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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor  
Thanks for great coverage.

**Janet Fletcher, WFNC.**

## From the Editor

Every week, as the pages of the Winchelsea Star come together, I am reminded that a community newspaper is about far more than reporting events. It is a reflection of who we are, what we value and the stories that bind us together.

This week's edition is filled with those stories.

You'll read about volunteers quietly giving their time at the Op Shop, the Fire Brigade, Winch Lions, and the Men's Shed. These people volunteer because they see something that needs doing and get on with it. Their generosity is the reason Winchelsea remains the town we are proud to call home.

You'll also meet remarkable people whose achievements remind us that determination knows no boundaries. Nathan Harvey's journey to the Special Olympics World Games is one such story. His courage, resilience and quiet determination are an inspiration not only to young people, but to all of us. It is a privilege to be able to share stories like Nathan's with our readers.

As winter settles in, our community certainly isn't slowing down. The coming fortnight will see artists opening their studios for the Surf Coast Arts Trail, musicians performing at the Globe Theatre and Barwon Park Mansion, and the Lions Skin Care Bus coming to help keep our community healthy. These events don't happen by accident. They are the result of months of planning and the dedication of volunteers, organisers and local businesses working together.

One article that deserves careful reading is about the Winchelsea Place Plan. It is easy to think that planning documents belong on council shelves, but this one is different. It is about the future of our town. How we grow, where we grow, what we protect and what we want Winchelsea to look like for our children and grandchildren are questions that belong to all of us. Whether you've lived here all your life or arrived only recently, your voice matters.

Community newspapers have an important role in encouraging those conversations. We celebrate achievements, report local news, preserve our history and provide a place where everyone can share ideas. In an age when so much media is focused on distant headlines, local journalism has never been more important.

Finally, thank you. Thank you to our volunteers, photographers, advertisers, distributor and readers. Every article submitted, every advertisement and every copy picked up helps keep the Winchelsea Star thriving. This newspaper belongs to the community, and its strength comes from the people who support it. If you've ever thought about writing a story, taking a photograph, suggesting an idea or lending a hand behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you.

Until next week, stay warm and support local whenever you can, and keep looking after one another.



# Winchelsea Op Shop celebrates another year of community spirit

Kelly Turner



Volunteers, committee members and supporters of the Winchelsea Op Shop gathered at St Thomas Hall following the 2026 AGM, celebrating another successful year of supporting the local community.

The Winchelsea Op Shop once again demonstrated what makes our town so special at its recent Annual General Meeting, held at St Thomas Hall.

The afternoon celebrated another successful year of supporting our local community, while recognising the dedicated volunteers who generously give their time to keep the Op Shop running. Congratulations to Pat, who was re-elected as President, Pam K as Secretary, Pixie as Treasurer, and the committee members who will continue to guide the organisation over the coming year.

Guests were treated to a wonderful three-course lunch prepared by the talented ladies from Winchelsea CWA. Their generosity and hospitality made the afternoon even more memorable and highlighted strong partnerships between local community groups.

A real highlight of the AGM was hearing from guest speaker Sathese, who shared his remarkable life story.

Born in Sri Lanka, Sathese was just 10 years old when civil war changed his family's life forever. His father was arrested, his mother worked tirelessly to support the family, and eventually, as a young teenager, Sathese found himself fleeing his homeland in search of safety.

He described the terrifying boat journey to Australia, where 85 people were packed onto a vessel before being transferred to a

small canoe during the night, separating him from his family. After 14 days at sea with little food or fresh water, he finally arrived in Australia as a frightened 14-year-old refugee.

Sathese spoke about eventually settling in Geelong and the kindness shown by people from Winchelsea, who donated clothes, toys and other essentials to help him start a new life. Those simple acts of generosity left a lasting impression and remain close to his heart today.

Now 28 years old and happily married to his wife Jessica, Sathese reflected on the opportunities Australia has given him and the importance of never forgetting the kindness of communities like Winchelsea.

His story was a powerful reminder that compassion can change lives and that the support offered by local volunteers reaches much further than many people realise.

The Winchelsea Op Shop continues to be much more than a place to shop. It is built on friendship, generosity and a genuine desire to help others. Every donation, every volunteer hour and every purchase contributes to strengthening our community.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Winchelsea Op Shop. Your commitment, kindness and hard work continue to make a real difference, and our community is stronger because of people like you.



# Nathan Harvey from Buckley: Blind autistic Dual Gold Medalist

Kim Harvey

In the quiet paddocks of Buckley, where horses breathe like old friends, and determination is stitched into every sunrise, a young Australian rider is preparing for his next impossible feat. Nathan Harvey — blind, autistic, and already a dual Special Olympics gold medalist — is chasing more glory on the world stage, this time in Santiago.

For many Australians, Nathan's triumphs in Abu Dhabi in 2019 slipped by unnoticed. But for those who know him, his victories were nothing short of extraordinary. Riding in the heat of the Special Olympics World Games, Nathan delivered performances that stunned international judges and moved spectators to tears. He claimed two gold medals and a bronze in dressage, a discipline that demands precision, harmony, and an almost telepathic connection between horse and rider.

Nathan achieved all of this with minimal sight.

His world is shaped through sound, touch, and trust — trust in his coaches, trust in his horse, and trust in the rhythm of the arena. Where other riders rely on visual cues, Nathan rides by feel. He listens for the subtle changes in hoofbeats, the breath of his horse, the echo of the arena walls. His autism, often misunderstood by the outside world, becomes a source of focus and clarity when he enters the saddle.

Now, he is preparing to take that same courage to Santiago, where he hopes to add more medals to Australia's tally and shine a brighter light on Special Olympics athletes — riders whose achievements are too often overlooked.

