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WINCHELSEA RESIDENTS ENJOY A MEMORABLE TRIP TO BRIGHT

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For Our Elders – Beyond the Voids in Colonial History

with Yorta Yorta/Baraparapa artist and educator Dr Jenny Murray Jones

Opening Event: 6pm – 8pm Thursday 6 July

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FOR OUR ELDERS
2-9 JULY 2023





Winchelsea residents' bus trip to Bright

A small group of ten local residents went to Bright, stayed at the Chalet and had a lot of fun. We enjoyed delicious dinners and cooked breakfasts.

Unfortunately most of us got the dreaded lurgi (starting with our bus driver) with coughs and colds!

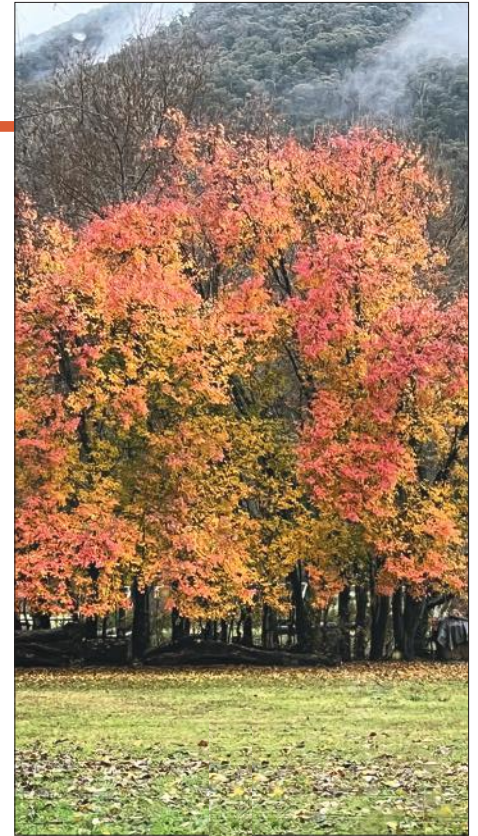
Some of the highlights of the trip were the Bonegilla migrant museum, the Alpine apple orchards, and Beechworth honey.

Our tour guide Ken, who was a born and bred local, drove us daily to see the local area and beyond, and he explained much of the history.

Noreen was our 'Mother Hen' who dispensed medicine and good cheer to all and sundry!

On our way home our bus broke down in Euroa. After a four hour wait, a replacement bus arrived and Ken drove us home to Winchelsea where we arrived before 7 pm.

Good times were had by all!





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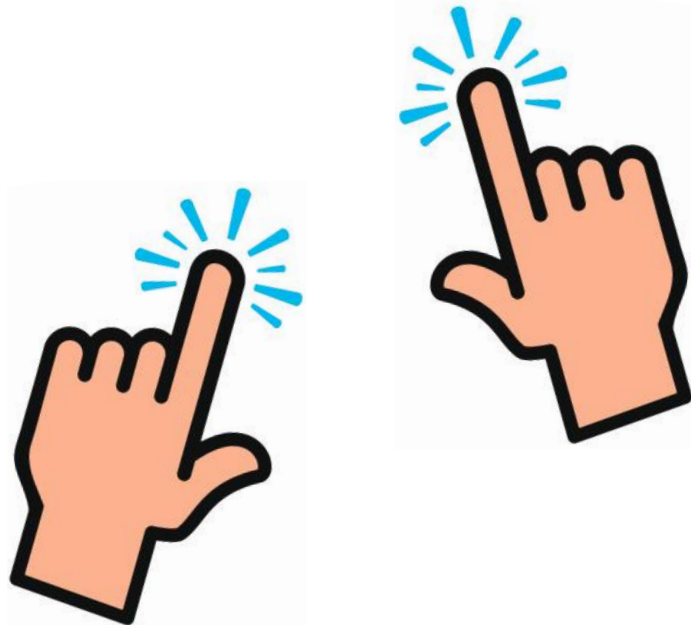
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WINCHELSEA PROJECTS UPDATE

Mud Hut renewal

The Winchelsea Mud Hut renewal project has progressed to construction phase, but partial demolition of the hut has revealed presence of fauna including a microbat, meaning full demolition will not proceed until September.



