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Knuckkeys' International Reach Picks Up

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A welder inside Knuckkeys workshops.
Photo: Hardyal Singh

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Love Winchelsea?

We are preparing a new Structure Plan to guide Winchelsea's growth, and invite local residents to be part of a Structure Plan Community Working Group.

The Structure Plan will support environmentally responsible growth across the next 15 years, while protecting and reinforcing the town's distinctive character.

It will be guided by principles embedded in the recently-prepared Winchelsea Place Plan.

Visit **yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WPP** to nominate for the working group and find out other ways to get involved.

Expressions of interest close 31 August 2026.



Letter To The Editor

I received the below email and wanted to forward it on to you both in case you were not aware of it.

Warm regards,
Haidee Benning

"Council is preparing to commence the next phase of the Winchelsea Placemaking project, this being the development of a new Structure Plan for Winchelsea.

The Structure Plan will build on the work of the Winchelsea Place Plan, which was shaped by a 29-member community working group throughout 2025/26. The Place Plan is an aspirational community document that outlines a shared vision for Winchelsea's future, supported by key principles to help guide growth and development. This will help to inform the development of a new Structure Plan.

While the Place Plan identifies what the community values about Winchelsea and the long-term vision for the town, the Structure Plan will provide a land use framework to help guide how Winchelsea grows over the next 15-20 years.

At this early stage, Council is seeking expressions of interest from local residents to participate in a Community Working Group (CWG) to help inform the development of the Structure Plan.

The Working Group will provide an opportunity for local residents to discuss how growth directions align with the principles established through the Winchelsea Place Plan. Meetings are expected to be held in-person at a location in Winchelsea. They will be held in a workshop-style format at key phases of engagement, with dates and times to be confirmed. It is envisaged that engagement activities will run from September 2026 to mid-2027 and will consist of approximately 4-5 workshops of 2-3 hours in length.

Council is looking for a diverse representation of residents to take part, including people of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences. To be considered for the Community Working Group, residents are encouraged to submit an expression of interest by Monday 31 August 2026 via the website:

yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WSP

Further information about the project, as well as a copy of the Winchelsea Place Plan and detailed project FAQ's can also be found on this page. You can also click "follow" at the top of the page to receive future project updates.

We will also be seeking direct input from community groups, businesses, agencies and other stakeholders throughout the process, in ways which are convenient, accessible and targeted to each group. There will also be opportunities for the broader community to engage in the Structure Plan process, outside of the Working Group. We will provide more information on these opportunities shortly.

We encourage you to share this information with residents in your networks who may be interested in contributing to the future planning of Winchelsea.

For any questions, please send through to winchelseaplaceplan@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or alternatively call us on (03) 5621 0600."

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News Spotlight

Local Company Helping Farmers Around The Globe

Story by Hardyal Singh

"Built for the toughest harvest." This is how Winchelsea-based machinery manufacturer Knuckey Agricultural Engineering describes its pickup fronts, and the company is now putting that claim to the test on the international stage.

More than a century after beginning as a blacksmith shop in Winchelsea, the regional Victorian manufacturer is now exporting its machinery to farmers in countries across the globe, including Canada and Denmark.

The remarkable growth is based on generations of family members building and improving the business. Owner John Knuckey said the company had been mainly building sheds and served mostly a Victorian market, but "as time went on, we started to manufacture our own products". He said the next generation was "going to another level" entirely.

John's son Steve Knuckey said one of the secrets of the company's growth was its ability to listen to farmers and respond to their needs.

"The customer feedback is critical and it's what we've built our business on, which is generally farmers coming to us and saying 'we've got a problem, how do we solve it?', he said.

That's how the new pickup fronts came about.

A Canadian farmer was testing one of the products when he suggested it needed an addition.

"The suggestion was to have a guard that they want to mechanically lower to tighten the crop as it goes into the header," Steve said.

Rather than sit on the suggestion, the Knuckeys team got to work immediately.

"We redesigned our current fixed guard to have some hydraulic mechanism on it to allow it to move," Steve said.

This ability to work quickly on new modifications makes the small manufacturer stand out in an industry that is dominated by big players, such as John Deere, MacDon, AGCO (Massey Ferguson, Fendt) and Kubota.

"For a big company, a change like that (modifying the pickup fronts) would probably be almost a three-year program and even then they might not do it because it might be only 2 per cent of their customer base," Steve said.

Knuckeys, which employs 17 full-time staff and several casual workers, took the suggestion from idea to physical prototype in four weeks, and Steve said they could have done it "in a week if we were really pushing".

The company's quick response also reflects its close relationship with the farmers who use its machinery. John said: "We listen really closely. It's a big part of who we are and often the consumer can come up with a different idea to what we've thought of."

A few weeks ago, the company received word from Denmark that its pickup fronts had "helped achieve what could be a record harvest performance".

"Waking up to stories like this from Denmark makes us incredibly proud ... our products are now helping farmers around the world harvest more efficiently and make the most of every season," the company said in the Facebook post.

As part of Australia's manufacturing industry, Knuckeys contributes to an industry that collectively produces about \$137 billion in value-added output, makes up about 5.1% to 5.7% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product, and employs roughly 930,000 workers, according to the Australian Industry Group.

And it is continually looking to the future. John says social media is helping spread the message of what Knuckeys can do.



"Where it is at the minute, the market is overseas. So, it'll be interesting, in the next two months, to see what feedback and orders we get from Europe, especially," he said.

Steve said they were also looking at their manufacturing techniques.

"We love to employ people, but we also have to stay relevant, cost effective. You've got to look at things like robotic welding, how you can streamline operations to take the waste out," he said.

