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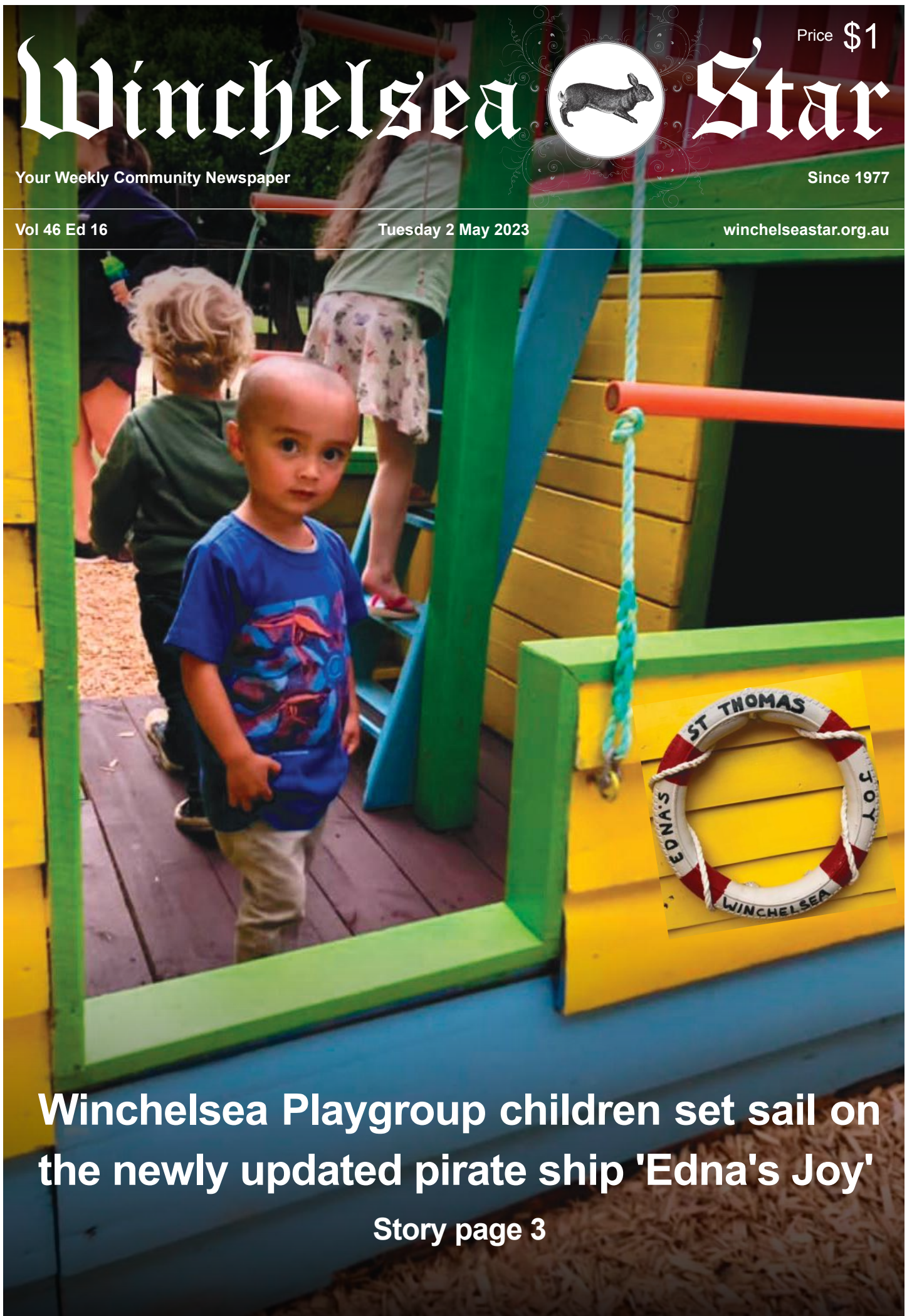
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Winchelsea Playgroup children set sail on the newly updated pirate ship 'Edna's Joy'

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

15-21 MAY 2023

THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

CELEBRATION AND THANK YOU

A series of morning and afternoon teas will be held to thank and celebrate the wonderful contribution of volunteers to our Surf Coast Shire communities.

Events will be held in:

- ANGLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- LORNE COMMUNITY HOUSE - Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- DEANS MARSH COMMUNITY STORE - Thursday, 18 May, 2-3pm
- SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL, TORQUAY - Thursday, 18 May, 2-3pm

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

For full details or to RSVP, please call Council on 5261 0600 or email volunteering@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

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What happy children as 'Edna's Joy' sets sail again

A wonderful surprise

Melissa (Mel) Oberin
Winchelsea Playgroup

Last Thursday, on 20th April, the Winchelsea Playgroup children received a wonderful surprise - our playground was open again and ready to be explored!!

The playground next to the St Thomas Anglican Church Hall has been enjoyed by the playgroup children since we arrived in late 2019.



Prior to that, we had called the Eastern Park Reserve club rooms our home for many years. It was wonderful to move to a new space that had a great playground right outside the hall's side door, which resulted in many playgroup sessions finishing off with some outside play in the playground. We'd write and draw on the chalk boards lining the outside hall wall, slide down the bright yellow slide, dig in the sandpit and climb all over the Pirate Ship named "Edna's Joy".

It is my understanding that a lovely lady called Edna bequeathed funds to build the playground, and in acknowledgement of her generosity the Pirate Ship was labelled "Edna's Joy".

