

# Winchelsea Star

Price \$1

## Weekly Community News

Since 1977

Vol 49 Ed 32

Tuesday 18 August 2026

[winchelseastar.org.au](http://winchelseastar.org.au)



**Murray Bennett was the 'Turn Around' Marshall at Saturday's parkrun. It's an important role as it keeps runners safe and motivated. We need volunteers every week!**

Subscribe and let us come to you online. FREE. Every edition.  
[winchelseastar.org.au/subscribe](http://winchelseastar.org.au/subscribe)

# CONTENTS

## COVER

Murray Bennett, Parkrun Volunteer Turn-Around Marshall

## FEATURES

|                                      |                 |    |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----|
| 50 Hay Bales Alight at Fire          | WFB             | 2  |
| Have you got a Fire Plan?            | Kaylene Stocks  | 6  |
| Nathan Harvey: Equestrian Athlete    | Kim Harvey      | 7  |
| Stitch It, Don't Ditch It            | Craft Group     | 8  |
| What you need to know about Bird Flu | Ahmed Yussuf    | 9  |
| Prostate Cancer Awareness Evening    | Peter Trevaskis | 10 |
| Charges over Bike Trails in Otways   | Jacinta Bolling | 12 |

## LOCAL NEWS SPOTLIGHT

|              |                 |   |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Pothole Pain | Ariane Caligari | 3 |
|--------------|-----------------|---|

## COOKING

|                            |              |   |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Giouvarlakia Meatball Soup | Alice Cloake | 5 |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|

## FUN

|                            |  |   |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Gary Clark, Swamp Cartoons |  | 5 |
|----------------------------|--|---|

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

|                                 |  |    |
|---------------------------------|--|----|
| Community Noticeboard           |  | 11 |
| Services and Groups             |  | 11 |
| Public Access Defibrillators    |  | 11 |
| What's On August/September 2026 |  | 20 |
| Advertisers' Phone Directory    |  | 29 |

## CROSSWORD

|                           |           |    |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|
| Winchelsea Crossword No 7 | Greg Ware | 19 |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|

## THE ARTS

|                                 |                 |    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----|
| Creative Workshops bring Colour | Rhani Bayon     | 24 |
| Arts Rural - Piano for the Glob | Zinaida Campion | 25 |

## YOUNG PEOPLE

|                                |                     |    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----|
| Winchelsea Primary School      | Nick Keating        | 16 |
| Deans Marsh Primary School     | Russell Taylor-Shaw | 16 |
| 1st Modewarre Scout Group News | Marie McFadden      | 17 |

## HISTORY AND CULTURE

|                   |                   |    |
|-------------------|-------------------|----|
| Plum Tree Cottage | Michael O'Donovan | 31 |
|-------------------|-------------------|----|

## OPINION

|                              |                  |    |
|------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Ripple Effect - Town Signage | Madame Butterfly | 32 |
|------------------------------|------------------|----|

## ENVIRONMENT

|                 |                   |    |
|-----------------|-------------------|----|
| Aboreutum Trail | Victoria Hastings | 32 |
| Climate Report  | Judy Cameron      | 33 |

## SPORTS AND EXERCISE

|                             |                     |    |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----|
| WFNC Blues News             | Janet Fletcher      | 26 |
| Winchelsea Cricket Club     | WCC                 | 28 |
| Winchelsea Bowls Club       | WBC                 | 28 |
| WFNC Junior Netball         | Shae Callahan       | 37 |
| Parkrun 127 Trebeck Reserve | Kristen Czerkiewicz | 39 |

## CHURCHES

|                                |             |    |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----|
| VALE Roger 'Splinter' Mathison |             | 34 |
| Church Services                |             | 34 |
| Thought of the Week            | John Bader  | 34 |
| Psalm 25                       | Helen Rolls | 34 |

## From the Editor

Welcome to this week's Winchelsea Star. A community newspaper is only as strong as the people willing to share their stories, knowledge and experiences, and this edition is a wonderful example of that community spirit.

My sincere thanks to Ariane Caligari, whose reporting examines the ongoing pothole problems on the Princes Highway and the differing views about the proposed speed-limit change.

Thank you to Alice Cloake for another delicious Cooks Corner, and to Kim Harvey for sharing the inspiring story of Buckley's Nathan Harvey and his journey towards the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

Our thanks to Rhani Bayon for her story about the creative workshops bringing colour to Winchelsea, and to Zinaida Campion for her ArtsRural article about the piano offered to the Globe Theatre and the community guardians it will need.

Micheál P. O'Dhonnabháin continues to uncover fascinating pieces of Winchelsea's history, this week taking us to Plum Tree Cottage, while Victoria Hastings brings us encouraging news about more than 140 new trees planted around our town.

Thank you to Judy Cameron for the latest Climate Report, Janet Fletcher for keeping us up to date with the Winchelsea Blues, Shae Callahan for the junior netball report and Kristen Czerkiewicz for Parkrun.

We also thank Greg Ware for setting another Winchelsea crossword, John Bader for his Thought of the Week, and Clare Scanlon for sharing the story behind the Blues' Indigenous guernsey design.

And thank you to Marie McPadden, Kaylene Stocks, Frank Jelliff and all the local clubs, organisations and community groups who regularly provide news and information.

Every contribution helps tell the story of our town. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, week after week, to help make the Winchelsea Star a genuine community newspaper.

## 50 hay bales alight at fire

### Winchelsea Fire Brigade

Last week, Winchelsea Fire Brigade responded to a hay bale fire where, on arrival, approximately 50 large square bales were already well alight.

With 100 more bales still unburnt and a large pile of chaff sitting against them, our priority was to stop the fire from spreading and create a break between the burning and unburnt hay.

With the wind carrying embers and smoke directly towards the unburnt bales, this was no easy feat. Thankfully, with the assistance of the property caretaker and his handy machinery, we were able to create a much-needed gap and allow the burning hay to safely burn out.

A huge thank you to the many brigades who came to assist. This incident required plenty of manpower and water, and having that support made a huge difference.

A special thank you to Digga, who provided the bulk water tanker and helped keep the water flowing when we needed it.

And a massive thank you to Sandyz of Winchelsea who made enough pizzas for 40 hungry firefighters! It was a great team effort, both on and off the fire ground, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who played a part.



# Local News Spotlight

## Would you drive 110km/h over these potholes?

Locals united over pothole pain - but not over speed limit change

**Ariane Caligari**

Rain last week caused chaos on roads across the state, with media reports suggesting dozens of cars had been damaged hitting potholes on just one stretch of freeway in Gippsland. But Winchelsea residents have been dealing with the issue of potholes on the Princes Highway for months now.

Drivers traveling west to Colac or east to Geelong are dodging new potholes as well as ones that have been patched in the past and have opened up again.



Amy Cone and her children

Local resident, business owner and schoolteacher Amy Cone travels to Geelong most days. She has had to get her car repaired after it was damaged by potholes on the Highway.

"I've had to have two wheel alignments in the last year, which I shouldn't have had to have," she said.

She doesn't like her mother driving on that road anymore because "the potholes are so bad".

Her children witnessed a car accident at Warncoort last month, when a car hit a pothole and rebounded into a roadside barrier. "My children saw the accident, they saw the people, they saw the car," she said.



Last week, news outlets reported about 30 cars suffered tyre damage when they hit a pothole that was hard to see in the rain on the Princes Freeway at Bunyip, and there were also up to seven cars forced off the road after hitting potholes on the Calder Freeway near Gisborne.

This week, the Victorian Government said it would conduct a review of its pothole compensation scheme after media reports

### FACT BOX

The RACV has material to help drivers navigate pothole issues: <https://www.racv.com.au/royalauto/transport/cars/what-causes-potholes-how-to-navigate-safely.html>

#### What can cause potholes

- Water seeping into cracks in the road surface, then expanding/contracting in wet-dry cycles which weakens the base
- Traffic load, especially heavy vehicles, pounding weakened pavement
- Poor original road construction or drainage
- Ageing asphalt that's become brittle and cracked

#### Who is responsible for fixing potholes

- VicRoads manages major roads in Victoria, including the Princes Highway west of Geelong.
- Most smaller local roads in the district are the responsibility of local councils, such as the Surf Coast or Golden Plains shires.

#### Possible fixes

- Throw-and-roll patching: a quick and temporary fix that tips asphalt into the hole and compacts it
- Semi-permanent patching: cutting a clean square around the hole, removing damaged material, and filling with fresh asphalt for a longer-lasting fix
- Full-depth repair: the most durable but costly option that removes the pothole and surrounding weak base material, then rebuilding the layers

#### Typical vehicle damage

- Tyre punctures, bulges or blowouts
- Bent or cracked wheel rims
- Wheel alignment and suspension damage
- Shock absorber/strut damage
- Exhaust system damage in bad cases

#### Repair costs

- These can differ a lot depending on the type of vehicle and extent of damage but online quotes from various service providers suggest a rim repair could cost from \$75 up to \$400 per wheel and wheel alignment could cost between \$50-\$200.

Continued page 4



From page 3

suggested 98 per cent of motorists' claims were rejected because they did not meet the required damage threshold of \$1681.

In its 2026/27 Budget, the state government allocated a record \$1.04 billion to rebuild, repair and resurface roads across Victoria, which it said was "enough to get rid of 200,000 potholes", among other works. The funding commitment was touted as "the biggest roads blitz in the state's history – with 70 per cent of the funds going to regional Victoria".

The Liberal Party has pledged to fix the potholes too, if it wins the State Election in November. It says it will invest \$5 billion over 4 years "to repair and rebuild Victoria's roads (and) eliminate one million potholes".



The Liberal Party also recently announced it would increase the speed limit on the Princes Highway from 100km/h to 110km/h if elected.

Mrs Cone said it wouldn't be safe to increase the speed on the highway in its current state either side of Winchelsea. However, if the road was repaired, she said the speed limit increase would help the community because Winchelsea "is projected to get to over 10,000 people in the next 10 years" and is being promoted as the "30-minute town to everywhere".

"The crashes aren't happening because of speed," she said. "When the road was built, it was built so that it could be at 110km/h."

Surf Coast Shire Deputy Mayor and Winchelsea Councillor Tony Phelps is against the speed limit increase, fearing it will in fact lead to more accidents on the highway.

He said the small amount of time it would save Winchelsea drivers traveling to Geelong was not enough to outweigh the potential risks.

"Four minutes, what's four minutes worth to someone's life?" he said.

The Wurdale CFA member said the increased impact in an accident "wouldn't be just 10 per cent more, it'd be 20, 30 per cent more damage at that speed". He said increasing the speed was "not safe", especially because the section of highway between Geelong and Colac did not have on/off ramps like other parts of the national highway, such as the Hume Highway.

Liberal member for Polwarth Richard Riordan disagrees. "People want to drive at 110(km/h)," he said.

He suggested the government was currently "artificially (keeping) the road speed lower than it should be", and he doesn't "think there's any evidence that (110km/h roads) are more dangerous or have higher fatality rates".



designed by Dfiredesignfile

## Paint ya palings

Call Geoff  
0419 828 378



ALS  
SOLAR

**Design & Installation**

Phone: 0419009513

Email: abrien82@gmail.com

- Save \$\$\$ off your power bill
- Government subsidy rebate
- SAA certified and licensed
- Residential, Commercial, Rural
- Custom designed to suit your power needs
- Battery backup / load shifting
- Post installation support
- Free no obligation quote
- Servicing greater Geelong, Colac and beyond

## Country and Waters

SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL E-NEWS

**SUBSCRIBE  
HERE**



### Want to know what's happening across the shire?

From local legends and events to Council decisions and engagement opportunities, our monthly electronic newsletter is the best way to stay across Council news.

Subscribe at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/subscribe](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/subscribe)

[surfcoast.vic.gov.au](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au)



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

Alice Cloake



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelsea.org.au.

## August Ingredient of the month Potato



### Giouvarlakia Meatball Soup from Yia Yia Next Door

**Giouvarlakia** is a traditional Greek meatball soup made with tender beef and rice meatballs simmered in a broth, then finished in a silky, tangy avgolemono (egg and lemon) sauce.

#### Serves 6-8

80ml (1/3 cup) extra-virgin olive oil  
1 leek, white and pale green part only, finely sliced  
1 potato, peeled and diced  
1 chicken or vegetable concentrated stock pot (or use 500 ml/2 cups chicken or vegetable stock)  
1 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley  
3 eggs, separated  
Juice of 2 lemons

#### Meatballs

1 kg beef mince  
2 eggs  
1 large onion, grated  
100 g (1/2 cup) long-grain rice  
3 tablespoons chopped dill fronds  
1 tablespoon chopped mint leaves  
1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley salt and black pepper



To make the meatballs, place the ingredients in a large bowl and using your hands, mix until well combined. Roll the mixture into meatballs a little smaller than a golf ball and set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a stockpot over medium heat, add the leek and potato and cook for about 5 minutes, until the leek is softened. Add 3 litres of water (or 2.5 litres if using liquid stock), along with the concentrated stock pot and bring to the boil.

