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Children's Week in Winchelsea filled with fun

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Isla at the Children's Week event

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Fun-Filled Children's Week Celebration

Fizzing science experiments, kite-making, soaring block towers, and soft toys galore – youngsters enjoyed a range of activities at a Children's Week celebration in Winchelsea.

Held at the Adventure Play Space on Thursday, local and visiting families and Winchelsea kindergarteners joined the fun.

Wadawarrung woman Corrina Eccles delivered a Welcome to Country which featured song, dance and stories, including how Bunjil the wedge-tail eagle nested in the nearby river red gums.

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Libby Stapleton wished everyone a happy Children's Week, while youngsters were excited to hear that the Winchelsea Pool season would start 28 November.

The Children's Week celebration aligned with Council's goal of more opportunities for meaningful social connection.

The event was presented by Surf Coast Shire Council and local early years services, in partnership with the Victorian Government.



Iluka shows her kite to Mayor Libby Stapleton

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating 50 Years — and Inviting the Next Generation to Join Us

As Winchelsea Star approaches its 50 year milestone, I've been reflecting on what makes our publication special. It isn't just the stories we tell — it's the people behind them. For five decades, volunteers, editors, designers, writers and community champions have kept the Star alive, week after week, edition after edition.

We are one of only a handful of communities in Australia still producing a weekly printed newsletter. That's something to be proud of — and something worth protecting.

As we step into our next chapter, we're opening the door to new faces. We're seeking energetic, creative individuals who want to be part of the Star's future. If you have skills in design, layout, or Adobe InDesign, we'd love to hear from you.

An Expression of Interest is now available on our website winchelseastar.org.au for the Designer/ Compositor role, with full training provided and payment per edition.

We're also looking for a volunteer editor to join our small, supportive editorial team. You'll work on a roster, helping shape each edition and contributing to a publication that has documented more than 50 years of local life.

Winchelsea is growing, evolving, and full of talented people. If you're someone who wants to be part of something meaningful at a grassroots level, this is your moment.

Help us carry the Star into its next 50 years.

Elaine, President, Winchelsea Star

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Santa's Mailbox Launches in Winchelsea for the First Time



Elaine Atkinson, Elle Draper, Wendy Orr-Irvin; Renee Youngblood with Tracey Everett and Carole Blake in front - all Santa's helpers!

A magical new Christmas tradition is coming to Winchelsea this year, with the launch of Santa's Mailbox, a brand-new initiative inviting children to send a letter directly to Santa.

From 9 November to 9 December, children can post their letters into Santa's special mailbox located at IGA Winchelsea and receive a personalised reply from Santa himself.

This exciting initiative is being introduced as part of A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas, bringing a little extra Christmas magic to local families.

Mr Winchy Twinkle said the community had embraced the idea from the moment it was suggested.

"This is the very first year we've offered Santa's Mailbox, and we're incredibly excited to bring something so special to the children of Winchelsea and surrounding communities," Mr Twinkle said.

"Writing a letter to Santa is one of Christmas's most treasured traditions. We wanted to create an opportunity for local children to experience that magic and receive a genuine reply."

Children can use the special letter template available or create their own. Santa wants to hear all about their year, the kind things they have done, whether they have been nice, extra nice or perhaps just a little bit naughty, and of course what they might be hoping to find under the Christmas tree.

To ensure every letter receives a reply, children are asked to include their name and postal address.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated band of Santa's helpers is working hard to support the initiative and help Santa respond to every letter received before Christmas.

"Santa has assured me he will personally read every letter," Mr Twinkle said. "His helpers will be working around the clock to make sure every child who writes receives a Christmas surprise in return."

Families are encouraged to visit IGA Winchelsea between 9 November and 9 December, collect a letter form, and post their Christmas wishes in Santa's Mailbox.

"Christmas is about connection, kindness and creating memories," Mr Twinkle said. "We hope Santa's Mailbox brings smiles, excitement and a little bit of wonder to children throughout our community."



Santa's Message to Local Children:

"Ho, ho, ho! I've heard wonderful things about the children of Winchelsea and I can't wait to receive your letters. Tell me about your year, the good deeds you've done, and your Christmas wishes. Make sure you post your letter at my special mailbox at IGA Winchelsea before 9 December. Merry Christmas, everyone!"

Be Part of Winchelsea's Next Chapter

Winchelsea Star is turning 50 in 2027 — and we're looking for the next generation of creators to help shape its future.

For half a century, the Star has been the heartbeat of our town - capturing local stories, celebrating community achievements and keeping Winchelsea connected week after week. We're one of only a handful of communities in Australia that still produces a weekly printed newsletter — and that's something worth shouting about.

As we head into our 50 year celebration, we're opening the door to energetic, enthusiastic individuals who want to be part of the Star's next chapter. If you're someone who loves design, storytelling, media, or community engagement, this is your moment.

Layout Designer / Compositor – Contract Opportunity

Do you have technical skills, a creative eye, or experience with Adobe InDesign?

We're seeking expressions of interest from talented people who'd like to join our Designer/Compositor team for the Winchelsea Star. This is a shared role within a small production group, with the possibility of building to a three person roster to ensure continuity and cover any potential shortfalls in production throughout the year. You'll work with our existing Designer/Compositor and production team using our established template and layout system. Full training is provided, and you'll be supported every step of the way. This is a paid contract role, with payment per edition.

An Expression of Interest document is available on our website, https://winchelseastar.org.au with submissions due 20 November 2026.

If you're someone who loves design, layout, or digital creativity — or you're looking to build your portfolio — this is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to a publication with real history and real heart.

Volunteer Editor – Join Our Editorial Team

We're also seeking a volunteer editor to join our small, dynamic editorial group. Our editors work on a roster, selecting stories, shaping content, and helping bring each 40 page edition to life.

You'll be part of a team committed to producing a high quality newsletter that has reported on more than 50 years of local news, people, and events.

If you enjoy writing, editing, community storytelling, or simply being involved in something meaningful — we'd love to hear from you.

Why Join the Star?

• Be part of a publication with a proud 50 year legacy

• Work with a friendly, supportive production team

• Build skills in design, editing, media, and community engagement

• Contribute to something that genuinely matters to Winchelsea

• Help shape the future of one of Australia's few remaining weekly community newspapers

Whether you're a young creative looking for experience, a designer wanting to expand your portfolio, or someone who simply loves community storytelling — this is your chance to be part of something special.

Interested?

Visit our website to view the documents or contact the President, Winchelsea Star for more information. We'd love to welcome new faces, fresh ideas, and passionate contributors as we celebrate 50 years of local news — and build the next 50 together.

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Hastings Ostrich Farms has been involved in ostrich farming for 35 years. Come along and discover fascinating birds, with guided farm tours available for bus groups and groups of 10 or more. Its fun and an interesting experience for all ages right here in Winchelsea.

The Vault has been welcoming customers for over 20 years, offering a fantastic range of Australian made gifts, souvenirs and exotic leather products.



Whether you are looking for something special to take home or a unique gift for someone, there's plenty to browse and discover.

With two distinctive businesses in one destination in Winchelsea, there's always something different to enjoy with every visit.



Pet Owners To Take The Lead

Dog and cat owners are encouraged to take the lead across the Surf Coast Shire in the busier months ahead.

From respecting the 24-hour cat curfew to being across dog rules – there are various ways that pet owners can help keep the community safe, and protect the environment and local wildlife.

Surf Coast Shire Council's Rangers team play their role by patrolling areas where they are needed.

Councillor Mike Bodsworth said that patrols extended beyond beaches, particularly when it came to preventing dog attacks.

"Given that most dog attacks occur in public places close to the attacking dog's property, our Rangers include residential streets as a priority area," he said.

"This is in addition to parks, pathways, reserves and beaches."

Dogs must be kept on leash in township areas. When in permitted off-leash areas they need to be under effective control, which means when called they must return immediately.

Cat owners need to keep their feline friend within their property boundary to prevent them from causing a nuisance, and also to protect wildlife.

Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan – titled Take the Lead – outlines how people, dogs and cats can live together safely in the Surf Coast Shire.

"Small actions from pet owners, both local and visiting, can make a big difference to help make our shire safer and more enjoyable for everyone," Cr Bodsworth.

"I'm a pet owner and know I have a responsibility to do the right thing, including picking up after my dog and being mindful of hooded plover breeding sites along the coast."

