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Letter to the Editor

Response to the Ripple Effect

In response to "The Ripple Effect" dated August 25th, I wholeheartedly agree that what this town needs is a total revamp of local signage. Firstly the town is registered as an RV friendly town but where are the signs telling people? And also outdated signage that hasn't been removed? Roberta's Cottage is a case in point.

Before the highway was duplicated, we had an entrance sign telling travellers all the clubs and organisations there were in town. It never got replaced. When the Lions Club inquired to the Shire about putting a sign up for the club they were told "There's too much signage pollution." I haven't noticed any being removed.

My husband and myself used to volunteer at the Visitor Information Centre and we were always asking for more signage so visitors could find us easier.

There is another case in point. The Centre has been closed since Covid and the Shire are dragging their feet reopening it!!!! We are experiencing more and more visitors to the town and we need somewhere to alert them to the attractions we have eg river walks, historical buildings, clubs and organisations to encourage them to stay longer.

An updated street map is desperately needed. There is so much development going on, I wouldn't have a clue where all the new streets are. But it's alright to rename part of a street. Why????

Perhaps signage could be something to be included in the Place Plan.

Linda Carter

Letter from the Editor

This week, we pause to say vale to Ken McDonald. Ken's sudden passing has come as a shock, and our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Fiona, Hamish, Angus and all of Ken's family and friends and all who knew him. His passing is a reminder of how closely connected our community is and how deeply the loss of one person can be felt.

At the same time, excitement is building around the netball A Grade Grand Finals. Congratulations to our local netballers on reaching this moment!. Your commitment, teamwork and determination over many years have given us plenty to cheer about. Good luck to all of you as you take to the court in the Grand Final.

From moments of sadness to times of celebration, the Winchelsea Star continues to share the stories that connect our community.

Until next week, look after yourself and others.

Winchelsea Identity

Ken McDonald

sadly passed away on September 3rd.

Details of a Memorial Service
will be announced later.

Please follow local news outlets
for updates of arrangements.





Spring is a busy time in our garden!

Julia Holohan

Spring: the days are getting longer, the soil is warming, the end of winter's slow growth and the beauty of the rapid spring growth. Then there's the spring equinox winds to blow those pretty blossoms from the fruit trees, the weeds will be in growing rampantly, making us pull, pull & pull them from the ground.



plum blossom

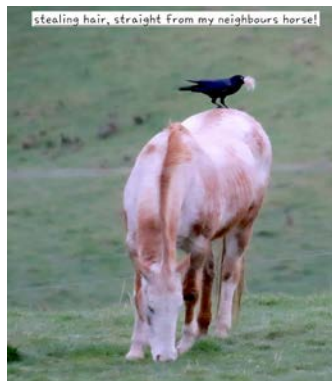
It's a busy time in the garden, getting seeds to sprout and seedlings into the soil, mowing of lawns, trimming the grass as it grows long where the mower can't get it.

The birds have been busy building their nests & the bower birds noisy attracting mates to their beautiful bowers.

The birds are quick to gather the shedding of our horse's winter coats for the soft lining of their nests, some pick it straight from my neighbours horse's back! That makes it time to think about gathering the horse manure for the garden.



our red kangaroo paw in flower



stealing hair, straight from my neighbours horse!

With the longer days there's more time to be had in the garden. What are we up to, did we get done what I said we were intending to do in last week's paper?

Well, we got through most of what we wanted to do: The pot plants, I feel we don't have many until I get them together to work out the ones needing repotting, the ones that only need extra potting mix added and those that are fine & only needing a little fertilising - I haven't finished this job.



strawberries with pineneedles



pineneedles mulch

The strawberries and blueberries we put into old concrete laundry troughs last year have had a little scratching of their soil, some potting mix added to top them up, then a layer of dried pine needles for mulch.

Originating from growing in the pine mulch of the European pine forests, they love an acid soil, hence the pine needle mulch rather than straw. We trot down the road to a spot where several big pine trees grow on the verge, gather the dry and composted pine needles in big baskets & bumbled into a neighbour doing the same thing!



kangaroo paw cutting planted last year

Our kangaroo paws have had their trimming. The row that makes a hedge where we park our cars had become very dense, they had a buzz cut, almost to ground level, with the whipper snipper. They'll grow back and will look happier.

The other kangaroo paws growing in the garden weren't in need of the same drastic action. Their dead flower heads are cut off at the end of summer, leaving their stems, too hard to pull out then but, are easier to pull now. Without the flowers there's no pollen flying everywhere, give them a good left then right wiggle before pulling each one out, this method will also thin the plant.



whippersnipped pruning



pruned kangaroo paw

We only have the yellowy/green and a red flowering kangaroo paws. They came from my parent's garden in Melbourne's bayside sandy soil & have thrived in our heavy clay soil.

They were small skinny bits we'd dug away from the parent plant, making sure they had roots attached, it took many years for them to get to a good size.

When we pull the old stems out, often there's some root, these can be given to others to plant, they'll just need patience to wait for the clump to develop.

Next week we'll get those extra veg seeds sown, finish off the rest of our pot plants needing attention & mow the lawns, yet again!





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- All questions welcome, big or small
- Guidance on local, affordable support
- A relaxed first step — no commitment

When & Where

Drop-in times at the community centre — all welcome, no need to know what to say:



Every Monday

Weekly drop-in session



9:30 – 11:00am

Drop by any time in this window



Winchelsea Community House

28 Hesse St, Winchelsea



Book your spot

Bookings essential — contact Winchelsea Community House reception

Call (03) 5267 2028 or email reception@winchhouse.org.au to arrange your appointment. Spaces are limited each week.

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.



This is a place for passionate foodies. Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.

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



Lentil Dahl

I know, lentil dhal is not the recipe you'd expect for our ingredient of the month - onion - but hear me out. This has been one of my go-to recipe's for years, out of my favourite Moroccan Soup Bar cook book - in fact I cooked it last week. There are some Dahl recipes that are a little more on the bland side, but this one is rich and flavourful and I give most of the credit to the onions, garlic and herbs that are sauteed before being added to the cooked lentils. We serve it over rice.



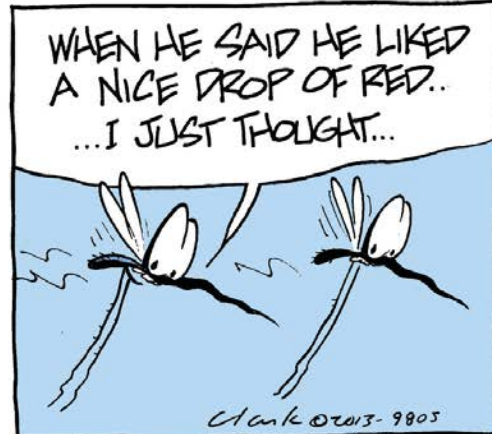
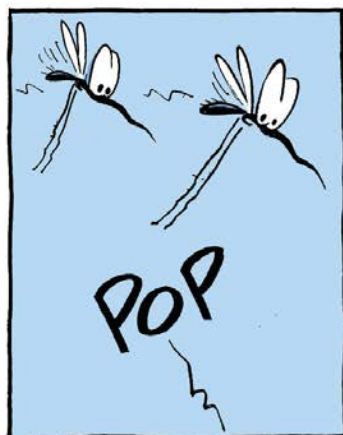
INGREDIENTS

2 cups lentils
3 cups water olive oil
2 onions, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic

¼ bunch coriander, extra to serve
¼ bunch parsley
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 cup or can crushed peeled tomatoes
yoghurt, to serve
1 tbsp salt, plus extra black pepper
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp sweet smoked paprika
½ tsp chilli (optional)

METHOD

- Wash the lentils a few times to remove any debris that may have made it into the bag during harvesting.
- Add the water to a medium saucepan. Add the lentils and a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil.
- Once boiling, turn down to a simmer.
- In a separate pan, add oil to cover the base. Add the onions and garlic, and sauté until translucent. Add the salt, pepper, coriander, parsley, cumin and paprika. Add the chilli if desired.
- Allow to simmer while the lentils are cooking, about 25 minutes.
- When the lentils are cooked, add the tomato paste and tomatoes.
- Simmer for a further ten minutes.
- Add the cooked onions and garlic to the lentils. Adjust the seasoning and simmer for a further ten minutes.
- The dahl should be the consistency of a thick stew.
- Garnish with coriander.
- Serve with rice and yoghurt.