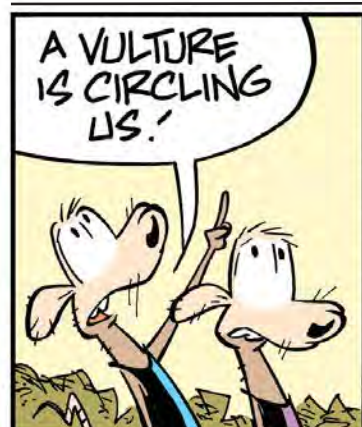
Carefully lower the meatballs into the stock, then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 30 minutes, skimming off any foam that rises to the surface. Stir through the parsley, then remove the pan from the heat.

Meanwhile, whisk the egg yolks and lemon juice until nice and creamy.

Whisk the egg whites until combined, then whisk in the egg yolk mixture. Whisking quickly and constantly, add two ladles of the soup stock, incorporating each fully before adding the next.

Pour the egg mixture into the pot and stir gently to avoid breaking up the meatballs.

Divide the soup and meatballs among bowls and serve.



Used with permission of Gary Clark, Swamp Cartoons Cartoon Books available online: swamp.com.au



# Have you got a fire plan?

Kaylene Stocks  
Winchelsea Captain

A message to our community from our Fire Captain

One thing I've noticed is that many people in town don't have a fire plan. They often believe it's something only people living in heavily forested areas or on rural properties need to think about.

But recent fires around the world have shown us that entire towns can be affected.

If a fire threatened our community, would you know what to do? Would your family? Would your neighbours?

You could be at work, your partner could be elsewhere, and your children could be at school. Having a plan in place before an emergency happens is one of the most important things you can do.

Please take the time to sit down with your family and talk through your options. A well-thought-out plan could save lives. For information and guidance, visit the CFA website and start building your fire plan today.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

**AT HOME**  
What will you do?  
Where will you go?  
What will you take?

**AT WORK**  
Do your work colleagues know your plan?

**SCHOOL**  
Do you know the school's emergency plans for your kids?

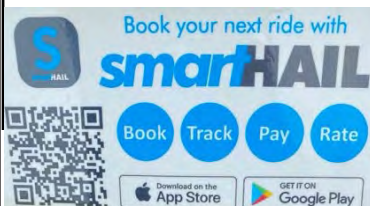
**NEIGHBOURS**  
Have you talked to your neighbours?  
How will you look out for each other?

## Winchelsea Taxis is now Surfcoast Taxis

Our fleet of vehicles are growing to all late models and we are covering an extended area including Winchelsea, Colac, Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Great Ocean Road and Geelong.

We have a fleet of 10 seater Maxi Vans, all with capacity to carry wheelchairs.

**Surfcoast Taxis Pty Ltd**  
**All Bookings: 0408 325 992**  
**Fax: 5267 2699**  
**Email: [bannotaxis@gmail.com](mailto:bannotaxis@gmail.com)**  
(Admin or Stan 0429 672 888)  
66A Batson Street  
Winchelsea 3241



Accounts NDIS provider. TAC, DVA etc

NDIS provider number 4050001044

NDIS provider number 4050001048

# WINCHELSEA DENTAL PRACTICE

**IS THRILLED TO  
ANNOUNCE**

**DR ALICIA BARRETT WILL  
RETURN FROM MATERNITY  
LEAVE ON**

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Alicia will be available  
Mondays & Tuesdays 9am - 3pm  
To book call 52672071  
[www.winchelseadental.com.au](http://www.winchelseadental.com.au)



# Nathan Harvey: Equestrian Athlete from Buckley

## Rising as Melbourne Prepares to Host the 2026 Special Olympics National Games

Kim Harvey

As Melbourne prepares to host the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games, one Victorian athlete is quietly becoming one of the most compelling stories of the upcoming competition. Nathan Harvey, a World Games dual gold-medalist in dressage and a bronze-medalist

in show-jumping athlete from Buckley, represents the heart of what these Games stand for: resilience, discipline, humility, and the transformative power of inclusive sport.

### Why Nathan's Story Matters Now:

The announcement of Melbourne as host city comes at a pivotal moment in Nathan's journey. After a challenging year — including time away from competition while his mares rested and his mother recovered from hospital — Nathan has spent the past six months training with unwavering focus. His commitment has earned him selection to the Victorian Team for the 2026 National Games, where he will compete for a coveted place on the Australian Team for the 2027 Special Olympics World Games in Chile.

Nathan knows the caliber of athletes across Australia. He respects them deeply, and that respect fuels his discipline. He trains daily, quietly, without fanfare — the kind of athlete who credits his team, not himself.

- 29 August 2026:  
Nathan returns to competition at the Alpine Adult Riding Club Dressage Jackpot — his first major outing after months of preparation.
- 4 September 2026:  
Nathan has been invited to Melbourne's AAMI Park to meet the San Francisco 49ers, observe their media presence, and participate in a flag football clinic alongside other Special Olympics athletes. The 49ers media team will capture footage for global channels, offering rare visibility for Australian Special Olympics athletes.
- 19 October 2026:  
Nathan competes at the Special Olympics Australia National Games in Melbourne, held within the Albert Park precinct.

Nathan's story is not just about sport — it's about what inclusive sport makes possible. He is visually impaired, yet he has achieved dual gold medals at the 2019 Abu Dhabi World Games. He is humble, grounded, and deeply community-minded. He speaks openly about the team behind him rather than his own achievements. His journey reflects the very mission Special Olympics celebrates as it approaches its 50th anniversary.

With Melbourne hosting the Games for the third time — and with up to 1000 athletes arriving from across Australia.

If you want to see Nathan, here's the details:

|                   |                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Venue             | AYR Hill Equestrian Centre                                                                |
| Address           | Gate 4, 500 Soldiers Road, Clyde North VIC 3978 (sometimes listed as Pinto Road also)     |
| Venue Website     | <a href="https://www.ayrhillequestrianpark.com">https://www.ayrhillequestrianpark.com</a> |
| Competition Dates | 20–22 October 2026                                                                        |



Nathan with his Abu Dhabi training coach, Russ Davidson



Nathan and Adela, the horse that won him a place on the Australian Team for Abu Dhabi




Sausage Sizzle provided



**JUNIOR COME AND TRY DAY**



Sunday  
30th August



From  
11am



Eastern Reserve  
Winchelsea

## Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group

We had a request to repair a chewed ear on Scooby Doo, as we are not surgeons we had to just bandage it. He was very happy with the result and we think he looks great with his polka dot bandage!



## Tap-and-Go expands across Regional Victoria

Victorian Government

Passengers are now able to tap on with a bank card, phone or smartwatch at every station through to Echuca.

The rest of the regional V/Line network will progressively switch on in the coming weeks, including every station on the:

- 23 August: Swan Hill Line
- 30 August: Shepparton Line
- 6 September: Ararat and Maryborough lines
- **13 September: Warrnambool Line**
- 20 September: Bairnsdale Line
- 27 September: Albury Line, with Benalla and Euroa stations to be added on 22 November following station upgrade works.

Works are underway to install 106 new readers across 37 V/Line stations which previously required a paper or eTicket.



Once completed, passengers will be able to tap on at every train station across Victoria, as well as on trams and myki-enabled buses.

Passengers who have not reserved a seat for long distance services can purchase an unreserved fare at their station with tap and go.

Anyone travelling who would prefer to use a physical myki card will be able to do so.

Concession passengers, seniors and those under 18 should continue using their concession or Youth myki.



## Apply to work at the 2026 state election

Victorian Electoral Commission

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is looking for more than 25,000 people to fill a wide range of roles across Victoria for this November's state election.

Roles include working at a voting centre and counting ballots on election day Saturday 28 November, or supporting operations during the entire election period.

'Working with the VEC is a great way to contribute to your local community, making sure every Victorian can have their say at this state election,' Electoral Commissioner Sven Bluemmel said.

'We have many casual election staff who return each election because they enjoy the fast pace, pay and purpose of the role. But you don't need past experience, we encourage anyone interested to apply.'

Casual election staff receive training, and the experience can help develop skills in administration, customer service and teamwork, while supporting democracy in their community.

Applicants must be 18 years or older, eligible to work in Australia and available on election day, Saturday 28 November.

People who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, live with a disability or who don't have secure housing are encouraged to apply.

The VEC is a proudly independent organisation. During recruitment, applicants will need to declare any political activities they are currently or have previously been involved with.

People interested in working at the election can register their interest at [vec.vic.gov.au/workatelections](http://vec.vic.gov.au/workatelections)

# Everything you need to know about the bird flu

Ahmed Yussuf



Elephant seals like Tasmania's Neil the seal are at high risk for bird flu. *Sam Volker Photography*

There have been 220 confirmed cases of H5N1 across five states, with the bulk of cases in South Australia.

## What is bird flu?

Avian influenza is a virus that primarily impacts birds, however it can also spread to other animals, and in rare circumstances humans.

There are two strains of the virus, low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI), or high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI).

Most LPAI strains cause minimal disease in wild birds and poultry, while HPAI strains have higher mortality rates.

Those most affected by bird flu are poultry and wild birds who can suffer severe disease and high rates of death.

It can also affect mammals such as seals, cows and cats.

## Can I get bird flu?

Yes but it is very rare.

According to the Australian Centre for Disease Control, bird flu spreads when animals who are infected shed the virus through faeces and other body fluids.

People can become infected if they are in contact with an infected animal, their body fluids or a contaminated object and then touch their eyes, nose or mouth.

A person can also become infected if they breathe contaminated dust or air.



Some bird flu symptoms in mammals such as cats and dogs are seizures, tremors, walking in circles and drooling or a runny nose. *Unsplash: Anusha Barwa*

## Can my pets get bird flu?

It can happen but it is uncommon, according to the RSPCA.

Pets such as dogs and cats can be infected by bird flu. But University of Sydney's Michelle Campbell-Ward, who specialises in wildlife and Avian medicine, said domestic cats were more susceptible.

"The main thing is just to limit contact with any wild birds. Where possible keep cats indoors. When dogs are out and about with their owners, have them on a lead."

## Are eggs safe?

Yes. Bird flu has not been detected in the Australian livestock industry, according to the federal government.

But the 2024 H7 bird flu outbreak led to the loss of more than 10 per cent of Australia's laying hens, which is about 2.4 million birds. They were slaughtered to contain the outbreak but those containment efforts caused egg shortages, and price rises.

Since the emergence of H5N1, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has paused enforcement for free-range label breaches such as access to outdoor space.

The watchdog is allowing farmers to keep chickens indoors and still use free-range cartons.

## It's important if you see a sick or dead bird

- Do not touch it
- Take note of the location
- Take photos
- Report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888.

## Didn't we just have bird flu?

We had an outbreak of a different bird flu about two years ago. The last bird flu outbreak in Australia was in 2024 but that was the H7 strain.

But now we're dealing with the deadliest strain of bird flu, the H5. In June it was found in Australia for the first time after several birds were confirmed to have a strain known as H5N1 2.3.4.4b.

## What are the symptoms of bird flu?

The symptoms for bird flu can vary depending on the animal but sudden death, lethargy, tiredness, and issues with mobility and breathing are common.

### Wild birds:

droopy or puffed-up appearance  
unusual head or neck posture

### Poultry:

sudden drop in egg production  
swollen head or limbs  
bruising on comb, feet, or skin  
runny nose

### Mammals:

seizures, tremors or walking in circles  
drooling or runny nose

# Prostate Cancer Awareness Evening

9 September 2026

Peter Trevaskis

Prostate cancer remains the second most common cause of cancer death among Australian men, with nearly 4,000 males losing their lives to the disease each year—surpassing female breast cancer deaths. Accounting for almost 30% of all new male cancer diagnoses, Australian men face a 1-in-5 lifetime chance of diagnosis and a 1-in-23 chance of dying from the disease.

Furthermore, a family history of prostate or related cancers doubles a man's average risk.

While diagnosis rates in younger age groups (40–50 and 30–40) are low, they are accelerating. Local data shows that diagnosis rates in the Greater Geelong area and across the Southwest Region of Victoria are lower than the national average, yet mortality rates are significantly higher - indicating dangerously low early testing and detection rates across our region.

Building on Group's major 2023–24 awareness campaign—which distributed 4,000 early-detection posters across public facilities in Victoria's Southwest—the Geelong Prostate Cancer Support Group is hosting a special community awareness forum this September for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. The event coincides with the anticipated release of new, risk-adapted national early-detection guidelines.

During September, the Geelong CBD will also be lit up blue to show support for the cause.

