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Letter from the Editor

Spring is here, and there's plenty happening around Winchelsea.

It's great to see our football and netball teams making it into the finals. We wish them all the very best for the games ahead and hope plenty of locals get behind them.

Thank you to all the contributors and authors who continue to send in stories, photographs and local history. Your contributions are what make the Star a reflection of our community.

Colour in the Garden at Hesse Health

Peter Groves

Peter Groves loves the Iceland Poppies* at Hesse Health in Winchelsea. They are a tall poppy widely cultivated for its colourful flowers and suitability for cutting, which is native to arctic and north temperate regions.



Peter asks why go to Japan to see the Cherry Blossoms when the Cherry Plum trees are flowering here!





Spring is Springing!

Julia Holohan

We're out in the veggie garden keeping ahead of the weeds, for the moment, until spring really arcs up and it'll be a struggle to keep those weeds at bay.

This week we've been fertilising the native plants with a store bought native fertiliser & planting a few extras to fill some spaces.

After discussing the best pruning for the boysen & loganberries we settled on a rather severe prune for them both, deciding that this may open them up a bit allowing air and light which hopefully will allow easier picking of their fruit without getting caught in their thorns! They also have a blanket of straw around them.



everbearer raspberries pruned with whipper snipper!

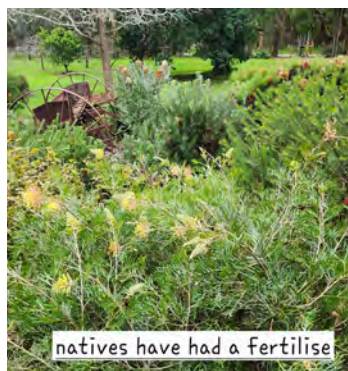


pruned boysenberries

Our Everbearer (autumn fruiting) raspberries have now been pruned. Unlike the the more precise secateuring & bunching of the spring fruiting raspberries, these guys get the brush cutter, an easy peasy process of cutting them to nearly ground level - no technical secateurs necessary & no bunching. They'll now get a covering of straw to help stop weeds and help keep them moist over the summer & it won't be long until they're shooting through the straw, prickles and all to be tall and ready for fruiting next Autumn.



a patches of carrot seeds marked by hayband



natives have had a fertilise

Paul's sown carrots & lettuce, he does like planting in small patches leaving walking space between the patches. I like this technique as I feel it's practical with the salad veggies and is also attractive. As he sows them, they're watered in then with the good old hayband, he'll mark their patch so we know where those invisible seeds are until they sprout and we can see them.

Now for next week's roster.

What's left of the patches of the older broccoli, carrots and lettuce will need to be picked and eaten this next week so we can get that plot ready for the tomatoes to be planted around Melbourne Cup week.

Pumpkin, basil and cucumber seeds will be sown into punnets and into the warmth of the hot house to sprout. I'll throw around more coriander and dill seeds & maybe some kale in the garden.



The kangaroo paws will need their annual pruning. We have several in the garden and also a hedge of yellow / green flowering ones where we park our cars. This year, like the Everbearer raspberries they'll be cut to near ground level with the whipper snipper. It sounds severe but they do regrow & flower well afterwards.



Pot plants, I do need to remind myself that they need attention now. Some will need repotting while others will just get a top up of good potting mix. This will give them the energy for growth and flowering and help them retain water during the coming warmer months - a good job for me to do this week.



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Wed 9 Sept • Winchelsea Shire Hall

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9.30 am-12.30 pm • Shire Hall
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Local News Spotlight

Winchelsea Community Market to be held year-round in Leisure Time Centre

Gosney Street, behind Winchelsea Primary School

Story and Photography Natalija Sare

The Winchelsea Community Market will continue to be held at the Leisure Time Centre throughout the coming summer, no longer moving to the Shire Hall for the warmer months as it has done in past years.

Growing Winchelsea, the group that organises the monthly markets, confirmed last week that the market would be held at the Leisure Time Centre permanently.



Stalls set up inside the Leisure Time Centre

Stall holders who spoke to the Winchelsea Star are happy about the arrangement.



Kirstie Robertson sells artwork and macrame at her stall

Kirstie Robertson, who sells her macramé and artwork at the market, said the Leisure Time Centre provided a good, big undercover space for stall holders, and was attractive for visitors.

She said the market was popular with members of the local community.

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She said the market was popular with members of the local community. “You always get the same locals that come every month. They love coming,” she said.

“They come for the food mainly, I think. The stall holders that do the baking, their food is absolutely incredible. All their tarts and slices and stuff like that. I feel like people come to them to get their treats and then they wander around while they eat and then maybe buy something.”

“And they’ll bring their dogs. That’s one thing I love the most about Winch is that they let the dogs come inside. There’s a lady that comes every month (and) she always has a little chat. She pushes her dog around in a pram.”

Kirstie, who lives in Colac, said she sold her wares at other markets around the district and the Winchelsea Community Market had “a really good selection of stall holders.” She said she suspected the market would get bigger and bigger over the summer months.

At last month’s market, fellow stall holder Melissa said she thought having the one location, rather than swapping between the two, was a good idea and would also aid the market’s growth. I prefer this location (the Leisure Time Centre). And I think over time that would get more customers as it stays in the one place.”



Food trucks help feed market goers

Researchers have found that markets, such as the Winchelsea Community Market, can provide important social, cultural and economic benefits to local communities. They can be welcoming spaces where residents, producers, small businesses and visitors can meet, fostering social connection, community networks and a sense of belonging.

They also showcase locally produced food, crafts and businesses, helping circulate money within the local economy while celebrating the distinctive character of a place. Markets can therefore contribute to place-making and community pride, while providing an accessible, regular gathering point that strengthens local social cohesion.

The next Winchelsea Community Market is on this Sunday, September 6.

FACT BOX

The Winchelsea Community Market

- Started in September 2023.
- Is held on the first Sunday of every month.
- Usually includes about 30 stalls.
- The stalls sell locally made goods, arts and crafts, seasonal produce, jams and preserves, native plants etc.
- It also features food stalls, food trucks and local entertainment.
- It is organised by Growing Winchelsea Inc.