Hooded plovers nest from August to March. Beachgoers should follow advice on signage to help protect the vulnerable shorebirds, including staying out of temporary exclusion zones to give the hoodies space and keeping dogs on lead.

Point Roadknight is a key breeding site for hooded plovers. At its October meeting, Council amended dog regulations to make the Point Roadknight No-Dogs zone easier to identify and comply with.

"Collaboration between hooded plover volunteers, Council officers and others has had a big impact on breeding success," Cr Bodsworth said. "Dog owners are part of that team effort too."

Community members who have a pet-related question or concern can lodge a request with Council via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request.



Kate walking her dog Louie while visiting Winchelsea

Thermal Camera Helping Prevent Fires At Anglesea Landfill

A thermal camera at the Anglesea Landfill is helping Surf Coast Shire Council's waste team detect potential fires earlier – and it's making a big difference in reducing the risk of fires caused by batteries and emergency flares incorrectly disposed of in household rubbish.

The camera uses thermal imaging to detect hotspots in the landfill and sends an alert when a potential fire is suspected.

It provides 24-hour monitoring, with the system used after hours when the landfill is closed to avoid false alarms caused by the heat from machinery during operating hours.

Cr Mike Bodsworth said the new thermal camera was a game changer. "When an alert comes through, staff can access a live camera feed on their phones to check the site and respond if needed," he said. "Previously, the team relied on people noticing smoke and reporting it, meaning a fire could go unnoticed until it was already well alight."

"While the thermal camera is an important tool in detecting potential fires early, the best thing we can all do to prevent fires and protect our environment is to keep batteries, e-waste and flares out of landfill by disposing of them at designated drop-off points," Cr Bodsworth said.

You can help prevent fires, too.

Batteries and electronic waste can cause fires when they end up in household bins or landfill. Instead, dispose of them safely by dropping them off for free at one of the many collection points across the shire:

* Find a battery recycling drop-off point: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/batteries

* Find an e-waste recycling drop-off point: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ewaste

How we dispose of batteries and electronic items can help reduce the risk of fires and keep our waste facilities and community safer.

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What Australia Should Have Seen This Week

by Kim Harvey

I cannot say enough about what our Australians showed the world during this remarkable week of Special Olympics competition.

In a world where sport is too often overshadowed by controversy, poor behavior, and division, these riders reminded us that love, kindness, courage, heartbreak, determination, and joy still exist in abundance.

For seven unforgettable days, competitors from across Australia and New Zealand came together, not as rivals, but as a family. Every rider looked out for one another. They celebrated success regardless of whose name was on the scoreboard. Athletes encouraged one another at the gate, congratulated each other after every ride, and showed genuine care for those who understood their journeys.

The volunteers matched the billeted horses with great care and proved worthy partners for their riders. The volunteers worked tirelessly from dawn to dusk throughout the event, often without recognition, yet their dedication made the week possible. The Opening Ceremony was spectacular, and Melbourne should be immensely proud.

One highlight was watching my son, Nathan, compete aboard a beautiful eventer named Rory. Nathan finished the week with two silver medals, two fourth-place finishes, and a sixth-place finish. The results were wonderful, but they only tell part of the story.

Like every competitor there, he made friendships, gained confidence, and made memories that will last a lifetime.

I particularly want to acknowledge one rider: Michelle Aiken from Yallingup, Western Australia.

Michelle is a quiet achiever whose determination deserves recognition. She has traveled hundreds of kilometers for lessons and training opportunities, often overcoming obstacles many never see. This year, she suffered the heartbreaking loss of her beloved heart horse, a loss that would have caused many people to step away from competition altogether.

But Michelle kept going.

When I watched her ride, I could see both the challenge and determination written across her face. She was prepared to take that extra risk, to stretch herself beyond her comfort zone, even if it meant making mistakes. That courage is what great sport is all about. Not perfection, but the willingness to try.

What struck me most throughout the entire week was the genuine care shown by every competitor. The riders wished one another well. They celebrated one another's successes. There was no malice, no bullying, no jealousy. Just support, respect, and friendship.

Which brings me to my greatest disappointment.

There was no television coverage.

Not one free-to-air station saw fit to bring these extraordinary athletes into Australian living rooms. I wrote more than one hundred letters to television stations asking them to cover the event. Sadly, the response was silence.

Why?

Why are these talented riders hidden from public view?

These athletes possess not only remarkable riding ability, but enormous hearts. They represent the very best qualities of sport: resilience, kindness, sportsmanship, and courage. In a time when society often seems divided, Special Olympics reminds us of who we can be when we choose compassion over criticism and encouragement over judgment.

Australia deserves to see these riders.

Our children deserve these role models.

The world deserves to witness the joy, determination, and humanity on display during this special week.

If we truly want a kinder society, perhaps we should start by shining a spotlight on the people who already live those values every single day.

The Special Olympics riders showed us exactly what that looks like.

And it's time we stopped hiding them and started celebrating them.



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Telstra Upgrading 4g/5g Coverage In Winchelsea South

Telstra will be upgrading its mobile base station that services Winchelsea South and parts of Bambra to bring a better 4G/5G user experience.

The upgrades will improve the mobile site's capacity, meaning faster downloads, smoother streaming and less congestion.

Upgrade works will commence on site from Friday 6 November 2026 for a period of 13 days.

During these works, the site will need to be switched off for periods up to 8 hours to safely complete works.

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"We know how important mobile connectivity is for Australians, whether you're in the city or the country."

"As data use over our mobile network continues to grow, adding extra 4G/5G capacity to our mobile site in the area will help deliver faster downloads, smoother streaming and less congestion for customers."

"While disruption is required while the upgrade is underway, we'll only be switching off the site when we need to and will have it back online and working better than ever as quickly as possible."

Temporary disruptions

Telstra mobile customers will receive an SMS advising of the upcoming work.

These works will not impact NBN, Satellite internet services, PSTN landline services, or mobile coverage from other providers.

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Tips for improving connectivity while works are underway.

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1st Modewarre Scout Group

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1st Modewarre Joey Scouts decorated their wooden Xmas tree with great enthusiasm on Tuesday. Each Joey was given a coloured star and a bauble to add glitter to. The Joeys had their choice of colours but were happy to accept a second preference if their first had run out. We have orange, red, blue and yellow decorations on our green tree. The decorations have all been sealed with 4 coats of clear sealer, so we are hoping they will last the distance. Running down the middle of our tree, the word SCOUTS is spelled out in white letters. Against the green of the tree and colours of the decorations, the Joeys thought it looked pretty good. Each Joey chose the location of their decorations, taking turns to have their stars and baubles glued on the tree. We are going to add a larger star to the top once we find a nice one.

The Joeys also potted up some tomato seedlings into terracotta pots, and sprinkled some broccoli sprouts into soil in half an egg carton. Hopefully, both will grow and produce well.

Last Sunday night, thieves again broke into the Modewarre Hall, stealing the new hall projector, and our microphones, stands and cable, small speakers and first aid kit. They gained access through a different point than last time, and used bolt cutters to cut the cupboard padlock. This is disheartening, as this gear is important to running a vibrant and safe Scout program. Just that morning we were celebrating the sale of over 200 bags of sheep poo in just one week (apologies if you missed out; it sold really fast).





The money raised was to go into subsidising camps and activities for the Joeys, Cubs and Scouts.

Now, we have equipment to replace instead, as the excess on our insurance doesn't cover it.

Fortunately, the enthusiasm of the Joeys lifted Leader spirits on Tuesday, and we went home feeling better.







Local News Spotlight

Produced with Deakin Uni Journalism students

Film And Food For $7! Movie Club Offers Affordable Entertainment

by Ehab Fahad

Ten years ago, Winchelsea's Barwon Park Mansion was chosen to host a special exhibition of costumes worn by actors, including Kate Winslet, in the film The Dressmaker, and the film was screened at the town's Globe Theatre across four sell-out nights.

The events sparked an idea and, soon after, the Winchelsea Movie Club was born.

Now the community-run social club aims to provide affordable entertainment and allow locals to watch movies close to home. It screens films monthly at the Heritage-listed Globe Theatre on Willis Street.

Over the years, the management committee – led by president and treasurer Jenny Matthison – has developed a good grasp of the members' film tastes. At the end of each screening, the audience is asked to rate the movie out of five stars on a small card, with anything that is rated four stars or higher being seen as a success amongst the members. These ratings then inform the choices for future screenings.

