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Trivia Night for the Black Dog Institute

Saturday night's Trivia Night was a fantastic evening of fun, laughter and community spirit, with proceeds going to the Black Dog Institute.

Many locals are participating in the One Foot Forward walk this October to raise funds and awareness for this wonderful organisation. It was great to see how many people attending Trivia Night had already committed to walking kilometres throughout October. This is a fantastic effort, especially with work, family and everyday commitments to juggle. Every kilometre counts!

A huge thankyou to Glenn for his great quiz-master skills. We'll definitely be inviting him to volunteer his services again.

Thankyou also to Fiona and Marie for their media skills, and to Robyn Vesey and Abi K for their help with everything on the night.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous raffle donations from Paul and Lyn Maguire of Maguire Butchers (who donated in honour of a local family), IGA Winchelsea, and Caz Best Buds.

Thankyou to everyone who attended, donated prizes, volunteered their time and supported the evening. It's wonderful to see our local community come together for such an important cause.

Together, we can make a difference in mental health, one step at a time!

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1st Modewarre Scout Group

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Fourth term has started with some great activities.

The Joeys, with 2 new members, started with a Science night, with lots of experiments fizzing up, changing colour, bubbling and vibrating. The next week we looked at bike maintenance, first aid and contacting the emergency services.

The Cubs started their program with a first aid night – practising bandaging, looking at how the defib machine works and building personal first aid kits to take on activities and camps. Then it was 'The Hunger Games', with every activity based on food – apples, minties, flour, custard, donuts, oreos.

The Scouts, now held on Thursdays, began their term by



helping pack away equipment that had been drying after Cuboree and tidying the Scout shed – service to the Group. Then it was cooking hiking food to be dehydrated for their upcoming hike camp in Ballarat.

Despite Scout Leaders and Helpers being volunteers, running Scouts costs money. In the last few weeks we've purchased supplies for programs – band-aids, hand sanitiser, food, cooking supplies. Our contents insurance is due to be paid soon. Equipment needs repairing or replacing. Leader registration must be paid annually. Training costs for Leaders



and Youth are paid by the Group. The list goes on.

Tonight the Cubs are digging sheep poo to help raise funds for Joey, Cub and Scout activities. To reduce the cost to families and enable us to do some great activities, our weekly programs, outings and camps are all subsidised through fund raising.

During the year we do footy car parking at South Geelong Railway Station, 6 weekly rubbish clean-ups around Midway in North Shore, twice yearly poo digs and the Scout Raffle.

The Scout Raffle is still running for another 5 weeks. Organised by Scouts Victoria, with great prizes including a car, Groups keep every dollar they sell. So far, we're nearly up to \$1600.

Can you please spread the word and help us reach \$1700? Tickets are just \$2 on <https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/1stmodewarrescoutgroup>

Thank you and good luck!

Please note, Scouts now meet on Thursday nights instead of Tuesday nights.

6th Place At World Gravel Championship

BERT PELGRIM, relatively new to Winchelsea, competed in the UCI 2026 World Gravel Championship held in Nannup WA over the weekend of 10 and 11 October 2026.

The event drew over 1,000 competitors and Bert had a fantastic result placing 5th in his age group. Congratulations Bert!



Notice of the preparation of an amendment to a planning scheme

Amendment C148surf

Overview

Amendment C148surf implements the recommendations of the *Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 3 Volume 1-3* (Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd, Wendy Jacobs and Landmark Heritage Pty Ltd, May 2026) which assessed the heritage significance of properties located within Birregurra, Inverleigh, Moriac, Mount Moriac, Paraparap and Winchelsea.

It does this by applying the Heritage Overlay to 19 places identified as being of local heritage significance and updates the Schedule to Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay) accordingly.

The amendment also incorporates a Statement of Significance for each heritage place and the *Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 3 Permit Exemptions Incorporated Plan*, (Surf Coast Shire, October 2026) into the Schedule to Clause 72.04 (Documents Incorporated into this Planning Scheme).

Details of the amendment

The affected land is:

- 270 Kildean Road, Birregurra
- 940 Barwon Park Road, Inverleigh
- 545 Cape Otway Road, Moriac
- 550 Cape Otway Road, Moriac
- 561 563 Cape Otway Road, Moriac
- 565-567 Cape Otway Road, Moriac
- 795 Hendy Main Road, Moriac
- 1191 Princes Highway, Mount Moriac
- 805 Reservoir Road, Mount Moriac

- 395 Devon Road, Mount Moriac
- 90 Grassdale Road, Paraparap
- 30 Batson Street, Winchelsea
- 40 Buhrmanns Road, Winchelsea
- 400 Cressy Road, Winchelsea
- 685 Cressy Road, Winchelsea
- 40 Dicksons Road, Winchelsea
- 190 Kildean Road, Winchelsea
- 70 Lauders Lane, Winchelsea
- 65 Mathisons Road, Winchelsea

The amendment proposes to:

- Apply the Heritage Overlay to 19 places identified as being of local cultural heritage significance.
- Incorporate 19 Statements of Significance into the Surf Coast Planning Scheme, one for each heritage place.
- Incorporate the *Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 3 Permit Exemptions Incorporated Plan*, October 2026 into the Surf Coast Planning Scheme.

The amendment implements the findings and recommendations of the *Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 3 Volume 1-3* and provides statutory protection for places of identified local heritage significance.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at:

- The Surf Coast Shire Council website yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/C148surf
- The Department of Transport & Planning

website planning.vic.gov.au/planning-schemes/amendments

- On request, during office hours, at the office of the planning authority, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay by contacting **(03) 5261 0600** to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation in person.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions.