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Local News Spotlight

Winchelsea Cricket Club ready for long-awaited top-tier challenge

Story Sam Treasure

Winchelsea Cricket Club will enter the 2026/27 season in A1 for the first time since the Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association introduced its two-tier structure, with the reigning A2 premiers determined to make the most of their long-awaited promotion.

And among the club's new recruits will be two players from the UK, who are set to add depth to the team and fresh faces around town.

After entering the Bellarine competition in the 2017/18 season, Winchelsea has spent years trying to reach the association's top division.



Winchelsea's A2 premiership winning team last season

President James Stephenson said the club's promotion represented the culmination of almost a decade of work.

"We're excited for this challenge in A1," Stephenson said. "I've been president for at least seven years, so it would be close to 10 years since we've been trying to get to A1 and we have achieved that now."

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The Blues ended a 19-year premiership drought last season, defeating Collendina by 38 runs after a remarkable late-season charge that saw them finish fourth and needing to win their final game of the season just to secure a place in the finals, before ultimately earning promotion to A grade division 1.

Their preparations for the new challenge have already begun, with roughly 20 players attending the first preseason training.

The club will complete eight sessions across Geelong's Barwon Regional Cricket Centre, the Colac Sports Performance Hub and Eastern Reserve in Winchelsea before facing Lethbridge in a practice match on September 26.

Stephenson said the focus was on building a strong foundation, "We're just looking to get a solid pre-season in."

The club has also recruited six new players, including two from the UK.



Max Wladon is one of the English imports who will arrive in town this month. He comes from the Pagham Cricket Club in Bognor Regis, West Sussex. The 22-year-old has taken 249 wickets in his career so far.

He spoke to the Winchelsea Star from his UK base last week, "I'm hoping to develop massively as a player, and am really looking forward to the season ahead."

"I'm hoping to bring my opening bowling skills to the team to assist them with their aspirations and goals for the season," Wladon said.

Wladon said he enjoyed watching soccer, golf and darts outside of cricket.



Fellow UK recruit Joe Edwards is a wicket-keeper-batsman from Eastergate Cricket Club, which is also in West Sussex. It's understood Edwards may take on some junior coaching responsibilities at the club.

Other recruits to the club this season include:

- Adam Korth – A former coach who returns after two seasons away and will bat in the top order.
- Matt Baker – A former St Peters player returning to cricket after time away who will join the top order.
- Tom Stephenson – He is returning after time away from cricket to focus on football and will slot into the top order.
- Jack Jeffrey – Arrives from St Leonards and will strengthen the middle order.

The recruits add depth to a side that Stephenson believes it will need to compete against stronger A1 teams, such as Barwon Heads.



"I think in A1 there is a lot more depth than A2," he said.

"You can come up against teams that bat all the way down to nine. In A2 you mostly only get teams that just bat through to five or six."

The club will also enter a new coaching era, with Ricci Sauni and Jarrod Groves taking over from Shane Murdoch, who captained and coached last season's premiership side.

Murdoch will remain involved as an A-grade player after being awarded the A2 Champion Player honour last season.

With the club's premiership generating renewed excitement and helping attract returning players and recruits, finals remain the goal for Winchelsea Cricket Club.

"We are looking to go up to A1, be competitive and also still play finals," Stephenson said.

"We don't want to be the yo-yo side that goes up and comes straight back down."

For a club established in 1858, the long-awaited arrival in A1 represents another significant chapter in Winchelsea's history.

The 2026/2027 season is set to be a bumper one for the club across all age groups, with the club set to enter teams in both the Under 11 competition and Under 13 competition. It is also currently recruiting for its first all-girls junior team.

This story was produced as part of a partnership between the Winchelsea Star and Deakin University. It aims to provide journalism students with an opportunity to have their work published, and give the Winchelsea community access to local news reporting.

Shine a light on Local Champions

Celebrating people who inspire us through sport

The Wannon Sport Awards recognise sporting achievement, dedication and commitment across all ages and levels of competition.

Nominations are open across four categories:

- Primary School – Individual or Team Achievement
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- Open – Individual or Team Achievement
- Member of Parliament Award

Nominations for the Wannon Sport Awards can be submitted at: <https://dantehan.com.au/2026-wannon-sport-and-volunteer-awards/>

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- Emergency Management
- Group
- Inspiring Individual
- Member of Parliament Award

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For further details, please call 1300 131 692 or 03 5561 6405.

2026 Amy's Gran Fondo

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY & ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION - NOTIFICATION OF ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE ANNUAL AMY'S GREAT OCEAN ROAD GRAN FONDO RETURNS TO LORNE, THE SURF COAST AND COLAC OTWAY SHIRE ON SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026. MORE THAN 5,000 CYCLISTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL VISIT THE REGION TO HONOUR AMY GILLET, WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HER LIFE IN A TRAINING RIDE IN 2005 WHEN HIT BY A CAR. THE EVENT HONOURS AMY GILLET'S LEGACY BY AIMING TO REDUCE FATALITIES AND INJURIES AMONG CYCLISTS THROUGH INCREASED SAFETY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION.

2026 ROAD CLOSURES

ROAD	LOCATION / CLOSURES	TIMES
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between Otway St & William St	4.45am – 10.00am
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between William St & Albert St	4.45am – 5.00pm
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between Deans Marsh Rd and Otway St	7.00am – 8.00am
Deans Marsh-Lorne Road	Between Birregurra – Deans Marsh Rd & Great Ocean Rd	6.30am – 10.00am
Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd & Deepdene Rd	Between Cape Otway Rd & Deans Marsh – Lorne Rd	7.30am – 10.30am
Birregurra-Forrest Road	Between Deepdene Rd (Colac-Lorne Rd) & Colac-Forrest Rd	7.45am – 11.30am
Forrest-Apollo Bay Road	Between Beech Forest Rd (Turtons Track) & Colac Forrest Rd	8.00am – 1.30pm
Skenes Creek Road	Between Great Ocean Rd & Beech Forest Rd (Turtons Track)	8.00am – 2.00pm
Great Ocean Road (both directions)	Between Skenes Creek Rd, Skenes Creek & Albert St, Lorne	8.30am – 3.30pm
Great Ocean Road	Between Hardy St, Apollo Bay & Skenes Creek Rd, Skenes Creek	10.45am – 11.30am

CONTACT US

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16.57 19.15

Sat - Sun 8.29 10.28 14.02 16.55 19.14

TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 8.56 11.50 14.44 17.30 (coach)
18.42 20.52

Sat - Sun 9.42 11.40 14.45 18.37 20.37

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



7pm second Wed of month
Winchelsea Senior Citizens'
36 Harding St Winchelsea

Winchelsea and District

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cnr Barwon Tce & Hopkins St, Winchelsea
Danni Menzies 0432019944
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com
Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
New families welcome

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Volunteers to take photos at the Blues
games for the rest of the year for our
Winchelsea Star articles

DIAMOND DOT DAY

Saturday 12th September
11.00 am till 4pm
Senior Citizens Rooms
Harding Street Winchelsea
See you there

BBQ OUTSIDE WINCHELSEA IGA

Starting again on the first Saturday of
September, 9 - 12pm, and every first
Saturday over the spring summer
period. Come along and support these
hard working people
and our local community.