The club tends to avoid showing big-action blockbusters or superhero films. Some recent films shown were 2020's The Dry starring Eric Bana, based on the Australian novel of the same name written by former Geelong resident Jane Harper, and The Good Liar starring Sir Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren.

November's screening is scheduled to be My Favourite Cake.

When the club first began, the equipment at the theatre was quite old. Jenny recalls the heating system was coin operated and, on a night when the club screened the 2016 film Everest, they forgot to put coins in so viewers shivered as they watched the actors climb the snow-covered world's highest mountain.

"We had a cup of tea and a drink and all went home by 8.30pm," she said.

"A special screening night is when nothing goes wrong. A couple of us have been on the committee for the nine years, and at the end of each night we say 'golly, we got through that night, didn't we'!"

Jenny believes the club fills a social gap in the community, with membership including a light supper and chat after each show.



"We know the numbers who come regularly and if I notice some people aren't there, somebody will come and say, yeah, I haven't seen so and so for a few weeks," she said. "People are looking out for them and asking after them."

Jenny said some of the funds raised by the club had been reinvested into local community projects and to support specific member-focused events and celebrations, such as a Mother's Day afternoon tea and an annual Christmas dinner.



Ehab Fahad is a broadcaster, podcaster and freelance journalist studying at Deakin University

"We've given $1000 to Growing Winchelsea for the cost of a storage shed, which is quite a big thing when you think of an overarching organisation needing storage space for different things, like market equipment with a trailer, and all that sort of stuff," she said.

The club operates as a subcommittee of the Growing Winchelsea group, and is a member of the Federation of Victorian Film Societies. This affiliation allows the club to screen films without incurring large royalty fees payable to production companies that own the film rights.

FACT BOX

Cost: 10 screenings annually for $70 (concession $65) or 5 screenings Autumn or Spring season $40 (concession $35)

When: Movies are shown the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7.30pm

Where: The Globe Theatre (17-19 Willis Street, Winchelsea).

More info: growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/

If you have any ideas for news stories that you would like Deakin journalism students to follow up, please contact alison.mcadam@deakin.edu.au(please put Winchelsea Star in the email subject line)

This story was produced as part of a partnership between the Winchelsea Star and Deakin University. The pilot project is aimed at providing journalism students with an opportunity to have their work published, at the same time giving the Winchelsea community access to local news reporting.



WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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- Enjoy avenues of trees and vistas stretching the full width of the fledgling Arboretum
- Have a quiet sit in the "Neolithic" rock Henge
- Bring a picnic blanket and refreshments ready to laze away a couple of hours in your favorite grove of trees
- Explore an undulating access track along a rehabilitated section of the Deans Marsh creek

12 Deans Marsh – Lorne Road, Deans Marsh

Entry opposite Martian's Cafe
Parking at Deans Marsh Recreation Reserve on Pennyroyal Valley Road

Map of planted tree species available at the entrance gate. Dogs on a leash at all times.

Informational talk by the Arboretum Designer at 11.30am at the Henge

Guided creek walk at 2pm from north gate

Gold coin donation entry





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Winchelsea Lions Club has compiled a list of public access defibrillators in Winchelsea. If you know others, please contact Linda Carter 0439 817 263.

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- **Men's Shed** 51 Hesse St
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- **Netball Courts** Hopkins St
- **Senior Citizens Club** 36 Harding St
- **Uniting Church** 33 Hesse St
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Senior Citizens Rooms, 36 Harding St Winchelsea
New members welcome.
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Every second Thursday 10am-12pm
St Thomas Anglican Church Hall
cnr Barwon Tce & Hopkins St, Winchelsea
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Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
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LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES



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Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc.

Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting

Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc: A0042789Y
70 Hopkins Street, Winchelsea 3241
Post Ofafice Box 56 Winchelsea 3241
www.winchelseafnc.vcfl.com.au

Affiliated with the Geelong & District Football & Netball League.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD on Monday 9th November 2026 AT 7.30pm in the Members Room. Eastern Reserve

All positions have been declared vacant: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee. New nominations will be presented.

If you wish to nominate, please fill out a nomination form (available from Clare Harper 0400 596 923) and send to The Secretary, P. O. Box 56, Winchelsea Post Office 3241, or e-mail secretary@winchelseafnc.com.au

Nomination forms must be received fourteen (14) days prior to the A.G.M. ie: 26th October 2026.

Nomination forms must have the signature of the nominee, a nominator and a seconder.

Nominations will be displayed on the Club's Website / Facebook page 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Winchelsea Blues and help guide the Club throughout what will be an exciting 2027 Football & Netball season.

GO BLUES!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & INFORMATION NIGHT

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR KINDER PROGRAM AND THE PARENT ADVISORY GROUP (PARENT COMMITTEE)

- Hear about what the committee does, meet current members and learn how you can get involved to help support our kinder
- Hear from our passionate educators and learn more about the kinder program
- Pick up your 2027 info packs
- View our optional kinder uniform



PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday 11th November @ 7pm

HMK Kinder/Church Hall
32 Hesse St, Winchelsea

Helen Mary Kininmonth Kindergarten Winchelsea Victoria

We would love to welcome new members for 2027!

Friends of the Barwon Annual General Meeting



When **Wednesday 25 November**
Meeting 6–7pm, supper 7–8pm

Where **Jeff Sykes Rowing Centre,**
8 Barwon Terrace, South Geelong

RSVP **friendsofthebarwon@gmail.com (for catering)**

Guest speaker: Cameron Steele

Cameron Steele is Convenor of the Concerned Waterways Alliance (CWA) and a founding member of People for a Living Moorabool (PALM).

He will share his long experience of grassroots activism, community engagement and advocacy, and how community groups and their networks can have the greatest impact.

He will also explain how CWA and PALM work together for better water management in Victoria, particularly for the Moorabool and Barwon rivers.

A light supper with tea and coffee will be served.

Growing Winchelsea

You're invited to the Growing Winchelsea 2026 AGM

Thursday 12th November
at Sheoak Reserve
Cnr Mercer St & Barkly St,
Winchelsea 3241
6.00pm – 7.00pm

You'll hear from the current project teams followed by a discussion around what a dedicated 'Winchelsea Planning & Design' committee might look like, and how it could work for the community. These informal discussions are what make these gatherings so relatable.

Everyone is welcome. Bring the family. Stay on for a chat - enjoy!

Winchelsea Pickleball Club

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St Winchelsea.

Wednesday nights are now offering 2 sessions due to an increase in numbers!

6.30 - 7.30pm Wednesday nights

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Monday-Friday

Winchelsea Toy Library
9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
Winch House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

Monday

Annual General Meeting FREE
Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc
7.30pm Monday 9 November 2026
Members Room, Eastern Reserve
70 Hopkins Street, Winchelsea
www.winchelseafnc.vcfl.com.au
Clare Harper 0400 596 923
secretary@winchelseafnc.com.au

Mental Health Support FREE
9:30-11:00am
Winch House 28 Hesse St 5267 2028
Reception@Winchhouse.org.au

1st Modewarre Scout Group
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
6:30-8pm (School Term)
Cub Scouts 8-11yo
Venturers 15-18yo Hosted by Torquay or Highton Units
Marie McPadden 0409330147

Co-Working & Studying Space
9am-2pm $10
Winch House 28 Hesse St 5267 2028

Mainly Music
10-11am (School Terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

Winchelsea Girl Guides
4.30-6pm (School Term)
St John's, Mercer /Harding St
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630

Tuesday

Thrive 50+ Healthy Ageing Information Drop In Session FREE
10am-12pm
Winchelsea Community House Hesse St

Bridge
Senior Citizens Centre, 36 Harding St
Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

Mat Pilates
6.30pm $25
Winch House 28 Hesse St 5267 2028

Wednesday

Winchelsea Men's Shed FREE
9.30-2.30
51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
winchmenshed@gmail.com

Senior Citizens Centre
1- 3.00 pm
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Jean Shinners 52672263, 0427672263
Jeanshinners@Gmail.com

Mother Goose Song and Rhyme FREE
2pm (School Term)
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

Winchelsea Historical Society FREE
1-4pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

CWA Winchelsea FREE
7-8.30pm 2nd Wed Monthly
Senior Citizens, Harding St
Winchelsea.cwa@Gmail.com