However, in October 2022 the Pirate Ship needed an overhaul, so the much-loved playground was closed for repairs. The playgroup children watched with their fingers and toes crossed as a new Pirate Ship was searched for while the old one began to be dismantled.

Thankfully after a time, a replacement was found!!



There was such a big sigh of relief, and feelings of disbelief, when a very similar Pirate Ship was found and was to be installed. It just needed to be transported to Winchelsea from many, many kilometres away before works on the new ship could begin.

Dan Trow, a Winchelsea Dad, tirelessly worked on removing the old Pirate Ship, transporting the new one, and then putting it all together in its new spot. And again, the name "Edna's Joy" graces the side of the Pirate Ship. Thank you to Dan, and to everyone that helped make it happen!

Now, after nearly 6 months ... on Thursday 20th April, the new playground and Pirate Ship was finally ready to be put to the test - and it passed with flying colours! The children had the best time!!

We can again look forward to many future playgroup sessions finishing in the playground before it's time to go home, and for this we are so very thankful to Edna - I'm sure she would be overjoyed to know the happiness this playground has brought to so many



children, and will continue to do so for many more years to come.

Come join us at Winchelsea Playgroup's NEXT SESSION on Thursday 4th May at 10am-12pm (\$5 per family). Our very own Winchelsea Police Sergeant will be there to say hi - you might hear the police car siren!

Call/text me (Mel) on 0456181268 if you have any questions - please leave a message if I don't answer when you call.



Invasive aquatic plant a no-no for home gardens

Victorian gardeners are urged to keep watch for the highly invasive weed water hyacinth following a recent discovery in a residential garden pond.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officer Kaitlin Wright said over 90 of the aquatic plants had been removed from a premises following an anonymous report from an astute gardener.

“Water hyacinth is considered one of the world’s most invasive plants because it grows so quickly and forms a thick mat on the water surface,” Ms Wright said.

“It then reduces water quality, pushes out native plants, reduces oxygen (killing fish), rapidly chokes waterways and blocks recreational activities such as fishing and boating.”

Water hyacinth is a State prohibited weed in Victoria, which means it’s illegal to sell, place in a waterway or otherwise spread the weed.

Over the past 12 months, water hyacinth has been reported in Bairnsdale, Warrnambool, Rutherglen and multiple Melbourne suburbs.

“Many home gardeners aren’t aware of the biosecurity risks associated with this environmentally destructive plant, so we’re always really grateful to members of the public for reporting sightings,” Ms Wright said.

“A single plant can produce more than 3000 seeds over summer, each of which can survive and plague a waterway for at least 30 years.”

“Please contact us on 136 186 if you’ve seen water hyacinth plants, or have them in your possession, and we will remove them at no cost to the owner,” Ms Wright said. “The earlier we can treat an infestation, the greater opportunity we have to protect our beautiful waterways from decades of damage by the destructive water weed.”

Water hyacinth has round, bulbous stems that help it float. Over summer it puts up stalks with multiple pale purple flowers. Below the water’s surface, it has long, trailing dark purple roots.

For more information visit AgVic www.agriculture.vic.gov.au.



Draft Community Engagement Policy

Council is seeking community input on a draft Community Engagement Policy.

We welcome your feedback on the draft policy, and your experience with community engagement.



HAVE YOUR SAY

To view the draft policy and have your say, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CEpolicy
Feedback is welcome by Wednesday 24 May.

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Winchelsea Mud Hut renewal

Council seeks feedback on community-led designs

Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking public feedback on community-led designs for renewal of Winchelsea’s riverside Mud Hut shelter.

Council resolved at its April meeting to endorse revised concept plans for the shelter and put them out for consultation for seven days, closing 4 May.

The consultation will enable community members to provide feedback on the new design and how it has addressed concerns expressed through a community petition. Council will be constrained with any changes it can accommodate.

The revised concept plans for the shelter include low-profile walls, added timber cladding and design elements reminiscent of the existing hut. The shelter also includes picnic tables and seating.

People can see the designs and provide feedback via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mudhut “We encourage community members to look at the designs and share their thoughts,” Mayor Liz Pattison said.

“Councillors wanted to provide the community with opportunity for a final check-in, given the journey we have been on with this renewal process, while being mindful we have no scope for spending more on the project. After significant delays we are pleased to be at this point.

“The project clearly means a great deal to the Winchelsea community and we have appreciated all input provided along the way, particularly the insights of our community-led Project Control Group leading revision of the original designs. The design nicely captures some of the elements of the existing building, while also providing a functional shelter space for residents and visitors to use and enjoy for many years to come.”

The new shelter was scheduled for installation mid-January 2023 but pandemic restrictions, contractor unavailability, extended community consultation through the Project Control Group and discovery of microbats breeding in the existing structure have contributed to project delays.

Council engaged a zoologist to assess the microbats and provide advice on how to manage them. The microbats have been

found to have moved on, but Council will continue to work with the zoologist should any return during demolition of the structure.

Demolition of the existing hut will start as soon as possible.

The \$265,000 project is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government, through a \$50,000 allocation from its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Council will seek funding to secure an \$80,000 budget shortfall resulting from changes to the design.

