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Eat The (Winchelsea) Invaders

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Eat The Invaders ft. Barwon Park

by Mark McGowan

The town of Winchelsea has a starring role in the new documentary series “Eat The Invaders” - hosted by popular presenter Tony Armstrong - which premieres Tuesday January 7, at 8.30pm on ABC TV and iview.

Tony Armstrong and the team from Closer Productions were in Winchelsea in April this year to film the series’ opening episode, which features the ladies from the Country Women’s Association and historian Guy Hull at Barwon Hall.

“Eat The Invaders” looks at Australia’s unique biodiversity which is being destroyed by the invasive plants and animals brought here by our colonial ancestors. Pests like cane toads, camels, carp, cats, deer and rabbits have driven many of our native plants and animals to the brink of extinction.

But what if a radical rethink, inspired by Kirsha Kaechele’s book *Eat the Problem*, could help turn this issue into an opportunity? Over six episodes, Tony Armstrong – with the help of scientists, land carers, some famous Aussie faces and an artist and chef from *Mona* – will attempt to turn our unwanted ecological trash into desirable culinary gold, in a provocative attempt to Eat the Invaders.

Guests include Poh Ling Yeow, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Geoffrey Robertson, Claire Hooper, Rona Glynn-McDonald, Warwick Thornton and comic Nat’s What I Reckon.

In the episode, Tony heads to Barwon Park, where English aristocrat Thomas Austin once introduced 24 rabbits, sparking one of the largest bio-invasions in history. Historian Guy Hull joins Tony and paints a vivid picture of colonial blood sports, on which Austin’s empire was built. A CSIRO scientist explains the environmental damage rabbits continue to cause, the science behind various eradication attempts, and questions whether the rabbit problem will ever be fully resolved.

Tony and Guy visit the local butcher to buy wild rabbit but find none are available - so they enlist a local hunter. The hunter bags two rabbits and reflects on his 50 years of ferreting for food – a once-common practice that has become rare.

With the rabbits dressed but no clue how to cook them, Tony and Guy turn to the local Country Women’s Association for recipes. The women recall childhood memories of hunting, cooking, and eating rabbits, and how the introduction of viruses to control the population wiped out what was once a national dish.

After tasting a traditional rabbit stew, Tony wonders if this invasive species could make a comeback on modern dinner plates.

At the Winchelsea town hall, Tony tests the CWA’s rabbit pies on local kids. Reactions are mixed – some enjoy it, while others don’t. Many of the kids have never tasted rabbit before.

Invasion biologists Phill Cassey and

Andy Lowe reveal that the rabbit crisis has cost Australia \$8 billion, pondering how that money could be allocated to their control.

ABC Head of Documentaries and Specialist Susie Jones said: “Eat The Invaders is a highly original series tackling one of the most significant issues in Australia in a fresh, engaging and playfully provocative manner.

“Over six captivating episodes, Tony takes us through the compelling stories of these invasive species, meeting with everyday Australians, experts, scientists and artists in an optimistic quest for solutions. We’re delighted to share this series and look forward to the conversations it provokes at dinner tables around the nation.”



CELEBRATION SERIES

LEISURE TIME CENTRE

Have you seen our wonderful LTC? It's a fabulous space that we utilise for PE and assemblies at our school, but it's also available to rent for external providers! It offers so much space for only \$30 an hour! If you're interested in booking this space, please contact the school to speak with the lovely Lynda.



CELEBRATION SERIES

KARLIE AND STUDENT WELFARE

At our school, we are grateful to have the incredible support of our Primary Welfare Office, Karlie Jones. Karlie plays a vital role in supporting the well-being and emotional health of everyone in our school. Within her work, she engages with students, teachers, parents and guardians, and external professionals to ensure our students are safe, happy, and able to thrive in and outside of school. Karlie provides guidance to students on building resilience, managing emotions, and developing positive behaviours.



Adventure Play Space construction on target



Improvements to Winchelsea's Barwon Terrace activity precinct are continuing, with the new Adventure Play Space on target for completion in February.

While the works site will remain fenced off, the adjoining existing playground and new gathering space shelter will be reopened in time for the Christmas break.

