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Senior Citizens Club of Winchelsea

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WINCHELSEA PROJECTS UPDATE

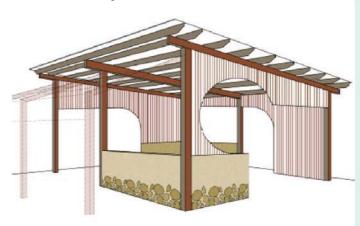
Gathering Space shelter

Community members will be able to make hands-on contributions building an earthen cob wall to complete the new Barwon River gathering space shelter.

Council is working with community members planning construction of the low wall, which will further bring to life community-led designs for replacement of the former Mud Hut.

Community building activities will get underway after winter, with completion expected by December.

The new shelter, with picnic furniture and barbecue, has proven popular since opening for use earlier this year.



Artist impression of the low wall



Adventure Play Space

Construction of the exciting new Adventure Play Space beside the Barwon River is scheduled to start by August.

Community members will be informed about construction dates and possible closure of the existing adjoining playground if required for safety reasons.

The new Adventure Play Space promises fun times, with elements to stimulate and delight including:

- A flying fox with wheelchair access and accessible seat
- Embankment slide
- Elevated cubby pods,
- And more

Community feedback guided the design and showed clear preference for use of natural timbers and colours in construction of the park.

Swimming pool

Further along Barwon Terrace construction of the new pool and facilities is continuing.

Pouring of concrete for the leisure pool, zerodepth splash park, plant room and pavilion is underway.

The redevelopment project is scheduled for completion during summer.



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parkrun 15

15 June 2024

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



This week 39 people completed the course through Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to Lauren who completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.

We had visitors from Balyang Sanctuary, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Torquay, Bannockburn Bush.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers.

Ian WAKEMAN * Kate McINNES * Brian VAGG * Mick O'MARA *

Don SMITH * Murray AISBETT * Neil McINNES * Jill WAKEMAN

A summary of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results 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 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 only needs to be done once and can be used worldwide.

Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please)

parkrun was conducted at 490 locations across Australia this week.



My Home, Our Winchelsea Exhibition

Jill Evans

My Home, Our Winchelsea, an exhibition of photographs and accompanying stories, is on at the Shire Hall. The exhibition opened this week with warm story telling and good food.

The exhibition explores why community member have chosen to settle in Winchelsea.

Over a three day period, photographer Paul Dunn, collaborated with fourteen participants and determined which locations best expressed each person's connection to place.

Stories were captured to accompany the photographs.

Each person has a strong connection to Winchelsea whether it was forged generations ago or through more recent arrival.

The connection with the Shire Hall is important as it continues to build a sense of community living in Winchelsea. Through My Home, My Community, the Shire Hall embraces its history and adds to this through personal and collective story telling.

The Community House thanks all those involved in this project and who graciously shared their stories with the community of Winchelsea.

You are welcome to come and view the exhibition at your leisure. Contact Wendy Greaves on 5267 2028.





Winchelsea Community Market

Judy Cameron



Catering champs!



The Kitchen Fairies: Lauren, Jill and Sue

Sue is a friend of Lesley Christie, one of the Sunday Market organisers.

Sue and husband Laurie come down every weekend from Emerald, as Laurie follows the Birregurra Football Club.

This all started over 40 years ago when they stayed with the Dennis' in Birregurra, and Laurie came to love country football.

Birregurra played at Simpson on the weekend – a 6 hour round trip for them.

Dedication!

The Neighbourhood House team made around \$180* (and ran out of supplies early) with their food and drink offerings in the old Shire Hall at the Winchelsea Market last week.

They were thrilled to have a real barista in Lauren Green (famous for organising the mural on the wall at the Train Station) make the coffees AND supply the coffee beans, milk etc. What a champion!

*Other groups in town may wish to do this for fundraising at future Sunday Markets. Contact Jill via the Neighbour House to arrange.

The Organisers!



Kim Johnson and Lesley Christie, the Winchelsea Market organisers, are looking for volunteers to help set up and pack away tables, etc for the market – about an hour of your time on the first Sunday of each month.

Market volunteers wanted!

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Winchelsea Pickleball Club

Lesley Mathison

THANK YOU WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB & BENDIGO BANK

Members of the Winchelsea Pickleball Club were celebrating last week, as our new equipment consisting of 4 nets, 12 paddles, a first aid kit and a variety of pickleballs finally arrived!

The purchase of this equipment was only made possibly through the generous support of the local Lions Club and Winchelsea and District Bendigo Bank - Corangamite Financial Services!

These two organisations are fantastic supporters of our local community and were very happy to offer some financial assistance to this newly formed club in town!

So, a huge thank you to the Lions Club and Bendigo Bank from all of us at the Winchelsea Pickleball Club!



We would love to see new members come along and try this fast growing sport- Wednesdays from 7.00 p.m. or Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. at the LTC and only \$5, with all equipment supplied!

Seniors Moments

"I'm not old, I'm just ripe"

Thanks to funding received from Winchelsea Community Bank and the Winchelsea Lions Club the Senior Citizens Club of Winchelsea can now provide a greater variety of entertainment to its members and the wider community.

"We have an active membership and provide a range of activities throughout the week. We are always looking to broaden the range of programs on offer and I would encourage our older members to come and see what's on offer and also tell us what they might like to see happen at the centre," said David Schroeter, President.

The investment in our local organisation by the Community Bank and the Lions Club will facilitate improved activities to not only build and strengthen our community but develop support networks to lessen the impact of isolation and loneliness amongst our older residents.

"Following a successful Beginners Class earlier this year, Social Bridge is now available on Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm

and highlights our interest in providing a diverse program. New players are always welcome," continues David.

The community investment programs are made possible by the profit generated from banking services provided at the Winchelsea branch of the Community Bank.

This Friday saw Ken and John together with Elaine and Jenny win at Euchre while at Carpet Bowls Ross, Margie and Maree were the victors with Beryl Read winning the raffle.

Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre is open to people 55 years and older so give us a go - it only costs \$5 pa.