PINE CONES FOR FIRE PITS \$5

Winchelsea Lions Club
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

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Please wear sneakers.
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197
Mary Parish 0428 887 219

IGA NOTICE BOARD

Volunteers keep the
IGA Notice Board up to date.
Anything you wish to promote
please leave at the IGA.
Please limit to no larger than A4.
Displayed for a month,
other than business cards.

STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT

Finished articles for sale in the Display
Cabinet at Reception Winch House.
The Group meets every Wednesday
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Please note the Winchelsea Star
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articles relating to public emergencies.



DEFIBRILLATORS IN WINCHELSEA Accessible to the public 24 hours a day

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

- Ambulance Victoria 33 Willis St
- Bendigo Bank 11 Main St
- Globe Theatre (Side) 17 Willis St
- Hesse Rural Health 8 Gosney St

- Men's Shed 51 Hesse St
- Modewarre Hall (Porch)
- Netball Courts Hopkins St
- Senior Citizens Club 36 Harding St
- Uniting Church 33 Hesse St
- Winchelsea Bowls Club Hesse St
- Winchelsea Golf Club 13 Anderson St
- Winchelsea Primary School Main St
- Wurdale Memorial Hall 220 Wurdale Rd

Getting fuel reduction underway ahead of bushfire season

Surf Coast Shire

Preparations for bushfire season are best started in winter, and Surf Coast Shire Council's annual Winter Fuel Reduction Program has focused on Anglesea and Aireys Inlet in 2026.

The program focuses on different high-risk communities each year, encouraging owners and occupiers to reduce vegetation around properties and help create safe clearance zones between vegetation and buildings.

The early action can help save lives and property once the bushfire season hits.

This year's program saw Council teams work with crews inspecting 960 properties in and around Anglesea and Aireys Inlet. Unlimited free collection of cuttings stacked by residents on nature strips resulted in creation of 503 cubic metres of mulch – enough to fill 2,096 big wheelie bins.

Crews also trimmed or removed vegetation from 360 road reserves to reduce risk for adjoining properties.

Delivery of the fuel reduction program rotates each year between Lorne, Moggs Creek, Fairhaven, Aireys Inlet and Anglesea.

During work on road reserves teams identified some nature strip plantings that were not aligned with Council's Nature Strip Policy, which sets clear directions on permitted nature strip treatments within high bushfire risk areas.

Ensuring nature strip plantings comply with the policy is important to helping manage fire risk. Properties with non-compliant nature strips are issued with notices requesting removal of vegetation or landscaping.

Fuel Reduction Guidelines

- Create two-metre clearance zones between vegetation and buildings.
- Remove woody weeds.
- Clear out dense vegetation near buildings or fences and create breaks in hedges.
- Always consider safety before trimming.

Prunings can be placed in green-lid kerbside bins or taken to local transfer stations.

In October, all residential property owners across the shire will receive vouchers providing free drop-off of green waste at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations, to support property preparations ahead of the fire season.

The efforts of property owners, in partnership with Council, complements work carried out by Forest Fire Management Victoria and the Country Fire Authority, such as fuel reduction burns and the implementation and maintenance of strategic fuel breaks within and around towns.

Find more information about fire preparation and prevention via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FireReady or contact a Community Fire Safety and Environment Officer via 5261 0600 or info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Need a lift to?

WAURN PONDS?

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Thanks Men's Shed

Judy Cameron

I had an old stainless steel sink in my shed and the Men from the Shed made this stand so I now have a potting bench in my new garden at the Community Retirement Village.

It also serves as a spot for my bonsai trees which are just coming into leaf. They can go underneath on hot days. The bucket will catch the water for reuse.



If you have a project you think they could help with, visit the Men's Shed, 51 Hesse St on Wednesday or Thursday between 9.30am and 2.30pm or call Ray on 0407 839 139

Councillor Catch-Up

Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor



Modewarre Community Hall held their AGM recently, and it has to be said this Community Asset Committee is doing a fabulous job making the most of a historic and valued local hall. The playground, the Cubs/Scouts shed, the footy ground, the kitchen, and the recently-renovated bluestone building and of course the hall itself are all actively contributing to a vibrant and well-used community space. It was noted that the Shire has been very helpful along the way. Well done to those making this so successful.

Speaking of halls - a warning. The former Winchelsea Shire Hall has had a Shire subsidy for 3 years which covers a role to handle promotion, bookings, setup and all the other stuff associated with running a large community space. This subsidy WILL come to an end in June 2027. So what happens with the Shire Hall thereafter? The last thing I want to see is the shuttering of the space again. This is absolutely something the community need to be involved in, and preferably take on. Now is the time to have conversations, generate ideas, get things in place in consultation with the Shire. Time will pass quickly!

A response to a recent week's Ripple Effect article about signage. In general, any regulatory (Stop/Give Way), Warning (black on yellow) or directional signs on or approaching the highway are the responsibility of the Department of Transport. Council is responsible for street names. Australian Standards apply.

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Did You Know? The Mayor role has several legislative responsibilities above other Councillors (for example, can sign citizenship certificates, can sign off the annual audited accounts). Mainly though it's to be the "voice and face" of Council. The Mayor is generally expected to publicly represent only the agreed and official views, and doesn't usually get a say in public Council Meetings. There's a lot more than attending public events etc. - e.g. advocating to State and Federal MPs, departments and bodies. It's a full-time role.

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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Let forests regrow naturally

University of Queensland

As nations race to restore ecosystems and curb climate change, research has shown that letting nature do the work is a viable cost-effective solution. A study by the Universities of Queensland and Newcastle found that natural forest regeneration delivered substantial carbon and biodiversity benefits and could be up to 96% cheaper than traditional tree-planting programs. The work is published in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution*.

School of the Environment Ph.D. candidate Jiaqi Li said the team mapped how the costs and benefits of natural regeneration varied across the tropics. "Nature is a great gardener. Sometimes we just need to get out of its way while providing a bit of support.

"For tree planting, you need to purchase seeds and hire workers or recruit volunteers to plant and manage them, which is costly. For natural regeneration, you just need to check the land for invasive species and remove them, make sure there are adequate seed sources, provide protection from fire, grazing animals and humans - then it is mostly self-sufficient.

Senior author Dr. Brooke Williams from the University of Newcastle said that, with the world pledging in the 2022 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to restore 30% of Earth's degraded land, natural regeneration was more important than ever.

"The whole world is fighting climate change, and on top of that, nations have goals to reverse the biodiversity crisis," Williams said.