Nathan's journey to the next World Games is not just about sport. It is about representation. It is about proving that disability is not a barrier to excellence. It is about reminding Australia that its champions come in many forms, and some of the most remarkable ride quietly, without fanfare, guided not by sight but by heart.

As he trains by himself and with his beloved horses, Nathan carries the hopes of his community, his state, and every young athlete who has ever been told their dream was out of reach. He has already shown the world what determination looks like. Now, he is ready to show them again.



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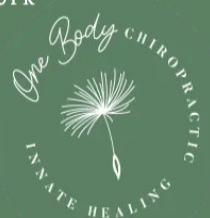
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# Sowing seeds rather than punnets of seedlings

Julia Holohan

I used to always buy punnets of veg seedlings until I realised I had a mammoth amount of those black punnets that I'd never re-use. Yes, they can be recycled but I felt it best to use less of them, thus began my growing by seed before buying a punnet regime.

I'll still buy punnets of seedlings if I'm not confident at propagating particular seeds.

Tomatoes were my first go at growing by seed. With the confidence of a couple of neighbour's to encourage me, I gave it a go. Now I'm hooked.

There's something special at the thrill of your saved seeds sprouting in reused punnets, then progressing to used tubes, then to the big arena of your veggie garden & beyond to harvesting the tomato or other veg to your plate and eating it. My o my, what a success!

What do I grow from seed?

Tomatoes, basil, zucchini, broccoli, capsicum, coriander, parsley, chilli, cucumber, pumpkin & even the odd watermelon and canteloupe if there's a warm season.

Peas, beans, carrots, rocket and sweetcorn, lettuce and beetroot will be sown straight into the ground. These are well protected from snails, slugs, slaters and birds as these antagonists can decimate a crop overnight which is so disheartening. But, the drive to keep persevering is strong and we continue to try each year to be successful and are always excited when we do; eating, preserving and sharing our produce.

Initially, the punnets of seeds were kept in the house to sprout and grow until we felt they were strong enough to spend the daylight hours out on the north verandah coming inside at night until they were hardy enough to have nights outside before being planted in the garden.

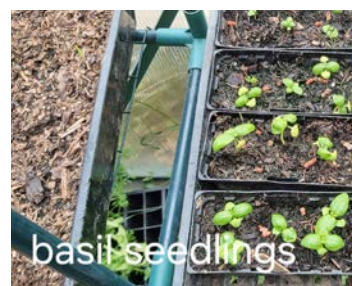


Now we have a little hot house they start there, progressing to daylight and then night hours out before being planted in the garden.



Paul will start some hardy native cuttings, mainly correas and banksias, we'll also pot up lavender and herb cuttings, and anything else we feel we'd like to try.

This season I used a method from Gardening Australia to save my veg seeds.



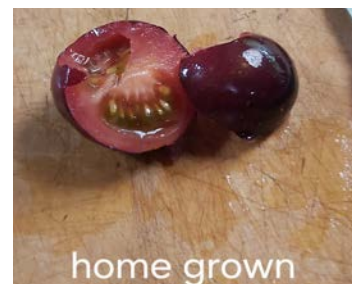
The seeds are collected from a robust specimen, gently washed, rinsed then placed in a cup, cover with water and leave for 3 to 5 days allowing the seeds to ferment a little which will help to keep them free of disease, next they're placed on kitchen paper to dry. Wrap them up, don't forget to name them before storing them for next season, which is now for tomatoes to have them in your garden around Melbourne Cup week

It will take about 3 months to have those tomato seeds ready to plant in your veg patch.

I'm not too fussy about my potting mix. I use a mix of bought potting mix (often a cheap one), compost, a wee bit of sand then some horse manure. I also like to use a tea like brew; steeping horse manure in a container of water which I'll water the tomato seedlings with while they grow.

Keep them in a warm airy spot with lots of attention, especially many light waterings and spraying with a spray bottle of water. Fingers crossed they'll reach the stage of 2 sets of leaves which is the time to pot them individually into tubes. Keep up the attention and you'll have them in your garden by around 12 weeks and before you know it you'll be eating them.

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# Brigade visit to the Mansion

Kaylene Stocks, Captain Winchelsea Fire Brigade

On Monday 13th July, the Winchelsea Brigade was invited out to the Mansion to discuss our pre-incident plan with members.

During the visit, a question was asked: "Who has not been here before?" Surprisingly, around 70% of our members had never stepped inside the Mansion, which was built by the Austin family in the 1800s.

It was fantastic not only to learn more about the property itself, but also to hear about its rich history and the incredible work carried out by Mrs Austin. We learned about the care, compassion and support she provided, not only to her servants but also to the wider community.

As I listened to these stories, I couldn't help but reflect on how those same values are still alive in Winchelsea today. Like Mrs Austin, the members of the Winchelsea Brigade often put others before themselves, serving the community with dedication and kindness.

I feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by such amazing volunteers not only within our brigade, but also at the Mansion and throughout the Winchelsea community.

If you've never been out to the Mansion, I challenge you to go and explore what's right here in your own backyard. You might just learn a thing or two about the history, people and stories that make our community so special.

# WINTER SUNDAYS ARE MADE FOR MARKET DAYS!



Every person who walks through our doors helps support a local stallholder and keeps our community market thriving. We can't wait to see you there!

Whatever the winter weather decides to do, the Winchelsea Community Market is ON – and we're INDOORS!

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The Winchelsea Lions Club  
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**Frank Jelliff**  
Secretary Winchelsea Mens Shed

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

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2026 Surf Coast Arts Trail Festival  
Presented by The National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
and The Rose Street Artists' Market.

