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## Junior Football & Netball Presentation Night!



# Winchelsea Junior Football Netball Club

## Presentation Night

by Shae Callahan

It was standing room only last Thursday night as the Winchelsea clubrooms were filled to bursting for the Junior Football and Netball Presentation Night. The atmosphere was buzzing, with families, friends, and players turning out in force to celebrate a fantastic season.

The kitchen staff were run off their feet serving meals to the huge crowd, and did it all with smiles — a big thank you for your tireless dedication throughout the year.

This season has been one of exciting growth for our juniors. On the football side, the club proudly introduced an

Under 12s team to complement the Under 10s, and ran a hugely successful AusKick program. Adding to the excitement, all of our junior footballers were presented with their very own personalised footy cards — a keepsake they'll treasure — thanks to Jason from Nogueira Photography.

Netball was equally strong, with the introduction of our very first Under 10s team, a successful NetSetGo program, and plans already locked in for summer competition — featuring two Under 11s teams, two Under 13s teams, an Under 15s and an Under 17s side. The Under

11s capped off a remarkable winter season with just one loss, and were proudly presented with participation medals from the club in recognition of their efforts.

The night was a true reflection of the pride, support, and sense of community that continues to grow within our club.

And of course, the highlight of the evening — the presentation of awards, celebrating the achievements and dedication of our junior footballers and netballers.

### Under 13's

#### B&F – Eadie Canavan



Eadie has been such a strong leader for our team this season. Playing as a goal shooter, she is feisty, passionate, and always consistent. Week after week she's come up against tough opponents, but she continues to shine through and make a huge impact for our team. Congratulations, Eadie!

#### Runner up B&F - Heidi Wilson



Heidi has been outstanding for us this season, playing across goal attack and mid-court. She chases every ball until it's in her hands, and her accuracy under pressure is a real strength. Heidi is also a great leader on court, showing versatility and talent well beyond her years. Congratulations, Heidi!

### Most improved – Mackenzie Wollett

Kenzie has come such a long way this season, and it's been amazing to see her confidence grow. When she gets her long, stretchy arms out in wing defense, she's an absolute pest to play against! She's tried all three defensive positions, and has grown into each role. Kenzie is always asking the right questions and genuinely wanting to get better, a true credit to her improvement this year. Congratulations, Kenzie!"

#### Coaches award – Poppy Finch

Poppy has really stepped up as a leader in her final year of Under 13s. She owned her role as our trusty wing attack, where she's flourished and built so much confidence. At the same time, she's been our reliable fallback — playing every position from defense to mid-court to shooting whenever we've needed her. Poppy is sharp, smart, and adaptable, and always asking the right questions to improve. She helps lift her teammates when they're down and is one of the first to get everyone going before the game. Poppy, you've been a true all-rounder and leader this season — congratulations!

- Izzie and Ella (U13 Coaches)





## Under 15's

### Joint Best and Fairest – Lexi Czerniawski

Lexi, you've been a standout all season – consistent, reliable, and always giving your best for the team. You've led by example and shown true sportsmanship. Congratulations on Best and Fairest.

### Joint Best and Fairest – Madilynn Finch

Moo, your effort and determination never go unnoticed. You've been a key part of the team's success, always stepping up and showing such passion for the game. Well done on Best and Fairest.



### Runner Up Best and Fairest – Heidi Wilson



Heidi, your hard work, grit, determination, consistency, and drive have been incredible this year. You've made such an impact every week, and this award is so well deserved.

### Most Improved – Ashlyn Gardiner

Ash, the improvement you've shown this season has been amazing. You've grown in confidence and skill, and it's been so rewarding to watch you develop. Keep it up!

### Coach's Award – Esther Grimmer

Esther, you've brought positivity, effort, and team spirit every time you stepped on the field. I asked so much of you this year out on the court, and your ability to execute all of it is a credit to your determination. You've been an absolute joy to coach, and this award recognises everything you've given the team.

- leisha (15s Coach)

## Under 17's

### Best and fairest - Tallulah Dunn

Lulu has had a breakout first year at Winchelsea, playing 17's and B grade. She also got the opportunity to make her debut in A grade, one of the best juniors to play at the club, she has had great growth and development in her first year at the club.



### Runner Up Best and Fairest - Reani Mawson



Reani has always been a strong attacking player who can shoot goals. This year we really focused on her defensive game to round out her playing ability. We saw Reani's defensive game grow and develop and we hope she continues to work on this for years to come

### Coaches award - Lexi Czerniawski

Lexi has been a ray of sunshine this year with an enormous amount of playing potential and skill. She has demonstrated she is coachable continuously asking for feedback and executing what is being asked of her.

### Most Improved - Mia White

Mia has had a year of significant improvement, always putting in 100% at trainings and wanting to learn, we have seen such improvement and growth.

### Most Valuable Player - Monet Drew

Monet has had a standout year this year. Having just taken out the Meagan Dean Under 17 League Best and Fairest award. Monet started her training before the start of the season, her determination, grit and resilience shines through in every game, always delivering on what is asked and doing what she needs to do for her team.

- Casey (17s Coach)

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**Junior Club Person Award – Hannah Humphries.**

This award is very special as it recognises a junior member who goes above and beyond to help our club, showing commitment, teamwork, and a true love for our community.

This year's Best Junior Club Person Award goes to someone who is always willing to lend a hand whether it's helping with NetSetGo, supporting our Under 11s or helping out on the BBQ. She is reliable, positive, and never hesitates to get involved wherever she's needed.

