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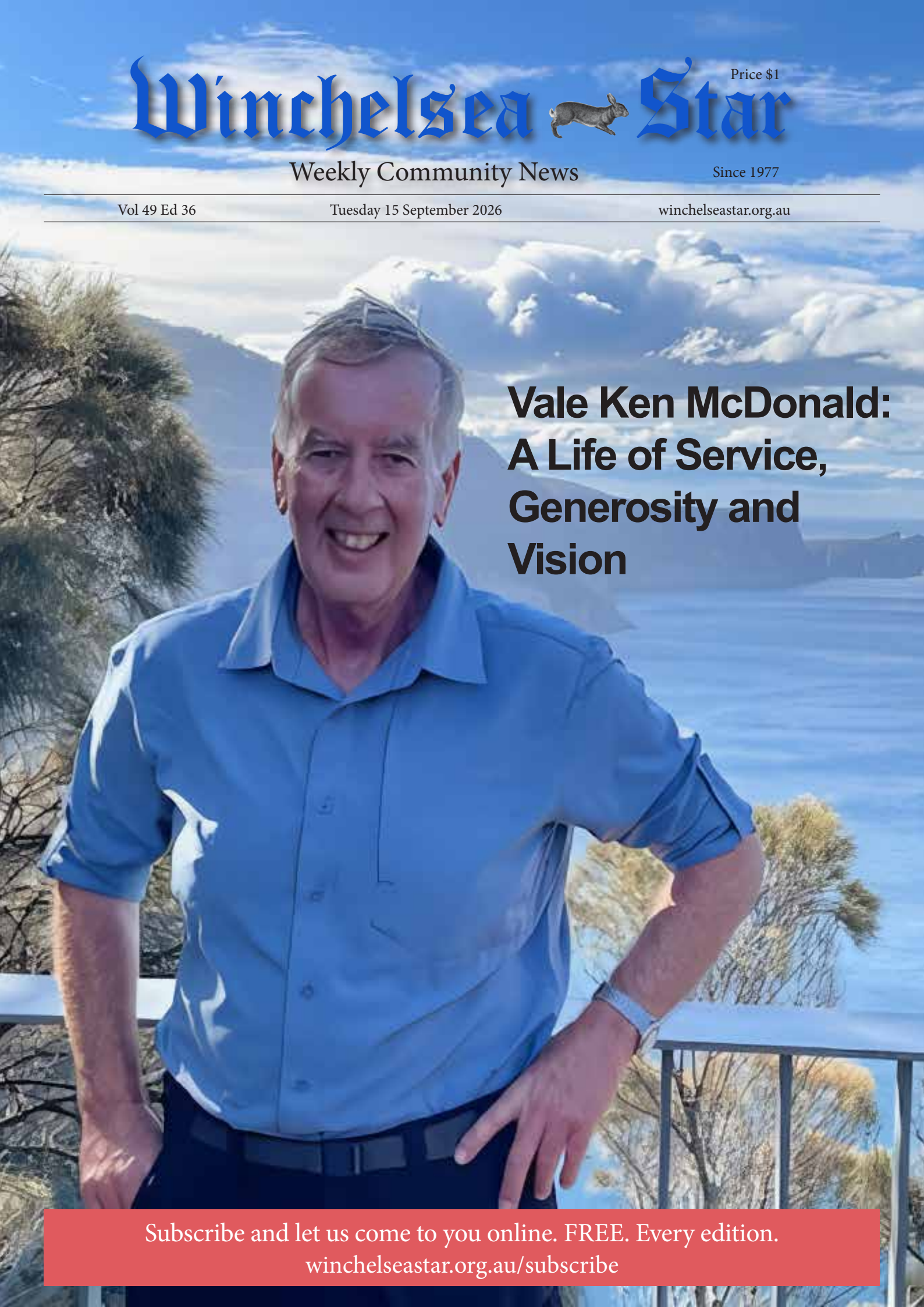
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Soft Plastics Recycling Comes To Winchelsea

Winchelsea residents can now recycle their soft plastics at the Winchelsea Transfer Station, thanks to a new 12-month trial aimed at making recycling easier for the local community.

It is the first time soft plastics have been collected at the Winchelsea Transfer Station, with a new small-scale compactor now in place.

The initiative started with a request from a Winchelsea local who asked Surf Coast Shire Council to provide a soft plastics recycling service at the transfer station.

Council's main soft plastics collection is at the Anglesea Transfer Station, where larger equipment and dedicated infrastructure allow for higher volumes to

be collected and processed.

Staff investigated whether a smaller system could provide a practical option for Winchelsea and have now leased a new compacting machine for 12 months to trial the service.

"We know recycling is important to our community, and we're really pleased to be able to offer residents another way to keep materials out of landfill," Cr Adrian Schonfelder said.

Soft plastics are items that can be easily scrunched in your hand, including bread bags, chip packets, bubble wrap, plastic bags and cling film. They also include some thicker plastic items such as pet food bags, squeeze pouches and mesh produce bags used for items such as onions and oranges.

Once collected, the soft plastics are compacted into bales before being transported for processing and transformed into recycled plastic resin for use in new soft plastic packaging. Some materials can also undergo



advanced recycling, where they are converted into oil that can be used to create food-grade plastic packaging.

It's free for residents to drop off their soft plastics and feed bags at the Winchelsea Transfer Station during opening hours:

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Surf Coast Shire Council invites the community to its September Council meeting in Aireys Inlet.



Tuesday 22 September

Aireys Inlet Community Hall – 6 Great Ocean Road

The hall will be open from 5.30pm, offering an opportunity to have a cuppa and chat with councillors.

The Council meeting will start at 6pm.

An agenda will be published online at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

People can view the meeting via live streaming, which has captions, at <https://webcast.surfcoast.vic.gov.au>.

Live streaming issues may arise at this venue. People will be able to access a recording of the meeting on our website the following day. The recording has captions and a transcript available.



VALE Ken McDonald 9/2/56 – 3/9/26

Winchelsea Loses a Remarkable Community Man

by Judy Cameron

I attended the memorial event for Ken McDonald last Friday at the Hub.

Youth worker, Agronomist, Banker, Real Estate Agent

The shock and sadness at his sudden death and admiration for the man was palpable.

I took notes as the various people spoke of his effect on them and this community.