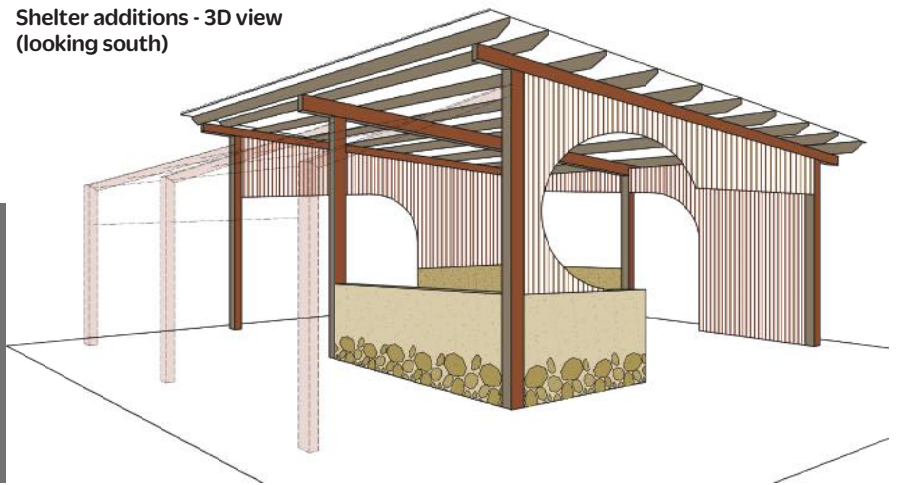
PLEASE JOIN US
 for an informal discussion
 at the Winchelsea Shire
 Hall on Tuesday 2nd May
 from 5-6pm.



Council has endorsed revised concept plans for our shelter.
Michael H B Tucker

New community-led designs for Winchelsea Mud Hut renewal

Shelter additions - 3D view (looking south)



Council has endorsed revised concept plans for the shelter, and put them out for consultation for seven days.

The revised concept plans were developed with the community-led project group, and respond to prior community feedback.

The design now include low-profile walls, added timber cladding and design elements reminiscent of the existing hut.

The shelter also includes picnic tables and seating.

The consultation is an opportunity for a final check-in with the community on the new designs, with any suggested changes required to fit within the project’s existing budget.

To view the plans and share your feedback, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mudhut

Feedback is welcome by Thursday 4 May.



We're seeking feedback on our Draft Budget 2023-24

View the budget online at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24, at Council office (1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay), or call us on 5261 0600 to request a section to be posted to you.

How to make a submission

Online: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24

Write to: Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 350 Torquay VIC 3228

Submissions must be received by 10am Monday 22 May 2023.

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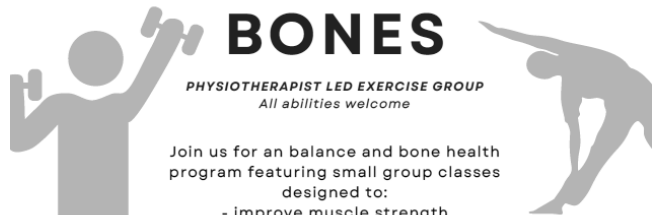
ROKEWOOD
Tuesday 9am - Rokewood Community Health

WINCHELSEA
Wednesday 9:30am - the Mud Hut



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- improve muscle strength
- improve balance and coordination
- improve knowledge of risk factors associated with osteoporosis and falls

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BEEAC
Monday 10am @ Beeac Community Health

INVERLEIGH
Thursday 10am @ Inverleigh Public Hall

WINCHELSEA
Wednesday 10am @ Winchelsea Community Health

This week (1-7 May, 2023) is Australia's National Heart Health Awareness Week. Heart Week is all about shining a light on Australia's heart health and encouraging us all to take the next step to reduce our heart disease risk.

Heart disease is the broad term given to conditions which affect the structure and function of the heart muscle. This includes coronary heart disease which is the underlying condition that can cause a heart attack.

Did you know, that in Australia every 30 minutes, one Australian loses their life to heart disease? Heart disease is a

common cause of major health problems and even death, but it is also often preventable.

This Heart Week we encourage you to see your GP and ask for a Heart Health Check. A Heart Health Check is a 20 minute check up to assess your risk of having a heart attack or stroke in the next five years. If you are 45 and over, or 30 and over for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, you can have a Heart Health Check with your GP that is subsidised by Medicare.

Your GP will estimate your risk of a heart attack or stroke and will be able to

discuss what steps you can take to lower your risk. Changing or improving our lifestyle choices can help reduce our risk of developing heart disease.

Hesse Rural Health's Community Health Team can help you take the next step in protecting the health of your heart. We have a team of community health nurses, a dietitian, diabetes educator, counsellor and exercise and walking groups to support you in reducing your risk of heart disease.

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is taking shape, receive updates on the Mud Hut
design, Station Precinct Project, Movie Club and
IGA plans.**

All Welcome, Join up on the Night.

Light Refreshments Provided.



**Louise Hall
Secretary , Growing Winchelsea Inc.**

Planting Guide

Apr May Jun

	Apr	May	Jun
Asparagus crown		x	x
Broad Beans	x	x	x
Broccoli*	x	x	x
Cabbage	x	x	x
Cabbage Kai & Bok Choy	x		
Carrots	x	x	x
Cauliflower	x	x	x
Cress	x	x	x
Endive	x	x	x
Garlic, cloves	x	x	x
Leeks			x
Lettuce			x
Onions	x	x	x
Onions, Spring	x	x	x
Parsley	x		
Parsnips	x		
Peas			x
Potatoes		x	x
Radishes	x	x	x
Rhubarb Crowns			x
Salsify	x		
Shallots, road cloves	x	x	x
Spinach	x	x	x



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- Appointments Escort
- Social Support Activities
- Gardening - Winchelsea

Volunteers are essential to our aged care system, supporting the wellbeing of older people in their homes and in residential settings



For more information please contact Jessica Culhane, Communications and Community Partnership Officer via phone on 051 5267 1200 or via email jculhane@hesse.vic.gov.au



Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News Janet Fletcher

Welcome to Blue's News where Winchelsea Auskick got off to a great start last Thursday at 5pm Eastern Reserve, there were plenty of aspiring footballers amongst the girls and boy who attended.