An arbour has been added to the side of the shelter for growing of vines across the top, providing additional shade. Bricks retained from the former mud hut on the



site have been used in construction of a path at the rear of the shelter.

A community-led cob wall construction project is expected to be completed in March.

A power pole beside the shelter will be removed.

The Adventure Play Space will adjoin the existing playground and feature a flying fox with wheelchair access and accessible seat, slide, elevated cubby pods and more.

Memorial Grandstand upgrade

Work on Winchelsea's Eastern Reserve Memorial Grandstand upgrade is scheduled to start early in 2025.

The project will improve accessibility to and use of space in the building, which was built in 1923 as a functional memorial to soldiers who served in the First World War.

The heritage-listed building has been home to Winchelsea RSL Sub Branch for more than 100 years and is highly valued by members, families and the wider community.

Upgrades will include:

- Construction of a new entry ramp.
- Removal of a false ceiling and shower cubicle to create more space.

- Expanding the existing library, museum and work spaces.
- Painting and fitting-out of the museum and workspace.
- Installation of new lighting highlighting the building façade.

Work is expected to be completed by July 2025.

The \$59,728 project is being jointly funded, with \$49,728 from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing via the Victorian Veterans Capital Works Program 2023-24, and \$10,000 in-kind from Winchelsea RSL Sub Branch.

Council is managing the project in collaboration with the RSL branch.

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchprojects



Safety Improvements To Support Truck Deliveries In Winchelsea Town Centre

Surf Coast Shire Council is working with Powercor, WorkSafe and local businesses to create a safer environment for truck deliveries in the Winchelsea town centre.

The work is in response to concerns raised this year about deliveries via the Hesse Street loading zone, namely:

- the steep road camber close to the kerb, which poses a risk when unloading from trucks;
- low powerlines above the loading zone; and
- the need for trucks to complete multi-point turns on Hesse Street to rejoin the highway.

Local businesses tabled a petition during Council's September meeting highlighting the importance of the loading zone to their operations.

A response to the petition presented during Tuesday night's Council meeting detailed solutions that have either been implemented or will soon be put in place:

Raising powerlines: Powercor has increased the height of the powerlines to 5.4 metres, providing safe clearance for trucks.

- Re-marking the loading zone:

Council will widen the loading zone by 1.5 metres before Christmas.

This will allow trucks to park further from the kerb on a flatter part of the road, making unloading safer. The street will remain wide enough to support unrestricted two-way traffic.

- Medium-term kerb works: Council is investigating works to the kerb itself that would reduce the camber of the loading zone and increase pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Additionally, Council has started discussions with businesses about the use of spotters during truck departures from Hesse Street.



This solution was suggested via the September petition and would be a way of increasing safety for trucks and other road users during multi-point turns.

Winchelsea Ward councillor Tony Phelps acknowledged the importance of the loading zone.

"Local businesses rely on this loading zone and Council officers have been working on safety solutions to make sure it can stay in its current location," Cr Phelps said.

"The changes will be reviewed at the end of June next year to check that they've been effective."



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Lorne

Lorne Men's Shed

Tuesday 4, 11, 18 & 25 February 2025, 12pm-2pm

Torquay

Council Offices

Wednesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 February
10am-12pm OR 1pm-3pm

Anglesea

Anglesea Community House

Tuesday 4, 11, 18 & 25 March 2025, 10am to 12pm

WISER WALKER, WISER TRAVELLER

A three-week course offering information on a range of transport options and support services to promote older people remaining mobile, travelling confidently and staying connected. Refreshments provided.

Torquay

Council Offices

Friday 28 February,

Friday 7 & 14 March 1pm- 3pm

OR Wednesday 2, 9 & 16 April
10am-12pm

For further information or to enrol, please contact Council's Age Friendly Officer on **5261 0600** or email **rsalvo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au**



Community
Road Safety Grants



ACCESS
Health & Community

Winch House AGM: Wensleydale Rural Community Group (WRCG) Report 2023/2024

by Chris Trotter

Our group continues to focus on providing a monthly network opportunity in the form of dinners, Xmas events for both community and children and administering our local Facebook site to support members and each other in knowing where they live.

Our FFOTM (first Friday of the month) Group held social dinners every month at varying local restaurants. The dinners continue to play an important role in developing and maintaining a connected and supportive community with 10 new families to the area attending.