On Saturday 1 August 2026, the grand bluestone walls of Barwon Park Mansion will be reawakened by the sounds, colours and craft of up to 120 of Victoria's finest artists, designers and makers, when Manor Made - a one-day makers market and arts festival takes over the historic 19th century estate from 10am to 4pm.

The event combines the Quiet Riot Small Works Art Prize, the Wayngurrla - To Make Good, exhibition by Aunty Marlene Gilson OAM and immersive projection installation by Matt Bonner into a single day-long celebration of regional craft, contemporary art and First Nations storytelling.

Beyond the mansion walls, the grounds will host ceramicists, textile artists, jewellers, printmakers, woodworkers, photographers, homewares designers and small-batch food and beverage producers. Stallholder applications open Monday 25 May - Monday 27 July via the Rose Street Artists' Market website.

**The festival is a family friendly event with food trucks,  
kids art activities and mansion tours.**

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## Louise Hall Winchelsea Artist embracing a Multidisciplinary Practice

Surf Coast Arts Trail

**Milly Dabrowski**



In the quiet flatlands of regional Victoria, painter and printmaker Louise Hall has built a practice in patience and abstraction, unwilling to be pinned down to a single medium. Ahead of her open studio as part of The Surf Coast Arts Trail in Winchelsea, Louise spoke

about her lifelong art practice, the philosophy that shapes her work, and the deeply personal body of paintings she's ready to share.

Louise's creative instincts announced themselves early. "I was the child that had the head down in the drawing book," she recalls, and that instinct was nurtured rather than dismissed. One teacher's encouragement has stayed with her ever since: "Louise needs to have her own special box. And all the special art materials need to go in that box because that's where she's heading."

Her creative instincts were heavily influenced by growing up in Ballarat East behind Miller Bros factory where they worked on the welding of pipes and steel fabrication. "I was surrounded by metal pipes which we loved playing on - I still recall the textures and colours of the pipes - I think that environment influenced my love of metal, the colours of metal and rust."

Louise went on to major in painting at RMIT, but kept printmaking, sculpture, and ceramics alive on the side. "I've always been someone that moved across mediums," she says.

Ask Louise to describe her aesthetic, and she doesn't have a tidy label. "I'm deeply aware of and curious about abstraction," she explains, "and I love the nuance that that makes in my work, that there's not always a literal narrative, and not necessarily representative, but a suggestion." For her, that openness is generous rather than evasive - it invites viewers to bring their own meaning to the work. "Abstraction actually offers me a very private way of expressing something."

Someone else might come along and say, oh, I love that. And I think that's great, that is art working!"

Living in regional Victoria shapes her work directly - its flatness, its distances, the way light moves across it. She speaks of Mount Warrenheip and Mount Buninyong seen from Wainwright's Road, and of two haybales she tried to photograph on successive days, drawn by "the way the shadows fell and the morning light on them," only to find them gone when she returned. "There's something about the light and mist. I'm captured by those ephemeral things."

You can visit Louise at her studio during the Surf Coast Arts Trail weekend on 1-2 August at 37 Austin Street. Take a moment to slow down and enjoy the newly crafted, elaborate entry to the studio, a collaboration with her husband Danny which encompasses found objects (Louise is an avid collector discarded things, giving them new life in her garden creations) native plants and sculptural elements.

*Milly Dabrowski is a Winchelsea resident, health professional and fledgling artist who enjoys sharing stories about local characters.*

## Services & Groups

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## Tap and Go rollout expands to regional areas

### Victorian Government

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eTicket.

The readers will be switched on later this  
year, allowing passengers to tap and go  
at every train station in the state.

Passengers travelling on V/Line services  
will still be able to reserve a seat where  
reservations are available.

Passengers who have not reserved a  
seat 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.

Victorians have already embraced tap  
and go, with more than one million trips  
made using a bank card or smart device  
since it launched last month across the  
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The rollout will continue later this month,  
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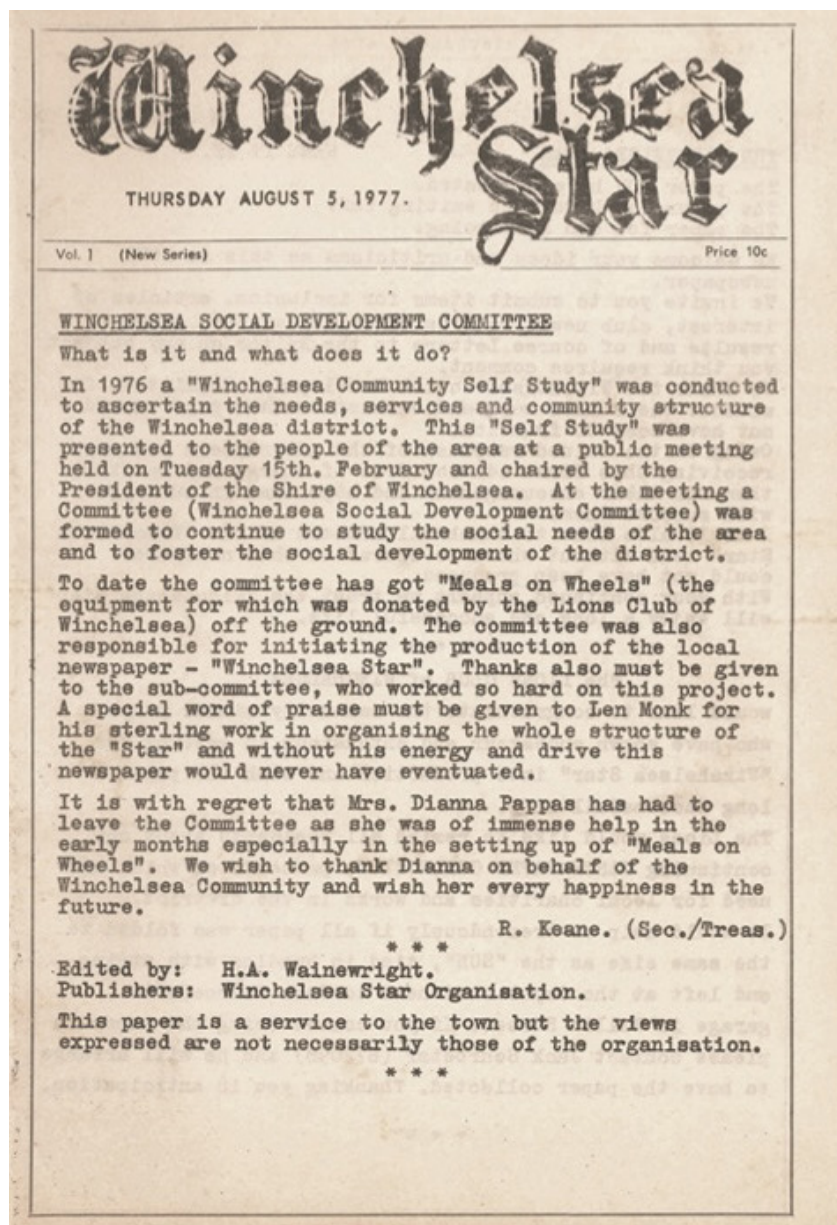
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### This Week's Star