Council's contracted ecologist discovered a microbat, pictured, and a small lizard during careful removal of sections of the structure and believes more microbats might be located in ridge capping which could not be removed due to the instability of the building.

Next phase of demolition of the hut will be done during September using machinery, due to safety precautions.

Microbats are seasonal visitors. Others located in the building are likely to have moved on by September but our ecologist will be on site during demolition for careful removal of the ridge capping to safely relocate any which remain.

Full demolition will not proceed until the ecologist is satisfied all fauna is safe.

Council is now waiting on updated time frames from suppliers for work on the replacement shelter, including design, engineering, fabrication and an on-site starting date.

The site will remain fenced off until the full demolition is complete and the area made safe.

Council greatly appreciates the contributions and patience of dedicated Project Control Group and Winchelsea community members as we progress towards construction of the new shelter, and looks forward to seeing the new community-led design come to life to be enjoyed by the community for years to come.



Tree planting

Council has overseen planting of 37 trees on Sussex and Cooper streets.

Medium-sized Australian Brachychiton Jerilderie Red trees were chosen for the planting in consultation with Winchelsea Arboretum Trail group members, and will create an avenue connecting Sussex and Cooper streets and an existing walking path with the Barwon River reserve.

Contractors will water and maintain the trees.

Barwon River Loop progress

A pedestrian bridge will replace this crossing as part of stage two work on the Barwon River loop.

Design is underway for stage two of the popular Barwon River loop walk, which will include a new pedestrian bridge to replace an existing concrete culvert crossing.

Council has engaged outdoor design specialists to refine concept plans for the bridge and viewing platforms which are to be installed on both banks of the river. Designs should be available within six weeks.

We have also engaged an adviser to work on a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for stage two, and look forward to working with Wadawurrung and Eastern

Maar Registered Aboriginal Parties as the project progresses.

The western side of the Barwon River is Eastern Maar Country, and the eastern side is Wadawurrung Country.

Stage two of the loop, north of the Princes Highway bluestone bridge, will link with the previously completed stage one to the south creating a two-kilometre path connecting the four quadrants of the town and better connecting the community to the river environment.

Stage one of the loop has proven popular with Winchelsea community and visitors, particularly with the addition of the pedestrian bridge at the bottom of Hesse Street.

Adventure Play Space

Work is continuing on detailed designs for the Barwon River Adventure Play Space.

Council is liaising with Sport and Recreation Victoria on the designs and they will go on display for public feedback at a time to be determined.

Council will seek tenders for construction once the designs are finalised.

This project will provide an exciting new play space that is welcoming, inclusive and challenging for young people, complementing existing active recreation and play facilities.



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Winchelsea Playgroup visits Aged Care Centre, to the delight of both residents and little ones alike

Melissa (Mel) Oberin

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP GOES OLD-SCHOOL

On Thursday 15th June, Winchelsea Playgroup again went 'Old-School' with another visit to Hesse Rural Health Aged Care centre in Winchelsea. We brought along some of our playgroup toys and set them up in one of their lounges so the residents could comfortably watch and join in.

Residents enjoyed cuddles with our little ones and watched them crawl around, play together and pull themselves up to standing - one even used a resident's walker; others used resident's hands/knees, lounge chairs and of course tables too to stand up. Residents also got to chat with our older children (3-4yr olds), be shown how a little digger can dig up sand and rocks, what noises farm animals make and to watch them play dollhouse.