## Event Details

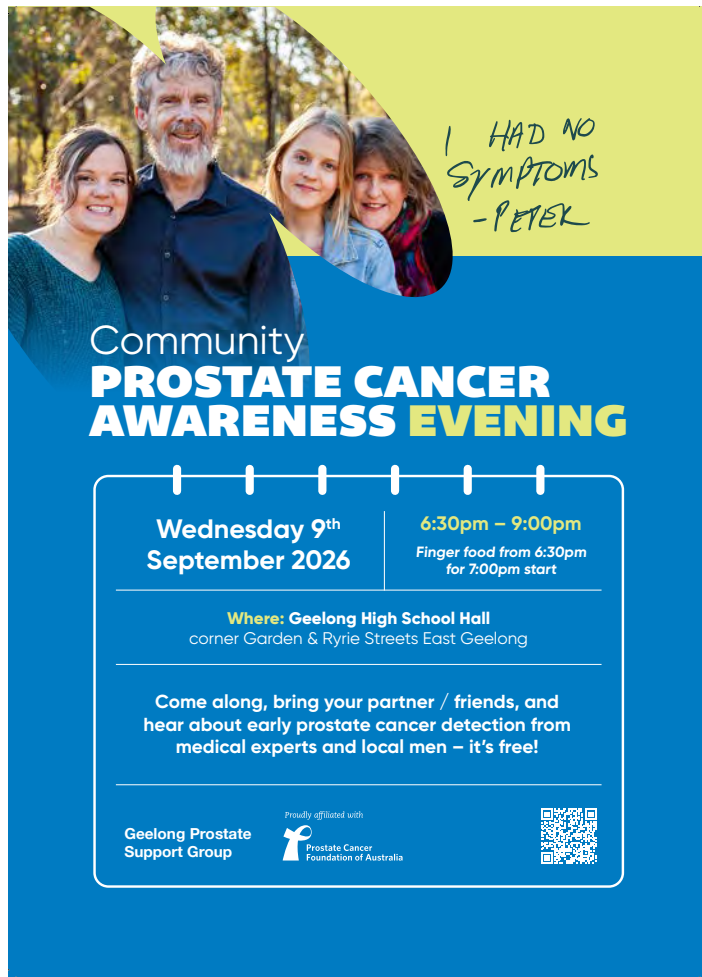
- What: Community Prostate Cancer Awareness Forum
- When: Wednesday, 9 September 2026 | 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Where: Geelong High School Hall (Corner of Ryrie & Garden Streets, Geelong)

## Schedule

- 6:30 pm: Doors open & light refreshments / finger food
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm: Expert presentations & live Q&A panel
- 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Coffee, networking, & mingling

## Evening Highlights & Speakers

- General Practitioner: An overview of prostate function, common health issues, risk factors, and the critical role of early detection.
- Urologist: Insights into the upcoming National Early Detection Guidelines, current diagnostic tests, grading/staging, and modern treatment advancements.
- Lived Experience: Personal stories from two men navigating their distinct journeys with prostate cancer.
- National Advocacy Update: A brief update from the national support and research body, followed by an open panel Q&A session.



The poster features a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) smiling. Overlaid on the photo is the handwritten text: "I HAD NO SYMPTOMS - PETER". Below the photo, the title "Community PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS EVENING" is displayed in white and yellow text on a blue background. The event details are listed in a white box: "Wednesday 9th September 2026" and "6:30pm – 9:00pm" with a note "Finger food from 6:30pm for 7:00pm start". The location is "Where: Geelong High School Hall, corner Garden & Ryrie Streets East Geelong". A call to action says "Come along, bring your partner / friends, and hear about early prostate cancer detection from medical experts and local men – it's free!". At the bottom, it says "Geelong Prostate Support Group" and "Proudly affiliated with Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia" with a QR code.

Dear Editors,

Many of you will know me from my time as Editor for the Leigh News in Inverleigh.

I have now retired from that position, mainly due to my continued treatment for Prostate Cancer, which I have been having for the last 21 years.

My journey continues thanks to the advancement of Prostate Cancer Treatments.

The information attached is advertising an upcoming "Prostate Cancer Awareness Night", to be held in the Geelong High School.

I would appreciate it if you are able to promote this important event, planned for Wednesday, 9th of September 2026, in your newsletters.

Early detection is best for all your male readers.

Kind regards,



## Services & Groups

### VLIN TRAIN SERVICES

#### TO MELBOURNE:

Mon - Fri 6.41 (coach) 08.07 11.10 14.04  
16.58 19.21

Sat - Sun 8.27 10.27 14.04 16.58 19.17

#### TO WARRNAMBOOL:

Mon - Fri 8.58 11.51 14.46 17.28 (coach)  
18.42 20.52

Sat - Sun 9.44 11.41 14.46 18.38 20.38

### COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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

Winchelsea and District

### PROBUS CLUB

Senior Citizens Rooms,  
36 Harding St Winchelsea  
New members welcome.  
Lorraine 0417 467 927



### SURF COAST MOBILE LIBRARY

Cnr Princes Highway & Hesse St,  
Fridays 2pm-5pm

Parked in Hesse Street (outside Shire Hall)  
Fridays 2:00 - 5:00pm NOT Public Holidays

### WINCHELSEA TRANSFER STATION

55 Cressy Road, Winchelsea

Tuesday 2pm-4pm

Saturday 1.30-3.30pm

Thursday 2pm-4pm

Sunday 9.30-12.30pm

Closed Christmas Day, open public holidays.  
www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites

### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Every second Thursday 10am-12pm  
St Thomas Anglican Church Hall  
cnr Barwon Tce & Hopkins St, Winchelsea  
Danni Menzies 0432019944  
winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com  
Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019  
New families welcome

### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

Girls 6yrs-15yrs Welcome!  
Mondays 4.30pm-6pm (school terms)  
Catholic Church Hall, Harding St  
*Fun, friendship, adventure. Teamwork,  
leadership skills, achieve goals, improve  
communities and grow in confidence.*  
3 FREE sessions to come along and try.  
Yvonne 0448 672 630



## Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Email [editor@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:editor@winchelseastar.org.au) or  
leave a note at Winchelsea IGA

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY OP-SHOP

10 Willis Street, Winchelsea

To our valued customers,  
The Winchelsea Community Op Shop  
will be taking a 2 week break,  
closing on Friday August 14th,  
re opening on Friday 28th August.  
We are sorry for inconvenience this may  
cause but this is a short break for our  
volunteers to rest and relax and re charge  
for the rest of the year.

Please do not leave any donations  
out in the street.

Thanking our community for all your  
support over the year and  
we will be back on the 28th August.

### 1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Exciting programs for Joeys,  
Cubs and Scouts.

Vacancies at Joey and Cub levels,  
and plenty of room at Scouts.

Marie McPadden 0409 330 147



### BLUES FANS PHOTOS WANTED

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

### PINE CONES FOR FIRE PITS \$5

Winchelsea Lions Club  
Contact Ray 0406 371 239

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.

**Wed 7 to 8-30pm, Thurs 10 to 11 am.**

Great fun, everything supplied,  
good cardio workout.

Please wear sneakers.

Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

Mary Parish 0428 887 219

### IGA NOTICE BOARD

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

### STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT

Finished articles for sale in the Display  
Cabinet at Reception Winch House.  
The Group meets every Wednesday  
9am-2pm at Winchelsea House.

### ABC NEWS REGIONAL CONTENT SHARING

Please note the Winchelsea Star  
has been accepted into a ABC News  
Regional Content Sharing pilot which  
allows up to 40 local news providers in  
regional Australia to republish digital  
articles relating to public emergencies.



**DEFIBRILLATORS  
IN WINCHELSEA**  
Accessible to the public  
24 hours a day

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

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

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

## Seven men charged over bike trails in the Otways

Jacinta Bolling (DEECA)

Seven men have been charged following the illegal construction of a trail bike trail network through rainforest, waterways and critical wildlife habitat in the Great Otway Ranges.

The charges relate to alleged illegal trail bike riding and environmental damage within the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park between July and November 2025.

The parks are environmentally significant areas that provide critical habitat for threatened species including the endangered gang-gang cockatoo and vulnerable long-nosed potoroo.

Investigators allege unauthorised single trails and riding structures were carved into the landscape to facilitate illegal trail bike riding across remote areas of both parks.

The investigation identified evidence that rock formations were drilled and reshaped, native vegetation was cleared and mature trees were felled during the construction. Chainsaws, machetes and other hand tools were allegedly used.

In November 2025, search warrants were executed at properties in Forrest and Mount Duneed, leading to the seizure of a trail bike, tools and equipment.

The men charged are a 37-year-old from Pennyroyal, a 44-year-old from Mount Duneed, a 49-year-old from Lara, a 48-year-old from Moolap, a 51-year-old from Jan Juc, a 52-year-old from Newcomb and a 60-year-old from Barwon Downs.

The men have been charged with offences under the National Parks Act 1975, Wildlife Act 1975, Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, Forests Act 1958 and Land Conservation (Vehicle Control) Regulations 2024.

In Victoria, trail bike riding is only permitted on formed roads and tracks that are open to the public, and it is illegal to remove native trees and vegetation or damage wildlife habitat on public land without authorisation.

The charges follow the Conservation Regulator charging five other men in relation to a separate illegal trail-building operation in the region earlier this year.

Suspected illegal activity on public land can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au). Reports can be anonymous.

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

Frank Jelliff  
Secretary Winchelsea Mens Shed

The Men's Shed is now open two days a week, Wednesday and Thursday.  
This may help anyone that needs little jobs done if they are working.

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

### KINDLING/OFFCUTS \$7 A BAG



Pick-up Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am - 2.30pm

Delivery available.  
Call Bill 0438 083 373





# DANCE CLASSES

TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW  
FOR OUR WINCHELSEA STUDIO

PRE-SCHOOLERS - ADULTS  
CONTROLLED CLASS SIZES  
JAZZ - THEATRICAL TAP - CLASSICAL BALLET  
HIP-HOP - CONTEMPORARY DANCE

**ENROL TODAY**

[WWW.MELSDANCECENTRAL.COM.AU](http://WWW.MELSDANCECENTRAL.COM.AU)

# Not all glass belongs in your purple bin

Different types of glass melt at different temperatures, so they can't be recycled together.

## Only glass bottles and jars belong in your purple-lid glass bin.

Put these glass items in your landfill bin instead:

- |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Drinking glasses |  Crystal                          |
|  Window glass     |  Pyrex and ceramic cooking dishes |
|  Mirrors          |  Scented candle jars              |
|  Vases            |  Perfume bottles                  |



### Where do your glass bottles and jars go?

Visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/glass](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/glass) or scan the QR code.



# Winchelsea Star

Send your Stories  
news@winchelseastar.org.au

## LOCAL NEWS and ARTICLES WELCOME

Email news@winchelseastar.org.au  
or leave hard copy at IGA supermarket

### News Deadline

5pm Fridays

4pm Sundays - hard copy left at IGA

6pm Sundays - sports results and  
weekend events

### free online subscription

winchelseastar.org.au  
facebook.com/TheWinchelseaStar

ADVERTISING 5273 0294

advertising@winchelseastar.org.au

EDITOR 5273 0295

Leave a message

## Production

Editors: Cerrie Forgan, Yvonne Stevens,  
Judy Cameron

Advertising: Sasha Gauntlett, Neil McInnes

Design: Susan Corby, Tony Phelps

Printed by: Cromwell Forganssen,  
Winchelsea Community House

Website: Winch Websites

## Committee

President: Elaine Atkinson  
president@winchelseastar.org.au

V President Alice Cloake

Treasurer: Cathy Cheadle  
treasurer@winchelseastar.org.au

Secretary: Susan Corby with Cathy Cheadle  
secretary@winchelseastar.org.au

Members: Mick O'Mara, Linda Carter,  
Neil McInnes, Sasha Gauntlett,  
Judy Cameron, Yvonne Stevens,  
Cerrie Forgan, Tony Phelps,  
Cromwell Forganssen



© Winchelsea Star Org. Inc.  
All rights reserved Winchelsea Star  
Organisation Inc.  
winchelseastar.org.au  
PO Box 5 Winchelsea 3241  
Reg. No. A0053999F ABN 75941529 279  
Views expressed are not necessarily  
those of the Winchelsea Star or  
Committee. The Winchelsea Star  
reserves the right to edit or not publish  
any article.



Winchelsea Star  
Production Coffee Meeting  
Last Saturday of each month  
All Welcome!

# DO YOU HAVE A FIRE PLAN?

**MOST PEOPLE IN TOWN DON'T.**

Many people think a fire plan is only for those  
who live in the bush or on rural land.

But recent fires overseas and the towns  
that have been affected remind us that  
bushfires can impact any community –  
including ours.



**THE ANSWER STARTS WITH A PLAN.**  
A FEW MINUTES TODAY COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE TOMORROW.

### THINK ABOUT:



#### AT HOME

What will you do?  
Where will you go?  
What will you take?



#### AT WORK

Do your work  
colleagues know  
your plan?



#### SCHOOL

Do you know the  
school's emergency  
plans for your kids?



#### NEIGHBOURS

Have you talked to  
your neighbours?  
How will you look  
out for each other?



### HAVE THE CONVERSATION.

You could be at home, at work,  
or your children could be at school  
when a fire starts.

Know what you will do, what your  
family will do, and what your  
neighbours will do.



### HEAD OVER TO THE CFA WEBSITE

and read up on how you can  
make your own fire plan.

[cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)



*Your plan. Your family. Our community. LET'S BE READY. Kaylene ♥*

## HELP SUPPORT OUR KINDER

# PIE DRIVE!

Delicious food for a great cause ♥

Perfect for lunch, dinner or freezing!

### PIES

FAMILY SIZE PIES  
ASSORTED CAKES & SLICES  
for a Good Cause ♥

ORDERS CLOSE  
Tuesday 18th August 2026  
at 12noon

1 PLACE YOUR ORDER  
Head to  
[FUNDRAISING.ROUTLEYSBAKERY.COM.AU](http://FUNDRAISING.ROUTLEYSBAKERY.COM.AU)  
Please ensure you select  
Helen Mary Kininmonth Kinder in the  
schools/club drop down menu at the checkout.

