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Winter Festival
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Blooming Roses

A 'Growing Winchelsea' project to beautify the train station takes another step

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Blooming Roses

Have you noticed the roses on our Railway Platform? They have received a new lease of life with a much needed prune thanks to Kate Allen.

Following community consultation it was agreed that moving the roses was not a good idea because of their age and having grown well where they are thanks to Laureen Lloyd.

Laureen Lloyd was a long time resident of Winchelsea who grew and planted the roses many years ago at the station. In the time that Kate had known her, Laureen was a resident of Chelsea Lodge and a very passionate gardener & rose lover and grew many roses over the years from cuttings, including quite a few in the Chelsea Lodge gardens.

“The roses will do well now following fertilising, mulching and new edging thanks to the work of John Hutton member of the Winchelsea Stationeers subcommittee,” said John Tebutt, President of Growing Winchelsea.

The subcommittee will continue to work with community participants, V/Line, Vic Track and Keep Victoria Beautiful to improve the visual appeal of the area. Why not visit the Railway Station in Spring and smell the roses,” concludes John Tebutt.



The students of Mel's Dance Central were very fortunate to be invited to perform at The Otways Winter Festival, held at The Colac Showgrounds on Sunday 11th August 2024 in support of the Colac Area Health Foundation.

The students aged from 3 years through to 20 years of age took to the stage and performed their dance routines in which they have been working on throughout the year. It was a fantastic opportunity for the dancers to perform and entertain the amazing crowd and all for such a wonderful cause.



Pool passes pressure test



Winchelsea's new 25-metre pool has passed crucial testing of its structural integrity.

Contractors completed hydrostatic pressure testing by filling the pool as if ready for use, and leaving the water for several days while checking for leaks.

The pressure testing was successful and work continues on completing the pool.

Contractors have now started work on pouring concrete to form the adjoining leisure pool and zero-depth splash park.

The pool project remains on schedule for completion during summer, bringing fun times for families and users of all ages.

Tree assessments in preparation for river loop

Preparations for construction of the Barwon River Loop walk are continuing, including a detailed tree impact assessment.

The assessment determines which trees need to be removed or trimmed to provide space for the loop's two new viewing platforms and the bridge which will replace an existing culvert crossing.

Removal of any native trees will require a planning permit, with offset planting specified.

The loop, north of the Princes Highway will link with a previously completed path to the south, creating a two-kilometre path connecting Winchelsea's four quadrants and better connecting the community with the river environment.

Construction is expected to start in November or December.

More tree planting in partnership with the community

Street tree planting is continuing with officers working with community members identifying other locations to finalise this round of planting.

Planting of a total of about 40 trees in Witcombe Street and Austin Street, pictured, is complete.

Species planted include lemon scented gums, smooth barked apple gums and Pyrus Korean Sun ornamental pears.



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Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea

27 participants completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week in beautiful running conditions. Congratulations to Mike Mackenzie, Jack Steel and Murray Aisbett who completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve.

We had visitors from Healesville, Bundoora, Mooroolbark, Shepparton, Geelong, Lalor and Croydon. Well done everyone who walked, ran or volunteered.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers:
Murray

Aisbett * Ann Morsby * Helen Woodall * David Woodall * Kate

McInnes * Debbi Weaver * Manni Hatzimanolis Don Smith * Carlyne McRae.
Special thanks to Debbi, Carlyne and Manni who were visiting and volunteered.

A summary 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 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 sed worldwide.

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



parkrun was conducted at 495 locations across Australia this week.



The Aurora Comes to Winchelsea

Photo by Tony Phelps

Did you see the aurora last week?

Looking south towards Lorne in the late evening or (very) early morning over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings it would not have been easy to see with the naked eye - but here's what a phone camera picks up!

This was taken with a 10-second exposure on an iPhone (resting on a bin as it happens).

Lions "thank you"

To the person who gave the very generous donation towards replacing the equipment stolen recently from the Lions paper shed. The club would like to issue an extremely big thank you. All we wish to do is live up to our motto "We serve".



Proposed Road Renaming



Proposed Renaming of Northern Section of Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South

Council is proposing to rename the northern section of Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South 'Cherry Lane' after Cherry Ballart (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) a native plant found in the area.

Background

Council has an obligation in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and 2020, the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and associated guidelines to ensure public safety and responsible service delivery to the community. Where Council identifies the potential for confusion and risk to public safety, Council must take steps to rectify the situation.

Council is proposing to rename the northern section of Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South to avoid confusion during emergency situations.

The above proposed road naming adheres to the Naming rules for places in Victoria - Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2022 (the Naming Rules) and Australian New Zealand Standards for rural and urban addressing AS/NZS 4819:2011.

Submission Process

In accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, submissions are invited on the proposed renaming of the section of Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South by 15 September.

- e-mail info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au
- in writing PO Box 350 Torquay 3228



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Back to Basics Councillor Team Revealed

Surf Coast Shire councillor Paul Barker is leading a team of new candidates into the upcoming council elections.

They launched their campaign at the Torquay Bowls Club on Sunday evening with a dinner attended by more than 30 residents and early supporters. Councillors and candidates all addressed the guests with their vision and hopes.

Rebecca Bourke, local family counsellor, family law mediator and mother of two, described how the community is feeling let down by local and state governments. "I work with families everyday and I see that they are hurting. There are simple solutions, and getting council back to basics will be important for the prosperity of the shire, and Surf Coast families bottom line. Improving things like the council's community engagement process will be of great benefit moving forward."