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# History of Winchelsea

## Catholic Priests in Winchelsea Late twentieth century

Following on from previous week's articles about the local priests who served our community in the Early Twentieth Century, following the opening of the Catholic Church in 1892, today's article looks at some of the later priests who served as members of our local community in the twentieth century. While Winchelsea is a modern and secular community of many faiths and cultures, in times past, the local priest, doctor, teacher and councillors were held in high regard by their community. Their stories have left a mark on our community today and its culture. Many local people in Winchelsea today will still remember the priests in this article, who would have baptised, married and ministered to some of our older living residents and their parents. Their stories below have been abridged largely from the Kelly's book.

**Fr ALBERT RANDALL** suffered from a very heavy cold at his first Sunday Mass. Fr Randall believed in good long sermons. They could last up to one hour, as parents of young children in the era well remember! Fr Randall and his housekeeper Mrs Keating moved on in 1959, replaced by Fr VIN COOLEY who was another priest with a gentle disposition. He and his housekeeper, Mrs Quinlivan lived very quietly until Father was transferred to KINGSVILLE in 1962.

When **FR FRANC CASAMENTO** arrived he commissioned Joe Hayden and Les Newcombe from Barwon Downes, assisted by the local men to remove all the big old pine trees which lined the Harding St boundary and around the corner into Mercer St. The whole of the area around the bell tower was then planted with native shrubs. He also had a dream that Winchelsea could support its own Catholic school. With this in mind, he directed the building of a hall between the church and the railway line, which was opened on 24.5.1964. To raise the necessary finance, he organised a sacrificial giving campaign. Although his dream of a school was never realised, the hall remains today as a great asset to our parish and our town. A gifted pianist, he loved to entertain visitors to the presbytery with a demonstration of his talents. In the early 1960's Winchelsea had an unusually large number of primary school aged boys, all eager to serve on the altar at Mass. Father Casamento could not bear to turn any away when they lined up on Sunday morning, so it was not uncommon to see as many as eight altar boys serving their Winchelsea Community.

Fr Casamento departed to Montmorency in 1966, his place was taken by **Fr NOEL COLEMAN**. As soon as he arrived he faced the challenge of building a new church at Anglesea. On 25.2.1968 St Christopher's church was opened on its present site. In the late sixties At St John's Winchelsea, the sanctuary was remodelled

to accommodate the celebration of Mass facing the people. The altar rails were removed and the first nervous volunteers (all female) began reading at Mass. The ladies also joined the men in "Taking Up The Collection". This was still very much a novelty at that time.

In 1972 **Fr JOHN MCCARTHY** arrived in Winchelsea. He was a young priest full of enthusiasm and innovative ideas. He remained as administrator for seven months, until July 1973 when **Fr JOHN SAUL** was appointed to the parish. He had a long and distinguished career as a Christian Brother and as a highly regarded teacher, before his ordination to the priesthood. In his methodical way, he set about improving buildings around the parish. Fr Saul had hoped to live out his life among his parish family, but sadly his health deteriorated and in 1980 he retired to Geelong. After his death in 1987 he was buried in Winchelsea cemetery.

After Fr Saul's retirement, **Fr ANTHONY EAMES** came from Aspendale to join our parish community. He has been our second longest serving parish priest. Father is known for his keen interest in native flora, his love of travel and he is also widely recognised for his knowledge of ornithology. With his love of native plants, it was inevitable that on his arrival he would take an instant dislike to the remaining date palm in the grounds of the presbytery. He quickly arranged for its removal. Gradually all remaining cypress hedges were also removed and he planted hundreds of native trees and shrubs on our hectare of land, adding much to the beauty of our church property. In August 1992 resigned and retired to Anglesea. Since then Winchelsea has had Fr Brian Quinn, Fr Gerry Fitzpatrick, Fr Wojtek Chuchala from St Mary's Geelong until we joined the parish or Meredith in 2004.