Here is a brief summary, without acknowledgment, of comments from the various speakers:

He was a generous Dad with his time.

Had strong shoulders and carried burdens for others

Nothing ever a problem for Ken

Amazing record of hands on support for local scouting. He received the Silver Wattle. (Google "for outstanding service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around ten to twelve years").

He was there all the time when we needed him, making life better for others

Knew where to find the shearing sheds to collect the sheep poo to bag for fundraising

Strength of character, loyalty, generosity

Humility, humorous, loyal

Unassuming, conscientious, respectful, good reader of people

Risk taker

An exceptional life

Thousands of volunteer hours for the community

A remarkable selfless man

Full of integrity, a 'true blue' Agent, transparent

Available all hours

Quiet achiever, nature's gentleman, sincere

The Community Retirement Village was his baby for a long time. There was a need for units for older people so they didn't have to leave town. Ken saw something that could make a difference and aligned the Shire. Three years of relentless work to get it all together. Without him we would be lucky to be laying the concrete now.

It was about people. Ken had the vision and persistence to make it happen.

Showed what a decent, determined person can achieve.

People he has never met will benefit from his work.

Nicest person I have ever worked with.

His death is a reminder to tell people we respect - and why we do.

A great and kind man.

An institutor of the Winchelsea Community Bank after three majors



closed their local branches. This affected local businesses as people had to go to Colac and Geelong to do their banking and so shopped there too.

Ken called a few locals together. The Bendigo Bank franchise required \$500,000 to start. They raised it in near record time for a Community bank and made a profit in the first year when three was the norm. \$5million in grants given locally and \$15million in infrastructure has resulted.

His friend John Knuckey said:

"On behalf of his many associates - and on a personal note - he was a great friend and ally in good times and some difficult and challenging periods. Always the same - let's get it done the mantra - a few toes less along the way!"

For Fiona and the family a tragic loss. For the community and district a massive, irreplaceable asset gone. A man who has made a major and significant difference to this town and the people who live in it."

Vale Ken

From The Chief Fire Officer

Victoria is facing one of its warmest and driest spring outlooks in some time, increasing the risk of an earlier and more active fire season across parts of the state.

For Forest Fire Management Victoria, preparing for bushfires is a year-round job. Across parks and forests, our crews work every day to reduce bushfire risk through fuel management, preparedness activities and maintaining the capability to respond quickly when fires occur.

This year's seasonal outlook reinforces why that work is so important.

Throughout spring, we will continue working with our emergency management partners to monitor conditions and undertake fuel management and preparedness activities in the lead-up to summer.

We are also preparing our people and equipment for the season ahead so we can respond quickly when and where bushfires occur.

With more than 1,800 frontline personnel, specialist emergency management staff, firefighting vehicles,

heavy machinery and a world-class aerial firefighting fleet, our focus is on detecting, responding to and containing bushfires as quickly as possible to minimise impacts and help keep communities safe.

Everyone has a role to play in preparing for the season ahead. Victorians can do their part by having a bushfire plan, downloading the VicEmergency app and staying up to date with Fire Danger Ratings. Visit Forest Fire Management Victoria for more.





Compost

by Julia Holohan

Currently, we're feeding our veggie garden so it will feed us.

Our compost bin sits in a sheltered spot between the currants & raspberries protecting it from sun, cold & wind. It's full, we'll take off the top layers of kitchen scraps, and the semi cured scraps, giving us the cured lot to spread on the veg garden. Then we'll put the scraps and the semi cured scraps back in the bin & start the compost cycle again.

We also have a worm farm which we feed with kitchen scraps. We're more pedantic, giving the worms the delicate scraps or slicing the scraps to make it easier for the worms to break them down. It's a good way to use up those big zucchinis! Slice them before putting them in.



The worm castings can be spread around the veg patch, the worm juice, once diluted at about 1 part juice to 10 parts water, is used as a liquid fertiliser for the pot plants & veg garden.

I like to keep the worm farm under the drip line on the south side of our big fig tree. I find this spot helps to keep it cool in the summer with the tree in full leave to shade it from the hot sun. Then in the cooler months when the tree is bare of leaves, any sunshine can filter through to help with a bit of warmth for the worms, it will also have some protection

from wind, rain and the cold. A little layer of straw or newspaper on top can help with insulation too.

Next, the chook manure, which is mixed with straw spread on the floor of the coop, when it's well broken down gather it up & add to the veg garden. We'll refresh the coop with fresh straw which the chooks will love scratching around in getting bugs & generally making a wonderful mess for a few days before it settles, more straw is added throughout the year as needed.

Then there's a rubbish bin with a few old meat bones & a little cow manure, it's filled with water - remove the lid with care, it pongs but, a wonderful fertiliser for all our gardens when diluted and, well worth the pong!



Also, the mustard crop sown a few months ago, for it's leafy greenness, has been dug back into the soil before it flowered. It's a valuable "green" manure as is any green leafy plant, as you pull out old veggies, dig them back into the soil.

We can't forget our horses' manure, keeping it away from direct contact with your plants unless it's well rotted. Put some in a large container, fill it with water, allow it to brew for a few days before using the liquid on plants. Top up the water and add manure as needed.



A container of Seasol is kept on the shelf if we should run out of home made fertilisers or we want a change.

A generous helping of straw topped with manure is used on the veggies and the fruit trees. This keeps them all snug and helps reduce our watering during summer.

The autumn leaves gathered in autumn are slowly decomposing in an area for the pumpkins. I fenced off this plot with mesh in Autumn & filled it with a thick layer of leaves leaving them to break down, It's nearly ready.

It's time to get working, weeding, mulching and fertilising the vegetable garden before the seedlings go in which will be after the frosts, usually around Melbourne Cup week.





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*Thank
you!*

A big thank you to the team who did the catering for Ken McDonald's Memorial Service at the Hub last Friday AND fronted up the next day to be part of the Winchelsea Blues team who did the catering for the Geelong & District Football Netball League grand final.



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Alice Cloake



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

Ingredient of the month - Onion

Beef & Shittake Mushrooms With Hokkien Noodles



I am taking liberties with our ingredient of the month, focusing on 'spring onions' but it felt like the right thing to do as this was a recipe I felt drawn to cooking this week. I stopped into the butcher on the way home from work and had my skirt steak cut right in front of me. This is a recipe I think of often but cook sparingly to save its specialty. There are many alternatives you can make to the ingredient list however I wouldn't veer too far away from the marinade sauces. If you've never used Sambal Oelek or Kecap Manis before, you're in for a treat!