Editor's Note:

Knuckeys Agricultural Engineering is on a large site at 39-49 Willis Street, Winchelsea. The manufacturing complex that you see as you drive into Winchelsea from Geelong reflects the continuing growth of a family-owned business that began as a blacksmith's shop over a hundred years ago.

The Knuckey family has also been involved in the local community for many years. They've employed local people, trained apprentices and been involved with local organisations including the Community Bank and Winanglo that recently built the 10-unit retirement village in Harding Street.



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.

Hello!

Sharing this week's recipe for Cooks Corner - and a new ingredient of the month!

August Ingredient of the month - Potato



I've just returned from my trip to California. Over two weeks we ventured all around Northern California and spent over half our time staying with friends. We enjoyed a good balance of restaurant and home cooked meals and I had the opportunity to cook a little myself for our hosts. Twice in one week I heard the name of chef Ina Garten and I ate some of her dishes prepared for me including Greek Panzella Salad. I know of her name only in passing, but the commonality with which she is referred to in California makes me eager to get to know her recipes. Don't be surprised if I unearth an Ina Garten recipe in future entries! This week however, I'm sharing two of my favourite potato side dishes - both of these I cooked for our hosts in America. One of these was the Smashed Potato Salad I shared earlier in the year, but will include again here because it's worth it. Another is a very simple, very delicious side of boiled new potatoes, coated in chives and salted butter.

Boiled New Potatoes in Chives and Butter

Ingredients

New Potatoes; 2-3 per person
2 tbsp of chopped chives
150g salted butter
Salt and pepper

Method

Add potatoes to a pot of cold water and place on the stove on a high heat, once boiling reduce to a medium heat. Cook until you can put a fork easily through the skin - 15 to 20 minutes from boil.

Drain and then place into a bowl with chopped chives, butter and mix. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



Smashed Potato Salad

From 'Dr Vegan Blog' - drveganblog.com/smashed-potato-salad/

1 kg Potatoes as needed (I use 6 or so baby to medium potatoes, not large!, enough to fill the base of a medium sized pot)

Salt & Pepper

Olive Oil

1 cup Yogurt

1/2 cup Mayonnaise (I use whole egg)

1 lemon Lemon Juice

2 cloves Garlic minced

1 tbsp Dill chopped

1 tbsp Parsley chopped

1 tbsp Chives chopped

1/2 Cucumber finely diced (I use one whole cucumber)

1 Red Onion finely chopped

Preparation of Potatoes:

Boil the potatoes until they are fork-tender.

Preheat your oven to a high temperature (about 425°F or 220°C).

Once boiled, drain the potatoes and let them cool slightly.

On a baking sheet, gently smash each potato to flatten it, but ensure it remains in one piece.

Drizzle olive oil over the potatoes and sprinkle them generously with salt and pepper.

Bake in the preheated oven until the edges are crispy and golden brown, about 45-60 minutes or until crispy. (Alice's note; if you have an airfrier, they'll take 20 minutes on 200).

Making the Herbed Yogurt:

In a bowl, combine yogurt and mayonnaise.

Stir in the lemon juice, minced garlic, dill, parsley, chives or spring onion, diced cucumber, and finely chopped red onion. Mix well until all ingredients are incorporated.

Combining:

Once the potatoes are baked and crispy, let them cool for a few minutes.

Add the Potatoes to the Bowl with the yogurt-herb mix, combine and enjoy!





Garden Bits

By Julia Holohan

Lemons & Limes

So many people had told us that a lemon tree is easy to grow, just plant it, leave it & it'll look after itself and you'll always have lemons!

Well, it didn't work for us. It took a couple of failures before we grew a lemon tree to seem happy and bear fruit.

We felt, maybe our soil was too heavy with clay so we dug a massive hole, filling it with lots of compost & good top soil before we finally got a lemon tree to grow and bear fruit. The fruit was thick skinned and rather dry so we applied phosphorous to the soil under its canopy, this made an amazing difference, with the tree giving us juicy thinner skinned lemons - heaven!

We now have several lemons and one lime tree which are all doing relatively well.

We don't leave them to look after themselves and, we try not to pander to them which, can be hard to do after it took us a couple of attempts to grow a lemon tree successfully.

We fertiliser them spring and autumn with a little compost and a mulching of straw around their drop line and well away from their trunk, if it's around their trunk it can cause trunk rot. Also, a light pruning, to keep them from becoming straggly and also because we don't want

them too large - we want to be able to pick their fruit without the need of a ladder.

We find that most years we need to apply a little phosphorus, to stop their dry interior & thick skins.



A metal nail in their trunk? An old person's tale? The fors say it provides iron and encourages the tree to produce more lemons. The againsts say it can cause an entry point for disease.

Our lime tree is prone to sooty mould which we treat with a spray bottle of water adding a little liquid soap and oil, alternative, horticultural products can be bought from gardening outlets.



It's a little time consuming spraying it regularly but certainly well worth it in the long run for the beautiful limes it produces.



We now have 2 of my mum's little lemons. They were very sad looking after being in pots for many years, one seems happy in the ground with lots of fruit while the other is still struggling, we have our fingers crossed and with a bit more time, I'm confident it'll be as robust as the other.

Lemons - a tree of brilliant green leaves & exotic yellow fruit with its sour, pert juice, delicious with seafood, squeezed over your green veggies or carrots, as a juice first thing in the morning, in your G&T of an evening, or a bowl full of them as a decoration on your kitchen bench - I reckon, every garden should have at least one.



Fabulous Food at Winchelsea Community Dinners

by Jess Butler

Our dinners have continued over the winter months where community members have enjoyed getting together over a hot meal. The hall is well heated which has also been lovely with the colder weather.

While our focus is on getting together as a community and it really doesn't matter what you bring to share, there is always something wonderful on the table highlighting the talents of our local farmers, growers, producers and home cooks.