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

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

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

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

# Groundwater decision is a win for the Anglesea community

## Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council welcomes the decision by Southern Rural Water to reject Alcoa Australia's application to extract additional groundwater at Anglesea as a positive outcome following a strong community-led campaign.

Alcoa had applied to extract 1500 megalitres of groundwater a year for 10 years, to help fill its former mine pit. Council made a submission to SRW and appeared before a panel hearing during 2025 citing the community's concerns.

"We have seen an inspiring community-led effort to oppose the application and everyone involved deserves congratulations on an excellent outcome for the Anglesea River," Mayor Libby Stapleton said.

"The river is a place our community loves and protection of its long-term health must be an ongoing priority. Council was proud to stand alongside many passionate local people, given our shared concerns."

Council's submission reaffirmed that it did not support extraction unless it could be proven not to have a detrimental impact on the environmental and social values of the Anglesea River and/or its catchment.

Council asked SRW to consider the risks to the environment and apply the precautionary principle to determine whether the benefits would outweigh the risks to the groundwater dependent ecosystems, the Anglesea River catchment, and the security of potable water supply to the region.

Council's submission also:

- Raised concerns the proposal did not meet the purpose of the Water Act 1989 that 'water resources are conserved and properly managed for sustainable use for the benefit of present and future Victorians' especially in the light of the drying conditions in the catchment.
- Raised concerns about the health of the Anglesea River and its catchment and possible causal links with Alcoa's past groundwater extraction from the Upper Eastern View Aquifer and the risks associated with further pumping from this source.
- Urged respectful engagement with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation, noting that water extraction is identified as a very high threat to Wadawurrung Country and culture in Paleert Tjaara Dja (Wadawurrung Country Plan 2020-2030).
- Alcoa ceased operations at the Anglesea Mine in 2015 and its Draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan proposes to fill the mine pit with water.

Alcoa's proposal was to use groundwater to fill the mine pit in seven to 10 years. An alternative strategy is a natural fill over a period of 26 years.

Council's full submission to the process can be read in the **22 July 2025 Council Meeting minutes**.

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

## The Secretary on behalf of the committee. Growing Winchelsea Inc

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# You are invited

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

## Winchelsea Place Plan

with Growing Winchelsea & the Surf Coast Shire

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

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

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

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

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

10am – 12pm Thursday, 23rd of July 2026  
at the Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
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## Vegetable of the Month



### RECIPE

#### Slow Cooked Chicken, Lentil and Pumpkin Curry

From The Australian Women's Weekly Slow Cooker

It's slow cooker weather so I had to include something hearty from The Australian Women's Weekly Slow Cooker recipe book. Enjoy with some papadums.

- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup (130g) dried brown lentils
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup (130g) dried red lentils
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 large brown onion (200g), chopped finely
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2.5cm (1-inch) piece fresh ginger (10g), grated
- 2 teaspoons each ground cumin, ground coriander and black mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 fresh long red chilli, chopped finely
- 3 cups (750ml) chicken stock
- 1kg (2 pounds) chicken thigh fillets, chopped coarsely
- 400g (12½ ounces) canned diced tomatoes
- 500g (1 pound) pumpkin,

- chopped coarsely
- 1¼ cups (270ml) canned coconut milk
- 155g (5 ounces) baby
- spinach leaves
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coarsely chopped fresh coriander
- Rinse lentils under cold water until water runs clear; drain
- Heat oil in a large frying pan; cook onion, garlic and ginger, stirring, until onion softens. Add spices and chilli; cook, stirring, until fragrant. Add stock; bring to the boil.
- Pour stock mixture into a 4.5-litre (18-cup) slow cooker; stir in chicken, tomatoes, pumpkin and lentils. Cook, covered, on low, about 7 hours.
- Stir in coconut milk; cook, covered, on high, about 15 minutes, stirring once. Stir in spinach and coriander. Season to taste.



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# Winchelsea Lions Club

## Changeover Dinner

Linda Carter

Last Wednesday night Winchelsea Lions Club held their annual Changeover Dinner at the Hub. Janet and her team provided a wonderful meal as always. Thank you so much Janet for helping our night run as smoothly as it does and also to Scotty Mawson and the Footy Club for manning the all important bar.

It was quite a night, Cr Tony Phelps presented the toast to Lions International with a response from Lion Sam Inglis.

We were so pleased to induct Robyn Black into our family, the ceremony performed by PDG Les Cropley. Robyn was warmly welcomed by all our Lion members as well as visiting Lions members from Torquay, Inverleigh and Lara.

The night was essentially to induct the new committee for the next year. John Bell from Torquay Lions was pleased to induct Murray Bennett as President, Raymond Gunson as Vice President, Rob Davies as Secretary, John Hutton as Treasurer, Robbie Clark as Membership chairman. We wish them well in the coming year.

Newly elected President Murray introduced his daughter Sgt Dee Kuchenmeister who presented a project at least 3 years in planning, sponsored by Winchelsea Lions Club, plus other Lions clubs in District 201V2, PDG Les Cropley, DG Sue Eyton. That being Sgt Nala who I am sure will do a wonderful job in presenting to various groups the importance of policing in the community and proudly sponsored by Lions Clubs.

This was a wonderful night, the highlight of the Lions calendar. We thank our outgoing President Graham and committee for a great job during the last year. We continue to live up to our motto "We Serve". Our priority is the local community so if you know of anyone in need or any way we can help please get in touch. Or if you would like to join our family we would welcome new members with new ideas.

Our next project is the Skin Check Bus on the 1st and 2nd August in the car park outside the Community House. Bookings are essential please ring 0448338003 for an appointment.