Ingredients

- 300g trimmed beef skirt or flank steak
- 500g hokkien noodles
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 80 g fresh shiitake mushrooms, stalks removed, caps thinly sliced
- 200g Asian greens (baby bok choy or choy sum), coarsely chopped
- ½ bunch of coriander, leaves picked and coarsely chopped
- 4 spring onions, pale parts thinly sliced
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted (optional)
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar

Sauce

- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 cm knob of ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 1½ tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1½ tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 teaspoons honey
- 3 teaspoons sambal oelek
- 3 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon kecap manis

Method

To make the sauce, place all the ingredients in a small bowl and stir to combine.

Place the beef in a medium bowl, pour over half the sauce and stir to combine. Set aside.

Drop the noodles into a saucepan of boiling water and cook for 3-4 minutes or until tender. Drain and refresh under cold running water. Drain well.

Heat a heavy-based frying pan or barbecue flat plate over high heat. When very hot, cook the beef for 2 minutes each side or until golden and cooked to your liking. Set aside to rest for 5 minutes, then thinly slice the beef against the grain.

Heat the sesame oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and cook for 3-4 minutes or until lightly browned and just tender. Add the Asian greens and toss until just wilted. Add the noodles and the remaining sauce and toss to combine well.

Add the sliced beef, coriander and most of the spring onion, season to taste and toss to combine. Serve scattered with the sesame seeds (if using) and the remaining spring onion.



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New Community Art Prize Set To Celebrate And Showcase Creative Talent

A new Surf Coast Shire Community Art Prize is set to celebrate, showcase and inspire creative talents across the municipality.

The Community Art Prize will offer a total of \$3,600 in prizemoney across four categories, and all eligible works will be part of a community exhibition at Anglesea Art Space.

Each will be assessed by an independent panel of judges from outside the shire before naming of recipients of:

- The Community Art Prize, \$1,500
- Emerging Artist Award, \$800
- First Nations Creative Award, \$800

During the exhibition community members will be able to cast votes in a People's Choice Award, with a \$500 prize going to the winning artist.

Submissions for the Community Art Prize are open to shire residents, ratepayers and tenants and close on 28 September.

Artists can submit one work, in any medium, which must have been created during the past two years.

People can find more information, including the terms and conditions, and enter via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ArtPrize26

Cr Phoebe Crockett: "We look forward to the Surf Coast Shire Community Art Prize providing valuable opportunity for artists across the shire to not only be in the running for a fabulous prize, but importantly to have their work exhibited, recognised and celebrated.

"It aims to encourage participation, showcase the epic creative talent we have across our shire and connect the community through the public exhibition.

"We invite emerging artists to be brave and get their work out there, and we hope that winners are able to use the prize money to invest back into their creative practices and passions."

The Surf Coast Community Art Prize Exhibition will run at Anglesea Art House from 8 to 25 October, and artists and community members will be welcome to attend the official opening on 9 October, to witness naming of Community Art Prize, Emerging Artist and First Nations Creative prize recipients.

People can vote in-person at the Art Space for their favourite work in the People's Choice Award between 8 October and 4pm on 25 October.

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SURF COAST SHIRE





1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com

Continuing on from last week...

Well before my time in Winchelsea/Modewarre, Ken McDonald was a youth Scout member, with his Dad as his Leader. After that, Ken became a Leader at Winchelsea. He did speak of Scouting adventures a little, including doing the Overland Track in Tassie as a Scout.

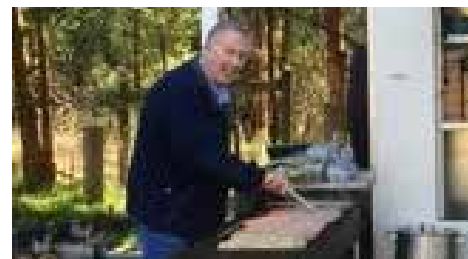
At his Memorial service on Friday, fellow Scout Leaders spoke with me of his earlier Scouting life. Unfortunately, records of service before computers have largely been lost, but we know of at least another unofficial 10+ years to add to the official 19 on record. Geelong Leader Wayne Myers knew Ken way back, having also been a Youth member, a young Leader and then joining the training team. He ran Ken's Leader training courses, as he did mine years later. Ken's Mum Betty was Glenn Patten's Cub Leader, then Ken was

Glenn's Scout Leader at Winchelsea. Glenn later went on to be Hamish and Angus's Scout and Venturer Leader at Modewarre, hiking the Great Ocean Walk, attending the Jamboree in Queensland and taking them to Fiji to complete service work by building a classroom and to have a holiday. They also headed over to New Zealand to do some hiking at Milford Sound and Routeburn Track in some fairly ordinary weather.

Water Activity Leaders from Melbourne attended the service, as did fellow Leaders from Geelong and District, displaying their high regard for Ken. I imagine they were surprised to hear the stories of Ken's lifelong and impactful involvement in our Community, as it was something that Ken quietly went about doing. There was cross over from local Community to Scouting. Geoff de la Rue, an architect Scout Leader from

Colac was enlisted to design the proposed new Winch Scout Hall. Scott Barnes, a Leader at Belmont, is now working in Sustainable Building and was in conversation with Ken about more projects such as Winanglo.

Reflections of Ken's 70 years all showed a dedication to community, friends and family. If all of us can do a tenth of what Ken did for Winchelsea and surrounding areas, our Community will continue to thrive. But, he has left us with big boots to fill and we will miss him.



Tea & Tunes 2.0

by Rhani Bayon, Venue & Publicity Administrator
Winchelsea Shire Hall, Winchelsea Community House

The Shire Hall hosted the second 'Tea & Tunes' Event last Thursday.

45 people, some from Miller House and Hesse Rural Health came and enjoyed some quirky entertainment from 'Twisted Tango', the group performing some original comedy songs and well known covers.



It was a fun day out for all involved to come together as a community, enjoy a light lunch and entertainment together.

Winchelsea community House thanks everyone for supporting events such as this.