We are so lucky to have her as part of our club, and we are incredibly grateful for all the time and effort she puts in.

Congratulations to Hannah Humphries – thank you for everything you do!

### BEST JUNIOR CLUB PERSON



This award dedicated to Leslie Mathieson, it is a Junior recognised for going above and beyond to help our club, showing commitment, teamwork and a true love for the community.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
HANNAH  
HUMPHRIES** ❤️



### FINAL LEADERBOARD

**Top 5:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Tallulah Dunn - 68 Votes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Reani Mawson - 49 Votes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Monet Drew - 47 Votes
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Millie Partridge - 35 Votes
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Lexi Czerniawski - 27 Votes



### FINAL LEADERBOARD

**Top 5:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Eadie Canavan - 43 Votes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidi Wilson - 40 Votes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ally Mawson - 29 Votes
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Zoe Donohue - 23 Votes
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Poppy Finch - 18 Votes



### FINAL LEADERBOARD

**Top 5:**

- = 1<sup>st</sup> : Lexi Czerniawski - 34 Votes
- = 1<sup>st</sup>: Maddylin Finch - 34 Votes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidi Wilson - 28 Votes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Esther Grimmer - 26 Votes
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Eadie Canavan - 22 Votes
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Hannah Humphries - 14 Votes

## SUMMER NETBALL!



**Under 11s**  
Born 2017 - 2015  
Tuesday evenings



**Under 13s**  
Born 2014 - 2013  
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**Under 15s**  
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We also made & sold pancakes to help raise funds for our Unit. Many thanks to those who supported our efforts.

During the school holidays we will be visiting 'Scienceworks' as part of our Outer Space badge where we will attend the 'Starlight' Presentation.

The girls have also made 'rockets', papier mache 'planets', 'space' food, and they had a 'Space-co' disco. For Father's Day they made a slice to share with their dads, and also played 'Minute -to-win-it' challenges with them.

On Sat 6th Sept they joined with other guides in the district for a District gathering at 'Tallawalla' Guide camp.

We welcome girls 5-15yrs to come and join us. We meet on Mon 4.30-6pm at the Catholic hall, Harding St. During Term. 'Come & try' for 3 nights free.

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The 2026 Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar will be the last edition in print, as Surf Coast Shire Council develops new avenues for nurturing, celebrating and promoting artistic activity.

The much-loved calendar has been produced and printed annually for more than 25 years, celebrating and

promoting local artists of all ages and in particular emerging creatives.

The annual community art exhibition and competition which accompanied launch of the calendar each year will continue, alongside other activities in a new Arts Initiative Program.

Submissions for the 2026 and final calendar edition are now open, and artists are being encouraged to get entries in by 21 September to help make it a grand print-edition finale.

From 2026-27 the new Arts Initiative Program will present an annual facilitated project that changes in theme, art form and location each year.

Council's Arts Team will be excited to

share more details about the program in 2026. Future arts investment will focus on programs that:

- Engage a broader range of artists and art forms
- Introduce new audiences to creativity across the region
- Provide inclusive opportunities across age groups, and
- Align with Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Artists can find submission details for the last print calendar edition via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendarcomp](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendarcomp)



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# The Climate Report

compiled by Judy Cameron

from *The Conversation*, Nicole Hasham,  
Energy + Environment Editor

## No Community Is Immune

Climate change is already harming communities and systems essential to life in Australia, and millions of people across the continent will be threatened by heatwaves, megafires, rising seas and other harms in a rapidly warming world.

That's the sobering message delivered in Australia's first National Climate Risk Assessment. Andrew B. Watkins, Associate Research Scientist in Climate Science, Monash University, and his colleagues helped author the assessment and say climate change will touch every corner of the continent – from homes to health, and the economy to the environment. No community or individual is immune.

### 'Cascading, compounding': five key takeaways from Australia's national climate risk assessment

By Graham Readfearn, Guardian Australia's environment and climate correspondent

The report, released on Monday by the Albanese government, looked at 10 "priority hazards" such as bushfires, flooding and extreme heat and the risks they presented all across Australia's way of life – from its oceans to its communities and the country's economy.

Here are five important takeaways from the report.

### 1. Everybody and everything will be affected

What's clear from the report is that every aspect of life in Australia is being disrupted and changed. Nothing is

spared, with an overwhelming array of impacts that cut across each other.

The risk to eight "key systems" are assessed in the report, from the economy, food systems and communities to health, national security, First Nations peoples, transport, energy and the natural environment.

### 2. Heat-related deaths spiral

Heatwaves are identified as the climate hazard already causing the most deaths, with 1,202 estimated fatalities between 1967 and 2022. But at 2C of global heating, the risks escalate steeply.

For example, the report suggests annual heat-related deaths would go up by 190% in Sydney and 126% in Melbourne compared with today's levels.

### 3. Expect worsening coastal flooding

Global heating would push up sea levels around the planet as ice sheets and glaciers melt and the warmer ocean expands.

One headline figure from the report is that by 2050, more than 1.5 million people would be living in areas around the country that would be hit by rising sea levels and coastal flooding

### 4. The economic cost of climate change

The report makes clear that the economic costs of worsening climate hazards such as bushfires, storms and floods will be substantial.

According to the report, the costs of extreme weather have more than tripled over the past three decades "with the rate of growth of the financial impact of extreme weather outpacing the rate of economic growth.