Our group continues to support the local community children's Xmas event by providing sweets for Santa to hand out as the Wurdale Fire Brigade (WFB) truck travelled around the local area.

Planning underway to support a similar event with WFB for 2024 Xmas Eve and our local community Xmas party at the Wurdale Hall. Consideration is being given to an additional event to celebrate Wurdale Hall's 100-year birthday.





14 December 2024

32 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week. Congratulations to Bernadette who completed her first ever parkrun. We had one visitor from London.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Jodie Roberts * Steve Wade * Murray Bennett * Ann Morsby * David Woodall * Helen Woodall * Neil McInnes

Further details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results

Please check out our Facebook page for today's photos and further information.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much

appreciated.

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register. This is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

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

parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week.



Agm Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network (W&SRN) Report 2023/2024

by Frank Dean

The 2024 reporting period for the W&SRN has largely been one of Review & Consolidation of the Community Recovery after Disaster plan. Some pre-planning of other initiatives has also begun, and actions partially completed.

A restriction of funding has forced the postponement of a number of planned exercises both Intra and Extra to the W&SRN Committee participation.

One notable achievement for the reporting period has been the production and distribution of a double sided "Community Safety Checklist" towards the end of 2023. This checklist was modified from examples supplied by

Mandy Baker, (Surf Coast Shire), to better suit the requirements of the Wurdale & Surrounds community. Feedback from the community has been very positive. A copy of this checklist is available on request to wurdalerecovery@gmail.com

Discussions have continued with the SCS on how to reach both younger and newer community members with "Recovery after Disaster" & "Community Safety" stories.

It has been suggested that W&SRN should involve community groups such as Landcare, CFA and other community organizations to contribute relevant brochures, "Safety Games" other relevant documentation for collation into a "Community Safety Showbag". The intention is to have a simple information pack that could be aimed at particular focus audiences e.g. new community residents or school children. The information is largely available, so collation & distribution is required by community volunteers and W&SRN members.

The coming summer is again forecast to

be a potentially bad season. Rainfall for year ending July 2024 has been the lowest on record for the Otways and South -West Victoria. There are potential fire implications for residents living in these areas from high, dry fuel loads and poor water catchment in particular. Pre-preparation is the key to ensuring both properties and an informed Community are safe during these times.



Changes to bin collections this Christmas



Our collection truck drivers will have the day off on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December). As they work to catch up, this means **residential bins in some areas will be emptied on the day following your usual collection day.**

So during the week of Christmas only:

- ✧ bins normally emptied on Wednesday will be emptied on Thursday
- ✧ bins normally emptied on Thursday will be emptied on Friday
- ✧ bins normally emptied on Friday will be emptied on Saturday.

Collections will return to the normal schedule from Monday, 30 December 2024.

Extra collections

All residential properties that receive a kerbside bin service will also receive an **extra landfill** and **extra recycling** bin collection during the festive season.

To check how the bin collection changes affect you, and to see when your extra collections will be:

- ✧ Download **SCRRApp** (the Surf Coast Rubbish & Recycling App) at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SCRRApp
It's free and provides bin night reminders, an A-Z recycling guide, and notifications about unexpected changes to collections e.g truck breakdowns
- ✧ Download and print a PDF calendar at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendars
- ✧ Visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mybin and enter your address

Extra glass? Extra recycling?

Household amounts of sorted recycling (plastics numbered 1, 2 & 5, metal cans & tins, paper and cardboard), and glass bottles and jars can be dropped off at the Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations for FREE.

Fire Danger Days

On days of **Extreme** or **Catastrophic** Fire Danger Rating, waste services may be impacted. This may include changes to kerbside collections or opening hours at transfer stations and the Anglesea Landfill.

For more information, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/servicechanges



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FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

- 5 January 2025
- 2 February 2025
- 2 March 2025
- 6 April 2025
- 4 May 2025
- 1 June 2025

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Merry Christmas from Riverlee Artists

As we come to the end of another successful and creative year, the Riverlee group would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our achievements in the art field in Winchelsea.

We have been supported immensely by Wendy and her team in the Community House and we are planning to become auspiced under them in 2025.

