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Kneeling: **Brendan Kelly** (Dish Sink & Dishwasher Master),
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Winchelsea Star People,

Thank you once again for your willingness to include notices from the Winchelsea Combined Churches throughout the year.

Kind regards and very best wishes,

Lyn Redding

for Winchelsea Combined Churches

Dear Editor

Re: 'The Ripple Effect' Vol 49 Ed 37 22 September 2026

Following the recent references to Growing Winchelsea in your 'column', our committee would like to meet with the author of 'The Ripple Effect' to discuss those references.

Please contact secretary@growingwinchelsea.com as soon as possible.

Kind regards

secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

On behalf of the committee

Letter from the Editor

There is something rather special about volunteers.

You can see it all through this week's Star. People giving their time, often quietly and without much fuss, to make things happen in Winchelsea.

The Blues Bistro is a great example. Hundreds of meals can be served on a Thursday night, but behind every meal is a team of people preparing food, serving it, washing up and cleaning the kitchen. They do it because they care about the club and the community. Judy Cameron's article gives us a lovely glimpse of the people behind the scenes.

There are plenty of other examples in this edition. Our community groups, sporting clubs, Men's Shed, Landcare groups, schools and arts organisations all depend on people willing to give their time.

It is easy to notice the finished product — the event, the meal, the football game, the article or the community project — without thinking about the people who made it happen.

That is one of the things I like about the Star. We get to tell those stories.

We have some terrific contributors who keep coming back with stories each week. Thank you to Judy Cameron, Janet Fletcher, Zinaida Campion, Heather Edwards, Michael O'Donovan, Greg Ware and all our other regular writers and contributors.

And a special thank you to our newer contributors through the Deakin University journalism partnership. Carmen MacLeod's story about young people looking for places to connect in Winchelsea is an interesting read and raises some questions worth thinking about as our town grows.

The Star is really a collection of community voices — and that only works because people are prepared to contribute.

So, if you have a story, photograph, event or something happening in your part of Winchelsea, send it in. That's what makes our Star a community newspaper.



Blues Bistro: More than just a meal

Judy Cameron

Last Thursday evening was the last Blues Bistro night for this year. They are a major fundraiser for the WFNC.

I don't know how many meals they did, but I was told they average 250-270 and up to 300 some nights. That's with 3 mains options and a dessert. People start arriving around 6pm and come and go for over an hour or more. The footballers and netballers put their orders in when they arrive to be sure to get their meal after training.

Here are some comments from the diners.

*The dinners are great in supporting the club and the town
Great social evenings with community supporting the club.*

I don't have to prep, cook or wash up!

It is worth coming for the social interaction.

Great food all year and very reasonably priced.

The whole club had a great season

*Disappointing the footballers didn't make the Grand Final
and the netballers missed out on being Premiers.*

The club is very professional in what they do.

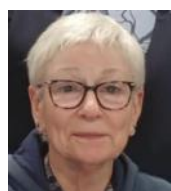
Brilliant season, very proud of the Blues and the community support.

Of course all of this depends on the army of volunteers. Especially those in the kitchen for those Thursday dinners.

There was loud cheering and a standing ovation in appreciation for the team as I took their photo.

All there to clean up afterwards, all 100% Volunteers!

They have a dedicated catering team for many events outside the football world. Some of them not in the above photo, but are important and dependable cogs in the Winchelsea Blues Catering Team. They are available for example for Funerals and Memorial Services and will be doing the Winchelsea Repertory Society theatre dinners in November.



Last year, **Janet Fletcher** was recognised as a cornerstone of the Winchelsea Blues by winning a Wannon electorate 'Sport and Volunteer Award'. Since 2007, Janet had served 13 years on the committee, including eleven as Club Secretary.

And Janet is also the author of the Blues News articles in The Star each week. Thank you Janet you are a champion!

This is the citation read out by Dan Tehan, the MP for Wannon, at the Sport and Volunteer Award ceremony:

"From managing the Under 14s to running the Blues Bistro, the canteen, and community catering, Janet's tireless efforts have touched every part of the club.

"Always dependable and cheerful, her warmth and dedication embody the spirit of country footy and netball. Her genuine care for others and unwavering support have made her a beloved figure in the Winchelsea community.

"A recent recipient of Life Membership, this award is another feather in Janet's cap and well-deserved recognition of her outstanding service, loyalty, and love for her club."



Chief Cook, **Elizabeth Leak** is the owner of Foxes Den Cafe. Foxes Den serves roast dinners, with a full fish, chip & grill menu Friday nights until 7:30pm. They offer hot parmis with salad scallop potatoes or chips & full fish, chip & grill menu on Mondays 5pm to 7:30pm. Eat in or take away!

Also seen on Thursday evening -



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Winchelsea Movie Club This Friday 2nd October

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We are slightly off schedule with this coming Friday's movie, but after this we will be back on track as per the list on the back of the Membership Card.

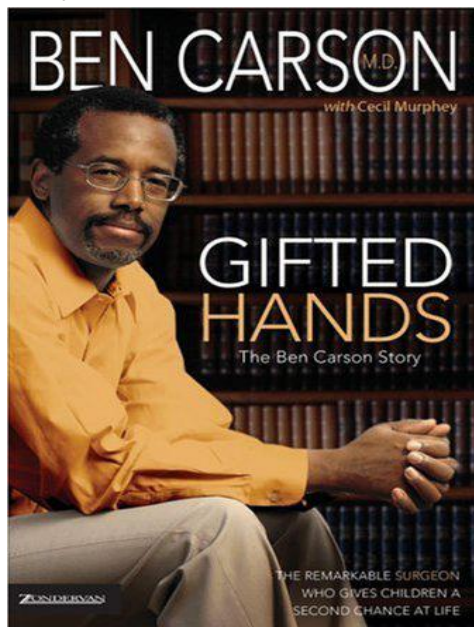
Welcome to our new members. Your receipt and card will be waiting for you this Friday.

The Movie we shifted from mid year to this week is Gifted Hands - based on the life story of world-renowned neurosurgeon Ben Carson.

Looking forward to seeing you for the usual 7.30 start.

Movies coming up:

- 2.10.26** **Gifted Hands**
- 15.10.26** **Mr Burton**
- 19.11.26** **My Favourite Cake**
- 10.12..26** **Thelma (2nd Tuesday)**



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Zinaida Campion

Ride the Cyclone:

A rollercoaster evening with Theatre of the Damned!

In my opinion, the most important thing in life, after basic survival, is the arts. Artistic expression is one of the most immediate human urges – it defines us. Art is the heartbeat of humanity. So that being said, what is happening in the local arts scene?