VICSES Winchelsea FREE
7:30pm Meeting And Training
2996 Princes Hwy.
Come And Say Hello!
Winchelsea@Ses.vic.gov.au

1st Modewarre Scout Group
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
6:30-8:30pm (School Term)
Scouts 11-14yo
Venturers 15-18yo Hosted by Torquay or Highton Units
Marie Mcpadden 0409330147

Winchelsea Pickleball
Wed 6.30 - 7.30pm
Juniors And Inexperienced Adults
Wed 7.30 - 8-30pm
Experienced Players
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.
Lesley 0438 672 197 Mary 0428 887 219

Annual General Meeting & Information Night FREE
HMK Kinder
7pm Wednesday 11 November
Church Hall 32 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Laura Haeusler 0418 594 982

Stitch It, Don't Ditch It!
9.30am-2pm
Winch Community House, Hesse St
Sewing Machine & Overlocker
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Thursday

Chat with Your Councillor FREE
Cr Tony Phelps
10am-12pm First Thursday monthly
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St

Co-Working & Studying Space
9am-2pm
$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

1st Modewarre Scout Group
5-6pm (School Term)
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Joeys 5-8yo
Venturers 15-18yo Hosted by Torquay or Highton Units
Marie McPadden 0409330147

Winchelsea Playgroup
10am-12pm (School Term)
$5 St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce
Winchelseaplaygroup@Gmail.com

Winchelsea Pickleball
Thurs 10-11.00 am
Experienced Players
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.
Lesley 0438 672 197 Mary 0428 887 219

Knitting Group FREE
10.30am-12pm
Winchelsea House, 28 Hesse St 5267 2028

Vinyasa Yoga
6.30pm
Winchelsea Shire Hall 5267 2028
28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

Winchelsea Movie Club
7.30pm Third Thurs monthly
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
Growingwinchelsea.com/Project/Winchelsea-Movie-Club/

Annual General Meeting Growing Winchelsea FREE
6.00-7.00pm Thursday 12 November
Sheoak Reserve Cnr Mercer & Barkly Sts
Secretary@Growingwinchelsea.com

Friday

RSL Meeting FREE
3rd Friday monthly
BUT for this month, it will be on the 4th Friday - 23 October.

Community Foodbank FREE
12-2pm
30 Hesse St, Winchelsea 0417 848 292

Phonics with Robot Reg
10.30 (1-3 Yrs) School Terms
1.30 (3–5 Yrs) School Terms
www.robotreg.com.au/Pages/Shae

Chatty Café
10.30am-12.30pm
Winch Shire Hall, 28 Hesse St
Gold Coin Donation 5267 2028

Winchelsea Historical Society
10-3pm FREE
Hesse St, Winchelsea
Margaret Reid 0417 104 627

Geelong Regional Mobile Library FREE
2-5pm
Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street
0408384331 (During Scheduled Stops)

Senior Citizens Centre FREE
1.00-3.00 pm
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Jean Shinners 52672263, 0427672263
Jeanshinners@Gmail.com

TAI CHI
9am-10am
$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

Saturday

Parkrun
8am
Trebeck Reserve Sussex St, Winch
www.parkrun.com.au/Trebeckreserve/

Community Dinner
6.30pm Last Sat Monthly, Except Nov/Dec
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
Bring Plate & Gold Coin Donation If You Can

Lions Club IGA BBQs
9am-12pm First Sat monthly
Outside IGA.
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Winchelsea Land Rivercare
9am First Saturday monthly FREE
Meet At River End Of Dwyer Street
Rod Atone 0428 549318
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

Winchelsea Star Production/Coffee Meeting FREE
10am Last Sat monthly
www.winchelseastar.org.au

Crochet Group
1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St,
$5 Vee 0467 219 227

St John The Baptist Catholic Church FREE
Mass 6pm Sat weekly
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

Sunday

Community Market FREE
9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-community-market/

St Thomas' Anglican Church FREE
10am weekly
Barwon Terrace
0448 687 588 stthomaswac@gmail.com

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Service 9.30am weekly
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Winchelsea Men's Shed

For the Community

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Winchelsea Movie Club

3rd Thursday of the month 7:30 pm
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Includes the movie and light supper, tea/coffee and wine

October 15	Mr Burton
November 19	My Favourite Cake
December 10	Thelma

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The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

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SATURDAY 7TH November 2026

Bruce St Colac

Homecraft Hall

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Devonshire Tea

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7. **Haymes Paint Shop Colac** - gift voucher, valued at $200
8. **Royal Mail Hotel Birregurra** - gift voucher, valued at $200
9. **Brae Hamper**, valued at $130
10. **Birregurra General Store** - gift voucher, valued at $100
11. **Belfitness** - gift voucher, valued at $50

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Draw Date: 15 November 2026

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We encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences, including First Nations people, people living with a disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTIQA+ people, and those living in rural and regional Victoria. Living in Victoria, or in a border community near Victorian health services, is preferred.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close Sunday 22 November 2026.

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at

health.vic.gov.au/board-applications

For all enquiries regarding the Board, please contact Kate Lockhart, Executive Assistant on (03) 5267 1200 or email kate.lockhart@hesse.vic.gov.au

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28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Ph: 0352672028 Email: reception@winchhouse.org.au

First Aid & CPR Training

Saturday 7th November

8.30am

Winchelsea Shire Hall.

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Call: 03 52672028

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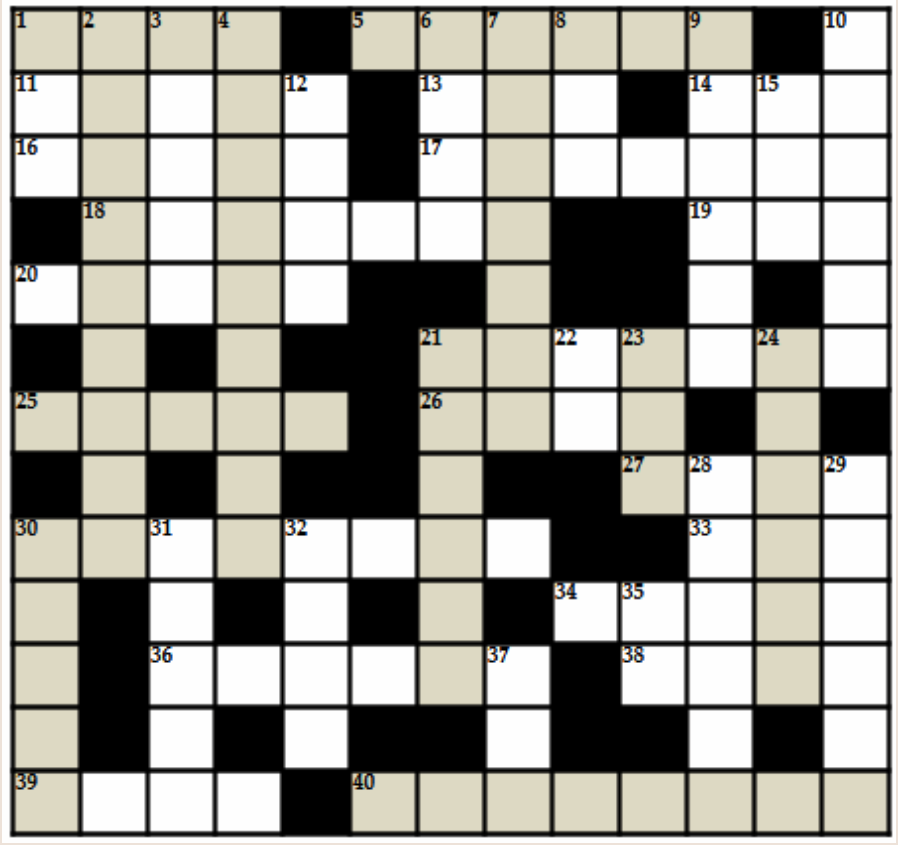
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Please call 03 52672028 or email reception@winchhouse.org.au to register.

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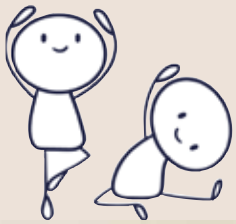
Winchelsea Crossword





Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea.