One of our playgroup children had their Great Aunt amongst the residents - she got to see him at play. And another child, helped a blind resident through a storybook - it was wonderful to see how she gently led the lady's hands and fingers over the pictures' textured ears, paws, feet and tummy to tickle as part of the story about a bear that loves tickling his bear friends. They also had a lovely chat as she told the lady the colour of her hair, let her touch it's long length and chat about her big sister at school. Another child had a resident on bended knee playing along with him with diggers in a small sand tray.

It was really heartwarming to see the smiles and twinkling eyes of delight from the elderly residents with our playgroup children. Similarly, it was really great how many playgroup mums came along with their child/children (9 children approx!) to make this visit a very special one for the residents; and as always Caz (Lifestyle Team Leader) made us feel very welcome - she even invited us to visit again in a couple of months' time. 'Lock it in Eddy!'

Our next session is Thursday 29th June at 10am-12pm (\$5 per family) at our usual spot at St Thomas Anglican Church Hall. It'll be a 'Winter' Theme - you're welcome to come along and join in. I'm going to try my hand at making fake snow! Call/text me (Mel) on 0456181268 if you have any questions - leave a message if I don't answer, or check our Facebook page 'Winchelsea Playgroup 2019' for full details, news and updates.



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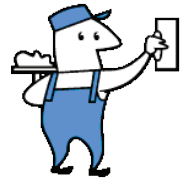
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South Coast Shire recipients' honours include Councillor Rose Hodge's richly deserved OAM

Tribute for Cr Rose Hodge, OAM

A Medal of the Order of Australia now recognises the extraordinary community devotion of Surf Coast Shire councillor and four-time mayor Rose Hodge.

Cr Hodge was named among recipients in King's Birthday honours, acknowledging her distinguished service to Council and community.

She has served as a councillor since 2004 and as mayor in 2005-07, 2013-14, 2015-16 and 2018-20.

Mayor Liz Pattison led tributes following the announcement.

"I am sure that I speak for so many people in our community in welcoming this OAM as a richly deserved celebration of Cr Hodge's outstanding and unwavering service for our Surf Coast community, and to her can-do spirit and qualities as a leader and person," Cr Pattison said. "Almost two decades as a councillor stands as an extraordinary measure of her commitment to service above self.

"Beside that she has shared so much skill, insight and energy with various statutory and community panels, boards and committees – all alongside busy family life."

"We congratulate Cr Rose Hodge OAM, along with our other very deserving Surf Coast Shire honours recipients."



Fairhaven's Dr Raymond J. Adams and Lorne's Lorraine Griffiths were also acknowledged among King's Birthday honours.

Dr Adams was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, AM, for significant service to education and psychometric testing, and Ms Griffiths was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, OAM, for service to children as a foster carer for more than 140 children.

Cr Hodge's OAM citation highlighted involvements including:

Surf Coast Shire Council

- All Abilities Advisory Committee member
- Torquay Community Impact Advisory Committee member
- Representative, Municipal Association of Victoria.
- Local Government
- Victorian Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel member
- Australian Local Government Women's Association member
- G21 - Geelong Region Alliance board member, 5 years
- Committee and Advisory Roles
- Torquay Community Enterprise, board member 2013-2023
- Gateways Disability Services Geelong, board member 2008-2020
- Barwon Valley Special School former committee member
- Jan Juc Kindergarten, former president
- Peri-Urban Group former member
- Torquay Community House, former committee member
- Torquay Netball Club life member, former committee member, president, 1994

Other

- Torquay Cricket Club, former committee member
- Torquay Hockey Club supporter
- Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International; Alan J. Holding, Lions Club Community Service Award.

Winchelsea Star

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Be Biosecurity aware these school holidays

Agriculture Victoria is asking school holiday-makers to help keep the state's \$17.5 billion agriculture industry safe from biosecurity threats including pests and diseases.

Executive Director Biosecurity Victoria Katherine Clift said there were many ways the community can be biosecurity aware, including complying with state regulations while travelling.

'Victorians travelling interstate should be aware of border quarantine restrictions around moving plants, fruit and vegetables or risk hefty fines,' Dr Clift said.