Last Friday, I had the immense privilege of being invited to opening night of *Ride the Cyclone* by **Theatre of the Damned** in Belmont. First of all, I'm very pleased to say that there was standing room only – Belmont High Performing Arts Centre was bursting at the seams with theatre goers! And if seating in the theatre was a bit squishy, any small discomfort was made up for by the encouraging amount of young people in the audience – a truly heartening prospect for the future of the arts in our area. The set, while minimal, was tasteful and calculated to enhance the imagination rather than detract from the performance. The lighting contributed to the eerie atmosphere of the musical. My only reservations were with the sound engineering. Like in most similar productions these days, the volume was excessive to the point of distorting the sound, and the voices and band were not completely balanced with each other. The movements of the cast were fluid and well rehearsed and the stage presence of these young performers was both confident and sympathetic – bravo. For 95% of the time, the performers maintained a seamless and believable storyline, I really did believe I was somewhere in limbo with them. All in all, an outstanding production for a local company, very well done!

So what is *Ride the Cyclone*? It's a bit of a musical theatre rarity, which is actually what **Theatre of the Damned** specialises in bringing to our area. *Ride the Cyclone* begins with a freak roller-coaster accident that claims the lives of six teenagers from a Canadian chamber choir. Finding themselves in a strange limbo between life and death, they encounter Karnak, an enigmatic mechanical fortune-teller who offers them an extraordinary proposition: each teenager may tell their story through a song, and one will be granted the chance to return to life. As the young performers take turns revealing their dreams, insecurities, relationships and unfulfilled ambitions, the musical shifts between outrageous comedy and unexpected tenderness. Beneath its irreverent humour and eclectic musical numbers lies

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a surprisingly profound exploration of mortality, identity and the value of a life — asking what it means to have truly lived, and who deserves a second chance.



All the young cast were exceptional, but three performances really stood out for me. I would like to mention Paris Walsh for her extremely convincing portrayal of Ocean O'Connell Rosenberg, the domineering and self-centred alpha female who shows herself capable of great integrity when things come to the crunch. I would like to highlight Jacob Carr's performance of Noel's Lament. As well as some definite vocal promise, his display of emotion and feeling in his portrayal of a young man seeking his true identity tugged heartstrings. And finally Charli Rowe's spooky performance as Jane Doe. Her mechanical-doll movements and unearthly expression were riveting, as was her singing voice, which has a fantastic upper register. Bravi!

Director Ben McNaughton, musical director Ryan Baker and choreographer Courtney Yengi bring the production together, supported by producers Tony and Elise Dahl and a dedicated cast and crew. Their combined efforts showcase the creativity and collaboration that underpin **Theatre of the Damned's** distinctive contribution to Geelong's musical theatre scene.

I highly commend the mission of **Theatre of the Damned** in bringing rarely-performed musicals to Geelong, providing emerging performers with opportunities, and sparking an interest in the arts among the youth. Local companies taking artistic risks and creating opportunities for young people enrich the cultural life of the region. The area needs more such initiatives, well done!

I would recommend you go see one of the remaining performances of this production. The details are below.

Thank you **Theatre of the Damned** for a lovely evening out!

Ciao!

REMAINING PERFORMANCES:

September 1st, October 2nd, October 3rd - 7.30pm

October 3rd A matinee - 2.00pm

Belmont Performing Arts Centre, Rotherham St, Belmont.

Tickets via TryBooking

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.



Local News Spotlight

This story was produced as part of a partnership between the Winchelsea Star and Deakin University. The pilot project is aimed at providing journalism students with an opportunity to have their work published, at the same time giving the Winchelsea community access to local news reporting.

Searching for real places to connect

A story about young people looking for more ways to connect with each other in Winchelsea

Carmen MacLeod

Winchelsea's quiet streets and relaxed nature are part of what draws new residents to the town. But, for young people, the calm environment can turn to one of isolation, and community groups are pushing for more youth-focused activities to address the problem.

While there are dedicated activities for children and teens, young people aged 18-25 are looking for real places – rather than online spaces - to connect in the town.



Matt Pineo enjoys the Winchelsea Health Club gym but would like to see it expanded and more opportunities for young people aged 18-25 to engage with each other.

For 23-year-old Matthew Pineo, who moved to Winchelsea in May, the appeal of the country town was obvious. Less traffic, less crime and a peaceful commute to his job in Lara.

"I can get from one end of town to the next in like five minutes," he said, comparing life in Winchelsea to what it was like for him in Geelong. "It was about half an hour just to get from my house to the gym."

Pineo says the drive from Winchelsea to work is "about 40 minutes of just cruise control", whereas commuting within Geelong was "bumper-to-bumper and a lot more high stress ... a lot more unpredictability with everyone else being around you."

Whilst his work life has improved, his social life has stalled.

"A social life in Winchelsea is also very, very quiet for a young person like myself," he said. "There's not much opportunity for a lot of socialising in Winchelsea. There's not very much to do. There's the footy club, the golf club, but I don't play golf and I don't play footy. There's a local gym, which is the most beneficial thing there for me, and then there's the pub which again isn't really that appealing."

The riverside Barwon Hotel was once a venue known for its live music shows and Friday night pub events, however it went into liquidation on August 17 this year, according to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission website.

An employee from the only other pub in town, the Winchelsea Hotel, confirmed with the Winchelsea Star that the venue does not host regular events specifically for patrons under 25.

Pineo describes the options to make friends in his new hometown as "very limited", saying the town lacks spaces where young adults can meet people outside of sport or drinking.

He believes regular community events, markets, festivals or car shows would make a significant difference.

"I wouldn't mind seeing more community festivals or events really," he said. He mentioned the monthly community market, but said events like that were "just not (held) as often as I want it to be."

Winchelsea Community House, which runs adult education, social connection programs and occasional childcare, has identified a similar gap. A representative said the organisation was eager to see more initiatives with a focus on young people.

"The community house would like to see more activities happening for youth in the town," they said.

While the House offers programs aimed at reducing isolation, such as the Chatty Café, carer support and a range of adult courses, none are specifically designed for younger people. The town's main youth service, WYLD (Winchelsea Youth Leisure Drop-in), is volunteer-run and caters for young people aged 12 to 18.

For residents aged 18 to 25, there are currently no dedicated social connection programs.

Winchelsea's recently adopted Place Plan identifies "strong community connection" and "inclusive access to services and infrastructure" as core principles for the town's future. The plan acknowledges Winchelsea as a key growth area, with new housing estates already expanding the population.



Pineo also knows Winchelsea is growing and wants to see a change that will encourage more young people like him to move to the town.

"Winchelsea is a growing town. At some point it will be as big as Colac," he said.