One local woman who regularly attends the dinners often brings along a home cooked dish using beef she has raised and sometimes homegrown veggies. From hearty slow cooks to roast meat and veggies with gravy the meals she brings along each time are always well enjoyed.

We also have a number of talented gardeners who regularly come along using seasonal produce from their gardens to create delicious vegetable-based dishes which are always appreciated.

Then we have the sweets, often home baked and allowing people to try a range of things from hot puddings and cobblers to brownies and show stopping lemon meringue tarts. Some of our creative community members also incorporate their homegrown produce into desserts featuring apples, stone fruit, rhubarb and even figs.

If you haven't made it to a dinner yet, we encourage you to come along. There's always room at the table and friendly people up for a chat!

Community dinners are the last Saturday of each month, with our next dinner on Saturday 29th August 6.30pm.



~BABY NEWS~

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the newest member of the Winchelsea Community and Winchelsea Zumba Dance, Arabella Joy Dunmore.

Mum and baby are doing well, even if Simone's birth and recovery has been challenging.

We can't wait to connect once again with our lovely community in due course.

Much love,

The Dunmores



1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



When around 15 years old, our Scouts transition to the Venturer Section.

After many years of having an active Venturer Unit, based at 'The Den' on Waltons Rd, we now no longer have a Unit of our own. Our linking Venturers now choose to be hosted by Torquay Venturers or by Nindethana Unit at Highton.

By secondary school age, friendships have been made with Scouts from other Groups and classmates from school, so the move away from Modewarre is simple. It is important to have the strong numbers to enable robust programs with good participation, which we couldn't manage out here.

Our Venturers still come home on occasions such as a Group camp, for Anzac day (where two have played The Last Post on their trumpets), and one, Geoff Charlesworth volunteers regularly as a Cub Helper.

The Venturer weekly program is organised largely by the Youth themselves. They also organise smaller camps and hikes. The State Team runs several events each year for Venturers across Victoria.

Just recently, 'Winter Gathering' was held at Eumeralla, with 786 attendees enjoying a range of



activities in cold but dry weather. Hatchet throwing, Abseiling, Container caving, Mountain Biking, Obstacle course Challenge, STEM base on-site, plus a 4WD session and visit to the Chocolate Factory as offsite activities.

The Venturers cater for themselves but the Rovers run a Snack Shack for top ups. As it's held in Winter, it's safe to have campfires, and a large bonfire is the hero of the camp.

In February, 'Anything Goes' which is an annual Activity Camp held at Lardner Park in Gippsland provides a range of on-site and off-site activities, night time activities and entertainment options for about 1000 Venturer Scouts.

This year this included Archery Tag, Gaming Hub, Abseiling, Hatchet Throwing, Crate Stacking, Jelly Wrestling and Roller Skating on site, with 4WD adventures, Tank Adventure tour, Gumbaya World, Scuba and Caving opportunities off-site.

For young people looking for some adventure outside school and sport, Venturers is the place to head.



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Cleaning Bird Baths

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I thought I'd pass on some info about
how we clean our bird baths, especially
now that the H5N1 bird flu virus has
been detected in Victoria.

Water is a life saver for birds and other
wildlife, especially in summer.

We've used strong white vinegar to
wash our bird baths out in the past, as
it's cheap and non-toxic. But these days
we also use F10 disinfectant, which is
great to use in bird baths. Most vets, pet
shops and some stock feed suppliers
have it, but you can also order online.

We check our bird baths daily and if
there's bird poo in it, we rinse it out
immediately. We have a scrubbing brush
nearby that we use and disinfect.

At least once a week, we wash out all
the dirt, rinse and empty. Then we put
about 1/2 litre of water in the bottom and
about 1 teaspoon of F10 and swish it



around. Leave it in there for 10-15 mins,
empty and leave to dry in the sun before
refilling with tap water.

I found this guide for F10 online:

"General disinfection at 1:500 (2ml in 1
litre)

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Landcare Week: Thanking The Volunteers Driving Healthier Catchments

More than 4,200 volunteers support 152 Landcare and community-based natural resource management groups across the Corangamite Landcare region in south-west Victoria. Together, they are restoring habitat, improving waterway health, supporting sustainable agriculture and strengthening local communities.

With Landcare Week 2026 underway (3 to 9 August) with the theme Experience Landcare, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is celebrating the people behind this work and encouraging more people to connect with their local Corangamite Landcare group or network.

Corangamite CMA CEO Dr Amber Clarke said Landcare is one of the CMA's most important partners.

"Many people know Landcare through tree planting days and community events, but may not realise the breadth of work Landcare volunteers, facilitators and staff contribute across our region.

"We simply could not achieve Corangamite CMA's goals without Landcare. From restoring native vegetation and protecting waterways to supporting sustainable agriculture, citizen science and environmental education, Landcare plays a critical role in caring for our waterways, soils and biodiversity," she said.

Corangamite CMA supports Landcare across the region through its Regional Landcare Coordination role, connecting groups and networks with funding, training, partnerships and opportunities. The CMA also works closely with Landcare groups and networks to deliver projects spanning river restoration, sustainable agriculture, citizen science and environmental education.

Since 2022, Corangamite CMA has worked in partnership with local Landcare networks to deliver the Small Blocks Big Dreams project, empowering more than 160 small landholders to improve soil health, biodiversity and native vegetation on their properties while building a network of environmental stewards across the region.

Landcare groups also play an important role in restoring riverside vegetation and habitat. In partnership with the Upper



Barwon Landcare Network, willows were recently removed along 1.2 kilometres of Pennyroyal Creek near Deans Marsh, with fencing and revegetation to follow this spring. The works will improve habitat for species including Yarra pygmy perch, platypus and little galaxias, the latter which was recently recorded in the West Barwon River for the first time.