Eric Menouge, father of three and army special forces veteran, is determined to streamline the flow of information within the council to deliver faster real-world results. "The council should be fully transparent. It's alarming that basic information often requires a Freedom of Information request", Menouge stated. He believes that by improving communication and focusing on clear, measurable outcomes, the council can make smarter decisions that lead to quicker, tangible benefits for the community.

Joel Grist, an allied health business owner, is sick of the waste he's seen in council. "I've lived in Surf Coast Shire for 21 years and as a business owner I feel the budget is being mismanaged. If you want to deliver big budget projects, then you have to look at streamlining processes and cutting wasteful expenditure, not lump future ratepayers with debt."

Councillor Barker then unveiled the group's 'Back to Basics' logo and its policy platform overview. **ECONOMIC** - A focus on core services. **SERVICES** - Ensure basic functions of council are achieved with everyone treated equally. **GOVERNANCE** - More transparency and empower ratepayers, residents and councillors to raise topics in council. **SOCIAL** - Support of Australia Day, Christmas, and women only spaces. **DIVERSITY OF OPINION** - we will be independent people who can disagree and debate in a civil manner. Full details can be found at the groups Facebook page @surfcoastbacktobasicsteam.

"Heading towards October we are looking for more candidates to join the group, and get general support from community members in our campaign with things like letterboxing, invites to speaking engagements, and of course hanging our signs on their property, so please get in touch." Cr Barker said.



Back to Basics Candidates From Left: Cr Paul Barker, Joel Grist, Rebecca Bourke, Eric Menouge.



Trucking legend



Further to the article in last week's Winchelsea Star (re John Davis clocking up 50 years driving for RAK Davis and Sons) John has visited the National Road Transport Museum in Alice Springs, NT. Here is the entry for Keith Davis

Photo acknowledgement John Davis



Letter To The Editor

Hi Editor,

I'd like to commend the organisers of last weekend's Health Expo. Taking place in the former Winchelsea Shire Hall in the town centre over Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it featured and promoted a whole range of wellbeing organisations and groups. It's great to see this sort of initiative in the community that encourages both public awareness and inter-group networking.

It's the sort of thing that I'd personally like to see more of. Last year we had the non-profits do a similar expo in the same space. Members of the groups involved got to see who else was around and have a chat to them, and members of the public got to see what's available in Winchelsea - either to join or benefit from.

These are important community activities that build connections and get people to be more active and engaged, with the mental & physical health that comes with it. Importantly, while they make use of community assets like the Shire Hall, they are self-organised and don't directly cost ratepayers anything. Exactly why we need well-maintained community assets - others include the Globe Theatre, Wurdale Hall, Moriac Community Centre, LTC (school sports hall) etc. Well worth investing in, I think.

So congratulations to Emily McDonald for putting it all together and making it happen, and all the groups that joined in!

Tony Phelps, candidate for Winchelsea Ward

Interested in becoming a councillor?



Surf Coast Shire Council is hosting a free information session for individuals who are considering running in the October 2024 Council election.

This session will be held at:

Council's Civic Office

1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

6pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 4 September

This will be a combined session presented by Council and the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), with the agenda including:

- The VEC Election Manager will provide information on how to nominate as a candidate. Several processes have changed following the 2020 Council election, so prospective candidates are encouraged to attend even if they have attended sessions for previous elections.
- Council's CEO Robyn Seymour and members of the Executive Management Team will discuss the role of Council in the community including functions and priorities, and challenges facing Council during the next four years and beyond.
- Council officers will provide an overview of a councillor's conduct, integrity, and governance obligations, and information on recent legislative changes. Candidates will also be given information about the support that is available to councillors, an outline of the councillor induction process and time commitments.

To register for this session, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Election2024 or scan the QR code.