Robyn Black inducted into Lions by Les Cropley with sponsor Don Smith



Sgt Nala with sponsors Sue Eyton, Les Cropley and Sgt Dee Kuchenmeister



Winchelsea Lions Club new committee for 2026/7



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## SONGMAN AT THE MANSION

Part of the first annual Winchelsea Music Season



**Uncle Dave Arden - Gunditjmara/Kokatha Songman**

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

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# ArtsRural



Zinaida Campion

## Songman at the Mansion

Hello Winchelsea!

On Saturday 1 August, Barwon Park Mansion will become the setting for an evening unlike any other as acclaimed Gunditjmara/Kokatha Songman Uncle Dave Arden presents Songman at the Mansion as part of the inaugural Winchelsea Music Season.



With Zinaida Campion,  
COPACC



Dave Arden

For Rural Arts Victoria, this event represents something much bigger than a concert. It reflects our belief that regional communities deserve artistic experiences of the highest quality—experiences that celebrate not only music, but the stories, cultures and landscapes that make our communities unique. I first met Uncle Dave after his appearance in Colac in October, and since inviting him to the Winchelsea Music Season, it has been the greatest pleasure imagining this event with him.

Uncle Dave Arden's performances are rich with music, storytelling and a profound connection to Country. Through song, he shares stories that invite audiences to listen, reflect and connect with Australia's living cultural heritage. Presenting this work within the historic surroundings of Barwon Park creates a remarkable conversation between place, history and culture.

The event also forms part of a much broader cultural celebration. Visitors can spend the day exploring the Surf Coast Arts Trail, discover local creativity at the Manor Made Arts Festival, and experience the Gilson Family Indigenous Art Exhibition at Barwon Park before settling into the mansion for an intimate evening of

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

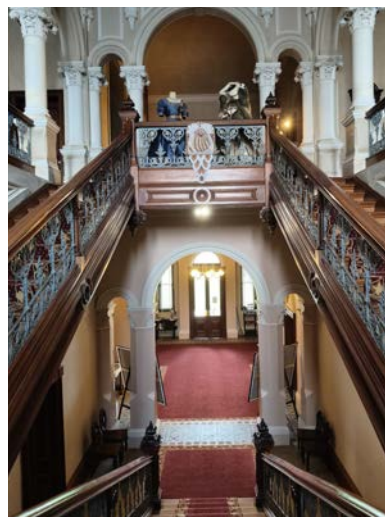
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music and storytelling.

This is exactly the kind of cultural experience Rural Arts Victoria hopes to foster—one where heritage places become living cultural spaces, artists are celebrated, and communities gather to share meaningful experiences.

Too often, regional communities are expected to travel to Melbourne for exceptional arts experiences. We believe the opposite can also be true. Outstanding artists can and should be welcomed into regional Victoria, where they can perform in remarkable places and engage with local audiences in ways that are personal, memorable and deeply rewarding.

The inaugural Winchelsea Music Season was founded on this vision. Each event explores the relationship between music, history and place, demonstrating how the arts can activate heritage venues while contributing to community wellbeing and cultural tourism.



Barwon Park Mansion,  
currently housing the Gilson  
Family Indigenous Art Exhibition

Barwon Park Mansion provides a fitting backdrop. As one of Victoria's most treasured heritage properties, it reminds us that historic buildings are not simply places to preserve—they are places to experience. When music fills their rooms and stories are shared within their walls, they continue to live and inspire new generations.

We warmly invite readers to join us for this very special evening. Whether you come for Uncle Dave's music, the heritage setting, the Indigenous art exhibition, or simply the opportunity to experience something different, we hope you will leave with a renewed appreciation for the richness of our region's cultural life.

As Rural Arts Victoria continues to grow, our mission remains simple: to bring exceptional artists to regional communities, celebrate our remarkable heritage places, and create opportunities for people to gather through the shared language of the arts.

We look forward to welcoming you to Barwon Park on 1 August. Tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/songman-at-the-mansion>  
*Ciao!*

Also This Friday: James Emerson: A Winter Evening at the Globe. Friday July 24, 7pm at the Globe Theatre.  
Tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/james-emerson-a-winter->



# 1st Modewarre Scout Group

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader  
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Wow – what a difference 20 degrees makes! We came back from hiking the Jatbula Trail in the Katherine Gorge area of the NT in 30+ degree days and 10 degree nights, to the sodden iciness of our southern homes.

The Jatbula Trail and surrounding Nitmiluk National Park are wonderful examples of welcome and inclusion by the Jawoyn people, the traditional custodians of that land. To be able to walk the 68kms in a small group of 15-20 people takes you away from the tourist areas of the top end, immersing yourself in the timelessness of the landscape. Katherine Gorge is the starting point, with 5 camp sites along the way, each with crocodile free swimming lagoons, rockpools and waterfalls. They are surrounded by lush rainforests. This year's wet was big and long, supporting vivid green growth of all shades. There were many different flowering plants, beautiful trees, a few shy animals and some amazing rock art.

The Trail is a challenging 6-day, 63km walk, with many rock climbs and water crossings, all made trickier by carrying a pack with 3-4 litres of water on board. Early mornings were the norm to beat the heat, with a good deal of the 17km day walked in the dark by torchlight.

Preparation is the key, with fitness very important. Thanks to Brenton at Breeze for getting me up to speed here. Great hiking companions are so important – thanks to Angela and James for taking me on this adventure. Diet is very important, with nutritious, tasty dehydrated meals prepared in the preceding weeks. Trusty hiking gear is a given – pack, walking poles, first aid kit, plb, stove, tent and sleeping mat, all accumulated over the years. The reward is being immersed in nature with a few like-minded friends, both new and old.

