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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Alasdair Baird's photo of the Barwon River in last week's Star illustrated for me the power that flowing river has.

It reminded me of the big flood in 2022 when I took this picture from below the Barwon Hotel showing the height the river reached.



Winchelsea Flood 2022



Picnic Area 2026

This photo was taken last week from the Barwon Bridge which shows how far that picnic table is from the river bank to the left (Barwon Hotel in the background).

Judy Cameron, Winchelsea

From the Editor

There is something special about our town. Every week the Winchelsea Star reminds us that our community is built not only by organisations and committees, but by dozens of people who quietly give their time and enthusiasm.

Sport continues to bring our community together. Congratulations to WFNC Seniors on a gutsy victory over Belmont, while the Reserves sit fifth on the ladder and well placed as finals approach. To our junior netballers, congratulations to the Mighty Blues on a convincing 45-6 win over Belmont.

Our young footballers have an exciting week coming, with the Auskick Presentation Evening on Thursday. It is one of the highlights of the season, recognising not only developing football skills but also the friendships that Auskick helps build.

Connection is not just about sport. If you enjoy meeting people and sharing skills, go along to the Barwon River Community Exchange gathering on Saturday 18 July. Whether you have something to offer or simply want to be more connected, everyone is welcome.

Finally, the Winchelsea Star is only possible only with the help of many people. Our sincere thanks go to this week's contributors, including Michael O'Donovan, Alice Cloake, Zinaida Campion, Judy Cameron, Cathy Cheadle Janet Fletcher, Rachel Boddington, Marie McPadden, Frank Jelliff, Julia Holohan, Greg Ware and Neil McInnes Thank you also to our editor and production team, advertisers and distributor whose efforts ensure the Star continues to connect our community every week.

Enjoy this week's edition, stay warm, support our local businesses and clubs, and, as always, thank you for supporting our own community newspaper.



School holidays at Winchelsea Community House Occasional Care

Occasional Care Team – Tina (Childcare Coordinator), Sandra, Cassie and Relieving Staff Katy (Childcare Educators)

It might have been very cold and very wet during week 1 of the school holidays but the children attending Occasional Care didn't seem to mind. Our attendances were fabulous – with 62 in Week 1.

We served breakfast (toast and toppings) to all the children during the first week and then changed the routine and enjoyed "brunch" instead of the traditional morning snack and lunch.

Our new display project – "Pooh Bear Display" commenced and the children were busy working on the various art creations for this.

In week 2 our numbers were a little less at 45 as unfortunately the illness level increased and we saw many cancellations. During the second week we had 2 pyjama days which is always fun for the children. Despite some very foggy mornings we did see the sun out most days and the children were happy to get outside to play.

The older children have assisted with the judging of the "Winter In Winchelsea Kids Art Competition." (See separate article for the display and the winners.)



We have immediate vacancies for children 3 years and over and occasional vacancies for short notice cancellations for children under 3. Feel free to come in and have a chat with us.

Winch House (Winchelsea Community House) Occasional Care operates Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, offering flexible half or full sessions for kids aged six weeks to six years. It is located at 28 Main St, Winchelsea, and provides a safe space for short breaks, appointments, or work. Bookings are required and casual days are subject to availability.

You can check their most recent updates on the Winchelsea Community House Facebook Page, or reach out via email at childcare@winchhouse.org.au or call 5267 2028 or 0457668170.

How devastating for members of the Winchelsea Golf Club to see this senseless destruction of their beautiful grounds

Rachel Boddington

We are incredibly disappointed to share these photos taken at Winchelsea Golf Club following an incident on Saturday afternoon.

Two individuals hired a golf cart and drove recklessly in circles on our 5th fairway, leaving behind extensive damage. The club has addressed the matter directly with those responsible.

Our club is maintained almost entirely by volunteers, many of whom are in their 70s and 80s. They spend countless hours mowing, repairing, maintaining and caring for our course, not because they have to, but because they love our club and want it to be something the whole community can enjoy.

To see so much of their hard work destroyed in a matter of minutes is incredibly disheartening. The damage will now require many more hours of volunteer time to repair and a lot of our club's funds.

We ask for the support of our community. If you ever see behaviour that is damaging our course or club property, please call out the bad behaviour or contact the club as soon as possible. Your support can help us protect the course and prevent incidents like this from happening again.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and care for our club. We are incredibly proud of our volunteers and grateful for everything they do to make Winchelsea Golf Club a place the whole community can enjoy.



Wayngurrla, To Make Good

National Trust of Australi (Victoria)

- 11am - 4pm Sundays until 2 August
- Barwon Park Mansion,
105 Inverleigh Road Winchelsea

Step inside Barwon Park and explore an immersive installation across multiple rooms of the historic mansion.

Wayngurrla, To Make Good pays homage to the reciprocal relationships between Wadawrruung kin kin bil and the owners of the property, the Austin family.

This exhibition celebrates the lived experiences of first custodians' ancestors, and how they were interwoven with those of the Barwon Park Mansion.

Thomas Austin was the builder of the mansion, after his passing, he was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Austin and their children, who in their time were said to have fed many First Peoples as they passed through the mansion's surrounding land.

Explore this exhibition which showcases some of our best first nations artists and their work and is something completely unique to the area.

Guided Tours on the hour.

Artists: Aunty Marlene Gilson OAM and her children Robert, Dr Deanne, Tammy and Barry, alongside her grandchildren, Blair, Indigo, Max, Arlo, Piper and Mia.

Featured painting is Thomas, King Billy and the Duke by Marlene Gibson.

SES Winchelsea Unit

This was a special week for our unit!

Jackson Bell (Assistant Chief Officer) came down to Winchelsea to provide Angela Hooper (Left) her 10 Years of Service Certificate and Sue Hatty(Right) her 5 Years of Service Certificate!!

Angela has attended 40% of RFAS during her 10 years and Sue attended 10% during her time!! Big or small it all matters!



Service Certificates

We would also like to congratulate Tim Trotter (last photo on the right) on getting his section leader epaulettes (pips).

We would like to thank our volunteers for their time and dedication towards our community, no moment goes unnoticed.



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Winter Gardening

Julia Holohan



We've been busy in our garden these winter weeks. The days are shorter and the soil can be cold but, the soil has been turning over nicely and the weeds are pulling out easily.



I've planted sweet pea seeds, a little late but, hopefully they'll grow and flower colourfully in spring, that is, so long as the snails, slugs and slaters don't get them! I've planted some directly into the soil where I suspect I'm unlikely to compete with those hungry three pests so, I've sown some into tubes, fat tubes where I've planted 3 or 4 seeds per tube and they're now snug in the hot house and have sprouted brightly.

We've pulled out a patch of raspberries. They haven't done well the last few years and our other patch has and now requires pruning.

When the canes that fruited die off leaving their canes devoid of leaves is the time to prune those old canes to ground level, leaving the new canes which still have leaves and hopefully, will heartily fruit next season.