## 5. Our natural environment is not coping

Australians share the country with a stunning array of habitats and unique species that have not evolved to live in a country where the climate conditions change so quickly.

"The pace and scale of projected climate change will move beyond the realms of recorded experience, making it difficult to predict outcomes with certainty," the report says.

Across marine, land and freshwater environments, there has already been recorded signs of ecosystem collapse in at least 17 ecosystems.

### Climate Risk Assessment's 'high risk' warning for 1 million Australian homes

ABC News

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September 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Old Oak
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## Winchelsea Lions Club, IGA BBQs

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## Gardening Tips

Peter Groves

### Lambs Ear's

Plant Lamb's Ears as a hardy garden border. When in flower they attract bees and other pollinating garden insects.

From [www.gardenexpress.com.au/lambs-ear-growing-guide/](http://www.gardenexpress.com.au/lambs-ear-growing-guide/)

Lambs Ear, (*Stachys byzantina*) is a spreading evergreen herbaceous perennial. It is part of the Lamiaceae or mints family and is native to Iran and the Balkans. Lambs Ear is a very hardy fast spreading groundcover that has soft and furry silver green foliage. During Spring into Summer lavender purple flower spikes appear above the foliage. Lambs Ear prefers a full sun to part shade position in the garden with well-drained soil. They are drought tolerant once established.

From [ourpermaculturelife.com/](http://ourpermaculturelife.com/)

**edible** – young leaves in salad, steamed as a green, battered ('lambari' in Brazil), stir fried

**medicinal** – Homegrown antibacterial bandage speeds up the healing of cuts. Squash leaves and put on bee stings and insect bites.

**sensory gardens** – great in children's gardens and healing gardens – people love to feel the thick felt-like leaves



Photo: [gardenerspath.com](http://gardenerspath.com)



Photo: [homesandgardens.com](http://homesandgardens.com)

<i>Southern Vic planting</i>	Sep	Oct
Artichoke, Globe suckers	x	x
Artichoke, Jerusalem	x	
Asparagus crown		x
Beans, Broad	x	
Beans, Bush & Climbing	x	x
Beetroot	x	x
Broccoli	x	x
Brussels sprouts	x	x
Cabbage	x	x
Capsicums	x	x
Carrots	x	x
Cauliflower	x	x
Celeriac	x	x
Celery	x	x
Chicory	x	x
Chives	x	x
Choko	x	x
Cress	x	x
Cucumber	x	x
Eggplant		x
Endive	x	x
Gherkins		x
Kale	x	x
Kohlrabi	x	x
Leeks	x	x
Melons	x	x
Onions	x	x
Parsley	x	x
Parsnips	x	x
Peas	x	x
Potatoes	x	x
Pumpkin	x	x
Radishes	x	x
Rhubarb, Crowns	x	x
Salsify	x	x
Silverbeet	x	x
Spinach	x	x
Squash	x	x
Swedes	x	x
Sweetcorn	x	x
Tomatoes		x
Turnips	x	x
Zucchini		x
	Sep	Oct

Ed note: For information on various composting methods look at the Gardening Australia website [www.abc.net.au/gardening/](http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/) and Search for 'composting'; It also explains how to make manure tea, which is a liquid solution made by steeping manure in water

# Community input needed for Winchelsea Swimming Pool to be at its best

Haidee Benning

## Part 4 of 4 weekly parts: An opinion piece on community involvement in the Winchelsea Swimming Pool project

Earlier this year I created a detailed survey for the community to have an opportunity to voice their interests in this respect. We had just over 200 respondents (I was hoping for 1000). Some of the results (which I have shared with the Surfcoast Shire) were:

- A request for a much longer season length: The new pool will be heated, and residents would like to see the pool open for longer. 14 weeks a year is not long enough. A popular option was opening from October or early November to the end of April. I note that the Surfcoast Shire has already made public that the season length of the Winchelsea Pool will not change for the 2025/6 season which is disappointing. Especially after spending 8.9 million dollars and having the pool closed for 2 years. One would hope that a budget review and increase of the allocated funds for operational costs would naturally follow such a revamp project of this scale. Why upgrade it for the townsfolk to look at it through closed doors and a wire fence and not be able to develop and use it to its maximum capacity?
- Interest in an early morning lap swimming option (for example 2- 3 days a week): A split shift in opening hours with an early morning lap swimming session from 6.30am – 11.30am available midweek (examples could include either a Mon, Wed, Fri, or a Tues and Thur) would enable people to get some fitness and lap swimming in before work, and would also cater to others who would like to access the pool for fitness (after school drop off at 9am for example). Parents of toddlers and pre-school children could also go for a morning swim before the heat of the day set in, and before their little ones nap time.
- Remaining open later than 6pm on hot days: This would also be possible with a split shift option as discussed above. Open hours from 6.30am – 11.30, and then again from 3.30pm – 7.30pm would enable patrons time to access the pool after work and school for example. The Secondary school buses don't return to town until between 4.30 and 5pm, and 9-5 workers who travel also don't return until after 5.30 so it is just common sense to have the pool remain open later so people can get their exercise in after 5.30pm. Day light savings and light availability is obviously a factor for consideration and safety, especially given the Shire did not include overhead lighting in their revamp plans (why not do I hear anyone ask?? Let me get in early and suggest we include overhead light installation in next years budget please!). It is however generally still light till between 7 and 7.30pm even in Early April.