Despite all of this, accidents happen, decisions have to be made, and rescues set in motion. After tripping on undergrowth, falling heavily and injuring my achilles, I withdrew from the hike at the 48km camp. NT Parks was radioed on the Emergency Radio and organised a Medi-Vac helicopter ride back to Katherine Gorge. A different ending from that originally planned!

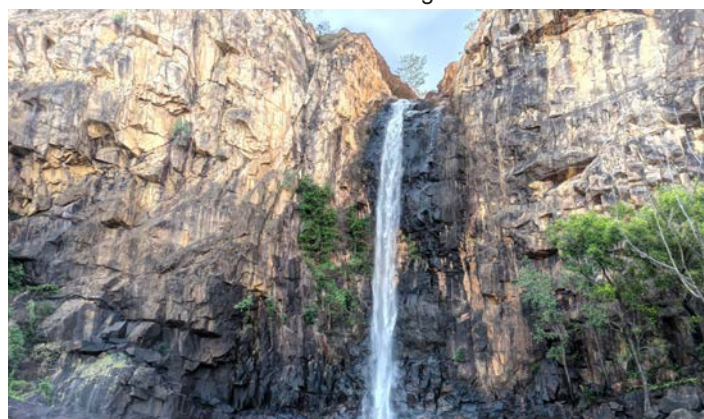
Home again now, with hiking on the back burner for a while, we head into another term of Joeys, Cubs and Scouts. The Cubs are preparing for a busy term, with 7 of them heading off to Cuboree next holidays, the Joeys are heading off into Outer Space, and the Scouts have planned a busy term learning about ... hiking!



Artwork



Rock crossing



Waterfall



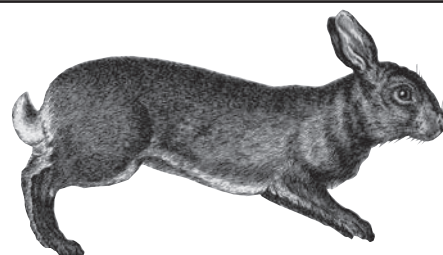
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## MONDAY

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### 1ST MODEWARRE

#### SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
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Venturers 15-18yo hosted by  
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### BRIDGE

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

### 1ST MODEWARRE

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### MAT PILATES

6.30pm \$25  
Winchelsea Community House  
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## WEDNESDAY

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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## WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am  
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Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

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# Community Climate Risk Forum

## Surf Coast Shire

A new free community forum is set to enhance climate emergency awareness and resilience across Surf Coast Shire.

Geelong Sustainability and Surf Coast Environment Group are partnering to host the Community Climate Risk Forum, with the support of a \$10,000 grant from Surf Coast Shire Council's Climate Emergency Grants Program.

The forum will bring together residents, businesses, emergency services and community groups to explore impacts of climate change, connect people with practical resources and strengthen adaptive responses.

"Climate change is no longer a future challenge," Geelong Sustainability Co-CEO Karina Donkers said.

"Communities across our region are already experiencing the impacts through increasing extreme weather events, environmental changes and growing uncertainty about what lies ahead.

"This Community Climate Risk Forum is an important opportunity to bring together knowledge, lived experience and local action to support a community that is informed, connected and prepared for the challenges ahead."

Surf Coast Environment Group founder Graeme Stockton OAM said expert speakers, information stalls and facilitated discussions will cover topics including coastal flooding, bushfire risk, extreme heat and storm events.

"Climate resilience is not something that can be achieved by one organisation or one sector alone, it requires collaboration, local knowledge and a community that feels empowered to participate."

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- 2 My God, I cry in the daytime, but you don't answer; in the night season,  
 and am not silent.
- 3 But you are holy,  
 you who inhabit the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in you.  
 They trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried to you, and were delivered.  
 They trusted in you, and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man;  
 a reproach of men, and despised by the people.
- 7 All those who see me mock me.  
 They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, saying,  
 "He trusts in Yahweh. Let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, since he delights in him."
- 8 But you brought me out of the womb.  
 You made me trust while at my mother's breasts.
- 9 I was thrown on you from my mother's womb.  
 You are my God since my mother bore me.
- 10 Don't be far from me, for trouble is near. For there is no one to help.
- 11 Many bulls have surrounded me.  
 Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.
- 12 They open their mouths wide against me,  
 lions tearing prey and roaring.
- 13 I am poured out like water.  
 All my bones are out of joint.  
 My heart is like wax.  
 It is melted within me.
- 14 My strength is dried up like a potsherd.  
 My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.  
 You have brought me into the dust of death.
- 15 For dogs have surrounded me.  
 A company of evildoers have enclosed me.  
 They have pierced my hands and feet.
- 16 I can count all of my bones.  
 They look and stare at me.
- 17 They divide my garments among them.  
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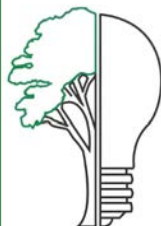
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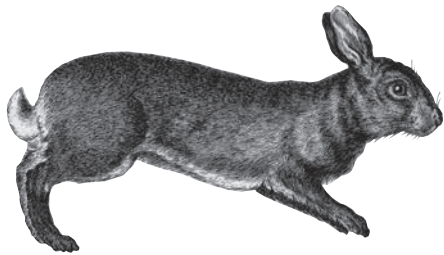
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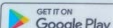
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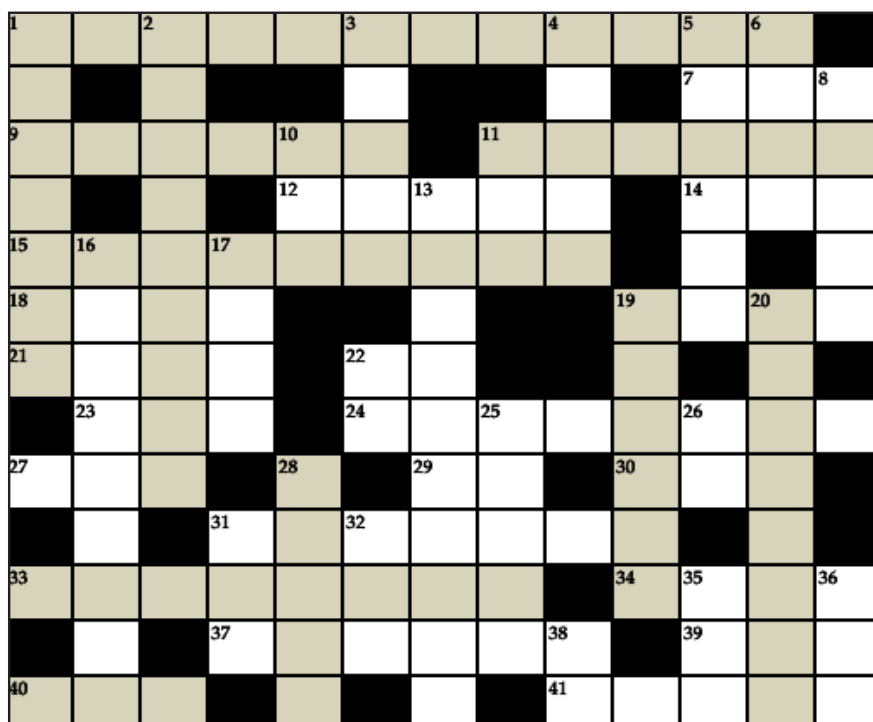