The closing date for submissions is **22**

November 2026. A submission must be sent to the Coordinator Strategic Planning, PO Box 350, Torquay, VIC 3228 or submitted online via yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/C148surf.

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office and/or on its website for any person to inspect free of charge for two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

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A Busy Weekend For The Winchelsea Ses Team!

Kerri Cropley
Deputy Controller, Community Engagement.
VICSES Winchelsea Unit

In between flood & storm callouts, our members recently found the time to achieve qualifications in Road crash rescue & Search & Rescue.

Congratulations to our newest RCR (Road Crash Rescue) team – Jorja, Tim & Lewy!

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Good Friday Appeal 2027 – Winchelsea

Winchelsea contributed an amazing \$5,795.00 to the 2026 Good Friday Appeal!

Most of this fantastic amount was collected on or around Good Friday itself.

Our town's generosity and community spirit are truly incredible. Just imagine what we could achieve in 2027 with a little more planning, some new ideas and additional fundraising activities!

This year, the Good Friday Appeal and The Royal Children's Hospital donated \$3 million in funding to more than 30 regional health services, helping ensure children receive the best possible healthcare, no matter their postcode.

As we look ahead to the 2027 Good Friday Appeal and beyond, I'm hoping to establish a Winchelsea Good Friday Appeal Committee to bring together enthusiastic community members with fresh ideas, fundraising experience and a passion for supporting sick children and their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE?

We're looking for local people who would like to contribute ideas, help organise fundraising events, seek community sponsorship, or lend a hand wherever they can.

No previous fundraising or committee experience is necessary — just a willingness to get involved and support a wonderful cause!

If you're interested in joining the committee, or would simply like to find out more, please send me a text message on 0407 050 378 to express your interest.

Every contribution, big or small, can help us build on this year's success and make an even bigger difference in 2027!

Thank you, Winchelsea, for your amazing support!

Kerri Cropley
Good Friday Appeal Area Manager – Winchelsea



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Celebrate Children's Week At Community Events In Torquay And Winchelsea

Families are invited to celebrate Children's Week at events in Torquay and Winchelsea, with various activities for youngsters to enjoy.

The events – which are free to attend – will be held:

Tuesday 27 October from 10am to 12pm at Elephant Walk, Torquay.

Thursday 29 October from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Riverbank Playground, Winchelsea.

There will be interactive stalls, hands-on crafts, and a Science Kidz show in Torquay.

In Winchelsea, there will be nature play, science experiments, creative craft and more.

Councillor Joel Grist said both events would be a fun outing for families.

"I know parents and grandparents are often on the lookout for different activities to keep the kids entertained and most importantly, have some fun," Cr Grist said.

"I encourage people to come along, enjoy the outdoors, and meet other people while doing so."

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

Attendees are asked to bring their own water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

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

Children's Week is a national celebration held 24 October to 1 November. It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

For more information on the community events, call Council's Early Years team on 5264 9250.



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A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas is a community-led celebration, and we welcome: • suggestions • offers of assistance

• photos • stories • Letters to the Editor • messages to Mr Winchy Twinkle or Barwon Bright. If you'd like to

contribute or get involved, please contact: Elaine Atkinson Coordinator 📞 0458 009 616 📧 christmasinwinchelsea@gmail.com

As we begin the countdown to Christmas — just 67 days to go — Winchelsea is already glowing with anticipation. Our town has a way of coming alive at this time of year: neighbours chatting on Main Street, families planning festive outings, volunteers preparing decorations, and local businesses adding their own sparkle to the season. This page running through to Christmas is your festive home between now and Christmas, a place where we celebrate together, share stories, follow clues, and enjoy the magic building week by week. It's a joy to welcome you back for another year of community warmth, creativity, and Christmas cheer. And leading the way are our two festive guides...

Mr Winchy Twinkle Returns — and He's Not Alone!

Winchelsea's cheerful Christmas ambassador is back for 2026 — sharing festive fun, guiding families through this year's activities. You'll see him: • announcing Christmas events • sharing decorating tips • giving clues for the Hidden Elf Trail • celebrating local businesses.

Follow his adventures on **Facebook**:

Christmas in Winchelsea

Instagram: @mr.winchy.twinkle

Introducing Barwon Bright — Winchelsea's Christmas Storyteller



Meet **Barwon Bright**, our Star storyteller. Barwon Bright will bring the season to life with: • special Christmas stories • tales from around the Barwon River • features on local families, volunteers, and festive traditions • magical moments from across the township.

Together, **Mr Winchy Twinkle** and **Barwon Bright** will guide readers through the season — one with

sparkle, one with stories — creating a warm, joyful Christmas.

What's Coming This Christmas?

Here's a taste of the festive fun you'll see featured on this page in the coming weeks:

- **Twinkle Trees on Main** — 100 decorated timber trees on Main Street. New trees ready for pick-up **NOW any Wednesday** at the Men's Shed.
- **Carols by the Barwon** — 5 December, with local performers, food vendors, and Santa.
- **Winchelsea Christmas Market** — 6 December, full of stalls, entertainment, and Santa photo sessions by Nogueira Photography.
- **Santa's Mailbox** — opening 9 November at IGA Winchelsea.
- **Hidden Elf Christmas Trail** — 1–16 December, expanded for 2026 with new challenges, prizes, and clues.
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Children's Week

24 October - 1 November



Celebrate Children's Week at a fun-filled event!