TIME: Wednesday 1 00 pm- 3.00 pm

Friday 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

I write in response to the publication of an appalling piece of biased political propaganda emanating from Senator Sarah Henderson in the Star on the 3/6/2024, headed 'Coalition Government would cancel visas of anti-semitic student protesters'. Aside from having nothing whatsoever to do with Winchelsea, it is simply beyond ridiculous to talk of cancelling visas given that most of the student protesters are Australian citizens, it is merely propaganda that attempts to appeal to human bigotry.

Inexplicably, along with politicians from both major parties, Henderson makes the mistake of confusing anti-Zionism with antisemitism, two entirely different things as any dictionary would tell them. Putting aside the fact that far more Palestinians have Semitic blood than do Israelis, there are many Jews who are anti-Zionist and appalled at what the Israeli government is doing, mostly in Gaza of course but also in the West Bank.

And finally, our member for Wannon, Dan Tehan raises the fact that Hamas took Israeli hostages on Oct 7, but says nothing of the 36,600+ civilian deaths in Gaza, nor of Gaza having the highest number of child amputees on earth, most done without anaesthetics, nor of Israel's use of illegal chemical weapons on people, nor of Israel denying the United Nations humanitarian access, leading to famine.

Nor does Tehan mention any of the horrors that lead to Oct 7, such as the fact that the IDF has oppressed and persecuted the Palestinian people ever since Zionists were told that they could create 'Israel' on Palestinian land; nor does he mention the relentless illegal theft of ever more

Palestinian land since then; nor that since 2007, Israel has turned Gaza into what many describe as the world's largest concentration camp, with Israel controlling all resources; nor that Israel has a long history of imprisoning and torturing people including children without trial, and of killing children with impunity; no mention either of the almost 9000 Palestinians arrested/taken hostage since Oct 7 from the West Bank where Hamas is not in power.

Meanwhile, Medecins Sans Frontieres says that providing healthcare is becoming virtually impossible, as no place, not even the little that remains of places of healthcare, are respected and safe from Israel's relentless assault using US-made bombs.

I do hope that next time the Star is sent such blatant propaganda that it is sent to the bin where it belongs.

Mary Cotter





Social Bridge is played every Tuesday 10.30 am - 1.00 pm

Senior Citizens Centre 36 Harding Street Winchelsea

New players always welcome

Contact
Elaine Atkinson 0458009616







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What is the Green Shed initiative?

Richard Lockie

WHAT IS: The Green Shed Initiative?

A plan ... a direction ... a way!

A multi faceted community orientated social club with wholistic core values ...Honesty, respect, responsibility,

Humility ... to name a few

An unincorporated community service organisation that functions to meet the needs of its members.

The Green Shed Initiative is a small group of people that has been meeting and planning for the last couple of years. We are ready to welcome others to be involved. Monthly meetings are open to all. First Wednesday of the month 4pm at The Art House between the Globe and The Green Shed.

A goal is to connect local people with local healthy goods and services that promote resilience and regeneration.

We wish to facilitating access to and the production of healthy food. Supporting local growers with education and a marketplace to share their produce.

At this stage there is planning underway for the below projects:

Shop Artists studios

Wholefood food box Second Chance Bazaar Events, venue Consultation rooms

Kitchen / takeaway Nursery
Gallery Office

The Community Action Network (CAN) is the administrative hub where people can register their skills, services and their needs.

CAN is working two fold as an agency that coordinates exchanges between members. Also CAN promotes and utilizes the tools that the Barwon River Community Exchange, BRCE a member group has to offer.

Local first: We aim to support local groups and members to meet their goals.

Focusing on synergistic, win-win relationship building for longevity and healthy collaboration within community.

Social enterprise opportunities will become available as we move forward with the Initiative.

Current:

Monday night food trailers, market with tables opportunity to sell, recieve tokens, trade or swop.

Wednesdays: mid week matters. 6.30-9pm. Every week different topics presented by speakers of short documentaries and discussions. Shared meal after or during. The four topics/demographics across a month could be men's, women's, mental health and community. This is a work in progress. To move forward we need four hosts across a month to make it work.

Friday night: Jam session. Freestyle music collaboration. Same as above we need four hosts across a month or one for every week.

If you wish to be involved further or have questions please send a text to: 0444513017 or join the facebook group: The green shed-initiative. Grown for community, by community!

Learn more at www.timrunstheworld.com

Winchelsea Community Foodbank



Hesse Health

The Winchelsea Community Foodbank aims to provide local and accessible food relief to the Winchelsea Community. There are no eligibility requirements to accessing this service, anyone is welcome.

The Foodbank is open weekly, each Friday from 12-2pm and is located at 30-32 Hesse Street. It is out the front of the HMK Kinder.

The foodbank aims to provide a mix of fresh and shelf stable food and household items.

The Winchelsea Community Foodbank is reliant upon donations, if you wish to donate please contact Hannah on 0417 848 292.

The Winchelsea Community Foodbank is an initiative of the Healthy Communities Team at Hesse Rural Health and Winchelsea Community House. This program is supported by the Give Where You Live Foundation.

Winchelsea Community Foodbank Fridays, 12 - 2PM 30-32 Hesse Street Winchelsea

For more info, contact Hannah healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au 0417 848 292





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SAMMY STAMPS

The long running Sammy Stamp program is still collecting your used stamps to support several charities due to the continued support of church, community groups, individuals and businesses in Vic, Tas and Australia.

Last year the amazing \$42,000 was realized from sales of the used stamps. In 2023 grants to the value of \$38,500 were approved to several charities. Since the program started in 1977, the amazing amount of \$1,158,393.

A group of helpers gather weekly to trim and sort the stamps.

If you would like to be involved in saving postage stamps, please contact Jeanette Mcconachy 0409418766 to arrange collection.

Stamps can be trimmed leaving 1/2" surround.

Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc. POSITION AVAILABLE

The Club is looking for someone young, responsible and tech savvy to look after our electronic scoreboard on home game days (usually 9 per season) for the rest of this season going forward into season 2025. The position includes acknowledging goals, the scores and circulating sponsor's advertisements during the game. This is a paid position.

Enquiries contact President Daniel Greskie 0421 377 492 or Secretary Janet Fletcher 0400 783 408.

4 SHEEP FOR SALE.

Ewe 5 years old. \$70. Ph 0410 165 346.

WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB

Planning Christmas in July? Winchelsea Lions have Large cakes \$20 Small cakes \$16 Puddings \$16 Raymond 0406 371 239

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White Magna with rego

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hardly been used. **Small generato**r \$50,

whipper snipper \$20

Must sell ASAP contact 52 672 954

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre (next to the Primary School)
Wed 7-830pm or Thurs10-11.30am.
All equipment supplied,
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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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Beware: Al Scams on the Rise

Tony Phelps

In today's digital age, the rapid advancements in technology have brought about incredible opportunities for innovation and convenience. However, alongside these benefits lurk new dangers, as malicious actors leverage cutting-edge tools to deceive unsuspecting individuals. One of the most alarming trends is the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for scams, spanning voice-overs, video, and image manipulation.

Voice manipulation technology, once confined to the realms of science fiction, is now a reality. With AI capable of mimicking human speech patterns and intonations with remarkable accuracy, scammers can fabricate phone calls or voicemails that sound indistinguishable from genuine interactions. These spoofed voices might impersonate trusted individuals, such as family members or authority figures, to solicit sensitive information or coerce victims into fraudulent schemes.

Video manipulation poses an equally concerning threat. Deepfake technology, powered by sophisticated AI, can seamlessly superimpose one person's face onto another's body in a video, effectively creating convincing but entirely fabricated footage. From political figures delivering false statements to celebrities engaging in scandalous behavior they never participated in, the potential for misinformation and manipulation is vast. Such videos can easily deceive viewers and stir up controversies or incite conflicts.

Furthermore, Al-driven image manipulation tools have become increasingly accessible, allowing scammers to doctor photos with ease. Whether it's altering evidence to support false narratives or creating counterfeit documents to lend credibility to their schemes, the manipulation of images can significantly enhance the perceived authenticity of fraudulent communications.

In light of these emerging threats, it's imperative for you to exercise extra vigilance and skepticism when navigating the digital landscape. Here are some essential tips to protect yourself from falling victim to Al-driven scams:

1. Question Everything:

Adopt a healthy level of skepticism when encountering information online, especially if it seems too sensational or convenient to be true. Scrutinise the source of the information and assess its credibility before taking any



action.

2. Verify with Trusted Sources:

If you receive an email, message, or call that raises even the slightest doubt, refrain from responding immediately. Instead, reach out to trusted friends, colleagues, or reliable sources to check the authenticity of the communication.

3. Stay Informed:

Keep yourself updated on the latest developments in AI technology and the tactics employed by scammers. Awareness is key to recognising and thwarting potential threats before they escalate into full-fledged scams.

4. Use Two-Factor Authentication:

Whenever possible, enable two-factor authentication for your online accounts to add an extra layer of security. This can help prevent unauthorized access, even if scammers manage to obtain your credentials through deceptive means. Not sure what that is? Head over to link.wwshared.info/2fa

5. Educate Others:

Share your knowledge and insights about Al-driven scams with friends, family, and community members. By raising awareness and promoting digital literacy, you contribute to creating a safer online environment for everyone. Introduce people you care about to the easy-to-use Be Connected learning website at beconnected.esafety.gov.au

Remember, if something appears too good to be true, it likely is. Don't let the appeal of quick gains or sensational content cloud your judgment. By remaining vigilant, skeptical, and informed, you can effectively safeguard yourself against the growing threat of AI scams in today's interconnected world.

Completion of 19-kilometre pipeline marks milestone for Birregurra water supply

Barwon Water

Barwon Water has reached a milestone in the upgrade of Birregurra's water infrastructure with the completion of a 19-kilometre underground pipeline connecting the town to Colac's water supply.

Barwon Water General Manager of Planning, Delivery, and Environment Seamus Butcher thanked the community for their patience. "Connecting the town to Colac's water supply offers significant water savings and enhanced water quality while reducing environmental impacts and costs.

Mr Butcher said the town's treatment plant had reached the end of its operational life and Barwon Water found the best approach to managing the town's supply was to connect Birregurra to Colac's supply.

"As this new water supply is already treated at the Colac Water Treatment Plant, it alleviates the need to treat it at the old Birregurra plant, significantly reducing electricity usage, in turn reducing carbon emissions and electricity costs. The upgrade will also save water by reducing losses from evaporation from the Birregurra storage basins, particularly during summer.

As part of the upgrade, Birregurra customers will receive fluoridated water. Fluoride is added to Colac's water supply under the direction of the Vic Government's Department of Health.

The Colac water supply system, which is supported by a connection to the Geelong system if needed, has capacity to meet Birregurra's demand, ensuring a seamless transition to the new water source.

Works on the remaining elements of the project are expected to be finished in August.

For more, see

https://www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/birre-upgrade.



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The importance of exercise

Judy Cameron

New neuroscience research reveals the remarkable impact of exercise on brain cells

New research published in the journal Aging Cell sheds light on the potential of exercise to prevent or slow down cognitive decline associated with aging.

As people age, they often experience a decline in both physical health and cognitive abilities. This decline can lead to conditions like dementia, for which there are currently few effective treatments.

Previous observational studies have suggested that exercise can help alleviate some age-related deficits in the brain, but the exact mechanisms behind these benefits were not well understood. "I have experienced myself and seen in others that regular exercise has many beneficial effects, including on brain health, however to this date it is unknown how exercise orchestrates these changes. It would be amazing to find out the key components of exercise that the mediate the beneficial effects on the brain and its function," said study author Jana Vukovic, an associate professor at the University of Queensland.

Another significant finding of the study was the effect of exercise on T cells in the brain. T cells are a type of immune cell that, when present in large numbers in the brain, can contribute to inflammation and cognitive decline. The researchers found that aging naturally leads to an accumulation of T cells in the brain. However, exercise significantly reduced the number of T cells in aged mice. This reduction was not only observed in the brain but also in peripheral organs such as the liver, suggesting that exercise has a systemic anti-inflammatory effect that extends beyond the brain.

"Amongst all the different cell types in the brain, it was surprising that it was the immune cells that responded to exercise the most," Vukovic told PsyPost.

"Our study provides further evidence and demonstrates that exercise changes the brain at the cellular level," Vukovic said. "Exercise changes the immune landscape in the ageing brain to the more youthful state and these changes are associated with improvement in learning and memory."