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18.42 20.52

Sat - Sun 9.42 11.40 14.45 18.37 20.37

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The Winchelsea Community Op Shop
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DIAMOND DOT DAY

Saturday 12th September
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Senior Citizens Rooms
Harding Street Winchelsea
See you there

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- 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



Letter to the Editor

Handwritten Letter to the Editor, left at the IGA.

Dear Editor

I have been driving from Torquay to Colac via the Cape Otway Rd for over 40 years now. On my last drive I've realised actually how shocking the conditions of the roads are.

I now reside in Gherang so I started the journey driving through Wurdi Boluc which is now 80kph. I was following three large caravans. Even with big 4WDs towing them they were moving all over the road as they hit pothole after pothole and dip after dip.

I was waiting for one to flip over in front of me so I kept my distance and didn't attempt to pass them as I deemed it too dangerous. Then from the Deans Marsh – Lorne Rd to the Warncoort turnoff it got worse and worse. You almost need a rally car licence to navigate these roads. The Colac Highway is just as bad.

Coming into Birregurra one of the big caravans hit that big dip close to town and was very close to rolling off the side of the road. I stopped in Warncoort to answer a phone call and pulled off the so-called bitumen onto a dirt road. As I was talking I observed a local farmer pull out of his driveway onto the gravel. The road was so bad he had to drive from one side of the road to the other to avoid these massive holes. Even in his 4WD he couldn't drive through them. You could go faster on some of the 4WD only tracks deep in the Otways. Absolutely shocking.

On the way back from Colac I deemed the Cape Otway Road too dangerous and unsafe, let alone the damage to my car, and swore I wouldn't use that goat track so took the highway to Winchelsea.

Same thing!

We all know how many trucks and road trains use this road and their trailers were swaying as they hit hole after hole and dip after dip. You have to be a pretty good driver just to stay in control.

I wonder what it costs to put up all the signs changing speed limits everywhere let alone the costs of all the temporary repairs.

Add to that all the costly car repairs and it soon starts adding up - let alone the risk of losing lives and serious injuries. I now have a knock in the front of my car which wasn't there before this journey.

I have never written a letter to the editor or complained to anyone but this time I couldn't help myself.

What are all you politicians, councillors and head noddies going to do about this mess? These roads are supposed to be major freight and tourist routes let alone families using them for work, sport and other daily activities. Fix the roads please. It may be one of your family who die or are seriously injured.

Anyway, time for my next rally course.

All the best, Angry Ant

Taking responsibility for the safety of our roads

Victorian Government

This is the Victorian Government promise if they get re-elected:

1. Bring state road maintenance programs back in-house - put government back in charge of state road maintenance.

2. Take a photo and report it

See a dangerous pothole. Take a photo safely and report it. See who's responsible and what they're doing about it. Establish one simple website where you can report on road issues that need attention and see for yourself where we're planning repairs and when.

3. Make everyone accountable – including government

New, statewide standards for road quality and safety. Whoever is managing the road – state or council, private or public – will be obliged to meet them.

Easier for Victorians to get compensation when road managers – including governments – fail to maintain our roads to these standards.

4. Use local knowledge

The best road maintenance decisions will be made by the people who drive on them most. Give the five road maintenance regions in the State more power to prioritise local repairs.

This plan will not replace the role of local governments in managing local roads, however we welcome the opportunity to work closely and constructively with councils across the State.

5. Get minimum-security prisoners on the job

Work with Corrections Victoria on a pilot program to get supervised, minimum-security prisoners helping with basic roadside maintenance – like mowing lawns, controlling weeds, removing graffiti and picking up rubbish.

This will not replace paid jobs but it will supplement the workforce where there are skill and capacity shortages.

Rhani Bayon

Winchelsea Community House was delighted to welcome students from St Joseph's College last Friday as part of their Community outreach program.

The students rolled up their sleeves and gave our front entry garden some much needed TLC, weeding, trimming and raking and planting a generous donation of native Australian plants to help brighten the garden.



Collaborations like this are a wonderful reminder of what can happen when local schools and community organisations work together creating positive spaces, building connections and giving students the opportunity to make a real difference and learn about community.

A huge thank you to the students and staff from St Joseph's College who did a wonderful job!

Winchelsea Community Op Shop Donations

Chez Mawson



10 Willis Street, Winchelsea 5267 1200

When making a donation, please check in with the main shop volunteers who will assist.

We accept clean, undamaged and usable items.

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A list is provided near the storage shed.

At times we need to put a hold on certain items, and /or the amount of donations per donar, this is due to a glut of stock at the time and is only temporary.

We cannot accept dirty, damaged or incomplete goods. Rubbish removal for us of these items is costly and decreases the funds available to support the community projects.

***A big Thankyou to everyone
who has supported our op shop over the years***

Social media and content marketing workshops

Local business operators are invited
Winchelsea Shire Hall 9 September
9.30am to 12.30pm. Spots limited.

Surf Coast Shire

Local business owners seeking expert advice are invited to a workshop, as part of Council's Better Business Skills series.

Experienced mentor and consultant Adrian Jobson will present the workshop at Surf Coast Shire Council Chambers Torquay on Thursday 3 September. and Winchelsea Shire Hall on 9 September. There is no cost to attend.

Adrian has spent nearly three decades sitting across the table from business owners, including as a CEO and board director. His interactive session will provide attendees with a clear vision for their next phase of growth; insights into what's driving or blocking progress; and ideas that can be applied immediately.

There will also be a chance to network with other business owners and share ideas and challenges.

The Turning Point workshop will be held from 9am to 12.30pm. Registrations are essential at <https://events.humanitix.com/the-turning-point>.

Stitch it, Don't Ditch it

A Quilt Made for the Community

Winch House Craft Group

This beautiful quilt was made several years ago by the Winchelsea Craft Group. The Winchelsea Men's Shed kindly mounted and hung it in the waiting room at the local doctor's surgery for everyone to enjoy. Next time you're there, take a moment to stop and have a look at this wonderful example of local craft and community spirit.