'Biosecurity measures such as not bringing fruit and vegetables into the state will help protect Victoria's valuable horticulture industry from exotic pests including Mediterranean fruit fly.

'If you are planning to visit our excellent wineries, don't wander into the vineyards in case you get phylloxera on your footwear and spread it elsewhere

– this tiny insect can destroy grapevines and significantly impact our \$170 million wine industry.'

Beach goers can minimise the risk of pests and diseases by following the steps of Check, Clean and Dry – check all vessels, fishing, diving and surfing equipment and remove anything including water, sand and seaweed. Also, remember to check your catch for signs of disease.

'Clean boats at home or at a commercial carwash. Wash wetsuits, fishing and diving equipment with fresh, soapy water,' Dr Clift said.

'Dry all boating, fishing and diving equipment completely before heading out into the water again.'

For those making trips to farms, it's essential to comply with Biosecurity Management Plans and follow biosecurity signage requirements to help prevent spreading pests and disease.

'When you're planning to visit a farming property, call ahead to see if there are any specific biosecurity requirements or potential issues,' Dr Clift said.

'When you arrive, sign the visitor record book, wash and disinfect your footwear and arrange to meet your hosts at their house or on a sealed or gravel area away from livestock.'

When it's time to go home, farm visitors should wash their footwear again to avoid carrying pests and diseases to other properties or regions.

'If you're spending a lot of time on farms – or travelling to multiple properties – our Come Clean, Stay Clean, Go Clean learning module has great tips to help build your biosecurity awareness,' Dr Clift said.

'The short course will only take around 15 minutes of your time, but could save your friends and relatives so much more if you're able to keep them safe from biosecurity threats.'





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- If you feel your life is in danger or someone you know, call 000.

Know the signs of Elder Abuse

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

National Seniors AUSTRALIA

National Seniors Australia is shining a light on financial elder abuse ahead of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 15 June 2023.

Chief Advocate Ian Henschke said people can be at increased risk of abuse as they get older. Sadly, those closest to them (including family, carers or friends) are the most likely perpetrators of abuse.

"Elder abuse can take many forms, but financial abuse is the most common. 85% of elder financial abuse is committed by family, with children accounting for nearly 50%," Mr Henschke said.

"As opposed to scams by strangers, financial abuse can involve a person in a position of trust coercing or forcing an older person to sign over assets or to change a Will or Power of Attorney, stealing money or taking credit cards. Older people fall victim to such abuses because they might never expect a loved one to take advantage of them, can't stop it, or are too embarrassed to go to the police."

In 2019 National Seniors made a submission to the Federal Attorney General recommending consistent and strengthened Enduring Power of Attorney laws to help protect against abuse. This hasn't happened and the issue was raised recently by Age Discrimination Commissioner Dr Kay Patterson AO who expressed frustration that action hadn't been taken sooner.

National Seniors would also like to see implementation of the National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians.

"Financial loss in later life is particularly devastating. Unfortunately, people don't always seek help and identifying abuse can be hard. It can go unreported as it happens behind closed doors, by people in positions of trust," Mr Henschke said.

"World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity to talk about this important issue, to know the possible signs of financial elder abuse and to know where to go to for support."

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Donations needed for land conservation

As a Senior Conservation Officer for Trust for Nature, Fiona Copley knows exactly what's at stake. She knows how quickly habitats and ecosystems can be destroyed, and she knows that the effects of climate change are already being felt, especially in regions like the Wimmera where Marj Light's riverside property sits.

Fortunately, Marj's property contains high quality habitat that is supporting other parts of the ecosystem, and can continue to do so thanks to its protection. Fiona knows how valuable this is for local wildlife.

"With climate change warming and drying the region, protecting areas alongside rivers, like Marj's property, is more important than ever. They serve as refuges for wildlife by continuing to provide food resources, water and shelter when other habitats have dried out during summer."