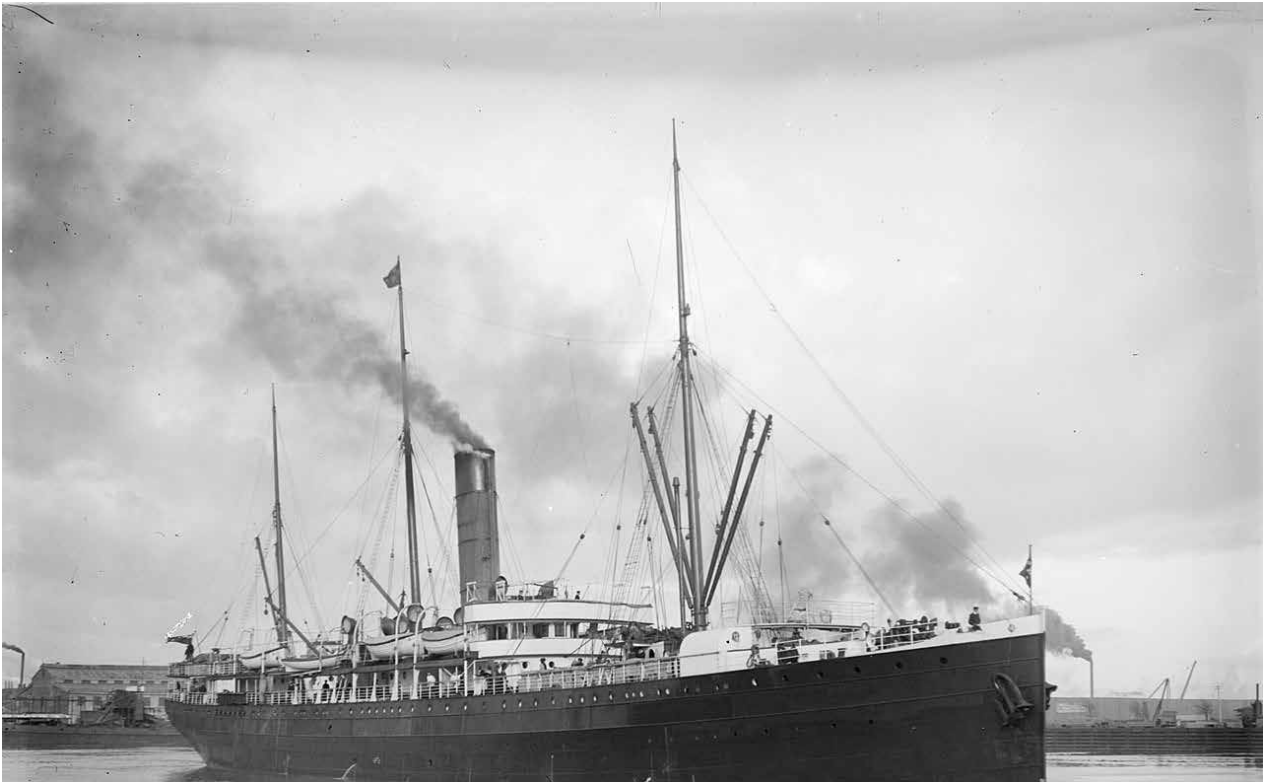


Photo of the SS Warrimoo taken by Allan C. Green (1878-1954). Taken prior to 1918.

A Freak of Nature!

Submitted by Vee Anscombe

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was built in the U.K. for use in Australia and one was one of countless similar ships making passage between the continents at the end of the Victorian era.

The SS Warrimoo was making one such journey across the mid-Pacific on its way from Canada to Australia when the navigator finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John D.S. Phillips, the result.

The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favour. At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line. The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was December 31, 1899.

The date in the forward part of the ship was January 1, 1900.

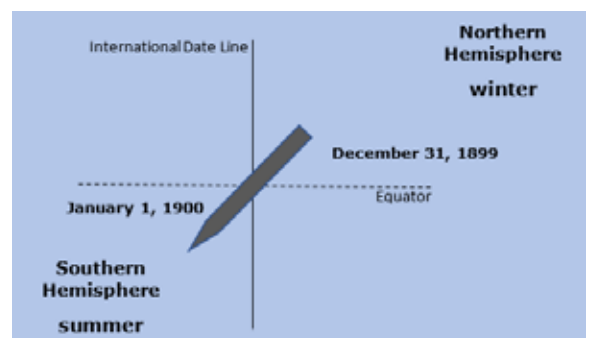
The ship was therefore concurrently in:

- two different days,
- two different months,
- two different years,
- two different seasons

With thanks to Stephen Liddell (Musings on a Mad World) and Hazel

ED NOTE: from Wikipedia:

- SS Warrimoo was a passenger and refrigerated cargo liner that was launched in 1892 in England for Australian owners, was later owned by two of New Zealand's foremost shipping companies, and finally belonged to a Singaporean company.
- Warrimoo was a troop ship in the First World War. In 1918 the French destroyer *Catapulte* collided with Warrimoo in the Mediterranean. In the collision some of *Catapulte*'s depth charges broke loose and fell into the sea, where they detonated and sank both ships.





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Last chance to participate in local business survey

Local business owner Corinne Nigro from Anglesea News and Lotto has recently participated in Surf Coast Shire Council's Business Insights Survey and is encouraging like-minded business owners to complete it too.

The survey is aimed at gathering valuable information from local business owners to help tailor support services, identify areas for improvement, and ensure that our community remains a vibrant and thriving place to do business.

After completing the survey Corinne said, "participating in the Business Insights Survey is a great opportunity to voice the challenges and successes we've experienced over the past year and especially post-COVID.

"I appreciate that the Council is taking the time to listen to local businesses like mine, and I'm confident that the results will lead to positive changes. By sharing feedback, experiences and ideas, we can work together to implement and take action which will not only help local businesses, but the community as a whole.

"It's important local government and other organisations who support the area listen and keep their finger on the pulse with what is happening on the ground for business owners."

Corrine said local businesses play a huge role in the heart and soul of the local community. "They often support local organisations, sporting groups, employ locals, support locals and love their communities. It's so important the Council and locals support locals, to help keep our community established for future generations."

"The survey was quick and easy to complete, and it feels good to know that



my input will contribute to making our business community stronger."

Businesses can also win a prize for participating this year - a \$1,000 video production prize, with local videographer, Heidi Banas Creative.

The survey is open to all businesses and can be accessed online until 5pm, 28 August 2024 at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/business-survey

Council will release the survey results in spring on the Surf Coast Business Collective Facebook page and in the Business Newsletter.

If a local business owner prefers a hard copy of the survey, please contact Council's Economic Development Team on 5261 0600 or business@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.



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THIS WEEK'S RESULTS

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Elizabeth Alston (21) 31pts
cb Sue Cuthbert
NTP: 6/15th Tara Steward

Saturday August 17 - Stroke

Dave Harvey(18) 67
Bill Spencer (15) 68
NTP: 6/15th Neil Hickman
Golden Hole :11th - Don Cuttler

Alex Dyson aiming to deliver Wannon its first ever Federal Independent

After an historic result in the 2022 election, Alex Dyson has announced he will once again answer the call of the community and run as the Independent Candidate for Wannon in an effort to get a better deal for South West Victoria.

In what will be his third federal campaign, the reluctant politician known for his positive style says he was once again encouraged by community members, including the Voices of Wannon group to throw his hat in the ring and use the momentum from his last campaign where Dyson, alongside over 500 passionate, local volunteers was able to shift Wannon into a marginal electorate for the first time in 67 years.