A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas

Community Tree Collection Begins as Town Prepares for 100 Twinkle Trees

Elaine Atkinson

Planning is underway for A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas 2026, and one of the first steps is returning unclaimed Twinkle Trees to families, businesses and community organisations ahead of this year's expanded display.

The Twinkle Trees on Main project will grow from 46 trees in 2025 to a target of 100 community-decorated timber trees lining Main Street throughout December. The Winchelsea Men's Shed will again partner in the project, constructing 50 new trees and supporting the creation of two larger entrance trees welcoming visitors to the Home of Twinkle Trees on Main.



COLLECTION DAYS:

Wednesday 2 September 2026

11.30am – 12.30 pm

Wednesday 9 September 2026

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Location: Winchelsea Men's Shed
17 Willis Street Winchelsea

To prepare for the 2026 rollout, all unclaimed trees from last year are now available for collection, so if you didn't get a chance to pick up after Christmas now it the time.

If these dates do not suit, community members can contact Elaine Atkinson on 0458 009 616 or email eatkinson048@gmail.com to arrange an alternative pickup time.

Project organisers are encouraging the community to begin thinking about their 2026 Twinkle Tree designs now, with Christmas just around the corner. Early planning will help families, businesses and groups refresh last year's decorations or create new designs that reflect Christmas for them.

The expanded Twinkle Trees display will light up Main Street throughout December, support local businesses, and strengthen Winchelsea's identity as a creative, community driven township.

For further information about A Sparkling Winchelsea Christmas 2026, upcoming activities, or ways to get involved contact Elaine, updates will be shared through local media and community channels in the coming weeks.



The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

New AI tool helps Australians work out how to cut bills and go electric

To help Australians do their bit in reducing greenhouse gases and save money Rewiring Australia, in partnership with Google, have launched a new AI tool - Electric Saul.

It helps people work out what to electrify first, what it could cost, how much they could save and what support may be available.

The tool draws on the expertise of Australian engineer, inventor and electrification advocate Dr Saul Griffith and gives households personalised advice based on their own home, whether they rent or own, car, location, appliances and goals.

Users can ask Electric Saul questions about solar, batteries, hot water, heating, cooking, electric vehicles and home upgrades and build a practical plan for their home and use it to prepare for conversations with installers or tradies.

Dr Saul Griffith said Electric Saul was launching as global energy shocks transform household electrification from a fringe idea into a cost-of-living and energy security issue.

"The crisis in the Strait of Hormuz has no end in sight and Australians are feeling it deeply," Dr Griffith said.

"Our current energy system is fragile, imported, and households have very little control over it. The way forward is sitting on our roofs, in our garages and in the appliances we choose when the old ones break."

"EV's are more popular than ever, home batteries are taking off, and more households are realising they can run their life on Australian sunshine instead of imported petrol and gas."

"But the next question is always the same: where do I start? That is why we built Electric Saul. We can now give people who live anywhere in Australia the same kind of plain-English advice about electrification I give my neighbours in the Illawarra."

Electric Saul has been developed with funding and support from Google's Digital Future Initiative.

Rewiring Australia CEO Francis Vierboom said "This AI tool will provide practical, real-world help for families looking to manage their household budgets and navigate their home energy choices. It also helps those who want to reduce their carbon footprint."

"Going electric saves households money but the decisions can be expensive and confusing. Electric Saul helps people get it right the first time by putting Saul's expertise at their fingertips."

To get started with Electric Saul, visit: electricsaul.com

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.

Ingredient of the month

Onion



I've been struggling these past few weeks to decide on an ingredient for this month. The past months I've had a plan but as of just this week I hadn't figured it out. But then I went to meal plan for the week ahead and I looked at the bag of white onions I bought to make French Onion Soup and I thought, voila! Onions. I shall write about onions. A few years ago I found myself alone in a restaurant in Bastille, Paris. It was a rainy Summer's day, early evening. I ordered a glass of red wine and a bowl of French Onion Soup. It was delivered by the waiter in a ramekin, with a layer of melted cheese on top. It was boiling hot, each spoonful of steaming hot soup lifted a stringy mound of cheese up with it. That experience remains a vivid memory for me. Perhaps I can't mimic exactly that little ramekin of French Onion Soup but with this recipe from my French Cooking cookbook, I can try.

Gratinée Lyonnaise - French Onion Soup

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

4 Tablespoons/60g butter

5 To 6 yellow onions (about 2 pounds/900 g total), thinly sliced

Salt and pepper

1 Yellow onion, halved but not peeled

1 Teaspoon sugar

1½ Quarts / 5 Liters veal broth (alt. Beef broth)

Baked croûtes made with ½ baguette

1 cup/100 g grated gruyère cheese

METHOD

- Melt the butter in a soup pot over low heat. Stir in the sliced onions, season with salt and pepper, and press a piece of buttered aluminium foil down on the onions. Cover the pan and sweat the onions over very low heat, stirring occasionally, 20 to 25 minutes.
- Remove the lid and foil, raise the heat, and continue cooking, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching, until the onions are reduced, concentrated, and very dark brown, 8 to 10 minutes longer.
- Meanwhile, char the halved onion. Heat an electric burner until hot, or heat a small sauté pan over a gas burner. Sprinkle the cut surfaces of the onion with the sugar and set the halves, cut side down, on the burner or pan. Cook until dark brown, 2 to 3 minutes.
- When the sliced onions are ready, stir in the broth and add the charred onion. Cover, bring to a boil, and simmer to blend the flavours for 10 to 15 minutes. Discard the charred onion halves, taste the soup, and adjust the seasoning. The soup can be made 2 to 3 days ahead and stored in the refrigerator.
- Preheat the broiler and reheat the soup if necessary, Put 4 to 6 deep flame-proof soup bowls on a baking sheet and heat in the broiler. Set 2 or 3 croûtes in each bowl and ladle the soup on top.
- Sprinkle with the cheese and broil until the tops are browned.
- Serve at once-onion soup must be scalding hot.



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Zinaida Campion

Céad Míle Fáilte! Celts of the Colony come to Winch!