After the session the Winchelsea Auskickers enjoyed a complimentary "nuggets, chips and gravy" in the Bendigo Bank Room to help celebrate the opening week.

The scheduled appearance of a Mighty Geelong Cats player was unfortunately pushed forward to this week 4 May 5pm.

All AFL Players are extremely busy with hospital visits, school events and featuring in appearances such as Auskick and are organised to do their best to meet the deadlines for appearances but there are times when time frames just won't work. Winchelsea Auskick can look forward to this week's appearance.

Junior Football:

Last Saturday the Under 10's got their season up and running at 9am Eastern Reserve against one of the many Ocean Grove Junior sides.

The Winchelsea Blues Under 10's had great support from the sidelines with plenty of spectators enjoying the sunshine while once again watching Junior Football being played at Eastern Reserve. The Blues were a little tentative against a much bigger and more experienced side in the first half, but improved greatly in the third quarter and again in the fourth quarter. Coaches Lachie Kendall and Byron Mathison praised the efforts from all the Under 10's adding how proud they were of the side in their very first game.

Thanks to help from Jared with the Time Keeping and for parent Lucas for maintaining the position of Goal Umpire.

Thanks also to Umpire Brayden O'Hanlon for a sensitive and informative performance in the role of Under 10 Umpire for the match. See photos.



This week - another home game against another Ocean Grove side – these first few weeks are Grading matches to ensure the sides are placed in the best division for their abilities. Good Luck for this week Under 10 team!

Senior Football:

Senior football was played last Sunday at Eastern Reserve against Inverleigh - Blues News couldn't get the scores in by the print deadline so results will be printed in next weeks edition of the "Star"

A.N.Z.A.C. Day:

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club were delighted to cater for the Winchelsea R.S.L. morning tea after the Commemoration Service at Eastern Reserve. A beautiful Autumn day saw great numbers attend the Service and continue into the Bendigo Bank Room at the Hub for the morning tea. The W.F.N.C. looks forward to catering for this very important event in 2024.

The Blue's Bistro:

This week our Volunteers have

- Roast Pork -
 - Marinated Steak -
 - Mary's Famous Battered Fish -
- All served with either veg / chips / salad.
- Dessert
- Apple Crumble and ice cream
 - ice cream and choice of topping – strawberry, caramel or chocolate.

Sponsorship:

As always a huge thank you to all our Sponsors, big and not so big for your support especially in the past 3 or 4 years where trying to run a Football and Netball Club in this day and age is nothing if not challenging. With your continued support the W.F.N.C Inc. will continue to rise to these challenges with the view to continue to grow the success of the Club both on and off the field and the courts. Thanks to Vice President Scott Mawson for his behind the scenes work with securing and maintaining our Club's Sponsorship special mention to Phillip Wilson and his support in the rebuild of the Juniors.

GO BLUES !!

Winchelsea Star

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Surf Coast Shire Council has found that reinstating a pump and pipe system under Torquay's Esplanade could help significantly reduce the amount of stormwater being diverted into the Karaaf Wetlands.

Investigations have revealed that it may be viable to re-establish the pumping of water from the constructed wetland on Torquay Esplanade (near The Sands estate entrance) to the mouth of Deep Creek, however further work is needed.

This has the potential to reduce current stormwater volumes going into the Karaaf Wetlands by around 40% to 50%, responding to the findings of 2022's environmental assessment which found that freshwater was damaging the saltmarsh.

Reinstating the pump and pipe system is among a number of priorities that Council has provided to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) following its request for information on an allocation of \$1.9M.





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Mel's Dance Central were excited to once again be selected to perform alongside 40 other elite dance schools, companies and creatives.

It was such a fantastic opportunity for the students to step outside of their very own studio and meet other dancers whom share the same passion that they do for dance.

It is such a friendly, non-competitive event that gives the students an insight into the dance industry and enables the opportunity for the students to connect with dancers from around the country.

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Thought for the Week

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St John's Catholic Church

During Autumn and Winter, Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Saturday evenings at St John the Baptist Church, corner Mercer and Austin Streets, Winchelsea.

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Mass also takes place at Hesse Rural Health Service at 2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. (Next: 27 April)

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised, please contact Anita 0409 432 833. Children can be Baptised at St John's Winchelsea.