Partnerships with the Moorabool Catchment Landcare Group and Moorabool Landcare Network are also helping restore waterways through willow removal, revegetation and large-scale native planting projects. At Spring Creek near Dunnstown, a major restoration project will see 10,000 native trees and grasses planted along 5.2 kilometres of creek frontage. Working with Geelong Landcare Network, volunteers recently planted 950 indigenous plants along the Leigh River at Shelford, helping restore habitat and strengthen wildlife corridors.

Landcare's impact extends beyond on-ground works. Many WaterWatch and EstuaryWatch volunteers are active Landcare members, contributing valuable citizen science data that helps monitor the health of waterways and inform management decisions. Local Landcare volunteers also support schools through programs such as River Detectives, helping students learn about river health and monitor local waterways.

"To all Landcare volunteers, facilitators and staff across the Corangamite CMA region: thank you. Your dedication, passion and hard work are helping build a better future for our environment and communities," Dr Clarke said.

To celebrate the end of Landcare Week 2026, Corangamite CMA is giving away free copies of the Wings of Wetlands birdwatching guide on Saturday (8 August) at Coffee at Pelican Point in the Lake Colac Foreshore carpark. Plus, the first 50 people who tell Jack the owner the name of their favourite bird, will also receive a free hot drink to enjoy while taking in the sights and sounds of Lake Colac. Thanks to the Victorian Landcare Program and the Victorian Government for supporting this initiative.

For more information Landcare in the Corangamite region, or to find your local group or network visit: www.ccma.vic.gov.au/get-involved/landcare/.

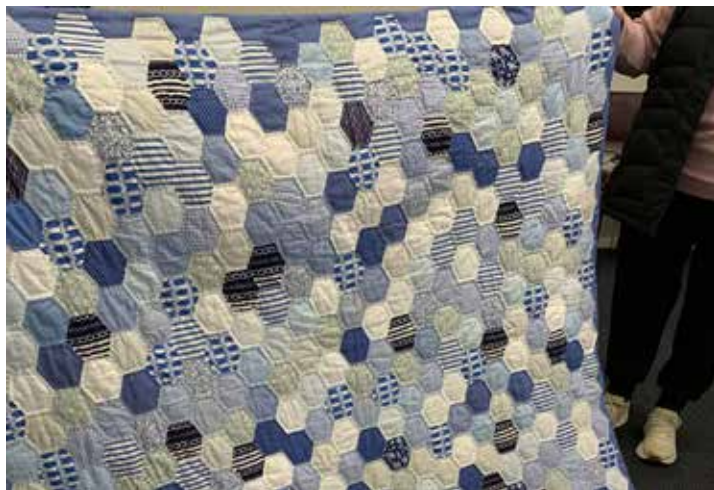
STITCH IT DON'T DITCH IT

by Winch House Craft Group

We have been lucky enough to see two items finished at last.

The gorgeous blue hexagon quilt is hand stitched and hand quilted, it's been well worth the time invested. We have a huge selection of material, along with the templates available if you would like to try your hand at making a hexagon quilt. These quilts are fun to make as you can use bits of material from anywhere, as long as it's cotton. Sometimes they turn into lovely heirlooms if you use material from old shirts or dresses that have memories attached to them.

The cross stitched bookmark is going to be a lovely bright gift for some lucky person. We also have a large selection of embroidery cottons and materials if you would like to give something like this a try.



Pop into Men's Shed if you need help with little jobs

Frank Jelliff
Secretary Winchelsea Mens Shed

The Men's Shed will now be open two days a week starting next week, our days will be Wednesday and Thursday, this may help anyone that needs little jobs done if they are working.

Look forward to seeing you all even if you would like to pop in for a chat and a cuppa.

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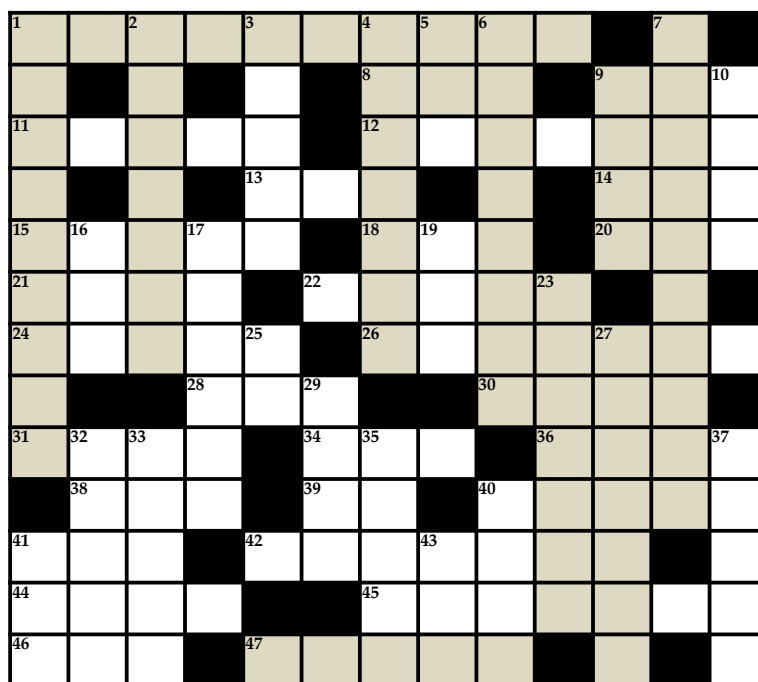
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Winchelsea Crossword No 6 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution p.23