"By supporting riverine vegetation in an important corridor that connects across bioregions and climate zones, this covenant delivers multiple long term benefits belying its small size." Fiona explains.

"Covenants are one of the most important steps landholders can take to protect plants and animals." She says.

If you haven't yet donated, I want you to know there is still time. A kind gift before June 30 will help us stop important conservation land from being cleared, before it's too late. Because if we don't, nature is at stake.

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Chief Health Officer Update

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 313, a decrease of 24 per cent from last week. There are currently 255 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals. There are currently 13 COVID patients in intensive care. There are 5 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 17. In the past three months, 3,613 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria.

Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of Covid:

- Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.
- Get your 2023 booster: new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy. To find out if you're eligible for your next booster, visit the Coronavirus website. Flu vaccines are also now available.
- Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can – it reduces the spread of the virus.
- Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test.
- Stay at home: if you have Covid, you should stay at home for at least five days and until you have no symptoms.
- Talk to your doctor: if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for Covid and influenza medicines – and early testing and diagnosis are important. With expanded criteria, more people are now eligible for COVID medicines.

2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from Covid.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:

- Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid
- Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

Victorians are encouraged to book a free booster appointment through their local GP or pharmacy. You can find your nearest vaccination provider through the Health Direct Service Finder.

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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News where after enjoying the King's Birthday Weekend bye with family and friends the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club travelled to Bannockburn to play last year's Grand Final winners in Senior Football on their home turf.

The weather forecast was for fine and windy and that's exactly what it was – fine and very very windy.

As usual there was such a good turnout from Blue's supporters, this is often the case and in some games the Navy Blues rival the crowd from the home side.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea 9.15.69 def Bannockburn 4.3.27

The Reserves were up and about right from the opening bounce acutely aware of the almost gale force winds blowing across the ground at Bannockburn.

The home side having the wind kicked 3 goals 1 point to our 1goal 2 points which was not a bad effort from the Blues .

Kicking with the wind in the second quarter the Blues made the most of their chances and although inaccurate, piled on 3 goals 6 points to the solitary point from the Bannockburn Tigers.

The third quarter would be crucial to the Blues hopes of taking the 4 points and while they kicked 2 points for that quarter they were able to repel the scoring opportunities from the Tigers to 1 goal 3 points.

The Winnie Blues were to come home with the scoring end and they didn't disappoint.

5 goals 5 points to Bannockburns failure to score was potentially the best win so far of season 2023, no severe injuries to

report as well makes the win even better!

Good job Blues.

GOALS:

Coby Eagle 3, Jai Perry 2, Shaun Morris, Tom Henry, Reuben James, Ed Smith, all 1 goal.

BEST:

Ollie Mahncke, Harry Shearer, Jai Perry, Ed Smith, Coby Eagle, Shaun Morris.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea 9.12.66 were def by Bannockburn 10.14.74

This was a seriously tight game from start to finish – a point the difference at the first change.

Bannockburn got away to a great start in the 2nd but the Blues rallied and led at ½ time by the slender lead of 6.6 to 5.8.

Still holding the slight lead of 5 points at ¾ time the Blues made the most of the last quarter but couldn't hold off last years more experienced Premiers to go down by 8 points.

While the Blues were disappointed not to come away with the 4 points, promising signs could be taken away from last Saturday's game.

This week sees the W.F.N.C. on the road again to North Geelong, times are as usual

Reserves-12pm. Seniors-2pm.

GOALS:

Leigh Ellis 4, Jordan Gould 3, Tavae Sauni 2

BEST:

Lachie Kendall, Caleb Brown, Tavae Sauni, Tom Rouget, Leigh Ellis, Riley Berg.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week the menu is Flathead Tails, Chicken Carbonara and Roast Pork.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Football and Netball Club by coming out to the Blue's Bistro even when things get a little challenging such as deliveries not arriving and eftpos machines not working!