Solution on page 22



ACROSS

1 & 5 ac What's been obscured in the attached historical photo
5 See 1 across
11 Force
13 Charged particle
14 High card
16 Hemorrhagic virus
17 Nine-sided shape
18 Built
19 A large number
20 French pancake
21 Entwine into a circular shape
25 Looping road off Mousley
26 Religious song
27 Daybreak
30 Arranges text for printing
33 Bind
34 Units of power
36 Tropical fruit
38 Lacking a surface gloss
39 Invalid
40 See 4 down

DOWN

1 Baked pastry
2 Locality north of Winch
3 Reproductive cell from fungi or ferns
4 & 40 ac What else was the pictured buliding known for
6 Acceptable
7 Convenience store at the Ampol outlet in Winch
8 Hotel
9 Raptor chick
10 Middle
12 Delicate fabric
15 Pigeon's call
21 & 23 dn & 24 dn Winch rural and farm supplier
22 Typographic unit of width
23 See 21 down
24 See 21 down
28 Achieve
29 Snuggle
30 Federal member for Winch
31 Student
32 Drinks slowly
35 Beatles song "I -- the walrus"
37 Part of a circle



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A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas – Community Decorating Workshop Announced

Winchelsea's two new giant entrance trees — built and painted by the Winchelsea Men's Shed — will be decorated through a Creative Community Workshop on Saturday 7 November 2026, following a recent poll with many residents expressing strong support for this approach and a clear desire for community involvement.

The workshop will be held at the Winchelsea Men's Shed. The Men's Shed provides the practical space, tools, and support needed for families, individuals, and groups to add decorations directly to the trees in a safe and welcoming environment. Once decorated, the trees will be fitted with solar lights and prepared for installation at the town's eastern and western entrances.

Mr Winchy Twinkle has shared a message from the heart to herald the occasion:



"Winchelsea, you've done it again. Every year you show just how much heart this town has — and this Christmas, I will see that heart shining in the decorations on our entrance trees. I'd love you to bring a decoration that carries your story — a memory from Christmas past or a hope for festive days still to come — to add to the trees. When we decorate these trees together, we're not just adding colour — we're creating a welcome that says 'this is Winchelsea, and we celebrate as a community'. Come along to the Men's Shed, share a snag, have a chat, and help us make something truly special for everyone arriving in town this December."

The workshop will feature a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the Winchelsea Men's Shed, with generous funding support from Community Bank Winchelsea & District, whose contribution is helping bring this community made Christmas project to life. Their ongoing support for local initiatives is warmly acknowledged and appreciated.

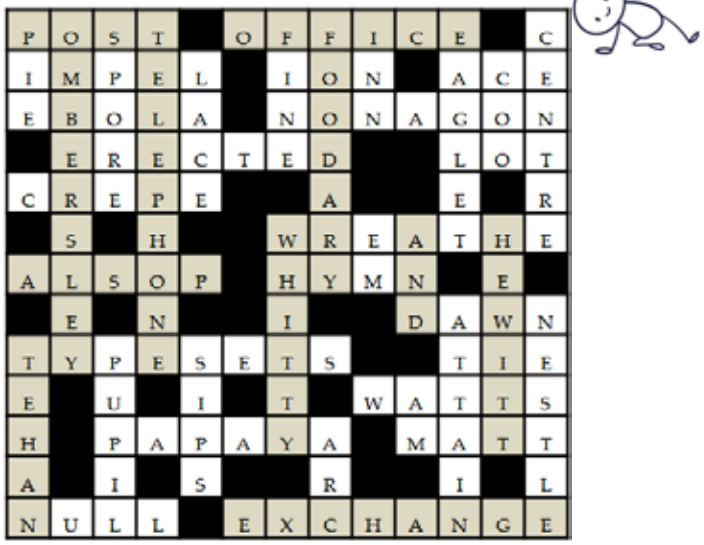
If the weather is unkind, the workshop will move indoors so the community can continue decorating comfortably.

A call out is also being made for volunteers to assist on the day — guiding families, helping secure decorations, and supporting the Men's Shed team to ensure a smooth and joyful event.

All residents are warmly invited to take part in creating a truly community made Christmas welcome for Winchelsea.



Crossword No 17 Solution



Car care and safe driving night

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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

A space for the issues that start small but matter deeply—because in every community, even the quietest ripple can create real change.

Your Voice Matters

More than a decade ago, the Growing Winchelsea Strategy 2015 set a vision for our town. It helped identify projects and priorities that would support growth, improve liveability and strengthen community connections.

Many of those projects have now been achieved.

The community has since helped shape the **Winchelsea Place Plan**, capturing what we value about our town and our aspirations for its future.

Now comes the next important step: the development of the **Winchelsea Structure Plan**.

The Structure Plan will help guide how Winchelsea grows over the coming decades. It will influence where housing is developed, how open spaces are planned, how we move around town, and how we protect the qualities that make Winchelsea special.

The good news is that this is not a process happening behind closed doors.

Community engagement is underway, with around 30 local people selected to help gather ideas, test concepts and share community perspectives. They have an important role, but they cannot speak for everyone.

That's why your voice matters.

You may have ideas about open spaces, walking paths, traffic, housing, recreation, waterways or environmental protection. You may simply know what makes Winchelsea feel like home.

Now is the time to share those thoughts.

Attend a drop-in session. Read the information provided. Talk to one of the community representatives. Provide feedback when opportunities arise.

The Place Plan tells us what our community aspires to be. The Structure Plan will help determine how those aspirations become reality.

The future of Winchelsea won't be shaped by planners alone. It will be shaped by the people who care enough to participate.

We've started the ripple — whether it leads to change, or disappears, is now up to us. And if you want your voice to be part of that ripple, a Letter to the Editor addressed to Madam Butterfly is the way to do it



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Thought For The Week

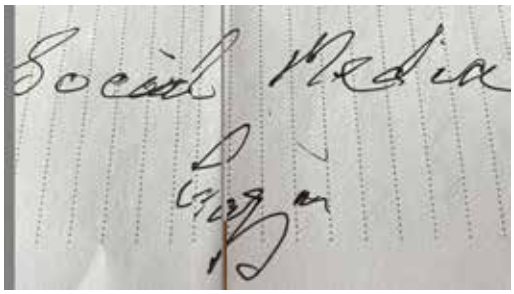
"We learn to develop godly character.

Character tends to be more caught than taught, and in a Christian community we are able to see up-close and personal the character traits of other. We'll see maturity modelled, and we'll see immaturity displayed, and may get to model or display some of that ourselves as we all learn and grow together."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral carer)

Letter To The Editor



Social media allows us to sleepwalk through our daily lives without taking time to consider the big picture.

I feel disappointed and a little sad when I scan out to the rest of the world and realise in that matter how very lucky we really are living in this land in this exquisite environment.

There but for the grace of God go I.

SES Join us

VICSES Winchelsea Unit

Road Crash Rescue



Road Crash Rescue (RCR) is a critical service delivered on a daily basis by emergency response agencies across the State. It starts at the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA), where Triple Zero (000) emergency calls for assistance are received.

VICSES has the largest road rescue network in Australia, with 104 of the 133 road rescue service providers in Victoria. Our unit in Winchelsea is a Road Crash Rescue unit. We have a highly trained crew with a range of skills, providing extrication and emergency life support services to the trapped or injured in our local area.

Our VICSES crew works alongside other emergency service personnel, helping to establish safety on-scene, and rescue people from vehicles involved in road accidents. Our members undertake specialist training and use advanced rescue equipment.

Skills, fitness and requirements

To be active in a Road Crash Rescue role, every qualified volunteer needs to possess the physical capability to:

- Lift and carry various items, including road crash rescue tools, between a vehicle and where they will be used.
- Participate in a stretcher carry.
- Access the unit within 8 minutes or live within 10-15kms.

You can play a crucial role in delivering life-saving response.

Storm Response



Every year, VICSES responds to thousands of storm-related emergency calls for assistance. Storms can bring down trees, branches, and power lines, damaging property, vehicles and impacting access.

Participating in emergency response operations resulting from storms and other severe weather events is done through a combination of formal training, on the job experience and effective teamwork.

Volunteers respond to key tasks such as temporary repairs to homes and buildings from storm, wind, flood damage and natural disasters, clearing of fallen trees on roads and buildings, and traffic control under the direction of emergency services personnel.

Our members are one of the first on scene during a severe weather event, helping our community in our time of need.