When asked what change he would like to see, Pineo said access to "more buildings that just have more to do, an arcade, pool tables or even like a bigger fitness hub because the gym we have is very small".

Venues, such as The Hub at Eastern Reserve, provide space but not organised events for people like Pineo to "actually engage and do things".

The Surf Coast Shire acknowledges the challenges faced by young people in Winchelsea. It says several initiatives are already underway to strengthen youth engagement in the township, however most appear to target under 18s rather than those aged up to 25.

"We run a range of programs across the shire, with a focus on delivering activities during school holidays. This gives young people who travel outside their township for school an opportunity to participate and connect with their home community," the shire's general manager for community life Damian Waight said.

He said the shire was committed to supporting community-led youth initiatives: "Our teams are always looking to support community-led youth initiatives, including funding opportunities, volunteer training and assistance with one-off events and programs."

The Shire is currently analysing data from its 2025 Surf Coast Youth Survey, which gathered responses from more than 1000 young people aged 10-25. It will be a key tool for future planning.



Student author **Carmen MacLeod** recently graduated from a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Journalism and Marketing from Deakin University.

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28 Hesse St. Winchelsea.

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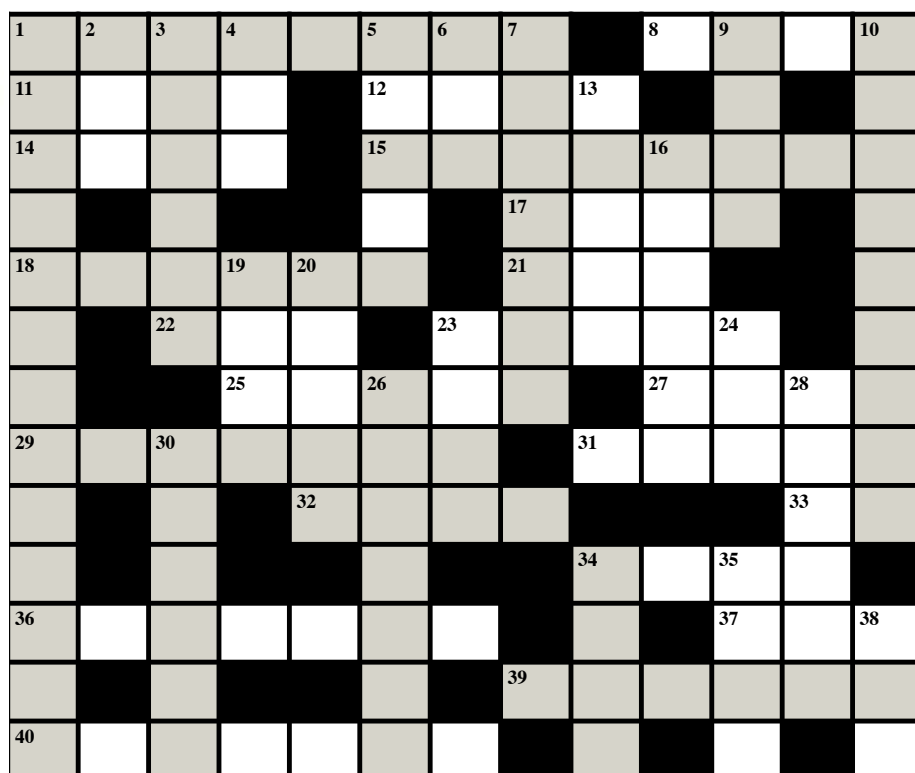
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- Winchelsea Golf Club 13 Anderson St
- Winchelsea Primary School Main St
- Wurdale Memorial Hall 220 Wurdale Rd

Winchelsea Crossword No 13 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution page 28



ACROSS

- 1 Main St. butcher shop
- 8 Enquires
- 11 Self-importance (plural)
- 12 Creative works
- 14 Medicine amount
- 15 & 7 dn Winchelsea waste depot situated on 18 across
- 17 Slant
- 18 Winch road that is an extension of 5 down
- 21 Solid water
- 22 Still
- 23 Souvenir
- 25 Mature
- 27 Butterfly chrysalis stage
- 29 Noisy, white, Winch tree resident
- 31 Legends
- 32 & 39 ac Wildlife reserve & wetlands in Buckley
- 33 Extra work hours (abbrev)
- 34 Clump
- 36 Chunks of gold
- 37 Equipment
- 39 See 32 across
- 40 Condense

DOWN

- 1 Health centre located at 36 Main St. (7,6)
- 2 In the past
- 3 Hesse Health is situated on this Winch street
- 4 Utilise
- 5 Dilapidated or cranky
- 6 Make a mistake
- 7 See 15 across
- 9 & 26 dn What product is now being recycled at 15 across - see p2 of Star (V49/E36)
- 10 Winch's shire (4,5)
- 13 Batting deflection (cricket)
- 16 Drowsy
- 19 Dry or withered
- 20 Motionless
- 23 Tropical hardwood species
- 24 Plant kernel
- 26 See 9 down
- 28 Irrational fear
- 30 Court off 3 down
- 34 Winch antique shop
- "China ----"
- 35 Spheres
- 38 Wildebeest

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No 4

1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Cuboree started today!

So 3,500 Cubs, 1,500 Leaders, Adults, Rovers and Venturers, 3 years in the planning – that makes Cuboree, a State wide 5-day Cub camp held at Gilwell Park every 3 years.

Gilwell Park is a Scout camp up in the Dandenongs near Gembrook. It is named after Gilwell Scout Camp in the UK. Lots of bush, tall trees, activities, amenities and, once set up, tents and kitchens. We live under canvas in camps of 36 Cubs, 7 Leaders and 3 Cooks.

We are divided up into 3 Sub-Camps for management purposes, all with amenities trucked in and their own supermarket dispensing crates of food daily. Cuboree has its own Emergency Services team, Maintenance team, Security team comprised of Police Scouters and others, Medical Centre with real Doctors and Nurses, and Well-Being team for both Cubs and Adults. It is a huge tent city.

We bussed up this morning, arriving into a camp set-up yesterday by Leaders and parents. Cubs are tasked with setting up their beds – stretchers, sleeping mats for insulation, sleeping bags and pillows, and stashing their bags away neatly. Then the afternoon is for exploring and doing some activities along Cherry Lane.



Cuboree opens with a stage show tonight, then it's a rotation through 6 huge activity bases on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, followed by night activities. Each base caters for 500+ Cubs at a time, in an organised but seemingly chaotic manner.

The first Victorian Cuboree was held in 1998. It was a success. The second then followed in 1999, to move it into a 3 year rotation. These were held in the Easter holidays, but a particularly nasty autumn storm bringing down trees and causing some evacuations, caused a shift to the September holidays and a tweak in the timetable. Covid also managed to cause a shift in timing, but it's settled again now.