- Offering learn to swim sessions in 4th term and 1st term in addition to the standard 2 week long VicSwim summer holiday intensive: Residents commented that it would be nice to not have to travel 30km for swimming lessons for their children, and that they would love to be able to access an after school learn to swim program locally. With so many young families moving to this area, the need for this is only going to grow in future years.
- Offering Hydrotherapy and gentle water exercise classes for injury management, seniors exercise classes, the mobility impaired and anyone who loves water aerobics! There is so much scope for providing a water exercise class that is suitable for seniors, and those suffering from mobility impairment. Water aerobics and hydrotherapy is also a fun and fabulous activity for general fitness that can be accessed by all ages. For people suffering Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis, gentle water exercise is often the best and safest option available due to the benefits that buoyancy and warm water provides. With an at capacity nursing / retirement home in town, and many elderly people living in the community a program like this an obvious no brainer.

I believe there is a solid argument for local council to consider extending the season length and hours of operation in future years. Four key reasons are:

1. Population growth and rising demand justify extended pool hours, including early mornings, to accommodate work schedules, schools, carers, and fitness routines.
2. Health benefits for ageing or mobility-limited residents and those accessing hydrotherapy or gentle exercise programs should not depend on distant facilities.
3. Equity and fairness: Torquay, because of its coastal appeal, garners outsized public investment. Winchelsea, though inland, is emerging as a significant centre and deserves proportional support.
4. Alleviating pressure on overcrowded beaches: A local pool that's open longer reduces reliance on congested surf areas, improves water safety, and supports year-round physical activity.

While Torquay rightly receives investment for world-class aquatic facilities, Winchelsea's rapidly growing population, lack of local wellness infrastructure, and logistical challenges merit greater funding. Extending season length, providing early-morning lap lanes, and expanding swim and therapy options would significantly enhance access to health, wellbeing, and recreation. This fairly and sustainably addresses community needs.



**Haidee Benning** grew up in Winchelsea during the 70s and 80s riding horses, playing netball and swimming at the local pool. At 18 the pull of the sea called her to the coastal townships of Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and Torquay where she worked for the next 6 years not only in education and childcare but also in healthcare as a Remedial and Sports massage therapist.

As a long term Yoga and Qi Gong practitioner she has also recently included the healing art of Zen Thai Shiatsu Therapy to her practice. In 2024 Haidee had another opportunity to travel and she currently divides her time between Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and Winchelsea. When she is back in town, she still works at the local Osteopathic clinic and enjoys re-connecting with the local community, both in Winchelsea, along the Surfcoast and in Port Fairy.



The Surf Coast Shire has also recently published their own survey on the Winchelsea Pool which is open for community feedback until 25th August. This Survey is limited and does not provide much room or scope and breadth for commentary. It is mostly focused on getting feedback around cutting operational costs further through cost savings on staff wages by closing on poor weather days (temperature colder than 22 degrees) whilst making a loose suggestion these savings may enable opening after 6pm on hot days. Whilst I am not opposed to this cost saving idea, I would like to know how the Shire's management committee can assure the community that the suggested trade off of the pool being opened till 7pm – 7.30pm on hot days is in fact going to happen. Otherwise we will just see the pool closed even more, reliant entirely on the type of summer we get weather wise.

The Surfcoast Shire website states that “revamping the facility presents an opportunity to revitalise community use of this great space. The Winchelsea pool is a community facility and community space that needs ongoing community involvement. The future of the Winchelsea pool could involve pool parties or exercise programs; using the space as a venue for outdoor movies or community celebrations; or the formation of a volunteer group involved in operations or working bees. The sky is the limit!”

If you are a local resident and ratepayer of Winchelsea or its hinterland region, please reach out to the Surfcoast Shire and offer your feedback on this matter. Every voice counts. And if you don't speak up, and there is an apathetic response, it does nothing to encourage local council to go into bat for us to support initiatives such as those suggested above.

I hope some of the community spirit that has ignited action to succeed in projects like that of the Mud Hut's re-mudding, or the ongoing advocacy of the “Growing Winchelsea” organisation, the coming together of people in support of the Share Shed and gardening groups, produce swaps etc may extent an inspiration, vision and commitment to seeing this wonderful venue become all that it could be for the people who live here. If you want to be able to use the pool more than 14 weeks a year, outside the hours of 12pm – 6pm, now is the time to start speaking up. If you want increased access to swimming lessons for your children or exercise options at times that you can actually attend, please tell the Shire. If you don't have room on their limited response / feedback questionnaire, then send them an email as well!

***See also Surf Coast Shire press release regarding the Winchelsea Pool, on Page 24***



## **Notice of AGM Winchelsea Community House Inc. No. A6247K**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 17th October, 2025, at 1.00pm in the Shire Hall Building, 28 Hesse St. Winchelsea.

An invitation will be sent to all current 2024 members.

All other interested people are asked to email [manager@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:manager@winchhouse.org.au) so an invitation can be sent.

Membership, which allows attendees to vote, is \$2.00 and payable at the AGM.

### **AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:**

1. Annual reports from co-ordinators & Committee of Management including annual statement of income & expenditure.
2. Nominations called from the floor for Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary/Public Officer as well as five (5) Ordinary Members for the Committee.

The Chairperson will allow any business that is relevant to the Annual General Meeting to be brought forward.

*Monique Jacques, Chairperson*



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**When:** 25<sup>th</sup> of September 10am-12pm  
**Where:** Winchelsea Shire Hall  
**Who:** For young people (12-25)

Join us for a fun and relaxed **FREE** pot painting session with the lovely Loz Green. No experience needed and all materials provided! Just bring yourself and get creative.