Columnist's Thoughts:

What a fine programme awaits us at the next event in the Winchelsea Music Season! Our local Celtic band, Celts of the Colony presents Céad Míle Fáilte — One Hundred Thousand Welcomes. The programme spans centuries of Irish and Scottish Gaelic music, from ancient hymns and traditional airs to songs of longing, identity and belonging. With storytelling, dancing and plenty of warmth and good cheer, it promises to be a wonderfully cheery evening at the Globe. Get your tickets now!

Ciao!



Mícheál O'Dhonnabháin

Celts of The Colony are excited to welcome our friends and neighbours in the Winchelsea area to our concert honouring the centenary of the Globe Theatre, Winchelsea. Celts of The Colony are an up-and-coming Celtic folk act local to Winchelsea and Western Victoria, focusing on music in the Irish (Gaeilge) and Scottish (Gaelic) languages. Their sound is built around multi-part vocal harmonies and traditional instruments. Celts of the Colony consists of Ceilidh Mckinna-Robertson on Celtic flute, vocals and percussion, Mícheál O'Dhonnabháin on guitar, mandolin, banjo, bouzouki, percussion and vocals and Oliver Macpherson on fiddle, accordion and vocals. Celts of the colony are passionate about the traditional Sean Nos singing of Ireland and Scotland preserving the use of the Gaelic languages through music and song. We are influenced by Clannad, Altan, Anuna, ye vagabonds, Caladh Nua, Niamh Parsons,

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

Capercaillie, Seamus and Caoimhe, and Clodagh and Oisín. Life weaved us into a band like the chords of a Celtic knot. We hope you enjoy, Celts of the Colony.



Céad Míle Fáilte — One Hundred Thousand Welcomes, takes us on a journey through Gaelic culture and history. From the ancient Irish hymn Deus Meus and the traditional Brian Boru's March, through the haunting Scottish Gaelic Fear a' Bhàta and Chì Mi na Mòrbheanna, to songs of Celtic identity, memory and belonging such as Mná na hÉireann, Óró, Sé Do Bheatha 'Bhaile and Mo Ghile Mear, the programme reveals the extraordinary breadth of this living musical tradition. There will be moments of contemplation, longing, dancing, storytelling and plenty of warmth — culminating in An Gloine Slán, a Gaelic version of The Parting Glass, with its beautiful farewell: good night and joy be to you all.

This is precisely what the Winchelsea Music Season is about: bringing exceptional artists and distinctive musical experiences into the heart of our community, while celebrating the character and history of our regional places. The Season seeks to activate heritage spaces, support artists and create welcoming opportunities for audiences to experience music in an intimate and meaningful setting.

And there could be no more fitting setting than the Globe, now in its centenary year.

The Celts are so excited for this event. We're looking forward to seeing all our followers and all the faithful Winchelsea locals at this beautiful historic venue. So come along, bring a friend, settle into the warmth of this beautiful old theatre and let Celts of the Colony take you somewhere far beyond the ordinary.

If you haven't already booked your tickets, jump in before they sell out!

Céad Míle Fáilte - One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!



Saturday 12 September 5pm at the Globe Theatre. Tickets at the door \$50 or scan QR code for tickets.

Also this Saturday:

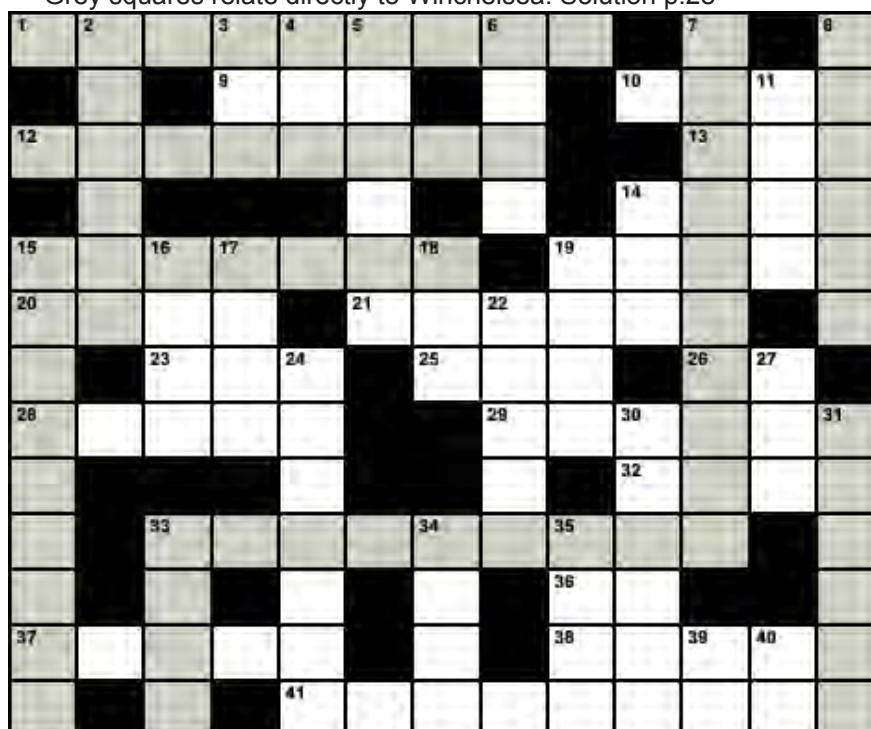
Longing will return to Geelong by popular demand

Saturday 5 September 5pm

St Paul's Anglican Church 171-177 La Trobe Terrace Geelong.