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Zinaida Campion

Celtic craic at the Globe

There are some evenings in the life of a regional arts organisation that remind you exactly why you do it. Saturday's Winchelsea Music Season concert, Céad Míle Fáilte — One Hundred Thousand Welcomes, was one of those evenings: full of music, dancing, laughter, friendship and the particular warmth that comes when a community gathers together in a beloved local place.

I arrived at the Globe Theatre to find Celts of the Colony — Mícheál O'Dhonnabháin, Ceilidh McKinna-Robertson, Oliver MacPherson, and their large party already well into rehearsals. The stage was transformed with carved furniture, banners, and a wonderful array of musical instruments, ready to be exchanged and picked up throughout the performance. There was an energy backstage that was impossible not to catch.

While the musicians worked through their programme, I set to work with our lovely local youth volunteers on the supper. Alex, Isla, Elijah and Zeth are all from the surrounding area, and it was a joy to spend the afternoon chopping fruit for platters, arranging cheese and preparing refreshments alongside them. There was plenty of camaraderie, conversation and laughter, as well as the satisfaction of knowing that we were creating something together for our community.

My sister, pianist Patty George, also stepped in to provide lighting support in place of our usual lighting operator, Rob Davies. Many thanks to Patty, and to the wider team of family and friends Celts of the Colony brought with them to help make both the music and the Scottish Country Dance Masterclass run so smoothly. Their generosity and willingness to pitch in were very much part of the evening's success.

The workshop itself set the tone beautifully. By the time the concert began, people had already been moving, laughing and getting to know one another. Then the music took us on a journey through centuries of Celtic tradition. We heard ancient devotional music in, Deus Meus, Aduva Me the lively

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com



Brian Boru's March, the music of Turlough O'Carolan, Scottish Gaelic songs such as Chì Mi na Mòrbheanna and Fear a' Bhàta, and the irresistible energy of Irish and Scottish tunes and ballads.

What made the programme especially engaging was that every piece came with a story. Celts of the Colony did not simply perform songs from another time and place; they shared the histories, legends, languages and traditions behind them. We learned about the people, landscapes, beliefs and communities that gave these songs life. The music became a conversation across generations and across the sea.

As MC, my principal role was apparently to run around making sure everything was going smoothly and then appear backstage at precisely the right moment to make the next announcement. It was a wonderfully busy evening, and one of those occasions when the organisational work becomes almost invisible because everyone is so immersed in what is happening.

During the final applause and speeches, the PA system suddenly developed a mind of its own, producing thundering and buzzing noises at the most dramatic possible moment. We could only assume that the spirit of Marjorie Lawrence had decided to add her two bits' worth. Given her pride in her Scottish Celtic ancestry, perhaps she felt she had every right to be heard!

And then came supper: fruit, cheese, conversation and the happy mingling of performers, audience members, volunteers, family and friends. The Globe was filled not only with music but with the kind of informal connection that makes community life so rewarding.

Finally came the clean-up. I have never seen our youth volunteers complete the post-concert pack-up so quickly! Their contribution deserves special recognition.

All in all, it was a thoroughly jolly night: a celebration of music, heritage, hospitality and the simple pleasure of doing something together. My heartfelt thanks to Celts of the Colony, their wonderful supporting team, our volunteers, Patty, and everyone who came through the Globe's doors.

Ciao!

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Winchelsea Crossword No 11

Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate
directly to Winchelsea.
Solution p.28



ACROSS

- 1 Winch café (5,5)
- 9 Fruit
- 10 Jump
- 11 Existing or happening
before a war
- 14 Eastern Reserve is also
known as Winch "----"
- 15 Winch's weekly paper
- 16 Winery on the Deans
Marsh road (3,4)
- 19 Bird
- 20 Rowing implement
- 22 Changed the colour of
a fabric
- 24 Former soprano associate
with Winch & Deans Marsh
- 26 Sack
- 27 Slants
- 28 Quarrel
- 29 Winch street name
- 32 Salve
- 34 Weasel like animal
- 35 Scheduled break in a
sporting season
- 36 Creating
- 39 Getting older
- 40 Pastoralist who founded
Barwon Park estate (6,6)

DOWN

- 1 Mineral spring
- 2 Former coal mine recently
featured on our history page (7,4)
- 3 Consume
- 4 Before in time
- 5 Winch retail outlet for
Hastings Ostrich Farms (3,5)
- 6 Shout
- 7 Trees
- 8 Waterfalls
- 12 Loud, resonant sound
- 13 Boy
- 17 Court off Gosney St.
- 18 Former UK coins
- 20 Emblem of Cafe La Hoot
- 21 Begrudge
- 23 Large raptor
- 25 Assist
- 28 Head man of a monastery
- 30 Travel over snow
- 31 Reproductive cell
- 33 Singletons
- 34 List of food & drink options
- 36 Winch supermarket
- 37 By way of
- 38 Religious woman
- 39 Beatles song "I -- the Walrus"



15 Cm To Float - The Dangers Of Driving In Floodwater.

by Kerri Cropley, Community Engagement Officer, VICSES Winchelsea Unit

In Australia, floods are the second-highest cause of fatalities from natural hazards.

Over the past nine months, SES has been called to more than 100 rescues involving vehicles stranded in floodwater.

Never Drive Through Floodwater

When you encounter a road covered by water, you cannot know what has happened to the road underneath. The surface may have been washed away, damaged or become unstable.

Research conducted by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) found that it can take as little as:

- 15 cm of water to float a small car.
- 30 cm of water to float a mid-sized car.
- 45 cm of water to move a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Research also shows an increased risk of flood fatalities associated with motor vehicles.

If you come across a flooded road, think twice.

Turn Around And Find An Alternative Route.

Your decision to drive through floodwater doesn't just put you at risk. It can also put SES volunteers and other emergency responders in danger when they have to rescue you.

Floodwater can be deeper, faster-moving and more dangerous than it appears.

Deciding to drive on a flooded road might be the last decision you ever make.

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Research: University of New South Wales
newsroom.unsw.edu.au/news/science-tech/how-floodwaters-can-turn-cars-death-traps

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Cultural Artefacts Returned To Wadawurrung Traditional Owners

Three glass spear heads and a boomerang that had travelled as far as Canada have been returned to Wadawurrung Traditional Owners in Geelong.