“Like most country people, I’m an advocate of not just complaining about problems, but rolling your sleeves up and making an effort to fix them, so I’m honoured the community has once again placed their trust in me to be their honest, local, and importantly-Independent representative in Canberra.” - Alex Dyson

To officially mark the start of his campaign, Alex will be holding a free

public kick-off event in his home town at the Warrnambool Civic Green open to any community members who would like to join. The event will feature local Wannon figures, performers, as well as federal Independent member for Goldstein Zoe Daniel, who will be able to share her insights into just how the region, and the country, can benefit from Independent Representation.

“I’m thrilled that Zoe Daniel has offered to join us at our kick-off event in Warrnambool, and share how Independent candidates can bring insight and integrity to a political system that has been giving traditionally safe electorates like Wannon a raw deal for decades.” - Alex Dyson

With the current margin at just 4%, the likelihood of Wannon changing hands for the first time in 70 years is now a very real possibility.

The Alex Dyson Campaign Kick-off feat. MP Zoe Daniel will take place at the



Warrnambool Civic Green from 11am on August 24

For more information about Alex campaign at AlexDysonIndependent.com

RSPCA’s creative writing competition is open

RSPCA Victoria’s annual creative writing competition, Pawsome Stories will keep the Olympic flame burning a little longer for Victorian children in grades 3 - 6 this year.

With a fiction theme of ‘My pet is a secret Olympian’, RSPCA Victoria, CEO, Dr Liz Walker said she hopes to see stories of goldfish swimming glory, cats sport climbing and dogs taking to the basketball court or skateboarding to victory.

Dr Walker said “Writing about animals is an excellent way to foster awareness of animal welfare among children while having some fun.

“In previous years we’ve had cat ninjas solving crimes, flying dogs and helpful dragons, I can’t wait to see what we receive this year.”

The Pawsome Stories competition runs from 15 August to 7 October 2024 and participants can choose to write either a fictional story about ‘My pet is a secret Olympian’, or a non-fiction essay about ‘How animals make our lives better’.

“We hope that Pawsome Stories sparks an interest in animal welfare that will benefit both the child and the adult they grow to be, ultimately creating a kinder future for animals,” Dr Walker said.

Young writers can join the competition by submitting their entry at rspcavic.org/pawsome-stories/ before 7 October.



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

Education in the Anthropocene: addressing the environmental crisis means learning about our place in Earth's history

Author Peter Sutoris, Lecturer in Climate and Development, University of Leeds

Education should prepare young people to face the challenges of their time. To keep up with the changing world, this means that education has to keep adjusting. But unfortunately, our education systems have fallen out of sync with the times.

Environmental decay is arguably the greatest challenge facing humanity today. However, education systems are failing to prepare young people for life on a rapidly changing planet.

One way to escape this trap is to shift our perspective on the period of time we inhabit. Instead of the 21st century, we might think of ourselves as living in the Anthropocene.

The Anthropocene is a proposed new geological epoch – a unit on the geologic timescale – characterised by unprecedented human influence over the natural environment. While a panel of geologists decoded against declaring the Anthropocene an official geological epoch in 2024, there's no doubt that it remains a powerful way to understand the world around us.

Thinking of “our times” as the Anthropocene – official epoch or not – rather than the 21st century forces us to confront “deep time”. This means considering what our society is doing to the planet not just during our individual lifespans but over the long term, before we were born and after we die.

This could be, for example, considering how sea level change might affect the places we live in a hundred – or a thousand – years' time, and what life might be like then.

Educating differently

Recent education policy has often focused on “21st century skills” an idea that stresses the new challenges brought by an interconnected post-industrial society, such as navigating the benefits and pitfalls of new communication technologies. Concepts like “critical thinking”, “collaboration” or “creativity” have become increasingly influential across many education systems around the world.

But the problem with this approach is that it reduces learning to an instrument to grow the economy. The “21st century skills” are now so commodified that we can almost think of them simply as tickets to the job market.

Critical thinking has come to mean “problem-solving for infinite growth” rather than an ability to truly reflect critically on our society's values and practices.

Shifting the focus to think about the long term shows us just how inadequate the idea of 21st century education is at tackling the challenges we face, including environmental degradation.

My research has focused on what an education fit for the Anthropocene might look like. Right now, this education often takes place outside school walls, such as among grassroots environmental movements. In my work, I argue that schools would do well to take a cue from these “alternative” spaces of learning if they are to remain relevant.

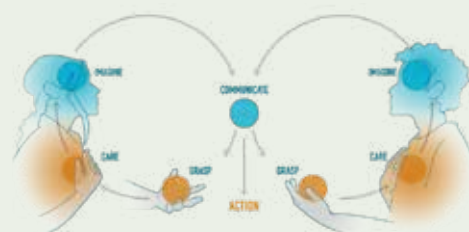
My research with activists has taught me that learning in the Anthropocene is not so much about specific skills as it is about rediscovering our own humanity.

This requires an emotional connection with what we learn. If we grasp what is at stake in the Anthropocene (the survival of our own species, among

other things), we cannot help but care.

Learning with emotion

This emotional response fuels our imagination of different futures, which we can communicate to others, with whom we can act. It is a circular process: once we have communicated and acted with others, we might realise there was something we did not fully grasp, which makes us change our vision of the future, and communicate this to others.



Educating for the Anthropocene in action. Peter Sutoris and Nuith Morales, CC BY-NC-ND

This could mean many things in different contexts. In my own work as an educator, I have tried methods like participatory filmmaking with students or exposing my students to art that engages with the emotional aspects of the unfolding environmental crises.