Thursday 29 October

12.30pm to 2.30pm

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Zinaida Campion



Columnist's Thoughts:

Too many stories about amazing Australian women, whose achievements have changed the course of history, have been brushed under the proverbial carpet. The arts have a remarkable power to bring forgotten stories back into the light, giving recognition to those whose courage and achievements deserve to be remembered. In doing so, theatre offers more than entertainment; it invites us to reflect on our history, our values, and the world we are shaping today. As we continue to celebrate the people bringing these important stories to life, I am delighted to welcome this week's guest contributor, Paula Kontelj, who takes us behind the scenes of Underground, the extraordinary story of Australian wartime heroine Nancy Wake.

Ciao!

Underground comes to Waurn Ponds

By Paula Kontelj

In a humble little hall on the outskirts of Waurn Ponds, a remarkable theatre company called Skin of our Teeth Productions (SOOT) regularly presents fascinating plays about amazing, often unknown women who have endured, conquered and achieved incredible things.

In 2024 SOOT first performed 'Underground' the story of Nancy Wake, written by Barwon Heads playwright Christine Croyden. This play was very well received and following calls for the company to tell this important story again, SOOT will bring Underground back, this time to the Geelong Arts Centre on October 29th, 30th and 31st.

Nancy Wake's story is one that should be known by all Australians. While thousands of Australian women enlisted in domestic and overseas military auxiliary services during WW2, only one Australian woman, Nancy Wake, officially served as a frontline special agent and saboteur deployed behind enemy lines for Britain's Secretive Special Operations Executive (SOE). The Gestapo called Nancy 'The White Mouse' and put a bounty on her head because she repeatedly evaded capture during the war.

Nancy was one of only 13 female special agents to survive the war and her courageous deeds saw her awarded a Legion d'honneur in France and many British and American medals for bravery, however Australia did not recognise her war efforts until very late in her life.

Playwright Christine Croyden enjoys writing about women who have been forgotten by history "Nancy was incredibly curious and incredibly brave. She was a rebel who left home for Europe at 17. She taught herself to be a journalist, learned to speak French and after hearing Hitler's famous speech at Nuremberg, became determined to help the Allies in any way she could"

Producing and presenting Underground is former Winchelsea resident Dr

Christine Davey, founder of Skin of our Teeth Productions. Since 2015 SOOT have been presenting original Australian works, with many of these stories written by Dr Davey herself. When she read

Christine Croyden's 'Underground' she knew it was a perfect fit for Skin of our Teeth Productions "SOOT's mission is to tell Australian stories, particularly those of the forgotten, sidelined, or marginalised. Over the past 11 years we have presented new work that challenges, surprises and entertains – all with the goal of staging stories for us and by us. The story of Nancy Wake fits that goal perfectly – a beautiful story by Christine Croyden, about a flawed, remarkable and complicated woman"

The return production of Underground has a mostly new cast, but I am honoured and excited to once again play the role of Nancy Wake (Senior) with Marie Claire Tchernomoroff in the role of young Nancy. This moving piece of theatre also features Simon Finch as Henri, Dom Westcott as Denden, and Bailee Scott as Sabine. Underground will be directed by Dr Christine Davey and Elva Dandelion.

With the world in turmoil today, learnings from Nancy's story are particularly relevant. Christine Croyden says "This play is about a turbulent time in the world very much like today. War makes us feel helpless. This play talks to the idea of never giving up. Keep trying because all we have is hope"



Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, Co founder of Cecilia's Daughters, Vice President of Geelong Opera, Artistic Director of the Winchelsea Music Season, and founder of Rural Arts Victoria. A keen arts writer, she has a strong background in languages and a love of local history. She is dedicated to working with the local community, and has an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.



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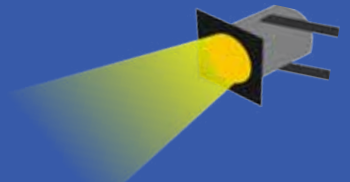
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A Star from Winchelsea South: The story behind Well Written

By Clarissa Kurniawan

Well Written has won millions in prize money, claimed some of New Zealand's biggest races and been crowned the country's Horse of the Year.

But long before she became a star in thoroughbred racing, she was a small chestnut filly growing up on a family-run farm in Winchelsea South.

The four-year-old mare has enjoyed a remarkable rise under New Zealand trainer Stephen Marsh, winning her first seven races and earning more than NZ\$2.8 million in stakes by September this year.

While her performances have attracted attention across the racing industry, the story of where Well Written began is much closer to home.

The champion's backstory

At Lemrac Lodge in Winchelsea South, owner Megan Kirsopp-Cole remembers a very different Well Written from the champion seen on racetracks today.

"She wasn't a big, strong horse. Not at all," Kirsopp-Cole recalled. "She was just a small, light boned, just there. Not the prettiest thing."

In fact, Well Written was so small that the family gave her a nickname.

"We called her Skeet," Kirsopp-Cole said, explaining that the name came from "mosquito" because the filly was so little.

Although Well Written was easy to handle, there was little about her appearance to suggest she would become a racing star.

"She didn't cause us any trouble," Kirsopp-Cole said. "She just didn't look like the next New Zealand horse of the year."

Unlike a racing stable, Lemrac Lodge does not train horses to compete. Its work begins much earlier, caring for broodmares, raising foals and preparing

young horses for the next stage of their lives.

Kirsopp-Cole said foals are taught basic handling skills from a young age, including leading, lifting their feet and responding to pressure.