"One of the goals is it to encourage elderly to exercise as we have demonstrated that it is possible to reverse some of the negative aspect of ageing on the brain and thereby improve cognitive performance," Vukovic said. "The other long-term goals is to find ways and treatments to help elicit the beneficial aspect of exercise on the brain in those individual that are unable to exercise or bed-bound."

FULL STUDY, "Exercise rejuvenates microglia and reverses T cell accumulation in the aged female mouse brain," AND OTHER GOOD STUFF ON THE WEBSITE: https://psypost.org/

EXERCISE CLASSES IN WINCHELSEA

Tai Chi

When: Friday mornings 9.00am-10.00am (During school terms) \$10 per session
Next Session Friday 21st June, 2024

Gentle Movement Thursdays 1pm

Next Session Thursday 20th June, 2024 at 1pm Cost \$5 per session Winchelsea Community House Space

Council to reduce stormwater flows from north Torquay to Karaaf Wetlands

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council will commence a stormwater diversion project to reduce stormwater flows from north Torquay to the Karaaf Wetlands to pre-development levels.

Council has endorsed the establishment of a pump system from the Esplanade Wetland to the existing drainage network at the mouth of Deep Creek, with adjustments to the Esplanade Wetland layout and removal of remaining weeds. This option will be funded by the \$1.9 million allocation from the Australian Government's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program.

This is the first stage of work towards reducing stormwater flows from north Torquay to the Karaaf Wetlands to pre-development levels, ultimately maximising the diversion of stormwater from north Torquay for productive re-use.

The pump system will divert around 300 megalitres of current flows away from the Karaaf while ensuring that water levels in the Sands lakes system are maintained. Further diversion is possible through the staged implementation of Barwon Water's potential alternative water grid project.

This longer-term concept could see up to 600 megalitres being diverted by Barwon Water, returning inflows to the Karaaf to predevelopment levels.

Deputy Mayor Cr Mike Bodsworth said he was pleased a stormwater diversion plan was in place to help protect the culturally and environmentally significant Karaaf Wetlands. "Our priority will be delivering the first stage to provide some relief to the Karaaf, while developing plans for a second stage in preparation for future funding."

"The next phase of planning will encompass environmental impact analysis, regulatory approvals, further stakeholder engagement, detailed design and continued community engagement."

Cr Bodsworth acknowledged the strong community advocacy and input that has brought to this point in the project. "This started with our community demanding Council should do better protecting the Karaaf saltmarsh, and has continued with the great advice of the community reference group in this most recent phase of planning."

"This has led us to this milestone where we have an agreed path forward, and also driven Council to make improvements in how we plan for stormwater assets into the future."

"We will continue to work with all stakeholders, including Barwon Water and the Sands, on further reductions of stormwater inflows to the Karaaf, to further improve the quality of water leaving the north Torquay stormwater network and to maximise the diversion of stormwater from north Torquay for productive re-use."

Find out more at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Karaaf.

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New complaint form to tackle dodgy rentals

Victorian Government

Victorians who suspect properties available for rent are being falsely advertised or do not meet minimum standards can now alert Consumer Affairs Victoria directly through a new complaint form online. The process only takes about five minutes to complete and can be submitted anonymously.

The form will make it easier to report inaccurate descriptions or images used to advertise the property, and breaches of minimum standards such as lack of a functional kitchen or lockable external doors.

Significant penalties will apply, with maximum penalties for individuals more than \$11,000 and \$57,000 for businesses. Higher penalties can apply under the Australian Consumer Law for misleading advertisements or other false representations.

Prospective renters, real estate professionals and members of the public can use the report form after inspecting a property in person or online, allowing them to provide evidence ncluding uploading photos to show the difference between the property advertisement and the property at inspection.

Allowing a new renter to move into a rental property that doesn't meet minimum standards is a criminal offence and evidence in the form will support the renting taskforce's work to monitor compliance with the law and target inspections and enforcement action.

To access the advertised rental property report form, visit consumer.vic.gov.au/rental-listing.

Jan Juc Creek daylighting project underway

Surf Coast Shire

A project is underway to restore Jan Juc Creek to a more natural state by removing underground drainage and recreating the creek channel, known as daylighting.

Stage two works have commenced, with designs underway. The project includes restoring habitat, biodiversity and amenity values, and delivering stormwater quality improvements. The inclusion of a wetland area will allow for filtration of stormwater and improve the quality of water flowing into the ocean.

Stage one works, completed in 2015, focussed on the creek about 230 metres west of Torquay Boulevard to the fork on Jan Juc Creek Reserve. Stage two works will continue from the fork on Jan Juc Creek to Duffields Road.

"It is fantastic to see this project progressing and allowing more of the Jan Juc Creek to be restored," Surf Coast Shire Cr Kate Gazzard said. "Thanks to the Friends of the Jan Juc Creek Reserve who approached Council with the initial idea in 2012."

Stage two works will include:

- Removing an old low flow drainage pipe
- Reforming the creek banks.
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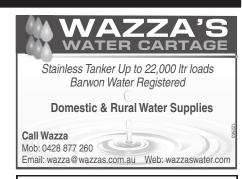
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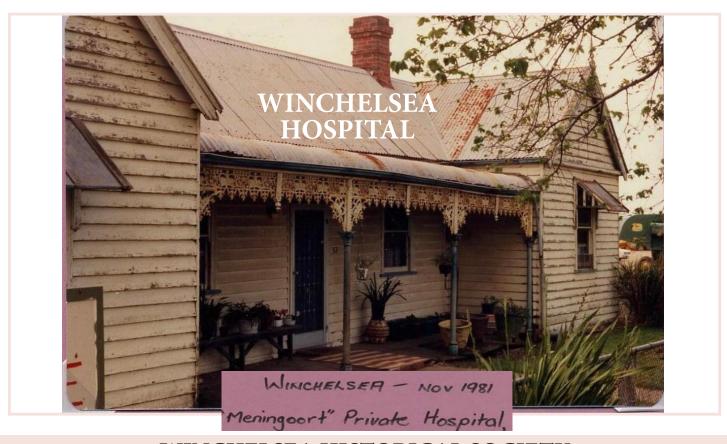
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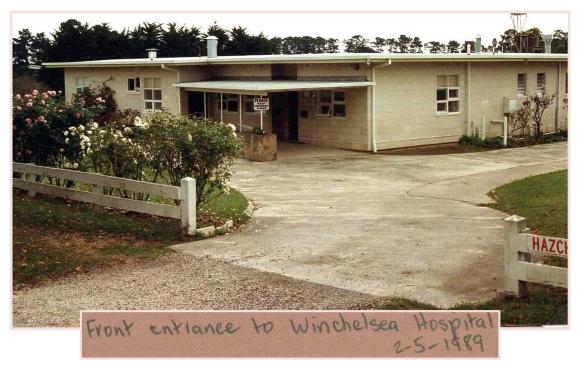
The first hospital in Winchelsea was a private hospital called Meningoort where people were treated and many children born.