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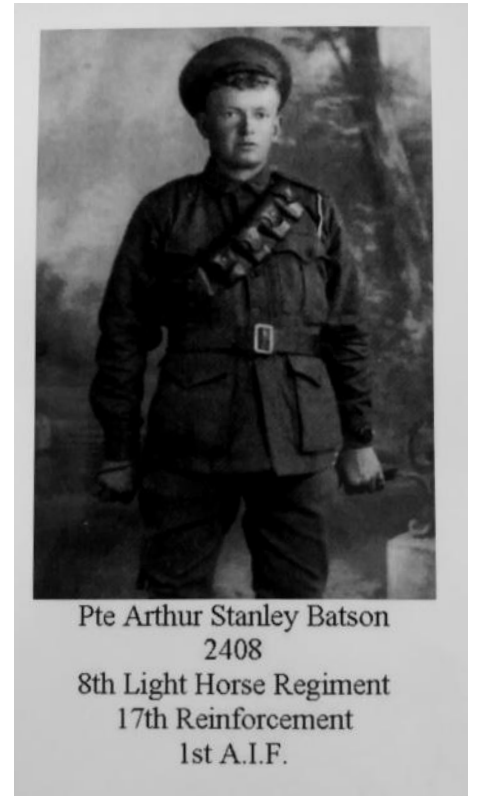
Winchelsea Street Names

Winchelsea Historical Society

BATSON STREET

The Batson family owned Barwon Park after the Austin family.

Stanley Arthur Batson was a soldier in World War 1. He died of pneumonia in Egypt.



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17th Reinforcement
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Come in for a relaxing chat

Dear Editor

Friday morning at 10 am or thereabouts, a good old chinwagging session is held at the old Shire Hall.

What a lovely relaxed time we had last Friday with a group of interesting people.

It is a great way to get to know those people that are often known by sight but whose names are often unknown.

Last Friday presented a good mix of long time locals and now local (blow-ins).

Unlike a club there is no commitment to the group, so it's fine to turn up when it's convenient to attend. I'd encourage folks to give it a try, to enliven the occasion even further.

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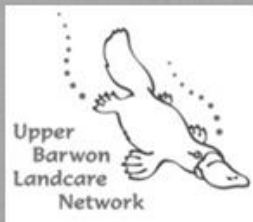
8.30am to 7.30pm

Sunday

10am to 7pm

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29 Main St, Winchelsea



Invitation

The 2023 Upper Barwon Landcare Dinner & Annual General Meeting

When Monday May 29th 2023

Where Winchelsea Hub, Eastern Reserve 70 Hopkins St Winchelsea

Program 6 PM – pre dinner drinks (*drinks available at bar prices*)

6.30 PM – Annual General Meeting

7 PM – Dinner (Fusion catering) with Guest Speaker between courses
(\$40 a head / pay on registration or by cash or card on the night)

Guest Speaker: Ray Draper



Growling Grass Frog

Frogs and Toadlets of the Corangamite Catchment

Ray Draper is a local environmental consultant who has a passion for frogs and toadlets that are indigenous to our region. Ray will talk about species we can expect to see in our area and will talk about threats to their habitat and how we can work to ensure their survival.

Bookings are essential and places are limited!

Please RSVP by the **23rd of May** with any dietary requirements to the Upper Barwon Landcare Network on 0407552663 or andrea.upperbarwonlandcare@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Didn't vote in the State election?

Close to 300,000 Victorians who appear to have failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will have an opportunity to explain why they didn't vote when they receive an 'Apparent failure to vote notice' in the coming days.

Acting Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, says the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging people who receive a notice to respond with a detailed explanation, as the VEC is required to issue a fine of \$92 if a person fails to respond within 28 days.

'An 'Apparent failure to vote notice' is not a fine – it's a chance to explain why you appear not to have voted,' Ms Fleming said.

'If you respond to the notice, you are much more likely to be excused.

'Completing and sending the notice back to us within the 28-day timeframe gives us a chance to consider your explanation and whether you can be excused.'

Voting in State elections is compulsory in Victoria.


The VEC worked to make voting in the 2022 State election as convenient and accessible as possible by:

- increasing the number of early voting centres by 50% (to 155)
- extending voting hours during the early voting period
- offering telephone assisted voting for those who are blind, have low

vision or a physical disability and were unable to vote without assistance, or people impacted by the Victorian floods.

The option to vote by post was also available to all electors, and a drive-through voting centre was offered to COVID positive voters unable to vote in the last 3 days of the election and hadn't voted early or applied for a postal vote before applications closed.

The VEC also sent VoterAlert reminders by SMS and email to 2.5 million enrolled voters who had provided their contact details. Voters can sign up for VoterAlert at any time to be reminded to vote in all future State and local council elections



VICTORIA 27TH - 28TH MAY 2023

Conquer the Corrugations strives to raise awareness of the 'corrugations' in life, support and remember those affected, and to remove the stigma that surrounds mental health.

Barwon River to Inverleigh

Walk one way or both (1 day or 2)

A not for profit family friendly, free community event

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In support of those affected, In honour of loved ones lost, We walk as one.

Event Overview

The Victoria 2023 Conquer the Corrugations event aims to support those who have lost a loved one whilst raising awareness and striving for prevention. A not-for-profit event where people are encouraged to come together as a community to support one another.

The walk will commence at Winchelsea free camp site and participants will walk from here to Inverleigh (17km) with the option to participate in a 1 or 2 day event (walk one way or both). The Inverleigh camp site will be utilised for those that wish to camp overnight.

Toilet and water facilities as well as a support bus service will operate for the duration of the walk. Rest stops (morning tea and lunch) will also be provided.

A family-friendly event open to everyone of all ages and abilities. Through the generous support of local businesses, we offer this as a free event.

Life is tough and it can get bumpy... but when we come together it smooths out the path and the hills become a little less steep.