These early lessons help young horses become accustomed to handling by people, including veterinarians and future trainers.

As a daughter of champion sire Written Tycoon, she had an impressive racing pedigree. But despite her bloodlines, the small, lightly built filly did not have the physical presence buyers might expect from a future champion.



"She was the ugly duckling," Kirsopp-Cole said.

Well Written sold for \$32,500 to Foxhill Thoroughbreds before later being offered through a New Zealand online yearling sale, where she was purchased for \$80,000 by trainer Stephen Marsh.



Clarissa Kurniawan is a second-year student at Deakin University studying journalism, with an interest in telling the stories of people, places and communities.

She subsequently joined Marsh's stable in New Zealand, where her racing career began.

Kirsopp-Cole praised the patience shown by Well Written's New Zealand connections, particularly as the filly had been slow to mature.

"They've done an amazing job. Really, it's a great story," she said.

What followed surprised even the people who had known Well Written as a youngster.

Kirsopp-Cole said she began to realise the filly might be special after her second victory.

"I still sometimes think it's a dream," she said. "I can't believe what she has done."

Watching a horse she helped raise become a Group 1 winner has been particularly meaningful for the family.

For Kirsopp-Cole, it represents what thoroughbred breeders and those who raise young horses hope to achieve.

"They want to see something that's raised at their farm go on and be champions," she said.

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.



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cnr Barwon Tce & Hopkins St, Winchelsea
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winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com
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Winchelsea Lions Club
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

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The Group meets every Wednesday
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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 Office 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

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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



 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.



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

For all junior players and any new, inexperienced adult players! We'll offer free coaching to learn the basics of the game, rules and scoring! All equipment is supplied and you just need to wear sneakers and comfortable clothing!

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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 Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263

Jeanshinnars@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

Gold Coin Donation

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

Joey's 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

1-4pm **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 Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263

Jeanshinnars@Gmail.com

TAI CHI

9am-10am

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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.

Proceeds To Iga Community Chest.

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

Uniting Church **FREE**

Service 9.30am weekly

Hesse St, Winchelsea 0475 777 301

uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

Winchelsea Men's Shed

For the Community

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Wednesdays 9.30am-2.30pm

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healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au

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Winchelsea Movie Club

3rd Thursday of the month 7:30 pm

Globe Theatre 17 Willis St Winchelsea

Includes the movie and light supper, tea/coffee and wine

October 15

Mr Burton

November 19

My Favourite Cake

December 10

Thelma

10 movies for the year: \$70

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Members can bring

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Enquiries

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Saturday 24 October
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WEDNESDAYS 9:30am

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- Stay for a cuppa at local cafe at own cost



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Phone: 5267 1200

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Councillor Catch-Up

Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor



The Winchelsea Community House AGM last week was a real inspiration - hearing from the groups and activities that are part of Winch House, what they've been doing and achieving, and how many people are involved. From the Men's Shed making all sorts of items (grab one of their "Twinkle Trees" on a Wednesday morning!), Conquer the Corrugations helping mental health, Hesse Rural Health addressing food insecurity, this year's bigger-than-ever Christmas in Winchelsea campaign, reinvigoration of Winchelsea Youth Leisure Drop-In (WYLD), to the Wensleydale Rural Community Group building social connection, there is so much good stuff.

Anglesea Community House, Lorne Community House, Torquay Community House and Deans Marsh Community

Cottage fill the same vital purpose in our Shire communities - "bringing people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational and support activities".

Alas, State government funding is woefully short of where it should be and falling behind. The government, the opposition, other parties/independents, none are committing to support such important resources. The Shire provides a lot of support via premises, annual funding, publicity and events - certainly doing its bit.

If you aren't familiar with your local community house, call in and find out what's going on. Stuff you can do, groups you can join, passions you can follow, and if you have skills and life experience (so that would be you!) you could even help out by volunteering. It's

a very rewarding place.

Did you know it's been Positive Ageing Month in October? If you're over 50 there's all sorts been on, such as the performance by The Stiletto Groove at the Globe Theatre. Full house for lively music from the 50s to the 80s by a 4-piece band. Great afternoon had by all, and the "longest conga line I've ever seen" too!

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Winchelsea Land and River Care AGM will be held on **Thursday 29 October** from **7.30pm** at St Thomas's Church Hall Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea

Guest speaker:

Rose Herben. Maintaining water flow in the Barwon in dry conditions.



For more information please contact
Rod: 0428 549 318 or Stewart 0428 672 054
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BIRREGURRA GOLF CLUB FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

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- Birregurra General Store** - gift voucher, valued at \$100
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The Chatty Cafe Scheme

Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm
in the Shire Hall

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GENTLE YOGA

WEDNESDAYS 6.30PM

IN THE SHIRE HALL

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Stitch it, Don't ditch it!

Wednesday's 9.30am - 2pm
During school terms*

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'
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Bring along a craft project you'd like help with,

learn to sew, knit, crochet or repair clothing and homewares yourself with the guidance of our knowledgeable community volunteers.

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Saturday 7th November
8.30am
Winchelsea Shire Hall.

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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.

A New Era of Volunteering: How We Encourage, Support, and Sustain Community Involvement

If volunteering is changing, our approach must change with it.

Winchelsea has an opportunity — and a responsibility — to rethink how we attract and support volunteers. The traditional model of long term membership, monthly meetings, and ongoing commitments no longer fits easily into the lives of many families. Our challenge is to look differently at how we seek out volunteers, how we define roles and what support we provide.