2 COLLECTION  
Collect your order on  
Wednesday 19th August from 12noon  
at HMK Kinder,  
32 Hesse Street, Winchelsea.

3 ENJOY & SUPPORT ♥  
Enjoy your pie (or something sweet!) and  
know that 25% of your purchase is going  
straight back to the kinder.  
Please contact Elle for any questions  
on 0448 592 174

HMK Parent Advisory Group





# What's on at Winch House

28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Ph: 0352672028 Email: [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

## TEA & TUNES

In the Winchelsea Shire Hall  
September 10<sup>th</sup> 2026  
10.30am - 1pm

Twisted TANGO



**Tickets \$25** (Includes Lunch, Tea & coffee)  
Call: 03 52672028 Email: [shirehall@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:shirehall@winchhouse.org.au)



## WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

Thursday Mornings 10.30 - 12.00  
Winchelsea community house.

All Welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat



## TAI CHI

Friday Mornings  
9am - 10am  
In the Winchelsea Shire Hall

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health. Suitable for all abilities & ages.

Find us on facebook at: winchelsea tai chi group

Please call 03 52672028 or email [reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au) to register.

**\$10 Per Class**

## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY CO-WORKING & STUDY SPACE

WINCH HOUSE 'STAR ROOM'

MON - FRI 9AM - 2PM

**\$10 PER PERSON, PER DAY**

Email: [manager@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:manager@winchhouse.org.au) or  
Call : 0352672028

Stitch it,

Don't ditch it!

Wednesday's 9.30am - 2pm  
During school terms\*

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'  
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER available.

Bring along a craft project you'd like help with, learn to sew, knit, crochet or repair clothing and homewares yourself with the guidance of our knowledgeable community volunteers.  
Gold Coin Donation



Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm  
in the Shire Hall

A warm, welcoming space where you can drop in, have a chat, and connect with others. Whether you're a young professional, a new parent, retired, or simply looking for friendly conversation, everyone is welcome!

## Craft & Crochet Group



**\$5 per person.**

1pm, every second Saturday  
in the Winchelsea community house.

Register your interest at  
[reception@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:reception@winchhouse.org.au)

**WINCH HOUSE**



## Adult Art Class 2



### SHIBORI DYEING

Learn the basics of Shibori and tie dye in this relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop inspired by traditional Japanese textile techniques. Create a range of beautiful dyed pieces to take home, including tea towels, bandannas and more.

No experience needed. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend both sessions to build connection, creativity and community.

Workshop  
10am-12.30pm  
August 22, 2026

Location  
28 Hesse st  
Winchelsea Shire Hall

1 session \$75  
both sessions \$120  
(Shibori + spell printing)  
(limited availability places available for those experiencing financial hardship. Reach out for more info)

Tickets  
Via QR code



## Term three Yoga & Mat Pilates

IN THE SHIRE HALL

YOGA FLOW WITH LISA

6:30AM - 7:30 AM

TUESDAYS

MAT PILATES WITH HANNAH

6:30PM - 7:30 PM

TUESDAYS

VINYASA YOGA WITH KATE

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

THURSDAYS

YOGA FLOW WITH LISA

6:30AM - 7:30 AM

FRIDAYS

Please call: 03 52672028

Email: [shirehall@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:shirehall@winchhouse.org.au)



## SSA Basketball Day A Great Day for Winchelsea!



Today, Friday 14 August, our Grade 5/6 students proudly represented Winchelsea Primary School at our SSA Basketball Day. It was fantastic to see our students embrace the day with enthusiasm, determination, most importantly and outstanding teamwork.

Our students supported one another, encouraged their teammates and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. They should be incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and displayed the values we strive for at Winchelsea Primary School.

A special thank you to our wonderful staff for their time, especially Mr Peel, for his preparation and energy making the day such a success. We are also incredibly proud that this fantastic event was organised and run by Winchelsea Primary School, providing our students and other schools with a wonderful opportunity to compete together, connect and celebrate sport within our community.

Well done, Grade 5/6 – you made Winchelsea proud!



### SCHOOL TOURS INVITATION

We are currently accepting 2027 enrolments and warmly invite prospective families to book a personal tour of our school.

**Come along to:**

- See our students in action
- Visit our classrooms and observe learning
- Ask questions and learn more about our school
- Discover what makes Deans Marsh Primary School such a special place to learn and grow

To arrange a tour, please call or email our Principal, Russell Taylor-Shaw.

Our school captains would love to show you around!

[deans.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:deans.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
[deansmarshps.vic.edu.au](http://deansmarshps.vic.edu.au)     52 363 264

## Did you miss Deans Marsh Primary School Open Day?

Russell Taylor-Shaw

Don't worry, it's not too late to come and see what makes our school so special! Book a personal tour today and discover how our small, friendly rural school can make a big difference to your child's education and wellbeing.

Our 2027 Priorities

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

Come and discover the "Deans Marsh difference". You will discover a warm and welcoming school where children are secure in the knowledge that they are known and cared for by all staff, peers, and the school community.



# 1st Modewarre Scout Group

**Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader**  
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



## Bubbles are awesome fun

Bubbles are awesome fun as our Joeys experienced on Tuesday night. Try as they might they couldn't catch a bubble from the bubbles machine without it popping. Even wetting their hands didn't work. But they could clap and burst the bubbles as they streamed out of the machine.

Blowing bubbles through a straw was cool, but even cooler was adding 5 more straws, taping them together, so blowing bubbles through 6 straws! There were lots of tiny bubbles emerging and bigger ones as the Joeys tweaked their technique. By blowing onto their other hand, they found they could have a pile of bubbles grow.

Using a pipe cleaner twisted into a circle and onto a stick, the Joeys dipped into bubble mixture and ran off down the hall leaving a wondrous trail of big bubbles in their wake. They really had fun and it was great to watch their joy.

We then explored making bubble pictures, blowing paint and bubble mixture with our straws onto paper. It was interesting, even though we didn't produce any recognisable masterpieces!

Our night wrapped up with a quick game of bubble chasey, and our HOP, where we re-affirm our promise to 'Help Other People' and lower the flag.



Bubbles



Calvin



Lexi



Lucas

## Helping Your Child Thrive A FREE Parents' Health Night

One Body Chiropractic

Dr Emily is opening the doors at One Body Chiropractic for a FREE Parents' Health Night, designed to give local families practical information and greater confidence when it comes to supporting their children's health.

The evening will cover:

- ☐ The nervous system and children's health
- ☐ Immunity and building resilience
- ☐ Sleep and recovery
- ☐ Movement, sport and growing bodies
- ☐ Headaches, aches and growing pains
- ☐ Screens, posture and everyday stress
- ☐ Nutrition, hydration and healthy habits
- ☐ Why being proactive about your child's health matters

Dr Emily has been a chiropractor for 17 years, has cared for families in the Winchelsea community for 12 years, and is also a mum of three. "Health has always been a huge part of my life. My dad has been a chiropractor for over 50 years, so I was raised with the philosophy of looking at health from the inside out."

Whether your child is perfectly healthy, plays sport, struggles with sleep, seems to be constantly sick, or you simply want to learn more about supporting their health — this night is for you.

One Body Chiropractic

6:45pm Winchelsea Wednesday 19th August  
Shop 4/ 21 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Phone 5267 2240  
FREE — Bookings essential. Limited places available.

### Support 1st Modewarre Scout Group

**\$2**  
per ticket

**MASTER RAFFLE**

**84 prizes to win! Total prize pool over \$54,000**  
Help support the youth at 1st Modewarre Scout Group to enjoy more adventurous activities!

**1st prize**

Prizes are for illustration purposes only

**2nd prize**

**3rd prize**

Purchase raffle tickets via the QR code or go to:  
<https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/1stmodewarrescoutgroup>

**Scouts VICTORIA**








**SPECIALISING IN QUALITY**

- NEW HOMES
- EXTENSIONS
- RENOVATIONS
- ALTERATIONS
- DECKS
- PERGOLAS
- CARPORTS
- VERANDAHS
- RE-GLADS
- BATHROOMS
- WINDOW REPLACEMENTS

**Leigh Lupton**  
**0438 840 104**



**LEIGHLUPTON17@GMAIL.COM** Est. 1977

## NATURAL GAS CONNECTIONS

**M. & L DRAYTON**  
**PLUMBING SERVICES**

**YOUR LOCAL LICENSED**

- PLUMBERS (24356)
- GAS FITTERS
- GAS CONVERTERS
- CARBON MONOXIDE TESTING

**MARK 0428 520 142**

A family business operating for more than 138 years, HF Richardson services an extensive client base throughout the greater Winchelsea area. Our success is built on a long history of innovation and while we've moved with the times, our basic values of honesty, trust and integrity have remained.



**Eric Foster**  
**0429 499 924**  
 Sales Executive

**Residential | Rural Lifestyle**  
**Agricultural Farms**



**Ken McDonald**  
**0418 524 150**  
 Licensed Estate Agent  
[www.hfrichardson.com.au](http://www.hfrichardson.com.au)

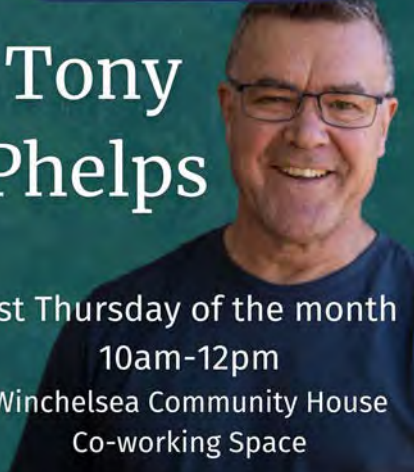
**HF RICHARDSON**

**PROPERTY**

**Chat with your Councillor**

**Tony Phelps**

1st Thursday of the month  
10am-12pm  
Winchelsea Community House  
Co-working Space





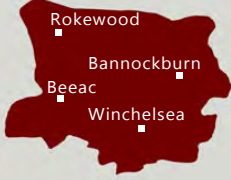
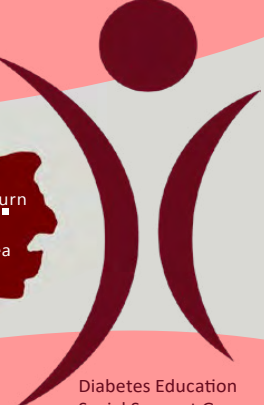
*New Homes, Renovations, Extensions, Bathrooms, Decks & Pergolas*

 **0408 583 362**  
 [stephen@alfordbuilt.com.au](mailto:stephen@alfordbuilt.com.au)



**REGISTERED**  
Building Practitioner

**HESSE RURAL HEALTH**

Acute Care\*  
Urgent Care\*  
Residential Aged Care\*  
Community Nursing  
Dietetics  
Physiotherapy  
Occupational Therapy

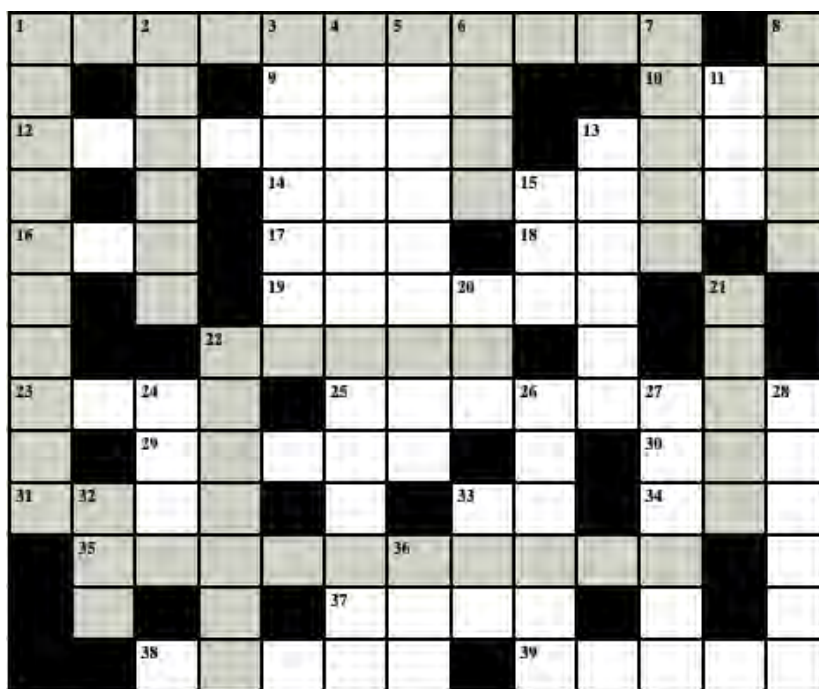
Diabetes Education  
Social Support Groups  
Counselling  
Home Care  
Health Promotion  
\* services from Winchelsea only

[www.hesseruralhealth.com.au](http://www.hesseruralhealth.com.au)  
 P: (03) 5267 1200 E: [reception@hesse.vic.gov.au](mailto:reception@hesse.vic.gov.au)



# Winchelsea Crossword No 7 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution p.26



| ACROSS                                             | DOWN                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 & 6 dn Winch haulage firm (1,1,1,5,3,4)          | 1 Winch road near the Green                                                   |
| 9 Reject                                           | 2 Winch bakery                                                                |
| 10 Greek alphabet letter                           | 3 Alligator pear                                                              |
| 12 Scaly anteater                                  | 4 Pack dinosaurs featured in the Jurassic Park film                           |
| 13 Equitable                                       | 5 Planned travel route                                                        |
| 14 Unchanging values in maths formulas             | 6 See 1 across                                                                |
| 16 Put down carefully                              | 7 & 8 dn Small town between Winch and Lorne                                   |
| 17 High card                                       | 8 See 7 down                                                                  |
| 18 Rolling Stones hit song " --- All Over Now"     | 11 Small bird                                                                 |
| 19 Manage                                          | 13 Overfeed                                                                   |
| 22 Small Winch street/way in the River View Estate | 15 Habitual twitch                                                            |
| 23 In addition                                     | 20 Conclude                                                                   |
| 25 Very enthusiastically                           | 21 Winch street off Austin industrial estate                                  |
| 29 Young dog                                       | 22 Road into the Winch                                                        |
| 30 Bullfighting exclamation                        | 24 Small mark                                                                 |
| 31 Greek god of love                               | 26 Applies a force                                                            |
| 33 Beatles song "Let It ---"                       | 27 Ruffle someone's hair                                                      |
| 34 America (abbrev)                                | 28 Longs for                                                                  |
| 35 Winch road name in the Green Estate (2,8)       | 32 In Winch the sub-branch of this organisation in within the Eastern Reserve |
| 37 Fulminate                                       | 33 Prohibit                                                                   |
| 38 Romani person                                   | 36 Negative vote                                                              |
| 39 Plant parts                                     |                                                                               |

# What's on

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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

## MONDAY

### 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 Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 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



### BRIDGE

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

### 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

### MAT PILATES

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

## WEDNESDAY

### 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

### 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 Weds.  
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

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

### 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

### WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

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

### KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St  
(03) 5267 2028 (03) 5267 2028

### VINYASA YOGA

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



Café La Hoot

have you tried  
'owl' coffee?

