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12 Months In Antarctica

by Mick Larkin



I boarded the Antarctic ice breaker RSV Nuyina on the 25th September 2025 on a 9 day voyage sth.

The first 2-3 days were very choppy (i think 6-8mtr swells) so wasnt a pleasant start but the rest was reasonably smooth sailing.

5th of October 2025 we reached approximately 100 nautical miles off casey station & unable to proceed any further due to thick ice we flew off the ship by helicopter & landed at Casey station.

3 of us left casey station headed for Wilkins aerodrome the next day where i spent the next 6 months preparing & maintaining the runway for the A319 snowbird & ADF C17 cargo plane to come & go, bringing in expeditioners & cargo to aid in the scientific work carried out by the Australian Antarctic Devision.

End of March 2026 we close the runway, pack all the gear up, move Wilkins camp to the winter camp area (a high bench/hill buildings are placed to help prevent being engulfed in snow over winter) & head to Casey station for winter as weather conditions get too treacherous to live at the Aerodrome over winter.

Winter at casey station is entertaining with midwinter swim, occasional parties, good company & the odd hut trip here & there.

unfortunately due to the cold temperatures the bay around casey station gets a thick layer of ice on it & the wildlife travel further out to sea to avoid it so no penguins or seals at station over winter.

End of August 2026 we headed back up to Wilkins from Casey in order to clear snow & prepare the runway once again for planes to start arriving at the end of November.

It has been an awesome experience in Antarctica for the past 12 months & i recommend it to anyone to go onto the Australian Antarctic website & apply for a position down here.

I have a youtube channel called MicksMadness where i have posted a few videos if anyone wishes to check it out & see some of what we do down here.





Winchelsea Structure Plan

Update

Place Plan to Structure Plan

We are working with community to develop a Structure Plan which will set a clear framework for Winchelsea's sustainable development during the next 15 years.

The Structure Plan will draw from the shared vision and key principles of the recently completed Winchelsea Place Plan, seeking to protect and reinforce the town's distinctive character as it grows.

Help shape the future

Our Structure Plan community consultation is underway in Phase 1 of 4, and the first step is to understand community issues, opportunities and priorities.

We want to hear which Place Plan principles matter most to community members, what opportunities people see for the future, and what concerns there might be.

Your insights will be combined with technical advice and inputs from the Community Working Group to inform development of the Structure Plan.

There are several ways to take part:

- Visit the web page and complete the 10-minute survey.
- Drop a pin on our interactive online map to highlight an issue, opportunity or priority.
- Visit one of our community drop-in sessions to talk to members of the project team:
  - Sunday 25 October, 10am to 1pm, Café La Hoot.
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The splendour of Iceland Poppies

Peter Groves loves the Iceland poppies growing at Hesse Health and recommends you plant for garden colour throughout the year. Seed sowing times Jan-May - Aug-Dec.



Iceland poppies (*Papaver nudicaule*) foliage is feathery and grows from fuzzy, leafless flower stems. Poppy flowers are brightly colored with four paper-thin, silky, and ruffled petals. Iceland poppies can range in color from red to pink, orange, yellow, and even white.

They like full sun but can be planted in partial shade too. They grow to a height of about 45cm and are drought tolerant. Overwatering is usually the biggest issue with Iceland poppies, as soggy soil can cause blight of fungus. Create a consistent watering schedule, and ensure you're not drowning them when doing so. Avoid spraying water on the flowers and leaves, as the weight of the droplets can damage the delicate blooms. Water close to the soil.

To keep your Iceland poppies healthy and continually blooming remove old blooms. This will encourage your poppies to produce more flowers.

Lots of people are surprised that they work as cut flowers - they seem too delicate and ephemeral - but if you follow these simple steps you will be able to watch them develop over a week.

You should choose poppies in full bud - where you know that if you peel back the casing you would find coloured petals just about ready to unfurl.

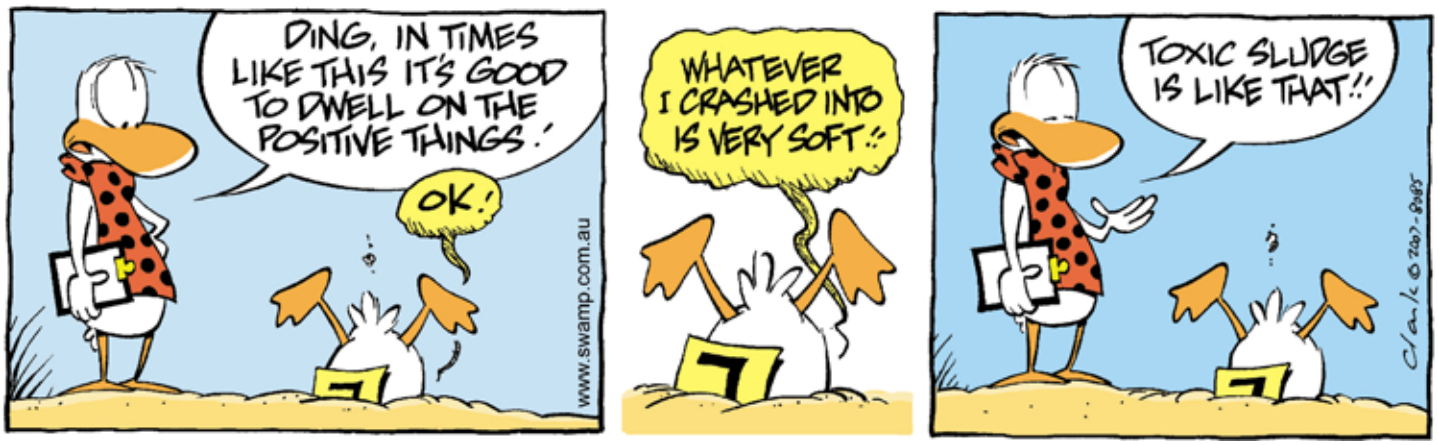
Conditioning poppies

- Boil your kettle before you pick the poppies.
- Pick the poppies straight into a jar of water.
- Pour a couple of inches of the just boiled water into a mug.



- Cut the poppy stems to the length you want and immediately put them into the mug of hot water and then count to ten.
- Put them back in the jar and place it somewhere cool and shady for an hour.
- Arrange your poppies - I like them in individual bottles. The bottom inch of the stem will be black and wizened from the hot water. this is fine, but a little unsightly, so you might prefer an opaque container.
- Make sure they are out of the sun and keep the water topped up - they can be very thirsty.

There are also wonderful red ones growing in the boxes on the bridge!



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Meeting a Man Who Builds More Than Timber



This week I met someone whose presence at the Men's Shed is felt long before you see him - a steady voice, a warm smile and hands that have shaped more than just Christmas projects. Bill Walters has become one of the quiet strengths behind our festive preparations, guiding, encouraging and giving his time with a generosity that seems endless.

You'll see his work across Winchelsea - in the precision of our *Twinkle Trees*, in the custom-made *Santa's Mailbox* and in the way he mentors younger men who wander into the Shed with curiosity and leave with confidence.

But what struck me most wasn't the craftsmanship. It was the kindness. The humour. The way he lifts others even on days when life is heavy. Read his story in this week's Star.

Barwon Bright says *"Keep your eyes shining and your hearts open - Christmas magic is flowing and there's more to discover next week"*

Twinkle Trees on Main - A Community Sparkling to Life

We're off to a flying start with 46 trees ordered with most already picked up - please **get in early** to avoid disappointment. The Men's Shed has been working tirelessly to craft each tree with care and community pride.

And here's something special - 2025 trees are also available for anyone who wants to **reinvigorate a tree**. A perfect way to join the sparkle without needing a new tree.



This year's Twinkle Trees are part of A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas, proudly supported through funding from Community Bank Winchelsea & District whose generosity has made our expanded 2026 project possible.

Please return your trees by **Wednesday 18 November**. Our wonderful youth from WYLD will be helping with installation.