Volunteering in Winchelsea spans a wide range of groups — service clubs, emergency services, faith communities, senior organisations, sporting and

recreation clubs, and event committees. Each plays a different role, but all share the same challenge: attracting and supporting volunteers in a changing, fast paced world.

New Ways to Engage Volunteers

Just in time volunteering Short, simple, well defined opportunities make volunteering accessible. Not everyone can commit to monthly meetings, but many can commit to one event, one shift, or one project.

Clear roles and expectations People hesitate when they fear being “roped in forever.” Clear, time bound roles build confidence and reduce anxiety.

Micro volunteering small tasks — delivering flyers, helping at a single event, setting up chairs — fit into busy lives and still make a big difference.

Family friendly volunteering

Opportunities where parents can bring children along make volunteering social, inclusive, and part of family life.

Celebrating volunteers Recognition matters. Highlighting volunteers in newsletters, social media, events, and awards encourages others to get involved.

Social connection People join for the cause but stay for the friendships. Creating social moments around volunteering strengthens retention.

Digital tools Online sign ups, quick forms, Facebook call outs, and group chats make volunteering easier and faster.

Personal invitations General calls for help are good. Personal invitations are better. People often volunteer because someone asked them directly.

Proper support Volunteers thrive when they feel supported — through training, clear communication, shared responsibility, and leadership that listens.

We've started the ripple — whether it leads to change, or disappears, is now up to us. If you want 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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Winchelsea Uniting Church

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Services 9.30am Sundays

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0404 598 558
Father Joseph Panackal
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241
Winchelsea @ 6pm Sat.
Oct. 17, 24, 31

Meredith – NO MASS

Bannockburn @ 11am Sun.
Oct. 18, 25

Inverleigh @ 4pm Sun. Oct. 18

St Thomas' Anglican Church

0448 687 588
stthomaswac@gmail.com
Rev Christopher Duff
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
Service 10am Sundays

Thought For The Week

"God says we must decide to love one another.

We're to love other believers regardless of how we feel about them or how unlovable they may appear.

No matter how difficult it may seem, we're to actively, consistently, and deeply love the believers God brings into our lives.

Our congregations, Our groups, and our small town."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral carer)

Helen Rolls

Psalm 32

By David.

A contemplative psalm.

Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

- 2 Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh doesn't impute iniquity,
in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me.

My strength was sapped in the heat of summer. Selah.

- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you.

I didn't hide my iniquity.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh,

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

- 6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found.

Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach to him.

- 7 You are my hiding place.

You will preserve me from trouble.

You will surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go.

I will counsel you with my eye on you.

- 9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding,

who are controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you.

- 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked,

but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in Yahweh.

- 11 Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous!

Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!



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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

Under 9 Baby Blues

Our smallest Blues have taken to the court with huge smiles and plenty of enthusiasm after completing two terms of NetSetGO! Making the exciting leap into a modified-rules Under 9 competition is a big step for these young players, and they're embracing the challenge with incredible spirit.

With two losses on the scoreboard against older, more experienced teams, these little Blues are already learning some valuable lessons about netball, teamwork and resilience. They're keen to learn, give everything a go and, most importantly, keep those smiles on their faces!

At this age, it's about so much more than the final score. It's about discovering a love for the game, building friendships, developing new skills and having the confidence to get out there and try. Every pass, every goal and every new skill is a little win worth celebrating!

We're incredibly proud of our Baby Blues and can't wait to watch their confidence grow as they continue their netball journey. The future is bright for these little Blues!

Our Baby Blues are looking for TWO MORE UNDER 9 PLAYERS to join this beginner-friendly team!

Games: Tuesday evenings in Geelong
Training: Thursday evenings
Competition: Under 9s modified rules — perfect for young players starting their netball journey!

If your child is keen to give netball a go, make new friends and become part of our welcoming Winchelsea Blues family, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Junior Netball Coordinator Shae on 0409 641 550 for more information.

Under 10s Minis

Our first game back for the term! The girls all played well and showed great

effort out on the court. It took us a little while to find our rhythm, and unfortunately, we didn't come away with the win, but there were plenty of positives to take from the game.

It's been fantastic to see so much improvement, especially with our footwork and remembering not to step, as well as sticking to our 3-foot rule that we've been practising at training. These skills are really starting to come together on the court!

So proud of the effort, determination and teamwork shown by all the girls. We'll keep building on these skills each week and look forward to seeing even more improvement as the term goes on. Great work, girls!

Under 11s

Despite two tough losses to kick off the summer season, our Under 11s are playing some great netball and showing plenty of talent and potential! With our talented Under 19s coaching trio of Reani, Millie and Monet leading the way, this team has a fantastic opportunity to learn, grow and develop throughout the season.

At this age, the players are still exploring different positions and discovering where they shine. Grace, Harper and Georgia are showing great potential under the goals, while Neave continues to be rock-solid in defence. Emilia and Mila are demonstrating their versatility, stepping into different roles and doing whatever the team needs.

We also welcomed Rune at the beginning of his netball journey, and he has settled into both the game and the team beautifully!

A big welcome also goes to Peyton and Lennie, who have stepped up from our Under 10s to gain valuable experience in the 'big league'. It's fantastic to see our younger players taking on new challenges and continuing to build their skills and confidence.

There's plenty of talent in this group,

and we're excited to watch them develop, support one another and grow together throughout the summer season.