Skills, fitness and requirements

To be active in responding to storms, every qualified volunteer needs to possess the physical capability to:

- Lift and carry various items, including chainsaws and sandbags, between a vehicle and where they will be used.
- Participate in a stretcher carry.
- Be physically capable to climb a ladder, clear logs, branches and debris, and haul equipment on to or off a roof.
- Access our unit within 12 minutes or live within (10-15kms).

Next Steps
For more information about becoming a volunteer and to explore a wide range of training and other opportunities available to you, scan this QR code to complete your details.

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New Ticket To Ride For Concession Passengers

The Victorian Government is making it even easier for students, carers and pensioners to use public transport.

From Tuesday, 13 October, all concession holders will be able to pay for their journey using a bank card, smartphone or smartwatch across Victoria.

How to link your concession

To apply, passengers must first tap on at any reader on the public transport network.

They then need to visit the Transport Victoria website and follow the prompts to link their concession entitlement.

Once that is done, the card is permanently linked to your concession.

Passengers can also get assistance to set it up from Metro and V/Line customer assistance staff.

Concession holders should continue to carry proof of their concession entitlement when travelling.

Live Community Performance To Share Voices From Home

Surf Coast Shire's Voices from Home project is set to culminate with a live community performance capturing echoes, imagery, sentiments and stories.

The community storytelling project invited people from hinterland to coast to share spoken and written memories and experiences expressing what home means to them.

Community members contributed their stories through a series of in-person workshops and online submissions, sharing memories, reflections and the things they value most about home.

The contributions reflect a range of personal experiences, from memories of growing up in the region and the reasons people have chosen to make Surf Coast Shire their home, to connections with the natural environment, local communities and the people and places that create a sense of belonging.

Award-winning performance artist Megan J. Riedl is curating the contributions for the live performance, which will be on Sunday 15 November.

Megan will be joined in the presentation by a number of local people who have refined material during a series of creative writing workshops and a one-day masterclass.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps thanked people who contributed their thoughts and memories as part of the project.

"I am sure they will combine into a vivid, eloquent and meaningful expression of what home means to people across Surf Coast Shire," Cr Phelps said.

"We look forward to the live performance and thank Megan for having shared her expertise and enthusiasm in bringing the contributions together, as well as leading the workshops."

Megan said the project has been rewarding.

"It has been really lovely to travel throughout the shire over the past few weeks," Megan said.

"It's such a privilege to meet local people and help them create stories about what makes this place such a special home to them.

"I'm very excited to bring them to life alongside some local creatives for our special performance gathering.

"This project has been a real delight."

The Voices from Home live community performance will be at 3pm on 15 November at Torquay Taphouse. There is no cost to attend.





Megan J. Riedl
pic credit Melissa Brennan

Do Winchelsea And Surrounds Have The Charm To Bring Filmmakers To Our Door?

One of Australia's most-loved television dramas is coming to Victoria thanks to the State Government.

The reboot of McLeod's Daughters will be filmed in regional Victoria and produced by local company Werner Film Productions.

It's thanks to the government's $6 million boost to VicScreen's Victorian Production Fund.

The series will film almost entirely in regional Victoria, showcasing local landscapes, communities and culture.

VicScreen is calling on communities to submit images of their film-friendly towns as the search for locations begins.

The original McLeod's Daughters was filmed in South Australia, ran for eight seasons and 224 episodes, and was broadcast in over 100 countries.

Production will pump up to $35 million into the Victorian economy and create up to 900 jobs.

That means more work for local accommodation, hospitality, transport, construction and hire businesses.

The production will help build the next generation of Victorian screen talent, with emerging and mid-career practitioners gaining placements, attachments and on-the-job experience.

New Deloitte Access Economics analysis released today shows Victoria's screen sector contributed $3 billion to the economy and supported 21,100 full-time equivalent jobs in 2024-25.

Since 2018–19, the value of Victoria's film, television and online production sector has grown 79 per cent in real terms, while games production has grown 103 per cent.

Minister for Creative Industries Vicki Ward said "McLeod's Daughters is one of our most-loved dramas, and Victoria is the perfect place to bring it back to life."

And Minister for Rural and Regional Development Michaela Settle said "We're searching for locations and want to hear from regional communities who'd love to see their town on screen."

Council To Seek Extension For Anglesea Art Space

Surf Coast Shire Council has backed Anglesea Art Space to see out the decade in its existing Great Ocean Road location.

Council resolved at its October meeting to seek a three-year extension on lease of the gallery building, to maintain its well-known place and role in the arts community.

Cr Mike Bodsworth: “Since its establishment in 2016, Anglesea Art Space has evolved into a powerhouse of creativity, particularly for people in the early stages of their artistic journeys.

“With the present lease coming up for renewal in 2027, Council took the opportunity to evaluate 13 art space alternatives looking at factors including cost, location, availability of space, alignment with Council principles and strategies, and the preferences of the Friends of Anglesea Art Space and other community members.

“Renewing a lease for Anglesea Art Space at its current location was identified as the strongest option.

“We look forward to it continuing to be a place where emerging and established artists alike from different disciplines can exhibit, work, connect with others, nurture skills, delight visitors and develop careers – right here in the heart of one of Australia’s most creative regions.

“Supporting community art and culture, and creative industries to thrive are key priorities in our Council Plan, and the art space helps us to meet many of the objectives in our Creative Places Strategy.”

Since its establishment the art space, at 2/103 Great Ocean Road, has consistently operated at full exhibition capacity.

During 2025-26, 17 exhibitions were staged involving 591 exhibitors.

Total attendances topped 8,279, artwork sales topped $97,811 and commissions and hirings topped $19,183.



Anglesea-Art-Space - Image credit, Bobby Dazzler Photography



Winchelsea Repertory Society is excited to announce our 2026 production, titled 'High Hopes'! ✈️

A hilarious theatre restaurant show about the craziness of air travel.

When a group of eccentric characters board a flight to New Zealand all sorts of wild adventures are waiting for them on board.

Featuring local musical talent and comedic individuals, this show is bound to be amazing!

Please note: This production is not suitable for primary-aged children.

Shows are on the 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th of November.

So pack your suitcases and get ready for this show to take flight!

Saturday 7th Nov - A percentage of funds from tickets purchased can be elected to go towards Winchelsea Primary School.



Dementia Accounts For More Than 10 Per Cent Of All Deaths In Australia

by Dementia Australia

Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released today as part of the Causes of Death, Australia 2025 report, reveals dementia remains Australia's leading cause of death, accounting for more than 10 per cent of all deaths in Australia for the first time.

This is almost double the rates reported by the ABS in 2006, when dementia was the fourth leading cause of death and accounted for 5 per cent of all deaths.

Dementia has been the leading cause of death for women in Australia since 2016. The latest data shows there were almost twice as many deaths from dementia than ischaemic heart diseases, the second leading cause of death for women. Women accounted for 61.1 per cent of all dementia deaths.

Dementia Australia Chief Executive Officer Professor Tanya Buchanan said the new data reinforces the urgent need to act on dementia now and raise awareness of the condition as a leading public health issue affecting Australians.

"The data underlines the critical need for more recognition and funding to support people living with dementia, their families and carers," Professor Buchanan said.

"Despite the growing impact of dementia, investment in specific services, supports and prevention have not kept the same pace, and the stigma that surrounds dementia continues. This needs to change.

"There are an estimated 446,500 Australians currently living with dementia, and a further 1.7 million people involved in their care. Without significant intervention, this is expected to increase to more than one million by 2065.

"With the numbers rising, Dementia Australia will continue to advocate for ongoing investment in the National Dementia Action plan to improve the lives and care of all Australians impacted by dementia.

"Dementia Australia wants all Australians to know we are here to support anyone impacted by any type of dementia at any age. The National Dementia Helpline is available 24/7 for confidential information and support on 1800 100 500 or by visiting dementia.org.au."

For more details about the ABS report, visit their website.

For dementia information and support, contact the National Dementia Helpline anytime on 1800 100 500 or by visiting dementia.org.au.

If this story has prompted any questions or concerns, please call the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500 (24 hours, 7 days a week) or visit dementia.org.au.



Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Hopkins St, Winchelsea winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Plans for pre-season are well under way and the Club is delighted to welcome several new recruits to the Mighty Winchelsea Blues – very exciting stuff!

The Club is also delighted to re sign most of the Senior playing list from 2026 to wear the Navy Blue in 2027 – well done everyone, we look forward to building on what the Reserves and Seniors were able to achieve this season, and to seeing new and familiar faces around the Club over the summer months.