"Winchelsea - transformed into a twinkling wonderland in 2026" ***Mr Winchy Twinkle***

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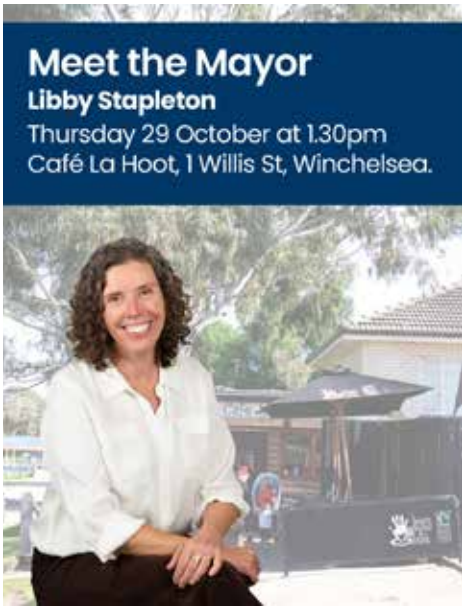
Meet the Mayor at Café La Hoot in Winchelsea on Thursday

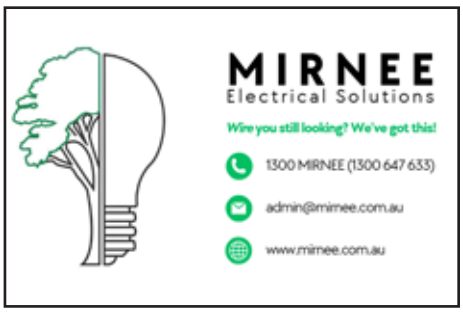
Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Libby Stapleton will be in Winchelsea on Thursday 29 October from 1.30pm to 2.30pm at Café La Hoot as part of the regular Meet the Mayor sessions around the Shire.

Mayor Libby loves these opportunities to sit down with the community, enjoy a cuppa and have a chat about what's happening locally.

Pop in to ask a question, share your thoughts or chat with the Mayor about any local issues that matter to you.

If you're not able to make it but you have a question or concern about a Council matter, Council's Lodge a Request form is the quickest and easiest way to get in touch and receive a response. Find it at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request.





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Sue Goessling with the Wertheim, currently housed in Lowther Hall in Melbourne

A Wertheim for Winchelsea?

A piano worthy of the Globe.

Good news, Winchelsea! We have succeeded in finding a magnificent instrument for the Globe at last, and are waiting for approval from Council to move it in – unbelievable progress!

When pianist Sue Goessling first told me she had a piano to offer the Globe Theatre, I had no idea that we might find something quite so special.

Sue has generously offered her beautiful Wertheim grand piano to a new home in Winchelsea. And having recently visited the instrument at Lowther Hall in Melbourne, I can understand why she is so fond of it.

I was treated to an impromptu performance by Sue, and I must say, the piano sounded absolutely fantastic. It hadn't been tuned for six years, yet the sound was rich, with a distinct character. It seemed to have held its own beautifully.

But maybe the most special thing was its age.

Made in Melbourne in 1920, this seven-foot grand is almost exactly the sort of instrument one might find in a theatre built in 1926!

There is a lovely connection here to our own musical history.

Sue explained that the piano was made at Bendigo Street, Richmond, where the Channel Nine studios were later located.

"Wertheim pianos were favoured by Dame Nellie Melba," she told me, describing our earliest international superstar soprano. Apparently, Melba could take a Wertheim on the train during her tours, and it would stay in tune. That was no small achievement, particularly when travelling through the extremes of Australian temperatures.

Sue explained that the instruments were made using local timbers and were considerably sturdier than their European counterparts.

"They kept their tuning through extremes of temperatures experienced in Australian towns." I found that particularly interesting given the questions we have been asked about caring for a piano at the Globe.

Sue has certainly demonstrated the resilience of this particular instrument. Renovated seven years ago, it has not been tuned for six years, yet remains in tune and ready to play.

Sue knows these instruments well. Between 2004 and 2013, she toured with Opera Australia's Schools Company, where she encountered many old Wertheim uprights still playing beautifully in Australian schools. And here we have one that could potentially find its way into our own theatre.

I couldn't help thinking about Marjorie Lawrence, whose extraordinary career is so closely connected to the Globe. Given the piano's age, it is quite possible that she would have encountered a Wertheim during her musical journey.

What a lovely thought.

Sue believes the piano would be particularly suitable for Winchelsea and would interest touring pianists and classical musicians who understandably prefer a real acoustic instrument to a digital keyboard.

Her final words were simple: "A great asset to the cultural future of Winchelsea!" And I think she might be right.

We are incredibly grateful to Sue for her generosity. This is not simply an old piano finding a new home. It is a piece of Australian musical history, offered to a community that is working hard to bring music back into its own historic theatre. With the blessing of Surf Coast Shire, the Globe can once more find life as an important regional theatre.

Now, we hope, the next chapter can begin.

Ciao!

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.

A Barwon Bright Christmas Feature

Bill Walters — Craftsmanship, Courage, and a Life Lived for Family and Community



Hello friends — Barwon Bright here, your Christmas storyteller. This week, I had the privilege of sitting down with a man whose life has been shaped by hard work, family, learning, and an unwavering commitment to community - Bill Walters, Workshop Manager at the Winchelsea Men's Shed.

Bill's story begins in Casterton in 1945, one of seven siblings in a family where both parents came from households of eleven children. Christmases were big, noisy, joyful affairs — but life was simple and often tough. Bill still remembers the thrill of receiving a second hand bike one Christmas.

In 1959, the family moved to Torquay, and Bill joined his father in the building trade. He completed a carpentry and joinery apprenticeship, earning the Apprenticeship of the Year Award in his final year — a sign of the skill and dedication that would define his working life.

Never one to stop learning, Bill studied part time at the Gordon Institute in Geelong, qualifying as a builder. He spent six years as a Building Inspector before starting his own business working across Torquay, Geelong and Anglesea for more than 40 years. His favourite projects were extensions — "They suited my inquiring mind," he said. "Working with owners, architects and engineers to turn dreams into reality."

His passion for learning flowed naturally to his children. Both sons learned the trade from their father, and his daughter became a skilled tiler. Bill laughs when people assume builders are wealthy. "Margins are small," he said. "Most of us relied on flipping — building or renovating, living there for a while, then selling to do the same thing again."

One thing Bill has always valued is the company of younger people. "They've got energy, ideas, new ways of doing things," he said. "I enjoy teaching and mentoring them." That spirit of giving back led him to serve as President of Apex, and later as a member of Lions.

After retiring at 65, Bill and his wife Sandra spent time travelling Australia and overseas. But it was the Winchelsea Men's Shed, where he has volunteered for 14 years, that brought him back to hands on work — wood, metal, tools, precision, and the camaraderie of men who enjoy making things and helping others.



Bill Walters & Ray Atkinson with Entrance Tree

"The Shed has given me lasting friendships," he said. "We share stories, we help the community, and we mentor young people. It's been a great part of my life."

Bill's craftsmanship is everywhere in Winchelsea. The Twinkle Trees — simple at first glance — require exact measurement and cutting. Bill introduced a precision template that has allowed the team to build dozens with accuracy and speed.

In May 2024, Bill's life changed. After months of painful walking, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer that had spread to his bones. He and Sandra faced an incredibly difficult period while undergoing treatment that appears to have halted the progression, but Bill still has good days and bad days - trouble sleeping at night his biggest frustration. Yet his attitude remains extraordinary.

"Stay busy, keep your mind active, and don't give up," he told me. And he hasn't.

Bill continues to work at the Shed, continues to mentor, continues to give back. "Winchelsea is a good community – people care," he said.

And this Christmas, Bill will help bring happiness to the town. On Christmas Eve, Bill and other Men's Shed members will quietly deliver a new cubby house to a special young person in our community — a gift made with love, skill, and the spirit of Christmas.

Bill Walters is a man who loves life. A man who gives back without hesitation. A man facing a major battle with courage, humour, and hope. And a man whose hands — and heart — have helped shape the sparkle of Winchelsea.



Bill with Santa's Mailbox

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

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

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

GO BLUES!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & INFORMATION NIGHT

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

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- Hear from our passionate educators and learn more about the kinder program
- Pick up your 2027 info packs
- View our optional kinder uniform



PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday 11th November @ 7pm

HMK Kinder/Church Hall
32 Hesse St, Winchelsea

Helen Mary Kininmonth Kindergarten Winchelsea Victoria

We would love to welcome new members for 2027!

Friends of the Barwon Annual General Meeting



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

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

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

Guest speaker: Cameron Steele

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

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

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

A light supper with tea and coffee will be served.

Growing Winchelsea

You're invited to the Growing Winchelsea 2026 AGM

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

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

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Winchelsea Pickleball Club

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St Winchelsea.