There was felt a need for a new hospital after the departure of Dr Nott in 1941 when Winchelsea was without a resident medical practitioner for the first time since Dr Meyler arrived more than half a century before. In 1944 after public subscriptions and Commonwealth loans were made six acres was purchased from

the Church of England on the banks of the Barwon. However a new hospital was built in Gosney Street and opened on 7/11/1956. It cost \$45,000.

The opening of the hospital was the culmination of twelve years of ceaseless work on the part of the committee. Originally the hospital contained four, one bed wards.

In 1964 came the addition of two wards, each with two beds, and later three.





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John Tebbutt on the Winchelsea Community Bus



Council on Board

Growing Winchelsea

All aboard was the call on Tuesday 11 June 2024 when Surf Coast Shire Mayor Liz Pattison, CEO Robyn Seymour, Cr Adrian Schonfelder with senior staff Chris Pike, Damian Waight and Darryn Chiller joined John Tebbutt and committee members of Growing Winchelsea together with Tony Phelps Chairman of Community House on the Bendigo Community Bus for a tour of the town.

"Over the hour spent on the bus highlighted current developments across the town, identified future projects and raised ideas about possible ways to improve movement around the town," said John Tebbutt.

The tour proved to be a great way to highlight the lack of open space and playground equipment for the estates to the east and west of town.

Winchelsea Arboretum Trail members Naida Hutton, Kerry Butcher and Rod Taylor outlined plans to link the four quadrants of Winchelsea, highlighted recent tree planting and identified additional reserves that can be improved.

"The addition of a foot and cycle bridge across the Barwon River connecting Richmonds Lane and Batson Street will allow the community to walk or cycle from the Green estate in the west to Eastern Reserve and the Winchelsea Common, and potentially the school," said Naida Hutton.

The importance of public space, being able to get around without a car, showcasing the redevelopment of the reserve at Mercer & Barkley Streets made possible with Australian Government funding together with the Mural at the rail precinct were just a few of the projects visited.

The industrial estate, a topic for discussion at the Community Forum held later in the day, was also visited highlighting its importance for redevelopment. The community has been invited to make comments on the proposed sale of land on the highway adjacent to the industrial estate.

"I thank representatives of the Arboretum Trail and Rail Precinct subcommittees for taking part in the tour. It was exciting to see increased tree planting, reserve upgrades and beautification of the Rail Precinct thanks to their volunteer efforts. The tour was a positive way for the Shire to see and hear how the community is moving forward," concluded John.





Growing Winchelsea

On Tuesday 11 June 2024 at the Growing Winchelsea community forum, there was lively chatter about one of our most pressing issues - corellas.

Chris Pike, General Manager Placemaking & Environment with Surf Coast Shire indicated that the shire has submitted a funding application for \$50,000 to the Victorian Government under the Corella Management Grants Program with an expected announcement due before the end of June 2024.

"The project to be undertaken in partnership with Growing Winchelsea seeks to disrupt life for the corellas. Specific plans include modifying the existing habitat and planting choices that discourage Corellas with provision of nesting platforms that are favourable for predator birds such as peregrine falcon," said Chris.

A community member talked about the success she and a neighbour had moving on the birds from the surrounding area of their homes through the use of lights at dusk to disrupt the roosting of corellas. She also talked about the use of fake owls and eagles placed on houses and flying freely from high in trees that other people had success with.

"It is positive that Council is keen to work with the community to initiate action that will limit the impact to the environment to businesses and to the community. Together we will find a solution.

If you want to be part of the solution we would love to hear from you, just email secretary@growingwinchelsea or telephone our Secretary Elaine Atkinson on 0458009616," concluded John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.



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Kidsafe Victoria urges increased winter safety to prevent child burn injuries

Kidsafe Victoria

Kidsafe Victoria has called on families to take action to reduce the risk of burn and scald injuries for children this winter, as part of their National Burns Awareness Month campaign.

Data from the Burns Registry of Australia and New Zealand (BRANZ) reveals that burns and scalds remain a significant cause of injury for children, 735 children under 16 years of age admitted to burns units across Australia and New Zealand in 2022/23.

The home is the most common location where childhood burn injuries occur, accounting for 76% of all incidents.

Jason Chambers, General Manger of Kidsafe Victoria, highlighted the importance of families taking steps to prevent burns and scalds, especially during winter which is a time of increased risk.

"Burns and scalds commonly occur when children are near someone who is preparing hot foods or drinks. As the cold winter weather sets in and families look for ways to keep warm, it's important that parents and carers take steps to prevent burns and scalds. Along with active adult supervision, this can include keeping children out of the kitchen – especially when food and drinks are being prepared – and placing hot food and drinks out of reach", said Mr Chambers.

Kidsafe Victoria is also raising awareness of some of the lesser-known causes of burns and scalds, including backyard fire pits and pizza ovens, which have increased in popularity. "Open flames and heating elements such as gas and electric stove elements, matches, fireplaces, BBQs, fire pits, candles, and incense can cause fires and burns. To help keep kids safe, always supervise open flames and other heat sources, and keep children away from them", said Mr Chambers.

First Aid is critical

Data from the BRANZ report shows that in 2022/23, just over one quarter of children did not receive the 'gold standard' first aid treatment (20 minutes of cool running water within 3 hours of their burn injury) before they received hospital care, highlighting the need for continued first aid education.