It's believed the significant Cultural artefacts once belonged to King Billy, or Willem Baa Niip, an important Elder of the Wadawurrung family.

The artefacts were obtained by the Nash family in 1862, with Rob Nash inheriting the artefacts from his father in the 1970s. The Nash family lived in the Winchelsea area and had ties to Geelong for generations before relocating to NSW.

Since then, the boomerang spent a period in Canada with a family member before being returned to Australia in 2025.

Recognising their Cultural significance, Mr Nash recently travelled from New

South Wales to Wurriki Nyal to personally return the artefacts to Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

Mr Nash said he realised the significance of the Cultural artefacts after watching a television program.

"It was only a couple of years ago when watching a program on heritage matters, I realised the significance of these items and decided they should go back to their rightful owners in Geelong," Mr Nash said.

After being contacted by Mr Nash, Greater Geelong Mayor Stretch Kontelj OAM helped arrange the return of the artefacts to Wadawurrung Traditional Owners by connecting those involved in the handover process.

Anthony Basford, the City's Executive Director of City Life, facilitated the meeting between Mr Nash and Billy-Jay O'Toole from the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

"It was a privilege to meet Mr O'Toole and Mr Basford and be so cordially welcomed. My father would have been thrilled," Mr Nash said.



Mr O'Toole said he was pleased to see the cultural items returned back to Country.

"I would like to thank Rob Nash and his family for returning this boomerang back to its traditional lands. It's a significant moment receiving valuable wooden artefacts back that were removed from Country," said Mr O'Toole.

Winchelsea Tennis Club Summer Registration

Winchelsea Tennis Club, 21 Armytage St Winchelsea
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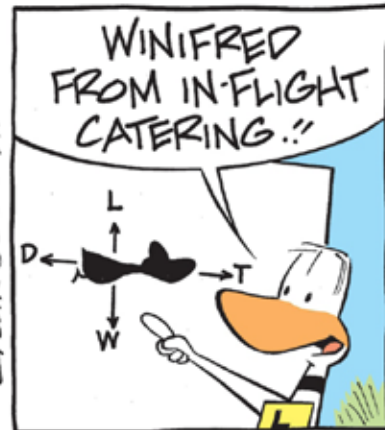
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Plenty On Offer For Positive Ageing Month

Older adults are in for laughs and learning, tunes and trivia, workouts, workshops and a whole lot more as Positive Ageing Month rolls out across Surf Coast Shire during October.

Surf Coast Shire Council is partnering with community organisations to present more than 35 events during the month, encouraging over-55s to get involved and enjoy.

Highlights will include a live show by 95-year-old comedy sensation Liz Hicklin, a Surf Coast Big Band jazz performance, a concert of classic hits from the 1960s and '70s and an

International Probus 50th anniversary celebration – all alongside an inviting selection of open days, come and try days, and information, dance and exercise sessions.

“We certainly celebrate Positive Ageing Month with purpose and passion in Surf Coast Shire,” Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps said.

“The month truly showcases the breadth of interests and activities that our wonderful community organisations offer, and we recognise the work of Council’s Positive Ageing Advisory Committee in helping bring the busy and diverse program of activities together.

“For people who have been wondering what all the fuss is about with pickleball, or waiting for an invitation to check out their local women’s shed, or hoping to

skill up on online banking, or would love to have a crack at mosaic-making – Positive Ageing Month has it all for everyone.

“We encourage people to check out the calendar and start planning their adventures.”

The Positive Ageing Month calendar, including listing of place-based events, is available via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth and print versions are available at community houses and Council’s civic office at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

Activities will link with related events during October including International Probus Day, Mental Health Week, Ageism Awareness Day, Get Online Week and National Carers Week.

Council has this year received support from the Victorian Government Seniors Festival Country Concert Series for a Stiletto Groove concert in Winchelsea, as well as additional funding for the 2026 Seniors Festival Aged Care Tour.



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www.odonata.org.au

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by Jenny Mathison

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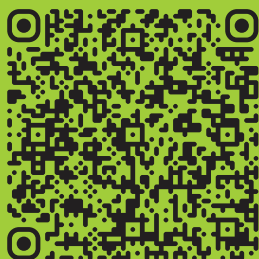


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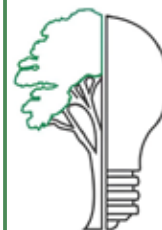
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Community Storytelling Project To Share Voices From Home

A new community storytelling project is inviting people to share memories and experiences expressing what home means to them in Surf Coast Shire.

The Voices from Home project is collecting spoken and written reflections from contributors from hinterland to coast.

Their touchpoints, imagery and landmarks will come together in a live community performance curated and led by acclaimed and award-winning poet and spoken word performer Megan J. Riedl.

As part of the storytelling process, contributors are being invited to join creative writing workshops guided by Megan during September and October.

Eight emerging local artists will also have the opportunity to participate in a one-day masterclass developing

material they will be presenting live during the Voices from Home community performance in November.

Megan said she was looking forward to absorbing all that the submissions have to share.

"It's so interesting for me to look for themes, commonalities between individual people's stories and piece together a sense of place," Megan said.

"It's my privilege to be gifted people's stories and to be able to craft an image of their community that can be reflected back to them.

"People may think they aren't creative or don't have a story to tell, but all submissions are welcome and even a few sentences will become part of this bigger project that will capture sense of community and place. That's really special, and it's yours!"

Voices from Home is a Surf Coast Shire Council 2026 creative initiative project.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps encouraged people from all corners of the shire to contribute, and represent their localities.

"Maybe you have a story to tell, maybe you have just one line of memory to contribute – they'll all come together to create a richly textured word picture as part of this meaningful storytelling project," Cr Phelps said.

"What makes Surf Coast Shire and your special part of it feel like home, and what are some of the images accompanying those feelings?

"People can contribute written submissions or leave voicemail responses via the website. I am really looking forward to immersing in the final presentations."



pic credit Melissa Brennan

People can learn more about contributing reflections, registering for workshops or expressing interest in performing as a developing artist by visiting surfcoast.vic.gov.au/VoicesfromHome

People seeking more information can contact Council's Arts Development Team by emailing artsteam@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or phoning 5261 0600.

Workshop details:

Winchelsea Shire Hall, Saturday 19 September, 11am to 1.30pm.