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

6.30 - 7.30pm Wednesday nights

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Monday-Friday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

Winchelsea Historical Society
1-4pm FREE
Hesse St, Winchelsea
Margaret Reid 0417 104 627

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Lions Club IGA BBQs
9am-12pm First Sat monthly
Outside IGA.
Proceeds To Iga Community Chest.

Winchelsea Land Rivercare
9am First Saturday monthly FREE
Meet At River End Of Dwyer Street
Rod Atone 0428 549318
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

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

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Uniting Church FREE
Service 9.30am weekly
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October 15	Mr Burton
November 19	My Favourite Cake
December 10	Thelma

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5-movie season:	$40
HCC concession:	$35
Members can bring two guests a year	$10

Enquiries
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10. **Birregurra General Store** - gift voucher, valued at $100
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Evolution works over millennia. Climate change is moving far faster.

That mismatch is killing some of the planet's most vital ecosystems, from California's towering redwoods to the seagrass meadows along its coast, both of which store vast amounts of carbon and support complex webs of life.

Marine heat waves, record wildfires and coastal development are pushing these systems beyond their limits as climate change, driven by emissions of fuels like oil and gas, accelerates. An estimated 1 million species face extinction, many within decades, largely due to human activities such as habitat destruction, pollution and overuse of natural resources, according to a 2019 report by a United Nations-affiliated intergovernmental scientific body.

Scientists are working to close the gap with an emerging discipline called conservation genomics: sequencing an organism's complete genetic blueprint to pinpoint individuals with traits suited to survive drought, disease and other climate extremes, then using that information to guide restoration.

Coral reefs are among the first ecosystems where these genomic tools are being put to use. Repeated marine heat waves, which have caused mass bleaching, have devastated reefs worldwide. By sequencing corals and the algae that live inside them, researchers have identified colonies that naturally withstand higher temperatures and are beginning to test whether selectively breeding and growing those more resilient corals can support reef recovery.

See full story at: https://apnews.com/article/climate-change-dna-adaptation-heat-waves-wildfires-7c34ca1d3a09065b9f9ab617dd1a6e25

Four years after the promises of Cop15, our biodiversity targets are slipping away

Patrick Greenfield …Down To Earth

Almost four years ago, governments reached an historic agreement at the biodiversity Cop15 to halt the destruction of Earth's ecosystems – to rapturous applause in Montreal, Canada. I still remember the excitement in the hall in the early hours of that freezing December morning.

Governments had never met a self-mandated target on biodiversity loss, but there was a sense after the Covid-19 pandemic that this time really would be different. The 23-point deal included targets to protect 30% of the planet for nature, restore 30% of the planet's degraded terrestrial, inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems, and tackle $500bn of environmentally damaging subsidies. Almost every country in the world, apart from the US and the Vatican, backed it.

Yes, the agreement was flawed, and barely matched what the science tells us we need to do to stop biodiversity loss. But it was a serious, considered plan to tackle the underlying causes of the largest loss of life since the dinosaurs (this time, humans are the asteroid).

I work for a major insurer. Much of my industry is fudging the numbers in the face of the climate crisis

Anonymous

Insurers are taking on more risk than they should. If – or when – a major disaster hits, the catastrophe will have far-reaching consequences

I work for a major insurer, assessing the risk posed by natural disasters on properties around the world, from family homes to schools, government offices and multibillion-dollar commercial centres. The world is facing greater risk than ever from extreme weather. We are not prepared – and that inaction could have profound consequences for the global financial system.

In the face of ever more extreme and unpredictable climate risks, I am coming under pressure to cut my forecasts for the losses that disasters will cause in order to make insurance more affordable – and get my employer more business. In some instances, the questioning of our numbers and models is justified. But too often, it is not being done to produce more accurate models, but to artificially lower prices. If this is happening at my firm, which is struggling to compete with rivals' prices, it's happening elsewhere.

Read the full story at https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/oct/14/climate-crisis-insurance-risk-disaster-catastrophe

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Works Underway To Complete Winchelsea's Barwon River Loop Walk

Stage two works are now underway to complete the Barwon River loop in Winchelsea, with construction beginning on a new pedestrian bridge and two viewing platforms.

The project will complete the two-kilometre Barwon River loop, linking the new works with the section delivered in stage one to create a continuous path through Winchelsea and improve connections to the Barwon River.

Mayor Libby Stapleton said it's great to see this final stage getting underway.

"This project will complete the river loop and make it easier for people to walk and ride between different parts of Winchelsea while enjoying the river environment," she said.

The new pedestrian bridge below Armytage Street will provide a safer and more accessible connection across the river.

Two viewing platforms will also be installed on either side of the Barwon River between the two bridges, giving the community new places to stop, enjoy the river and connect with the natural environment.

Construction is expected to be completed by late November 2026.

Winchelsea Community Dinner





Our winter community dinners were filled with hearty, warming food and opportunities for community members to socialise and connect.

As we move into spring and summer we look forward to warmer weather and abundant garden produce which often shows up in meals brought to share and on our produce swap table.

Food highlights from our September dinner included tuna pasta bake, shepards pie, vegetable slice made with homegrown tromboncino, butter chicken, rice salad and veggie burgers. There were also some wonderful desserts including a fruit slice and cobbler.

Its been wonderful to welcome new faces to our dinners as well as catch up with those who've been regular attenders. Having people of all different ages come along has been a highlight as often we tend to sped time mostly with people of our own ages or at a similar stage in life.

Thanks as always to those who have supported the dinners by assisting with funding (Winchelsea Star), donation of bread (Kenty's Bakery) and all of our volunteers who work behind the scenes to make these events happen.

We hope you can join us for one of our final dinner – Saturday 28th of November.

Winch House Craft Group





A couple of group members took our donated sewing machine to Heights Sewing Centre to be looked at as we were having too much trouble changing the needle. The service was amazing, they cheerfully cleaned and oiled our machine as well as fixing the problem, they didn't try to upsell or even sell us anything and then wouldn't accept payment. A great experience. They have moved from Packington Street out to Bell Park – a little further to drive but well worth the visit, they have a much larger space and lots of new stock, the vast display of old sewing machines is fascinating.

A hint they gave us at Heights was not to tighten the machine needle with the little screw driver as it can tend to tighten too much and might even push the shaft out of alignment (which is what looked like happened to our machine), they suggest just finger tightening it. They also said that the holes in some of the machine needles are not being polished enough during manufacture and little burrs are being left which catches and shreds your cotton.

The photos are of a couple of ongoing projects, the quilt has now been stitched together and been sent off to be professionally quilted, the bobbin lace is an ongoing length of lace.

We meet Wednesdays 9am to 2pm.

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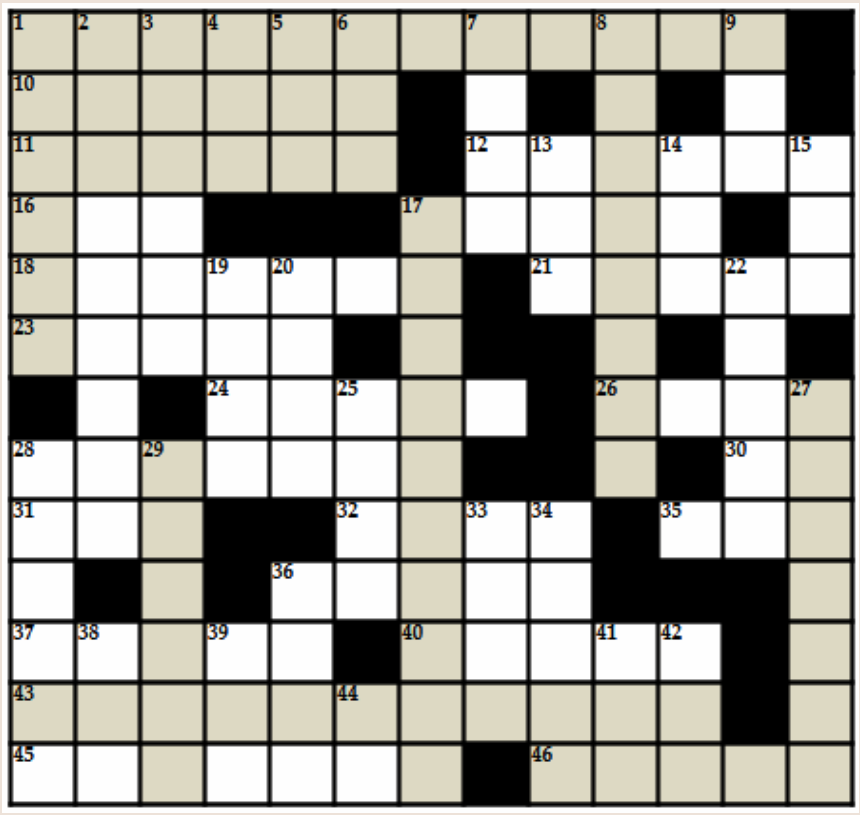
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Winchelsea Crossword





Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea.