Please register via QR code. For any questions please email [youthdevelopment@surfc coast.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthdevelopment@surfc coast.vic.gov.au)



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# “Our Favourite Day of the Week”

The Saving Grace of Time Spent Together at Playgroup

Playgroup Victoria has done a write up about Winchelsea playgroup, which Winchelsea playgroup is sharing here split across several editions of the Star due to its length. Here is the link to the full article: [playgroupblog.org/winchelsea-playgroup](http://playgroupblog.org/winchelsea-playgroup)

The uncontrollable comes. Sometimes in small waves, sometimes the waves come crashing, as it was for Danni who had her child in a frenzy of unknowns, born at 29 weeks premature.

Aside from the physical toll that takes on both mother and child, the emotional strain is long lasting.

Danni's small community of Winchelsea rallied around her family when they were able to bring home their daughter, Evelyn, for the first time.

After five months in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and the Ronald McDonald House, it was another big adjustment.

While others stared 'out of curiosity' at the oxygen tank and feeding tube Danni's precious baby had, her local community chose kind action. They held fundraisers and had a meal train going so that Danni and her family of four, who had been separated for a large chunk of time, tag teaming it to and from the hospital, could focus on being just that- a family at home, resettling.

"I will never forget it," said Danni. "It has changed my life, for the good and also- it was a negative thing- but I have been able to empower so many people with information around the journey."

Danni, like her community, has gone on to rally around others. She rates community as the most important thing. It was one of the reasons her family chose to move to Winchelsea in the first place. Previously, in the bigger regional city of Geelong, they were in the rat race. They had no yard and lived right next to their neighbours but didn't know them.

In Geelong and Winchelsea, playgroup has had a significant role in creating a



sense of comfort, reassurance, distraction and fun for Danni and her family.

"I love it. I have met some really amazing people through playgroup, bringing people together."

"Charlie for example had just moved to Winch, I randomly saw her at the café and we had playgroup that day. Both of our daughters, my second born Evelyn, was a micro prem and so was Charlie's daughter Aria, so we connected over that but she didn't know anyone in town, they had been here for three weeks, so that is why I do it because I think it is really important to have connection- connection to community, connection to other families and other children. I just have made some really great friends and connections through playgroup which I am very fortunate to have."

Charlie won't forget that small act of kindness when Danni invited her to come along to playgroup.

"Having this [playgroup] here has opened up so many doors and so many friendships for Aria which is huge. She is an only child, and she will only ever be an only child, so it is so important for us to make sure she has got a community of peers that she can grow up with.

"That is why we moved to Winchelsea because of the community and then this has just made everything a hundred times better."

Charlie and Danni both had similar rocky starts- their daughters born at 27-29 weeks.

"It's crazy," said Charlie.

"That was our first experience. That is our first child and that was our first experience of dealing with anything like that and being thrown into intensive care."

"We had a really rough start so anything for her to engage with people is huge for us because

we had three months of isolation with her, so we were always really worried about how she would interact with others and stuff like that. Having this playgroup is just amazing, so incredible for her and having that connection with Evy. They both weighed 602 grams when they were born, both of them. It just blows my mind that they were exactly the same."

One thing often overlooked is the ongoing challenges premature babies endure, alongside their families. Evelyn had grommet surgery and has others upcoming. Aria has regular appointments at the Royal Children's to get her heart checked.

"It was, for us, it was all about community then. It was the support that we had that made us rethink our whole lifestyle of where we were, where we didn't have a community connection and that is why we chose to move to Winchelsea for community. This really helped us and solidified we have done the right thing by coming here to engage with this community."

"They are all really supportive and I don't know- everyone is like family so it's great."

*Continues next week...*





# Soft plastics recycling is back!

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### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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Winch Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

### WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

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5267 2336.

## MONDAY

### CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10  
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### MAINLY MUSIC

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

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

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### VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25  
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## TUESDAY



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



### 1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS

Joeys: 5-6pm (School term)  
Scouts: 6:30-8:30pm (School term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
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## WEDNESDAY

### WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am  
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### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.  
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Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

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jeanshinnars@gmail.com

### MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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# September/October

## What's On

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To add an event to the calendar, please email [news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

### CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly  
Senior Citizens, Harding St  
[winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com](mailto:winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com)



### SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



## THURSDAY

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

10am-12pm First Thursay of month  
Winchelsea Shire Hall  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5  
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce  
[winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am  
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
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### MAT PILATES

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Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
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## FRIDAY

### TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10  
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### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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### CHATTY CAFÉ

10.30am-12.30pm, Gold Coin Donation  
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### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea

### BIRREGURRA PLANTING DAY

Fri 26 Sept  
9.30-11.00 Meet near River

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### WINCHELSEA RSL

1.30 19 Sept, 17 Oct,  
7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec  
Winchelsea Men's Shed,  
Hesse St, Winchelsea  
David Loone 0488 165 109

**Chat with your  
Councillor**

**Tony  
Phelps**

1st Thursday of the month  
10am-12pm  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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### PARKRUN

8am Trebeck Reserve  
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### FLOW YOGA

8.30am, \$25  
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### WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

#### MONTHLY WORKING BEE

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### WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

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### WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5  
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### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm (Last Sat each month)  
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea  
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

## SUNDAY

### RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot



### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly (except Nov)  
Shire Hall car park, Main St  
[growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/](http://growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/)

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# Quick Response Grants To Boost Projects

Mental health, community gardening, and emergency response projects are among community-led initiatives to receive boosts from Surf Coast Shire Council's 2025 Quick Response Grants program.