Each Cub has one opportunity during their Cub years to attend, so there can be a range of ages from 8-11 years, with an associated range of camping experience. We camp with others from Barwon District. This time Modewarre is with Highton and Torquay, hence the name of our Camp – MoHiTo Island. Our Cubs got to know each other and their Leaders at a pre-Cuboree camp held at Eumeralla. We mix the Cubs up into Patrols of 5 or 6, looked after by a Leader. It broadens their friendships and makes the experience even more special.



For the organising Committee and workforce, Cuboree is 3 years in the planning. For local Cub Packs, Cuboree is months of planning. Background work in the home Packs to get Cubs used to camping is vital. Once Cuboree Packs have been determined, there's intense planning for pre-Cuboree camps, working out personalities of Cubs to go together, suited by which Leader, an activity program to let them gel, diets and health needs to consider, etc. Then it's onto to planning for the actual event – tentage, kitchens, eating shelter. How will it all fit onto bush blocks at Gilwell? It's always a game of Tetris which you can't start till you get there. Cooking equipment, HWS, sinks, sullage etc. Lots to pack up and transport. A full day of work the day before Cuboree starts.

As we counted down the days, the excitement built. The Cubs have their special Cuboree shirts, scarves, and a cap. They had a packing list. They got on the bus at 8am this morning. And now we are here, ready for adventure!!!

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Tackling Australia's tradie shortage

Housing Industry Association

Editor A good article for kids contemplating their careers.

Australia cannot solve its housing shortage without first addressing its tradie shortage, according to a new Housing Industry Association report.

Released ahead of National Tradies Day, HIA's report, **Australia's Future is Built by Tradies**, highlights a shortage of around 83,000 skilled workers across the residential construction industry and sets out five priorities to strengthen the future workforce.

HIA Managing Director Jocelyn Martin said skilled tradespeople are essential to delivering the homes Australians need. "Tradies build our homes, maintain our communities and help Australians recover after natural disasters, yet the industry is facing significant workforce shortages at a time when demand for housing continues to grow."

The report identifies five priority areas for action:

- Elevate the status of trade careers
- Improve apprenticeship attraction and completion
- Support the builders who train Australia's workforce
- Strengthen school-to-trade pathways
- Invest in workforce capacity

Community Planting Day at Dewing Creek

Upper Barwon Landcare Network and Barwon Water

Help plant the last of 86,000 trees and discover how a carbon project takes shape.

The Upper Barwon Landcare Network and Barwon Water are inviting the community to a special Dewing Creek tree-planting day on Friday, 9 October, on Gulidjan Country.

From 10.30am to 2.30pm, volunteers will plant some of the final 86,000 plants established as part of the Dewing Creek catchment restoration project. There will also be a guided walk and a chance to learn how the site is being developed as a carbon project.

Getting there is easy: buses will run from Geelong, stopping at Winchelsea, Birregurra and Barwon Downs. Limited car parking is available by prior arrangement.

Lunch and toilets will be provided. Bring gumboots, gardening gloves, water, a hat and wet-weather gear.

Bookings are essential. Contact **Upper Barwon Landcare Network** When booking, nominate Winchelsea as your pickup point and advise of any dietary requirements.

A great opportunity to get outdoors, plant a tree and see a major local environmental project taking shape.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

STARTS SUN, 4TH OCT 2026

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 Starts Sun, 4th October 2026

 Set your clocks forward 1 hour at 2 am

 More daylight, less sleep.



DEWING CREEK TREE-PLANTING DAY

10.30am - 2.30pm Friday, 9 October

Buses will run from Geelong, stopping at Winchelsea, Birregurra and Barwon Downs.

Limited car parking is available by prior arrangement.



The project has been staged over three years with works managed by the Upper Barwon Landcare Network.

Dewing Creek Planting Site
Image Barwon Water

History of Winchelsea

The Armytage Family at Ingleby Station

The land on which the Ingleby homestead now stands is the traditional lands of the Gulidjan people and was first colonised by Thomas Armytage, one of the earliest pastoralists to follow Batman and Fawcner into the Port Phillip District.

He initially arrived at Port Phillip in 1836 with his partners Charles Franks (mentioned earlier re the murder of him and his shepherd) and Thomas Ricketts (after whom Rickett's Marsh was named on the Princes Highway near Birregurra, and Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary in Port Phillip Bay just off Beaumaris in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs).

Armytage, Ricketts and Franks were shipping stock across Bass Strait to a site near Werribee in 1836. Their venture began disastrously when the stock dispersed after Franks' death.

Following the disappearance of the explorers Joseph Tice Gellibrand and George Hesse, several search parties were mounted in an attempt to find them. One was a group of five which included John Cowie, David Stead, Captain Joseph (or James, sources disagree) Stephen Pollock, of Pollock's station, Irrewarra (namesake of Pollocksford, Pollockdale, near Wickliffe, and Pollock's Plains, north of Lismore), William Roadknight (Point Roadknight) and Thomas Armytage.

During this search, Thomas Armytage settled on the land which became the Ingleby Run at the place where the party first found Gellibrands tracks, which led into country to the west which was too rocky to track any further.

The original house of bluestone built by Thomas Armytage still stands near the current Ingleby Homestead. It was extended in timber on the west facing side.

It was later replaced by Thomas' Father, George, who built the current Ingleby Homestead. The homestead, garden and farm can be booked for weddings, special occasions, events and location shoots.

Thomas was only sixteen years old when he came to the colony to start his pastoral run. He lost his life when he caught a cold by crossing the Barwon before there were any bridges. His father, George Armytage went on to become one of the key settlers in Winchelsea and one of the most prolific colonial Settlers in Victoria.

Reprint from Winchelsea Star 20 June 2025



Mícheál 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.

Are you passionate about disability inclusion?



Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking input into its new Disability Action Plan 2027-2031

Have your say:



Find out more and complete the survey via yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disabilityactionplan or scan the QR code.

Printed copies are available at local community houses or Council's civic office at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay, phone **5261 0600**.

Attend a Disability Action Plan community workshop:

- **Lorne Community House:** Monday 12 October, 11am – 12.30pm.
- **Online via MS Teams:** Tuesday 13 October, 6pm – 7.30pm.
- **Deans Marsh Community Cottage:** Wednesday 14 October, 10am – 11.30am (focus on carers).
- **Winchelsea Shire Hall:** Friday 16 October, 10.30am – noon (focus on carers).
- **Torquay Community House:** Monday 19 October, 10.45am – 12.45pm (focus on adults with disability aged under 65).
- **Anglesea Community House Annexe:** Thursday 22 October, 11am – 12.30pm.