Rather than contributing to economic growth, the goal of education in this process is to help us realise our nature as beings that can grasp complex issues, care about them, communicate about them and act to change them. It means removing the obstacles that might get in the way of our ability to realise these aspects of our humanity.

Education fit for the Anthropocene is, in other words, simply an education fit for understanding what it means to be human.

Animated summary of Educating for the Anthropocene: https://youtu.be/lrz0qJE_E8U

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What the Council Caretaker Period Means for You

As the Surf Coast community approaches the upcoming Council election period, it's important to understand how this period will affect the operations of the Surf Coast Shire Council.

What is the Election Period?

The election period, also known as the "caretaker period," is the time leading up to the Council elections, which is 19 September 2024 through to 26 October 2024. During this time, specific rules and restrictions are in place to ensure the Council's actions are impartial and do not influence the election's outcome.

Impact on Council Activities

During the election period, the Council and its various units will experience significant restrictions on their usual activities. This includes limitations on making major policy decisions, entering into significant contracts or agreements, and initiating new projects. The aim is to maintain a fair and unbiased environment leading up to the election.

What This Means for You

For businesses and residents, this means there may be delays or temporary halts in certain services or communications from the Council. The Economic Development team, which regularly supports local businesses through initiatives and advice, will also be limited in its activities, but will maintain its core services.

While ongoing projects will continue under strict guidelines, new initiatives and announcements will be paused until after the election.

Stay Informed

For more details on how the election period may affect you, please visit the Surf Coast Shire Council's Election Period Information Page.

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Thought for the Week

"Fearlessness may be a gift, but perhaps more precious is the courage acquired through endeavour, courage that comes from cultivating the habit of refusing to let fear dictate one's actions, courage that could be described as grace under pressure. Grace which is renewed repeatedly in the face of harsh, unremitting pressure."

John Bader,
Former U/C Accredited
Lay Preacher

Easing The Transition From Primary To Secondary School

The Victorian Government is helping keep students engaged in their education as they move from primary school into secondary school – a period where there can be higher levels of disengagement from learning.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today released an update to materials for schools which are expected to support roughly 200,000 students every year through the transition.

The first day of secondary school can be daunting. While it is a period of tremendous growth and development for most young people, for some students, there is a heightened risk of disengagement from their education, poor wellbeing, and a decline in learning outcomes.

Keeping kids engaged in school helps them to be productive and successful young adults.

A student's transition experience is successful when they have good engagement with their peers and their families – this is especially important for students who may be at higher risk of a poor transition, including neurodiverse and Autistic students, students with disabilities and students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The updated materials feature a series of internal guidance, resources, and practical examples for schools to use through a four-year staged process from upper primary to lower secondary.

This update, designed to provide greater support for students during their transition, is set to significantly enhance their engagement and overall experience for students in Years 5 to 8.

This update is particularly beneficial to parents, carers, and the broader network of family or guardians. Acknowledging their profound and formative impact on students, this support network is recognised as a major contributor to a successful transition.

The new guidance and resources cover four phases of transition:

- **Preparation (Years 5 and 6)** - introduces students to general skills like organisation and time management that will help them navigate in a new environment, for example using lockers and having a timetable
- **Transfer (end of Year 6)** - students can attend their new school for a day to learn the new layout and attend classes and meet key staff and future classmates
- **Induction (Year 7)** - supports new students to develop a strong sense of connection and belonging in their new environment and to ease into the new practices, rhythms and relationships
- **Consolidation (Year 8)** builds on the skills, knowledge, and experiences students have gained in previous phases, with a strong emphasis on supporting their wellbeing and confidence in their learning environment.



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Kerry and Richard

Moving from Flinders Lane in the heart of Melbourne, Kerry and Richard landed in Winchelsea after many years of searching for a place in the country. Who would find a small rural town called Winchelsea, then find a piece of land abutting the railway line and see this as a place to build, to learn and to contribute to a new community? Then to work together to create their new home. Kerry and Richard would, and they have. Having lived in many different places in Australia as well as overseas, they have come to value the simplicity and complexity of creating a village. Bringing their skills of design and their understanding of true community development, this village offers them a chance to live in the country as well as the opportunity to explore everything from the beach to the mountains – a 360-degree window. Joining Winchelsea Land and River Care they are learning about the history of the area, the underlying values as well as the connection between soil, water, air, fire and design. 'Winchelsea has come out of the land and this authenticity is appealing.'



New Vlocity Trains Hit The Tracks In Regional Victoria

The State Government's first train from its latest order of new, locally made regional trains has started taking passengers on the V/Line network.

VLocity train number 119 is the first of 23 new trains ordered as part a \$601 million investment in the Victorian Budget 2023/24 – which will help deliver almost 200 additional weekend V/Line train services progressively in the coming years, meeting the increased popularity of regional rail travel in Victoria.

This order of VLocitys is replacing the longest serving Classic Fleet trains boosting Victoria's VLocity fleet to 141 trains once the rollout is complete.

The extra trains will deliver more reliable journeys on the Geelong and Bacchus Marsh corridors, and will also help lift capacity on the Melton line by 50 per cent, with nine-car services to be introduced following the completion of the Melton Line Upgrade.

The new trains feature improved accessibility, with six spaces in each

three-car set for wheelchair or mobility scooter users and space for up to six bicycles.

A new train will roll off Alstom's Dandenong production line approximately once a month, with the project supporting around 500 local jobs.





Celebration Series

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

David Peel is an experienced teacher and a Learning Specialist at our school.