They are among 14 projects to receive funding allocations up to \$3,000 following a competitive submission process.

Cr Tony Phelps congratulated successful applicants.

"We hope these grants, with quick turnaround time, can make significant differences across a great range of projects," Cr Phelps said.

"The submissions received represented so much good work going on in our community."

## Quick Response Grant Program recipients are:

- Aireys Inlet Community Garden, \$2,690, to replace unproductive garden beds with two wicking beds.
- All Aboard DisABILITY Services, \$1,476 for wearable microphones and chargers for theatre projects empowering adults with disability to express themselves through performance.
- Torquay Netball Club, \$2,560 for 9-and-under team equipment including bibs, balls, whistles and magnetic coaches' board.
- Deans Marsh Community Cottage, \$1,500 for community screening of the film Just A Farmer, to support mental health awareness and reduce stigma.
- Moriac Community Network, \$3,000 for creation of community garden spaces to bring people together and learn about growing food at Moriac and District Community Hub.
- Torquay Marine Rescue Service, \$3,000 for new emergency response equipment including

primary response and oxygen therapy kits and a spine board.

- Ocean Mind, \$2980 for purchase of four surfboards to increase the capacity of the therapeutic program supporting young people facing mental health challenges.
- Torquay and District Landcare, \$2,000 for purchase of a defibrillator to be stored in the Landcare trailer for events and community access.
- Common Ground Project, \$2,562 for regenerative farming community equipment including accessible and inclusive equipment to build volunteering capacity.
- Torquay Fire Brigade, \$2,156 for a defibrillator to be mounted at the front of Torquay Fire Station.
- Art of the Minds, \$1,567 for purchase of a public address system for use during events including Mental Health Week, replacing need to hire.
- Anglesea Community House, \$840 for a project bringing together occasional care and men's shed

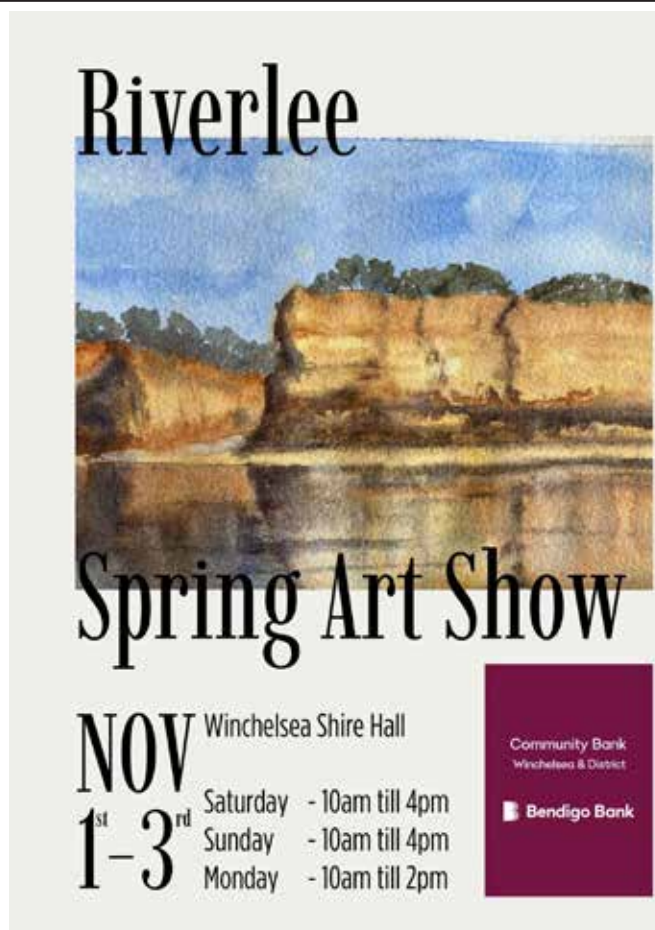


members creating a street library for Anglesea community.

- Torquay College, \$2,000 for transport and equipment for a bush blitz project taking students onto Country to learn about, track, study and manage local biodiversity.
- Surf Coast Secondary College, \$1,500 for R U OK? Day merchandise for a school event promoting connection and mental health awareness.

Unsuccessful Quick Response Grant applicants have received information on other ways they might be able to seek support for their projects, including Council's September grants round which is now open.

People can visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Grants](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Grants) for information on Council grant programs and to access an online grant finder tool.





# Community Feedback Helping Shape New Winchelsea Pool Season

Surf Coast Shire Council is reviewing operating hours for the new Winchelsea Pool in response to community sentiment.

Community members shared preferences for summer season operations through a recent Council survey, calling for consistent opening hours across school terms and holidays.

Respondents also called for introduction of a closure temperature threshold, with closures on colder days potentially allowing for longer opening on hotter days, weekends or public holidays.

Council's consultation was scoped on the approved 2025-26 pool operating budget which sets the total amount of time the pool can open for the season.

"We thank community members for having shared preferences and thoughts during our engagement, and we appreciate their wishes to make the most of this wonderful new community asset," Cr Tony Phelps said.

"Along with feedback relating to operating hours, people expressed strong interest in swimming lessons, school programs and introduction of lap lanes, improved accessibility features, and better communication of opening hours.

"Council is now considering a range of adjustments within the adopted 2025-26 pool operating budget as we prepare for opening of the new summer season in late November."