ACROSS

- 1 Popular Winch eatery near the river (4,2,4)
- 8 Bird emblem for 1 across
- 9 Missing in action (inits)
- 11 Ornamental substance primarily from elephants
- 12 Travelling salesmen
- 13 Enquire
- 14 Paramilitary group (inits)
- 15 Help
- 18 Winch supermarket
- 20 Trap
- 21 Avian creature
- 22 Motionless
- 24 Coating
- 26 Breastbone
- 28 Perform
- 30 Prophet
- 31 Noble rank
- 34 High card
- 36 Ballpoint pen
- 38 Passenger vehicle
- 39 Greek letter used in the maths of circles
- 40 Take it easy
- 41 Mountain pass
- 42 Acts of bravery
- 44 Poems
- 45 Husband of an unfaithful wife
- 46 Married
- 47 Street/drive off Gladman

DOWN

- 1 & 6 dn Winch collectibles and antiques store (5,4,3,5)
- 2 Food store attached to the Winch Ampol garage
- 3 Faithful
- 4 Winch street named after pioneering pastoralist and Winch councillor
- 5 Have an obligation to pay
- 6 See 1 down
- 7 Next stop after Winch on the Warrnambool train line
- 9 Local street name for the highway thru Winch
- 10 At a particular point in time (2,2)
- 16 By way of
- 17 Principles to be aimed at
- 19 Obtain
- 23 Court near the Barwon Park mansion
- 25 Major religion (inits)
- 27 Wich street name
- 29 Narrow strip of material
- 32 Dwelling
- 33 Governed
- 35 Approximately (in time)
- 37 Chemical compound that incorporates oxygen
- 40 Wealthy
- 41 Animal
- 43 Antonym of in

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Reflections on the Arts Trail weekend

Columnist's Thoughts:

What a wonderful weekend for the arts across the Surf Coast. The Arts Trail brought visitors from far and wide to experience the incredible talent of our local artists, makers and performers. Here in Winchelsea, as part of the Winchelsea Music Season, we were delighted to present Songs at the Mansion at Barwon Park, where Boorook stepped in at very short notice to deliver a memorable evening of music, storytelling and culture. This month, guest writer Dee Matheson reflects on the outstanding success of the Riverlee Artists' exhibition—another reminder of the strength and vibrancy of our regional arts community.

Ciao!

By Dee Matheson

The Riverlee Artists enjoyed a highly successful weekend at the Winchelsea Shire Hall during the Surf Coast Arts Trail, welcoming well over 300 visitors from across the region and beyond.

Throughout the weekend, art lovers explored an impressive and diverse exhibition featuring original paintings, pottery, mosaics, cake decorating and a range of handcrafted works. Visitors commented on both the outstanding quality of the artwork and the breadth of talent on display, making the exhibition one of the highlights of the Arts Trail.

The welcoming atmosphere, combined with glorious winter weather, encouraged people to spend time meeting the artists, learning about their creative processes and enjoying the vibrant display of local artistic talent.

The weekend also highlighted the strength of the Riverlee Artists as a community group. Members were delighted by the enthusiastic response from visitors, many of whom expressed an interest in joining the group's regular classes.

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

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With a growing waiting list now developing, the group hopes to accommodate new members as soon as additional spaces become available.

Riverlee Artists continue to provide a welcoming environment where people of all ages and experience levels can develop their artistic skills, share ideas and enjoy the friendship that comes from creating together.

Following the success of the Arts Trail, attention now turns to the group's annual Art Show, which will be held over the Melbourne Cup long weekend in November. Visitors can look forward to an exciting exhibition of new work from the entire group, showcasing fresh paintings, pottery, mosaics and other creative works.

The Riverlee Artists thank everyone who visited over the weekend and helped make the event such a memorable success. Their continued support plays an important role in encouraging local artists and strengthening the vibrant arts community in the Surf Coast region.





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The new Dangerous Goods (High Consequence Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2026 commence on 25 July 2026, replacing the current regulations from 2016.

While regulations have been updated to improve clarity, readability and regulatory intent, existing obligations for farmers and agricultural businesses managing high consequence dangerous goods remain unchanged.

VFF President Ryan Milgate said the update was a fantastic reminder for farmers to revisit safety responsibilities and identify opportunities to improve workplace safety.

"Farm safety is about more than ticking boxes, it's about creating practical systems that protect farmers, workers, families and everyone who visits a farm."



"The VFF's Making Our Farms Safer Project gives farmers access to dedicated free farm safety visits, providing tailored support that takes into account the unique risks and challenges of each individual farm."

"Whether it's reviewing chemical storage, machinery safety, workplace systems or preparing for changing regulatory requirements, our team can work alongside farmers to identify improvements that are realistic and achievable in person and on your farm."

"Understanding your responsibilities around dangerous goods is an important part of running a safe farm business as safety must always be our number one priority. Our VFF Making Our Farms Safer Project team helps take the guesswork out of it and ultimately helps to make your farm compliant and a safer environment," Mr Milgate said.

Farmers can find more information, access resources and arrange a dedicated farm safety visit through by visiting the MOFS website <https://makingourfarmssafes.org.au/> or contacting them at mofs@vff.org.au