Winchelsea Crossword No 9 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution p.28



NOTE In this puzzle,
PH stands for Princes
Highway between
Winch & Geelong



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Historical livestock and horse breeding estate on PH	2 & 12 ac There is a memorial to this Aust. artist beside the PH
9 Writing implement	3 Large primate
10 Southern African tribe	4 Very small
12 See 2 down	5 Symbolic song
13 Body part	6 Sharpen
14 Crustacean	7 Dead-end road off PH
15 Locality on PH	8 Lake near PH
19 Drama set to music	11 Teller of untruths
20 Fertiliser	14 Inflation measure (inits)
21 Difference between two scores in a contest	15 Winch street name
23 Alkaline substance used soap-making & cleaning	16 Member of an ancient British tribal & linguistic group
25 For each	17 Sports streaming service
26 Well known US appliance conglomerate (inits)	18 Talking continuously
28 Spinning part of a device	19 Large, ugly monster
29 Grammatical term for a noun made from a verb	22 Fit for a king
32 Language of Pakistan	24 Burst out suddenly
33 PH cross-road (2,7)	27 Conclude
36 All right	30 Commotion
37 Unpleasant sound	31 Winery on PH
38 Soup(s) on an Italian menu	"Mount — Estate"
41 In low spirits	33 Street name for PH within the Winchelsea township
	34 Walk with difficulty
	35 Seep
	39 Postscript (abbrev)
	40 Athletic school subject (inits)

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Executive Officer

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The Executive Officer

Corangamite Financial Services

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Landcare's Night-Time Wildlife Adventure

Stewart Mathison

Come and join a Creatures of the Night spotlight tour at the Mt Rothwell Sanctuary at the You Yangs.

You may encounter an eastern barred bandicoot, southern brush-tailed rock-wallaby, rufous bettong, eastern Bettong or maybe even an eastern quoll. These species are self-sustaining and co-existing in abundance across the landscape protected from introduced predators by fox proof fencing.

With less than 100 southern brush-tailed rock-wallabies remaining in the wild, this is one of the only places on earth you will be lucky enough to encounter them. The Odonata foundation has a breeding program to increase the number of this species.

You do not have to be a member of Landcare to be part of the visit. Transport will be by car pooling.

The cost is \$58 for adults and children free courtesy of Winchelsea landcare. Please RSVP to Rod 0428 549 318 or Stewart 0428 672 054

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www.odonata.org.au

**You are invited to take a walk with expert guides as
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Friday 25th September 2026
Depart Winchelsea 5:00pm

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Contact:
For more information or to rsvp
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Rod **0428 549 318**
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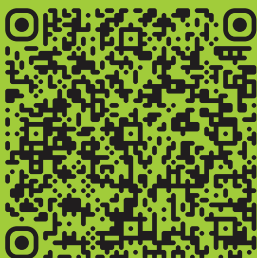


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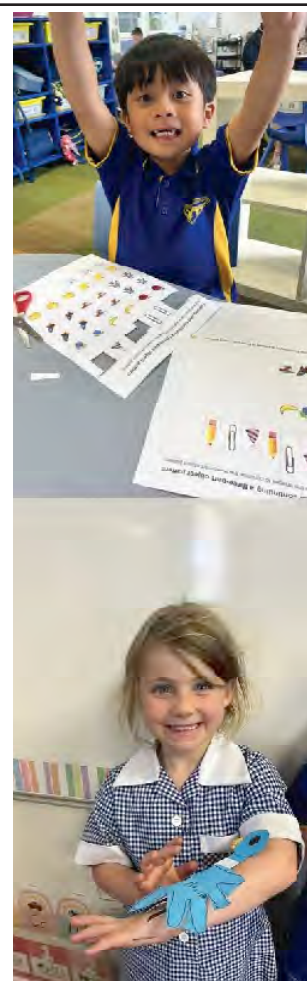
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Friday 27th November @WPS:
Session 3 @ WPS 8:45am-11:15am



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Transition Day @WPS 8:45am-3:00pm with class teacher for 2020.



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history of winchelsea

The Wensley Brae Coal Mine, its railway line and the coal that came through Winchelsea



More than four million tons of brown coal were extracted from the Wensley Brae mine at Wensleydale 9k from Winchelsea — and Winchelsea played an important part in getting that coal to market.

After the aerial rope-way was destroyed by fire in 1939, coal was carted to Winchelsea railway station, linking the remote mine with the wider railway network and its markets in Geelong.

Wensley Brae Brown Coal Mine, Wensleydale on the Wormbete Creek, near the Wensleydale railway station (now closed), 25 miles from Geelong at the head of Box Creek, a tributary of Grassy Creek, which reaches Bass Strait near Airey's Inlet. The creek forms the north-west boundary of the deposit.

The seam is 110 feet thick, with 15 feet to 20 feet of overburden. The brown coal occurs in a tertiary deposit of sand and clay about 150 acres in extent, occupying a depression in the prevailing Jurassic rocks of the locality. To the south-west it thins out with increasing overburden.

In 1899 James Stirling, Government Geologist, reported that the seam 8 feet thick was being worked under the name of the Great Western Colliery.

Great Western laid down an incline tramway from the mine to the ridge, and connected it with Dean's Marsh by a railway. Work was continued until 1903.

The deposit, which is partly on private property, was taken up in 1921 by the Western District Coal Mines Pty. Ltd.

Later it was purchased by the Otway Coal Co. Ltd., and active mining operations were carried on. The mine was connected with the Wensleydale railway station by an aerial rope-way.

Working was by open cut with a Ruston Hornsby steam shovel (originally from Yallourn) for the removal of overburden. The Company spent about £80,000 on opening up and equipping the mine, and in 1923 coal production commenced. In 1935 the company went into liquidation.

The plant was not removed, and in 1939 the hoppers and housing at the Wensley dale end of the aerial rope-way were destroyed by fire.

The mine was taken over by the Wensley Brae Coal Company in August, 1943 and produced is approximately 800 tons of coal per week. The coal was loaded by a small shovel and hauled up an incline from the pit to a steam-driven crusher.

After the fire destroyed the rope-way, coal was carted to Winchelsea railway station by trucks. About 4,000,000 tons of coal were extracted by the late 1940s.

The coal was of good quality. The coal was mostly sold and used in Geelong. Many of the workers from the mine and their descendants still live in the area today.



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.

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VINYASA YOGA

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FINALS – WEEK 2

Welcome to Blue's News readers wherever you may be – lovely feedback from readers from around the State and indeed Interstate following the adventures of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club in their Finals Campaign.

Last week saw the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club at the forefront at the League's Awards night held at Buckley's Entertainment Centre in St. Albans.

#2026 Leading Goal Kicker with 81 goals for the 2026 season was Winchelsea's **CAMERON PRIMMER** with 81 goals, ahead of nearest rival Mason Dickson of Inverleigh.