Starting off as a small group who gathered together at the Riverlee property of Sandra Jones quite a few years ago, to paint, laugh and talk a lot of nonsense, not a great deal has changed.

We still do the same....except more of it..

Our paintings are better and more creative, our laughter is louder, our paints are more expensive, and the fame of our exhibitions is spreading far and wide.

With the help of 2 grants from our Bendigo Community Bank we have been able to purchase 2 exhibition display walls and

WINCHELSEA BLUES BOWLS

by Julie Johnson

The 17th December is the final Pennant match before the Christmas break which has seemed to come very quickly this season. Mid Week Pennant will resume on Tuesday the 14th of January 2025 with Week End Pennant on Saturday the 18th of January 2025.

During the break the Ladies and Men's Championship singles will be held with the winners going on to play in the Champion of Champion Singles, Day 1 19th January. The Charles Stewart & Bendigo Bank sponsored Open Men's 4's Tournament will take place on the 11th January and is always extremely well attended.

The Light Up The Green project is due to commence on 13th January and should, all going well, be completed by 7th February. It is envisaged that Come Try Bowls will operate of a Friday evening throughout February, confirmation and further details in the New Year.

PENNANT RESULTS MID WEEK

Rd 9

Division 1 Winchelsea def Cressy away winning 2/3 rinks, 77/58 shots.
Division 3 Winchelsea def Camperdown Golf at home winning 2/3 rinks and 1 drawn rink, 71/45 shots.

Rd 10

Division 1 Winchelsea were def by Camperdown Golf away 1/3 rinks, 62/75 shots.
Division 3 Winchelsea def Colac at home winning 1/3 rinks, 56/55 shots.

WEEK END PENNANT

Rd 9

Division 1 Winchelsea def Camperdown Golf away winning 2/4 rinks, 103/93.
Division 2 Winchelsea def Birregurra away winning 2/4 rinks, 99/92 shots.
Division 4 Winchelsea def Derrinallum at home winning 2/3 rinks, 59/51 shots.

Rd 10

Division 1 Winchelsea were def by Apollo Bay at home winning 1 rink, 93/110.
Division 2 Winchelsea def Cressy at home winning 3/4 rinks, 114/69 shots.
Division 4 Bye

We wish everyone a very safe and joyous Christmas season and a healthy 2025.



9 plinths to add to the suitability of the Shire Hall as an exhibition centre/gallery.

Surf Coast Shire has generously provided hanging rails on the walls to allow an ongoing display at all times. If you pop into the hall you may see something you would like to buy.

There will be a new display in Sweet Thyme just in time for Christmas.

We are extremely appreciative of the support by Michelle Winkle from Hayes & Winkle Estate Agent who supplied the design, printing and erection of billboards in and out of town to advertise our Exhibition we had in November. .

Contact us via our Facebook page Riverlee Winchelsea Artists Collective in the New Year if you are interested in what might be happening in 2025.

Merry Christmas from Veronica and crew.

WINCHELSEA COMBINED CHURCHES CAROLS



SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER
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WINCHELSEA FIRE BRIGADE



by Sandra Jones

WINCHELSEA FIRE BRIGADE

Winchelsea Rural Fire Brigade was formed in 1929, merging with the Winchelsea Urban Fire Brigade in 2007.

The first fire call was on 1/6/1943 in a shop occupied by Leutenant C.Patten.

A new fire station was built 4/5/1959 and officially opened 20/11/1959.

On 30/6/1962 the first urban truck arrived. It was a 1938 Dodge.

A new tower was erected in July 1972. On 1/6/1992 the last meeting was held in the fire station. Trucks and all equipment were moved to a temporary station in Knuckeys old shed in Hesse Street and in August 1992 the old station was pulled down and work began on a new station.



WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Winchelsea Star Production Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025

Everyone is invited to come along to a monthly meeting - with coffee of course - on the last Saturday of each month.

Your comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events are welcome - or simply to say Hi!

Next Winchelsea Star Production Meeting

Saturday 25 January 2025 9 - 10am

@ Sweet Thyme, Winchelsea

This Week's Winchelsea Star

Editor - Yvonne Stevens

Designer - Tony Phelps



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6pm Sat. Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28

6pm Sat. Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

CHRISTMAS TIMES

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Rev'd Phil Jacobson

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Barwon Tce, Winchelsea

Service 10am

CHRISTMAS TIMES

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Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241

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Thought for the Week

"The reason to forgive is for our own sake."