PARKING ISSUES:

The Club has had to deal with several unpleasant issues arising with parking within the grounds by the Netball Courts.

As from now on the Gate will be locked on Game Days, this is also to avert a near miss some weeks ago from a toddler being hit by a car.

The Club understands this is not a popular decision for some of our members.

Our Volunteers are already stretched to the max on game day and unfortunately this gate closure will remain for the rest of season 2023.

CONDOLENCES:

Black arm bands were worn by all players last Saturday as a mark of respect for Julie Worland.

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club wish to convey sympathy and kind thoughts to both family and friends. R.I.P.

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Grants are now available for risk reduction projects for Victorian communities

Emergency Management Victoria

Up to \$8 million in grant funding from the Albanese and Andrews Governments is now available for projects that reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters on Victorian communities and economies.

Floodplain management authorities, municipal councils, volunteer groups, Victorian Government departments, other non-government emergency management organisations, small businesses and research institutions will be able to apply for grants of up to \$250,000 under the latest round of the Risk and Resilience Grants Program.

The program forms part of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Disaster Risk Reduction, an agreement between the Commonwealth, states and territories to reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters in line with the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework.

Projects must focus on one of three key themes:

- Climate change – supporting adaptation, risk reduction and mitigation initiatives that reduce disaster risk.

- Designing for risk and resilience – supporting initiatives that strengthen the resilience of Victorian infrastructure including government and community infrastructure.
- Managing local and regional risks and building resilience – supporting initiatives that improve understanding of local or regional disaster risks, strengthen accountability for and governance of regional risks, and support initiatives that are seeking to directly reduce disaster risk at a local or regional level.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Murray Watt said the program themes for this round encourage projects that take steps towards long-term resilience.

“We know that even after floods and fires, the risk of disaster remains,” Minister Watt said.

“This funding shows that both levels of government are shifting our focus to better protect communities before an event, as well as supporting them as they recover.

“The best ideas come from the communities the funding is intended to

support and I encourage eligible parties to put forward projects.”

Victorian Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes said the projects funded by these grants would play an important role in making communities safer.

“We’re proud to keep supporting the Risk and Resilience Grants Program as part of our commitment to reduce the risk of natural disasters and make communities more involved in the process,” Minister Symes said.

“We know that severe weather events and natural disasters are happening more frequently, and locals know best on what their communities need to face this. This program helps both locals and governments understand what’s needed before and after major incidents.”

“These grants make Victorian towns safer places to live and work, as well as protecting wildlife, jobs and tourism.”

More information on the program and how to apply is available at Emergency Management Victoria’s Grants and Awards page.



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Senior election officials needed to help deliver democracy to the Victorian community

Would-be election managers keen to work at the 2024 local government elections can apply now to join the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC's) pool of senior election officials.

Senior election officials are responsible for coordinating elections for entire council areas and will work for almost 4 months during the local council election period leading into and following October 2024.

Janine Taylor, a beef farmer, business owner, mum and senior election official, features in a video promoting the campaign, reflecting on her own experience in the fast-paced environment of an election office.

'You need to be able to give directions to other staff because things change within moments and you have to think on the spot and change your plans,' Ms Taylor said.

The recruitment campaign is targeting both North-western Melbourne metropolitan areas as well as Northern and Western Victorian regions where the greatest shortages are, but the VEC encourages applicants from across Victoria.

Acting Electoral Commissioner Dana Fleming said that while managing elections could be challenging and unpredictable, it was also a rewarding experience, with many current senior



election officials sticking with the job for over 20 years.

'You don't need previous election experience. It's all about the skills and life experience you can bring to the role – if you're a strong communicator, organised, and bring a positive attitude, we want to hear from you,' Ms Fleming said.

Applications are open until Friday 14 July, with more information available at vec.vic.gov.au/jobs

Surf Coast Shire announces preferred tender for "Affordable Housing", Aireys Inlet

National not-for-profit housing provider Housing Choices Australia is working with Surf Coast Shire Council and local community members on the Aireys Inlet Affordable Housing Project.