#2026 Reserves Best and Fairest Winner of the Ivan Tansing Medal was Winchelsea's **JACKSON SMITH**. "**JACKO**" capped off his comeback to the Club with 22 votes to win his second I.T.M. from Renn Lovitt (Bell Post Hill).

#2026 Senior Vote Count the Whitley Medal went to Bell Post Hill's Jack Yates winning 22 votes, with second place going to **INDI PARISH**, a mere 2 points behind, with brother **FIN PARISH** in fourth place.

#2026 Coach of the Year for the appointment of coaching the Team Of The Year was a joint announcement of our own **BEN MOLONEY** and Werribee Central's Rhyce Prismall.

Rival coaches acknowledged the achievement of Winchelsea being guided to their first appearance as Minor Premiers since joining the GDFNL. Great achievement Beamer, Jono & Joey ... Let's get the season done.

#**CAMERON PRIMMER**, **FIN PARISH** and **INDI PARISH** were named in the GDFNL'S Team of the Year. A wonderful result for everyone concerned and there certainly is a huge contingent of coaching staff and volunteers involved to be thanked. A highlight of the evenness of the League competition was the inclusion of 11 of the 12 Clubs represented.

A big night for the Winchelsea Blues and heart felt congratulations to all players, coaches and importantly partners, family and friends who play such a big role in the achievements of the Winchelsea Football & Netball Sporting Family.

Now to the weekend .

SENIORS:

Second Semi Final: Saturday 29th.

Winchelsea Blues 9.5.59 were defeated by East Geelong Eagles 11.9.75

This was a big occasion for the Winchelsea Blues after having finished the 2026 season as Minor Premiers to face off East Geelong Eagles to secure a spot in the Grand Final on the 12th September.

The first half of the game belonged to the Blues going in at half time with a respectable lead of 7 goals 3 behinds to East's 2 goals

5 behinds. but the second half of football was a different story.

East had a few things go their way early in the third, with Finals pressure mounting and appeared to change their tactics creating a more open game plan. The Blues managed just 2 goals in that second half of football, allowing East Geelong to charge into the Grand Final by 16 points. Disappointing, but the Blues live to play another day next week against Werribee Centrals after they won convincingly against Belmont Lions.

There was a huge crowd to support the Winchelsea Blues at St. Albans on both Saturday and Sunday and huge numbers at the Netball as well as the Winchelsea A Grade Team toppled the highly fancied Bannockburn by 10 goals on Sunday. A great effort and the A Grade ladies move on in their Finals campaign showing both team balance and confidence.

GOALS:

Indi Parish 3, Cameron Primmer 2, Aaron Cooke 1, Cassidy Parish 1, Sam Adams 1, Luke Henry 1.

BEST:

Cassidy Parish, Aaron Cooke, Ryan Williams, Adam Walsh, Indi Parish, Lachie Gemmill.

RESERVES:

First Semi Final Sunday 30th.

Winchelsea Blues 1.7.13 were defeated by East Geelong Eagles

After last week's win, the Reserves faced an East Geelong side that had been among the competition's front-runners all season. The Blues were valiant and worked hard throughout, but found it difficult against strong opposition. In a low-scoring game, they had plenty of possession but could not convert their chances in front of goal. The coaching staff deserve congratulations for guiding the team to finals at St Albans for the second consecutive year.

Well done to co-coaches Matthew Sprigg and Jarred Messinger.

GOALS:

Jack Todd.

BEST:

Callum Nankervis, Thomas Rouget, Dustin Baker, Jack Milbourne, Jackson Smith Joshua Freeman.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

The Blue's Bistro will be continuing to operate throughout September with the last night being Thursday 24th. Thank you to those who continue to support the Club by attending during the Football & Netball Season. This week we have Battered Fish, Chicken Satay and Mrs. Wilson's Meat Loaf.

DESSERT: Raspberry and chocolate puddings.

Hope to see everyone on Thursday

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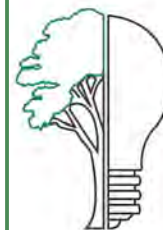
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Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Barwon South region, Stephanie Ryan said people who rely on firewood for heating and cooking should plan for their needs early and organise their collection as soon as maps become available.

Maps for this spring season's designated collection areas will be online from Tuesday 1 September
www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood

"It's important Victorians plan their firewood needs early as most wood takes longer than 12 months to dry," Ms Ryan said. "People can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year as long as they collect from designated firewood collection areas during a firewood season."

DEECA balances access to firewood with safety, forest values, biodiversity and cultural heritage.

It is illegal to collect wood outside designated areas or to chop down or damage any dead or standing trees. It's also an offence to take vehicles off formed roads to collect or load firewood.

"Most people do the right thing by sticking to the collection limits and following the rules, but authorised officers patrol state forests and can issue on-the-spot fines of up to \$814 to those caught breaking firewood collection rules," she said.

If prosecuted in court, more serious offending can result in maximum penalties of \$10,175 and/or 12 months in prison. Authorised officers can also seize chainsaws, trailers, vehicles, and equipment used in firewood offences.

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Positive progress after year one

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One year into Surf Coast Shire's Council Plan 2025–2029, 2/3 of the 43 key initiatives for the first year have been completed.

A new Action Plan was adopted in June 2026 to guide year two priorities.

Completed initiatives include:

- Spring Creek oval redevelopment in Torquay.
- Coombes Road renewal and enhancement in Torquay.
- Playground renewals at Bob Pettitt Reserve, Newling Reserve and Ocean Acres.
- Karaaf stormwater diversion design.
- Lorne Affordable Housing project initiated.
- Anglesea River and Painkalac Creek flood studies.
- Soft plastic recycling via Anglesea Transfer Station.
- Christmas decoration activation project.
- Community Grants celebration program.
- Lorne landscaped reflection space.
- Surf Coast Arts Trail.
- Winchelsea Place Plan community engagement.
- New synthetic hockey facility in the Banyul Warri Fields precinct, Torquay.