It can be difficult to identify these old canes and their prickles don't help either but, by having tied them together when they were the new canes last year, I find it helps to identify them.

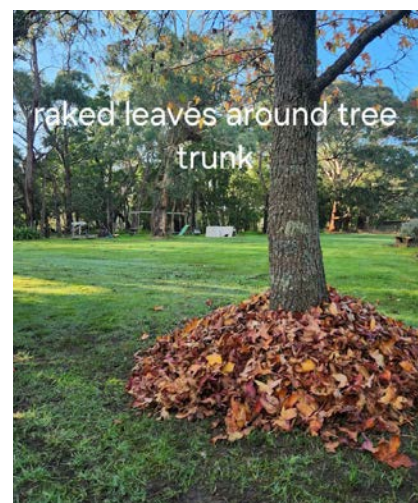
The autumn fruiting Everbearer raspberries have a different regime. They are planted all together, not clumped, their pruning, once they have died back, is simple - hedge trimmer - shearing all the canes to ground level! Top the sheared canes with straw and mulch to fertilise them.

Having pulled out the old patch of raspberries, we have an area of loose soil, we've popped in potatoes and again our fingers are crossed they'll do well as it's a little late to be planting potatoes. We haven't done well with potatoes in the past but we're prepared to try again to give them another go.



I've planted some herbs around the base of the water tank. The bulk of our veggies are grown right around the big concrete water tank, I'm hoping the herbs will soften the starkness of the concrete tank when there's a bare plot. But, I will have to be vigilant to keep them contained, pulling out any spreading roots and pruning their growth regularly.

The autumn leaves have been raked and piled in a loosely fenced area where they'll mulch down ready for pumpkins to be sown later in Spring. I love the raking of the autumn leaves, piling them around the tree trunks then bundling by overflowing armfuls into the big blue wheelbarrow, then off loading them into the pumpkin patch.



I have to be quick or Paul will mow them! It's an ongoing battle between us, keeping the leaves or mowing the leaves!

Next job is to get my tomato seeds organised and ready for popping in punnets in early August. Here on the south side of the highway, that'll be around Melbourne Cup week.





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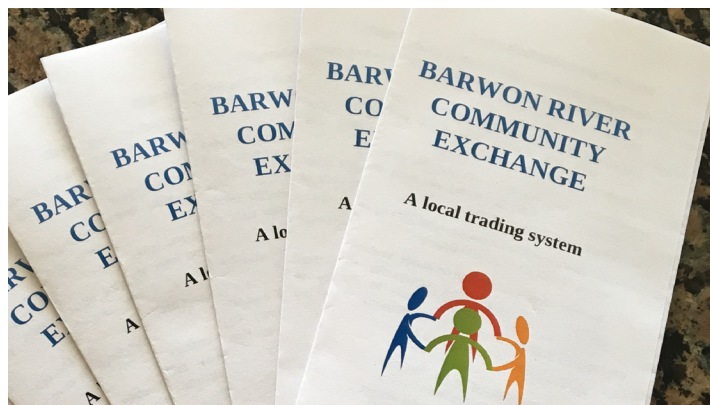
Cathy Cheadle

Our last two articles have been about how a community exchange works.

Basically, a group of people in a community each make offerings of the service or goods they are willing to share, along with their requests for help or “wants”.

When an exchange is made, the nominated value is used as a measure of the exchange. Numbers in each person’s account go up and down, but the number doesn’t matter.

The important thing is that people in the group are helping each other out. If money is involved, it is usually to cover any costs.



Do you have something you love to do or a skill that you would like to share? Is there something you need or want help with? If so – and I expect all of us do – consider joining us.

People who have joined such groups report that they are surprised at the sense of community they feel by sharing amongst themselves. We occasionally have working bees, where a number of us spend a couple of hours working in someone’s garden. The end result is amazing, and we all feel that we have accomplished something worthwhile.

Come along to our next gathering on Saturday 18th July between 12 and 2.30pm at the Senior Citizens Club in Harding Street, or you can make an application at www.community-exchange.org.

Small journey, big difference:

What happens to recycled polystyrene?

Surf Coast Shire

The Anglesea Transfer Station now accepts polystyrene foam for recycling, baling it locally and re-manufactured into sustainable insulation board in Melbourne. Previously it was sent overseas for processing.

Cr Adrian Schonfelder welcomes the initiative. “Anglesea is the first stop on a shorter journey which we’re able to trace, all while supporting local remanufacturing jobs and avoiding export emissions,” he said.

“It’s estimated around 9-10 tonnes will be recycled per year, aligning with our work towards a circular economy where we focus on avoiding waste and keeping valuable resources in use for as long as possible.”

Surf Coast Shire residents can drop off household quantities up to 0.5m3 (equivalent to a car boot) for free at the Anglesea Transfer Station. Larger quantities will be charged a fee of \$18/m3.

Staff sort the polystyrene before it is compressed into blocks with a compaction ratio of 40:1.

Manufacturer Foamex collects the blocks and transforms them into a sustainable insulation board product, called Styroboard. The board has various uses, including in slabs for residential homes, cold storage facilities, caravan insulation, and pool construction

Cr Schonfelder urged the community to keep polystyrene out of recycling bins. “Polystyrene is not accepted in your yellow-lid bin because it can contaminate the kerbside recycling.”

“If you can’t get to the transfer station, you can place polystyrene in your red-lid landfill bin but this means it will be disposed of in landfill.”

For more information, access Council’s A-Z recycling and waste guide available through SCRRApp (Surf Coast Rubbish and Recycling App) and online at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/A-Z.

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BYO Craft and Chat 3rd Thurs of the month 7.30 pm
Th July 16th - contact Kim 0414 482 893
Women's Woodwork Wed 1-3pm
Contact Evan 0434 484 440

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Maureen Lange 0418518260

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Editor Cerrie Forgan, Designer Susan Corby

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History of Winchelsea

Catholic Priests in Winchelsea Early twentieth century

Thanks to Margaret and Joe Kelly for their book "St John the Baptist Winchelsea 1892 – 1992".

Following on from previous week's articles about the local priests who served our community in the colony following the opening of the Catholic Church in 1892, today's article looks at some of the later priests who served as members of our local community in the twentieth century.

While Winchelsea is a modern and secular community of many faiths and cultures, in times past, the local priest, doctor, teacher and councillors were held in high regard by their community. Their stories have left a mark on our community today and its culture.

Many local people in Winchelsea today will still remember the priests in this article, as most intergenerational local's grandparents would have been married, Baptised, and ministered to by these people. Their stories below have been abridged largely from the Kelly's book.



A youthful Fr Hehir



Archbishop Mannix and Fr Hehir at Winchelsea Station

Fr O'HANLON moved to Mentone in 1944 and Fr FRANCIS CONLON came to Winchelsea. He was not in robust health, so Fr F NOLAN joined him as assistant. In July that year, on the tenth anniversary of Fr Hehir's death, the two priests organised a memorial service at his graveside. Six priests and a large gathering of parishioners assembled to pray for their much-loved former pastor.