ITINERARY


SATURDAY 27TH MAY

- Meet at Winchelsea free camp site @ 8am (registration & merchandise collection)
- Walk to commence by 9am
- Rest stops provided for morning tea & lunch
- Support services provided—passenger bus, water, toilet & first aid facilities
- Walk finishes at the Inverleigh Hotel (17km walk)
- Setup camp at the Inverleigh camp site (optional)
- Lifeline & RFDS Mental Health Team workshops (participation optional)
- Dinner: Lions Club set up at Inverleigh camp site to provide meals (donation) or alternatively meals can be purchased from the Inverleigh Hotel
- Entertainment

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

- Breakfast: Lions Club set up at camp site to provide meals (donation)
- Walk to commence by 9am with same support services as Day 1
- Walk finishes back at Winchelsea free camp

For more information scan the QR code below



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Winchelsea High Tea

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\$60 per person

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Singing Group

When: Wednesday afternoons 4.45pm-5.45pm

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\$90 for 9 week term program

Commencing Fri 28th April, 2023

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Knitting Group

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others.

When: Thursday mornings 10am-12 noon

Winchelsea Community House

Commencing: Thurs 27th April, 2023

WYLD Youth Group

More information coming early in Term 2!

Crochet Group

When: Alternate Sat afternoons 1.30pm

Winchelsea Community House Space

\$5 per session

Commencing: Sat 22nd April, 2023

Art Classes

Creative Drawing

When: Tuesdays 2 May– 20 June 1-3pm

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

Term 2, 8 classes \$440

Payment in Full Required

*Missed classes can be claimed toward Term 3 or refunded provided 24 hrs notice given in advance.

Painting

When: Thursdays 27 April– 22 June 1-3pm

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\$22 per class or \$80 for 4 classes

BYO Yoga Mat

Bookings essential

Text or call Alex on 0400930495

Sound Healing Sessions

When: Wed 19 April, Wed 17 May, Wed 14 June, 2023 7.30-8.30pm

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

\$40 per session

Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

Yoga Flow, Chai & Treats

When: Sun 7 May 4pm.

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

\$29 per person

BYO Yoga Mat

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Big Ideas

When: Fri 21 April, Fri 19 May, Fri 16 June

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

Donation

Big and small ideas discussed over a bowl of soup in the Shire Hall kitchen.

Contact Richard Butcher

richard@studiobutcher.com

Chatty Cafe

When: Fri mornings 10-12 noon

Winchelsea Shire Hall Space

Coffee for sale \$3

No Bookings required

We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you! A place to sit,

relax and chat. Chatting is such a simple

concept but so important for mental and

physical health.

Shire Hall Pass

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Community Developer

To maintain purchase of our humanity through the rigours and “sanity” demanded of us throughout the class of life, we all occasionally need a hall pass.

For those feeling stuck, the Shire Hall is your escape to whole new worlds of experience and engagement, everything from art classes and singing to art

exhibitions and performances, from markets to memorial services, from community dinners and lunches to meetings of local interests, from cafe chats for the sheer revelry of swapping notes on life, to actually exploring the big ideas with creative intent, we literally cover everything from child-care to weddings to funerals and everything in between.

Possibly more to the point, whatever you want to add to the community muscle being flexed here, it's just a process,

give us a call, or even better, drop in and have a chinwag about what you'd like to get started. The community are having a great time here, but there's always scope to improve and your ideas might just be the one others have been waiting for!

Keep up in the class of life, get all the grades you've set your sights on, but give yourself a hall pass too, join in or start something new, either way you'll get more involved in a vibrant community and return to class refreshed and empowered

Services and Activities in Winchelsea

Free Community Service Advertisements



TRAIN SERVICES

To Geelong

Mon - Fri

6:41 am, 7:59am, 11:34am,
2:01pm, 7:37pm

Sat and Sun

9:35am, 1:36pm, 7:18pm

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Mon - Fri

9:29am, 2:56pm, (to Colac
5:27pm), 6:45pm, 8:53pm

Sat and Sun

8:47am, 2:49pm, 8:37pm

Country Women's Association



7pm Second Wednesday of Month
Winchelsea Senior Citizens' Hall

Bus to the Hub

For reservations on the weekly bus
to the Eastern Reserve Hub,
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Surf Coast Mobile Library

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Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019

New families welcome

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or Bonnie Stokes 0401 386 274

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Joey's: Tuesdays of school term 5-6pm
Cubs: Mondays of school term 6:30-8pm
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6:30-8:30pm

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Winchelsea Big Ideas hosts Winchelsea Community Plan Café Conversation



This is important. Do make the time to come along.

Big Ideas will host a cafe conversation on Friday the 19th of May from 6pm as part of community engagement activities for developing the Winchelsea Community Plan.

The 'Big Ideas' concept aims to encourage discussion and thinking beyond the present and into the future. The purpose of these gatherings is to help participants express, iterate, and evolve diverse ideas and opportunities which otherwise may not be explored.

'The Winchelsea Community Plan' is currently an active conversation around town, and fits the overarching aims of

'Big Ideas' gatherings.

This interactive evening will begin with discussion about Winchelsea and our current culture, ways that we can enhance what we are happy with and contribute to changing what we are not so happy with.

We will then review community responses gained from our community plan surveys to four questions; 'What we would like to retain', 'What we want to regain', 'What we want to change' and 'What we want to start up' in Winchelsea.

We will delve into the How? Why? When? and Who? of identified priorities, ideas and actions.