Deans Marsh Community Hall and Cottage, Sunday 4 October, 1pm to 3.30pm.

Torquay Community House, Saturday 17 October, 11am to 1.30pm

Putting Accessibility On The Map

An idea from a community member has inspired a new resource that is making the Surf Coast Shire more accessible and inclusive.

For Jan Juc resident Liz Conning, a simple outing to a shop or hospitality venue requires planning. "I have rheumatoid arthritis," she said. "I had my first bout 40 years ago, then it went away for a while, then it came back with a vengeance. I've had both hips replaced, a knee replaced, and a shoulder replaced.

"I also had a brain tumour – which thank heavens is gone – but it caused me to be unsteady on my feet and walk around with a stick or frame."

A previous member of Surf Coast Shire Council's Disability Advisory Committee, Liz contacted Council to ask if there was a map which showed accessible toilets and venues.

Council's Disability Inclusion and Business Support teams decided to create one, to make it easier for customers to choose a venue that meets their needs.

Councillor Phoebe Crockett was pleased to see restaurants and cafes from

across the shire adding their accessibility features to the map. "We want the map to include all the ways that people are thinking of others' needs: whether that's wheelchair access, menus with large text, or nearby accessible parking" Cr Crockett said.

The Accessible Cafes and Restaurants map is available online via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AccessMap. People wanting a printed copy can call Council on 5261 0600 to arrange one.

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History of Winchelsea

Marjorie Florence Lawrence (1907 – 1979)



Marjorie Jackson in 1939. Source: Winchelsea and District Historical Society photo collection

One of Winchelsea's most prominent landmarks, The Globe Theatre, was built for one of Winchelsea's most remarkable historical figures, Marjorie Lawrence. A dramatic soprano born on 17 February 1907 at Deans Marsh. Marjorie was fifth of six children of William Lawrence, butcher and fiddler, and his wife Elizabeth, nee Smith, church organist, who died when Marjorie was 2.

From the age of 10 she was a regular soloist. Her musical tastes were refined by the local Anglican parson and gramophone records of Nellie Melba and Clara Butt. At 18, she left for Melbourne in search of work, paying Ivor Boustead to train her voice. She entered the vocal sections at Royal South Street Society, but it was her win at the 1928 Sun Aria in Geelong that led to the launch of her career.

In 1928, Marjorie gave her farewell concert at the Globe Theatre before going to Paris, where she trained under Madame Cecile Gilly and went on to become the leading

soprano at the Paris Opera. She performed six seasons with the New York Metropolitan Opera, mostly in Wagnerian leads. Even at the height of her fame and success, Marjorie disdained celebrity arrogance and was known for being warm and down-to-earth.

Upon her triumphant return to Australia in 1939, she kept a promise to perform first at Winchelsea. This performance occurred on 16 June 1939 as part of a local civic reception. Apart from some representatives of the press, the 480 available seats in the Globe Theatre were occupied by residents of the Shire.

In 1941 poliomyelitis left her almost completely paralysed in both legs. She continued to perform in chairs and wheeled platforms, often designed by her husband and Osteopath, Thomas King. Lawrence returned in 1944 and gave another performance to a crowded and enthusiastic audience at the Globe. She made many trips back to Australia and always kept her promise to perform first at Winchelsea, in the Globe Theatre. She also did extensive tours to entertain troops in Australia, occupied Europe and Vietnam, and sang at Buckingham Palace and the White House.

In summer she ran opera workshops and sponsored children's opera at her home Harmony Range, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Grateful students established the Marjorie Lawrence Lincoln Endowment Fund for handicapped people attending performances of 'the Met' at the Lincoln Centre, New York.

Marjorie died of heart failure on January 13, 1979, at St Vincent's Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas. During her life, she received she received the cross of the Légion d'honneur (1946) for her work in France and was also appointed C.B.E. in 1976. She continues to inspire artists and creatives in Winchelsea and around the world.



Micheál P O'Dhonnabháin has lived in the Winchelsea area since 2010.

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.

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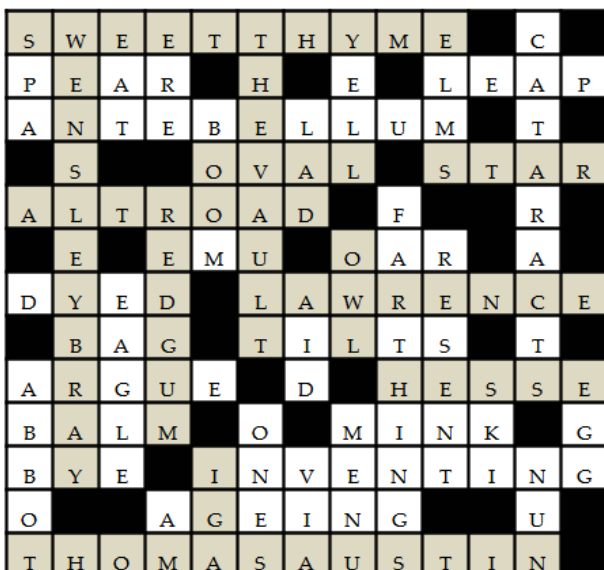
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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

How a Chamber could strengthen Winchelsea's growing business momentum

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

Across Winchelsea, a quiet but significant challenge is emerging: local businesses are running out of room. As the town grows, more operators are finding themselves squeezed by zoning constraints, limited commercial land, and a lack of suitable places to expand or relocate. Some businesses are operating from residential areas because there is simply nowhere else for them to go. Others are delaying growth plans because the land they need doesn't exist — yet.

This isn't a new issue, but it is becoming more urgent.

The former Growing Winchelsea (2015) strategy — our old 10 year precinct plan — identified the need for future commercial and industrial land. But that plan is now outdated. The Winchelsea Place Plan has set out the community's aspirations, and council is developing a new Structure Plan to turn those aspirations into a practical precinct plan for the next decade. The community has been invited to help shape it — a rare chance to influence where future commercial, industrial and employment precincts will be located.

But while the community has a seat at the table, businesses do not yet have a unified voice.

Growing Winchelsea plays an important role in conversation, connection and community identity. It helps people talk about what matters. But it is not designed to advocate for business relocation needs, commercial land supply, or economic infrastructure. It does not carry the lobbying power that a Chamber of Commerce and Industry has.