Solution on page 24





ACROSS

1 & 10 ac The epithet for Winch obscured on the pictured road sign opposite the golf course (7,2,3,6)
10 See 1 across
11 Surf Coast and Colac Otway
12 Warnings
16 Trap
17 Impel
18 Surround
21 Rice field
23 Internet search engine
24 Stratospheric form of oxygen
26 Large, luxury vehicle (abbrev)
28 Hot seasons
30 Overseas (abbrev)
31 Friend in France
32 Prayer ending
35 Insect
36 South American camelid animal
37 Sleep breathing disorder
40 Competitor
43 Winch housing development site beside Anderson Rd (5,6)
45 Special purpose hair
46 Tributary river of the Barwon

DOWN

1 Winch street name
2 Library
3 Involuntary movement
4 Body part
5 Otways river
6 Donkey
7 Rip
8 Leathergoods shop in Main St. of Winch (3,5)
9 Consume
13 Body part
14 Colour
15 Bashful
17 Destination town of the road in the 1 across pic (5,5)
19 Weaving device
20 Seep
22 Evil supernatural spirit
25 Spoken
27 Bird associated with 8 dn
28 Vicious
29 Locality/lakes NW of Winch
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Local History Comes Alive at Modewarre Hall

Stories of shipwrecks, local churches and school days brought history to life at the Moriac Community Network History Afternoon Tea, held at Modewarre Hall on Sunday 11 October.

The afternoon brought community members together to celebrate the rich history of Moriac and the surrounding district, sharing stories, treasured memories and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

Local residents Kelvin Russell and his wife Sue took guests on a journey through the history of St Patrick's Church in Moriac, along with stories of the former Mount Moriac school, offering a fascinating glimpse into the people and places that helped shape the district.

Of particular interest were the extraordinary distances priests would travel to celebrate Mass in communities across the region. On one occasion, a priest celebrated three Masses in a single day, travelling within a 50-kilometre radius to serve local congregations — a reminder of the dedication and challenges of life in earlier times.

Former local David Loone has a remarkable family history, beginning with the story of his great-great-grandparents, who were shipwrecked on the Isle of Man. Their journey eventually took them to Tasmania before they made their way to the Waurn Ponds/Moriac district, where their family story became part of the area's local history. David's grandfather Bill was the Postmaster at Ceres. They lived in a bluestone house (now demolished) on the highway at Mt Moriac. The stones were used to build the entrance to the 'new' house which can be seen between Considines Rd and the Catholic Church.

David was the Associate Director of the Dept of Infrastructure covering the area from the South Australian and NSW borders and everything North of the Yarra River responsible for the Education Department, Police, Prisons and Community Services. He oversaw the closure and removal of all small primary schools in the area, for example: Mt Moriac, Modewarre, Bambra, Gnarwarre, Wurdi Bolac, Yeodene, Pennyroyal, Murroon, Fairholme, and Ripple Vale.

These personal accounts highlighted the importance of



Meg Larcombe

preserving and sharing local stories, reminding everyone that history is not just about buildings and dates, but about the people, journeys and experiences that shaped our communities.

There were wonderful display of old treasures by Merv Stephenson and sister Jeanette as well as displays of antique treasures from Barry Sydenham. Also Kelvin Russell had a display of church memorabilia from Mt Moriac Catholic Church.

Guests enjoyed the historical displays, conversations and a delicious afternoon tea, with plenty of opportunities to reminisce, reconnect and learn something new.

Held as part of Surf Coast Shire's Positive Ageing Month, the afternoon reflected this year's theme, 'Connect. Create. Celebrate' bringing people together through storytelling, shared experiences and a love of local history.

The event was a wonderful example of the important role community groups such as the Moriac Community Network play in keeping local history alive and creating opportunities for people of all ages to connect.

A special thank you goes to Lyn Batson, a member of both Council's Positive Ageing Advisory Committee and the Moriac Community Network, for her efforts in organising yet another successful history afternoon and helping bring these valuable local stories to the community.

While the afternoon celebrated stories from the past, it also highlighted the importance of bringing people together today and ensuring these stories continue to be shared with future generations.

Crossword No 16 Solution

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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

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

The Future of Volunteering in Winchelsea: A Community Ready to Evolve

Winchelsea stands at an important moment in its volunteering story. Our town has always been powered by people who step forward — people who build, organise, advocate, and support. But the way communities volunteer is changing, and Winchelsea must change with it.

The challenge is clear: We rely heavily on volunteers, yet many longserving members are ageing, and recruitment into traditional roles is becoming harder. At the same time, Winchelsea is growing. New families are arriving, expectations are rising, and demand for services, activities, and community connection continues to increase. The old model of volunteering cannot carry the full weight of a modern, expanding town.

The future depends on our willingness to rethink how volunteering works — not by replacing what has come before, but by evolving it.

The Next Era of Volunteering in Winchelsea

- Flexible, shortterm opportunities
- Clear, timebound roles
- Microvolunteering tasks
- Familyfriendly involvement
- Simple digital signups
- Shared responsibility and supportive leadership
- Personal invitations rather than broad calls
- Recognition that values every contribution

These are not replacements for traditional volunteering — they are extensions of it. They open the door to people who want to help but cannot commit in the same way previous generations did.

A Community That Welcomes New Ways to Contribute

Winchelsea's future strength lies in making volunteering accessible to everyone: newcomers, young families, retirees, occasional helpers, and those who can contribute in small but meaningful ways. When volunteering becomes flexible, welcoming, and well-supported, more people can participate — and more people will.

The goal is simple: Make it easy to help, rewarding to stay, and meaningful to belong.

Looking Ahead

Volunteering will always be central to Winchelsea's identity. But sustaining it requires a shift

in how we think, organise, and invite people in. The next chapter is about building new pathways for families, newcomers, and busy residents to connect, contribute, and strengthen the community.

Winchelsea's future won't be defined by fewer volunteers — it will be defined by a community lifting together in new ways.

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



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Thought For The Week

"We learn to develop healthy relationships.

We may have learned unhealthy methods

of relating in our physical families,

but in a community of believers we can

see models of good relationships.

We'll learn that it takes honesty,

vulnerability, effort, and a lot of

forgiveness to make relationships work."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral carer)

Helen Rolls

Psalm 33

World English Bible

33 Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous!

Praise is fitting for the upright.

2 Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre.

Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song.

Play skillfully with a shout of joy!

4 For Yahweh's word is right.

All his work is done in faithfulness.

5 He loves righteousness and justice.

The earth is full of the loving kindness of Yahweh.

6 By Yahweh's word, the heavens were made:

all their army by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap.

He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh.

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it was done.

He commanded, and it stood firm.

10 Yahweh brings the counsel of the nations to nothing.

He makes the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.

11 The counsel of Yahweh stands fast forever,

the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh,

the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.



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Help Shape Winchelsea's Future

Structure Plan community engagement underway

Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking community input to help shape a Structure Plan which will guide how the town grows and changes during the next 15 years.

The Structure Plan will draw from the vision, principles and ideas in the recently completed Winchelsea Place Plan, which captures what people value most about the town and wish to protect.

Council's Urban Futures Strategy identifies Winchelsea as a primary location for growth.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps: "The Place Plan was developed by community members during a series of workshops and provides the vision and principles to protect and reinforce the town's character as it grows. Once complete, the Structure Plan will set out where and how growth will happen. This is your chance to help shape Winchelsea."

People can contribute in several ways:

By visiting www.yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WSP and completing the 10-minute survey.

By dropping a pin on the interactive online map to highlight an issue, opportunity or priority.