Emergcare Director Hendrik Gutwirth stressed the importance of families knowing correct first aid measures to treat a burn or scald. "If a burn happens, it's critical that cool running water is applied to the burn area for 20 minutes. Items such as ice, oil or butter should never be used, as these can make the burn worse. This is regarded as the 'gold standard' for burns first aid and can make a significant difference in the outcome of the injury", said Mr Gutwirth.

As part of their National Burns Awareness Campaign, Kidsafe Victoria emphasised the importance of using the Remove, Cool, Cover and Seek method for treating burns and scalds:

- Remove remove the child from danger. Remove any clothing, jewellery, or nappies from the burn area unless stuck to the skin.
- Cool place the burn under cool running water for twenty minutes. Never place ice, oil, or butter on the burn as these can make it worse.
- Cover cover the burn with a clean dressing.
- Seek seek medical attention if the burn or scald is on the face, hands, lap, or feet, is bigger than a 20-cent piece, or is blistered.



For more information about National Burns Awareness Month and resources on burns prevention and first aid for children, please visit www.kidsafevic.com.au/home-safety/fire-safety-burns-and-scalds/

Parents and carers can book into one of Kidsafe and Emergcare's first aid courses by visiting www.kidsafevic.com.au/new-parent-hub/first-aid-courses/

Stronger Medicare awards - nominate your Medicare champion today

Mark Butler MP

Is there a doctor, nurse or health professional who has consistently gone above and beyond for you or your family? If you know someone like this, then I encourage you to show your appreciation and nominate them for a Stronger Medicare Award.

Our doctors, nurses and other health professionals are not ones to trumpet their success. The fact is, as humble as they are, Australia's world class health system is nothing without the compassionate and experienced people who make it what it is.

The Stronger Medicare Awards are an opportunity to recognise and honour these Medicare Champions. We want you to tell us about the outstanding people and health practices that have helped you, with their exceptional care, their innovation, or the way they work together to improve the health of your community.

Individuals, practices or health centres and teams working in health care services out in the community are all eligible to be nominated. It's about shining a light on the people who improve the delivery of health care day in and day out.

It's an opportunity to acknowledge and thank those people who have devoted their careers and lives to delivering quality healthcare, from cradle to grave, in cities and towns, in the regions and in remote communities.

Whether that's in maternity care, child and adolescent health, preventive health, chronic diseases, mental health or with older Australians.

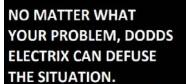
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Safeguarding aboriginal heritage across victoria

Victorian Government

The State Government is supporting Traditional Owners to protect Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage for future generations, with funding through the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Fund.

Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins this week joined the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) at Lake Boort to announce more than \$5 million for project funding through the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Fund.

The funding will support Traditional Owners to undertake initiatives to protect and manage Aboriginal cultural heritage across the state. This might include protection of significant Aboriginal cultural landscapes, or sacred and archaeological places.

The independent Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council will manage the fund, ensuring Victorian Traditional Owners decide how the money is used in the spirit of self-determination.

Applications from Traditional Owner organisations for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Fund will be open in the coming months.

Lake Boort is one of the many culturally important places protected by Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage system. Home to a significant collection of scarred trees, as well as occupation mounds, stone artefact scatters, and Aboriginal Ancestral Remains, the area highlights the deep relationship Traditional Owners hold with the landscape.

There's still time to protect priority patches of land. Will you help?

Corinne Proske, Trust for Nature

You have until June 30 to help protect priority patches of habitat. Will you join us?

A few weeks ago, I introduced you to Les and Darilyn Goldsmith who bought a 60-acre block in East Gippsland back in the 1980s.

Despite being covered in bracken and overrun with foxes, rabbits and deer, their land was also home to a beautiful rainforest gully filled with ancient awe-inspiring eucalypts and teaming with native species.

The more Les and Darilyn restored their land to its natural beauty, the more they understood its value.

Placing a conservation covenant on their gully was an easy decision for the Goldsmiths, who are keen to permanently protect the delicate balance of our precious habitat.

This is what Les had to say:

"There's the beauty of the colours, the amazing birdlife, massive eucalypts and moss-paved paths, lilly pilly trees that create the rainforest canopy where owls sometimes shelter ... an ecosystem that's completely self-sustaining."

"There's so much diversity in our forest gully. But if you don't see these things, then you don't value them. And that's the biggest danger, people not understanding the value of conservation."

Of all the creatures on the Goldsmiths' property, the Lyrebird is their favourite. With over 40% of their habitat burnt during the Black Summer fires, Les and Darilyn are proud their home offers refuge for these usually shy ground-dwellers.

The Goldsmiths' property is one of the priority areas we've identified across Victoria that contain some of our most rare and threatened ecosystems and species, including 18 'focal landscapes'. These landscapes make up 13.5% of all private land in the state.

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If we don't push back, they'll get away with it

Surfrider Foundation Australia

I'm Darren, a volunteer at 'Surf Coast' Surfrider in Torquay. I'd like to bring your attention to an immediate threat to our oceans that requires urgent action.

Getting Started with Surfrider

It all started for me back in 1997, when I returned home from the NT. One of my friends was president of the Melbourne branch of the Surfrider Foundation, and he got me involved. My first task was in a small coastal community that was opposing a boat ramp proposal threatening their surf break. I was soon hooked!

Fast forward 20 years, I have played a role in a number of wins here in Torquay, including preventing Bells Beach from becoming a tourism hub, saving the Spring Creek valley from a large housing development, initiating a ban on smoking on our beaches, establishing the Point Addis Marine National Park, raising awareness about marine debris, beach litter, and microplastics, and addressing overdevelopment in Torquay.

A Personal Campaign

The current 'Save our Southern Seas' campaign is incredibly personal to me—it's in my backyard.

By the end of June, we'll know whether NOPSEMA has approved the world's largest seismic blasting project. If given the green light, multinational giants TGS and Schlumberger will initiate the most extensive seismic blasting operation seen in Australia.

This campaign is crucial not just for the local community but for all Australians. If communities don't push back, it will be business as usual.

Power of our community

If communities work together, we can win this one too. It's gratifying to see the power of the community in stopping large multinationals. When you raise awareness over a prolonged period, there's a tipping point where the community's voice is heard.

In March, 1,200 people participated in our paddle out at Torquay, clearly showing that coast-loving communities oppose this project.