For our own health, because beyond that point needed for healing if we hold onto our anger we stop growing and our souls begin to shrivel.."

John Bader,
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WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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VALE

by Helen Rolls

Mrs Pat Collins

Pat grew up with her parents Colin and Daisy Smith at St Paul's Anglican Church in Deans Marsh where she was very involved in the church and she was a Sunday School teacher there. When she married and moved to Winchelsea Pat maintained a strong and loyal allegiance to her local church St Thomas's. Rev Phil Jacobson took her burial service at the cemetery. St Thomas's extend their loving sympathy and prayers to Pat's family on their sad loss.

Mr Murray Aisbett

Murray was a great friend of St Thomas's Anglican Church. We remember Murray being part of the fun entertainment when we had twilight fetes. He was always involved with the annual Mother's Day Breakfasts which were a great success.

Murray always put his hand up readily when there was a need, the last time he was there was when the hedge needed cutting back beside the vicarage. Until recently Murray was faithfully mowing the church lawns each week. St Thomas's extend their loving sympathy and prayers to Murray's family on their sad loss.

Meet Your Local Businesses

We love to showcase the local businesses of the Winchelsea region.

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Bakerland - Empowering Communities and Paving a Brighter Future

In the ever-evolving world of land development, where cities grow, neighbourhoods transform, and landscapes shift, one company is standing out—not just for its success in the industry, but for its commitment to social responsibility and its inspiring leadership. At the helm of this company is a female CEO, a visionary who is redefining the role of land developers in their communities and reshaping what it means to be a leader in the construction and real estate sectors.

Working closely together to create change, Mick Baker (Owner & Managing Director) and Lissa Broughton (CEO) of Bakerland, a prominent local land development firm, have set an exemplary standard for integrating corporate success with social impact. Recognising that development extends far beyond just building estates, they have placed community at the centre of the company's mission, ensuring that every project not only meets market needs but also enhances the lives of local residents.

Lissa, (a Winchelsea local) who has worked her way up through the industry, brings a unique perspective to land development. As a woman in a historically male-dominated field, her leadership has brought innovation and empathy to the forefront. She believes that true success is measured not only in financial growth but in the ability to uplift others and create sustainable, thriving communities. Her approach to land development reflects this ethos—one that is deeply rooted in long-term social impact.

At the heart of the company's approach is a commitment to giving back to the communities in which it works. Rather than viewing development projects as merely commercial ventures, Bakerland views them as opportunities to improve lives, create lasting value, and empower people. This is evident through their generous give backs to the community, sponsoring the local footy, golf and karate clubs as well as the Chatty Café, an important gathering spot for both existing and new locals to catch up.

Recognising the responsibility that developers have in protecting natural resources, Bakerland prioritises sustainability in its projects. This includes green building practices, eco-friendly ethos, and creating green spaces that improve quality of life.

As Bakerland continues to grow and expand its projects, the company remains steadfast in its dedication to giving back to the community. With the unwavering vision of Mick and Lissa, it has demonstrated that land development doesn't just have to be about real estate; it can also be about creating lasting, positive change for people and the planet.

In a world where corporations are often scrutinized for their impact on society, Bakerland stands as a shining example of how businesses, when led with integrity and purpose, can build not just housing estates, but stronger, more resilient communities for generations to come.





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Probud End Of Year

by Linda Carter

Winchelsea Probud wound up the year with their November trip to Camperdown. Morning tea was enjoyed with an amazing view over Lake Bullen Merri and Lake Gnotuk. Jenny Parish grew up in the area so gave us some very interesting information about the lakes which only being a matter of metres apart one is freshwater and one is salt!!

It was a perfect day to follow this by a stroll around the beautiful botanic gardens occasionally having to dodge sprinklers. A delicious if not very generous lunch was enjoyed at the Hampden Hotel. We stopped off at the Pombo Market on the way home which was a trip down memory lane for most of us. Many thanks Heather and Jenny for organising, and Sue for morning tea, and our ever capable coach captain Don for getting us there and back safely.