The Football 2025 aim was to team build and we did, the 2026 plan was to play Finals Football. Finishing on top of the Ladder showed the Winchelsea Blues had worked hard and were deserving of a Finals Football berth. The team that had worked so hard and had done so well will be all the better for having played Finals and have another red hot crack in 2027. To coin a couple of well worn cliches - fairytales are hard to come by even in a 150th year celebration and Rome certainly wasn't built in a day, the Blues are still building!!

2026 PRESENTATION NIGHT:

The Winchelsea Blue's Presentation Night was a great affair, very well attended and personally I was very humbled and thrilled to receive the memorial Neil Leak Best Club Person Award. There are many within the Winchelsea Blues who work very hard to keep things ticking over in all sorts of ways within the Club, year in year out and so to receive this from Libby and the Club I felt truly honoured to be presented in front of so many of you who I have got to know so very well over the years, thank you all very much,

Jano.

WINCHELSEA REPERTORY SOCIETY:

The Repertory Society Play Season is very close now starting on the 6th & 7th November, concluding on the 13th & 14th November. Tickets are selling fast & furious - for those that missed out on the packed out sessions last year – act now and book those tickets!!

The W.F.N.C. will again be catering with a 3 course meal for attending patrons, dietary requirements accommodated. See you at the Globe!!!

WINCHELSEA SPORTING CLUBS:

The Winchelsea Cricket Club and Winchelsea Bowls Club have their seasons in full swing and the W.F.N.C. wishes them every success in their commitments and achievements over the summer GO BLUES!!

CONDOLENCES:

Life Member Ivy Stephenson has sadly passed away and will be greatly missed by family and friends. A Celebration of Ivy's Life Memorial Service will be held at Eastern Reserve on Wednesday the 18th November. The service will commence at 1pm.

All at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club wish to pass on sincere condolences to both family and friends at this time.

Condolences also to Susan Lubcke, her family and friends on the passing away of her dearly loved mother recently. From all at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club, you are in our thoughts Sue.

Deepest condolences to the Greskie and Stocks families and friends, Jess and Sarah in particular after the passing away of their beloved father Henry after a long illness. All at the Football and Netball Club are thinking of you.

Barrabool Hills UC News

by Maureen Lange, Barrabool Hills UC Secretary

Last Saturday the Barrabool Hills Uniting Church had their monthly Jumble Sale which was a huge success. We launched our 'BUY A STONE" CAMPAIGN where people can donate $50 per stone and their names will be kept on record for future generations to see. That is already well supported. Our quilt show also went down well with a truly beautiful display of quilts and other handcrafts. Our quilt competition was won by Bev Larcombe, Barrabool, and she was thrilled, the prize being a hand made Q.S.Quilt plus 2 matching pillows. The Sausage Sizzle, it goes without saying, FANTASTIC social event. All this happened because the Winchelsea Star has been promoting us right from the get go and we are extremely grateful for their efforts. I love reading every edition it's so full of interesting local info. Our next 'Rumble in the Jumble' will be 21st November, with Christmas items for sale, sausage sizzle etc. See you there.



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Rob Cameron

Another comfortable win from the clubs First Eleven was the highlight of another good weekend for the Mud Ducks. The seconds pulled off a great performance to also secure full points, but the thirds and a fourths team on debut could not hold off their opponents.

The Women's team lost their Sunday clash in a close tussle but the junior boys had mixed results across the weekend

Firsts

An aggressive opening from Rossy set up an impressive tally, with the English duo adding some important middle order runs. Spencer Rashleigh had the opposition on the back foot with a miserly new ball spell and Jacko kept his impressive form going to choke out any likely upset

Modewarre 8-188
Brandon Ross 69
Ben Clarke 28
Jake Lister 21

Manifold Heights 138
Jackson O'Hanlon 4-40
Fred Royal 2-6
Darcy French 2-12

Seconds

Manifold Heights 8-127
Alby Bourk 4-20
Declan Prigg 2-22

Modewarre 7-128
Brady Prigg 35
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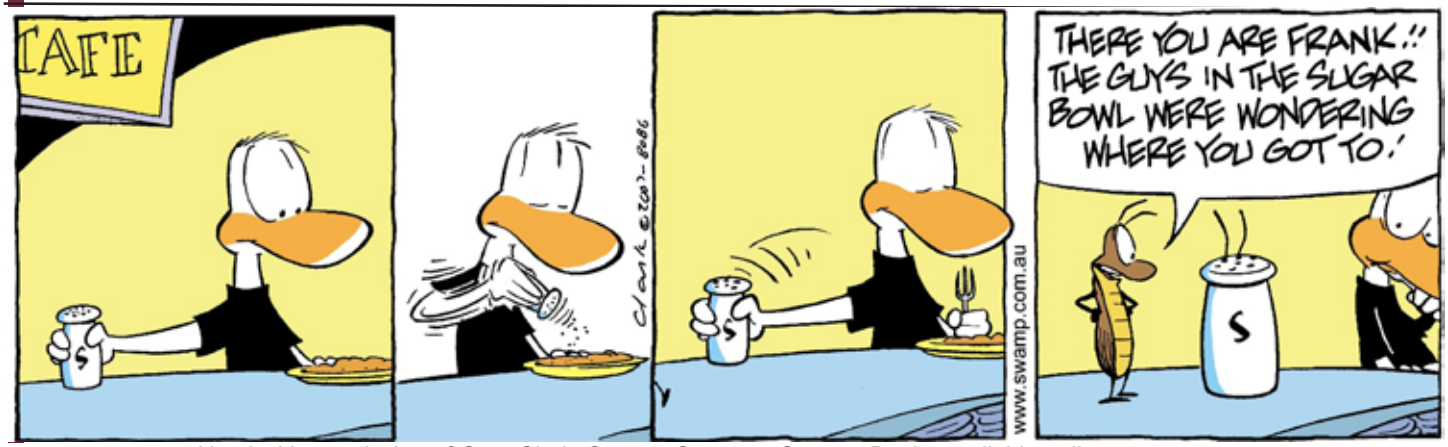
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Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson

We are continuing to perform well across the various divisions despite the inconsistent inclement weather and getting a grasp on the new greens.

MIDWEEK PENNANT RESULTS

Division 2 Winchelsea 1 def Clifton Springs 1 at home winning 2/3 rinks, 56 shots to 48 shots.

Division 5 Winchelsea 2 def Bell Post Hill 2 away winning 2 rinks and one drawn rink, 67 shots to 45 shots.

Division 9 Winchelsea 3 were def by Ocean Grove 9 at home winning 1/2 rinks, 40 shots to 50 shots.

SATURDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Division 2 Winchelsea 1 def Ocean Grove 3 away winning 3/4 rinks, 89 shots to 78 shots.

Division 4 Winchelsea 2 def Geelong RSL 1 at home winning 3/4 rinks 86 shots to 79 shots.

Division 8 Winchelsea 3 def Drysdale 3 at home winning 3/4 rinks,86 shots to 69 shots.

Division 11 Winchelsea 4 were def by St Leonards 6 away, 25 shots to 49 shots.

JENNY McCONACHY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

There were full rinks for this day yet again, with everyone enjoying morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea not to mention the play on the green.

The winners were: Afternoon games aggregate Combined Camperdown and Apollo Bay Team of 4 ladies. Runners Up 3 men and 1 lady from Cressy Bowls Club. Overall winner was the McConachy Team of Peter, Jamie and Mark McConachy and Ray Thompson.

Jamie responded very well to the presentation by President Andrew Doyle with the emphasis on how special it was to win this day dedicated to his mother. He also explained how brother Mark only bowls one day a year and he uses Jenny's bowls.

Next week Midweek will bowl on Thursday due to the Melbourne Cup and we are already at the fourth round of the competition.

May the bowls be with you!!



L-R Ray Thompson, Jamie McConachy, Peter McConachy, Mark McConachy, President Andrew Doyle

Winchelsea Bowls Club welcomes all visitors. Our Club has a beautiful garden setting in the heart of the town. For the complete newcomer to lawn bowls, looking for a sporting activity that promises much fun and enjoyment with a competitive element, then the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of our Bowling Club is be the place to be.