I encourage all beach lovers to get politically active, write to your local member, find out if they oppose new gas and oil extraction, and pressure them to do better. I invite you to join us in this fight a fight we can win!

Thanks for reading and giving me your time. Darren

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The balancing act of maintaining our 150-year-old church

Phil Jacobson

At St Thomas' we're engaged in a balancing act at the moment which would qualify us for a place in the Great Moscow Circus.

This bluestone building with its stainedglass windows, has seen generations of families gather for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and countless community events. However, we face a delicate balancing act: preserving our heritage while managing the escalating costs of maintenance.

The latest challenge has caused us to now hold services in the hall, due to a collapsed church floor thanks to termite infestation.

It's made us realise that St. Thomas' isn't just a building; it's a living piece of history. Every bluestone block and timber tells a story of the past, of those who built it with their hands and hearts, and of the community that has embraced it ever since. Regular services keep our church alive with the spirit of togetherness, living out the connections that make our community strong. Yet, anyone who has ever owned an old house knows that time can be both a friend and an unrelenting foe.

Our church requires constant care. The roof above us needs regular repairs, the heating system demands frequent attention, and the stained-glass windows - oh, those windows! -require specialized upkeep to maintain their vibrancy. Each

repair and restoration project, while essential, comes with an eye watering price tag, and like so many people these days we tend to put things off. The termites made sure we can no longer do this, which brings us to the balancing act we face: how do we continue to use and enjoy this historic building without breaking the bank?

Fortunately, our community and congregation is as resilient as the church walls themselves. Over the years people have come together in remarkable ways to support St. Thomas'. One of the ways we hope to offset the cost for the floor repair is to stage a recital at Barwon Park on June 22nd at 3.30pm featuring "Celia's Daughters" Tickets will be available at the door and complimentary tea and coffee will also be available. This is a unique way of offering support and enjoying a high-quality performance at the same time. There's a more formal invitation in this edition of the Winchelsea Star, so have a look and see if this event is for you.

In the end, maintaining St. Thomas's is not just about preserving a building; it's about valuing a piece of the community's soul. It's about ensuring that future generations can stand in the same worship space, feel the same sense of reverence, and experience the same sense of belonging that we do today.

So, as we continue this balancing act, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty of our old church and the spirit of community and congregation that sustains it. Together, we will keep St. Thomas part of Winchelsea for another 150 years.

Artists develop their statements

Jill Evans

A group of 5 locals attended a workshop with Linnet Hunter (creative business coach) to develop their own artist statement.

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DairyUp

Researchers from the University of Sydney have found that 8 kg of the total carbon dioxide emitted each day by the average cow was immediately taken up by a hectare of dairy pasture system. These 8 kg represent 73 percent of the production from each cow.

These findings are part of a Dairy UP and NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) partnership project investigating greenhouse gases (GHG) on NSW dairy farms and identifying and evaluating options for carbon neutral dairy production.

Dairy UP project leader, Professor Luciano Gonzalez, said dairy customers and the broader community want dairy to have the least impact on the environment. "To reduce emissions, the industry needs to understand the production and removal of GHG and how different management practices and farming systems affect output and carbon sequestration," Luciano said.

"This project will help NSW dairy meet industry emissions reduction targets and also fill knowledge gaps within the industry, to enable dairy farmers to estimate their farm's emissions with increased accuracy, while providing practical ways to decrease emissions and increase carbon uptake."



Dairy UP P1d gas monitors

This project is using the Australian Dairy Carbon Calculator and the Dairy Greenhouse Gas Accounting Framework and includes a global literature review – examining studies from across the world – as well as on-farm trials and monitoring studies.

The GHG are measured using eight chambers and a greenhouse gas analyser. Their findings indicate that dairy cows emit about 11 kg CO2e cow/day, mainly as methane. Of this, the early results indicate that every hectare of pasture, on average, was taking up about 8 kg CO2e cow/day from the atmosphere. "We want to test the idea that the 73% of the carbon dioxide emitted from a cow each day is part of a carbon cycle and taken up by the pastures."

Luciano said these data will tell dairy farmers and researchers about the "carbon capital" stored in the soil which will help establish a greenhouse gas emission baseline and provide insight into how different pastures, crops, and management practices affect soil carbon.

Diets of dairy cattle have also been examined, as part of this project, to understand how this affects the production of GHG from feed.

Professor Gonzalez said "these results are encouraging but there will be more findings to come that should help us meet those goals".

More information: www.dairyup.com.au

Boosting winter growth

Agriculture Victoria

Most of the state experienced an extremely dry autumn. When rain does fall, soil temperature may become the main factor limiting pasture growth.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock Industry Development Officer, Nick Linden said soil temperature, like moisture and fertility, plays a major role in controlling plant growth. 'Covers will stop fixing much nitrogen below about 9 degrees which can provide some opportunities for response to urea.

'Research in Tasmania shows that perennial ryegrass continues to grow down to about 5 degrees, while annual ryegrass as low as 2 degrees. Australian phalaris has been shown to also grow down to about 5 degrees and a 'guesstimate' for more winter active cultivars is between 1.5 and 2 degrees lower,' he said.

Mr Linden said urea and gibberellic acid (GA) provide options to increase pasture growth when nitrogen and/or soil temperature is limiting, on the proviso that good soil fertility, perennial pasture species and soil moisture are present. 'GA is made naturally in plant roots during spring and stimulates shoot and cell elongation, promoting plant growth. The application of manufactured GA in winter stimulates plant growth and increases winter feed availability. It should be applied when air temperature is between 5 and 15 degrees, when natural levels of GA are low.

Resources

Options for improving winter pasture growth presented by Lisa Warn: youtu.be/wOv35qcQg7k

EverGraze calculator for responses to urea and gibberellic acid: www.evergraze.com.au/library-content/gibberellic-acid/index.html Agriculture Victoria gibberellic acid use in phalaris pastures: agriculture.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/560924/GA-Demonstration-Summary.pdf

Grassland conference to sort fact from fiction

Grassland Society of Southern Australia Inc

The Grassland Society of Southern Australia's annual conference will help farmers sort fact from fiction when it returns to Bendigo for the first time in more than 25 years.

The conference on July 17-18 will follow the theme Evidence Based Decision Making and is designed to help producers make informed decisions that are right for their enterprises.