By visiting a community drop-in information session to talk to members of the project team. Upcoming sessions are:

- Saturday 31 October, 10am to 1pm, at the IGA
- Sunday 1 November, 9am to 1pm, at the community market

A Structure Plan Working Group including members representing the community and community organisations will develop the plan, informed by technical advice, ensuring it aligns with the Place Plan vision and principles. It will also be developed in consultation with key stakeholder groups including landholders, industry sector representatives and government departments and bodies.

Summer Fun And Activity Beckons At Winchelsea Pool

Winchelsea Pool's new season will open on Saturday 28 November, with Council's new management partner, Belgravia Leisure, ready to deliver months of summer fun and activity.

Recreational swimming, lap swimming, exercise classes, VICSWIM lessons, school carnivals and community events will all be on offer for users.

Here are some details ahead of the coming season:

Season passes and visit passes will be available to pre-purchase online from 9 November, with a pre-opening special on offer. People should keep an eye on the Winchelsea Pool Facebook page for details.

The pool will open noon to 6pm daily, subject to weather conditions. On bad weather days the pool will remain closed, except for bookings. On hot weather days opening hours will be extended where possible. People should keep checking the Facebook page for the latest operating hours updates.

The VICSWIM program will be delivered during January and enrolments will open 11 November via vicswim.com.au

Belgravia Leisure will work closely with Surf Coast Shire Council to deliver a number of community events during the season.

A range of employment opportunities are available at the pool. Team members have access to extensive career options, family-friendly workplaces and chances to make a difference in the community. To learn more about positions available, people can visit winchelseapool.com.au/contact/employment/

The last day of the summer season will be Monday 8 March, 2027, Labour Day long weekend.

Surf Coast Shire Council awarded the contract of management to Belgravia Leisure in June for Winchelsea Pool and Torquay's Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre which is set to open early in 2027.

Belgravia manages more than 160 pools on behalf of clients across Australia and New Zealand.

Surf Coast Shire Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps: "It is going to be a big, busy season and we welcome Belgravia as a respected operator bringing many years of specialist experience and ideas.

"Following on from the record attendances we had during the 2025-26 season, we look forward to seeing everyone once again enjoying this fabulous community asset.

"Get ready to make a splash Winchelsea!"

Belgravia Leisure CEO Nick Cox: "Belgravia Leisure is proud to partner with Surf Coast Shire Council to manage Winchelsea Swimming Pool.

"This recently refurbished facility is designed to be a community space, with facilities and activities welcoming all ages and abilities, including children, families, youth, community groups, recreational and organised sports, and those with special needs.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Winchelsea residents back to the venue soon and will work with Council to deliver a great summer ahead."

The Winchelsea Pool, with 25m pool, program pool and splash pad, underwent an $8.9 million Council-funded redevelopment before opening early in 2025.

Attendance across its first full season, 2025-26, topped 8,000 – easily a record.

Find the pool's 2026-27 summer season information and fees via winchelseapool.com.au

Winchelsea Pool 2026-26 season, Duty Manager Joe Robinson, Surf Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps, Lifeguard and Duty Officer Julian Hurle



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Senior Cricket

A1 — 17/10/2026
Winchelsea 3/202 defeated by Jan Juc 4/203
Batting
Jarrod Groves 90
Tharindu Bandara 47 not out
Adam Korth 36
Bowling
Jarrod Groves 2/18
Shane Currie 1/33
Max Wladon 1/49

B2 — 17/10/2026
Winchelsea 9/240 defeated Armstrong Creek 9/187
Batting
Todd Hardy 81
James Stephenson 76
Baiden Luppino 31
Grant Schreurs 16 not out
Bowling
Baiden Luppino 3/31
Brodie Fox 3/39
Ben Caldicott 1/35
Grant Schreurs 1/37
Matt Partridge 1/11

One-Day Side — 17/10/2026
Winchelsea 10/70 defeated by Jan Juc 0/74
Batting
Luke Lenehan 16 not out
Hayden Pearce 10

A1 — 24/10/2026
Winchelsea 9/149 defeated by Anglesea 7/150
Batting
Adam Korth 64
Joe Edwards 25
Jack Jeffrey 13
Bowling
Ricci Sauni 3/31
Shane Currie 1/21
Max Wladon 1/30
Jarrod Groves 1/38

B2 — 24/10/2026
Winchelsea 10/194 defeated Newcomb 10/139
Batting
Tom Stephenson 77
Baiden Luppino 48
James Stephenson 18
Bowling
Grant Schreurs 3/16
Matt Partridge 2/13
Sam Collins 2/21
Baiden Luppino 2/21
Xavier Partridge 1/33

One-Day Competition — 24/10/2026
Winchelsea 8/91 defeated by Anglesea 1/98
Batting
Luke Lenehan 51
Milton McDonald 9
Bowling
H. Pearce 1/10

What a massive weekend of cricket for Winchelsea Cricket Club, with six teams in action across the weekend! Unfortunately, the rain had other ideas for our Junior Girls, washing out their match and leaving the girls waiting for another opportunity to take the field.

With new players coming through the junior ranks and the next generation developing their skills and making their way into senior cricket, there is plenty to look forward to at Winchelsea Cricket Club.

From our youngest future stars taking to the oval for Junior Blasters to our Under 11s, Under 13s and inaugural Junior Girls team, the growth of our junior program has been fantastic to see. With 51 juniors registered this season, the club is building a strong foundation for the future, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who has helped make it happen.

Here's a look at all the action from our junior teams.



Juniors Shine As Numbers Continue To Grow

UNDER 11s — STEPHENSON vs PARTRIDGE – 23/10/2026
Under 11 Stephenson 4/162 defeated Under 11 Partridge 9/103
Player of the Week: Charlie Wood (U/11 Stephenson) & Lucas Kofoed (U/11 Partridge)
Batting – Under 11 Stephenson
Noah Currie 27
Harry McDonald 24
Caleb Ford 24
Bowling – Under 11 Stephenson
Harry McDonald 2/6
Caleb Ford 2/12
Noah Currie 2/20
Batting – Under 11 Partridge
Archie Dorman 16
Alex Jewell 14
Lucas Kofoed 12
Bowling – Under 11 Partridge
Lucas Kofoed 3/14
Kade Darling 1/10

Our two Under 11 sides kicked off their season against each other at Eastern Reserve on Friday evening, and what a start it was!

Named after two prominent families within our club, these little legends had an absolute blast. There was plenty of big hitting, superb bowling, cheering, encouragement and fun, with the crowd treated to a great show. Proud parents, grandparents, siblings and friends turned out to support the boys.

It was fantastic to see some of our more experienced players take the first-gamers under their wings and show them what cricket is all about.

A huge thank you to Tom Dorman, Blair Cartwright and Shane Currie for taking on the coaching roles and mentoring these young stars. Coaching isn't always an easy gig, especially when you're getting a Friday evening match underway at 5pm! Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and the boys clearly look up to you all.

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UNDER 13s — ROUND ONE – 17/10/2026
Winchelsea 4/161 defeated Bell Post Hill/Manifold Heights 8/58
Player of the Week: Tom Harper & Archie Ryan
Batting
Milton McDonald 33 not out
Archie Ryan 26 not out
Tom Harper 12 not out
Bowling
Tom Harper 3/8
Milton McDonald 1/4

Our Under 13 boys started their season last weekend with an impressive all-round performance with bat and ball in their first game together.

The boys worked brilliantly as a team, and you would never have guessed it was their first match together! From strong batting and disciplined bowling to outstanding fielding, it was a complete team effort.

Captain Milton McDonald led the charge with 33 not out, including four boundaries off 32 balls, while Archie Ryan played a controlled innings of 26 not out, including two boundaries off 30 balls.

Tom Harper and Milton McDonald were the pick of the bowlers, taking 3/8 and 1/4 respectively in a fantastic bowling performance. Four run-outs throughout the match showed just how switched on the boys were, even with an early start on Saturday morning!

UNDER 13s — ROUND TWO – 24/10/2026
Winchelsea 8/191 defeated Jan Juc 6/115
Player of the Week: Milton McDonald
Batting
Milton McDonald 60 not out
Archie Ryan 57
Noah Tute 20
Tom Harper 13 not out
Bowling
Nate Edwards 2/7
Milton McDonald 1/2
Noah Tute 1/6
Archie Thomson 1/8
Archie Ryan 1/21

This week, we travelled to Bellbrae Recreation Reserve to take on Jan Juc, and the boys got straight to work, with Archie Ryan and Milton McDonald smashing boundaries all over the ground!