Supper and refreshments will be provided.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-winchelsea-community-plan-big-community-conversation-tickets-618764099077>

Let us know you are coming along by booking on the link below or calling Lisa on 0456 086 786

See you there!

Surf Coast draft budget feedback invited

Community feedback is invited on Surf Coast Shire Council's Draft Budget 2023-24, placed on exhibition at the April Council meeting.

Delivering the essentials, striving for more community-led action and responding to the climate emergency underpins the Draft Budget. Mayor Liz Pattison was pleased to see an environmental focus.

"A green theme is evident in the budget, as we transition to a circular economy and continue our carbon neutrality program," Mayor Pattison said. "Another theme is fostering a thriving, healthy, connected community, through major infrastructure projects such as the Winchelsea Pool upgrade and getting on with the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre."

With inflation rising faster than Council's revenue base, the development of the Draft Budget was challenging. Given the current economic climate, Council has prioritised allocations to commitments, services, projects and initiatives that align with the Council Plan and the community vision: "we are an active, diverse community that lives creatively

to value, protect and enhance the natural environment and our unique neighbourhoods".

The Victorian Government's rate cap of 3.5% will be implemented. This is well below inflation levels which have risen steeply over recent years, reaching 7.8% in the December 2022 quarter.

"Rate revenue is vital in supporting the community and meeting its needs, both now and into the future," CEO Robyn Seymour said. "We understand that many residents are experiencing financial pressures so if you are, please reach out to us as we have rates payment plans available to support you. Our teams are ready to help people access these payment supports."

Council's asset renewal backlog remains a challenge, as does the need to evaluate competing priorities across the shire. "A good example is the Winchelsea Pool, which celebrated its 60th anniversary earlier this year and is due for an upgrade," Robyn said. "Given this is an \$8.5 million project, we need to press pause on renewing a number of our other ageing assets - from roads and pathways, to buildings and recreation.

They remain safe and useful, but we'll time their renewal in future years based on condition."

The Draft Budget features a record \$36.4 million capital expenditure program - \$16.3 million of which is allocated to new projects such as Eastern Reserve (\$318,000) and Stribling Reserve netball courts renewal (\$162,000), Karaaf Wetlands improvement works (\$2 million), Anglesea Ward unsealed road renewal program (\$303,000), and the Coombes Road-Messmate Road intersection upgrade (\$879,102).

A \$5.8 million Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre spearheads the capital expenditure program, also a Surf Coast Highway-Bristol Road intersection upgrade (\$2.6 million), pathways improvement in Winchelsea's Anderson Street (\$102,009), and Mountjoy Parade footpath renewal from Bay Street to Beal Street in Lorne (\$47,000).

Budget submissions can be made via the website or by writing to: CEO, Surf Coast Shire Council, PO Box 350, Torquay VIC 3228. Submissions close Monday 22 May 2023 at 10am.



MARKET dates for 2023

1 st January	2 nd July
5 th February	6 th August
5 th March	3 rd September
2 nd April	8 th October
7 th May	5 th November
4 th June	3 rd December



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You're invited: Submissions open on South Coast Shire Draft Creative Spaces Strategy

From dancers and designers, to poets, painters, performers and playwrights - local creative people are at the heart of the draft Creative Places Strategy, which will invite submissions in May.

Surf Coast Shire Council endorsed the draft strategy at its April Council meeting, and will welcome submissions until 28 May.

The draft Creative Places Strategy has a vision for the Surf Coast to be a flourishing creative destination by 2031.

"The strategy's vision also sees the Surf Coast as a place where creative people of all pursuits will be enabled and equipped to enhance our sense of place and identity, and their contribution to the environment, wellbeing and a vibrant economy will be understood and valued," Cr Gary Allen said.

Informed by a survey which attracted 114 submissions and Council's People



Place Future consultation, the draft 2023-2031 strategy has three strategic areas - place, people and profile. It features seven goals to support a thriving creative economy.

"The previous Creative Places Strategy has laid the foundations for success, particularly after the Surf Coast Shire was recognised as one of regional Australia's top creative hotspots," Cr Allen said. "We want to grow our exceptional reputation, and continue to showcase the Surf Coast's creative diversity and the incredible benefits it brings to our communities.

"The Creative Places Strategy 2023-31 will map out how Council can deliver our

ambitions - from activations on high profile sites, to promoting our best and brightest to a broad audience, to advocating for and developing regional cultural tourism experiences such as the Surf Coast Cultural Centre.

"Importantly, the strategy will help us achieve goals in a sustainable manner that maximises resources, partnerships and outcomes."

Submissions on the draft Creative Places Strategy can be made from 1 May via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CreativePlaces. Submissions close 28 May.

"Whether you're a member of the local creative industry, or someone who soaks up performances, exhibitions or events, I encourage you to view the draft strategy and provide feedback," Cr Allen said.

Submissions will inform Council as it considers the final Creative Places Strategy, at the July Council meeting.

Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk Concept Plan

Please give your thoughts and feedback on this important plan

Barwon Water is seeking feedback on the concept plan for Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk (which means "headwaters of continuous flowing river"), the 30 hectares of environmental and public open space being created at its former Bellarine Basin site.

The launch of the concept plan marks stage three of the community engagement process for the site at the corner of Grubb and Swan Bay roads, Wallington, following the announcement in 2021 that the site would be transformed and the headwaters of Yarram Creek restored.

The former basin, which is no longer used for operational purposes, sits at the headwaters of Yarram Creek. Earthworks to remove part of the basin wall, realign the creek and connect it to the rest of its course have been completed.