GSSA has connected farmers, scientists and agricultural consultants for 65 years and president Tim Prance said a successful annual conference was vital to its future.

The conference will cover topics relevant to grassland farmers. There will be interactive sessions and workshops on carbon, identifying clover species and a producer panel discussing setting up for perennial pasture success. "There will be a strong focus on fertiliser, pasture species and grazing management where there is a lot of misinformation.' Mr Prance said.

Other topics include ryegrass cultivars versus old varieties, what carbon means for your business, measuring and knowing soil carbon levels, snail and slug management, facial recognition, fertiliser calculation tool, and tools for pasture forecasting. The GSSA AGM will be part of the conference

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Netball News



Melody Philpott

Saturday 15 June - Winchelsea vs Geelong West

U/13 - Geelong West 30 def Winchelsea 4

The girls came up against a good side after the week off and played well! Some great performances in defence with plenty of intercepts and a few goals from the attackers! Their teamwork was great and they adapted well to all the changes!! Great work!

U/15 - Geelong West 29 def Winchelsea 11

While the U15's showed strength in the second half, they were unable to get on top of Geelong West. Esther Grimmer provided great leads and movement in our goals and midcourt. Lexi Cerniawski provided another tenacious performance across the court.

U/17 - Winchelsea 32 def Geelong West 13

A brilliant game today showcasing everything we have been working on. Millie Partridge led her team with pose and direction teaching young Mia White, how to play at this level. Abi Kuchenmeister was outstanding in centre and WD then following through GD.

Super impressed girls. Great work. Best Abi, Millie, Lexi.

U/19 - Winchelsea 19 def Geelong West 17 No report

D grade - Winchelsea 29 drew Geelong West 29

What. A. Nailbiter! The D grade looked a rekindling side off the back of the bye round last week. The attacking unit found a new level of silky momentum, with multiple options at each pass. They say diamonds are made under pressure - D grade closed out the game with their most damaging quarter, adding a game high 10 goals whilst restricting Geelong West to just six. The Blues battled their way to a draw, having trailed at every other break.

C Grade - Winchelsea 46 def Geelong West 25

C grade continued their run of good form this week, with a comfortable win over the Giants. Claire Mawson was instrumental in elevating the energy with positive talk and Sandi Bowen was a wall in defence. Emily Wilson and Chrissy Noble were elevated into the side in the absence of Claire Harrison, effortlessly combining with defensive regulars in Emma Maclean and Ella Clayton. A full team effort with plenty of development to come - keep an eye on this team in the coming weeks!

B Grade - Winchelsea 47 def Geelong West 13

The B grade girls had a squeeze on Geelong West early this week, creating three 'held ball' calls in the first quarter. The pressure continued as Abbie Floyd brought the intensity and intercepts at WD. The Blues mid-court saw multiple partnerships, with experience and speed in every combination. The connection between goalers Sophie Lehmann and Olivia Paatsch was telepathic at times; the potential for this relatively new duo is exciting! Some long range scoring from Geelong West wasn't enough to keep the Blues from running away with a clinical win.

A Grade - Winchelsea 61 def Geelong West 13

A grade were hunting a big win this week. The Blues mid-court were keen and crafty from the first minute. The umpires were keen to keep the lid on, with plenty of whistle. Megan Goonan and Casey Carroll flexed in response, transcending to steady, efficient attack. Meg Royal donned a WA bib, and threaded passes through animated Geelong West defence with ease. The defence unit was led by a superb performance from Zoe Tennant - the stats sheet had insufficient space for the sheer number of intercepts. Geelong West showed some strong foundations to build upon, with some fluent and speedy ball movement. The A grade girls look ahead to a 3rd vs 4th against Anakie next week.





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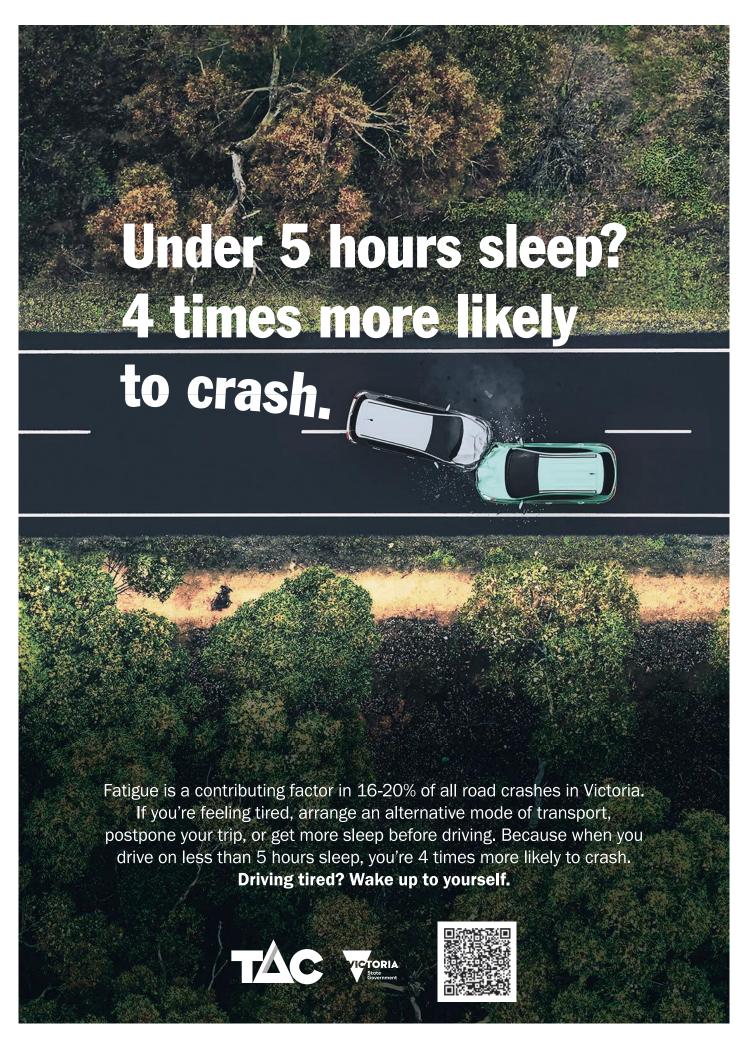
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