Winchelsea finished the innings on an impressive 191 off 27.1 overs. Milton made 60 not out, including 10 boundaries off 35 balls, while Archie scored 57 off 32 balls, including eight boundaries and two sixes.

Noah Tute hit the very first six of the day on his way to 20 runs, including two boundaries, while Tom Harper remains not out for the season after adding another 13 runs, including one boundary.

Milton (1/2) came out firing in the bowling innings, taking a wicket in his second over with a great catch by Nate Edwards. Milton then repaid the favour in the following over, taking an awesome catch off Nate's bowling for Nate's first wicket of the season, and the boys were pumped!

Nate's bowling was on point, and he took middle stump in his second over for a wicket maiden. Noah Tute (1/6), Archie Thomson (1/8) and Archie Ryan (1/21) also claimed their first wickets of the season.

Congratulations to the entire team on a fantastic start to the season, and a huge thank you to coaches Max Wladon and Joe Edwards. Our two English A Grade players have taken on the coaching role this season, and their experience and enthusiasm are already proving to be a great inspiration to our Under 13 players.

Junior Girls — ROUND TWO - 18/10/2026
Winchelsea 6/52 defeated by Bannockburn 3/90
Player of the Week: Lillian Logan
Batting
Grace Logan 11
Emily Kofoed 7
Bowling
Grace Logan 2/19
Lily Kennedy 1/14

Last Sunday, our Junior Girls took on a much more experienced Bannockburn side. The girls held their heads high, never gave up and, most importantly, never stopped smiling. Their improvement already is outstanding!

The celebrations after every wicket are an absolute highlight, and the enthusiasm these girls bring to the game is fantastic to see.

There were some wonderful individual milestones throughout the match, with Lily Kennedy scoring her first runs and taking her very first wicket. Lily's enthusiasm and happiness are a joy to have around the team!

Emily Kofoed hit her first boundary and took an amazing catch, while Georgia Kofoed produced a spectacular catch during her first stint behind the stumps.

Player of the Week went to Lillian Logan, who faced an impressive 53 balls and remained not out before heading out to wicket-keep, where she took a great catch off Lily's bowling.

The improvement, determination and team spirit shown by these girls in just two games is something to be incredibly proud of. We can't wait to see what they achieve as the season progresses!

Junior Girls — ROUND THREE - 25/10/2026 - WASHED OUT

JUNIOR BLASTERS IS BACK!

Thursday afternoon saw the return of Junior Blasters, and what a turnout it was! A sea of Blasters tops and proud parents filled the oval for an extremely hot session.

There were a few nerves but plenty of excitement as our youngest future stars took to the ground, many for the very first time. From the feedback received, it was an awesome session, with the kids already eager to come back next week for more. We can't wait to see everyone again!

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A massive thank you to Mark Simons for the amazing work he does with our Blasters. You're a star when it comes to working with these young boys and girls, and you certainly have the patience of a saint!

The Future Is Looking Bright

Seeing so many juniors running around the club is absolutely amazing. We currently have 51 juniors registered across Blasters, Under 11s, Under 13s and our Junior Girls.

This is a huge effort by the club and our community as we continue to rebuild our junior program from the ground up. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped make this possible, as well as all the old and new families we've welcomed into the club.

With growing numbers, two Under 11 sides, a thriving Under 13 team, our inaugural Junior Girls team and our youngest players finding their feet through Blasters, the future of junior cricket at Winchelsea is looking very bright!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our junior program and helped create such a welcoming environment for our young players. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season brings.

Senior fixtures

A Grade – Home against Barrabool – Day 1
B Grade – Away against Drysdale – Day 1
One-Day Side – Home against Collendina at Hesse Street Ground

Junior fixtures
Under 11s – Partridge – Friday at 5.00pm (venue to be confirmed)
Under 11s – Stephenson – Friday at 5.00pm (venue to be confirmed)
Under 13s – Saturday at 8.15am (venue to be confirmed)
Junior Girls – No game on Sunday

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

The clubrooms will also be buzzing on Thursday night, with meals available from 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in, grab a meal and enjoy a catch-up with the Winchelsea Cricket Club community.

It's shaping up to be another fantastic weekend of cricket for our club!





Under 13 team for 2026/27 season
Back row L-R;
Max Wladon (coach), Milton McDonald, Tom Harper, Lachlan Gardiner, Archie Ryan, Archie Thomson, Joe Edwards (coach)
Front row L-R;
Eddie Marriner, William McCann, Noah Tute, Nate Edwards, Arthur Wood



Saturday afternoon on the 17th October saw the club host its Sponsors Day, with Jacinta, Emily and Barb putting on an impressive spread for our wonderful sponsors. A huge thank you to the ladies for all their hard work and for making the day a success. Your efforts certainly do not go unnoticed!

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Modewarre Cricket Club

Rob Cameron

A mixed bag for the weekend with the First Eleven having to settle for a draw with late afternoon rain at Meredith bringing the game to an early finish, but the Seconds had their first win. The Third Eleven lost narrowly again and the junior games went 2/1 in favour of the Mud Ducks, with a Hat Trick from Fred Tennant in the under 13's providing the highlight. Both the Under 12 girls and women's games were washed out in the weekend rain.

Firsts

Meredith was always on the back foot with a strong bowling performance from the locals, led again by Jackson O'Hanlon. Rob Procter provided the early pressure with the new ball taking three wickets, and all bowlers used made life tough for the home team. Disaster struck early in the chase with both openers failing to score, but the English duo of Clarke and Lister had the game in hand when the rain came

Meredith 153
Jackson O'Hanlor 4-26
Rob Procter 3-32

Modewarre 2-67
Ben Clarke 48 no
Jake Lister 16 no

Seconds

A superb spell of leg spin bowling from Owen Rashleigh ripped through the Meredith team setting up a comprehensive win. His older brother Spencer started well with the ball to gain the early upper hand and the innings closed out at 74. Brady Prigg made short work of the chase.

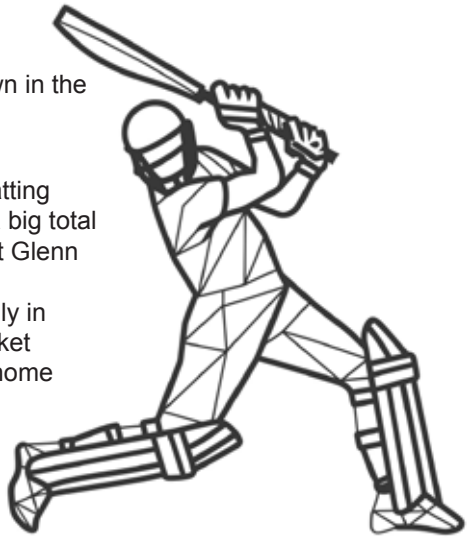
Meredith 74
Owen Rashleigh 6-16
Spencer Rashleigh 2-10

Modewarre 2-75
Brady Prigg 48 no
Will Duncombe 16

Thirds

The third had their total run down in the final over of the day a pin a heartbreaking loss.

Aaron Hovey now having his batting finally on track led his team to a big total with support from the consistent Glenn Dixon and youngster Archie Di Domenico, but despite seemingly in control, an unbroken eighth wicket partnership saw East Belmont home with 3 balls to spare.