Queen Carnivals were evidently still popular. In 1945 the whole parish threw its weight behind a fundraising effort to raise money for the rebuilding of the Moriac church. A Queen Carnival was held, with young women representing each part of the parish. The representatives were: Winchelsea - Margaret Downes; Moriac - Rose Quigley; Inverleigh - Nan Allen; Bannockburn - Rita Ferry.

On December 10th Archbishop Mannix, accompanied by Rev A Fox, Dean O'Brien (Geelong), Frs Conlon and Nolan and other clergy attended the ball, where Rose Quigley was crowned Queen. £1268 was raised, of which the winner raised £430. Next morning the Archbishop celebrated Mass and was then tendered a civic reception. All three churches were represented at each of these three functions. It was only a few months later that parishioners arrived for Sunday Mass to find no sign of their parish priest. On investigation he was found dead on his bed.

Fr TOM KEOGH then came to take charge of our parish. He was a young energetic man, full of innovative ideas. The people, tired of wartime worry and austerity, entered into his schemes with enthusiasm. On one occasion a mock debutante ball was held. Another ball had a South Sea Island theme. Two race meetings were held at the Birregurra Racecourse in conjunction with the Birregurra parish. He made plans to turn the sadly neglected tennis court into a grass court, but he was sent to the new parish of Pascoe Vale before he could carry out his plan.

Fr ARTHUR HUNTER, a shy, retiring man, was a complete contrast to his predecessor. Quiet though he was, He spent a busy five years in Winchelsea. The old St Patrick's church at Mt Moriac was demolished in 1951 and a new church opened on the same site on 29 November 1953. Fr Hunter was also instrumental in providing Anglesea with its first church. He arranged for the old Teesdale church, no longer in use, to be moved to Anglesea. It served as the Mass centre until a new church was built some 14 years later.

These are the priests who served Winchelsea in the first half of the twentieth century. The second half of the century will be explored next week.



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

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

The Winchelsea Star gratefully acknowledges Margaret and Joe Kelly for their outstanding contribution to preserving our town's history through their book, St John the Baptist Winchelsea 1892–1992. Published to commemorate the church's centenary, their carefully researched work has become an invaluable record of the parish, its people and the Catholic community of Winchelsea.

We also acknowledge their generous permission, as noted by the Parish of Meredith, for extracts from their book to be used in sharing the history of St John the Baptist Church with future generations. Their dedication has ensured that an important part of Winchelsea's heritage will continue to be remembered and appreciated.

How first-time homebuyers can save \$8,500 in taxes

Derek Rose AAP

First-time homebuyers are missing out on thousands of dollars by not using a little-known scheme that helps save them money for the deposit.

The First Home Super Saver Scheme lets them take advantage of their superannuation account's favourable tax status. Bridges Financial Services financial planner Dominic Sgro says, "There's a really good tax benefit to accumulating via this strategy."

Prudence Sterling used the scheme to help save for a deposit on a \$600,000 property she bought with her partner near Gympie, just north of Queensland's Sunshine Coast, in 2025.

Ms Sterling contributed an extra \$10,000 a year to her super for three years to help get the deposit together. It was money more lightly taxed than if she had kept it outside her super fund.

Under the First Home Super Saver Scheme, would-be homebuyers can make additional contributions up to \$15,000 a year to their fund to put towards a house deposit.

When they're ready to buy, they can withdraw as much as \$50,000 from their super, plus the associated earnings on those contributions.



The average first-time homebuyer in 2021 borrowed less but paid a larger deposit. (Joanna Kordina/AAP PHOTOS)

It's a tax-advantageous strategy for anyone making over \$45,000 a year, because their marginal tax rate is at least 32 per cent, including the Medicare levy, while super contributions are only taxed at 15 per cent.

That difference means a \$15,000 contribution to super would reduce a median-wage worker's take-home pay by only \$10,200 while growing their super fund by \$12,750, leaving them \$2,550 better off.

The benefit would be even greater for couples and those in higher tax brackets, such as the 39 per cent rate (including the Medicare levy) for those earning over \$135,000 annually.

Mr Sgro says given its limit of \$50,000 or \$100,000 for a couple, the scheme is likely to be just part of a solution for first-time homebuyers, rather than the whole answer.

Craig Day, Colonial First State, says only voluntary superannuation contributions can be accessed through the scheme. The mandatory 12 per cent contributions made by an employer aren't eligible to be withdrawn. That means informing your employer to deduct additional super contributions from your pay cheque or simply sending additional tax-deductible funds to a superannuation provider.

Winchelsea's future starts with us – Come and be part of the conversation

The Secretary on behalf of the committee.
Growing Winchelsea Inc

Winchelsea has always been a town where people care about their community. Whether you've lived here for generations or only recently made Winchelsea your home, we all share something in common, we want our town to grow in a way that reflects its unique character, friendly village atmosphere and beautiful natural environment.

That's exactly what the new Winchelsea Place Plan is all about.

Earlier this year, 29 local residents came together and worked alongside Surf Coast Shire to develop a shared vision for Winchelsea's future. Together, they identified the values and priorities that matter most to our community and created a practical roadmap to guide how our town should grow in the years ahead.

The good news is that Winchelsea's future growth can now be guided by the community, not simply by developers. The Place Plan sets out the key principles for fair, sustainable and well-designed development that respects our heritage, protects our environment and preserves the village feel that makes Winchelsea such a special place to live.

Now it's time for the wider community to have its say. We warmly invite everyone, young people, families, business owners, farmers, retirees, sporting groups, community organisations and anyone who calls Winchelsea home, to come along to a community discussion about the Place Plan.

Before the session, we'd love you to take a few minutes to read the document. Copy the link below into your browser or click here to [Download Winchelsea Place Plan](#).

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It's written in an easy-to-read format and explains the key pillars that will help shape future planning decisions for our town. [Download Winchelsea Place Plan](#)

This isn't just another planning document sitting on a shelf. The Winchelsea Place Plan will become the foundation for the upcoming Winchelsea Structure Plan, which Surf Coast Shire will be preparing in the near future. Your ideas, local knowledge and feedback will help ensure the next stage of planning truly reflects the aspirations of the people who live here.

This is your opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts and help shape the future of Winchelsea for today's residents and for future generations.



You are invited

To attend an open Q&A to explore and debate the aspirations and ideas outlined in the

Winchelsea Place Plan

with Growing Winchelsea & the Surf Coast Shire

The Place Plan is an aspirational community plan developed by the community members, with Council support, for their place. It sets out a vision and principles that are important to the community, now and into the future, as the town grows.