RSVP to disability@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or phone **5261 0600**.



Remember the Winchelsea Telephone Exchange?

Winchelsea Historical Society

Come along and share your memories!

The Winchelsea Historical Society is starting a series of monthly Discussion Days, exploring different aspects of Winchelsea's past — from school and work to leisure and everyday life.

Our first Discussion Day will focus on the Winchelsea Telephone Exchange.

- Did you work at the Telephone Exchange?
- Do you remember how it operated?
- Or did someone in your family work there?

Come along and share your stories, memories and experiences.

Friday, 2 October 1pm
Winchelsea History Centre

Have any old photographs, memorabilia or other items connected with the Telephone Exchange? Bring them along — they'll help bring the stories to life.

Tea and coffee provided.

For more information, contact Margaret Reid 0417 104 627.



Planting time!

Join us on the first
Saturday of the month



**Meet at the river end
of Dwyer Street.**

This is part of the clearing and revegetating of the riverbanks that the **Winchelsea Land & Rivercare** group has been working on for 30 years - all done by local volunteers.

Join the working bees and help
get the plants in the ground,
from 9 – 10.30am

• **Saturday
3 October**

Rod Stone: **0428 549 318**
Stewart Mathison: **0428 672 054**

All ages welcome!

H5 bird flu

Backyard chickens - know the signs

- Swelling around the head and neck
- Coughing, sneezing
- Sudden drop in feed intake
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- Sudden deaths



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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Make the Switch to Electric Electric Homes Program

From Geelong Sustainability

Our award-winning Electric Homes Program supports households to lower energy bills, transition away from gas, take climate action and improve home comfort in all temperatures - hot and cold.

We've vetted trusted local suppliers to provide quality products, with great customer service, special pricing and leading warranties on a range of products and services. The program now has multiple suppliers for each upgrade type to give householders a broader choice of products and providers. Upgrade services include: Home Energy Audits, Draught Proofing, Home Insulation, Heating and Cooling Split Systems, Hot Water Heat Pumps, Solar, Battery Systems, Induction Cooktop Installation, Electric Vehicle Chargers and Water saving initiatives.

The program is open to all residents across the Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Golden Plains and Colac Otway shires.

Come along to a launch event to hear what's new, have your questions answered, and meet the trusted delivery partners who can help you make your home warmer in winter, cooler in summer, healthier and more affordable to run. We've done the homework, so you don't have to.

Geelong Launch
Thursday 8 October 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm
Room D2:330, Deakin Uni Waterfront Campus,
1 Gheringhap St, Geelong VIC 3220
Phone 0447450271

Live in a different part of the region? No problem! You're welcome to attend whichever event is most convenient for you.

Colac Launch - Wednesday 28 October, 6pm-7:30pm

Torquay Launch - Wednesday 4 November, 6-7:30pm

Winchelsea - 17th Feb 2027- 6pm

You must register for an event through the Geelong Sustainability website geelong sustainability.org.au.

This new concrete is stronger - and pulls CO2 from the air

From <https://www.sciencedaily.com/>

Source: Shenyang Agricultural University

Researchers at Mepco Schlenk Engineering College in India developed the mixture as a possible way to make construction materials more sustainable. Their approach targets a major environmental challenge: rising atmospheric CO2 levels driven in large part by fossil fuel use and cement production.

Summary:

Researchers have created a concrete mixture that is both stronger and capable of absorbing carbon dioxide. The best formula, combining zeolite with bamboo biochar, boosted compressive strength by 7.48% and tensile strength by 15% compared with conventional concrete. It also captured about 1.2 grams of CO2 per day in laboratory testing.



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What's on

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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

MONDAY

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Every Monday 9:30 – 11:00am
FREE Winchelsea House 28 Hesse St
5267 2028 reception@winchhouse.org.au

1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
Torquay or Highton Units
Marie McPadden 0409330147

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea House 28 Hesse St 5267 2028

MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

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

TUESDAY

THRIVE 50+ HEALTHY AGEING Information Drop In Session

Tuesdays 10am-12pm at Winchelsea
Community House

BRIDGE

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

MAT PILATES

6.30pm \$25
Winchelsea House 28 Hesse St 5267 2028

This October marks History Month 2026,
a state-wide celebration of local and
community history involving around 100
historical societies, museums, libraries and
community groups across Victoria.

The full events calendar is here:
historymonth.org.au/events-calendar/

Some are in Melbourne central and
accessible by train from Winchelsea.

1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Tues-Joeys 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
Torquay or Highton Units
Marie McPadden 0409330147

WEDNESDAY

**THRIVE 50+
COFFEE & CONNECTION**
10-11am Cozy Crumb Cafe 17 Main St
Wednesdays 30 September, 7 October,
14 October, 21 October **5267 2127**

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30-2.30 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
winchmenshed@gmail.com

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

MOTHER GOOSE SONG AND RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 1-4:pm, Friday 10am-3pm
Hesse St, Winchelsea

STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT!

9.30-2pm Wednesdays
Winch Community House, Hesse St
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER
Gold Coin donation

Winchelsea Movie Club

3rd Thursday of the month 7:30 pm
Globe Theatre 17 Willis St Winchelsea

**Includes the movie and
light supper, tea/coffee and wine**

October 2	Gifted Hands
October 15	Mr Burton
November 19	My Favourite Cake
December 10	Thelma

10 movies for the year:	\$70
HCC concession:	\$65
5-movie season:	\$40
HCC concession:	\$35
Members can bring two guests a year	\$10

Enquiries
movies@growingwinchelsea.com

MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

Winchelsea Dance Classes
Pre-Schoolers - Adults
Wednesday afternoon/evenings
Senior Citizens Club,
www.melsdancecentral.com.au

CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly
Senior Citizens, Harding St
winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com

VICSES WINCHELSEA

Meeting and training every Wed.
7:30pm, 2996 Princes Hwy.
Come and say hello!
winchelsea@ses.vic.gov.au

1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
Torquay or Highton Units
Marie McPadden 0409330147

THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

10am-12pm First Thursday of month
Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse St

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
St Thomas Hall, 27 Barwon Tce
winchseaplaygroup@gmail.com

Thrive 50+ Coffee and Connection

**All welcome to meet
for a coffee and chat**

Location: Cozy Crumb Cafe Main St

- Wednesday 30 September
10am-11am
- Wednesday 7 October
10am-11am
- Wednesday 14 October
10am – 11am
- Wednesday 21 October
10am-11am

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL
10-11.30am Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