The earthworks form a key part of the project to transform the site into more than 30 hectares of environmental and public

open space for the community to enjoy.

Now, after positive community feedback on the project's draft vision and guiding principles in 2021 and further consultation on site uses last year, Barwon Water Managing Director Tracey Slatter said the water corporation was again looking forward to working with the community on the project, in which protecting native flora and fauna was a key priority.

"Following extensive Traditional Owner, community and key stakeholder engagement, we have developed a draft concept plan for Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk to demonstrate what the layout and site activities could look like. Plans for the site support its cultural and environmental values, and Barwon Water's commitment to open the land for public use and recreational purposes.

"This has been developed in collaboration with our agency advisory group - which includes Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal

Corporation, Department of Energy, Environment, Climate Action, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority and City of Greater Geelong.

"We are committed to applying a Caring for Country approach to land and waterways in partnership with Traditional Owners, agencies and community members."

Ms Slatter said key elements of the concept plan included:

- Space for biodiversity
- Walking trails
- Bird hides
- Gathering / picnic spaces
- Quiet spaces / lookout points
- An environmental and cultural education centre
- Public toilets
- Carpark

The Victorian Government is supporting the project through its Distinctive Areas and Landscapes program for the Bellarine Peninsula, from which Barwon Water received \$650,000 capital funding for the \$1.3 million project.



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Moriac Pop Up Get Ready for Mother's Day Market is only on once a year as a fundraiser for the Moriac & District Community Network for community projects, activities and events and to support local business. www.mcn.org.au

Buy raffle tickets on the day in Moriac, the PRIZE is a gift from every stall holder! Big thanks to Community Bank Surf Coast for their support in providing EFTPOS for the Raffle.

It is well worth the lovely country drive out to Moriac just 15 minutes from Waurn Ponds, stop for a coffee with Bert at his **Float n Cafe** and pop in to the newly renovated **Moriac General Store** under new ownership.

Make a day of it and bring those bikes, skateboards and scooters for a play at Newling Reserve all abilities playground.

Stalls so far include - Barrabool Hills Lavender, plants, books and gifts, Grummie cheeseboards, Janet Brown @the leaf whisperer, Amy Louise @Soleil Et La Lune, Chelsea with her macrame @knot and soul, Angie Pool fragrance, Denise Murfitt and her beautiful paintings, Anne Philips with her Mill Markets stall, San's Paintings & Artwork, hothouse delights plants, Kyla's Passion Project Art AND MORE TO COME!



Winchelsea Farmers Market is also on the first Sunday of every month through the year with stalls selling some beautifully creative handmade products, decadent cakes and treats and local produce right in the heart of Winchelsea. Visit Winchelsea's local cafes and hotels for delicious food and atmosphere at Winchelsea Tavern, The Barwon Hotel and Sweet Thyme Cafe.

Save the date and visit Moriac and Winchelsea Sunday 7th May





Draft Community Engagement Policy

Council is seeking community input on a draft Community Engagement Policy.

We welcome your feedback on the draft policy, and your experience with community engagement.



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COVID-19 Weekly Data

There were 6,255 COVID-19 cases reported in Victoria this week, an increase of 3 per cent on the previous week. The average daily number of new cases this week was 894, up from 865 last week.

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 310. There are currently 320 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals. There are currently 17 COVID patients in intensive care. There are 6 cleared cases in ICU. There are 4 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 17. In the past three months, 2,007 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria.

A total of 42 COVID-related deaths were reported to the department in the past week. An average of 6 deaths were reported each day in the past week. This represents a 30 per cent increase when compared to the same period the previous month.

The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 7,594.

Epidemiological summary

Victoria's sustained trend of an increase in Covid cases, hospitalisations and intensive care admissions continued this week, with reported cases up 3 per cent.

The increase in transmission is being driven by the combination of waning immunity and the growth in recent weeks of multiple Omicron recombinant XBB sublineages. These form 73 per cent of circulating variants from wastewater samples: XBB.1.5 (25 per cent), XBB.1.16 (8 per cent), XBB.1.9.1 (7 per cent), and other mixed XBB sublineages (33 per cent).

Steps to protect yourself and others

With increasing cases and hospitalisations, now is an important time to take steps to help reduce transmission and the impact on the health system. Now is the perfect time to get your 2023 booster vaccine if you're eligible.

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and

the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of Covid:

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

2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. The national eligibility change follows advice from ATAGI. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from COVID-19.

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

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

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

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

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

RATs available through local councils

All Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of RATs through their local council.

The council RAT distribution program is currently operating across more than 400 local sites, such as libraries and council customer service centres. The program is now open to all Victorians with all eligibility requirements now removed.

Individuals can collect up to two packets for themselves plus up to two packets for each household member per visit while people with a disability or their carer can collect up to four packets of tests.

Testing, especially with any compatible Covid symptoms, is critical to help with early detection and to protect others. It also allows for appropriate care and timely treatment.

Contact details for participating councils can be found at the Coronavirus website.

Antivirals and other medicines

Oral antiviral medications remain highly effective against all currently circulating subvariants to reduce severe disease and prevent death.

From 1 April, people aged 60-69 with one additional risk factor for developing severe disease became eligible for antiviral treatments.

Early testing for Covid and diagnosis are essential to access Covid medicines. For most Covid medicine to work best, you must take it within five days of getting sick – the earlier the better.

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