1 willis st cafelahoo@gmail.com 0407 528 999

# Aug/Sept 2026

Please confirm event details  
with the organiser/venue.  
To add an event, please email  
news@winchelseastar.org.au

## 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

10.30am (1-3 yrs) 11.30am (3-5 yrs)  
(School 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

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm Hesse St, Winchelsea

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

## GEELONG REGIONAL MOBILE LIBRARY

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

## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY OP SHOP

Re opening Friday 28th August

## SATURDAY

### PARKRUN

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

### DIAMOND DOT

Senior Citizens Centre,  
36 Harding Street Winchelsea  
10 till 4 \$5 entry, \$10 includes lunch  
Tracey 0427500649

## WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

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

## 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

## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

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

## SUNDAY

## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

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

## WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

Service 9.30am each week  
Hesse St, Winchelsea 0475 777 301  
uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

## ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

10am each week Barwon Tce,  
Winchelsea  
0448 687 588 stthomaswac@gmail.com



**Winchelsea  
Community  
Foodbank**

**Fridays 12 - 2PM**  
30-32 Hesse Street Winchelsea

To learn more info  0417 848 292

healthpromotion@hesse.vic.gov.au  
**All welcome**  
**No eligibility requirements**



**For the Community**  
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**  
Every Wednesday 9.30am  
51 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

**KINDLING/OFFCUTS \$7.00 bag**  
Pickup Wednesdays 9.30-2.30  
Delivery, Bill 0438 083 373

**NESTING BOXES**  
Birds/animals

**NEED A JOB DONE?**  
Woodworking, Furniture Repairs  
Call in Wednesdays to order  
Ray Atkinson (Co-ordinator) 0407839139  
winchmenshed@gmail.com



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
WINCHELSEA  
COMMUNITY DINNERS**

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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

**6.30PM HALL ON CORNER OF  
MERCER & HARDING STREETS**

PRODUCE SWAP TABLE  
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE  
IF YOU ARE ABLE  
GOLD COIN DONATION AT DOOR  
MORE INFO- JESS 0409536752

## Antique Repairs

By **Doug Burns** est. 1976

- All Furniture
- French polishing
- Carving
- Veneering
- Wood Turning
- Porcelain



*Unusual Requests Welcome*

180 Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea

**0428 672 704**

## OZ TREES NURSERY & TREE PLANTING SERVICES

- Affordable seedlings—over 200 species
  - Complete plantation service—farm forestry, shelter, aesthetics
  - Deep ripping & mound ploughing. Rotary bed forming
  - Our experienced staff will help you select species for your site conditions and needs
- Also available—tree planting tools, milk cartons, plastic tree guards & bamboo stakes



569 Warrowie Rd. Colac  
P: 5233 6280 F: 5233 6393  
E: info@oztrees.com.au  
W: www.oztrees.com.au  
Open Monday—Friday  
9am—4:30pm

Phone OzTrees for professional advice,

## CONCRETER

- \* DRIVEWAYS
- \* FOOTPATHS
- \* KERB & CHANNEL
- \* GARAGES & SHED SLABS
- \* STEPS
- \* WHEELCHAIR RAMPS
- \* VERANDAHS
- \* PATIO AREAS
- \* PLAIN OR COLOURED CONCRETE
- \* CONCRETE CUTTING & REMOVAL

**VINCE**

**0412 840 704**

Water Delivery

**WAZZA'S**  
WATER CARTAGE

Stainless Tanker Up to 22,000 ltr loads  
Barwon Water Registered

Domestic & Rural Water Supplies

Call Wazza

Mob: 0428 877 260

Email: wazza@wazzas.com.au Web: wazzaswater.com



52672192 **R & K Creative Framing**  
for all your framing needs

free quotes  
pension discount  
specialist in Age &  
Disability Modifications

Ray & Kim Jansen  
10 Witcombe st  
Winchelsea 3241  
0414672192

Ray The Home  
Maintenance HANDYMAN  
abn 47928623462

## M & L DRAYTON PLUMBING SERVICES

REG No 24356 C/A No C02594

- Domestic and Rural Plumbing
- Roofing
- Sewerage & Septic
- LPG & Natural Gas Connections
- Motorised Drain Cleaning
- Backhoe Hire

Phone Mark 5288 7244

PO BOX 98 WINCHELSEA 3241

Mobile 0428 520 142



**SOUTHERN**  
**GRAIN** STORAGE PTY. LTD.

AG SUPPLIES FERTILISER GRAIN STORAGE SEED CLEANING

**(03) 5267 2351**



**WORPEL**  
**CUSTOM**  
**FURNITURE**

- BESPOKE TIMBER FURNITURE
- TIMBER VANITIES
- BARNDOORS
- KITCHEN, BATHROOM & WARDROBE JOINERY
- REPAIRS & RESTORATION

**0439013145**

[worpelsam@yahoo.com.au](mailto:worpelsam@yahoo.com.au)

25A Alsop Drive Winchelsea



## Knuckey's Winchelsea

Ph: 5267 2011

Knuckey's have in stock a complete range of batteries to suit tractor, heavy machinery, cars, utes

The largest range of the best oil for your vehicles—**CASTROL**—  
'when only the best will do'

The largest range of V belts.  
A, B, C, D M Sections  
Bolts and nuts for all occasions  
Steel cut to size

## TIP TRUCK HIRE

- \* **FRONTEND LOADER**
- 4 IN 1 BUCKET**
- \* **DRIVEWAYS**
- LEVELLED OFF**
- \* **RUBBISH REMOVAL**
- \* **GRASS SLASHING**
- & RIDE ON**
- MOWER JOBS**

**VINCE**

**0412 840 704**

# WINCHELSEA Osteopathic Clinic

- ✓ Neck & back pain
- ✓ Shoulder pain
- ✓ Headaches
- ✓ Sciatica
- ✓ Sporting injuries



Ph: 5267 2948 | 34 Main Street, Winchelsea (within *The Exchange*) | Book online: [winchelseaosteopathicclinic.com.au](http://winchelseaosteopathicclinic.com.au)



## FEEL BETTER IN YOUR BODY MOVE WITH EASE LIVE FULLY

*One Body Chiropractic - Natural Care For Modern Life*



T: 03 52672240  
21 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
[www.onebodychiropractic.com.au](http://www.onebodychiropractic.com.au)



HERE FOR YOUR VITALITY

**Scott McDonald**  
**0423 413 829**

**S.J.R AUTOMOTIVE**  
ABN 942 483 646 39  
13 ALSOP DRIVE, WINCHELSEA VIC 3241

- Domestic and Commercial hire equipment • Industrial welding gas
- Digging and Earthmoving equipment • New trailers and trailer repairs
- Firewood • Stockists of Royal Oil Lubricants products
- LPG for domestic and commercial requirements

Give Chris and the Team a call on **5232 1177** or email [info@colachire.com.au](mailto:info@colachire.com.au)  
**www.colachire.com.au**  
**101 Wallace St Colac 3250**

**COLAC HIRE**

**MATTHEW CARR**  
— PAINTER & DECORATOR —

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR • RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL • FULLY INSURED

**0438 559 635** Based in Inverleigh. Servicing Geelong, Golden Plains & surrounding areas

Find Matthew Carr Painter & Decorator on Facebook & Google

*Trusted by local homeowners and businesses*

**Dr. Kale Mazurek**

Winchelsea's local independent osteopath for simple & effective musculoskeletal treatments.

**0417 114 617**  
[www.kalemazurek.com](http://www.kalemazurek.com)  
[osteo@kalemazurek.com](mailto:osteo@kalemazurek.com)  
Mon 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Thurs 10:15 am - 8:00 pm

# MGT BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

NEW HOMES | EXTENSIONS | RENOVATIONS

**Ph: 0409 433 687**

REGISTERED Building Practitioner



# Creative workshops bring colour to Winchelsea

Rhani Bayon

Last Saturday, Penny Drop brought a room full of creativity to life at the Winchelsea Shire Hall, captivating everyone from curious beginners to experienced artists with a hands on Gelli Printing workshop.

Participants had a wonderful time exploring this versatile and colourful printing method, creating unique prints and discovering just how much fun can be had experimenting with colour, texture and pattern.

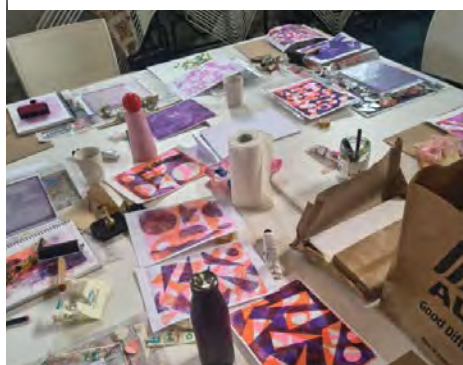
The creativity continues on Saturday 22 August, when Penny returns to the Shire Hall to share the ancient craft of Shibori dyeing. Shibori is a traditional Japanese technique involving

folding, binding, stitching and manipulating fabric before dyeing it to create beautiful and often surprising patterns.

There are still a few places available for this workshop, so if you're looking for a creative way to spend your Saturday, there is still time to join in.

And for those who missed the Gelli Printing workshop, don't worry! Penny is planning a second Gelli Printing workshop, and you won't need to have attended the first class to take part. Keep an eye on Penny's Instagram and website for tickets, with the next workshop likely to be held in late September or October.

Find Penny on Instagram at @penny.droppings or visit penny-drop.square.site for workshop details and tickets.



# Join us. *A role for everyone*



Nationally accredited training to help our community.  
Pop in to meet your crew **Wednesdays 7:30pm**

**Winchelsea Unit**

325 Mousley Drive

**132 500**





Zinaida Campion

## The Piano and its Guardians

*A piano has been offered to the Globe! Now we need a community ready to care for its future.*

Something rather wonderful has happened in Winchelsea, my dear readers!

After months of collaboration between Rural Arts Victoria and Winchelsea Major Events about the possibility of returning a grand piano to the Globe Theatre, we now have one.

It came about through an act of extraordinary generosity from an extraordinary person, pianist Sue Goessling, who performed at the Globe as part of the Winchelsea Music Season. Sue has offered her Melbourne-made 1920s Wertheim piano a new home, and we are now working with Council to explore whether it can be permanently housed at the theatre.

There is something particularly fitting about this offer. Sue is not simply someone who has heard about the project from afar. She has sat at the Globe's piano (or lack of one rather), performed there and experienced the space as a musician. Her generosity has transformed an aspiration into a very real possibility.

*The question now is not whether Winchelsea needs a piano. It is: can we give this piano the right home?*

And that brings us to the piano's guardians.

The Globe Theatre has a long history of community involvement. A Community Asset Committee previously operated at the theatre, playing an important role in caring for the venue. As the theatre's circumstances changed, that committee was eventually dissolved. Today, with the Globe experiencing renewed cultural activity, there is an opportunity to re-establish a formal community-led structure for its stewardship.

The proposed Globe Theatre Community Asset Committee would provide a framework for community involvement in venue operations, maintenance reporting, bookings, volunteer coordination, programming and heritage stewardship.

*This matters because a grand piano is not an ornament.*

It needs to be cared for. It needs appropriate environmental conditions, maintenance, security and responsible access. It needs people who understand its value and are willing to help ensure that it remains available for the musicians, audiences and community who will use it.

In that sense, the piano and the CAC are part of the same conversation.

**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

What sort of future do we want for the Globe, and who will help us care for it?