Meanwhile, business pressures continue to grow. Operators are asking:

- Where will future commercial land be?
- Will there be space for industrial expansion?
- How do we relocate when zoning blocks us?
- Who is advocating for business needs in the Structure Plan?

We are seeing positive developments — the Small Business Bus returning, the Co Working Space at Winchelsea Community House opening, and new business training opportunities emerging. These initiatives support business development, but they do not solve the structural issue: Winchelsea has no coordinated business and industry voice.

A Winchelsea Chamber of Commerce and Industry could change that.

It could advocate for commercial and industrial land in the Structure Plan. It could represent relocation needs, highlight zoning constraints, and push for infrastructure that supports business growth. It could provide the lobbying power needed to influence decisions at regional, state and federal levels — ensuring that business needs are not overlooked as Winchelsea grows toward 18,000 residents by 2050.

Without a chamber, business concerns risk being scattered, unheard or raised too late. With a chamber, they become part of the planning conversation — backed by structure, unity and influence.

We've started the ripple — whether it leads to change, or disappears, is now up to us. And if you'd like your thoughts to be part of that ripple, a Letter to the Editor addressed to Madam Butterfly is the place to start.

\$40m Infrastructure Boost To Keep Motorcyclists Safe

The Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety Paul Hamer this week released the Motorcycle Safety Action Plan.

The plan will improve motorcyclist safety by investing in safer roads, better protection, and stronger support for riders.

It includes \$40 million to roll out motorcycle-friendly barriers, surface upgrades, and improved signage across the state, including at:

- Great Ocean Road, Corangamite
- Erskine Falls Road, Lorne
- Bambra Aireys Inlet Road, Aireys Inlet
- Bambra-Boonah Road, Deans Marsh.

The Plan will:

- Strengthen the Motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme, to support novice motorcyclists
- Update the Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme, to address the

growth in electric motorcycles
- Work to increase the number of riders who wear personal protective gear.

Tragically, 61 riders died on Victorian roads in 2025, representing 21 per cent of the state's 291 lives lost last year. That's despite motorcycles representing less than 4 per cent of total registered motor vehicles.

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- 3 Yahweh's voice is on the waters.
The God of glory thunders, even Yahweh
on many waters.
- 4 Yahweh's voice is powerful.
Yahweh's voice is full of majesty.
- 5 Yahweh's voice breaks the cedars.
Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars
of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young, wild ox.
- 7 Yahweh's voice strikes with flashes of
lightning.
- 8 Yahweh's voice shakes the wilderness.
Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 Yahweh's voice makes the deer calve,
and strips the forests bare.
In his temple everything says, "Glory!"
- 10 Yahweh sat enthroned at the Flood.
Yes, Yahweh sits as King forever.
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**Thought of
the Week**

"The value of compassion cannot be
over-emphasized. Anyone can criticize.

It takes a true believer to be
compassionate.

No greater; burden can be borne by an
individual than to know no one
cares or understands."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Winchelsea Cricket Club

Hopkins St, Winchelsea, winchelseacrickclub1858@outlook.com

Cricket News

by Heather Edwards

Junior Cricket Is Back in Full Swing!

What an amazing turnout we had again on Sunday morning for Winchelsea Cricket Club's Junior Preseason Training, with 20 enthusiastic young cricketers joining us!

It was fantastic to see so many kids getting involved, having a go and most importantly, enjoying themselves, with plenty of huge smiles on display. There was loads of energy and enthusiasm throughout the morning, along with some very promising cricketing talent!

We are excited to confirm that Winchelsea Cricket Club will be entering teams in both the Under 11 and Under 13 competitions this season.

Under 11s

Friday nights at 5pm
Commencing 23 October

Under 13s

Saturday mornings at 8am
Commencing 17 October

Making History - Our First Junior Girls Team!

We are incredibly excited to announce that we have the numbers to field Winchelsea Cricket Club's first-ever Junior Girls Cricket Team! ☐☐

The girls will play on Sunday mornings at 9am, commencing 11 October.

Getting this team up and running is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the girls who have been willing to give cricket a go. We are so proud of everyone who has put their hand up and helped make this possible!

And, of course, the more the merrier!

If you have a daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece or friend who might be interested in giving cricket a go, we would absolutely love to hear from you.

No experience is needed whatsoever — just come along, have some fun and give it a go!

Junior Registrations

We ask that families please complete their junior registrations as soon as possible so we can finalise team numbers and begin organising training sessions for the season ahead.

Junior Boys — Under 11s & Under 13s;
playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/38a133

Junior Girls;
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4b5f50>

Training

Preseason training for both boys and girls teams will continue next Sunday 20th September at 10am.

Under 11's & Under 13's training on Thursday afternoons will commence on 1st October at 4.45pm.

Girls training has been pencilled in for Tuesday afternoons (as not to conflict with netball training) starting 29th September however this will be confirmed once registrations and teams have been finalised.

For further information, or to register your interest, please contact:

Heather: 0434 021 064
Email: winchelseacrickclub1858@outlook.com

We can't wait to see our junior players back out on the cricket field and, hopefully, welcome plenty of new faces to the Winchelsea Cricket Club family!

Come and have a go — you might just discover a love for cricket!



WINCHELSEA CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Season Launch
Saturday 3rd October 2026
- Sponsors Day
Saturday 17th October 2026
- Trivia Night
Saturday 5th December 2026
- Christmas Party
Saturday 12th December 2026
- Day - Premiership Reunion
Night - Reverse Raffle
Saturday 27th February 2027

JUNIOR PRE-SEASON CRICKET TRAINING

Sunday 20th September | Eastern Reserve Winchelsea | 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Whether you have already registered or want to come and see what it's all about before you register, we would love to see you there!

Contact Heather
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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

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Netball

Angie Mawson

Photos: Jason Nogueira Photography



East Geelong came out blazing and never really let go, turning every Winch mistake into scoreboard pressure. In a true defender's battle, both teams were fierce, disciplined, and relentless, but East capitalised just a little more, holding the lead at every change.

Maddy McKiernan was once again a standout, producing another best-on-court calibre performance in the defensive ring. Her agility, her ability to shut down space, her timing — it was elite. Liv Barber backed her beautifully, the pair working in perfect sync with that now-signature truck-and-trailer split-ring defence.