Under 13s Pink (Junior Team)

A slow start this week against a fast-paced Surf Coast Suns saw two evenly matched sides go head-to-head. Similar height, skills and strong court drives meant the difference would come down to which team could work best together.

And that team was WINCH PINK, who won 13 -8.

For a senior U11 side competing in U13s, these kids continue to impress!

It's not just their speed and skills, but their ability to adapt, listen to instructions and show maturity beyond their years that is making the difference.

Backing each other, providing support, direction and positive communication across the court was the key to another well-earned team win!

AROUND THE COURT

Oakley Mathison – Confined to one third in the opening quarter, Oakley unleashed his speed, determination and brilliant ability to read the play!

Frankie McMillan – Building on her sharp drives and smart decision-making, Frankie took on a new challenge at GA this week and delivered everything asked of her and more!

Olivia Payne – Relentless through the midcourt! Hunting down loose balls, forcing turnovers and creating space with speed and determination.

Henry Wynhoven – A defensive powerhouse! Shut down the Suns' shooting end, creating confusion, chaos and plenty of turnovers!

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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

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Neave Tudball – Stepping up once again and what a welcome addition! Always positive, always listening and an absolute delight to coach. Raw, untapped talent and every coach's dream!

Maddison Rowe – Working hard to create space, dictate her opponent's movements and shadow her attacking player exactly as instructed!

Lilly Janes – What a superstar! A versatile player who can make an impact anywhere on the court. A solid pillar under the post, absolutely dominating the competition!

Another brilliant team effort!

Two wins on the board, but more importantly, the teamwork, confidence and understanding of the game are growing every week.

Keep listening, keep learning, keep backing each other and most importantly, keep having FUN!

Under 13s Blue – Senior Team

Our senior Under 13s Blue team has made a strong start to the summer season! Coming off a massive 45–0 win in their opening game, the team faced a much more evenly matched Armstrong Creek in their next outing, showing true grit and determination to finish with a draw.

These are exactly the kinds of games grading matches are all about! Facing strong opposition gives our players the opportunity to test themselves, identify areas for improvement and build their game. It's also one of the many benefits of summer competition, providing valuable court time and development opportunities ahead of the winter season.

Having played together throughout winter, the team's connection was clear, with some fantastic flow and movement

of the ball across the court. It's great to see that teamwork and understanding continuing to grow!

There is so much skill and potential in this group, and while there's plenty to keep working on throughout the season, we're excited to see what this team can achieve as they continue to develop and build on their strengths.

Under 15s

Our Under 15s have once again demonstrated exactly why grading matches are such an important part of summer competition! Kicking off with a convincing 25–4 win in their first game, the girls faced a tougher challenge in their second, going down 14–28. These varied match-ups provide valuable opportunities to test their skills, adapt to different opposition and identify areas to work on throughout the season.

We were excited to welcome Heidi back to the club for summer competition, along with Zara and her family as they join the Winchelsea community. Kate has also joined us for the summer season, adding to this fantastic group.

What really stands out about these girls is their attitude and willingness to learn. Concepts and plays are discussed off the court, and the girls are eager to put what they've learnt into practice, often implementing new ideas straight away once they hit the court!

With such a positive mindset and a genuine desire to improve, this group has plenty of potential. We're looking forward to watching their skills develop, their teamwork strengthen and their confidence grow as the season progresses.

Under 17s

Our Under 17s have made a promising start to the summer season, with this bottom-aged side gaining valuable experience against older and more experienced opposition. We're thrilled

to welcome the stability and experience of Lexi and Reani, who bring plenty of knowledge to the team, alongside a few of our Under 15s players stepping up to challenge themselves and develop their game.

We also extend a big Winchelsea welcome to Zara and Sonia as they join our club!

The girls kicked off their campaign with a nail-biting one-goal loss before bouncing back in style to secure a convincing 22–7 win in their second game. A huge congratulations to Ash, who found her confidence in front of goal, scoring an incredible 14 goals in a fantastic performance!

What stands out about this group is their eagerness to learn and improve. They're keen to take on feedback from their coach and learn from the more senior players within the team, showing a fantastic attitude towards their development.

With a mix of youth, experience and a genuine willingness to grow, we're excited to see what this team can achieve throughout the summer season!

Go Blues!





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Modewarre Cricket Club

Rob Cameron

Another positive weekend for the Modewarre Mud Ducks as the First Eleven completed an outstanding victory over quality opposition and the young 2nd and 3rd teams showed positive signs in defeat. A mixed bag in the juniors with the combined Under 17 team winning well, but the Under 15 team were no match for a powerful Highton team. After starting the season in fine style last week, the ladies team were comprehensively outplayed in their match. The inaugural Under 12 girls team started brightly but will take some time to settle down before their best cricket shines through.

FIRST ELEVEN

Batting first in their clash with Newcomb, Brandon Ross got the team away to fast start, smashing 33 from only 19 deliveries. Ben Clarke and Fred Royal, although more subdued, kept the momentum going through the middle overs and then an aggressive Darcy French pushed the total past 200.

Kurt Bamford missed his opportunity to shine with the bat after an unexpected promotion in the batting order, but was superb with the new ball, taking a pair of inexpensive early wickets to set the trend for the defence. A consistent performance from all bowlers led to a comfortable 40 run win.