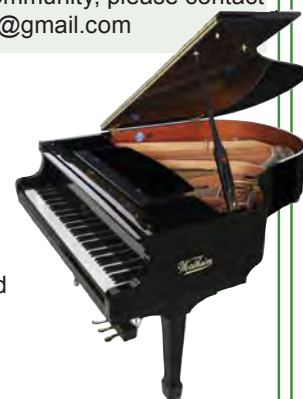
The history of music at the Globe makes this particularly poignant. The late John Bumford was among those who understood the importance of music to the theatre, and his brother Graham Ford recently reminded me that he had once tried to donate one of John's pianos to the Globe.

*"Terrific. When I tried to donate one owned by my brother John Bumford the Globe said they didn't want it."*

How circumstances have changed. Today, Winchelsea is seeing a renewed appetite for live performance. The Winchelsea Music Season has brought professional musicians and audiences into the Globe, alongside other local artistic ventures and community-led cultural activity. The response has demonstrated that there is an audience, there are artists willing to come, and there is a community ready to participate.

A suitable grand piano could unlock even more possibilities: concerts, opera, chamber music, vocal recitals, workshops, music education and performances by visiting artists. But the piano is only part of the story.

The bigger opportunity is to create a Globe Theatre that is cared for, activated and shaped by the community that loves it.



Sue Goessling courageously navigating an electric keyboard in lieu of a piano, with international baritone James Emerson at the Globe last month.

Sue's generosity has given us something tangible to work towards. Now it is up to all of us to demonstrate that Winchelsea is ready to embrace the opportunity.

Council has the important role of determining whether the piano can be accepted and permanently housed at the Globe. This is where community support matters.

If you believe the Globe should once again be a place filled with music, performance and community life, let Council know. If you have used the Globe, performed there, volunteered there, or simply care about its future, your voice matters.

*The piano has found a potential home. Now we need to find its guardians.*

Ciao!



## Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Hopkins St, Winchelsea winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

# Blues News

Janet Fletcher Photos Jason NOGUEIRA  
[www.jnogueiraphotography.mypixieset.com/](http://www.jnogueiraphotography.mypixieset.com/)



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

## Round 18

### Winchelsea Blues Vs Geelong West Giants Last of the home & away games

Welcome to Blue's News for the last of the home and away games for season 2026, where the final game for the season seems to have come around very quickly!

The pointy end of the season is no longer just looming, it has arrived, and the Winchelsea Blues can be proud and a little excited to be approaching the Finals series with the Reserves and the Senior Sides both playing Finals at St. Albans in 2026.

#### RESERVES:

#### Winchelsea Blues 12.25.97 Def Geelong West Giants 1.1.7

The weather was kind for the last of the home and away games with Winchelsea hosting the Geelong West Giants at our beautiful and picturesque Eastern Reserve ground. The Reserves needed to win and win well and also were reliant on results of results from other games being played last Saturday to enable them to be playing Finals.

The Resses turned it on in front of a great home crowd and apart from inaccurate kicking had control of the first quarter kicking 1 goal 6 behinds to the GWG 1 behind.

The second quarter also belonged to the home side kicking 2 goals 8 (yes 8) behinds while holding the Giants scoreless. The wayward kicking continued for the Blues in the third quarter going in with the score of 6 goals 18 behinds at tree quarter time while the Giants managed to add 1 goal to their scoreboard. The final siren saw a scoreline of 12.25.97 to the GWG 1.1.7 It was enough to get the boys over the line, and they will be making the trip into St. Albans next week, with huge support from the whole Club.

#### JUST NEED TO BRING THE RIGHT KICKING BOOTS BOYS!!

The Reserves Ladder ended up with Belmont Lions on top, then Bell Post Hill, East Geelong, Bannockburn and Winchelsea making up the final Five. With Inverleigh, Werribee Centrals, Geelong West Giants, Ankie, North Geelong, Thomson and Corio.

#### GOALS;

Dustin Baker 2, Tom Kennedy 2, Blake Gardam, Cooper Mumberson, Josh Freeman, Bailey Mumberson, Tom Rouget, Jack Todd, Will McNeil, Jackson Smith.

#### BEST:

Thomas Rouget, Cooper Mumberson, Zach Ross, Patrick Dench, Josh Freeman, Matthew Gillespie.

**GO BLUES!!  
GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK!!**



#### SENIORS:

#### Winchelsea Blues 36.19.235 Def Geelong West Giants 2.7.19

Coming off a loss to the Corio Devils in Round 17 after a 10 game winning streak, the Blues were determined to regroup and have a crack at cementing their place in the top five that will play finals in 2026.

Percentage came into the final play to earn top spot along with an outcome of Werribee Centrals playing East Geelong. For the Blues to return to the top spot they had to win by an almighty amount, the Werribee Centrals also had to be defeated by East Geelong.

Having started the games an hour earlier at the request of the GWG the Blues were done and dusted by 3.35pm and all eyes were on phones, screens and audio of the results of the Werribee/ East result. Initially East had secured a good lead of 40+ points at half time but Werribee had fought back in the last quarter for the result to be anyone's.

After an agonising wait there were loud cheers and excitement in the Bendigo Bank Room when East got over the line by a mere 4 points to give Winchelsea top spot, Minor Premiers and a week's rest before advancing to their St. Albans Finals campaign.

Well done to the club—players, coaches, volunteers, social members, supporters and sponsors. Together, we are the Winchelsea Blues!



# Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Hopkins St, Winchelsea winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

## Blues News



The Senior's Ladder is the closest of the local Football Leagues

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Winchelsea Blues      | 56 points and % of 147.01 |
| Werribee Centrals     | 56 points and % of 133.41 |
| East Geelong Eagles   | 48 points and % of 163.46 |
| Belmont Lions         | 48 points and % of 133.02 |
| North Geelong Magpies | 48 points and % of 131.28 |

*Making up the top 5 then*

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bannockburn Tigers      | 44 points and % of 133.14 |
| Bell Post Hill Panthers | 40 points and % of 127.65 |
| Inverleigh Hawks        | 40 points and % of 124.93 |
| Anakie Roos             | 24 points                 |
| Thomson Tigers          | 16 points                 |
| Corio Devils            | 12 points                 |
| Geelong West Giants     | 0 points                  |

**GOALS:**

Cam Primmer 13 (and by the way earning him the League's Award for Leading Goal Kicker !!! )

**CONGRATULATIONS CAMERON PRIMMER !!**

Indi Parish 5, Sam Adams 4, Jude Coverdale 3, Cassidy Parish 2, Jordan Gould 2, Fin Parish 2, Reuben James 2, Ryan Williams 1, Jack Sampi 1, and Harry Nagle – a glorious Backman's goal !

**BEST:**

Indi Parish, Aaron Cooke, Cameron Primmer, Cassidy Parish, David Isbister, Lachie Gemmill

Judging by the crowd at last weeks game, country football is alive and well, a welcome sight was the huge number of prams and toddlers present in those attending - a great boost in confidence for those Footballers and Netballers and Committee members who are striving to keep the Winchelsea's Football & Netball Club's 150th year tradition alive & well into the future.

**GO BLUES!!**



**BLUE'S BISTRO:**

This week sees the menu offer

- Ever-popular Chicken Kiev,
- Devilled Sausages and Flathead Tails all served with vegetables or chips and salad.
- Small meals are available on request.
- Chicken Nuggets and Chips/Fish & Chips (2 pieces of fish \$8)
- DESSERT: Hot Jam Donuts and Ice-cream
- Ice-cream plain or with Chocolate, Strawberry or Caramel topping still great value at \$2

### Vale Roger "Splinter" Mathison

It was with great sadness that the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club learned of Rogers' passing last week. Deepest sympathy to Lesley, Byron and his family and to Leah, Eliza and Cara and all their friends and extended family at this time. Roger was a Life Member who was passionate about the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club and served in many different roles for the Blues over a very long period of time. Roger's Memorial Service will be held at Eastern Reserve at 2pm this Friday 21st August.

# modglass.

Glass

Glazing

Splashbacks

Balustrades

Frameless Showers

Mirrors



0427 825 894



sales@modglass.com.au



modglass.com.au



Hopkins St, Winchelsea,  
winchelseacricketclub1858@outlook.com

# Cricket News

**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW  
OPEN !**



**SENIORS   JUNIORS   JUNIOR  
U11 & U13   BLAST**

**REGISTER VIA PLAYHQ**

| PRE-SEASON TRAINING             |                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| DATE                            | TIME            | LOCATION                       |
| SUNDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> AUG     | 2PM - 3.30PM    | BARWON REGIONAL CRICKET CENTRE |
| WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> SEPT  | 6.00PM - 8.00PM | COLAC SPORTS PERFORMANCE HUB   |
| MONDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT     | 6.00PM - 8.00PM | COLAC SPORTS PERFORMANCE HUB   |
| SUNDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT    | 2PM - 3.30PM    | BARWON REGIONAL CRICKET CENTRE |
| WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT | 6.00PM - 8.00PM | COLAC SPORTS PERFORMANCE HUB   |
| FRIDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT    | 7PM - 9PM       | BARWON REGIONAL CRICKE CENTRE  |
| TUESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPT   | 5PM - 6.30PM    | EASTERN RESERVE WINCHELSEA     |
| THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT  | 5PM - 6.30PM    | EASTERN RESERVE WNCHELSEA      |
| FRIDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT    | PRACTICE MATCH  | LETHBRIDGE                     |
| TUESDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT   | 5PM - 6.30PM    | EASTERN RESERVE WINCHELSEA     |

45 Hesse Street, Winchelsea 5267 2241  
winchelsea.bowls.com.au

# Winchelsea Bowls Club



Wishing Max Heaton-Harris all the best this weekend playing for the Big V Development Squad at the State Side Series at Deer Park!



Winchelsea Bowls Club welcomes all visitors. Our Club has a beautiful garden setting in the heart of the town.

For the complete newcomer to lawn bowls, looking for a sporting activity that promises much fun and enjoyment with a competitive element, then the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of our Bowling Club is be the place to be.



## ADVERTISERS' DIRECTORY *Support local*

### **ACCOUNTANT**

STS Accounting 5267 2673

### **AGRICULTURAL**

Southern Grain 5267 2351

### **ANTIQUES**

Antique Repairs 0428 672 704

### **AUTOMOTIVES**

SJR Automotive 0423 413 829

Winchelsea Auto 5267 3001

### **BAKERY**

Kentys Bakery 5267 2680

### **BANK**

Bendigo Bank 5267 3189

### **BUILDERS**

Alford Built 0408 583 362

Lupton Builders 0438 840 104

MGT Building 0409 433 687

### **CAFE**

Café La Hoot 0407 528 999

Foxes Den 5267 3005

### **CHIROPRACITOR**

One Body 5267 2240

### **CHURCHES**

Anglican 0448 687 588

Catholic 0404 598 558

Uniting 0475 777 301

### **CLUBS**

Girl Guides 0448 672 630

Golf 5267 2660

Lions 4224 0226

Movie 0409 672 054

Probus 0417 467 927

Scouts 0409 330 147

### **COMMUNITY**

Community House 5267 2028

Foodbank 0417 848 292

Mainly Music 0407 838 256

Men's Shed 0407 839 139

Playgroup 0432 019 944

RSL 0488 165 109

Senior Citizens 0427 672 263

Toy Library 5267 2028

### **CONCRETERS**

AMA Concreting 0411 871 950

Vince Concreter 0412 840 704

Winchelsea Concreting 0438 235 237

### **DANCE**

Mel's Dance 0400 874 338

### **ELECTRICIAN**

Green Lead Electrical 0467 097 101

Mirnee Electrical 1300 647 633

### **EMERGENCY**

Police 5267 2025

SES 132 500

### **EXCAVATORS**

DownRyte Excavations 0409 447 288

Trenches & Holes 0427 672 945

### **FENCING**

Direct Temporary 0417 310 800

### **FRAMER**

R&K Creative Framing 5267 2192

### **FUNERAL**

Tuckers Funeral 5221 4788

### **FURNITURE**

Worpel Custom 0439 013 145

### **GENERAL STORE**

Moriac General Store 5266 1229

### **GLASS**

Modglass 0427 825 894

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Hesse Rural Health 5267 1200

Winchelsea Medical 5292 8028

### **HIRE**

Colac Hire 5232 1177

Tip Truck Hire 0412 840 704

### **LAWYER**

Wightons Lawyers 5221 8777

### **NURSERIES**

Oz Trees Nursery 5233 6280

### **OSTEOPATHICS**

Dr Kale Mazurek 0417 114 617

Winchelsea Osteo 5267 2948

### **PAINTERS**

Lupton Painters 0497 468 298

MC Painter 0438 559 635

### **POST OFFICE**

Winchelsea Post Office 5267 2105

### **PLUMBERS**

M&L Drayton 0428 520 142

M&B Wood 0418 319 357

Simco Plumbing 0400 643 976

### **QUARRIES**

RAK Davis & Sons 5267 2094

### **REAL ESTATE**

Charles Stewart 5231 5400

HF Richardson 5229 8017

### **SCHOOL**

Primary School 5267 2134

### **SHIRE**

Surfcoast Shire 5261 0600

### **SPORTS**

Park Run 0408 102 802

Pickleball 0438 672 197

### **STEELWORK**

MRP Steelworx 0418 672 234

### **STORAGE**

Storage King 5267 3116

### **SUPERMARKET**

IGA 5267 2676

### **TAXIS**

Surfcoast Taxi 0408 325 992

Winchelsea Taxi 0429 672 888

### **VET**

Colac Vet 5232 1792

Moriac Vet 0447 781 089

### **WATER**

Water Supply Specialists 5231 1861

Wazza's Water Cartage 0428 877 260

### **SOLUTION CROSSWORD NO 8**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R | A | K | D | A | V | I | S | A | N | D |   | M |
| I |   | E |   | V | E | T | O |   |   | E | T | A |
| P | A | N | G | O | L | I | N |   | F | A | I | R |
| P |   | T |   | C | O | N | S | T | A | N | T | S |
| L | A | Y |   | A | C | E |   | I | T | S |   | H |
| E |   | S |   | D | I | R | E | C | T |   | W |   |
| V |   |   | M | O | R | A | N |   | E |   | E |   |
| A | L | S | O |   | A | R | D | E | N | T | L | Y |
| L |   | P | U | P | P | Y |   | X |   | O | L | E |
| E | R | O | S |   | T |   | B | E |   | U | S | A |
|   | S | T | L | E | O | N | A | R | D | S |   | R |
|   | L |   | E |   | R | A | N | T |   | L |   | N |
|   |   | G | Y | P | S | Y |   | S | T | E | M | S |