Meg Royal played one of her strongest Centre games of the season, going head-to-head with the 2026 Margaret Webb Medallist and refusing to give an inch. She fought, she chased, she lifted — keeping Winch in the contest every time East threatened to break away.

In attack, the goals just didn't fall like they have over the past month. The

bench rotated combinations, searching for that spark, that rhythm, that one moment to flip momentum — but the shots simply wouldn't drop. Time and time again Winch clawed back to level, only to be denied by a cruel bounce or a turnover in the heat.

And the heat was brutal. Very hot conditions, heavy legs, and a fast East outfit that made the most of every opportunity.

But here's the truth: this new-look Winch side smashed every expectation. They made a Grand Final. They built unity, belief, and a brand of netball that has the whole club buzzing. Five homegrown juniors — Meg Royal, Connie Lake (Royal), Katrina Filice, Ebony Berg, and Makayla Bulte — plus 2010 premiership player Toni Lind, combined with the clever inclusions of co-coaches Maddy McKiernan and Maggie Lind, and the impact of Layla Pettoriosis, Grace Pullen and Liv Barber... this group didn't just compete.

They became the most unified team in the competition.

East were the better team on the day — no excuses, no regrets. Just pride.

Winch will regroup, replot, replay and replan for Season 2027. The fire is already lit.

Congratulations girls on your incredible run to the A Grade Grand Final. The entire club is behind you, and we'll ride this journey with you again.





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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

Results 9/9/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford

11 Players

1st - Tim Parish (25) 35 points
2nd - Max Bubb (15) 33 points C/B
BDL - Neil Hickman (14) 33 points C/B
NTP (6th/15th) - Bill Spencer

Ladies Results 9/9/26 - Stableford

Winner: Mary Parish 30 pts
R/Up: Di Bartel 28 pts
Best 9: Ann Davis

Results 12/9/26 - Hugh & Rodney Robertson Shield Board Event (Alan Reid Memorial)- Par

16 Players

1st - David "Fly" Lewis (23) - 1 down
2nd - Andrew Ellery (29) - 2 down C/B
BDL - Chris Myers (25) - 2 down C/B
BDL - Stephen Harvey (16) - 3 down C/B
NTP (8th/17th) - Neil Hickman
Golden Hole (2nd) - Alan Redmayne

Coming up:

Wednesday 16th: Weekly Stableford and Ladies Competition
Saturday 19th September - Stableford
Wednesday 23rd: Weekly Stableford and Ladies Competition
Saturday 26th: AFL Grand Final - 8am start - 2 Person Multiplication Stableford

Special Mention:

Well done to the team of Liz, Di and Mary for getting runner up in the Ocean Grove Bowl on the 12th of September. Ocean Grove won with 92 pts while our team finished closely 88 pts.

Liz won the B Grade with 35 points, a wonderful score!



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Community Invited To Help Shape The Future Of Waterways Across The Corangamite Region

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is inviting people across our region to help shape the future of rivers, wetlands, estuaries and creeks by providing feedback on the draft 2026-2036 Corangamite Regional Waterway Strategy.

Developed over the past 18 months through research, environmental analysis and workshops with key partners, the draft strategy outlines priorities and actions to guide waterway management across the Corangamite region over the next decade.

Corangamite CMA CEO, Dr. Amber Clarke said the next stage of the process is about ensuring the strategy reflects the values, aspirations and priorities of the people who live, work and visit the waterways of our region.

The strategy outlines practical actions while recognising the need to adapt to changing environmental conditions and future challenges. It also highlights opportunities for collaboration and investment to achieve lasting benefits for waterways, communities, culture and the environment.

Community members can review the draft strategy and implementation plan and provide feedback through a survey or written submission on the Engage Victoria website.

Have your say:

Engage Victoria: Draft Corangamite Regional Waterway Strategy 2026-2036 | Engage Victoria

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Consultation closes: 30th September 2026

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parkrun 131



Saturday 12 September 2026

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Words & photos by Kristen Czerkiewicz

Parkrun number 131 had 26 participants this week in sunny conditions. We had attendees from Maribynong, Shepparton and even a runner from Tennant Creek who was ran in honor of her mother's 80 th birthday. Well done Dylan Kee on your Personal Best, who was also our first finisher at only his 4th parkrun!

Parkrun is a great way if you are looking to improve your fitness. You can run or walk and you never be last as that's our tail walkers job. We had 9 volunteers today, thanks to Angela, Ann, Cherie, Liz, Graeme, James, Judy and Lauren because without them, we couldn't run our awesome local event.

Please feel free to attend next Saturday's at 8am to run, walk or there some spots on our volunteer list.

Kristen, Run director.



Clockwise from top right;

- The start
- The Dawson family. Moved to Winch 6 months ago and 'loving it'.
- Tail walkers making sure the last ones are in.
- 1st across the line with a Personal Best time in only his 4th Park Run, Dylan Lee
- Run Director Kristen's dog Ruben





Recently the Moriac Community Network Sustainability group held the first of their combined workshop / Swap and Share meetings.

Local Moriac resident, Robbo, from Grow Food Forests, taught us all about the health benefits, for our gardens and ourselves, in establishing a backyard hot composting system from the ground up.

MCN were very grateful to Robbo as he made us a double bay compost pile at The MCN Shed and demonstrated the layering technique and ratio's of 'brown' (Carbon) and 'green' (Nitrogen) materials. Thank you Robbo for your workshop!!

Our Swap and Share tables were full of gorgeous and fresh home grown leeks, pumpkin and rhubarb, along with jars, books and magazines and a whole host of other items to be swapped and shared.

All are welcome to attend the Sustainability gatherings which take place on the first Sunday of each month from 11-12pm at The MCN Shed (opposite the Moriac General Store, at the end of the gravel road). Bring along something to share, swap or a gold coin to donate!

Our next Sustainability workshop is to be held on Sunday October 4th and our guest will be speaking about home beekeeping and honey making. All welcome! See flyer for details.

Swap & Share

— Community Event —

Sunday 4th October ~ 11am - Midday
Join us at the MCN Shed



Come along and meet local Wendy and discuss all things bees and honey

Swap and Share your excess produce or goods

Come along and chat with like minded locals



Got an area of interest or skill to share, please let us know?



All Welcome

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