The Place Plan provides guidance from the community to inform future structure planning and future land use decisions by Council. A Place Plan working group was established in August 2025 after an open Expression of Interest process, to work on developing a Place Plan for Winchelsea.

Twenty nine people came together over a series of workshops to discuss, debate and develop a plan that outlines the essence of Winchelsea. The plan will be used to guide growth in the future and help retain the essential Winchelsea vibe for current and future communities.

View the **Winchelsea Place Plan** document online at <https://growingwinchelsea.com/project/growing-winchelsea-town-planning/>

Everyone is invited to attend and contribute to the Q&A at the Winchelsea Shire Hall. We hope to see you there.

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Winter in Winchelsea Art Competition

Rhani Bayon, Winchelsea Shire Hall

Our Winter in Winchelsea Art Competition attracted some wonderful creative entries, capturing the beauty and spirit of winter in our community. Children were invited to submit artworks in any medium, resulting in a fantastic variety of creative and colourful entries.

The winners were chosen by the children of Winchelsea Occasional Care, who had the important job of selecting their favourite artworks.

Congratulations to our winners!

- **FIRST PRIZE: AUDREY DAVIS** – Lambing (\$25 Dymocks book voucher)
- **SECOND PRIZE: EDITH VOKOVN** (\$15 Dymocks book voucher)
- **THIRD PRIZE: LIAM PERKIN** – Footy Hot Dog (Cadbury Marvellous Creations)

A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered and shared their creativity with us. Keep an eye out for our next art competition during the Spring School Holidays.



FIRST PRIZE
Lambing Audrey Davis



SECOND PRIZE
Edith Vokovn



THIRD PRIZE
A Footy Hot Dog Liam Perkins



A Winters Day
Kilani Evans



Winter Flowers
Savannah Melhuish



Winter Clouds
Harriet Davis



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Memories from our BIG Adventures Part 3

Wilson's Prom is a famous destination that has been beset by weather events, suffering fire, flood and storm damage resulting in track closure.

Our adult group managed to book in between these, and we set off from Tidal River. From the first campsite it's a short walk to Victoria's most southern point.

Between camps 2 & 3 a side trip takes you out to the Lightstation on the edge of Bass Strait. Some days the wind blows so heavily that it can't register; the road from the beach is too steep to drive a vehicle up it, but with the wind blowing up off the beach I was able to run back down held in an upright position.

We also met some Venturers and some Scouts hiking on this trip, and later a Scout Leader friend from Geelong at the last campsite. The water for the campsites comes from the streams up above the camps. A long length of poly pipe is laid on the stream bed, bending up near camp. No tap – the water just continually flows for filling bottles or back into the stream if not. Simple but clever!

Werribee Gorge was a practise hike for some of our longer hikes. It's out near Bacchus Marsh and is a bit of fun. Starting at the Quarry, there are excellent views along the gorge. There's a 50m single path section on the edge of the rock face high above the river. It has a chain handrail anchored to the rock to help hikers.

Blackwood was another destination for a training camp/hike. It's in the Lerderderg State Park. We stayed in the caravan park, doing two day walks including one of 18km in preparation for the Three Capes. We came across relics from gold mining times, including tunnels and machinery. At camp there were mineral springs, with both still and sparkling water! And a surprisingly COLD swimming area in the creek.



More kids from Victoria go on school camps than other states

Victoria Government

The Australian Camps Association confirms more Victorian students went on school camp in 2024 than students in other states. Close to 1 million Victorian students went on camp, more than Queensland and New South Wales combined.

School camps are a highlight of the school year. They build resilience, independence and lifelong friendships.

Families with a valid means-tested concession card can apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, eligible students receiving \$400 a year

Temporary foster parents and families with special considerations can also apply.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, go to vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund. DESIGN COMPETITION

Design competition for free Prep Bags

Victoria Government

A new annual design competition for Prep Bags started this week.

Current Preps at public schools enter by submitting hand drawn or digitally designed artwork on this year's theme 'My Year of Prep'.

The winning design will feature on the front of next year's Prep bags. The bags will be delivered to almost 52,000 Preps at over 1,300 schools on their first day of school.

Prep bags deliver real cost-of-living relief for families and make the first day of prep extra special. This year's Bags included five free books, a jigsaw puzzle, colouring activities and resources to help families with the transition from kinder to school.

The competition runs from 16 July until 9 August 2026.

More information can be found at engage.vic.gov.au/prep-



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We're looking for volunteers interested in on stage roles, backstage roles, hall set-up/pack-up, set design, make-up and costumes.

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WINCHELSEA MUSIC SEASON

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Part of the first annual Winchelsea Music Season



Uncle Dave Arden - Gunditjmarra/Kokatha Songman

Experience an intimate evening of music and story with renowned Songman Uncle Dave Arden, whose powerful songwriting and deep connection to Country have shaped three decades of First Nations music in Australia. Held at the historic Barwon Park Mansion, this Winchelsea Music Season event coincides with the Surf Coast Arts Trail and the Manor Made Arts Market, transforming the Mansion into a vibrant hub of creativity throughout the day. Arrive early to explore local makers, artists and artisans before settling in for an unforgettable evening performance. The concert also features the opportunity to view the Gilson Family Indigenous Art Exhibition, creating a rich, multi layered celebration of culture, place and creativity.

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WINCHELSEA MUSIC SEASON

James Emerson: A Winter Evening at the Globe



James Emerson baritone
Sue Goessling piano
Zinaida Campion soprano – guest artist

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Zinaida Campion

James Emerson: A Winter Evening at the Globe Homecoming of a Rising Star

There is something especially rewarding about welcoming home an Australian artist just as the international stage begins to take notice. On Friday 24 July, audiences at the Globe Theatre will have the rare opportunity to hear baritone James Emerson in what will be his only Australian performance this season, presented as part of the inaugural Winchelsea Music Season. James's return comes at a remarkable moment in his career. Now based in London, he is completing an Artist Diploma with the Opera Studio at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama as an Innholder's Scholar and recipient of the Rosemary Thayer Award. A graduate of both the Royal College of Music and the University of Melbourne, he has also been supported by the Melba Opera Trust, the Australian Music Foundation, the Tait Memorial Trust and the Ian Potter Cultural Trust.

Only weeks before arriving in Winchelsea, James achieved a significant milestone by making his London Symphony Orchestra debut as the Steersman in Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, conducted by Sir Antonio Pappano at London's Barbican Centre. The production received outstanding reviews, with critics praising Pappano's interpretation, the London Symphony Orchestra's playing and the strength of the entire cast. *Opera Today* singled out James Emerson, writing that he 'excelled in the smaller roles'.

Alongside these prestigious performances, James has also appeared in Guildhall School's *Opera Makers* project, creating roles in three new chamber operas. Reflecting on the experience, he described it as 'an absolute joy' to collaborate with such a gifted creative team, including performing stage magic as part of one role.