Modewarre 9-211

Darcy French 44
Fred Royal 36
Ben Clarke 36
Brandon Ross 33
Nat Matthews 22 not out
Newcomb 171
Kurt Bamford 2-17
Darcy French 2-30
Brandon Ross 2-55

SECOND ELEVEN

A poor start saw the local team slip to

6-51 before Declan Prigg and Spencer Rashleigh built a respectable tally of 142. Newcomb started their chase with purpose, adding 79 before a wicket fell. The boys battled hard but conceded after 32 overs.

Modewarre 142

Declan Prigg 46
Spencer Rashleigh 29
Chris Rashleigh 17
Newcomb 4-143
Declan Prigg 2-18
Jimmy McInnes 1-34
Owen Rashleigh 1-41

THIRD ELEVEN

Lara amassed a big total of 215 for our boys to chase and a spirited job they did. Glen Dixon and Aaron Hovey provided a solid middle order partnership of 67 to set a base which Kris Marshall and a youthful Aston Goldsmith built on, but they fell 21 short.

Under 15 player Hudson Newling had the opportunity to gain valuable experience in senior ranks and carried his bat.

Lara 6-215

Aaron Hovey 3-28
William Earle 2-27
Modewarre 7-194
Glen Dixon 50 ret
Kris Marshall 37
Aston Goldsmith 30 not out
Aaron Hovey 28
Hudson Newling 8 not out

UNDER 17

Modewarre set a target of 134 for East Belmont and navigated a tense last over to win by 3 runs.

Modewarre 4-134

Owen Rashleigh 52
Charlie Lamb 31
East Belmont 4-131
Eknoor Walia 2-14

UNDER 15

An impressive bowling performance kept the strong Highton team to only 113 from their 25 overs, but the locals were unable to get any momentum in the chase, falling for only 67

Highton 4-113

Aston Goldsmith 2-15
Archie Di Domenic 1-13
Modewarre 67
Lennox Giles 15
Sullivan Kahle 11 not out

WOMENS

The Girls met a very strong Highton team and struggled to back up their first round win.

Modewarre 41

Lexie Sewell 13
Highton 0-42

GIRLS UNDER 12

A tough first up match for the girls in their first outing, but the best is yet to come

St Joseph's 7-128

Modewarre 5-65

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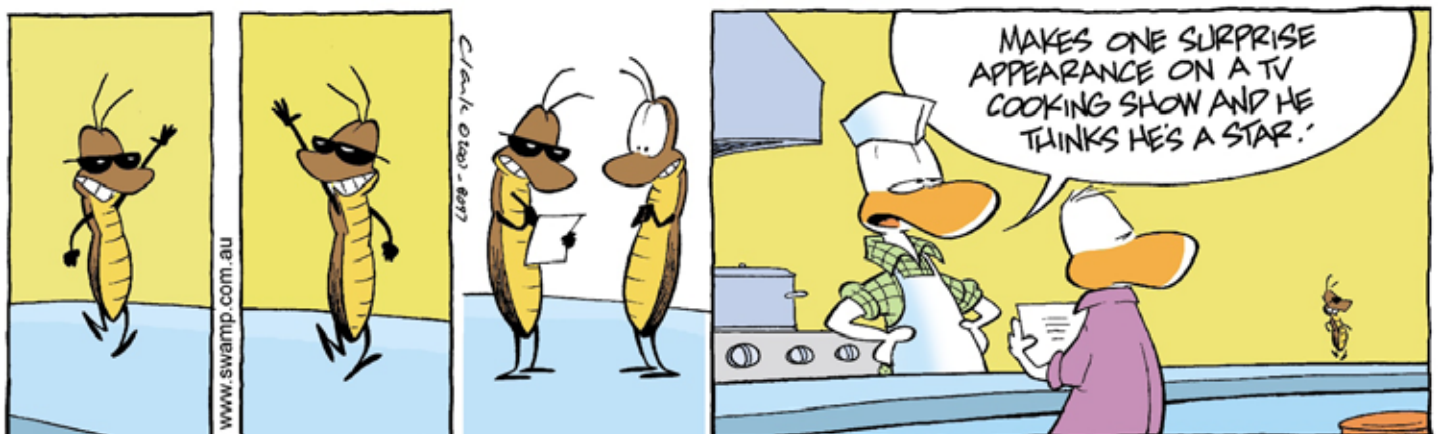
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Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson

The first day of the Pennant season 26/27 certainly required some layers of clothing, especially for the players on the Peninsula. However, Saturday was bright, sunny and warm, could even be called perfect.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Division 2 Winchelsea def Geelong Cement at home winning all rinks, 75 shots to 48 shots.

Division 5 Winchelsea def Clifton Springs away winning 2/3 rinks, 62 shots to 44 shots.

Division 9 Winchelsea were def by Eastern Park at home, 26 shots to 47 shots.

Division 9 is the first level of the 2 rink entries and they go to 12 from there. There are some very handy bowlers in this division as they are often a club's second entry because they are unable to sustain another 3 rink team. Therefore, do not be deceived by the level as the standard is quite challenging.

SATURDAY RESULTS

Division 2 Winchelsea def Geelong 1 away winning all rinks, 112 shots to 50 shots.

Division 4 Winchelsea def Lara 2 at



home winning 2/4 rinks, 76 shots to 71 shots.

Division 8 Winchelsea def Geelong 3 at home winning 3/4 rinks, 91 shots to 75 shots.

Division 11 Winchelsea def Geelong 4 away winning both rinks, 48 shots to 30 shots. Once again this is the first level of the 2 rink squads of a Saturday.

As you can see from the variety of teams and compilations of teams there is far greater opportunity to field more players of a wider ranging skill base. All around, an excellent start to a season in a new region!