Read the full story @ <https://phys.org/news/2026-08-natural-forest-regrowth-path-climate.html>

Europe's hottest town

- In August 2021, Florida, Greece recorded 48.8 C
- Hotter summers are leaving streets and piazzas deserted
- Residents compare the extreme heat to a form of lockdown
- Scientists warn of rising average temperature, tropical nights
- Beekeepers say extreme heat is wiping out colonies

"The decline in bee populations and the number of beekeepers, together with the loss of pollinators due to climate change and the widespread use of pesticides, is leading to a reduction in biodiversity and lower quality and yields in agricultural production," agronomist Francesco Bellomi said. "The heat can cause individual colonies to collapse and sometimes entire apiaries can be lost, as happened to me in previous years."

Read the full story @ <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/europes-hottest-town-says-climate-change-is-reshaping-daily-life-2026-08-21/>



Zinaida Campion

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

Columnist's Thoughts

What could be more Winchelsea than a Winchelsea Music Season concert? A wonderful programme awaits us this Saturday at the Globe! Céad Míle Fáilte — One Hundred Thousand Welcomes takes us on a journey through a millennium of Celtic music and tradition, from ancient Irish monastic song to the music of Turlough O'Carolan and the living traditions of Ireland and Scotland today. With beautiful melodies, lively tunes, storytelling, love songs, sea songs and rousing rebel ballads, this promises to be a warm, joyful and thoroughly entertaining evening.

Not just fantastic music, there will be a Scottish country dance workshop at 4pm before the concert! Combination tickets are available, but you'll have to hurry.

Saturday 12 September 5pm at the Globe Theatre



If you haven't booked yet, now is the time! Scan the QR code for tickets.

Céad Míle Fáilte: One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

By Mícheál O'Dhonnabháin

The repertoire for Céad Míle Fáilte spans one thousand years of Celtic tradition. From the Monasteries of the tenth century recording some of the earliest examples of Celtic language and songs that survive to this day, to the bardic tradition of Turlough O'Carolan in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, to the living traditions of Celtic tunes written in living memory to keep our Celtic traditions alive.

The concert begins with *Deus Meus Adiuvá Me*, probably the oldest extant piece of Irish music in existence, written in the 11th-century attributed to the Donegal monk and poet Máel Ísu Ua Brocháin (died 1086). It blends Latin and Irish Gaelic lyrics and represents a thousand years of Celtic spirituality.

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.



Between each song we have included traditional tunes which complement the style and theme of the songs.

"Brian Boru's March" is a traditional Irish air associated with the High King Brian Boru (c. 941–1014). Legend has it that bards played this tune for three days and nights at the king's grave which would make it one of the oldest known Irish tunes.

The 17th-century blind Irish harpist and singer Turlough O'Carolan (1670–1738), brings us *Sí Bheag, Sí Mhór* meaning "Small Fairy Mound, Big Fairy Mound", a tune about mythical battles between fairies at ancient burial sites in south County Leitrim and Meath.

This show blends Irish and Scottish traditions including a working song from the Scottish highlands from the eighteenth century. Scottish waulking songs (*òrain luaidh*) are traditional Gaelic work songs sung by women while fulling (shrinking and softening) newly woven tweed, primarily in the Highlands and Outer Hebrides. "Gaol Ise Gaol I" is one such song from the Isle of Skye. The song features a romantic or reflective narrative warning girls against pledging their love to a man. This song is bracketed by Traditional Scottish tunes from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Also from the Scottish highlands is *Chi Mi na Mòrbheanna*, a love song to the mountains.

Also included are Irish and Scottish love songs and sea shanties such as *Fear A Bháta* and *Báidín Fheilimí*.

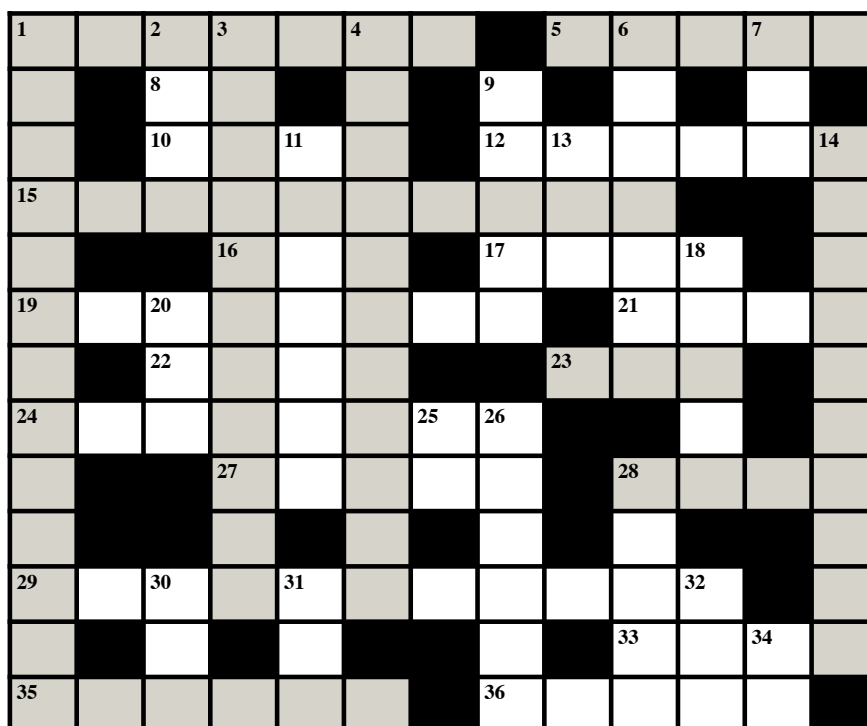
The show climaxes with rousing rebel ballads from Ireland and Scotland and then a traditional farewell from *An Gloine Slán* (The Parting Glass).

This repertoire has been selected to showcase the timeless qualities of our Celtic music and culture. Come with us as we explore a millennium of Celtic Music.

Céad Míle Fáilte: One Hundred Thousand Welcomes.

Winchelsea Crossword No 10 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution p.28



ACROSS	DOWN
1 The Winch Community	1 Winch street name (6,7)
Bank is a branch of which	2 Naming word
Banking group	3 Current Essendon AFL player
5 & 14 dn Name of the wind	who hails from Winch (5,6)
farm near Birregurra	4 Winch housing development
8 Aust. honour award (inits)	site beside Anderson Rd (5,6)
10 Impel	6 Eight sided shape
12 Pretending	7 Religious sister
15 & 28 ac Your weekly	9 The gustatory sense
local newspaper	11 Small pickled cucumber
16 Strong craving	13 Company leader (inits)
17 Ancient Roman garment	14 See 5 across
19 Wetsuit fabric	18 Stop something bad from
21 Curved geometric shape	happening
22 Trousers (informal)	20 Lyrical poem
23 Number of Winch banks	25 Kate Bush song "Running
24 Honorary title given to a	--- That Hill"
retired university professor	26 Pen-shaped drawing tool
27 Not fitting	28 Letter of the Greek alphabet
28 See 15 across	written as Σ
29 Study of human history	30 Motor vehicle
through artefacts	31 Part of a circle
33 Alcoholic honey drink	32 Evergreen tree or shrub
35 Locality NW of Winch	34 Saying "-- eye for -- eye"
36 Release eggs in water	

Meet Lesley White

Judy Cameron

I met Lesley on the Barwon Bridge. She was on her way home from the Village and likes to pause there to check out the bird life around the river. She even has names for some she recognises!