Modewarre 5-161
Aaron Hovey 50 ret
Glenn Dixon 35
Archie Di Domenico 31 no

East Belmont 7-164
William Earle 4-23
Will Walsh 2-27

Under 17

Bell Park 4-121
Xavier Anstee 2-7
Noah Evans 1-10
Cooper Smith 1-15

Modewarre 3-122
Owen Rashleigh 44 no
Alexander Butcher 20

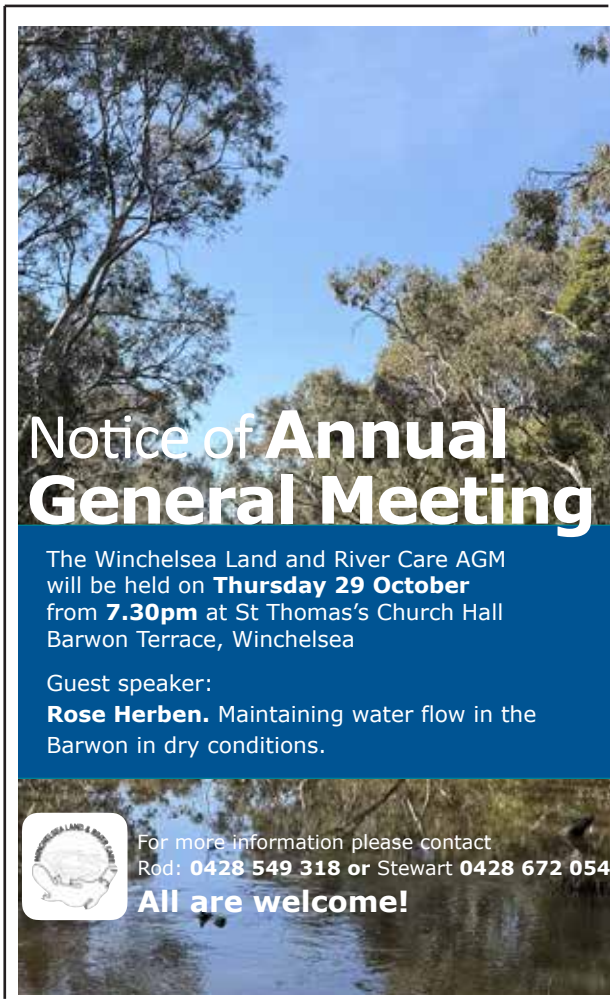
Under 15

Collendina 141
Harry Fields 3-13
Lennox Giles 2-26
Xavier Partridge 2-29

Modewarre 7-92
Archie Di Domenico 33 no
Aston Goldsmith 15
Hudson Newling 11

Under 13

Modewarre 4-64
Noah Belousoff 10 no
Harvey Di Domenico 9
Alexander Thomson 5
Fred Tennant 4-3 inc Hat Trick
Harry Rodgers 2-2



1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com

Sheep Poo digging!!!! The Cubs love it. Down under the shed, shovelling poo into buckets and passing them up to be bagged, tied and loaded onto the trailers. It's always a fun night, with lots of hilarity – tunnels are excavated, poo flies around getting clothes and Cubs an interesting shade of black, buckets miss the bags sending poo inside boots, and challenges are set – the record from last time to be broken, how many bags we can fill in the next ten minutes, only 20 bags left to fill, 2 minutes to go. Most of the Cubs get 'down and dirty' but, those who don't, help the parents with the bagging and tying. Parents then ferry the bags out to be stacked by Leaders on the trailers. This time we bagged over 200 again.

At the end of the night, the Cubs are rewarded with bush donuts – quartered jam filled sandwiches, battered, deep fried and rolled in sugar. They sound sickeningly sweet, but are actually delicious. So much so that parents trying them for the first time have asked for the secret recipe. To the appreciation of the Cubs, we've introduced Nutella as a filling this year.

After the Cubs go home, the Leaders spend time tidying the Shed, delivering and stacking the bags. It's a late night for them but time generously given.

The bags of poo cost $5 and are available at 630 Buckley Rd South, with an honesty system in place. Put your money into a plastic container and slide it down a tube to inside the fence. The dogs will keep it safe. The bags have remained at $5 for years, however the bags are a little smaller now as we recycle feed bags and they are smaller. Wheat bags are great – if you have any, please text 0409330147 and we'll organise to pick them up. If you have a wool shed or know of someone who does, please also contact me.





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Winchelsea Bowls Club

Julie Johnson

What a great week of good conditions for bowling with many matches played during the day and evening. I will provide the ongoing results when the quarter finals of both men's and women's singles are reached.

Midweek Pennant Results

Division 2 Winchelsea 1 def Highton 2 away winning 2/3 rinks, 52 shots to 50 shots.

Division 5 Winchelsea 2 def Ocean Grove 5 at home winning all rinks, 78 shots to 55 shots.

Division 9 Winchelsea 3 def Queenscliff 2 away winning all rinks, 50 shots to 26 shots.

Saturday Pennant Results

Division 2 Winchelsea 1 def Torquay 2 at home winning 3/4 rinks, 92 shots to 73 shots.

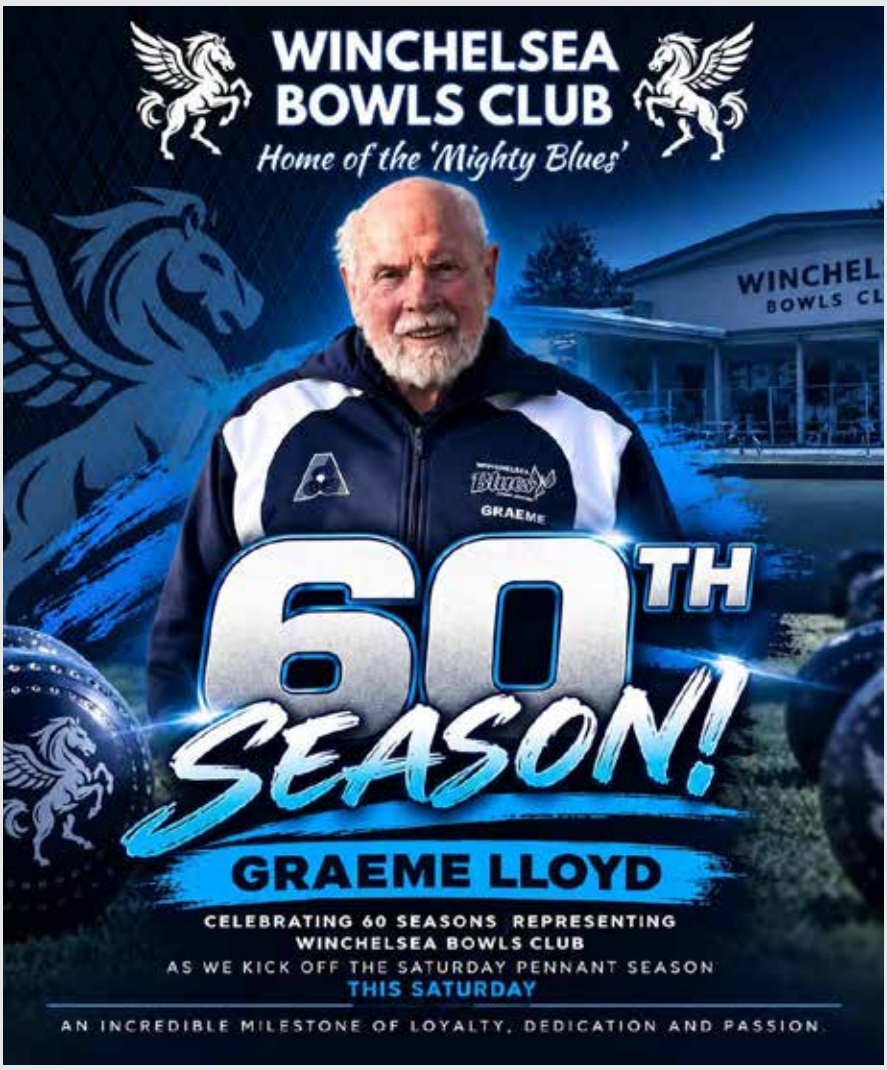
Division 4 Winchelsea 2 were def by Bannockburn 1 away in a close game composing wins a loss and a draw in rinks. The score was 80 shots to 87 shots.

Division 8 Winchelsea 3 def Bannockburn 2 away winning 3/4 rinks, 82 shots to 66 shots.

Division 11 Winchelsea 4 def Inverleigh 2 at home winning all rinks, 39 shots to 30 shots.

Around The Greens

On Sunday the 1st of November it will be the Jenny McConachy Memorial Mixed Fours Tournament with plenty of work to be done on and off the green by members. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us as many players travel long distances for this day. We have managed to back up our great start in a new region, may the bowls continue to be with us!!



It is somewhat rare now for a person to have spent 60 years at the one bowling club apart from 60 years on the green (Bowls Victoria were also interested in this story)

Graeme commenced bowling at the age of 33, Winchelsea was only really newly formed but he enjoyed the sport. He has won many events but we are putting that all together for a presentation later in the season.

Graeme also played football and cricket for Winchelsea and is what you would call a quiet achiever, humble and honorable.