For me, this concert has a story of its own. I first wanted to work with James when I competed in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod in 2024. James had won the prestigious Aria the previous year, and he was the talk of the competition. Although he was already living in England, everyone spoke about him with remarkable warmth and affection—not only as an exceptional singer, but as a beloved member of the community. Fast forward to this year, and I received a message from James saying how much he admired what Rural Arts Victoria and the Winchelsea Music Season stood for, asking when he could become part of it. It was one of those wonderful moments when everything seemed to fall into place.

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.

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

Since then, he has been an absolute joy to work with, bringing enthusiasm, professionalism and a wonderful sense of humour to every conversation. It makes his return to Australia, and to the Globe Theatre, all the more special.



With Sir Antonio Pappano, under whose baton he played the Steersman in *Tristan and Isolde*



A Guildhall School of Music and Drama production

James will be joined by acclaimed pianist Sue Goessling and guest soprano Zinaida Campion in a recital spanning German Lieder, opera and operetta. The concert reflects the vision of the inaugural Winchelsea Music Season: bringing internationally active Australian artists back to regional communities while creating memorable experiences in the heritage Globe Theatre. As James's international career continues to gather momentum, this recital offers audiences the opportunity to hear an artist on the threshold of major international success. It may well be one of the last chances to hear him in such an intimate setting before much larger stages beckon. We wish him all the best!

Ciao!

James Emerson: A Winter Evening at the Globe will be presented on Friday 24 July at 7.00 pm at the Globe Theatre, Winchelsea, with tickets available at the door or via Humanitix. <https://events.humanitix.com/james-emerson-a-winter-evening-at-the-globe>

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Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

Vegetable of the Month



RECIPE

Black-Eyed Bean & Coconut Curry from Fresh India

I'm thrilled that this month's ingredient of the month led me back here to this delicious curry. I've cooked it a number of times and the page was bookmarked for quick access - that's how much I adore this recipe. I received a pumpkin in this fortnight's Farmer's Pick box so I'll be cooking this up this week that's for certain. I hope you enjoy it!

Serves 4 as a main course

INGREDIENTS

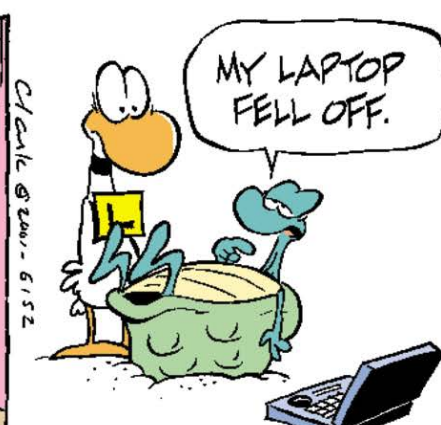
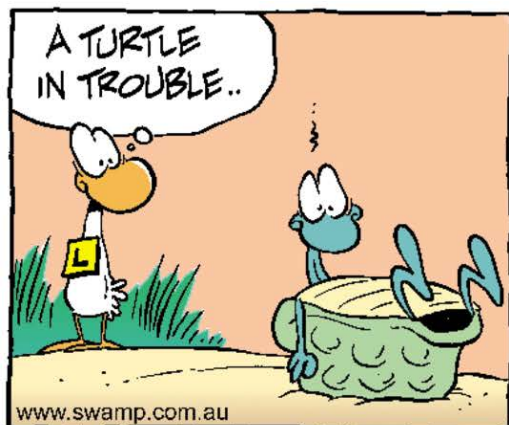
- 1.2kg pumpkin or squash
- coconut or rapeseed oil
- 1 tablespoon garam masala
- salt and ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 2 green finger chillies, slit lengthways
- 1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced

- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 x 400g tin of black-eyed beans, drained
- 150g ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 x 400ml tin of coconut milk

optional: 10 fresh curry leaves

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/gas 6 and line two baking trays with foil.
- Cut the pumpkin in half, scoop out and discard the seeds, then cut it into crescents around 2cm at the widest part.
- Transfer to a big bowl, drizzle with oil, and sprinkle with the garam masala, 1 teaspoon of salt and ½ teaspoon of black pepper. Toss to coat evenly, then arrange in a single layer.
- Roast for 30 minutes, or until soft and tender.
- Meanwhile, put 2 tablespoons of oil into a large lidded frying pan over a medium heat and, when hot, add the mustard seeds. When they pop, add the slit green chillies and the onion.
- Cook for 12 minutes, or until the onion is soft and golden, then add the garlic.
- Cook for another couple of minutes, then add the drained beans and stir to mix together. Add the tomatoes and cook for a few more minutes until soft and jammy around the edges.
- Next, add the turmeric, ½ teaspoon of black pepper, ½ teaspoon of salt and the coconut milk.
- Tip the roasted pumpkin into the pan and stir to mix.
- Cover with the lid and leave to heat through for 5 minutes.
- Check for salt and chilli, adjusting if you wish, then transfer to a serving dish.
- If you like, you can finish off the dish with a quick curry leaf tarka: put 2 tablespoons of oil into a small frying pan over a medium to high heat.
- When hot, throw in the curry leaves and let them crackle and turn translucent in the oil.
- Pour over the pumpkin, then serve.



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Haidee Benning Returns This August!

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Haidee is looking forward to catching up with the Winchelsea community, but because she is only here for a short time, her appointment slots are highly limited and will fill up quickly.

Book Your Appointment

If you've been putting off a check-up, managing a nagging ache, or want to secure a spot with Haidee during her brief return, don't wait.

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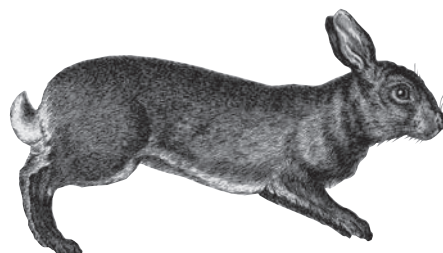
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Well he made it and enjoyed it. But his health wasn't up to it and sadly he has passed away.

Ray will be missed by his loving wife Cecelia, his sons Clint, Chris and Matt and their partners, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Only son of Ken and Nancy, both deceased. Sisters Shirley Lloyd dec. and Pat Lowrey.

Ray will be laid to rest in WA.

R.I.P.

In Memory of Shirley Leak Judy Cameron

I met Shirley at the Winchelsea Historical Society in Hesse Street in 2024 where she kept the amazing collection of Winchelsea Football Club history which she instigated. There are over 300 books/folders of year books, team sheets, committee meeting minutes and photo albums with records dating from 1895. She took many photos over the years and compiled club year books.



In 1961 Shirley instigated the forming of a Ladies Committee to support the football club. They ran morning coffees, stalls, debutante balls and took on catering assignments. She was also involved with the tennis and cricket clubs.