Lesley has been in a long time Winchelsea resident. Over 20 years ago husband Dicko, a builder by trade, came down from the Timboon area after a request from his sister to renovate her house here. He decided he liked this town and did not want to come home! So Lesley chose to join him here and hasn't regretted that move.

She reads the Star and likes it "Because it is local so keep those stories coming."

Lesley suggested a column and the paper invite readers to submit "Family Favourite Recipes".



Get behind the Blues

Angie Mawson

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A Sparkling **WINCHELSEA** Christmas

Mr Winchy Twinkle announces **Carols by the Barwon 2026**

Story Elaine Atkinson Photos Nogueira Photography

Winchelsea's favourite Christmas ambassador, Mr Winchy Twinkle, is polishing his sparkle, fluffing up the tinsel and making a joyful return in 2026 to announce that Carols by the Barwon will be back on Saturday 5 December 2026 as part of A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas.

Winchy has been out and about across town, peeking at plans, popping in on local businesses, admiring the sights and making sure Winchelsea is ready to roll out the festive welcome mat for families at one of the town's most loved Christmas traditions.



With big plans sparkling across December — including brighter decorations, more Twinkle Trees, new surprises for children — Carols by the Barwon is set to shine once again as a highlight of the season.

Planning is already jingling along, and the Carols Committee is inviting local performers, schools, choirs, dance groups and community organisations to register their interest by Thursday 31 October. The final program will be confirmed closer to the event, but families can look forward to the

much-loved mix of short performances from local groups, the Winchelsea Carolers and feature performances by the Colac City Band and BEBOP Circus.

And of course, the moment children wait for all night will arrive right on cue — Santa's arrival by the river, with Winchy Twinkle ready to welcome him in true festive style.

Food vendors will be serving up tasty treats throughout the evening, helping create a relaxed, picnic-style celebration for families to enjoy while the music drifts across the river. Carols by the Barwon is also a Waste Wise event, so everyone is encouraged to bring reusable cups, bottles and containers where possible, use the right bins on the night, and help keep the Barwon beautiful while the Christmas cheer sparkles on.

It's a free, family-friendly event, and everyone is encouraged to bring a rug, round up their favourite people and settle in for a warm, twinkly night by the Barwon as Winchy Twinkle helps guide Winchelsea into a beautifully sparkling Christmas season.

Local groups keen to take the stage are invited to email eatkinson048@gmail.com with their group name, contact details, type of performance and any technical needs. Winchy Twinkle and the Carols Committee can't wait to welcome familiar faces and new performers alike for another magical Winchelsea Christmas tradition filled with music, community spirit and plenty of sparkle.

Don't forget to follow Mr Winchy Twinkle on Instagram at [mr.winchy.twinkle](https://www.instagram.com/mr.winchy.twinkle) or follow Christmas in Winchelsea on Facebook.

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Barwon Water

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How to apply

To apply for the WaterSmart Home Toilet Program please complete an online application form and attach relevant supporting documents including a photo of the toilet cistern to be upgraded.

<https://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/water-and-waste/saving-water/WaterSmart-Home-Toilet-Program/watersmart-home-toilet-program-application-form>

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Winchelsea Men's Shed

Tradition, Technology and Community Working Together

Ray Atkinson

The Winchelsea Men's Shed continues to grow as one of the region's most valued community organisations, blending traditional craftsmanship with modern technology to support local projects, build skills and strengthen social connection.

This year the Shed has expanded its capabilities with the introduction of a new laser cutter, allowing members to produce precision cut signage, decorative pieces, intricate joinery components and custom designs for community groups.

The addition of modern equipment complements the Shed's well established woodworking and metalworking tools, opening the door to new creative projects and attracting members interested in contemporary making and design.

The Shed's latest build — a custom bird house created for a local resident — showcases this blend of creativity and skill. Rather than a simple timber box, members have constructed a multilevel bird palace with an integrated feeding tray, designed to welcome a variety of native birds.



The Winchelsea Men's Shed contributes to a range of community initiatives, including:

- Twinkle Trees on Main – construction of timber trees
- Repairs, restorations and custom builds for individuals, community groups and events
- Lasercut signage, plaques and decorative items using the new technology
- Small furniture, planter boxes, outdoor items



- Mentoring and skill sharing in woodworking, metalwork, laser cutting and safe tool use
- A welcoming social space where men can connect, talk, learn and support one another

The Shed provides a safe, friendly environment for men of all ages — whether they want to build something, volunteer, learn new skills or simply enjoy a cuppa and conversation.

Opening Hours:

Wednesdays – 9.00 am to 2.30 pm

Contact Coordinator:

Ray Atkinson – 0407839139

Email: winchmenshed@gmail.com

The Winchelsea Men's Shed welcomes new members, volunteers and project enquiries. Locals are encouraged to drop in, see the workshop in action, and discover how the Shed continues to combine tradition, innovation and community spirit in Winchelsea.

Is the community interested in re-establishing the Community Garden?

The Winchelsea Men's Shed is exploring the re-establishment of a community garden located at the front of the Men's Shed in Hesse Street — a space that once brought locals together to grow fresh produce, share skills, connect and support fellow neighbours.

Over time, community involvement gradually declined, and the Men's Shed was asked to take responsibility for keeping the garden going. Shed members stepped in and have managed the garden for many years.



For several years, the garden has been well tended by Shed member Clyde Stephenson, whose commitment has ensured regular donations of fresh vegetables to the Winchelsea Foodbank. People drop in to pick vegetables, leave a small donation, and enjoy the sense of

shared ownership that has made the garden thrive. With Clyde now looking to step back, the Men's Shed is inviting expressions of interest from community members who may wish to help revive the community garden concept or take on a gardening role supported by Shed members.

A Community Garden with Local Roots

The garden began as a true community initiative: locals planted their plot, harvested the produce and also donated produce managing the garden as a collaborative effort with the support of the Surf Coast Shire. The Shed hopes to return to that model — a place where:

- people learn from one another
- gardening knowledge is shared
- fresh produce supports local families
- volunteers feel connected and make friends

An Opportunity for a Keen Gardener

The Men's Shed also welcomes interest from any keen gardener who may be looking for more space to grow vegetables. This option allows someone with passion and skill to:

- enjoy a larger garden area
- grow produce for the community

- be supported by Men's Shed members
- contribute directly to Foodbank and local families

It's a chance to garden with purpose — combining personal enjoyment with community benefit.

Supporting Community Wellbeing

The Men's Shed sees the garden as more than a patch of soil. It's a place where:

- people connect
- skills are shared
- healthy food is grown locally
- volunteers feel part of something meaningful

With Clyde stepping back, the Shed hopes new hands will help carry the garden into its next chapter.

Community members interested in helping re-establish the garden - or gardeners keen to take on a supported growing role - can contact Ray Atkinson, Coordinator Winchelsea Men's Shed 0407839139 or email winchmenshed@gmail.com

The Men's Shed looks forward to hearing from locals who want to be part of this positive, practical project that strengthens community wellbeing in Winchelsea.







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It's been another busy and action-packed few weeks in PE!

Prep-2 have wrapped up their soccer kicking unit, finishing with some fun modified games of soccer where students could put their kicking, passing and teamwork skills into practice. We have now moved into basketball, with students developing their dribbling skills through a range of fun rotations and challenges. We will soon bring these skills together through modified basketball games and end the term with some fun collaboration games.