KNITTING GROUP

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

VINYASA YOGA

6.30PM Winchelsea Shire Hall 5267 2028
28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
growingwinchelsea.com/project/
winchelsea-movie-club/

FRIDAY

TAI CHI

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

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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

PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

10.30 (1-3 yrs) 11.30 (3-5 yrs) (Sch terms)
www.robotreg.com.au/pages/shae

CHATTY CAFÉ

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

GEELONG REGIONAL MOBILE LIBRARY

2-5pm Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street
0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discussion on the Winchelsea
Telephone Exchange

Friday, 2 October 1pm
Winchelsea History Centre
Margaret Reid 0417 104 627

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Fridays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
36 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

Winchelsea Combined Churches ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

6pm Friday 9 October

St Thomas, Barwon Terrace Winchelsea
\$20 pp Incl Dinner Tea Coffee
Speaker John Knuckey
RSVP By 8 October
Lyn 0400649 652 - Marg 0418 983 005

SATURDAY

PARKRUN

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm last Sat monthly, except Nov/Dec
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
Bring plate and gold coin donation if you can

LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9 - 12pm First Sat of month outside IGA.
Proceeds to IGA Community Chest.

GARAGE SALE WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9am Saturday 10 October
51 Hesse St Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE

First Saturday of the month 9am
Meet at River End of Dwyer Street
Rod Atone 0428 549318
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

10am (Last Sat monthly)
www.winchelseastar.org.au

CROCHET GROUP

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 5pm Sat each week
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

SUNDAY

COMMUNITY MARKET

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

ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

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March 28th	August 29th
April 25th	September 26th
May 30th	October 24th
June 27th	November 28th

**6.30PM HALL ON CORNER OF
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PRODUCE SWAP TABLE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE
IF YOU ARE ABLE
GOLD COIN DONATION AT DOOR
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Winchelsea Star Production Coffee Meeting

26 September 2026

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Deakin Journalism Students

We agreed the Deakin partnership is going well, and swapped feedback from both sides about aspects that have gone well and not so well. The author photo and bio, and the Fact Box have been worthwhile improvements. We would like to continue next year, perhaps formalising the arrangement. We also agreed to award the most outstanding student in 2026.



Alison McAdam (Senior Lecturer, School of Communication and Creative Arts, Deakin Uni), Susan Corby (Designer), Cromwell Forgansen (Committee Member), Judy Cameron (Editor), Cerrie Forgan (Editor)

Production and Design

We talked about the design direction of the Star going forward from its 50th Anniversary year, including a potential new masthead design and the possibility of full colour printing.

Advertising and Space

We also talked about advertising and there was discussion about CNAV advice regarding full-page advertisements. We also need to be clearer about the difference between advertising, editorial content, sponsorship and promotion that we are providing free. We need to be consistent and not give away valuable advertising space without properly considering its worth.

Changes in the Design Roles

We talked about having more people involved in production so we aren't relying on the same small group. For example, having a person with InDesign skills who can help for a couple of hours a week would give us more flexibility and allow people to develop their skills.

Recognising Volunteers

The idea of having three or four small prizes at each committee meeting as a way of recognising volunteers was discussed. They

could be coffee or food vouchers, movie tickets or something from a local business. It would be a simple way of saying thank you and would also support local businesses.

Expenses and Mileage

We talked about reimbursing expenses such as mileage. Records need to be kept of journeys, including where someone travelled, why they travelled and the kilometres involved.

Financial Governance

The discussion highlighted the need to be careful about financial decisions. If the Star is spending money, there should be a clear reason, proper approval and a record of the decision.

Quorum and Membership

We talked about the difficulty of getting a quorum when we have a large number of members. Options include looking at people who are no longer active, and also finding new people interested in becoming involved.

Social Media

It was agreed it is time for social media to be recognised as an actual production role because it is becoming an important part of how the Star communicates with the community. There was discussion about how often material should be posted and what the role should cover.

Records and Access

We talked about access to the Star's records, including minutes, financial information, policies and other documents.

A clear system is needed so everyone knows what they can access and who is responsible for maintaining different records. The Secretary and Treasurer have particular responsibilities, but members also have rights to information under the constitution and the rules applying to incorporated associations.

Committee Procedures

Overall, the Star needs clearer procedures around meetings, voting, financial decisions, records and responsibilities. This means having a system that everyone understands so decisions are properly made and recorded.

Christmas Sponsorship and Committee Pressure

We discussed the pressure created when funding requests or other proposals are left until the last minute then regarded as urgent.

Overall Direction

The Star is heading towards a more modern, attractive and professional-looking paper while retaining its identity as a local community newspaper.

The design, templates, colour and production system all need to work together. At the same time, better financial processes, clearer roles, proper records and a fairer way of recognising the people who contribute their volunteer time are needed.

The aims going forward are to put a good framework around our operation so people can contribute, develop their skills and produce a consistent paper, and continue to spread the workload amongst those who are interested in helping without everything depending on just a few people.



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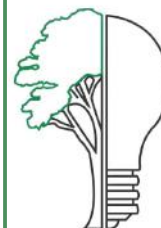


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Corellas

Kate Sullivan, Acting GM Placemaking and Environment, Surf Coast Shire

Council recognises the significant impacts that large seasonal Corella flocks can have on the Winchelsea community, including noise, damage to vegetation and property, and impacts on public spaces.

We understand these impacts can be frustrating and costly for residents.

Council does not have a formally adopted 'Corella Management Plan'. Rather, Victorian Government grant funding supported a Corella management project focused on developing a longer-term, landscape-based approach to reducing Corella impacts in Winchelsea.

The project has included arborist assessments of affected trees, installation and ongoing monitoring of a Peregrine Falcon nesting box, approximately 2,000 native and indigenous plantings, landscape planning for CWA Park and the Princes Highway corridor, and collaboration with local community organisations.

This work is continuing beyond the original grant project.

Further planting is being undertaken in CWA Park, along the Princes Highway and Barwon River corridors, with additional indigenous planting planned along the river in 2027.

The aim is to progressively make key areas less attractive to large Corella roosts while

improving Winchelsea's urban canopy, biodiversity and public spaces.

The effectiveness of this approach will be monitored as the vegetation establishes.

We have also sought specialist advice and information from other councils about contemporary Corella management and dispersal techniques.

Experience elsewhere reinforces that there is no single, simple solution.

Dispersal may move birds from one part of town to another, rather than reduce their overall impact, and any proposed measures must consider effectiveness, wildlife welfare, regulatory requirements and impacts on the wider community.

As Corella movements extend well beyond municipal boundaries, Council will continue to learn from and share information with other councils, communities and the Victorian Government.

Community involvement remains an important part of the work.