Psalm 21

A psalm by David

- 21 *The king rejoices in your strength, Yahweh! How greatly he rejoices in your salvation!*
- 2 *You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.*
- 3 *For you meet him with the blessings of goodness. You set a crown of fine gold on his head.*
- 4 *He asked life of you and you gave it to him, even length of days forever and ever.*
- 5 *His glory is great in your salvation. You lay honour and majesty on him.*
- 6 *For you make him most blessed forever. You make him glad with joy in your presence.*
- 7 *For the king trusts in Yahweh. Through the loving kindness of the Most High, he shall not be moved.*
- 8 *Your hand will find out all of your enemies. Your right hand will find out those who hate you.*
- 9 *You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger. Yahweh will swallow them up in his wrath. The fire shall devour them.*
- 10 *You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from among the children of men.*
- 11 *For they intended evil against you. They plotted evil against you which cannot succeed.*
- 12 *For you will make them turn their back, when you aim drawn bows at their face.*
- 13 *Be exalted, Yahweh, in your strength, so we will sing and praise your power.*

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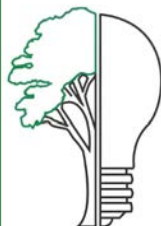
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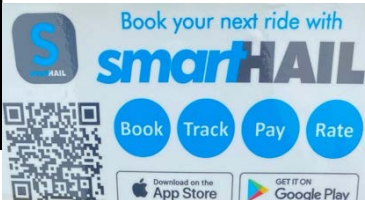
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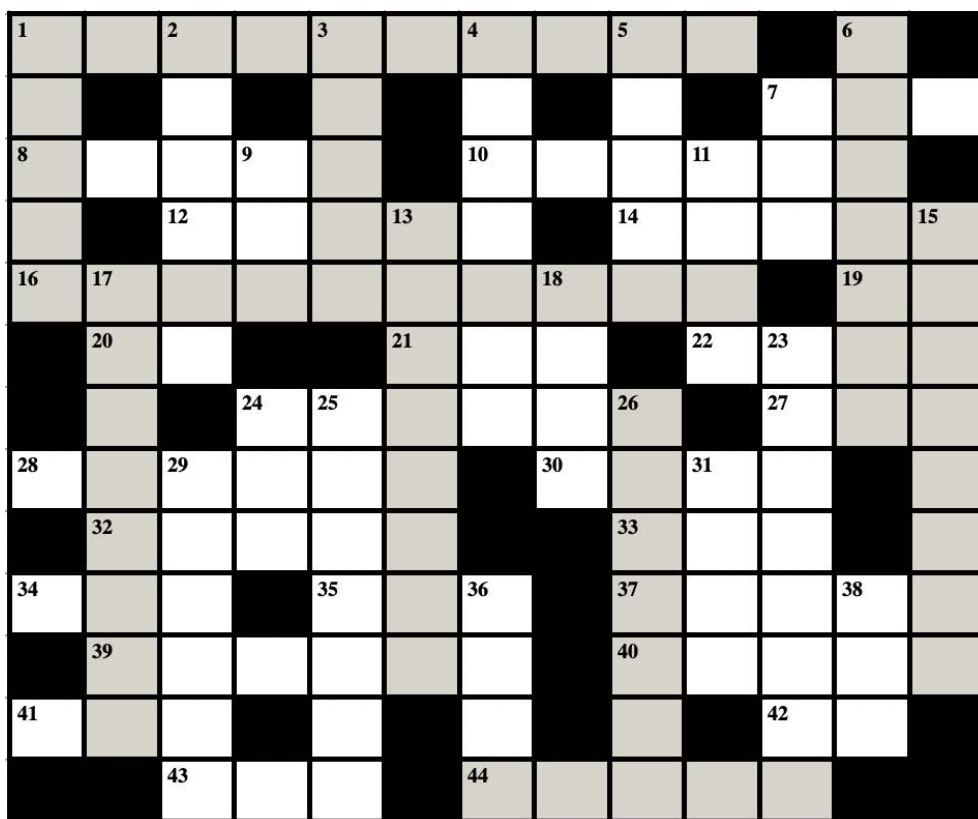
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Winchelsea Crossword No 2

Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution next page



ACROSS	DOWN
1 & 26 dn Historic Winch pastoral homestead (6,4,7)	1 Nickname of the Winch Football-Netball club
7 Craze	2 Rough
8 Implored	3 Locality near to Winch
10 Tidy up	4 Big cat
12 Grain	5 Domain
14 Feudal superior	6 Small roadway between Glenmore & Rippleside Rds
16 Winch café (5,5)	7 Charge
19 Morning hours	9 Before
20 Part of the mind	11 Binds
21 Golfing item	13 Winch Anglican Church is dedicated to him (2,6)
22 Sensible	15 Winch hairdressing salon
24 Hindu religious retreat	17 Cafe at BP station (4,4)
27 Standard	18 Twelve months
28 Slow time (music)	23 Advance towards
30 Sloping surface	24 Grow older
32 Fish	25 Cat breed
33 Neither	26 See 1 across
34 Moist	29 Cunning
35 Chart	31 Was cut down
37 Weapon	36 Expression of relief
39 Anew	38 It acts as a messenger for DNA in living cells (abbrev)
40 Fatuous	
41 Wildebeest	
42 US State (abbrev)	
43 Falsehood	
44 Diminutive placename for our town	

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The challenge can feel overwhelming — but it also presents an opportunity for communities to come together and rethink how support is delivered.

Traditional long day care centres are one part of the solution, and the new centre being built in Winchelsea is very positive news. But communities may also need more flexible and locally driven approaches.

There may be opportunities to:

- Provide funding support for residents to train as Family Day Care providers
- Expand before-school, after-school, and vacation care programs
- Develop community exchange or cooperative care models
- Partner with schools and community organisations for shared care solutions
- Advocate for stronger regional investment in early childhood services

Importantly, many of these ideas already exist in different forms across Australia. The challenge is bringing people together to explore what could work here.

Is there growing support for a Surf Coast Shire-wide Childcare Forum — an opportunity for families, providers, schools, businesses, council representatives, and community groups to discuss the issue openly and identify practical next steps.

Childcare is no longer just a family issue. It affects economic growth, community wellbeing, and the future sustainability of regional towns.

The solutions will not come from one organisation or one level of government alone. They will come from communities working together, sharing ideas, and advocating strongly for the services growing families need. Our community is in a unique position to influence change with the development of a Structure Plan planned this year which builds on the recently adopted Winchelsea Place Plan. The issue has been raised — it's now up to those most affected to have a voice and drive action.

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

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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

RESULTS

1/7/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford 13 Players.