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1st Modewarre Annual Report & Presentation Night

Families came together for the 1st Modewarre Annual Report & Presentation (ARAP) night last Monday. ARAPs can take any format. We traditionally choose to hold a Group concert, inviting family and friends to enjoy entertainment put on by the Joeys, Cubs and Scouts, hearing a few brief reports from the Venturers and Leaders and making a few presentations.

This year the Joeys sang 'The Sausage Song', a silly ditty about 3 sausages who go the station – one got lost, one got squashed, and one had a big operation! Their skit was called 'The Enlarging Machine', with volunteers invited to drop small objects into the Machine. Amazingly, they came out SO MUCH BIGGER! A tennis ball, a jacket, a pool noodle, a toy panda, a baby, a dinosaur and a tiger. However, when a piece of string was thrown into the Machine, it must have malfunctioned, as heaps of coloured string shot up into the air – accompanied by shrieks of laughter from the Joeys hidden inside the Machine.

Each Cub Six performed a skit. We had 'The Echo', 'The Stockman' and 'Is It Time Yet?', all bringing applause and laughter from the audience. The Cubs also sang 'Worms' and 'The Chicken Song', a little ditty about the remedies for a chicken

who wouldn't lay an egg. The last verse, involving rubbing nitro-glycerine up and down his legs, caused him to lay a hand grenade and was the Cubs' favourite.



The Scouts quietly came on stage, turned away from the audience and bent over, revealing big eyes pinned on their bottoms. Quick, simple and amusing.

The concert is never a professional quality production. The Joeys practise once, the Cubs twice beforehand. They grab some props from what they have at home. They have some song lyrics on display to help them with the words. To stand up in front of a large audience is challenging for most, and they take up that challenge. They learn to speak clearly out to the audience, to follow stage directions and to enjoy themselves. They learn to sing in time, if not in tune. They also learn to be a part of a respectful audience when off stage.

Each Section ran a display of the past year's great adventures – it's great to look back on how many wonderful activities we have had.

Barwon District Commissioner Wayne Gunn presented our Cub Leaders Lucas Benney and Amy Batson with their Special Service Awards, and Assistant Group Leader Jess Loone with her Meritorious Service Award.

We finished the ARAP with a shared supper, a just reward for a splendid evening of friendship and fun.



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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

A Business Voice at the most important moment in Winchelsea's future

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

Winchelsea is entering one of the most important planning phases in its history. The original **Growing Winchelsea** (2015) strategy — our former 10year precinct plan — is now outdated. The **Winchelsea Place Plan** has set out the community's aspirations for the future, and council is developing a new **Structure Plan** to turn those aspirations into a practical precinct plan for the next decade.

The community has been invited to join a working group to help shape this Structure Plan. This is a rare opportunity to influence where our **future shopping, commercial, community, education, health and industrial precincts** will be located as the town grows toward **18,000 residents by 2050**.

Alongside the strategy, Growing Winchelsea also evolved into an organisation, emerging from the former Tourism & Traders group. Its purpose is conversation, connection and community identity — creating space for people to talk

about what matters and strengthening the social fabric of the town. It plays an important role, but it is not a business advocacy body, and it does not carry lobbying power.

That leaves a significant gap.

Local businesses are already feeling the pressure of growth. Some are operating from residential zones because suitable commercial land is unavailable. Others are struggling to expand or relocate. Our industrial area needs attention, renewal and longterm planning. And new enterprises are emerging without a coordinated structure to support them.

At the same time, we are seeing positive steps: the **Small Business Bus** has returned, the **CoWorking Space at Winchelsea Community House** is now open, and business training opportunities are increasing. These initiatives show momentum — but momentum needs structure.

What Winchelsea lacks — and needs — is a **dedicated business and industry voice with real lobbying power**, especially at the exact moment the Structure Plan is being shaped.

A **Winchelsea Chamber of Commerce and Industry** could give local businesses a seat at the table, ensuring commercial needs are not an afterthought. A chamber of commerce and industry acts as a collective voice, support network, and economic driver for the town's business community. It could advocate for land availability, precinct design, infrastructure priorities and longterm economic planning. And it could provide the lobbying power needed to influence decisions at regional, state and federal levels — something individual businesses cannot achieve alone.

This moment — the creation of the Structure Plan — is exactly when a business voice matters most.

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Junior Cricket is Back at Winchelsea!

Heather Edwards

What an amazing turnout we had on Sunday morning for the Winchelsea Cricket Club Junior Come & Try Day, with more than 20 children joining us!

After finishing last season with just nine junior players, seeing more than 20 children attend our Come & Try Day is an incredible result and a wonderful indication of the growing interest in junior cricket within our community.

It was fantastic to see so many kids getting involved, having a go and, most importantly, enjoying themselves with huge smiles on their faces. There was plenty of energy, enthusiasm and some very promising cricketing talent on display!

We are very excited to confirm that we will be entering teams in both the Under 11 competition, which plays on Friday nights, and the Under 13 competition, which plays on Saturday mornings.

An Exciting Opportunity for Girls' Cricket!

Even more exciting is that, following the fantastic response we've received, we are now pushing to establish Winchelsea Cricket Club's very first all-girls junior team!

This would be a huge accomplishment for our club and for the wider Winchelsea community, and we'd love to see it become a reality.

We are still looking for girls who are interested in playing in an all-girls team! Whether they have played cricket before or are completely new to the game, we'd love to hear from them. So if you have a daughter, granddaughter, sister or friend who might be interested, please get in touch with us.

Junior Registrations

We ask that families please complete their junior registrations as soon as possible so that we can finalise team numbers and begin organising our pre-season training sessions.