Council endorsed Housing Choices Australia as the preferred proponent of the project, which will develop social and affordable housing on vacant land at 2 Fraser Drive.

Councillor Libby Stapleton was proud to move the motion at the May Council meeting.

"This is a significant step in the project, to select a provider from three impressive submissions from the expressions of interest (EOI) process," she said.

"Housing Choices Australia had the best alignment to our values and the community vision for the site, to achieve a high-quality housing development."

A co-design process is almost complete, after bringing together representatives from Housing Choices Australia, a community advisory group of 10 community members with technical



expertise and lived experience, councillors, and council officers.

"The co-design stage is exciting, as it's shaping what the housing could look like and how many people it could house," Cr Stapleton said.

"We had a session on 3 June, which was incredibly positive. Community representatives were open-minded and curious as they considered options to achieve the best outcome for the site, including density and height, traffic and parking, and the neighbouring community garden.

"Ultimately, we want the best outcome for all parties and I look forward to seeing what that is."

Cr Stapleton described the Aireys Inlet Affordable Housing Project as a groundbreaking move for Council.

"It highlights our commitment to play our role in the affordable accommodation crisis - a national issue that we're feeling the impacts of locally, particularly in our coastal towns," she said.

The EOI process included the proposed transfer of four existing social housing units at the Fraser Drive site.

Housing Choices Australia describes itself as "one of Australia's largest housing providers, with a diverse housing property portfolio and residents reaching across five states", and a provider that "delivers high quality, accessible and affordable housing for people on lower incomes and people with disability".

The next phase of the project is a final design concept and full proposal, to be considered by Council later this year.

Stay up-to-date with the Aireys Inlet Affordable Housing Project at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FraserDrive.

VFF has doubts over plan for Transmission Development plan

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says a new state-wide plan for transmission infrastructure development ignores the rights of farmers and regional communities.

Following the release of the Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (VTIF), VFF President Emma Germano said the Victorian Government had failed to consider the impacts on farm businesses.

“For the last four years, the VFF has consistently called for a coordinated approach to transmission infrastructure planning. The government has heeded our call and taken some action in formulating the Victorian Transmission Investment Framework.”

“Disappointingly however, the framework continues to neglect farmer concerns. It does not speak about agricultural land use and the impact on food and fibre production.”

“It’s farmers that are slated to host the infrastructure needed for renewable

transmission. How could the framework possibly ignore farmers and the food we produce?”

“There are gaping policy black holes around fair protection for the rights of landowners and these must be addressed and incorporated into the framework.”

“We cannot plan and cost transmission projects if we do not know what the actual level of compensation to landowners will be.”

Ms Germano said farmers dealing with the threat of their businesses being ruined by existing projects would not see any benefit from the government’s plan.

“The framework will not apply to both the VNI-West and Western Renewables Link projects with the government hell-bent on sending the bulldozer over the top of farms and regional communities.”

“That’s why these projects must be stopped and taken back to the drawing

board and incorporated into the government’s state-wide plan.”

“We cannot continue to ignore the negative impact that transmission lines can have on food and fibre production, and it is crucial to pause these projects and ensure they are brought under the new framework to safeguard the interests of our farming communities,” Ms Germano concluded.



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We couldn't recommend him highly enough. ”

★★★★★ **Buyer review**

“ We really couldn't say enough about how professional/helpful Peter Lindeman was during and after our search for a property in Victoria. We were very particular what we wanted and where; location is key! Peter Listened to what we wanted never wasted our time showing us properties that didn't fit our needs. Tricky negotiation, but thanks to Peter it all turned out very well. ”



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For more information please contact Jessica Culhane, Communications and Community Partnership Officer via phone on [\(03\) 5267 1200](tel:0352671200) or via email jculhane@hesse.vic.gov.au

Winchelsea Men's Shed



For The Community
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