Local organisations including Growing Winchelsea, Winchelsea Men's Shed, Winchelsea Land and Rivercare and GenU have contributed to project activities, and we welcome ongoing community feedback.

We appreciate the concerns raised by residents and will continue to monitor Corella activity and the measures already implemented, investigate emerging management options, and work with the community and other organisations on practical, evidence-informed responses.

Moriac's small-town character protected

Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council adoption of a planning scheme amendment will protect Moriac from growth compromising its small-town rural character.

In adopting the amendment at its September meeting Council implemented the Moriac Structure Plan which sets a strategic settlement boundary for the town and designates one area, south of Hinterland Estate, for low-density development.

A planning framework incorporated into the Surf Coast Planning Scheme will guide Moriac land use planning decisions for the next 10 years.

Council adoption of the planning scheme amendment follows a recommendation by an independent Victorian Planning Panel.

Cr Joel Grist: "Creation of the Moriac Structure Plan was informed by extensive community engagement and feedback which overwhelmingly called for protection of its small-town character, environment and consideration of Traditional Owner values.

"While a small amount of residential growth is to be expected, adoption of the planning scheme amendment and implementation of the structure plan respects those community aspirations for the long-term.

"Implementation of the structure plan has evolved into a long journey and we acknowledge Moriac community members, and the Moriac Community Network, for having shared thoughts and feedback during our consultation workshops and surveys.

"This input is so important as we seek to maintain sustainable, liveable and functional communities in line with our Council Plan."

The independent panel review found that the planning scheme amendment appropriately responded to environmental, agricultural, infrastructure and bushfire considerations, and that a designated Future Low Density Development Area would appropriately accommodate future growth.

The panel did not support inclusion of land at 33 Farrer Drive within the development area, or the inclusion of land at 650 Cape Otway Road within the settlement boundary or as a future investigation area.

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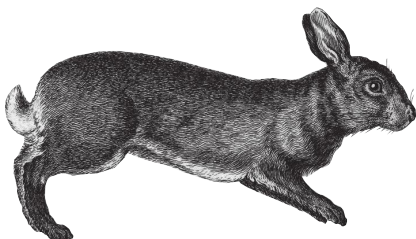
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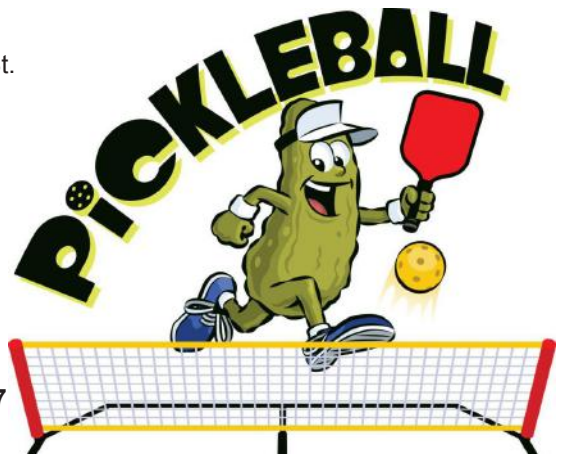
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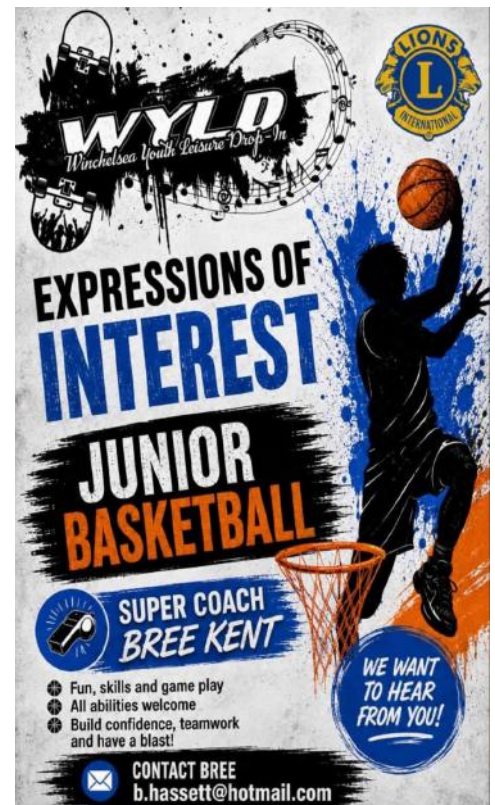
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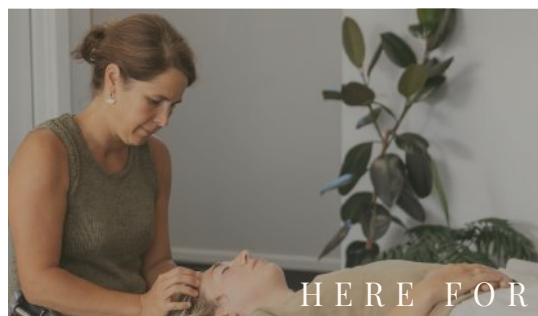
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Cricket News

Heather Edwards

Welcome to the 2026/27 Cricket Season!

The 2026/27 cricket season is officially underway at Winchelsea Cricket Club, with players, families and supporters getting ready for another big summer of cricket.

The first Thursday night of the season kicks off this week, with meals available from 6.30pm. Come along, enjoy the great club atmosphere, catch up with friends and family, and let us take care of dinner for the night!

Saturday sees our A Grade side take the field at home against Drysdale in their first A1 game after earning promotion following an outstanding A2 Grand Final victory last season.

Our B Grade side will travel to Oakdene Steeline Oval to take on Wallington, while our One Day side will begin their season on Saturday, 17 October.

Season Launch

Saturday night will also see the club officially launch the 2026/27 season, with celebrations kicking off from 6.30pm.

Tickets are just \$15 per person, with children under 12 eating free. There will be raffles, kids' games and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Come along, enjoy a night at the club and help us welcome in the new cricket season!

Junior Cricket Ready to Go

Junior training also kicks off this week, with fantastic numbers across all of our junior programs.

Our new Junior Girls team will train on Tuesday afternoons from 5pm as they prepare for their very first game on Sunday, 11 October.

Getting a girls' team up and running is a huge achievement for our club and the wider community, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the girls who have put their hand up, given cricket a go and helped make this team possible. We can't wait to see them take the field!

Our Under 11s and Under 13s will train on Thursday afternoons from 4.45pm. Numbers are looking fantastic across both teams, with everyone raring to go for the season ahead.

The Under 13s season begins on Saturday, 17 October, with the Under 11s starting on Friday, 23 October.

As always, new players are very welcome at Winchelsea Cricket Club, whether they have played before or are completely new to the game.