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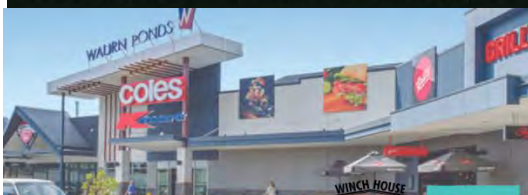
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Psalm 27

By David



- 1 *Yahweh is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear?
Yahweh is the strength of my life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?*
- 2 *When evildoers came at me to eat up my flesh,
even my adversaries and my foes,
they stumbled and fell.*
- 3 *Though an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear.
Though war should rise against me,
even then I will be confident.*
- 4 *One thing I have asked of Yahweh,
that I will seek after:
that I may dwell in Yahweh's house
all the days of my life,
to see Yahweh's beauty,
and to inquire in his temple.*
- 5 *For in the day of trouble, he will keep me secretly in his pavilion.
In the secret place of his tabernacle, he will hide me.
He will lift me up on a rock.*
- 6 *Now my head will be lifted up
above my enemies around me.
I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent.
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yahweh.*
- 7 *Hear, Yahweh, when I cry with my voice.
Have mercy also on me, and answer me.*
- 8 *When you said, "Seek my face,"
my heart said to you, "I will seek your face, Yahweh."*
- 9 *Don't hide your face from me.
Don't put your servant away in anger.
You have been my help.
Don't abandon me,
neither forsake me, God of my salvation.*
- 10 *When my father and my mother forsake me,
then Yahweh will take me up.*

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Thought of the Week

It's easy to grow downhearted when
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if you have the faith to believe.

Have a Blessed week.

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Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

RESULTS

26/8/26 - Wednesday Weekly Stableford

13 Players

1st - David "Fly" Lewis (22) 36 points
2nd - Peter Finch (28) 35 points C/B
BDL - Stephen Harvey (15) 35 points C/B
BDL - Greg Batson (24) 31 points
NTP (8th/17th) - Peter Finch

Saturday 2 Person Ambrose, NTP 2/11 Golden Hole 15th

Winners: David Lewis & Gary Reid 76 (9) 67
Runner ups: Nick & Maddox Clarke 76 (8.5) 67.5
BDL: David & Stephen Harvey 77 (8.5) 68.5
BDL: Greg Batson & Peter Finch 82 (13) 69
NTP: Don Cutler
Golden Hole: Shayne Moor

Well done Sally Dyer coming outright 4 th in the Sand Green Championships at Rochester!

Winchelsea Tennis Club 21 Armytage St Winchelsea
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Winchelsea Tennis Club



Fletcher Allen

Winchelsea Tennis Club Summer Registration

Tennis is back for Summer competition 2026-2027! And Winchelsea are looking for both males and females who are interested in playing juniors or seniors

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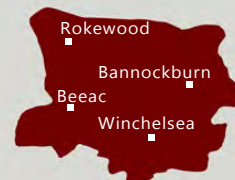
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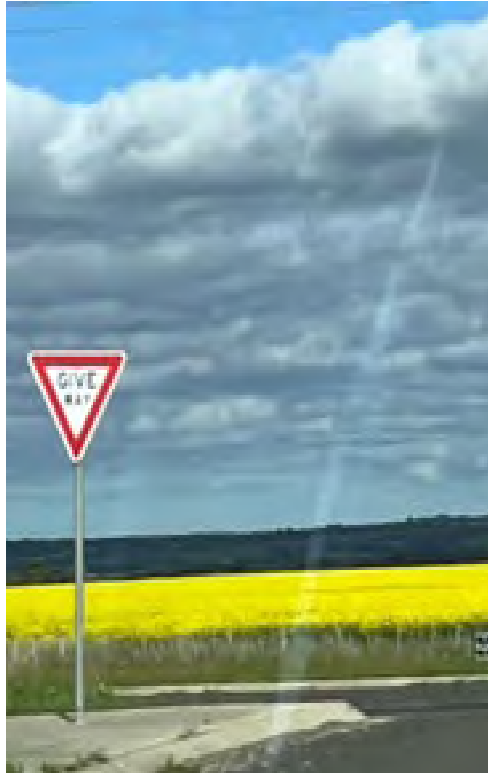


Canola set to burst into yellow

Helen Rolls

This is a local canola crop.

It will be a bumper year for the farmers!



Proposed road renaming

Proposed road renaming of northern section of Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South

Council is declaring its intention to rename the following street in Winchelsea:

- **Clarkes Road, Winchelsea South, northern section**

The map of the renaming is available at

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PublicNotices

Should you require a hard copy of the minutes or map of the proposed road name, please contact Council on **5261 0600**.

Council now invites submissions on these proposals under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Council will consider any written submissions about the proposals that are received within 28 days of publication of this notice.

Submissions should be forwarded to:

Manager Assets & Engineering

Surf Coast Shire Council

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Netball

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C'mon Blues! The girls are Prelim Final bound

A Grade Netball match report

Winch didn't just win — they owned every minute of this finals clash, leading at every change and turning a tight contest into a statement victory: 12–11, 21–18, 34–24, finishing with a powerful 43–33 triumph.

Liv Barber was phenomenal in defence all day, showing sheer strength, timing, and that trademark agility that shuts down attacking momentum before it even starts. Grace Pullen lit up the first half, shooting beautifully and dominating the goal third with confidence and composure. Maggie Lind's court presence was unmatched — she gave the Banno defenders a full-blown headache trying to contain her influence.

Then came the moment that flipped the game: the third-quarter switch. Ebony "The Clutch" Berg stepped into GA and completely changed the tempo. Her drive, her timing, her ability to slice through traffic — and then shoot at 98% accuracy — was finals

brilliance. For the second year running, Ebony came on in a big moment and delivered exactly what Winch needed: calm, control, and scoreboard pressure. She gave Winch the edge that blew the game wide open.

Meg Royal lifted in the second half, leading with intent and setting the tone for the group. All 11 players rotated through and every single one played their part — a true squad performance. The unity in this group is stronger than anything we've seen in years, and it's showing on court.

Now it's on to the Prelim Final. The excitement is real, but so is the awareness: from here on, nothing comes easy. The group is staying grounded, focused, and ready.

A huge thank-you to the Navy Blue Army — your energy across both days was electric. You lifted the players, you lifted the club, and you made finals netball feel even bigger.



**Saturday 29 August 2026**

Neil McInnes

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea**parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve**

32 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in perfect cool sunny conditions. We had visitors from Melbourne. Welcome to first timer Graeme Webb.

It's very rewarding to have nine young athletes running in the Junior 10 Male and Female categories.

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