### **MORIAC** COMMUNITY NETWORK

530 Cape Otway Road Moriac

#### **MEN'S SHED**

Open every Wed and Sat 9am-Midday

Different activities available or just come for a chat

Contact Kelvin 0414 484 673

#### **WOMEN'S SHED**

Art Class (limited spaces) Fridays 10 am-Midday

Contact Jeanette 0408 466 122

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

Kim 0414 482 893

Women's Woodwork Wed 1-3pm

Contact Evan 0434 484 440

#### **SUSTAINABILITY GROUP**

Contact Sarah 0407 400 593

#### **BOOK CLUB**

1st Wed of the month 7.30pm

# TRENCHES & HOLES PTY LTD.

**GENERAL EARTHWORKS  
DRIVEWAYS  
TRENCHER  
KANGA**

**EXCAVATOR (3.5T & 6T)  
TIPPER TRUCK  
ROCK BREAKER  
POST HOLES & FOOTINGS**

**PHILLIP ROBERTSON  
PH. 0427 672 945**

A.B.N. 74006896898

*direct*  
**TEMPORARY  
FENCING**

FOR HIRE - SUPPLIED & ERECTED - 7 DAYS  
GEELONG - BELLARINE - COLAC - SURF COAST  
PHONE CAM 0417 310 800



**5234 6585 0417 385 984**

*For all your septic tank, grease traps  
and interceptor pits servicing.*

*Locally owned and operated*



DRIVEWAYS, CARPORTS, CROSSOVERS,  
FOOTPATHS, SHED SLABS, STAIRS  
HOUSE SLABS, EXPOSED, SEALING & MORE

CONTACT ALISTER NOW FOR A QUOTE

0411871950

AMACONCRETING1@GMAIL.COM

**WINCHELSEA  
CONCRETING**

**• Driveways • Sheds • Decorative Concrete • Raft Slabs**

**Robert Murphy**

0438 235 237

winchelseaconcreting@outlook.com

## DownRyte Excavations



- Excavations
- Drilling and Piling
- Rock Placement
- Tree and Stump Removal

Sean Hunwick

Mobile: 0409 447 288  
Email: downryte@activ8.net.au



**5234 6585 0417 385 984**

*For all your domestic & stock water.*

*Also available for road and civil construction  
Local owned and operated.*

## PICKLEBALL

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.

Wednesday nights  
at 7 to 8-30pm

Thursday mornings  
at 10 to 11am

\$5.00 cash per person.

Please wear sneakers.

**Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197**

**Mary Parish 0428 887 219**



# history of winchelsea

## Plum Tree Cottage - 9 Mercer Street



**Plum Tree Cottage** is one of the earliest surviving bluestone cottages in the Winchelsea township and one of a small number of remaining largely intact 19th century bluestone buildings in the central township area.

Built between 1857 and 1864, the original timber shingle roof cladding has survived under the existing corrugated sheet metal roof cladding.

Plum Tree Cottage is associated with the earliest residential developments in Winchelsea after the town was laid out in the 1850s, at a time when the town became an early centre for commerce, education, postal services and social activities, and the retirement location for a number of people from the land.

The early owner was John McDonald, mason and quarryman, who may have been responsible for its construction.

From 1876 Bluestone from the Winchelsea quarry was transported to the railway station in Oxen Drays to be loaded onto rail trucks and transported to Melbourne as a sought-after building material, which was a boost for Winchelsea's local economy.

I have also met with members of the Orchard family, after whom Orchard's Road is named, and they have local knowledge that many of the original bluestone cottages such as this were built by their family in the early days.



**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.



**Winchelsea  
Supermarket**

Trading Hours

**Monday to Saturday**

8.30am to 7.30pm

**Sunday**

10am to 7pm

**Ph: 5267 2676**

29 Main St, Winchelsea

**MRP  
Steelworx**

Matthew Partridge

p 0418 672 334

e mrpsteelworx@yahoo.com.au

### Welding Service

- Onsite welding
- Farm maintenance
- Farm machinery & equipment repairs
- Cattle & sheep yards
- Custom built trailers
- Supply & install gates

**WANT TO JOIN  
PROBUS?**

Enjoy fellowship with  
other members

Enjoy trips & outings

Listen to guest speakers



**Contact Lorraine  
0417 467 927**



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

## Signage that's stuck in time

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

Every now and then, a small issue reveals a bigger pattern. Some weeks ago, I wrote about our entrance signage — or more accurately, the lack of it — and not one person contacted us to say they'd ever raised the matter with council. That silence wasn't surprising. We're a town that tends to "make do" until something becomes impossible to ignore.

So let's talk about another signage problem that's quietly been building for years.

Across Winchelsea we have directional and business signage that simply isn't current anymore. Some signs still point to businesses that closed long ago. Others list organisations that have moved, merged, or no longer exist. Meanwhile, groups that do need directional signage — community organisations, visitorserving facilities, and local services — can't get new signage approved or installed. The result is a patchwork of outdated information that doesn't reflect who we are today.

And here's the part that really matters: Winchelsea is officially an RV Friendly Town. We meet all the CMCA requirements — we have a dump point, a freecamping area, and the amenities travellers expect. But you wouldn't know it from our entrances. There is no signage welcoming RV visitors, no indication of where the dump point is located, and no wayfinding to help travellers find the facilities we've worked hard to provide.

In other words, we're doing the work... but not telling anyone.

This isn't about embarrassing council. It's about follow through. Signage is one of the simplest, most visible ways a town communicates with residents, visitors, and potential investors. When it's outdated, missing, or inconsistent, it sends a message — and not the one we want.

Winchelsea is growing. Our community groups are active. Our visitor economy is strengthening. But our signage still reflects a version of the town that no longer exists.

It's time for a coordinated update: entrance signage, directional signage, RV signage, and a clear process for organisations seeking new or replacement signs. None of this is complicated. It just needs attention.

If we want to present Winchelsea as a town that's moving forward, our signage should move with us.

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



## 140 New trees planted across Winchelsea

**Victoria Hastings**

We are very excited to share an update from the Arboretum Committee!

Behind the scenes, a great deal has been happening.

A successful grant application from the Tiny Towns Fund of Regional Development Victoria, has enabled us to work on creating signage for the walking route that connects all four quadrants of Winchelsea, showcasing the towns significant tree plantings.

Our aim is to link these four unique areas, encouraging both community members and visitors to spend time outdoors, enjoy the beautiful trees, and discover more of what makes Winchelsea special. The trail is designed to be walked as a whole or in sections.

The four quadrants are:

- The Golf Course Quadrant
- The Train Station Quadrant
- Barwon Park Quadrant
- The Common Quadrant

Recently we have partnered with the Surf Coast Shire as they continue the work of the 'Branching Out' programme with new tree plantings across the town.

More than 140 trees have recently been planted in Winchelsea helping to create a greener, cooler place to live.

The overall vision is to develop a resilient, connected tree network that will provide a denser tree canopy, thus contributing to a healthier more liveable and sustainable community, improving amenity, and providing an environment of which Winchelsea can be proud.

New trees have recently been planted in:

- Hopkins Street
- Barwon Terrace
- Austin Street
- Anderson Street
- Smith Street
- Mercer Street
- Hesse Street
- Main Street and surrounds  
on both sides of the bluestone bridge

The Geelong Cemetery Trust has also planted about 30 trees recently, which reflect some of the plantings undertaken in the town.



# The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

From <https://7news.com.au/weather/climate-change>

Australians are facing a new climate reality where traditional weather patterns no longer apply, with scientists warning that “climate whiplash” is making seasonal shifts increasingly hard to predict and costly.

The phenomenon has forced residents to prepare for anything, as one season can bring floods, fires, storms and record heat with little warning.

“So the summer certainly was hard to predict. We went from extreme heat right through to extreme rainfall,” Professor Andrew Watkins said.

Watkins, formerly in charge of long-range forecasts at the Bureau of Meteorology, says the once-reliable indicators of La Nina and El Nino are no longer clear signs of flood or drought.

“We know that El Ninos and La Ninas of the future will be quite different to those of the past,” Watkins said.

The changing patterns mean fires could ignite even on cooler days if conditions are windy enough, while storms may strike well beyond traditional storm season as ocean temperatures remain elevated.

A new Climate Council report has found global pollution levels are accelerating climate whiplash, creating a pattern that bounces from one disaster to the next.

The financial impact is hitting households hard, with some experiencing insurance premium increases of around \$700, representing jumps of 50 per cent over just a few years.

**The below remarks were delivered by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres during a press conference on 31 July 2026.**

Even as we grapple with war and instability, another crisis is accelerating – one that respects no borders and is devastating lives and livelihoods across the globe.

Two months ago, I warned that El Niño was arriving on our doorstep.

Now it is inside the house – and turning up the heat.

But according to the latest science, this is only a warm-up act. New forecasts released today by the World Meteorological Organization provide a stark picture of the period from August through October.

El Niño is strengthening – adding fuel to a planet already on fire. The Pacific waters driving it have never been this warm this early in an El Niño – and temperatures are still rising.

Today’s latest news indicates sea-surface temperatures in key monitoring regions to average nearly 3 degrees Celsius above normal.

We are in uncharted territory.

And El Niño does not bring heat alone – it profoundly affects the world’s rainfall.

India’s monsoon is already running well below average.

Forecasts point to worse ahead for a subcontinent where more than a billion people depend on the monsoon.

The verdict is clear: the climate crisis is in overdrive.

Extreme heat is widening inequalities, deepening hunger, weakening economies, and pushing development further out of reach.

Two years ago this month, I launched a Call to Action on Extreme Heat.

Since then, we have helped more governments improve forecasts and early warnings.

More cities have adopted Heat Action Plans – and over 250 have joined the Beat the Heat initiative.

These measures are saving lives.

But the planet is heating faster than our response.



**We need far more action on four fronts.**

- First, protecting people before heat becomes deadlier. Every city and country should have heat-health action plans, early warning systems and public health measures that reach every community in time.
- Second, make work safer. No one should have to risk their life to earn a living.
- Third, build and retrofit for the heat that is coming. Protection from extreme heat must be designed into our cities, homes, schools and hospitals, and factored into every plan and public budget.
- Fourth, and fundamentally, the world must stop fuelling the crisis. We hear much about record heat, drought, and wildfires – but not enough about the real change that is driving these events – the accelerating climate crisis powered by fossil fuels.

It is time to stop treating each disaster as an isolated tragedy and recognize the systemic risk that is unfolding before our eyes.

And, make no mistake, the costs of fossil fuels are measured not only in climate disasters, but also in energy insecurity and geopolitical instability – as we see playing out today in the Middle East and beyond.

Every new fossil fuel project approved today makes tomorrow’s heatwaves more dangerous, and our world less secure.

Yet some governments still plan to produce more than twice as much fossil fuel in 2030 as the 1.5-degree limit allows.

And fossil fuels still enjoy trillions of dollars a year in subsidies and under-pricing.

We are spending too much public money fuelling the crisis – and too little protecting the people from it.

More coal, oil and gas will lead to a more combustible future.

Today’s findings show that extreme heat is not a future threat. It is here.

It is becoming more dangerous.

And unless we act – to protect people and tackle the root cause of the crisis – it will become deadlier still.

The warm-up act is over.

We cannot afford to wait for the main event.



## Roger 'Splinter' MATHISON

1/4/1948 - 12/8/2026

Last week we sadly lost our strong, caring Dad, Pa, Husband and best friend.

The end of your life came quicker than expected but you are at peace now.

We will miss you and love you forever, Splinter.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Roger will be held at The Hub, Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St Winchelsea on Friday 21 August at 2:00pm.

A private cremation will precede the service.

## Psalm 25

By David



- 1 To you, Yahweh, I lift up my soul.
- 2 My God, I have trusted in you. Don't let me be shamed. Don't let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Yes, no one who waits for you will be shamed. They will be shamed who deal treacherously without cause.
- 4 Show me your ways, Yahweh. Teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. I wait for you all day long.
- 6 Yahweh, remember your tender mercies and your loving kindness, for they are from old times.
- 7 Don't remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions Remember me according to your loving kindness, for your goodness' sake, Yahweh.
- 8 Good and upright is Yahweh, therefore he will instruct sinners in the way.
- 9 He will guide the humble in justice. He will teach the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of Yahweh are loving kindness and truth to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For your name's sake, Yahweh, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
- 12 What man is he who fears Yahweh? He shall instruct him in the way that he shall choose.
- 13 His soul will dwell at ease. His offspring will inherit the land.
- 14 The friendship of Yahweh is with those who fear him. He will show them his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are ever on Yahweh, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged. Oh bring me out of my distresses.
- 18 Consider my affliction and my travail. Forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider my enemies, for they are many. They hate me with cruel hatred.
- 20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me. Let me not be disappointed, for I take refuge in you.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
- 22 God, redeem Israel out of all his troubles.