Registrations are also open for our Junior Blasters program, with the season beginning on Thursday, 22 October.

Junior Blasters is a fantastic introduction to cricket for boys and girls aged 4 and over, providing a fun and relaxed way for our youngest players to learn the game, make friends and get involved with the club.

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Saturday 26 September 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve

Thirty seven hardy parkrunners enjoyed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week in misty conditions.

We had three visitors from Lalor parkrun who generously filled the role of Tail Walkers. Many thanks for your help.

Three people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Sullivan Hunter, Tahlia Barr and Lexi Kattwinkel.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Brian Vagg, Ian Wakeman, Graeme Webb, Don Smith, Michelle McDonald, Joanne Wooster, Jeff Butler, Jett Butler and Murray Bennett.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time.

We are seeking people interested in sharing the role of RUN DIRECTOR. It involves coordinating volunteers, setting up for the event and making sure things run smoothly. The role is easy to learn and there is plenty of support.

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

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



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Our visitors from Lalor



Brian Vagg



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Cherie Mordue from Moriac





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Waurn Ponds Memorial Reserve

The Waurn Ponds Memorial Reserve Committee are looking for descendants of local WW1 servicemen to be included in a book.

Some of the servicemen listed on the Waurn Ponds Memorial Reserve plaque were from the Winchelsea community.

The Committee is undertaking a historical project with a historian to research and honour the servicemen listed on the Plaque.

- **DELAY, Cecil**
- **FREWIN, Fred**
- **GLEW, Clarence**
- **GLEW, William**
- **HARRISON, Arthur**
- **HARRISON, Reginald**
- **HENDERSON, Harold**
- **HUNT, Richard**
- **HUNT, "Cliff" Lawrence Robert**
- **JOHNSON, Charles**
- **NICHOLSON, Leonard**
- **SMITH, Les**
- **SMITH, Percy**

If you are a family member, or have photos, stories, or information about any of these men, please get in touch. Your contributions will help us preserve their legacy for the local community and be part of the book.

Please contact:

Tom Welsh 0423 641 445 tomwelsh445@gmail.com



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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

Results 16/9/26

Wednesday Weekly Stableford

17 Players

1st - Neil Hickman (14) 38 points
 2nd - Tara Steward (18) 35 points C/B
 BDL - Al Renick (14) 35 points C/B
 BDL - Bill Spencer (17) 34 points

NTP (6th/15th) Christian Kattwinkel

Results 19/9/26

Saturday Stableford

28 Players

1st - Aaron Wight (18) 38 points
 2nd - David Harvey (19) 36 points C/B
 3rd - Max Bubb (15) 36 points C/B
 4th - Andrew Ellery (29) 34 points C/B
 BDL - Simon Babb (8) 34 points C/B
 BDL - Tim Parish (25) 33 points
 BDL - Scott Rigby (19) 32 points C/B
 BDL - Stephen Cole (15) 32 points C/B

NTP (8th/17th) Simon Babb
 Golden Hole (11th) Shayne Moor
 F.I.S.H. (2nd) Christian Kattwinkel

Results 23/9/26

Ladies Results

4th Rd Jess Budge trophy, Stableford

Winner: Robyn Vesey 35 pts
 BDL: Mary Parish 33pts C/B
 NTP (15th): Robyn Vesey
 9 Hole Comp: Ann Davis 13 pts

Results 26/9/26

AFL Grand Final Day Multiplication Stableford

14 Players (7 Pairs) - Braved a very wet start!

1st - Neil Hickman & Max Bubb 73 points
 BDL - Alan Redmayne & Rod Batson 71 points
 NTP (6th/15th) Matt Tench
 Golden Hole (17th) Daryl Boddington

COMING UP:

Wednesday 30th September - Midweek Weekly Stableford
 Saturday 3rd October - Stroke (Final Round of the Alan Read Memorial)



"The Event" at Bannockburn

The District held "The Event" at Bannockburn on 25 September. This is the second year Bannockburn has held The Event, rapidly gaining traction and attention with a total of 100 players this year! The Event is a 4 person (any combination) Gentsome Stableford.

Bannockburn put on a great day, even looking after those coffee lovers with a coffee van and a sausage sizzle followed by an afternoon tea to finish the day.

Winchelsea's team consisted of Elizabeth Alston, Tim Parish, Andrew Ellery and Robyn Vesey. The team came out winners on the day with a nice 109 points, 2 clear of the runners up.




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moriaccommunitynetwork@gmail.com or come along to an event at the shed as per below! 530 Cape Otway Road Moriac

☺ Other events – TBC – keep an eye on FB, email and MCN website www.mcnorg.weebly.com

General Shed Events

- Men's Shed Open day – **Sat 24 October 9-12**. All welcome! (A SCS Positive Aging event)
- History group Afternoon Tea chat and memorabilia display - **Sun October 11** Modewarre Memorial Hall, 2-4pm, free event, for catering RSVP to Lyn 0419 500 353 (A SCS Positive Aging event)
- Defibrillator training – **Th Oct 22 11-12.30** light lunch included, free event, for catering RSVP to Lyn 0419 500 353 (A SCS Positive Aging event)
- Art group display – At Meesen's 'Victorian Open Garden' 80 Larcombes Rd, Paraparap
10am -4.30pm **Sat Oct 31 and Sun Nov 1**

Swap & Share

Community Event

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



Come along and meet local Wendy
and discuss all things bees and honey
Swap and Share your excess produce or goods
Come along and chat with like minded locals



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

All Welcome
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Men's Shed

Open every Wednesday and Saturday – 9am-Midday

Kindling and Wood Shavings – for sale

Different activities available or just come for a cuppa and chat

Contact Kelvin 0414 484 673

Women's Shed

Art Class (limited spaces) Friday's – 10 am-Midday

Contact Jeanette 0408 466 122

BYO Craft and Chat 3rd Thursday of the month 7.30 pm

Oct 15th - contact Kim 0414 482 893

Women's Woodwork Wednesdays 1-3pm

Contact Evan 0434 484 440

Sustainability Group

1st Sunday of the month 11am-12pm Oct 4th

All welcome to come along to share, swap and learn!

Contact Jenny 0403 952 528

****NEW – battery and small e-waste recycling bins –
accessible at all times the shed is open****

Book Club

1st Wednesday of the month – 7.30pm Oct 7th

Contact Michaela 0418 370 469

MCN Monthly General Community Meeting

4th Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov)

7.30pm – Everyone welcome – Oct 28th

The Moriac Community Network is a non-profit organisation. Our aim is to build and empower our community for us all to continue to enjoy living in a friendly, nature-rich semi rural environment - to get to know each other, to support each other, and to improve the place where we live, work and play.

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