Emergency Services Training Enters Virtual Reality

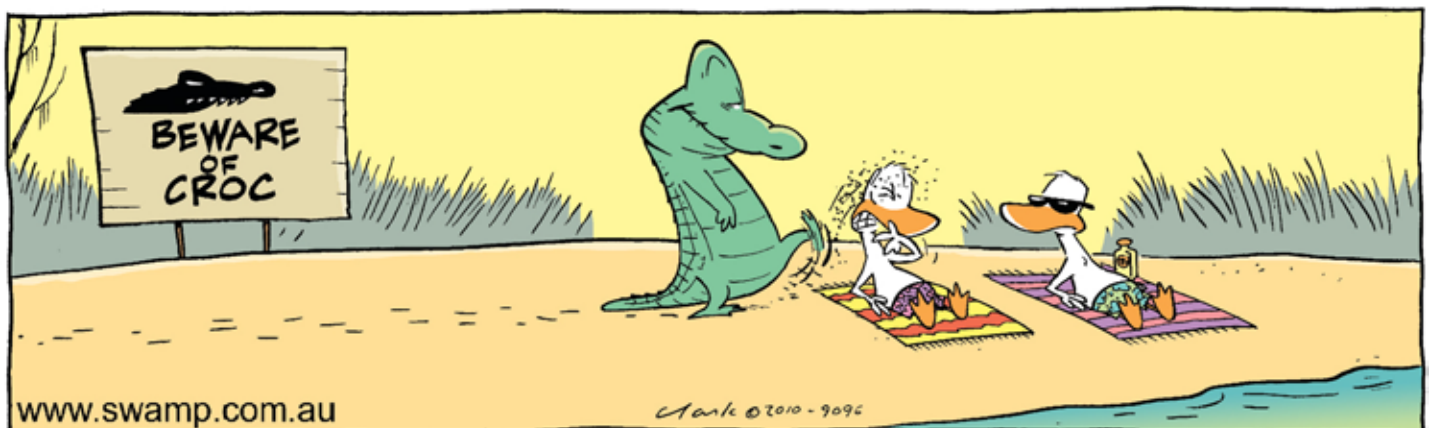
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Psalm 24



24 The earth is Yahweh's, with its fullness;

the world, and those who dwell in it.

2 For he has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the floods.

3 Who may ascend to Yahweh's hill?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart;

who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood,

and has not sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive a blessing from Yahweh,

righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,

who seek your face—even Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, you gates!

Be lifted up, you everlasting doors,

and the King of glory will come in.

8 Who is the King of glory?

Yahweh strong and mighty,

Yahweh mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, you gates;

yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors,

and the King of glory will come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?

Yahweh of Armies is the King of glory!

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 August 9, 23

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 August 16, 23, 30

Inverleigh - @ 4pm Sun.
 August 16

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Thought of the Week

"Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these if you but remain true to them. Your world will at last be built."
 Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Brushtail Possum Found Caught in Rabbit Trap Banned in the 1980s

(???Trigger Warning – Extreme Animal Cruelty???)

In the morning of Friday 7th August, a brushtail possum was discovered hiding in a shrub near 35B Batson St. Upon closer inspection, the discoverer was horrified to see that its right front paw was caught in one of the old serrated steel-jaw rabbit traps that were banned back in the 1980s due to their extreme cruelty, and the chain on the trap was tangled in the branches at the base of the shrub.

Barb from Winchelsea Wildlife Shelter was called and promptly arrived, but it took about 30 stressful minutes for enough branches to be cut away to gain access to the poor possum to enable her to throw a blanket over it and get it into a carrier. Barb then took the poor creature to the Winchelsea Veterinary Hospital, but there they found that his paw was half-amputated, so after all the terrible pain he was forced by some heartless person to endure, for goodness knows how many days, he sadly had to be euthanised.

Given that the blood on his paw was black rather than red, this indicated that the poor possum had been dragging the heavy trap around for several days, in unimaginable pain and terror.

As possums are territorial, the set trap almost certainly has to have been located in the vicinity of the western corner of Batson St and Barwon Terrace. It is quite inconceivable that



the trap had been set decades ago and had simply been lying around ever since without anything ever setting it off until now, so I feel fairly certain that the trap was intentionally set in recent times.

Could people please check their sheds for such traps, and if found put them in the scrap metal collection at the transfer station.

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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.

Promoting Winchelsea's Unique Attractions – Turning Travellers into Visitors

Volunteers, Signage, Parking and Community Space – Building a Successful Future for the Winchelsea Visitor Information Centre

The successful reopening of the Winchelsea Visitor Information Centre will depend not only on infrastructure improvements, but also on creating a welcoming, accessible, and community-connected facility. Several key areas will be essential to the VIC's long-term success:

- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Effective signage
- Adequate parking
- Productive use of the adjoining office space

The Importance of Trained Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of most regional VICs. Friendly local knowledge and personal interaction create memorable visitor experiences that digital systems alone cannot provide.

However, after several years of closure, rebuilding the volunteer base will require active support and recruitment initiatives.

Potential strategies include:

- Community information sessions
- Partnerships with local groups and retirees
- Flexible volunteer rosters
- Training programs
- Recognition and appreciation programs

Training should include:

- Local tourism knowledge
- Customer service
- Digital system operation
- Event promotion
- Emergency information procedures

Well-supported volunteers become ambassadors for the town.

Signage and Parking Matter

A VIC cannot succeed if visitors cannot easily find or access it.

Key priorities should include:

- Clear highway directional signage
- Advance warning signs
- Consistent town wayfinding signage
- Visible VIC branding
- Safe and accessible parking

Parking should accommodate:

- Cars
- Caravans
- Campervans
- Accessible parking users
- Tourist buses where possible

Convenient parking encourages travellers to stop and spend time exploring the town.

Rethinking the Small Office Space

The adjoining office space provides an exciting opportunity to complement the VIC rather than simply functioning as a standalone rental. Possible uses could include:

Community Uses

- Local history or heritage displays
- Community meeting space
- Tourism volunteer hub
- Rotating art exhibitions
- Visitor workshops or talks
- Co-working or digital access space

Business Uses

- Local artisan retail showcase
- Tourism booking office
- Small business incubator
- Regional produce outlet
- Bicycle hire or tourism services
- Shared workspace for local operators

Ideally, any future tenant or use should align with tourism, community engagement, or local economic development objectives.