1st - Tim Parish (27) 34 points C/B
2nd - Cam Parke (10) 34 points C/B
BDL - Peter Finch (29) 32 points
BDL - Tara Steward (16) 30 points

NTP (8th/17th) - Cam Parke
F.I.S.H - Peter Finch

Saturday 4/7/26 - Winchelsea GC vs Birregurra GC @ Birregurra Stableford 59 Players

Birregurra, 333 points defeated Winchelsea, 305 points

Best Scores - Winchelsea

1st Female - Tara Steward 33 points
2nd Female - Mary Parish 29 points

1st Male - Al Renick 37 points
2nd Male - Brett Nash 36 points

Best Scores - Birregurra

1st Female - Marrion Nott 29 points
2nd Female - Judy Bird 20 points

1st Male - Sonny Tepene Jnr 38 points
2nd Male - Shaun Wheadon 37 points

NTP (2nd/11th) Stephen Cole
NTP (3rd/12th) David Scott
NTP (6th/15th) Tara Steward
NTP (8th) - Cam Parke
NTP (17th) - Tara Steward

8/7/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford 17 Players

1st - Ricci Sauni (7) 34 points
2nd - Cam Parke (10) 32 points
BDL - Tim Parish (27) 31 points C/B
BDL - Doug McLennan (23) 31 points C/B

NTP (2nd/11th) - Gary Reid

Ladies 8/7/26 - Stableford Split round as some ladies played 9 holes and some played 18.

9 hole winner : Sue Cuthbert 14 pts
18 hole winner: Lesley Mathison 26 pts

NTP: 2nd shot 6th: Lesley Mathison

Well done to Lyn Batson on a Ferret today!

*Ferret: Chip in off the green

Saturday 11/7/26 - Hand of Friendship with Inverleigh GC @ Inverleigh

The Winchelsea Golf Club headed to Inverleigh on Saturday 11/7 to play in the 'Hand of Friendship'. A competition that Winch and Inverleigh have played against each other for many years, excluding the years surrounding COVID.

A great day was had with a lovely afternoon Tea on completion. Was great to see 13 players headed over to Inverleigh with Inverleigh coming away the win for the second year in a row with 337 Points while Winchelsea finished with 313 points.

Winners:

Winchelsea

Men's winner Steve Cole 32 pts
Women's winner Mary Parish 42 pts

Inverleigh

Men's winner Toby Sauni 35 Pts
Women's winner Lesley Richardson 39 pts

Cash for Bash 7th Lesley Richardson

NTP 8th Elizabeth Alston



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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



ROUND 13

BELMONT LIONS vs WINCHELSEA BLUES

Welcome to all Blue's News readers with the completion of Round 13, and things are stepping up to the pointy end of the 2026 GDFNL season.

Last Saturday the W.F.N.C. travelled to Winter Reserve, home of the Belmont Lions to meet for the second time in season 2026 the first being round 2, the Blues hosting in a twilight meet and enjoying what was referred to as an unexpected win by the press releases.

Cold and windy was the order of the day and trying to find a park was tricky due to the huge crowd assembling to watch both the Reserves and the Senior sides shape the final five in both levels.

RESERVES:

BELMONT LIONS 10.13.73 def WINCHELSEA BLUES 5.7.37

Wind factor was always going to play a major part in the outcome of last week's games, there was clearly a one scoring way advantage and it was up to the 2 sides to see who could make the most of the conditions. Only a point separated the 2 sides at quarter time but the Lions made the most of the wind advantage on their home ground to stretch the lead to 19 points at half time. The Blues battled valiantly but couldn't make the most of their "turn" with the wind, and the home side did make the most of having the wind in the last quarter to run out comfortable winners at the end of the game. The Reserves are sitting 5th on their ladder.

GOALS:

Sean Thompson 1, Will McNeil, 1 Tom Kennedy 1, Angus Leigh 1, Baily Mumberson 1

BEST:

Jackson Smith, Tom Rouget, Will McNeil, Matt Gillespie.

SENIORS:

Another tantalising scene for Blue's followers was set last week after the last 3 weeks of playing Bannockburn at Bannockburn on their Past Players Day and having a convincing win, hosting last year's Premiers North Geelong in front of a bumper crowd at Eastern Reserve for the 150th year celebrations and delighting the crowd with another convincing win, the Blues then travelled to Werribee to face off with Centrals who was on top of the GDFNL ladder and handed the Werribee Centrals their first defeat of 2026.

Last week saw equal second placed Belmont Lions and Winchelsea Blues play off and the only thing that could alter a clear second place on the ladder was a draw.

Weather conditions hadn't changed for the Senior kick off at 2pm, and game plans would be more of the same as far as the windy conditions went.

The Blues had the wind in the first quarter and were ahead at the first change, 3 goals 4 behinds to 2 goals 2 behinds, Belmont made more of the wind advantage, but the Blues were able to hang on against the wind 4 goals 6 behinds to Belmont's 6 goals

7 behinds, Indy Parish nailing an important goal in that third term against the wind

The third quarter belonged to the Blues – pouring on 7 goals 1 behind with the wind and holding the Lions to a solitary point – but – would it be enough?? The final quarter saw both sides throw everything they had to take the 4 points, the Lions with the wind and the home ground advantage but to the Winchelsea Blues credit they were able to hang on to take the win by 2 points!

Nail-biting to say the least the last quarter going for almost 34 minutes and a gutsy win for Winchelsea. Cam Primmer tagged all day, Jack Sampi, Ryan Williams and Fin Parish all receiving lots of attention, Belmont had done their homework well. Jordan Huff playing a great Captain's role, while Jason Gould took charge and booted 5, great to see Harry Nagle back in the Senior side and doing well.

This basically young side is coming together very well under Ben Maloney and the Senior Coaching staff. The Blues are sitting 2nd on the GDFNL ladder.

GOALS:

Jordan Gould 5, Cameron Primmer3, Indi Parish 2, Rueben James 1, Samuel Adams 1.

BEST:

Jordan Gould, Fin Parish, Harry Nagle, Indi Parish, Samuel Adams, David Isbister

THIS WEEK - and please note this is a home game for the Winchelsea Blues, the Membership Card has an error in that it shows the Bell Post Hill game being an away game, we are definitely at Eastern Reserve this week for Round 14. The Blues will be doing everything they can at turning the tables on the Round 6 result against Bell Post Hill and continue their winning streak!! Support for the Blues has been wonderful over the last month of away games for both Netball and Football Well done Winchelsea.

LADIES DAY:

Ladies Day will be in full swing raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness, please support in any way you can.

WINCHELSEA AUSKICK:

The Winchelsea Auskick group will be having their Presentation this Thursday in the Bendigo Bank Room at 5pm. Winchelsea Auskick has enjoyed a wonderful season with lots of fun & games being had!

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This Thursday evening the Menu is

- Chicken Schnitzel / Parmi, Flathead Tails
- Mrs. Wilson's Meatloaf all served with vegetables or chips and salad.
- Junior Blues have Chicken Nuggets & Chips or Fish & Chips (2 pieces of fish \$8)
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BELMONT LIONS vs WINCHELSEA BLUES





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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan



This week the mighty Blues continued to shine, defeating Belmont 45 - 6. Our other Blues teams continued to show strong, steady improvement and teamwork.'