As part of the Department's Tutor Learning Initiative, David works with a number of students in small groups and one-on-one settings to maximise learning.



Maths Boost For Primary School Students

The Victorian Government is helping primary school students get the best maths education with support for more teachers to become mathematics specialists.

A further 100 government school teachers will become mathematics education specialists through the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialists (PMSS) initiative.

It is part of the Government's plan to deliver teaching excellence in maths and science and will ensure more students excel in both subjects. The teachers will be trained over the next two years – giving them expert knowledge and skills to teach and assess mathematics.

They'll use the skills to boost primary students' engagement and achievement in mathematics – an underpinning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

The next 100 teachers to become maths specialists will follow in the footsteps of the 800 teachers from 430 schools who have already completed the training and are now leaders in STEM knowledge and delivery within their schools.





PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Our school community is blessed to have a highly engaged parent group. Parents and friends support reading and writing, Kitchen Garden, fundraising, governance, working bees and community events.

A big thanks to all of our volunteers - our school is grateful for you and your time.



CELEBRATION SERIES

Schools To Get Creative With The Curriculum

Students will have the chance to build new creative skills with applications now open for the 2025 Creative Learning Partnerships program.

Public, independent and catholic schools are invited to apply for the program which supports schools to work with artists, creative collectives and companies on a creative residency project that is linked to the curriculum.

Grants of \$10,000 are available for schools to partner with an individual artist or \$35,000 to partner with a creative collective or company, with residency projects happening in Terms 2 to 4 in 2025.

The Government has supported creative education programs for more than 40 years and has connected more than 1500 artists with 1200 schools – giving 70,000 students unique and exciting creative experiences.

Applications for the 2025 round of the Creative Learning Partnerships program close Thursday, 12 September 2024. For more information, including eligibility and previous recipients, visit:

creative.vic.gov.au/creative-learning-partnerships.



Hundreds take part in soft plastics recycling trial

Surf Coast Shire Council ran a soft plastics collection trial over the past month to reduce waste to landfill and maximise resource recovery, resulting in a positive circular economy outcome for our community.

Soft plastics are 'flexible' plastic packaging that can be easily scrunched in your hand, like bread bags, chip packets, bubble wrap, zip lock bags, which are not accepted in kerbside yellow-lid recycling bins.

Community members were encouraged to collect their clean and dry soft plastics during July and drop off them off for free at drop off sites located in Anglesea, Lorne, Torquay and Winchelsea over the first weekend in August.

"Soft plastics are one of the hardest types of waste for householders to deal with, so we decided to trial a once-off drop-off collection to help residents recycle them and to collect data to inform possible future programs", Mayor Cr Liz Pattison said.

"We had a great response with hundreds of residents taking up the opportunity to recycle the soft plastics they'd been collecting. The total customers through the drop off sites for the trial period was 487, with 339 of them visiting the Torquay drop off site," she said.

"A total of 1,328 bags full of soft plastic were deposited with bag sizes could vary from a bread bag up to a 25kg dog food bag."

"The plastics will be baled and sent for processing in Melbourne to be converted into new soft plastics packaging and recycled road products."

"We would be very keen to hear from the community about their experiences with this trial, and encourage people to complete our soft plastics collection trial survey to help with our evaluation."

"We're lucky to have an environmentally conscience community and it was great to see so many people getting involved in this circular economy initiative. We will continue to work closely with our

community through implementing actions from our recently adopted Circular Economy Action Plan 2024-2027 to reduce waste going into landfill and increase resource recovery," she said.

The soft plastics trial is now complete, and Council are evaluating the results. If you still have soft plastics and need to dispose of them, please put them in your red lid landfill bin, not in your yellow lid recycling bin.

Avoiding waste in the first place is always a better action than recycling waste, so residents are encouraged



where possible to try to avoid soft plastics, for example, bring your own bags and containers to stores, avoid single-use plastic films, buy loose produce, and choose items with zero or minimal packaging.

To provide community feedback on the soft plastics collection trial please complete the survey at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/softplasticsurvey



Mayor Liz Pattison checks out the soft plastic haul



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PART 1 PLANNING & INVITATIONS

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PART 2 SCHOOL LEAD-UP EVENTS

Wed 5th - Fri 7th November 2025

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PART 3 THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday 8th November 2025

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Carrie the Musical Features Local Talent

This production is another first for Geelong audiences and although performed at Belmont High Schools Performing Arts Centre is done by a stand alone theatre company (THEATRE OF the DAMNED) we are grateful to Belmont High who support us with the use of their venue.

The actual book written by Stephen King is 50 years old this year and still remains one of the great horror stories but the musical score to this production will truly amaze you . Tickets are available through TRYBOOKINGS .

Carrie White is a misfit. At school, she's an outcast who's bullied by the popular crowd, and virtually invisible to everyone else. At home, she's at the mercy of her loving but cruelly over-protective mother. But Carrie's just discovered she's got a special power, and if pushed too far, she's not afraid to use it.

Set in the present in the small New England town of Chamberlain, Maine, Carrie: The Musical features a book by Lawrence D. Cohen (screenwriter of the classic film), music by Academy Award winner Michael Gore (Fame, Terms of Endearment), and lyrics by Academy Award winner Dean Pitchford (Fame, Footloose).

Stephen King's blockbuster 1974 debut novel Carrie sold over a million copies in its first year of publication. The classic 1976 film adaptation, directed by Brian De Palma, became a critical and box office smash, and earned two Academy Award nominations — for Sissy Spacek as Carrie and Piper Laurie as Margaret

White. First presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company, the original musical adaptation of Carrie premiered in Stratford-Upon-Avon in England for a limited run in February, 1988.