Years 3-5 have been having lots of fun learning the skills and rules of frisbee. Students have been developing their throwing, catching and movement skills through a range of games, as well as having a go at frisbee golf. Our Year 5/6 students will take their learning one step further with an Ultimate Frisbee tournament, putting their teamwork, communication and frisbee skills into action. To finish the term, students will swap frisbees for racquets as they begin our badminton unit!

Sports Day Friday 18th September

We are very excited to finish the term by celebrating Sports Day on the last day of term!

Students are encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their favourite sporting team or sport and get ready for a day of fun and movement.

We will enjoy a range of sport rotations throughout the day and sport themed activities as well as watch a special video from Tony Jones from channel nine news. Keep an eye out for more information about Sports Day coming soon!



1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Ken McDonald - Gone Home

Scouting recognises the passing of a Scout with the term 'Gone Home', and the trail sign comprising a circle with a dot in the centre. BP's headstone in Kenya carries this symbol.

Ken McDonald was such an important part of Scouting in both Modewarre and Winchelsea. Ken was a Scout at 1st Winchelsea as a young person. When his boys were Cub age, they and a million of their classmates joined 1st Modewarre. We had a lively bunch of 48 Cubs and delivered some fantastic programs. Ken was involved in helping with many of these. He was supportive of both the Bank and the Scout Group, bringing the two together to build our huge storage shed, to source equipment and to advertise both organisations. Our trailer displayed signage for both organisations and was greatly admired when out at camps. It was also Ken's 'camp cabin', set up with his stretcher and sleeping bag, and a shoe to hold the door ajar overnight.

Ken became Group Leader at Modewarre, managing the development of the Group until handing over well after his boys had finished Scouting locally. However, he would still prick up his ears at the opportunity to go on a Scout trip. With Angus's interest in kayaking, Ken had joined the Scout Water Activities team. He convinced several of our Scouts to complete an introduction to

white water course on the Upper Yarra, driving us and boats, and cooking for us over the weekend. The course was so much fun with those Scouts still talking about it today. We pulled 100 tennis balls from the river, and one canoe accidentally succeeded in going down some rapids backwards. Without Ken, we wouldn't have been there.

Ken was keen to get 1st Winchelsea up and running again. We spruced up the hall, advertised, and received a great response. Ken took on Group Leader for Winchelsea as well as Modewarre. He successfully chased a grant for a new hall, spent many hours over the design, chased extra funding and met with Scout and Shire representatives. Unfortunately, the hall did not come about, but it wasn't for lack of trying.

Back at Modewarre, Ken's boys had moved on, but he remained in the GL role, until eventually he also moved on. But, a question of "What are you doing? We need a driver to go to..." would result in a quick check of the diary and Ken was on-board.

He took us to the Grampians for one of our 4day camps. This involved lots of mountain driving from our camp near Zumsteins to hike from the Sundial carpark to Halls Gap, to visit Zumsteins historical area, The Halls gap Zoo, MacKenzie falls etc. Whilst the Scouts were doing 'stuff', Ken was busy in his driver's seat office, making and returning phone calls, including patiently explaining that it was not possible for someone to buy just one acre of a much bigger parcel!

Our last big trip together was to Broken Hill and Silverton – a memorable 12day Bank Bus trip. We had an amazing time, visiting so many places of interest and camping in the desert, which Ken loved. Ken was camp chef one night, producing a delicious camp oven beef stew which was given a 5 star 'fully sick' rating from one of the Venturers, who reminded Ken of the generation gap by going on to translate that to mean 'really good'.

Ken didn't mind driving....I'm sure we all know that. Having bought the Scouts 6 Wobbegong canoes from a warehouse in Sydney, Ken decided it would be cheaper to drive up and collect them instead of paying for delivery. He did admit afterwards that it was a long round trip! Shorter runs were the airport drop-offs and pick-ups - Scout trips to Tassie, Venturers to Fiji – all made easier with Ken and the Bank Bus.

Ken found an old Scout book called 'Fun with Ropes and Spars' which he passed onto me. There are so many fun projects in it. We built rafts, bridges over the Barwon below the pool, huge pyramid towers and swings. When I got a little over-enthusiastic, Ken threatened to take the book back.

With his agricultural contacts, Ken organised for us to stay on various properties. We camped in shearer's quarters and dug sheep poo, camped in a paddock above a river where we launched our rafts (named the QE2, the SS Minnow and the Titanic after their seaworthiness or lack of). We travelled around the district, cleaning under woolsheds to raise funds.

Scouting, both locally and more widely, has lost a friend. Our thoughts are with Ken's family, Fiona, Hamish and Angus, as we give thanks for Ken's place in our lives.

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TUESDAY



BRIDGE

Senior Citizens Centre,
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Elaine Atkinson 0458 009 616

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MAT PILATES

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WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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Ray Atkinson 0407839139
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Winchelsea Football Netball Club A history built for moments like this

Angie Mawson

Winchelsea hasn't just been part of the GDFL story — they've shaped it. Since entering the netball competition in 2002, the club has been a blue-blood force, a club that refuses to fade, refuses to settle, and refuses to stop chasing greatness, refuses to stop learning, constantly adapting with the times, even in uncomfortable moments.

From the heartbreak of 2002 to the golden era of back-to-back-to-back Premierships in 2010, 2011, 2012, Winch carved out a dynasty. A period where the Navy Blue didn't just compete — they dominated the A Grade landscape.

They returned to the big stage in 2024, falling agonisingly short. But that's the thing about Winchelsea:

They always come back.

They always rise again.

They've played finals in most of the last 24 years, proving that this club is built on resilience, pride, and a relentless hunger for the next chapter.

What will 2026 bring?

Can this group — this tight, tough, home-grown core — bring the silverware back to Winch?

Captain Meg Royal knows this stage better than almost anyone. She's walked into Grand Finals as a 17&U player alongside fellow 2026 A grade players; Kat Filice, Connie Lake, and Makayla Bulte. She's stood in the arena in B Grade 2010. She's fought through the fire of A Grade loss in 2024.

But she's never held that Premiership trophy.

Not yet.

This year feels different.

This year the girls have trained harder, adapted faster, and playing smarter.

This year the coaching structure has sharpened them.

This year the connection is stronger, the belief deeper, the purpose clearer.

They are fitter.

They are fiercer.

They are finally again playing the brand of netball that wins titles.

Is this the moment Winchelsea writes its next chapter in club history?

Is this the season the Navy Blue Army gets to roar as the girls lift the trophy again?

The story is building.

The momentum is real.

Yet the feeling around the team is keeping it grounded, not playing it early in their heads and true awareness it will not come easy.

Can this be the year Winch finally brings the Premiership home?

We're about to find out — and the whole club is ready to ride every second with them, and if not, we will rebuild, we will train harder and we will lock and load again 'cos that's the resilient culture we are working towards.

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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

RESULTS 2/9/26

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY STABLEFORD

12 Players

1st - Tim Parish (26) 36 points

2nd - Nick Stone (9) 32 points

BDL - Neil Hickman (13) 31 points

BDL - Doug McLennan (24) 29 points C/B

NTP (6th/15th) - Nick Stone

Saturday 5th September - Stroke

RESULTS 5/9/26 - STROKE & PUTTING COMPETITION

6 Players

Heavy rain before, no rain for 17 holes,
drenched with 3 shots to go!