At our final meeting for the year we were entertained by a group of wonderful carol singers and clarinet players. Many thanks to Maureen for organising and providing songbooks so we could all join in. How many of us know the first verse of all the popular carols but no more? Our meeting was followed by a delicious 3 course meal at the Moriac Hotel.

Winchelsea Probud would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of Murray Aisbett. Murray wasn't a member but has chaired our AGM's and been a popular speaker over the years. He was responsible for the Lions Club and Men's Shed providing our lecturn after he came to speak once and didn't have anything to lean on!! Vale Murray you will be greatly missed by the Winchelsea community.

We look forward to the New Year when our first meeting will be at Barwon Park.

Winchelsea Probud Club wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Anyone interested in joining us, just come along to one of our meetings on the first Monday of the month, 10 am at the Senior citizens rooms or contact Lorraine on 0417 467 927



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Waste collection drivers will not be working on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December) so bins usually collected on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday will be collected one day later.

This means from Wednesday 25 December to Saturday 28 December only:

- Bins normally emptied on Wednesday will be emptied on Thursday.
- Bins normally emptied on Thursday will be emptied on Friday.
- Bins normally emptied on Friday will be emptied on Saturday.

Kerbside bin collection will return to normal collection day on Monday 30 December 2024.

Extra waste and recycling collections will occur for all households between Christmas Day and the middle of January. Check SCRRApp (Surf Coast Rubbish and Recycling App) to see your extra collection dates or visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/collections and enter your address to download a kerbside collection calendar.

Extra bin collections for the below areas will mean all four bins will be collected on these days:

Monday 6 January 2025

- North Lorne (all properties north of Erskine River),
- Eastern View
- Moggs Creek

Tuesday 7 January 2025

- Moriac urban collection
- Winchelsea urban collection

Please ensure you leave a 0.5m gap between bins to assist the truck drivers to efficiently service your bins. Remember to not over fill your bin,

The Transfer stations are also opening for longer hours over January:

- Anglesea Transfer Station will be open to commercial waste contractors on Saturdays during summer school holidays.
- Lorne Transfer Station will close at 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 26 December 2024 to 27 January 2025 (closed Christmas Day).

The Anglesea Transfer Station will remain open to the public seven days a week, except Christmas Day.

Extreme weather may affect the kerbside waste collection and the opening hours of the transfer stations. If changes need to be made to waste services, announcements will be made on Council's social media pages and on SCRRApp, as soon as they are known. You can also call ahead to check.

Download SCRRApp to stay up to date with changes to kerbside waste collections and extra waste collections: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SCRRApp

"Let's Get Together"

There has been lots happening in the past few weeks at the Mud Hut. Landscaping, building an arbour, the addition of lots of rocks, some of which will be used as seating together with paving all to provide additional space at this community gathering spot. It should be finished just in time for the installation of the cob wall around three sides of the mud hut from 1 to 9 March 2025.

Over 80 individuals and organisations have been contacted this week inviting their participation in not only constructing the mud bricks and installing the wall but being part of the week long activities to celebrate this final construction phase.

"We are now extending a personal invitation to all community members and businesses to get down and dirty and share in this history making event," said John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea Inc.

Not only are we building a wall but together we are building a healthy connected community with the week's activities providing a great chance to

learn more about what services and recreational opportunities are available through participation and information sharing.

The theme for the week's activities is reduce, reuse and recycle and will incorporate food swaps, cooking demonstrations, information displays, promotion of health and wellbeing activities.

"Growing Winchelsea wants to hear from business, community and individuals who may be interested in involvement in some way.

A team leader's workshop run by Mud Fun will be held late January 2025 and we are seeking interested people who may wish to learn the skills and lead community members in making the bricks and building the cob wall," continues John.

Please telephone Elaine Atkinson on 0458009616 or by email at secretary@growingwinchelsea.com by 19 December 2024 to find out more and discuss ways

you are able to contribute.

The next step will then see the development of the week's program of activities and also a construction schedule that includes timeslots and numbers participating in the build.



Dear Community Members and Groups,

An all ages festive summer event will take place over a week from 1 to 9 March 2025 around the creation of a beautiful hand sculpted wall around three sides of the Winchelsea Mud Hut and you are humbly invited to be a part of this history making event.

