Bay.

During the webinar you will:

- Learn how to create a meaningful submission that addresses your main concerns.
- Gain insights from community experts, including local marine and safety experts
- Understand the environmental and social impacts of the gas import terminal.
- Learn how your submission can make a significant difference in the decision-making process.



Submission Deadline Approaching - Don't Wait!

We need as many submissions as possible, and your participation in the webinar will help ensure that this project is stopped once and for all. We encourage you to share this webinar with friends, family and other networks.

Webinar Details:

RSVP Now

If you can't attend the webinar live, please still RSVP and we will send you the submission guide to support you in making your submission. Please note, the webinar will not be recorded.

Why This Matters

Viva's project threatens to bring in 600,000 tonnes of climate pollution annually, locking Victoria into reliance on dirty fossil fuels and driving up energy costs.

Together we've already made a significant impact, but now we need to make it clear again: Viva Energy's Gas Import Terminal is not welcome in Corio Bay.

Let's unite to protect our environment, our community and our future. We look forward to seeing you at the webinar and working together to stop this harmful project.

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Brett Hosking announces VFF Presidential candidacy

Quambatook grain and livestock farmer Brett Hosking has announced he is running for President of the Victorian Farmers Federation at the 2024 VFF General Elections.

A former Vice President of the VFF, Mr Hosking said he was running for President of the organisation he holds in high regard as an essential voice for all Victorian farmers.

“There are so many challenges facing agriculture, renewable energy, transmission lines, animal welfare legislation, biosecurity issues or mineral sands mines, and we need to be on the front foot to engage with government on behalf of farmers,” Mr Hosking said.

Mr Hosking spent six years as a Director at the VFF, including two years as Vice President, and was Chair of GrainGrowers for four years. He is currently a Director of the Birchip Cropping Group, Chair of Grains Australia Trade and Market Access Council, and a Director of Farmers for Climate Action.

While running his grain and livestock farm in Quambatook with his wife, Jane, and their four daughters, he has represented farmers at a local, state and federal level.

Mr Hosking was instrumental in the development of the Grains Sustainability Framework (Behind Australian Grains), worked with GRDC to develop baseline measurements of carbon emissions from grain production, and helped reduce payment times for Australian grain farmers.

He has participated in overseas trade missions, and led growers through geopolitical trade disruptions and climate-related impacts to farming business. The Inaugural United Nations FAO Sustainable Livestock Conference in Rome.

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Protecting Deen Maar Island *'Rabbits Gone!'*

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A project to eradicate rabbits from Deen Maar Island, a cultural and environmentally significant site in southwest Victoria, is looking positive.

Penguins and sea birds are reclaiming sites previously overrun with rabbit warrens and using the empty holes as nest sites.

The small island, known on some maps as Lady Julia Percy Island, is located approximately 20 kilometres south-west of Port Fairy and is known to the Eastern Maar and Gunditjmarra traditional owners as Deen Maar.

The island is home to one of Victoria's largest breeding colonies of Australian Fur Seals, and western Victoria's most important seabird breeding sites, hosting hork-tailed Shearwaters, Little Penguins, Fairy Prions and Common Diving Petrels.

European rabbits were first introduced in the mid-1800's to provide a food source for potential shipwreck survivors.

Rabbit digging can seriously impact the cultural values of the

island. They have also had a negative impact on the nesting habitat for ground-nesting seabirds by altering vegetation cover and causing widespread erosion as they forage and burrow.

Eliminating the rabbits will improve habitat for seabird species nesting on the island, improve their long-term breeding success, and enhance seabird species' resilience.

The project occurred in phases, including release of calicivirus, aerial baiting, and monitoring and eradication trips.

To officially declare the island rabbit free, two years of monitoring commenced in December 2023. If no rabbits are found during these two years, the island will be declared rabbit-free.

The most recent monitoring trip in mid-September found no signs of rabbits.

The Deen Maar Island Rabbit Eradication Project is led by DEECA in partnership with Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria.



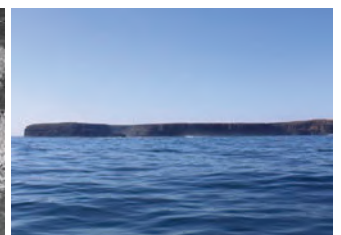
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