Looking Ahead

The reopening of the Winchelsea Visitor Information Centre represents more than the return of a building. It is an opportunity to restore community connection, strengthen tourism, support local business, and create a vibrant gateway to the town once again. With thoughtful planning, modern technology, strong volunteer support, and strategic promotion, the VIC can become a valuable asset for Winchelsea's future. Over time the VIC will outgrow the limited space available, therefore future planning should consider its future needs.

*We've started the ripple —
whether it leads to change, or disappears,
is now up to us.*



The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Extracts from Earth's Last Hope

A tipping point in climate science is not a metaphor.

It is a specific threshold in an Earth system beyond which self-reinforcing feedback processes drive further change automatically, regardless of what humans do subsequently.

In other words: past a tipping point, the system changes itself.

Our actions at that point can no longer stop what is already in motion.

Scientists have identified multiple major tipping points in the Earth system.

The West Antarctic Ice Sheet:

If destabilized, it contains enough ice to raise global sea levels by 3.3 meters.

Research published in 2023 indicates it may have already passed its tipping point.

The Amazon Rainforest:

Deforestation and climate stress are pushing the Amazon toward a dieback threshold where it converts from rainforest to savannah.

Researchers estimate this could begin at 20 to 25% deforestation. We are currently at approximately 17%.

The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation:

The ocean current system that keeps Western Europe habitable — shows signs of weakening to its lowest strength in over 1,000 years. Its collapse would dramatically alter rainfall patterns across three continents.

The Greenland Ice Sheet:

Boreal permafrost, monsoon systems, coral reef systems — each has a threshold.

Each threshold, once crossed, creates conditions that push others closer.

This is what the presentation screen shows in this image.

Not opinion. Not projection. Current data. Current trajectories.

And around the table, the world's decision-makers are on their phones.

This is not a caricature.

At COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, the most critical climate negotiation

since Paris, a Bloomberg investigation documented over 636 fossil fuel lobbyists registered as delegates.

More than the combined delegations of the eight most climate-vulnerable nations.

A room full of adults who have the authority to act and the attention spans of people who will not live long enough to face the consequences of inaction.

That asymmetry of consequence is the most dangerous feature of the room.

And it is entirely structural.

And it is not an accident.

The knowledge was impeccable.

In 1988, NASA scientist James Hansen told the United States Senate

with 99% confidence that global warming was already underway and human-caused.

That same year, global CO2 emissions were 22.7 billion tons.

In 2023, global CO2 emissions reached 36.8 billion tons.

In the 35 years between those two numbers, the world produced:

- The IPCC First Assessment Report (1990).
- The Rio Earth Summit (1992).
- The Kyoto Protocol (1997).
- The Bali Action Plan (2007).
- The Copenhagen Accord (2009).
- The Paris Agreement (2015).
- 26 subsequent Conference of Parties negotiations.

And emissions increased in 29 of those 35 years.

The knowledge did not fail us.

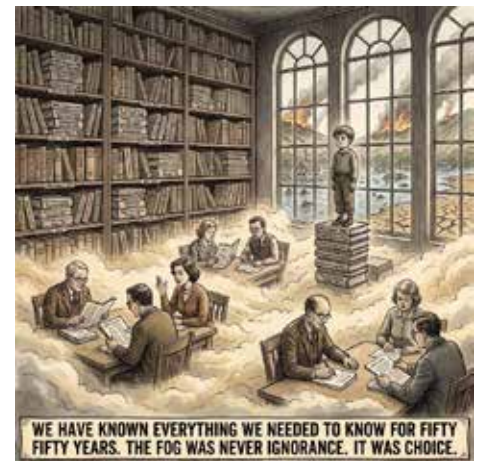
The knowledge was impeccable. It was produced by the most rigorous

scientific process ever applied to any environmental question in history.

What failed us was the space between knowing and doing — a space that was not empty.

It was filled deliberately with manufactured uncertainty,

- with funded think tanks,
- with political donations,
- with regulatory capture,
- with economic frameworks that counted extraction as growth and destruction as progress.



The fog in this image is not ignorance.

Ignorance would be forgivable.

The fog is something harder to face:

It is the comfort of not fully inhabiting the knowledge we possess.

Of reading the report without standing up to look out the window.

Of acknowledging the crisis without changing behaviour in proportion to it.

Of caring, genuinely caring, while continuing to live in ways that the crisis cannot afford.

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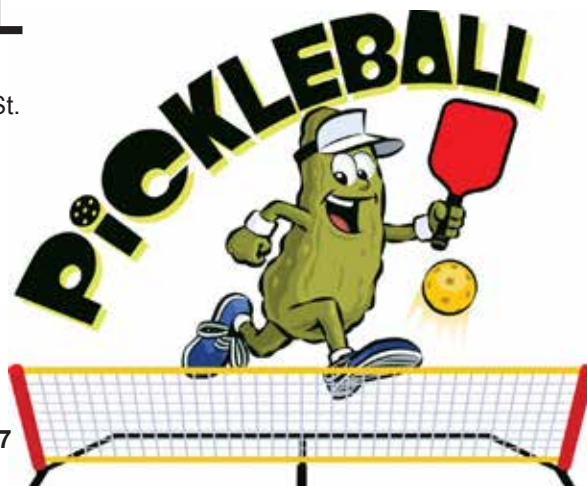
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R/Up: Tim Parish 34 Pts

BFD: Robyn Vesey 30 Pts

NTP (8th/17th): the club

Saturday 8th of August - Stableford

Winner: Neil Hickman (13) 34 pts CB

R/Up: Aaron Wight (17) 34 Pts

BDL: Alan Redmayne

BDL: Zac Worland

NTP (8th/17th): Alan Redmayne

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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

It was another big weekend of netball for the Winchelsea Blues, with plenty of great performances, development and teamwork across our junior teams.