"There will be drummers drumming, music & dance ensembles playing along, a sing a long combined with a group of barefoot mud mixing community members, rhythmically stamping mud with their bare feet to churn the mud mixtures in a synchronised manner with mud bricks forming a cob wall..." Mud Fun

Key Project Dates:

Cob Wall Team Leaders Workshop - late January 2025

Mud Fun will be facilitating workshops to support community with the build

1 - 9 March 2025 - Cob Wall Build

Community participating in mud brick making & cob wall installation

Community & Service organisations staging activities e.g. cooking demonstrations, information displays, workshops - we need your input

Late March 2025 - Creative Wall Render & Opening Ceremony, Welcome to Country

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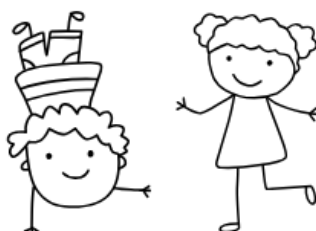


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2024 Coming To An End

By Tony Phelps, Surf Coast Shire Councillor (Winchelsea Ward)

As we head into holiday season, on behalf of your/our Councillors I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and all the best for 2025. It's an opportunity for many to recharge and refocus – and if you're in a contemplative mood, don't forget to do the survey that will be used to inform Council's priorities over the next 4 years from October 2025. There's a version of the survey for individuals, another for young people, and another for groups/organisations. We need to hear from you, it always surprises me how few responses there are, so hop onto surfcoast.vic.gov.au and scroll down to Our Focus Our Future and make your own contribution.

We have this month lost a couple of community stalwarts from Winchelsea, in Pat Collins and Murray Aisbett. Both have been deeply involved over decades. I was personally much more involved with Muz, and felt the sting at the Christmas Carols and School Concert where his friendly face and fast quips were missing at the Lions chuckwagon. His laconic humour brightened up every Lions Club meeting, and his nickname for me of "Dot Dot" (arising from my website business ie. [www dot something dot com dot au](http://www.dot something dot com dot au)), my partner as "Mrs Dot", and my 3 sons as

"Big Dot", "Middle Dot" and "Little Dot" will forever stick. Murray and Pat and their input will be missed.

On a positive note, congratulations to all at Hesse Rural Health for a year full of achievements and a positive financial result. The AGM featured Lana Purcell as guest speaker, CEO of FeedMe Surfcoast, Geelong & Bellarine. It's an organisation that is all about saving food, preventing it going to waste, overlaid with helping quite literally anyone who is struggling (not necessarily financially either – mental health issues easily get in the way of daily life and feeding the family). Both Hesse Health and FeedMe are doing a power of good amid difficult times.

By the way, you can support FeedMe by popping along to their outlet in Cylinders Drive, Torquay. Grab a basket, fill it with anything you can use, and at the checkout pay what you want (including nothing at all). Save food from landfill, it needs using. See fb.com/feedmesurfcoast for open hours.

An update for those that use the Pollocksford Bridge – the plan is to repair the crumbling deck, but it's going to be a bit of a long haul. As a \$3.2 million

project (split with Golden Plains Shire) there's the whole process of designs, tenders, and works to go through. It will probably be late 2025 before it's open again. And all allegedly because overweight trucks ignored the weight limit signs...

To close off, have a great Christmas and we'll be back at it in the New Year – LOTS coming around the Shire and for its towns, particularly Winchelsea (new pool & playground, mud hut completion, industrial zone expansion, town plan just to start with). Fill in a survey and stay in touch!



Winchelsea Community Bank Overwhelmed by Generosity for Adopt a Surf Coaster

The Winchelsea Community Bank is thrilled to share the incredible success of this year's gift collection for Adopt a Surf Coaster. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, the car was not just full—it was overflowing with gifts destined to brighten the lives of children and families across the Surf Coast this Christmas.

This outpouring of kindness truly embodies the spirit of the season, and we couldn't be more grateful to everyone who contributed. These thoughtful donations will help bring smiles to countless children on Christmas morning and ensure that local families can enjoy

a festive day filled with love and joy.