1st - Aaron Wight 91-18-73

BDL - Cam Parke 85-10-75

NTP (2nd/11th) - Cam Parke

Golden Hole (17th) - David Harvey

Putting Competition - Cam Parke 27 putts

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A huge thank you to Tim, Anthea and the entire team at Otway Precast for coming on board as our Naming Rights Sponsor, and to Michael, Carly and the team at Cutting Edge Shearing for supporting the event as our Associated Partner Sponsor.

Your generosity and commitment to supporting local community sport has helped make this event possible, and we're incredibly grateful to have you on board.

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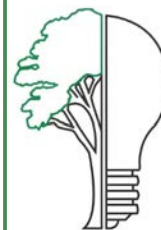
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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



Preliminary Final: Seniors

Werribee Centrals 12.10.82 defeated Winchelsea Blues 7.13.55

The Winchelsea Blues quest for Premiership Honours ended last Saturday afternoon in front of a huge supportive crowd of the Navy Blue. The Blues were missing Fin Parish (broken thumb) and Ryan Williams who has been an almighty addition to the Winchelsea Blues playing list.

Nothing in it up until half time – a low scoring affair made difficult for both sides with the swirling strong windy conditions. The Blues looked to be making real headway late in the 2nd quarter with 8 points the difference – Werribee's way and there was a full 2 quarters of football to be played. Halfway through the third quarter the Winchelsea Blues had unfortunately suffered some significant Injuries (going almost the entire season without any real injuries of significance) Tom Rouget has had a confirmed broken jaw ... there is a pending report before the GDFNL.

Our back man Harry Nagle was to have scans to confirm an ACL and to add to the Blue's pain there was an Achilles injury to gun forward Jordan Gould. All at the W.F.N.C. wish these players a speedy and successful recovery. This was a significant load for the remaining Blues out on the playing field with no rotation left to speak of and was made reference to at the ¾ time address.

The Winchelsea Blues could not have fought harder under the circumstances in what and the way it was presented to them, still pushing hard at the opposition right up to the final siren. It's a pity the final score doesn't reflect the endeavour shown by the remaining playing group left on the field. The Winchelsea Blues can hold their heads high in my opinion (Janet Fletcher) and can reflect on what has been an extraordinary season of building at

both Reserve and Senior levels and celebration of the Club's 150th year Anniversary.

To have accomplished to be on top of the Morris Cup GDFNL Cup home and away games is no mean feat when the Winchelsea Blues have not played in a finals series for many years.

GOALS:

Cameron Primmer 3, Rory Baulch 2, Jordan Gould 1, Jordan Huff 1.

BEST:

Rory Baulch, Jack Terill, Caleb Brown, Cassidy Parish, Adam Walsh, Jack Sampi.

There will still be plenty of action on the Netball Courts on Saturday the 12th September will A Grade having a strong win over Inverleigh last Saturday to earn their place in the Netball Grand Final. While we have not been able to pull off the double appearance by both the Senior sides, all eyes will now be on the A Grade Netballers as they come up against East Geelong Eagles to bring the Silverware home to Winchelsea. Maddie and her team will be red hot this Saturday – get to St.Albans if you can and support the Blues to go all the way!!

The W.F.N.C. has the Grand Final Day Canteen as well this year, there are still some vacancies on the roster for the day – anyone who could help with the clean up of the St. Albans Canteen after the game, we could certainly do with the help. Hopefully it will be a hugely profitable day for us, thank you to those volunteers and players who have offered their help on the day. Thank you to the Winchelsea Lions Club who are manning their famous "Chuck Wagon" at the Netball Courts on Grand Final day.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

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history of winchelsea

The Globe Theatre 17-19 Willis Street Winchelsea



The Arts have always been at the heart of Winchelsea's local culture.

From elaborate colonial Balls and dances where local women sung and played the piano and the brass band played to entertain the community for special occasions, there has always been music in the streets and halls of Winchelsea.

In 1926 the Arts and culture of Winchelsea was crowned with its jewel in the Globe Theatre, built for world famous Soprano Marjorie Lawrence and her siblings as the local picture theatre and concert hall.

This year marks the centenary of the Winchelsea Globe Theatre, a milestone which is being celebrated by our own talented soprano, Zinaida Campion, who is keeping the theatre and its tradition alive through Rural Arts Victoria and the Winchelsea Music Season, hosting local musical acts to perform for the local community.



The Globe has outstanding significance for its associations with the internationally famous soprano singer, Marjorie Lawrence, and as a predominantly intact interwar cinema in Victoria that has served as the cultural and social centre of the town since 1926-27.

The theatre hosted local weddings, concerts, dances, speech nights, and horticultural shows.

In 1946, a public meeting was held by the Shire in the Theatre, proposing to purchase the Theatre from the Lawrence family.

The Theatre was thus acquired by the Winchelsea Shire. Colin F. Worland sat as chair of the first committee attended by Jim McDonald, Bill Shinnars, Herbert Bennett, Syd Batson, Bill Nash, L. Schroeter, Horrie Rayner A (Bluey) Kelton, Bill Boddington, Len Phillips, and Jack McLennan with apologies from Father Keogh and H. E. Warner. Jack Schroeter was appointed apprentice Projectionist.

Since 1990 The Globe has been managed by a new community committee and continues to thrive. The building demonstrates original interwar era design qualities and is a landmark building in this part of Winchelsea.



Image credits: cinematreasures.org and Winchelsea and District Historical Society



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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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.

Winchelsea's business landscape is shifting. The former Growing Winchelsea (2015) precinct plan — our old 10year strategy — is being replaced.

The Winchelsea Place Plan now sets out the community's aspirations, and council is developing a new Structure Plan to turn those aspirations into a practical precinct plan for the town's future.

While the Structure Plan will determine where our future shopping, commercial,

community, education, health and industrial precincts will sit, something else is happening quietly but importantly: business activity in Winchelsea is increasing.

The Small Business Bus has made a welcome return, offering advice and support. The new CoWorking Space at Winchelsea Community House is modern, flexible and already attracting interest from remote workers, freelancers and small startups.

Business training opportunities are expanding, giving local operators access to skills and knowledge that support growth.

These are encouraging signs — but they are happening without a coordinated business voice behind them.

Across Victoria, Chambers of Commerce and Industry provide exactly that.

They connect local businesses with state and federal programs, industry bodies, training providers and regional development organisations. They give towns a direct line to Business Victoria, Regional Development Victoria, the Small Business Mentoring Service, grant pathways and neighbouring chambers.

Most importantly, they give businesses the ability to influence planning, zoning and investment decisions — the very decisions now being made through the Structure Plan.

Winchelsea's businesses are navigating zoning constraints, relocation pressures and limited commercial land options.

Without a chamber, these issues risk being overlooked. With a chamber, they become part of the conversation — backed by lobbying power, regional alliances and access to the broader economic network that supports business growth across the state.

A chamber wouldn't replace existing community organisations like Growing Winchelsea.

It would complement them by ensuring that as Winchelsea grows, business needs are not only heard but acted upon — strengthening the momentum already underway.

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.