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

“Moriac Mates on the Move”

Eight Young Runners, One Big Goal: Supporting the Royal Children’s Hospital

Written by Gabrielle Costa
Photography by Little Lyrebird Studio



Eight determined mates from Moriac are putting their best foot forward to support the Royal Children’s Hospital, taking on an inspiring challenge to run 5km every Saturday morning in the lead-up to a special community run around Moriac at the end of November.

Beau, Alby, Nate, Doug, Loui, Gus, Charlie and Jagger have joined forces with one big goal in mind: to raise as much money as they can for a cause that makes a real difference to the lives of sick children and their families.

The idea began a few years ago, when Beau’s big brother, Noah, and his mates took on a similar fundraising challenge, raising more than $2,000 for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

“When I was telling Beau about what his big brother had done, he said, ‘I want to do that!’” explained Beau’s mum Jo.

“I told him to rally the troops, get training, and I’d sort out the donation page. And that’s exactly what they’ve done!”.

Since then, the boys have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Their training has included sessions at school, local Parkrun events and even impromptu runs around the farm squeezing in a few extra kilometres before bedtime.

The boy’s commitment is paying off, with the group having raised an incredible $3,040 so far!

The challenge is about much more than running. It is an opportunity for the boys to work together towards a meaningful goal, build their fitness, encourage one another and discover how a small group of young people can make a big difference to the lives of friends, family and their community.

Their efforts have also shown that fundraising doesn’t have to be complicated. With a little inspiration, a willingness to give something a go and a great team of mates, these eight students are turning their Saturday mornings into something truly special.

“We are all really proud of them all and cannot wait to see their final tally at the end of November,” said Connor, Doug’s Dad

As their final run approaches, the boys are encouraging their local businesses and community members to get behind their cause, before their final run at the end of November. It’s a great way to show support for the boys while helping raise funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

For these young runners, every kilometre counts and every donation brings them one step closer to their goal of supporting the Royal Children’s Hospital and the incredible work it does for children and families.

Eight young runners, one big goal and a whole lot of heart. Moriac’s next generation is proving that you’re never too young to make a difference.

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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Results 21/10/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford

20 Players

1st - Peter Finch (26) 39 points
2nd - Stephen Cole (15) 36 points C/B
3rd - Neil Hickman (13) 36 points C/B
BDL - Cam Parke (11) 35 points C/B
BDL - Bill Spencer (17) 35 points C/B
BDL - Stephen Harvey (14) 34 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Cam Parke

Ladies Results

Stableford, NTP 8/17 2nd shot

Winner Di Bartel 40 pts
R/up: Robyn Vesey 35 pts cb Tara Steward
NTP: Tara Sreward

Great Golf Di

The play off for Medal of medalists was completed today, players were Mary Parish, Elizabeth Alston, Tara Steward and Robyn Vesey

Medalists winner 2026 Elizabeth Alston 97-23-74 CB from Robyn. Well done Liz

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Results 24/10/26 - Geoff Morgan Trophy

29 Players

1st - Tim Parish (24) 5 Up
2nd - Andrew Ellery (29) 3 Up C/B
3rd - Alan Redmayne (13) 3 Up C/B
4th - Bill Spencer (17) 2 Up C/B
BDL - Peter Finch (25) 2 Up C/B
BDL - Aaron Wight (17) 2 Up C/B
BDL - Tom Shaw (17) 1 Up C/B
BDL - Neil Hickman (13) 1 Up C/B

Eagle (12th) - Toby Sauni
NTP (2nd/11th) - Neil Hickman
NTP (6th/15th) - Lachie King
Golden Hole (17th) - Alan Redmayne

The Winchelsea Bowl has been played and won.

Winners of the Bowl by 1 point was the team from Lorne:

Chris Angus (20) 31 pts
Tina Walker (31) 31 pts|
Wendy Hutchinson (33) 36 pts=98
Queenscliff were runners up

A Grade Winner:
Wendy Amor (29) 38 pts Barwon Heads

Runner up: Ann Lynch 36 pts Barwon Valley

B Grade Winner:
Bronwyn Hall (35) 38 pts Inverleigh

Runner up Wendy Hutchinson 36 pts

NTP2/11: Louise Watach Clifton Springs
6/15 Wendy Armor HOLE in ONE
8/17 Bronwyn Hall

Merit award points

5. Wendy Armor CB
4. Bronwyn Hall
3. Wendy Hutchinson
2. Ann Lynch
1. Deann Roberts

The field was at capacity, a Winch team was not entered this year due to numbers.

The course looked fantastic due to the hard work of every person who attended the course before the event. So many positive comments from people who have been coming for years and the new players having there first hit.

The catering was carried out by the girls of the club, had to use 2 tables for the sweets. A shout out to Cosy Crumb for the lovely Quiches. The lunch was a hit as was the fruit after 9, thanks to Elizabeth and Greg for delivering to the players.

Amazing to have a player get her first Hole in One on the 6 th, Second Ladies tournament in 2026 to produce a Hole in One. Wendy Amor from Barwon Heads was thrilled when the ball dropped. She was presented with some lovely bottle of Wine, thanks to Loeretta from Brown Magpie. Her comp ball will be mounted and presented to her.

A huge thank you goes to RAK Davis and Sons for their on going support for the Golf Club and in particular the Ladies. The trophies are always wonderful and the winners of these trophies were thrilled.

Thank you to Maguire Butchers for the wonderful meat tray for our raffle.

There are so many people to thank for the presentation of the course. The work is on going under the watchful eye of our head of greens committee Rod Batson to Nick Trezise overseeing the rebuild of the 4th, and much more. I can't name everyone, sure as heck I'd miss someone, but because of our small band of members we had a fantastic event.

Thank you to everyone

Coming up:

Wednesday 28th October - Midweek Weekly Stableford

Friday 30th October - Green Scarifying

Saturday 31st October - 8.30 Working Bee to spread sand on greens. BBQ to follow and a round of Stableford.

Thursday 12th November - AGM

Sunday 15th November - The Longest Day Fundraiser

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Saturday 21st November - Presentation



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Info about the day/s

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Elizabeth Bennett, Trainee Run Director



A little chill in the air and a sprinkle of rain couldn't dampen our parkrun spirit.

Twenty -nine parkrunners enjoyed their Saturday morning at Trebeck Reserve this week. It was a little on the chilly side, with a light sprinkle of rain but that didn't stop everyone getting out and enjoying the course.

After all, a bit of fresh air is good for the soul - and exercise helps warm us up!

We were delighted to welcome visitors from Landsfield and Geelong. We hope you enjoyed your visit to Trebeck Reserve and felt right at home with our friendly parkrun community.

A special mention this week goes to our enthusiastic juniors, who are taking on a running challenge to raise funds for The Royal Children's Hospital.

What a fantastic initiative! It's wonderful to see our younger participants putting their energy into helping other children. We wish them success with their challenge and hope their efforts inspire plenty of support. They can be very proud of making a difference while doing something they love.

Volunteers - the heart of our parkrun. A huge thankyou to this weeks volunteers - Neil McInnes, Kate Mc Innes, Murray Bennett, Graeme Webb,Jay Brooks, Gabrielle Costa, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Ann Jones,and Liz Bennett

Your time and enthusiasm help make Trebeck Reserve parkrun possible, whatever the weather. We couldn't do it without you!

If you haven't volunteered before, why not give it a try? The jobs are easy to learn. There is plenty of support, and it's a lovely way to get to know other members of our parkrun family. To put your hand up, email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com You may find you enjoy being on the other side of the finish line occasionally so we all get a chance to challenge ourselves to improve our personal best result on the course.



Fancy taking a turn at being in charge as the Run Director? This involves organising the volunteer team, setting up the course and helping everything run smoothly on Saturday morning.

Please don't let the title frighten you! It's a straightforward role to learn, with plenty of guidance and support. Having more people share the responsibility helps keep our little parkrun going strong.

If you've been thinking about joining us, consider this your invitation!.

You don't need to be fast or own expensive running gear, for everyone is welcome to go at their own pace - about one-third of parkrunners are walkers.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on a short, hand held lead, but no waist harnesses are permitted.

Thousands of people enjoy the simple pleasures of getting outdoors, being active and catching up with friends at parkruns across Australia each week. So, whether you're a regular runner, a leisurely walker, a first-timer or someone who prefers to volunteer, we'd love to see you at Trebeck Reserve next Saturday.

Until then, stay warm, keep smiling, and remember - parkrun is always better when we do it together.



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