Dean Mayall 50 and John Knuckey 80 years, a great night of fun, food and good cheer. Congratulations to both Dean and John on these significant birthdays.

On another note, the club was saddened to hear of the passing of Ivy Stephenson during the week. Both Ivy and David were valued members for many years and we extend our condolences to David and family on their loss.

At the moment there are many singles matches taking place of a Sunday and you are most welcome to drop over and watch a game as these will be continuing for many weeks to come. May the bowls be with us again next week!!

AROUND THE CLUB

Last evening the members took the opportunity to celebrate the birthdays of



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The trial runs until 30 November and gives locals an opportunity to recycle worn out clothes and fabric items that might otherwise end up in landfill.

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Textile recycling trial

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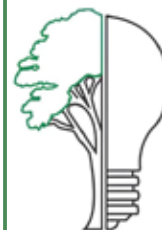


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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Results 14/10/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford - 19 Players

1st - David "Fly" Lewis (23) 43 points
2nd - Stephen Harvey (15) 34 points
3rd - Doug McLennan (25) 33 points C/B

BDL - Geoff Morgan (24) 33 points C/B
BDL - Tara Steward (19) 33 points C/B
BDL - Peter Finch (26) 32 points C/B

NTP (6th/15th) - Denis Chappell

Ladies Results 14/10/26 - Stableford

Winner: Elizabeth Alston 43 pts
R/Up: Mary Parish 37 pts
NTP (6th): Mary Parish

Monday 19th Oct Winchelsea Memorial
Bowl, capacity field

Results 17/10/26 - Saturday Stableford - 17 Players

1st - David "Fly" Lewis (21) 37 points
2nd - Philip Crook (12) 35 points

BDL - Tara Steward (19) 34 points
BDL - Neil Hickman (13) 33 points C/B

NTP (8th/17th) Bill Spencer
Golden Hole (11th) Gary Reid

Coming up:

Monday 19th - Winchelsea Memorial
Ladies Bowl

Wednesday 21st October - Midweek
Weekly Stableford

Saturday 24th October - Geoff Morgan
Trophy - Par

Thursday 12th November - 2026 AGM

Sunday 15th November - The Longest
Day fundraiser for Cancer Council

Saturday 21st November - Presentation

Thanks to all who volunteered their time
at the Working Bee today, and during the
week. The course is looking amazing!

Cancer Council
The Longest Day

Winchelsea Golf Club
Golf Course - Green Fees Club

Raised
\$2,551

Our Goal
\$35,000

Event Date	Participation capacity	Remaining Spots
15/11/2026	36	30

Costs Involved

0

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!

Tackling cancer takes all of us, let's tee off for a cancer free future.



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17 October 2026

Perfect conditions, personal bests and plenty of parkrun spirit!

Thirty-one parkrunners enjoyed a beautiful morning at Trebeck Reserve this week. With perfect conditions for getting active, participants ran, jogged and walked their way around the course, accompanied by plenty of smiles and encouragement.

We were delighted to welcome visitors from Maribyrnong and Tennet Creek. We hope you enjoyed the course and the friendly Trebeck Reserve atmosphere, and that we'll see you again soon!

A fantastic achievement by everyone who took part, whether you were chasing the clock, working towards a goal or simply enjoying the morning with like minded people. Well done.



Congratulations to the four parkrunners who recorded a personal best on the Trebeck Reserve course - Doug Bulter, Robyn Orchard, Chelsea Christensen and Irene Crusca.

It was also wonderful to see seven juniors joining in the fun. Their enthusiasm is a great reminder that Saturday mornings are made for fresh air, friendly faces and a little exercise - not just sleeping in!

A big thank you to our Volunteers.

This week's event would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers: Neil McInnes, Don Smith, Graeme Webb, Jeff Butler, Jett Butler,

Kate McInnes, Murray Bennett and Elizabeth Bennett.

Thank you for giving of your time and helping create such a welcoming and enjoyable event for everyone.

It's important to keep in mind that we need a minimum of six volunteers each week to run parkrun safely, so please consider taking your turn

occasionally. The roles are straightforward, sociable and rewarding, and no special experience is required.

If you can volunteer some of your time, please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com. You may find that volunteering is just as enjoyable as competing the course.

Could you be our next Run Director?

We are looking for people interested in sharing the Run Director role. This involves coordinating volunteers, setting up before the event and helping everything run smoothly on the day.

There is no need to be daunted by the title. The role is easy to learn, plenty of support is given till you are confident in the role. It's also a great way to become more involved in the Trebeck Reserve parkrun community, for without a Run Director there will be no parkrun.

New to parkrun? You will be made very welcome.

You don't need to be a runner, wear fancy lycra or own the latest high-tech running shoes to join us. Around one-third of parkrun participants walk the course, so you can take part at whatever pace suits you.

Register once, for free, at parkrun.com.au/register and you'll be able to participate at any of the 5000 parkrun events around the world. Why not bring a friend along next Saturday?

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Keep in touch - for this week's full results visit trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for more photos, updates and information.

Parkrun took place at around 500 locations across Australia this week, with thousands of people enjoying a Saturday morning of fresh air, exercise and community spirit. Whether you're chasing a personal best, enjoying a leisurely walk, cheering others on or volunteering behind the scenes, there's a place for you at Trebeck Reserve.

We look forward to seeing you next Saturday - same friendly faces, a few new ones I hope and another great morning at parkrun.

Happy parkrunning!

Elizabeth Bennett
Trainee Run Director



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