Under 10s

Our Under 10s finished their grading matches with a fantastic 12–0 win on Monday, securing a spot in B Grade for their Minis competition.

What a great effort from the team as they begin their second year of competition! We're seeing so much confidence and development from these young players.

A special congratulations to Sofia, who scored her first competition goal! What a fantastic achievement!

Under 11s

The Under 11s finished off a fantastic first Saturday season with a great 18–6 win over Corio.

Lilly was outstanding in the first half, shooting an impressive 12 goals before being moved into defence and continuing to make an impact.

Harper absolutely smashed it at both ends of the court and was deservedly named Player of the Match. A fantastic way to finish the season!

Under 13s

What a game from our Under 13s! In a tight, hard-fought battle, the girls went down to Corio 16–18.

With injury and illness taking their toll, the team went into the game with just seven players but worked tirelessly from the

first whistle to the last. Every player walked off the court knowing they had given absolutely everything.

Congratulations to Ally, who shot all 16 of Winchelsea's goals!

It's also worth looking back at how far this team has come. Earlier in the season, they went down to Corio 7–25. To come back and push them all the way to an 18–16 result shows just how much this team has grown and developed.

The Under 13s have one more week of the season — let's finish it off strong!

Under 15s

The Under 15s went down to Corio 16–6, but the score doesn't tell the whole story.

The girls stayed right with Corio in the first half before the opposition managed to pull away in the second.

A special congratulations to Hannah on her comeback from a knee injury. She played beautifully through centre court and showed great determination to get back out there.

There was some fantastic ball movement down the court, with the things being worked on at training and during our Sunday sessions really starting to take effect. It's great to see the players taking what they learn at training and putting it into their games.

Under 19s

The Under 19s had the weekend off with a bye.



U11s Finish off their season with a win



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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

ROUND 17

CORIO DEVILS vs WINCHELSEA
BLUES

Welcome to Blue's news with just one more home and away match to be played to determine the Final Five to play in both the Reserves and Senior matches at St. Albans Football & Netball ground. Last week the Winchelsea footballers proudly wore their Indigenous strips designed by one of our own Jack Sampi, who has done a magnificent job in the design, execution and explanation of the detail in the content of the player's strips.

The Reserves will go down to the wire, while the Senior side has secured its place in the 2026 Final Series.

RESERVES:

Corio Devils 4.4.28 were defeated by the Winchelsea Blues 21.15.141

The Reserves had a blistering first quarter kicking 7 goals 7 behinds to the Corio Devils yet to register at quarter time. The Blues continued with their demolition in the second quarter but it has to be said when the Devils kicked their first goal for the match there was a huge celebration on their part and that is what country footy is all about really – recognising the great moments however lowly they maybe. 12 goals 10 behinds to that solitary goal was the score at half time. The Winchelsea Blues were chasing a lift in percentage and kept chasing at that lift during the last half to run out eventual winners 141 points to 28.

GOALS: Matthew Sprigg 3, Bailey Mumberson 3, Jack Todd 3, Tayne Hewson 2, Jude Coverdale 2, Josh Freeman 2, Matt Gillespie 2, Blake Gardam 2, Angus Leigh 1, Tom Kennedy 1.

BEST: Jude Coverdale, Matt Gillespie, Josh Freeman, Tom Rouget, Tayne Hewson, Felix Maher.

SENIORS:

Corio Devils 18.9.117 defeated Winchelsea Blues 10.16.76

After a 10 game straight winning streak and sitting high upon the League ladder the Blues were looking at a danger game, while Corio had only managed the 2 wins so far in 2026 they are a much improved side and Winchelsea were wary of the last of the Blue's away games last Saturday. The Blues kicked with the strong wind that prevailed for the Reserves game and were well aware of "the scoring end" they managed 4 goals 7 behinds which at the end of the day may have proved telling in the final result. Corio hit back hard in the second quarter – their turn with the wind doing better with a score for the quarter of 6 goals 5 behinds and the Blues finding the going tough and failing to score in the second term.

The Devils had come to play and withstood the Blues attack with the wind unable to make any real inroad on the scoreboard. The last quarter with Corio having the wind and the home ground advantage saw them surge ahead and win by the convincing margin of 41 points. The home crowd certainly enjoying the late win of the season!! Not the result the Winchelsea Blues were hoping / looking for but the Club lives to fight another day and this week will host the Geelong West Giants in the last of the home and away games for 2026.

With one game to go and the Blues sitting second on the League ladder, the Club and the Coaching Staff can be happy with the result thus far, St. Albans is looming which is great, and the Winchelsea teams will reset to address their finals campaign.

GOALS: Cammeron Primmer 3, Jack Sampi 2, Indi Parish 1, Cass Parish 1, Fin Parish 1, Sam Adams 1, Ollie Mahncke 1.

BEST: Adam Walsh, Harry Nagle, Sam Adams, Jordan Gould, Jack Sampi.



The Indigenous jumpers will be worn again this week when the Blues take on the Geelong West Giants at Eastern Reserve with games starting an hour earlier –

**** RESERVES AT 11AM ****

SENIORS AT 1PM ****

UNDER 12'S AT 9AM



THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week sees the return of the popular Chicken Schnitzel /Parmi

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DESSERT: to be announced, thank you to all of you who are supporting the Blue's Bistro desserts, the Club has applied for a bench freezer to be used for the ice-cream which will save the endless in and out of the main freezer.

GO BLUES!!

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19 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in perfect conditions. We had visitors from Sunbury and Albert Park.

Two personal best times were recorded. Congratulations James Hurren and Jenna Currie who completed their personal best times at Trebeck Reserve.

Seven volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Liz Bennett, Kris Czerkiewicz, Wendy Berg, and Maureen Gunson.

Full details of this week's results can be found at trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results or check out our Facebook page for 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 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

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