As a result of the feedback, Council will:

- Review opening times, with a focus on consistent hours across school terms and holidays, within budget limitations.
- Trial a weather temperature threshold for closure of the pool, potentially 18 to 20 degrees.
- Consider expanding programming of Vicswim and school-based programs.

- Investigate introduction of dedicated lap swimming lanes.
- Introduce a dedicated Winchelsea Pool social media page to share program information, opening hours and advance notice of temperature threshold closures.
- Continue working with Council's Youth Team to offer free lifeguard training and look to recruit graduates from this program into lifeguard roles.

The new pool was opened in February 2025 following an \$8.9 million redevelopment. The new summer season is planned to run from late November 2026 to early March 2026 and opening times will be finalised and communicated by mid-October.

Opening hours for the 2024/2025 season were 10am to 5pm on weekends, and 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday. The former pool was open noon to 6pm, seven days a week.

View the full engagement report via [yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchelsea-pool-20252026-season](https://yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchelsea-pool-20252026-season)



## Green Links Birregurra Planting Day



**The Upper Barwon Landcare Network and Birregurra Landcare Group...**

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Invite you to join the community in helping to plant and guard 500 native trees, shrubs and grasses to revegetate the Barwon River in Birregurra township, with an aim to strengthen our connection with our local waterway in an urban/town setting.

This revegetation project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Green Links Program



### What to bring

- Weather appropriate clothing and water bottle
- Hammer or mallet
- Gloves

### What to expect

- Ground prep. already done !
- Option to plant on flat ground and/or spots on the riverbank for the adventurous
- Morning tea provided

### Join Us

**Date:** Friday Sept 26, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Location:** Meet near river, parking along Barwon Street (gravel), a safe distance away from Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road



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Father Joseph Panackal  
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

## St Thomas' Anglican Church

0477 672 042

Rev Christopher Duff  
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
Service 10am Sundays

## Thought for the Week

"Allow life to be the theatre of God,  
in which what seems appropriately  
and necessary in your case,  
will be accomplished  
spontaneously. You must  
trust the process of you own life.  
With the help of our  
Heavenly Father."

Have a Blessed week.

**John Bader,**  
Christian Pastoral Carer

# The new Vicar of Winchelsea!

St Thomas Anglican Church Winchelsea has a new Vicar - The Reverend Chris Duff.

Chris was born and raised in Geelong (Go Cats!), but has spent most of his adult life in Christian ministry up and down Australia's eastern seaboard. He has spent 20 years in Melbourne, a decade in NSW, and even 5 years in Tassie 'planing' a new church on Hobarts semi-rural northern fringe.

Chris and his wife Naomi have been married nearly 30 years, and have 4 young adult children. A couple of them have flown the nest, and couple are still 'sort of' at home – they reside at "Hotel Duff"! The family have recently bought a home in Winch, and are looking forward to living here and getting to know the people and places in the years ahead.

Chris follows the footy and most sports, loves to drive around Australia's country and bush, and spends plenty of time in the garden, with his chooks, and outside generally.

He is aware of Winchelsea's long Christian history, stretching right back to the early settlers of the region. His prayer and hope is that God will continue to bless Winch and its surrounds, and that many people might come to know God's love through a living and real relationship with Jesus. The bible promises those who believe in Jesus have hope, sure foundations, truth, purpose and an eternal life of glory with God.

Feel free to drop into St Toms any Sunday morning to join the congregation for 'church' and meet Chris. You will be warmly welcomed.



*Chris leading church at St Toms on his first Sunday – Father's Day!*



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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

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Nomination forms must be received fourteen (14) days prior to the A.G.M. ie: 13th October 2025.

Nomination forms must have the signature of the nominee, a nominator and a seconder.

Nominations will be displayed on the Club's Website / Facebook page 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Winchelsea Blues and help guide the Club throughout what will be an exciting 2026 Football & Netball season.

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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

The Club's Vote Count for the 2025 season was held at Eastern Reserve last Sunday kicking off at 12.30pm in the Bendigo Bank Room with the biggest turn out seen for years.

Last year saw a big increase in numbers attending but last Sunday's head count was fantastic, with many Footballers & Netballers unrecognisable in their group themed costumes! Seriously good stuff! Thanks to those who helped prepare & cook the gold coin BBQ lunch including both Senior & Reserves Football Coaches and of course Norm Banham doing his usual great job in the kitchen.

Here are the results .....

### FOOTBALL SENIORS:

First – Cassidy Parish 84 Second – Tavae Sauni 60  
Third – Caleb Brown 57

Another Parish winning the Blues Best & Fairest, this year Cass taking the honours after a very good season indeed. Congratulations to him as well as Tav and Caleb polling well also, these 3 players are all previous Winchelsea Juniors and the Club is very happy to see them doing so well at Senior level.

### FOOTBALL RESERVES:

First – Bailey Kahle 78 Second – Luke Foot 76 Third – Dustin Baker 72

The applause was loud and long for Nugget taking out the Reserves Best & Fairest, with everyone in the room happy for him to take out the award after being so terribly injured late in the season. Congratulations Nugget, and to Luke Foot who has had a really consistent season, as well as Dusty Baker, one of our most popular players at the Blues.

### NETBALL A GRADE:

First – Zoe Tennant 66 Second – Rhiannon Williams 36  
Third – Grace Pullen 28

### NETBALL B GRADE:

Tied for First – Connie Royal & Megan Goonan with 38 votes each.