Transferring to Broadway, it opened at the Virginia Theater on May 12, 1988 starring Betty Buckley, Linzi Hateley, Sally Ann Triplett, Paul Gyngell, Gene Anthony Ray, Charlotte d'Amboise and Darlene Love. Fiercely polarizing audiences and proving wildly divisive with critics, the show famously closed after only 16 previews and 5 performances.

Though the production did not run long enough to generate a Broadway cast recording, bootlegged audio and video tapes from the production started to appear online. They attracted so much interest and demand that the authors decided to revisit the piece 24 years later.

On March 1, 2012, their revamped version of Carrie: The Musical opened off-Broadway, presented by MCC at the Lucille Lortel Theatre, starring Marin Mazzie and Molly Ranson. Featuring an updated script and new songs in a smaller-scaled production, the show received multiple award nominations, and was named Best Off-Broadway Musical by the Off-Broadway Alliance. A live performance was filmed by the New York Public Library's Theatre on Film and Tape Archives, and Sh-K-Boom Records released the Premiere Cast Recording.

With a stronger and more resonant focus on high school bullying and social isolation, this resurrected version went on to successful productions across

North America and in locations around the world, including London, Manila, Spain, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

On April 18, 2018, the hit CW high school television series Riverdale featured a special musical episode centered around Carrie: The Musical. It was a huge hit with critics and viewers alike, and YouTube videos of its songs now exceed 20 million hits.

The main pic is our Carrie for the production Alannah Farrar and the girl in the green jacket is Abbey Geddes and in white and blue her sister Claire Geddes both are beautiful members of our Damned Family and also part of the Winchelsea community



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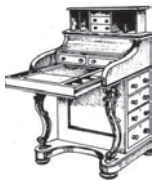
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When: Alternate Saturday Afternoons
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Where: Winchelsea Community House Space
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Certificate III Early Childhood Education & Care

We are excited to be able to run this training which is scheduled to commence in Winchelsea **SOON!**
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Where: Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
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Community Houses such as ours provide programs and activities to learn new skills, brush up on your existing skills and more than anything to connect with others in your community and reduce social isolation. New skills may help you with employment and build your confidence to in turn help others. Activities such as singing and sound healing help your mind and reduce any unwanted stresses.

Bellbrae Primary School creates more green spaces with Council Climate Emergency Grant

Bellbrae Primary School has used a Climate Emergency Grant from Surf Coast Shire Council to transform areas of the school ground into green spaces, create worm farms and increase grade four students' awareness of how to protect the local environment.

"The Climate Emergency grant provided the funds to purchase the equipment needed for this project," said Mark O'Donnell, Grade 4 teacher at Bellbrae Primary School.

"The students loved getting their hands dirty to create the gardens and learn about how they were helping the environment."

Through the grant, the school has been able to:

- Plant local native species in the

school grounds.

- Revitalise two old vegetable patches, including planting seedlings of pumpkin, zucchini, bean, basil, watermelon, cucumber and sweet corn.
- Plant 20 x 44 gallon drums, with Aboriginal inspired bush tucker plants and seasonal vegetables.
- Implement a recycling hub that allows students, teachers and families to recycle hard to recycle items and divert waste from landfill.

- Develop an environmental report that keeps track of recycling results and provides a benchmark for continuous environmental improvement across the school.

Bellbrae Primary School students will continue to watch their green spaces grow, enjoy the fruits and vegetables from their new garden beds, and continue to monitor how much waste is being diverted from landfill.



OPPORTUNITY!

Certificate III Early Childhood Education & Care

Winchelsea Community House are excited to be able to run this training **SOON** !

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With an increasing demand for Early Childhood Educators across Victoria, the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is a stepping stone into the industry. No previous experience is required for this course, meaning it is ideal for individuals who are passionate about child development, and have a desire to make a difference in a child's life.

This course teaches key skills for working with young children, including how to:

- Support children's play, learning, behaviour, and development.
- Provide for young children's wellbeing.
- Work effectively, legally, and ethically.

Prospective students must pride themselves on being empathetic, patient, and accountable, with the ability to problem-solve and engage with adults. They may work independently or under the guidance of others, though in some contexts that guidance may not be on-site.

Early childhood educators work in long daycare centres, family daycare, pre-schools, or kindergartens.



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Netball News



Melody Philpott

U13s - Winchelsea 3 def by East Geelong 32

For our last round of the season, our under 13s went out and played so well as a team. The team has improved out of sight and should be so proud of their season. It's been a pleasure to get to watch their skills improve, week in and week out.

Best: Everyone

U15s - Winchelsea 3 def by East Geelong 52

No report

U17s - Winchelsea 8 def by East Geelong 38

A challenging game today from the outset. We didn't turn up on time, didn't warm up properly and then couldn't get into any rhythm.

Millie Partridge was outstanding all day, captaining her side with complete composure and maturity.

We will regroup and prepare for an elimination final next Sunday against Corio. East Geelong deserve their week off after a solid season finishing on top of the ladder.

U19s - Winchelsea 10 def by East Geelong 46

No report

D Grade - Winchelsea 36 def East Geelong 29

Hello, finals preview! This week, D grade opened the senior netball with a glimpse of a finals match up. Demonstrating their potential for an exciting finals campaign, the Blues were composed through the opening half as each side ran goal for goal in an

even contest. Abbey Todd was unstoppable at goal defence, taking important intercepts to slow the Eagles attack. In the absence of Jaelyn Brand, who impressively played on despite injury last round, Millie Partridge and Holly Worland shared goal attack responsibilities to maintain scoreboard presence. In the late stages, this firing Blues side ran over the top of the fading Eagles, to come away with an important win.