Under 11s



The Blues battled hard all game and trailed 3-7 at the final break before a tactical change saw Henry move from defence into the goal circle. Henry had an incredible final quarter, shooting five goals to spark an amazing fightback from the team.

What a thrilling game from our Under 11s, who produced the comeback of the season against Belmont!

Despite being down, the team continued to fight hard, working together, encouraging one another and never giving up. They came within just one goal of completing an incredible comeback, but unfortunately ran out of time.

A fantastic effort by the entire team, showing great determination, resilience and the true Winchelsea Blues spirit.

Under 13s



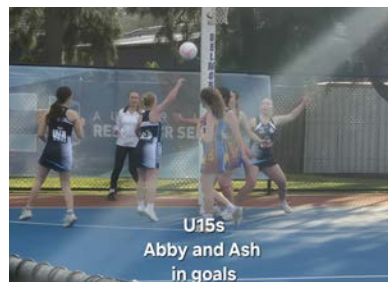
Our Under 13s faced a strong Belmont side this week, going down 45-15. While the scoreboard didn't fall our way, it's important to recognise just how much this team has improved throughout the season.

When these teams first met earlier in the year, Belmont won 49-4. This week's performance showed enormous growth, with the girls scoring 15 goals against the same opposition—a fantastic reflection of their hard work, development and determination.

Ally and Helena continue to build a wonderful partnership in the goal circle, combining well and creating plenty of scoring opportunities. Down the other end, Elsie's experience shone through in defence as she took on quality opposition with confidence, directing play and providing strong leadership for her teammates.

The progress this team has made has been incredible, and they should all be proud of how far they have come this season.

Under 15s



Our Under 15s continued to show just how much they have grown this season with another determined performance against Belmont, going down 12-19.

The improvement from their first meeting with Belmont earlier in the year is a credit to the team's hard work and commitment. In that first game, the score was 23-8, so to reduce the margin to just seven goals highlights how far this group has come.

Ash and Abby combined beautifully in the goal circle, working well together to create scoring opportunities. Lily played her best game of the season in defence, standing strong against quality opposition and making life difficult for Belmont's attackers. Through the middle, the centre court players linked beautifully, moving the ball smoothly and working tirelessly to transition from defence into attack.

The team's confidence and teamwork continue to grow each week, and their progress this season has been fantastic to watch.

Under 19s



The team's consistency continues to be one of their greatest strengths, with every player contributing to a dominant display. Reini was outstanding in the second half, shooting 20 goals and finishing off the work of her teammates with confidence and accuracy.

Our Under 19s put together another outstanding performance, defeating Belmont 45-6.

Tallulah and Monet were once again the backbone of the defence, applying relentless pressure and creating countless turnovers. Millie was strong in the goal circle, while the centre court worked tirelessly to link defence and attack, moving the ball with precision and teamwork.

It was another impressive all-round team performance, with every player playing their role and showcasing the quality and consistency this group has displayed all season.



Junior Netball



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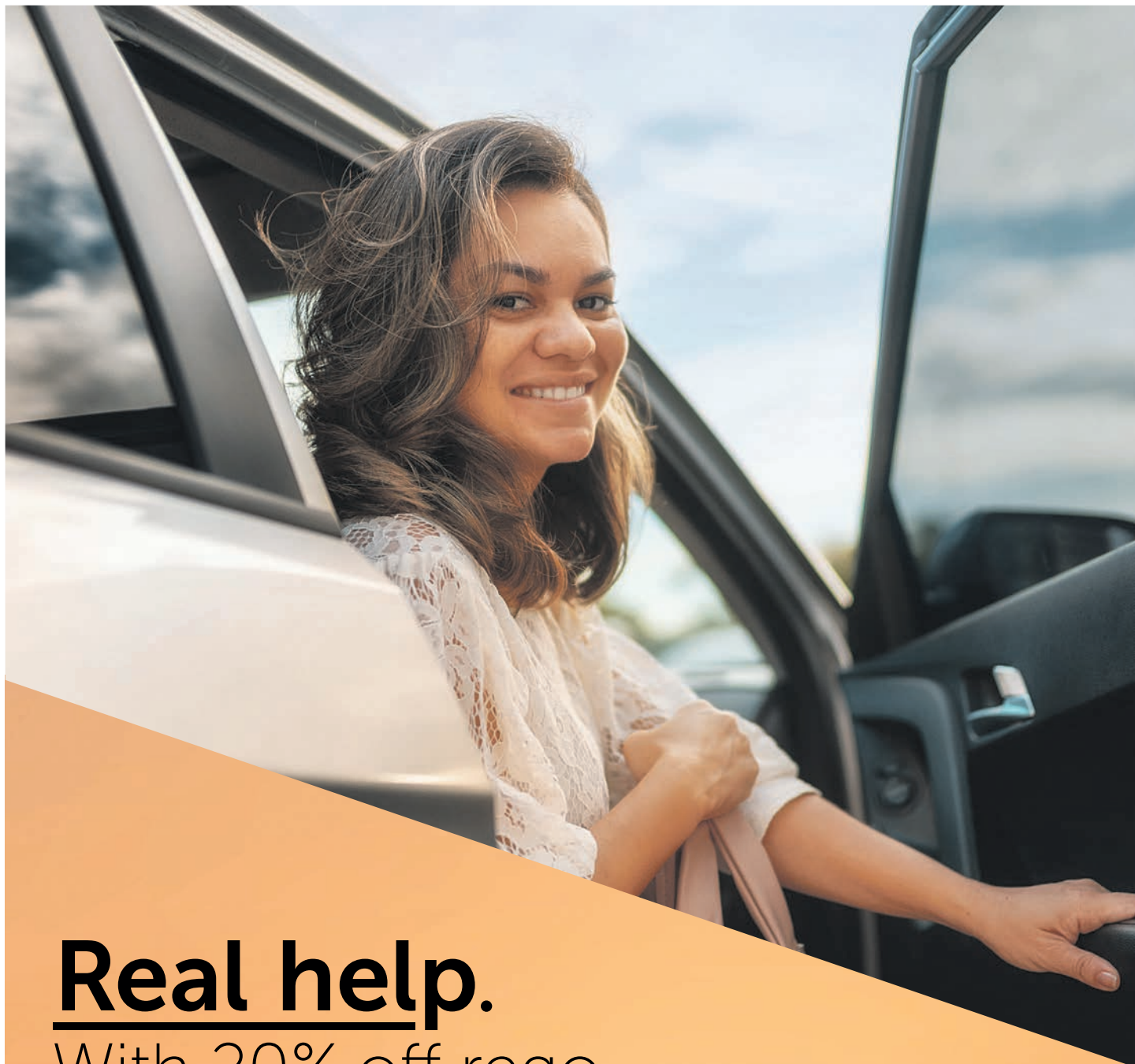
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