## Winchelsea Churches



### Winchelsea Uniting Church

0475 777 301

uca.winchelsea@gmail.com

Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241

Services 9.30am Sundays

### St John the Baptist Catholic Church

0404 598 558

Father Joseph Panackal

Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

Winchelsea - @ 5PM Sat.

August 15, 22, 29

Inverleigh - @ 4pm Sun.

August 16

### St Thomas' Anglican Church

0448 687 588

Rev Christopher Duff

Barwon Tce, Winchelsea

Service 10am Sundays

## Thought of the Week

I have four things to learn in life;

To think clearly without hurry  
or confusion;

To love everybody sincerely;

To act in everything with the motives;

To trust in God unhesitatingly.

Have a Blessed week.

**John Bader**  
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

## Green Lead Electrical

Connecting you to a greener future  
REC 23618

0467 097 101



## Servicing Geelong & the Surf Coast

Specialising in all residential electrical work including:

- Switch board & lighting upgrades
- Outdoor lighting
- Electrical safety checks
- Energy efficient LED lighting
- Ceiling sweep fans & ventilation
- Energy saving advice

Phone Martin Wilkinson:

**0467 097 101**

[greenlead@outlook.com](mailto:greenlead@outlook.com)

1132268-CG18-14

## SIMCO PLUMBING SERVICE

Domestic - Commercial - Rural

**0400 643 976**

- All general Plumbing and Gasfitting • Water tanks and Pumps
- Renovations and Extensions • Hot water and Heat pump
- Split system and Wood heaters • Roof and Gutter
- Septic and Treatment plants • Excavation, Bobcat and Tipper
- Driveways and Earthworks
- Blocked drains and CCTV Inspection

Simon McGillivray

Lic: 109610 Free Quotes, Fast & Friendly Service



STS  
ACCOUNTING  
GROUP



*It's Tax Time!*

## Business & SMSF Tax Planning Specialists

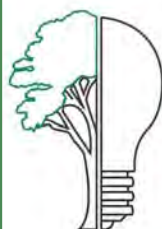
Winchelsea

5267 2673

Torquay

5261 2262

[surftax.com.au](http://surftax.com.au)



**MIRNEE**  
Electrical Solutions

Wire you still looking? We've got this!

1300 MIRNEE (1300 647 633)

[admin@mimnee.com.au](mailto:admin@mimnee.com.au)

[www.mimnee.com.au](http://www.mimnee.com.au)



**Winchelsea  
Branch**

By Appointment:

Monday 2-5pm Thursday 11-3pm

40 Main Street Winchelsea

5232 1792 [www.colacvet.com.au](http://www.colacvet.com.au)



Life's busy. Let us help you.

### Contact us today

We can help you with:

Buying your first or next family home

Saving for your first home

Residential Investment Lending

Refinancing from your current lender

Home loan reviews

Pre-approvals

With extensive banking experience and financial expertise, we'll help bring your financial goals to life.



**Josie Kavenagh**  
0409 564 192



**Julie Dunkley**  
0466 217 889

**Bendigo Bank**

Community Bank  
Winchelsea and District





## Lupton Painters

Your Local Painter

For all your painting needs & high pressure cleaning

### Ryan Lupton

Qualified Painter & Decorator

**0497 468 298** ryanlupton85@gmail.com



Water Supply  
Specialists

WATER SOLUTIONS

74 Dennis Street, Colac  
5231 1861



ALL THINGS WATER:

• PUMPS - PIPES  
• FITTINGS - TANKS  
• POOL CHEMICALS  
• IRRIGATION  
• WATER PURIFICATION  
• SOLAR - REPAIR

## PAPER LOGS & ROLLS

No Chainsaw Needed  
Made from Recycled Paper  
Environmentally Friendly  
Ash Good for Garden

**1 Roll**

**\$2**

**Pack of 4 Logs**

**\$5**

By using paper logs you save trees



**Contact Alan**  
**0476 475 422**

All money raised used for local community



**Moriac Veterinary Clinic**

**0447 781 089**

PHONE 24 HOURS

784 Hendy Main Road Moriac

info@moriacvet.com

www.moriacvetclinic.com.au

HOURS // Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm



- ❖ LOG BOOK SERVICE
- ❖ AUTO ELECTRICAL
- ❖ TOWING
- ❖ AIR CONDITIONING
- ❖ CLUTCH & BRAKES
- ❖ TYRES
- ❖ WHEEL ALIGNMENT
- ❖ BATTERIES

## CAR, TRUCK REPAIRS & Roadworthys

**PH: 5267 3001**

**Mob: 0417 137 457**

**17 Alsop Drive**



**mainly music**  
est. 1990

Fun, Interactive music sessions for  
pre-school children (0-4 y.o.) and  
parents/caregivers

*When: Mondays from 10 to 11 am  
(runs during school terms)*

*Where: St Thomas' Hall*

*25 Barwon Tce.*

To Enquire ring: **0407838256**



## CHARLES STEWART

**Peter McConachy**  
LIVESTOCK & REALESTATE  
0408 522 878

**Jamie McConachy**  
LIVESTOCK  
0418 522 879

**Dougal McIntyre**  
LIVESTOCK  
0439 575 612

**Matt Nelson**  
LIVESTOCK  
0428 315 400

**Tim Hill**  
LIVESTOCK & REALESTATE  
0427 177 133

**Andrew Rice**  
REALESTATE  
0457 105 500

**Michael Stewart**  
REALESTATE  
0418 520 467

**Josh Lamanna**  
REALESTATE  
0417 586 032

**Daryl Osborne**  
REALESTATE  
0419 388 341

**Anthony McDonald**  
REALESTATE  
0418 593 597

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**Clare Wilson**  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
05231 5011

**Melissa French**  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
05231 5011

**Nathan Gray**  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
05231 5011



**Livestock and rural agents servicing Western Victoria**



• charlesstewart.com.au • 15 Murrell Street, Winchelsea



## Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Hopkins St, Winchelsea winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

# Junior Netball

**Shae Callahan**

What a great way to finish the winter season for our junior teams!

Today we hosted a netball clinic featuring some stars from the Geelong Falcons Netball Club. With beautiful sunshine and plenty of enthusiasm on court, it was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and keep the kids enjoying their netball.

It was fantastic to welcome players from not only Winchelsea, but also other local clubs. The clinic provided a great opportunity for players to learn new skills, challenge themselves and enjoy being on court together.

Our next Geelong Falcons Netball Clinic will be held on Sunday 27th September, and we look forward to welcoming even more young netballers for another great day of learning and fun.



### Under 10s

Our U10 Minis took to the court on Monday night for their first game in their new division, following a strong performance during the grading games that saw them move up to B Grade.

The step up brought a faster pace and a new challenge for our young players, and while the girls unfortunately didn't come away with the win, they certainly took it all in their stride.

The girls worked hard as a team, showing great determination to move the ball up the court and create opportunities. They managed to get a few shots away and, most importantly, continued to encourage each other and give it their all right until the final whistle.

It was a valuable first game in the new division, and one the girls can learn and build from as they continue to find their feet at the faster pace.

Final score: 0–10

### Under 11s

The u11s had a bye against Geelong West.

Saturday morning saw the battle of the Winchelsea Juniors, with our U10 Minis taking on the U11s in their very first taste of Saturday morning competition.

The kids all took to the court full of energy and excitement, ready to represent Winchelsea and make the club proud. Facing the older and much taller U11s was certainly a challenge, but our Minis didn't let the size difference stand in their way.

With smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm, the children all embraced the opportunity to play Saturday morning netball and experience the fantastic atmosphere that comes with it.



### Under 13s

Our Under 13s finished their season with a 23–44 loss to Geelong West. It was fantastic to have Helena back on court, contributing 14 goals, with Ally adding 9.

This bottom-age team has developed and learnt so much throughout the season. They have built their skills, understanding of the game and confidence, and have shown plenty of determination along the way. With the opportunity to continue playing and developing through the summer season, this group will only get stronger. We are excited to see them continue to grow and build their confidence and expect them to be a real force when they return to the same age group next winter.

### Under 15s

The Under 15s finished their season against a strong Geelong West side, going down 9–35. While the scoreboard didn't go their way, the girls have made some great progress throughout the season.

This team has continued to learn, adapt and work together, with players developing their skills and gaining valuable experience against some challenging opposition. Their willingness to keep learning and supporting each other has been a real highlight. We look forward to seeing this group continue to develop over the summer and return next season with even greater confidence and determination.

### Under 19s

A fantastic finish for our Under 19s, coming away with a convincing 41–23 win over Geelong West.

Unfortunately, the win wasn't quite enough to secure a finals spot, with the team just missing out. Despite this, they can be incredibly proud of their season and the way they have continued to compete and support one another.

Congratulations to all of our junior players, coaches and families on a fantastic winter season. It has been wonderful to see our players grow not only as netballers, but also in confidence, teamwork and their support of each other.

We're already looking forward to summer competition!





Call Matt - 0418 319 357  
[mbwoodplumbing.au](http://mbwoodplumbing.au)

### Servicing Winchelsea & surrounds

- General maintenance & blocked drains
- Gas fitting & hot water service upgrades
- New homes & renovations

Winchelsea  
**Medical  
Clinic**

Located at 36 Main Street, Winchelsea 3241

For any enquires or bookings please contact the clinic on 5292 8028.  
Or visit our website: [www.winchmc.com.au](http://www.winchmc.com.au)

#### Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm  
(Monday Evening Clinics available and selected Saturdays)



Our clinic accepts online bookings via the app called HotDoc.  
Download the app on the App Store or Google Play or head to our website.



### SIMPLE STORAGE SOLUTIONS

- Personal & Business Storage
- Boat, Caravan & Vehicle Storage
- High Security Premises
- Individually Alarmed Units
- Electric Gate Access
- 7 Day Access & CCTV

### YOUR STORAGE PROBLEMS SOLVED

**5267 3116**  
6 ALSOP DRIVE, WINCHELSEA 3241

### Wightons Lawyers

Dispute Resolution & Litigation  
Debt Collection  
Property Law  
Wills & Estates  
Powers of Attorney  
Business Law  
Family Law  
By appointment only

22 Willis Street, Winchelsea  
ph. 5221 8777

[www.wightons.com.au](http://www.wightons.com.au)



## CARTAGE CONTRACTORS

### WINCHELSEA

SUPPLIER OF ALL QUARRY MATERIALS, TRUCK HIRE

CARTAGE OF GRAIN, LIME, GYPSUM & SUPER

LANDSCAPE & GARDEN SUPPLIES

56 WILLIS ST, WINCHELSEA

Ph – 5267 2094

Ryan – 0438 672 281

email: [rakdavissons@gmail.com](mailto:rakdavissons@gmail.com)



### Generations of Care and Compassion.

**Tuckers**  
Funeral & Bereavement Service  
... for a life worth celebrating



AFDA Member

PH: 5221 4788

[www.tuckers.com.au](http://www.tuckers.com.au)



# parkrun 127



**Saturday 15 August 2026**

Kristen Czerkiewicz

**Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea**  
[parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve](http://parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve)

Parkrun number 127 had 33 participants walk or run this week with people from Geelong, Werribee and Melbourne.

Conditions were foggy but dry.

Well done Jett Butler on your PB. (Personal Best).

We had 9 volunteers - including thankfully some tourist volunteers which, without them, we couldn't have run the event.

Please feel free to attend next Saturday at 8am to run or walk Trebeck Reserve in Sussex Street

We could do with some more volunteers.





## Winchelsea Blues Indigenous Guernsey

### Story of the Guernsey Design

Clare Scanlon

Jack Sampi, a proud Bardi man from Djarindjin, north of Broome, WA designed the Winchelsea Blues IndigenousGuernsey Guernsey guernsey. Here is his explanation of the design.

Jack is my son and these photos are from the 8 August game.



Jack Sampi (centre)  
with his Reserves and  
Seniors team mates.

The A grade netballers  
also proudly wore uniforms  
with Jack's design on  
them.

- The two boomerangs form a W across the chest for Winchelsea, whilst also representing the idea of always being able to come back to my homeland
- A 'sash' running diagonally across the jersey represents the Barwon River running through Winchelsea that also separates the two tribes Winchelsea sits on, the Wadawurrung on the eastern side and Gulidjan on the western side
- Two campsites across the sash one with 7 women around to represent the 7 women that take our netball courts and on the other end a campsite with 18 men representing our 18 footballers and in the middle a meeting place with a man and two spears to represent a hunter which is a spin on the Winchelsea Fat Man because a Fat Man's a sign of a good hunter
- In the bottom left, the tail of a dolphin or Bayilbaard (in Bardi) which is my totem.

And for the name, I gave the piece the name Marrarnnid Booroo which roughly translates to "Fighting Ground" or "Fighting Country" as that's what Winchelsea is to the football team.