C Grade - Winchelsea 44 def East Geelong 35

This week, the C Grade Blues made it two from two wins against a quality East Geelong side. The energy in this Blues team is radiant; the camaraderie is second to none. The Eagles started well to lead at the first two breaks, Blues trailed by just a few. Showing the growth in composure of this side, the Blues made tactful, calculated adjustments without becoming overwhelmed. The result was a powerful third quarter, the Blues scoring double the number of Eagles' goals. Excitingly, this win places C grade finishing third on the ladder. This team will now play on through multiple rounds of finals - let's go!

B Grade - Winchelsea 29 def by East Geelong 44

It was an important game with high stakes for both sides this week. The Eagles had no option but to defeat the Blues in order to keep their season alive. A win for the Blues would have meant no finals opportunity for the Eagles. The Eagles scored accurately early; Blues responded with their defensive weapon Kalarni Boddington. The Eagles continued to find the scoreboard; Blues responded with goaling powerhouse Steph Hicks. Despite their efforts, the Eagles were

consistent for four quarters, and the Blues couldn't maintain their presence. How exciting that this is the way the cookie crumbles - the Blues get a do-over in a must-win Winchelsea vs East Geelong elimination final next week...

A Grade - Winchelsea 27 def by East Geelong 40

Our A grade Blues were undermanned this week as sickness struck. However, it wasn't all bad news as Kat Kasparian shone in her opportunity to lift the Blues' defensive unit. Rhi Williams also returned for a full 60 minutes of high-flying performance. There was also space for Hannah Garner to continue her A grade minutes, and she didn't miss a beat! The Blues have built on their strategic toolkit since their last match against the ladder leading Eagles, and were able to celebrate some momentary on court wins. The Eagles look in grand final form; the Blues will continue their training with the hope of meeting them again.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

ROUND 18

Welcome to Blue's News where we have the wrap up of the last of the home and away games, last Saturday the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club hosted East Geelong Eagles – long regarded as a powerhouse of the G.D.F.N.L.

Round 18 also was the third W.F.N.C. Community Day, the Club welcoming the Community through the Gate waiving the entry fee and providing something different in the way of food available at the ground, as well as having free entertainment activities for families with young children.

The Club would like to thank the Winchelsea Lion's Club for supporting the day and supplying their famous Chuck Wagon for the afternoon, and the Mexican food truck from Torquay also participating in their third Community Day.

To the young Netballers from the Winnie Blues – what an amazing job you all did. The downstairs area was transformed into a hive of activity to keep the young – and the not so young involved and amused by activities on offer which included face painting – so good! There was also balloon blowing, colouring in, cutting & pasting with glitter etc. Great job to all those concerned.

Looking forward to next years Community Day already.

There was also a raffle being held on the day. The Club wishes to acknowledge the generous donation of prizes given by Bob Jane Tyres, (thanks Matt) Scott Mawson, All About Mowers, Maguires Butchers and the Blue's Bistro.

Now – on to the Football matches played in the last Round.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 3.6.24 were defeated by East Geelong Eagles 15. 11

The undermanned Blues were never a chance against the East Geelong Reserves side who have been dominant for the last 4 to 5 years. Well done to Byron Mathison who laced up the boots to help out last Saturday! Boz hasn't played for the last couple of years and no doubt will be feeling a little sore over the week following.

GOALS: Jack Harcoan, Byron Mathison, Bailey Forssman all 1 goal.

BEST: Rueben James, Shaun Morris, Byron Mathison, Bailey Forssman, Jackson Timms, Luke Foot.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 12.11.83 defeated East Geelong Eagles 12.7.79

The Blues were right in this from the opening bounce going into the first change 5.1 to 4.2, but as expected the Eagles came back and swung the lead their way. East Geelong lost in the opening Round and have not been defeated since and were sitting first on the Senior League Ladder by 2 games clear.

It was tight all game with the Blues refusing to go away being 10 points down at ¾ time.

So many matches lost with an average margin of 11 points, during the 2024 season, this game could have easily been another one of those games. But ... the Winchelsea Blues were magnificent in their last stand against League Ladder leaders East in that last quarter. The Eagles threw everything at the Blues in the last 25 minutes of the game, however the Blues prevailed and hung on to win by 4 magnificent points.

Woo Hoo Blues! Congratulations to Brendan Forssman and his coaching team and huge thanks to them for the roles they have played throughout the season.

GOALS: Jordan Gould 6, Leigh Ellis 2, Fin Kersopp-Cole 1, Tavae Sauni 1, Josh Freeman 1, Bailey Kahle 1

BEST: Jordan Gould, Cassidy Parish, Fin Parish, Caleb Brown, Josh Freeman, Bailey Kahle.

No Finals for the Reserves and Senior teams in 2024 but with being so competitive for almost all of the season there is plenty to be optimistic about in the New Year. As we thank Brendan and his coaching team we also welcome new coach Ben Moloney, the Club is excited to have him on board!

FINALS CANTEEN:

The W.F.N.C. has the canteen at St. Albans on Sunday 1st September. This is a HUGE day for the Club. It is a pop up, walk in walk out operation with everything being taken in to the ground and packed up and removed at the end of the day. The Club needs members to man the deep fryer on the day, and several different short shifts would be ideal to share the work load. A canteen roster will be organised next week. The day also involves catering for the President's afternoon tea for around 60.

Every Senior Netball side will be playing Finals at St. Albans this season – this is a huge result for the Winchelsea Netballers and GOOD LUCK to all sides!

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