Second – Rose Hymus 30 Third – Tallulah Dunn.

### NETBALL C GRADE:

First – Emma McClean 47 Second – Ieisha Brown 43  
Third – Anna Smart 23

### NETBALL D GRADE:

First – Emily Wilson 47 Second – Jasmine Anderson 34  
Third – Claire Harrison 29

### NETBALL E GRADE:

First – Mikayla Treacy 43 Tied for Second – Laura Robertson & Britt Fox with 15 votes

Third – Britt Hercus 10.

### NETBALL UNDER 19'S:

First – Caitlin Urquhart 34 Second – Kalarni Boddington 30  
Third – Emily Caldicott 23.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to all players who have pulled on the boots and taken to the Netball courts for the Winchelsea Blues in 2025, the Club hopes you have enjoyed your season of sport with us and will be back better than ever in season 2026.

The Blues Presentation Night is happening on Friday the 3rd October at Buckley's Entertainment Centre at 6pm. Tickets have sold well and promises to be a fun night!!

### THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

THIS WEEK WILL SEE MANY AND VARIED ON THE MENU FOR OUR LAST THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER AT 6PM.

A little bit of this and a little bit of that, to finish our Blues Bistro season, well done to all our Volunteers who have run very short of help during the winter, and somehow manage to get across the line every Thursday night.

Huge thanks to those patrons who continue to support the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club week in, week out – you all know who you are!

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# The Stained Glass Windows at St Thomas Dedicated to the Austin Children

Previous weeks' articles have focused on the Austin Family who founded Barwon Park in Winchelsea.

Elizabeth Austin of Barwon park was a well known Philanthropist long after her husband, Thomas passed away. Elizabeth and Thomas' First son, also called Thomas, was sent to England in his early teens for Boarding school in the 1850s.

At this time it would have taken him between 50 and 70 days on a sailing ship to get from Geelong to London. Sailing in those times was dangerous and many passengers died at sea from various ship-borne diseases, storms and shipwrecks.

During his time in England, Thomas James Austin became ill and in 1861 the Austin family and their servants and friends took a ship from Geelong to go visit him in England. On the way there, their young daughter Emily died on board the ship and was buried at sea. The Austins had already lost another daughter, Sophia Jane in infancy in 1852.

When the Austins returned to Winchelsea in 1864 after three years in England, the entire town and representatives of surrounding parishes such as Birregurra, Murdeduke, Mirnane, Tutugong, Carunge-Mirnong lake, Lake Wollard, and Modewarre. Banners and streamers were hung around town and weeks of preparation went into making costumes for children and decorations for the town.

When the Austins arrived in Winchelsea, they were greeted with signs saying "Welcome Home" and "God Bless our Friends". Bunches of flowers were left

as offerings to celebrate their return and a large arch was built between the shops and the bottom pub with decorations on it for the Austins.

From there a speech was delivered by Rev. Tanner, welcoming the Austins home, and the Austins were escorted back to Barwon Park by the marching band, a cavalcade of horses and a parade of horse drawn carriages. The effort seen to have been put into this ceremony would indicate that the Austin family were highly regarded and well liked by the people of Winchelsea.

To commemorate their three lost children, Thomas and Elizabeth Austin

commissioned the three stained glass windows at St. Thomas Church in Winchelsea. Those beautiful works of art are still present in St. Thomas church and can be seen by the people of Winchelsea today from inside the church. In 1864 the windows were officially unveiled with a large public procession through Winchelsea lead by the local brass band.

The Austins continued to support the local church and Elizabeth Austin continued to patronise the church and its contributions to the community long after her husband's death.



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

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





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# Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson

The weather is beginning to warm up in time for our 2025/26 Pennant Season which will commence for Midweek on 14th October and Saturday on 19th October.

This year we have two Midweek teams Divisions 1 & 3 and four Saturday teams Division 1 x 2, Division 4 and Division 5.

There will be quite a few bowlers playing on both days of what has become a very mixed gender competition across the Corangamite Playing Area.

Thursday training and coaching commenced a few weeks ago and we have several practice matches scheduled for the lead up to commencement.

## NEWS FROM THE OFF SEASON

Making good use of our lights we have held two five week competitions which were very successful with entries from across the region. These gave the opportunity for new bowlers to have a chance to gain some experience playing in a team and we scored some new Pennant players for the coming season.

The lights have been a great success to date, extending practice hours and providing far more opportunities to keep your skills developing through the colder months. Thanks to Rob Walters, Peter McConachy and all the people who helped to cater for these events.

The Saturday Competitions were also well attended this year due in the main to fairly clement weather conditions for most of the Saturdays since the beginning of May. Thanks to Angie and David Littler for organizing these days.

Congratulations to Erin Baulch who made the finals series of the Australian Ladies Indoor Championships at Tweed Heads, looking in form for the Pennant Erin!

Congratulations to Max Heaton-Harris who played in the Tri State Series against NSW and Queensland which was held at Sunbury this year. This series involves Under 18 boys and girls chosen to represent their state in singles, pairs, triples and fours. Max wore the big V who not only won the competition but he was also named player of the series.

Max has been named in the Australian Under 18 squad, a great credit to his ability and sportsmanship and this will be his final year as a Junior.

Obviously, the Club is very proud of all its members who keep pushing the boundaries for excellence in many areas. It takes quite a commitment and expense to compete in these events across Victoria let alone when they are also travelling interstate.

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Max Heaton-Harris, one of our Junior members

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