At the Winchelsea Community Bank, we're proud to be part of such a compassionate and giving community. Your support makes a world of difference, and together, we're helping to create a magical Christmas for so many.

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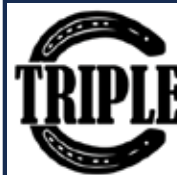
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Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter

by Rhani Bayon

There are no days off or shortened Christmas hours at Wildlife Rescue Rangers here in Winchelsea. Barb and her team of volunteers take in, help and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife from across the district and sometimes as far as Melbourne and Ballarat. There is currently 42 animals in care at the rescue 4 young brush tail possums, 7 ringtails, 6 magpies, 13 ducklings, 1 adult duck, 3 currawongs, 5 rainbow lorikeets, 1 butcher bird, 2 wattle birds, 1 mudlark and 2 crimson rosellas, with



more being brought in daily. The Christmas period means more traffic on the roads and warmer weather so there is expected to be many more animals needing help.

To assist in the care of all of the wildlife that spends time at the shelter, we're asking the Winchelsea community to consider donating to Wildlife Rescue Rangers this Christmas.

The Shelter requires the following items to continue to assist all the animals in care.

Grass hay, Lorikeet mix, Small Parrot Seed, Large Parrot Seed, Formula One (Wildlife milk), High fat mince meat,



Mixed unsalted nuts, Shell grit, Disinfectant, disposable gloves, laundry and dish detergents.

If you are in a position to donate any of the above or make a financial contribution, your generosity and kindness will go a long way.

Please Consider donating to our local wildlife this Christmas
Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter currently has 45 individual animals in care and counting.

The animals need the following items:

Grass hay
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Winchelsea Lions Club

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Winning ticket drawn by Cr Tony Phelps



Lions Christmas Cakes Still Available

Winchelsea Lions Club still have cakes and puddings for sale. Yummy for Christmas or make great last minute gifts.

All enquires please call Raymond on 0406 371 239.





Spreading Christmas Joy in Winchelsea

This week, the Community Bank Winchelsea was privileged to be part of a heartwarming event with the Social Support Group at the ADASS building, hosted by Hesse Rural Health.

The morning was filled with laughter, conversation, and festive cheer as we joined the group for a delightful morning tea. Adding to the joy of the occasion, Santa made an appearance—though still in training and perhaps needing a little more pudding to fill the suit! His cheerful “Ho Ho Ho” echoed through the room as he handed out gifts, sparking smiles all around.

It was a moment to pause and celebrate the season with members of our cherished community, and the team from the Community Bank Winchelsea was thrilled to share in the magic of Christmas.

We extend our gratitude to Hesse Rural Health for their wonderful hospitality and their ongoing dedication to supporting our community. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the Social Support Group, Hesse Rural Health warmly welcomes everyone to join.

At the Community Bank Winchelsea, we're proud to be part of moments that make our community special.



Free Financial Help For Victorians Facing Mortgage Stress

Victorians struggling with their mortgage repayments can now access Australia's only free service dedicated to helping homeowners stay in control of their finances, thanks to support from the Alban Labor Government.

Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes this week announced the statewide expansion of Mortgage Stress Victoria (MSV) – supporting even more Victorians with expert legal, financial, and social work support both in-person and remotely.

Initially funded as part of a \$31.1 million Labor Government investment in the legal assistance sector in the Victorian Budget 2021/22, the service started as a pilot in Melbourne's western suburbs.

MSV's team of financial counsellors, lawyers and social workers help homeowners by negotiating affordable repayments and protecting their legal rights as well as offering emotional support.

Since 2022, MSV has helped prevent home repossession in more than 190 cases, with around one-third of its clients being victim-survivors of family violence.

Julia from Tullamarine faced mortgage stress after falling ill and being unemployed for two years. With support from MSV, she was able to keep her home.

MSV's financial counselling team helped her manage her mortgage, while their social work team provided vital support, emergency relief referrals and help to retrain and rebuild her future.

MSV can help at any stage of mortgage stress, whether the payments are up to date or if there are court orders for repossessing your home. Victorians can access support if they live in their mortgaged primary residence, own only one

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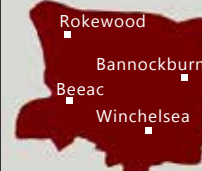


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