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Weekly Wrap-Up

Senior Cricket

A1 – 31/10/2026
Day One
Barrabool 7/297 declared
Shane Currie 3/66 off 15 overs
Ricci Sauni 3/113 off 25 overs
Winchelsea 2/7

B2 – 31/10/2026
Day One
Winchelsea 78
Tom Dorman 25
Nick Bellman 17
Drysdale 4/67
Luke Lenehan 2/8
Nick Bellman 2/29

Junior Cricket

Junior Blasters

There was a sea of Blasters tops out on the ground on Thursday night for our second week of Junior Blasters, and what a fantastic sight it was!

It's an absolute joy to see the youngest members of our club out there, having an absolute blast, giving everything a go and enjoying every minute of it. There were plenty of smiles, enthusiasm and budding little cricket stars out on the field!

It's not too late to get involved! Registrations are still open, so if your little one would like to give cricket a go, we'd love to have them join us!



Player of the Week Darcy Wainewright with his Dad Stevie & brother Beau

slow the boys down. Every player batted with confidence, with everyone reaching double figures and finding the boundary!

Harry McDonald showed everyone what big hitting looks like, smashing three boundaries and a six. The pure delight and enjoyment on his face was an absolute highlight!

The ever-reliable Noah Currie once again showed his experience, scoring 22 runs and taking 1/4 from his two overs. Noah lives and breathes cricket, and it shows through his composure and the constant encouragement he gives his teammates.

Our Player of the Week, Darcy Wainewright, came out ready for business, hitting a boundary off his third ball faced. He followed this up with a brilliant bowling spell, taking a wicket on the first ball of each over to finish with figures of 2/4 from his two overs. Darcy then went on to keep wickets for the final 10 overs, stopping plenty of runs along the way!

A fantastic team effort from the boys!

Under 11s – Partridge

Winchelsea 54 were defeated by Modewarre Edwards 159

Player of the Week – Alex Jewel

The boys came up against a much more experienced cricket side in Modewarre Edwards, but despite the challenge, they had the best night!

All night, the boys gave it their best, had an absolute blast and never gave up. And most of all they had so much fun!!!!

It is such a joy to watch these young future superstars enjoying themselves, supporting one another and encouraging their teammates both at training and on game days.

They are most definitely the future of our club, and that future is looking extremely bright!

Under 13s

Winchelsea 3/41 (13 overs) v Collendina Goodger 0/0 – Match abandoned due to weather.

Unfortunately, the weather gods were not on our side on Saturday morning.

Under 11s – Stephenson

Winchelsea 3/165 defeated Marshall Bears Navy 10/96.

Player of the Week – Darcy Wainewright

Friday night was a fantastic night for cricket, with plenty of enthusiasm and excitement in the air!

Winchelsea lost the toss and were sent into bat, but that certainly didn't



Our 2 under 11s teams

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After a delayed start, the teams eventually managed to get onto the field in an attempt to complete a T20 match. Winchelsea managed to bat for 13 overs, reaching 3/41, before the heavens opened and brought an end to proceedings.

Junior Girls

Our Junior Girls had the weekend off for the Melbourne Cup long weekend, but they'll be back at it next Sunday!

After being washed out the previous week, the girls will no doubt be raring to go and get back out onto the field to continue their season.

Next Week's Fixtures

Seniors

• A Grade – Home against Barrabool (Day 2)

• B Grade – Away against Drysdale (Day 2)

• One-Day Side – Away against St Leonards

Juniors

• Under 11s – Partridge – Friday at 5pm, home against Marshall Bears Gold.

• Under 11s – Stephenson – Friday at 5pm, away at Winter Reserve against East Belmont McMahon.

• Under 13s – Saturday at 8:15am (venue to be confirmed).

• Junior Girls – Sunday at 9am, away at Drew Oval against St Peters Ford/East Belmont.

Keep an eye on the Winchelsea Cricket Club Facebook page for fixture and venue updates.

Around the Club

The clubrooms have been buzzing on Thursday nights, with a sea of kids and adults from across the community coming together. It has been fantastic to see such a great turnout and the continued support from our local community.

Meals will be on again this Thursday from 6:30pm, so please feel free to pop in, grab a meal and enjoy a night off cooking!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Upcoming Events at Winchelsea Cricket Club!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Think you've got what it takes to be crowned trivia champions? Gather your mates, put your thinking caps on and join us for a fun-filled night of trivia, laughs and friendly competition!

Date: 5th December 2026
Time: 7:30pm
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Cost: $30 per person or $250 for a table of 10!

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Let's get behind the club, support our community and see who really knows their stuff!

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SAVE THE DATE – AUSTRALIA DAY 2027!

Tuesday 26th January 2027 is the day you've all been waiting for!

The annual Winchelsea Cricket Club vs Winchelsea Football Club T20 clash is back, and this year we're planning to make it bigger and better than ever!

This annual showdown has always been a highlight of the season, bringing our two local sporting clubs together for a bit of friendly rivalry, plenty of laughs and a fantastic day of community spirit.

But this year there's even MORE happening!

We're planning a whole community event in the lead-up to the big bash, with plenty happening for everyone to enjoy!

So get the date in your diaries, spread the word and get ready for a huge Australia Day celebration in Winchelsea!

More details coming soon...



Under 13s team

Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen

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- 2 synthetic grass courts
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- Newly developed playground for the kids!

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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Ladies Results

Rene Austin Brooch, Stroke and putting comp

Winner: Elizabeth Alston 93-23-70
Putts: Robyn Vesey 29 CB Mary Parish

2026 Silverspoon Winner

Mary Parish 112-37-75
R/Up: Robyn Vesey 100-24-76

Well done to Liz and Mary will now be off to play against other Spoon Winners from Victoria.

Our Summer comp starts next week

Results 28/10/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford

18 Players

1st - Evan Partridge (25) 38 points
2nd - Tim Parish (23) 37 points C/B
BDL - Al. Renick (14) 37 points C/B
BDL - Peter Finch (25) 36 points
BDL - Bill Spencer (17) 35 points C/B
NTP (6th/15th) - Rob Wilson

Results Saturday 31/10/26 - Medal of Medallists - Stroke

18 Players

Medal of Medallists Winner - Tim Parish
1st - Neil Hickman 76-13-63
2nd - Andrew Ellery 96-29-67
BDL - Greg Rigby 94-25-69
BDL - Tim Parish 94-23-71 C/B
BDL - Scott Rigby 90-19-71 C/B
NTP (8th/17th) - Stephen Cole
Golden Hole (2nd) - Peter Finch

Coming up:

Wednesday 4th November - Midweek Weekly Stableford

Saturday 7th November - Stableford

Thursday 12th November 7pm - AGM

Sunday 15th November - Cancer Council's 'The Longest Day' fund raiser

Saturday 21st November - 4BBB any combination and 2026 Presentation

Special Mentions:

Well done to Mary having a great day out at Lara! Runner up B Grade Nett and NTP 2/11th

Well done to Tara coming away from the Colac Open/Colac Perpetual Trophy, with best Gross B Grade, actually had best score on both Nett and Gross, can only win 1 prize. Lorne took out the Perpetual Trophy, again, by 1 pt. Ros Bruer won Open Champion 81



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15/11/2026	36	30

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What's included on the day

No cost for the day but bring a plate to share for lunch. Sausage sizzle afterwards for a golf coin donation. All funds made will be included in our total amount raised.

Info about the day/s

5.45am shotgun start for those playing 72 holes. Approximate finish time 6.45pm. Last year, Winchelsea Golf Club made an incredible $31,159 and this year we hope to beat it! We are hoping to do this by promoting the celebrations across the last 18 holes and when everyone is back in the club rooms. So, tell your mates, if they are not playing, then they need to join your support crew!



We're taking on Cancer Council's The Longest Day...

...the ultimate golf challenge to complete four rounds of golf in one day!

We'll be welcoming teams at our club to test their skill, strength, and stamina to raise funds for lifesaving cancer research.

Almost 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85.

We have signed up as a supporting club to give golfers the chance to play at our course, while raising some much needed funds for the thousands of families affected by cancer each year in Australia.

Register a team and take on the ultimate golf challenge at our club this November!

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Event 137 saw 33 participants brave a rainy but pleasantly warm morning at Trebek Reserve.

The damp conditions didn't dampen spirits, with runners, joggers and walkers all making their way around the course.

The field was a close-knit one: everyone was a Winch local, apart from two visitors who made the trip from Geelong.

Thanks as always to our volunteers for turning out in the wet, Murray for the gazebo and to everyone who came along.

See you next week!







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