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- 1 To you, Yahweh, I call.
My rock, don't be deaf to me,
lest, if you are silent to me,
I would become like those who go
down into the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my petitions,
when I cry to you,
when I lift up my hands toward
your Most Holy Place.
- 3 Don't draw me away with the
wicked,
with the workers of iniquity who
speak peace with their neighbors,
but mischief is in their hearts.
- 4 Give them according to their work,
and according to the wickedness of
their doings.
Give them according to the
operation of their hands.
Bring back on them what they
deserve.
- 5 Because they don't respect the
works of Yahweh,
nor the operation of his hands,
he will break them down and not
build them up.
- 6 Blessed be Yahweh,
because he has heard the voice of
my petitions.
- 7 Yahweh is my strength and my
shield.
My heart has trusted in him, and I
am helped.
Therefore my heart greatly
rejoices.
With my song I will thank him.
- 8 Yahweh is their strength.
He is a stronghold of salvation to
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that faith is not not a living tree.
Thus faith band works together grow,
No separate life they never can know.
They're soul and body, hand and heart.
What God has joined, let no man part."
Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
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Netball

Angie Mawson Photos: Jason Nogueira Photography

Winch A Grade Netballers - Prelim Final Winners

Winchelsea didn't just win. They surged. They rose. They announced themselves as a team hitting peak form at the exact moment the season demands greatness.

From the opening centre pass, the energy was electric — a blue-wave momentum that built quarter after quarter until the final scoreline, 48–30

A WALL OF BLUE

This defence wasn't just strong — it was spectacular.

Maddie McKiernan, in her first year at the helm, delivered yet another best-on-court master-class. Her footwork, her timing, her ability to shut down space... it was ruthless, together with her circle partner Livvy Barber unleashed the now-famous truck-and-trailer split-ring defence — a brand-new weapon that completely suffocated Inverleigh's seasoned shooters. They weren't just defending; they were rewriting what defence looks like, something we haven't seen or played at Winch.

Captain Meg Royal was fierce, fearless, and absolutely everywhere. She hunted intercepts. Not one inch given. Not one moment wasted.

Grace Pullen delivered a performance that will be talked about for months. Strength, structure, patience — she owned the goal circle with total authority. Even with the Hawks supporters chirping away, Grace stayed composed and clinical. One of her finest games yet.

BUILT FROM WINCH

This team isn't just talented — it's homegrown heart.

Five players — Meg Royal, Connie Lake (Royal), Katrina Filice, Ebony Berg, Makayla Bulte — all wearing Winch colours as

juniors and Toni Lind was part of our A premiership winning side from 2010.

Add the brilliant inclusions of co-coaches Maddie McKiernan and Maggie Lind, plus Layla Pettoriosis and Liv Barber, and you get something rare: a team so unified, so connected, so committed, and so ready.

GRAND FINAL BOUND

From finishing the season in 4th to punching their ticket to the 2026 A Grade Grand Final — this group has trained hard, climbed, fought, and earned every inch.

NEXT WEEK: WINCH VS EAST GEELONG.

The stakes rise. The intensity rises. And Winch will rise with it.

Coach Maggie Lind is keeping the group cool, focused, and business-as-usual — because this team knows exactly what's at stake.

The excitement is real. The build-up is real but the lid is still on. We aren't getting ahead of ourselves and East will step the game up another notch next week, we will need to play well to win.

Congratulations girls — your Grand Final berth is deserved, earned, and celebrated by every single one of us.

Let's finish this story the way it deserves to be finished.

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Netball



Winchelsea's Maddison McKiernan and Meg Royal were selected in the GDFL netball team of the year on Wednesday night.

This is Meg's 6th time of being selected a massive compliment to her fierce ability. Maddie was also named in her first year in this competition.

Maddie also was named Runners-up in the A grade league best and fairest for season 2026.

\Congratulations girls!
Good luck in the Grand Final this weekend.

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Pollocksford Road Bridge repair will start in November

Surf Coast Shire

Repair works are expected to begin on the Pollocksford Road Bridge in November and be completed in April 2027.

The project will include replacing the existing bridge deck, repairing the eastern and western bluestone abutments, refurbishing the existing structural steel and installing new barriers and guardrail.

The first stage will involve installing scaffolding around the bridge and enclosing it with an environmental containment system because the coating on the bridge's steel structure contains lead. It will help prevent lead-containing materials and demolition debris from entering the river during the works.

The project will also include repairs to the eastern and western bluestone abutments.

The bridge was closed in April 2024, when structural issues were impacting the bridge's integrity.

Bridge closure during works

For safety, the bridge will be closed to traffic during construction, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. An exclusion zone will also be established underneath the bridge.

When the bridge reopens, the existing 20-tonne load limit will be reinstated and a physical deterrent to prevent oversized trucks from using the bridge.

Buses and CFA trucks will continue to be able to use the bridge once it reopens.

The full list of works include:

- Installation of temporary scaffolding and environmental containment.
- Removal of the existing deck, including the asphalt surface, steel trough decking and nominated cross beams.
- Removal of the existing bridge barriers.
- Repairs to the eastern and western bluestone abutments.
- Installation of a new bridge deck.
- Refurbishment of structural steel; pressure washing, priming and coating.
- New barrier and guardrail system.
- Guardrail, line marking, signage and drainage.
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Saturday 5 September 2026

Neil McInnes

Twenty four participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in cool conditions. We had visitors from Melbourne and Darwin. Welcome to first timer Judy Cameron.

Five participants ran a personal best time for Trebeck Reserve. Congratulations to James Hurren, Anthony Keogh, Allison Wall, Astrid Hall and Peter Hall

Eight volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Kris Czerkiewicz, Brian Vagg, Don Smith, Judy Cameron, Cherie Mordue and Graeme Webb.

Full details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for our start video and more photos.

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the parkrun events worldwide.

To volunteer please send an email to trebeckreserve@parkrun.com

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Deans Marsh Primary School

A small rural school with a big sense of community.

We acknowledge Gadubanud Country and the Custodians and Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge that learning, culture and connection took place here for thousands of years before our school was built.



Our 2027 Priorities

- Small class sizes, including a stand-alone Prep class and a staffing ratio of 1 staff member per ten students.
- Weekly nature play sessions with hands-on outdoor learning within our school's own nature reserve and guided by our new mentor, Dr Chris.
- A comprehensive and balanced literacy program with a strong focus on phonics, reading fluency and creative writing.
- Hands-on mathematics focused on developing mastery of key skills while engaging students with meaningful connections to the real world.
- A daily focus on wellbeing led by our wellbeing team and supported by our strong education support staff using the Resilience Project as a whole-school approach.
- A recognition that school is meant to be fun, and we strive to give students an abundance of reasons to look forward to coming to school each day.
- Come and discover the "Deans Marsh difference". You will discover a warm and welcoming school where children are secure in the knowledge that they are known and cared for by all staff, peers, and the school community.

Our school is currently part of an exciting 3-year research project titled 'Bush schools: Observing teaching and learning in, with, and as nature.' **The aim of the research is to develop an understanding of how nature-based teaching and learning is developing, and how connections with nature support children's learning and quality of education experience.** Part of this project includes regular onsite visits from Dr Chris, as well as meetings as part of a cluster of small schools, including Forrest Primary School, our partner school.



Every Friday, Deans Marsh Primary Students venture up the back of our school grounds into our school wetlands for our nature play sessions. **Our focus is to immerse students in the outdoors with a range of hands-on nature-based activities linked to classroom learning.** Come rain or shine, these sessions build teamwork, mindfulness, initiative & imagination, with links to independence, curiosity, action & a strong sense of hope for the future.