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# Winchelsea Crossword No 3

Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution next page



| ACROSS                                                | DOWN                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Name the Winch building in the attached pic (5,7)   | 1 Winch street name                                          |
| 7 Fuss                                                | 2 Locality near 15 across                                    |
| 9 Winch street - off 11 across                        | 3 Carried                                                    |
| 11 Winch street named for pioneer pastoralist family  | 4 Mistreat                                                   |
| 12 Periods of time                                    | 5 Fixed share of a resource                                  |
| 14 Carole King song "--- Too Late"                    | 6 Correct & revise text prior to publication                 |
| 15 Saline lake near Winch                             | 8 Initial stage of something                                 |
| 18 As well as                                         | 10 Cereal grain                                              |
| 19 Tiny fly                                           | 11 Large wooden ship from the Bible                          |
| 21 Invalid                                            | 13 Process of selling by way of competitive bidding          |
| 22 Classic 1961 feature film "Breakfast -- Tiffany's" | 16 Wailing in a high-pitched wavering manner                 |
| 23 Sheltered side                                     | 17 Unemployment payment                                      |
| 24 Schematics                                         | 19 Type of building once operated by Schroeter Bros in Winch |
| 27 Cove                                               | 20 Winch street name                                         |
| 29 Animals song "House -- the Rising Sun"             | 22 TV commercial                                             |
| 30 Female forename                                    | 25 Burning                                                   |
| 31 Early daylight hours                               | 26 Morning hours (abbrev)                                    |
| 33 Winch court/circuit off Riverview Drive            | 28 Large town west of Winch                                  |
| 34 Style and panache                                  | 31 Melb. sporting venue (inits)                              |
| 37 Sea bird                                           | 32 Sprinted                                                  |
| 39 Sense of self importance                           | 35 Permit                                                    |
| 40 Winch supermarket                                  | 36 Signal of approval                                        |
| 41 Elected                                            | 38 Television (abbrev)                                       |



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No 1

# Ballarat scores National Cricket Inclusion Championships

Victorian Government

Ballarat is set to host the premier tournament for cricketers with a disability in the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in January 2027.

Featuring six divisions, athletes will compete over six days. A division for Cricketers with a Physical Disability will run for the first time. It will also see the return of cricketers with an Intellectual Disability, as well as Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Blind and Low Vision men's and women's teams.

The National Cricket Inclusion Championships provides pathways for cricketers with disabilities. Standout performers also have the opportunity to represent Australia internationally.

For more information, visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

# New powers to protect homebuyers

Victorian Government

The Building and Plumbing Commission (BPC) now has a new insurance scheme for families building a home, and a new developer bond scheme for apartment buildings.

## Insurance when you need it most

Homeowners who enter into a domestic building contract are now covered by the First Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme. This covers lost deposits, incomplete building work and defective work with no complex legal battles required.

The BPC is the sole provider of the scheme, meaning dodgy operators can't shop around for shoddy insurance. In just one week, the BPC have issued more than 1,300 Notices of Cover for more than \$445 million building contracts.

## Fixing defects – even after you've moved in

The BPC can now order builders, subcontractors and developers to fix defective work for up to 10 years after you've moved in. This can be used when building work poses a clear safety risk, and other enforcement actions won't get the job done.

The new powers apply retrospectively meaning building work completed before today might still be subject to these orders.

## Protecting apartment buyers

Defects in apartment buildings cost an estimated \$453 million every year. From 1 July next year, developers of apartment buildings will have to lodge a bond with the BPC to cover the cost of fixing defective work. This ensures Victorians have confidence to put their hard-earned savings into an off-the-plan apartment purchase.

# Reporting blitz to fix crumbling roads

VFF

Regional drivers are being urged to report every pothole and road hazard in a two week 'Regional Road reporting blitz'.

Victorian Farmers Federation President Ryan Milgate said every report would help demonstrate Victoria's regional road crisis. "It's a sobering fact that when driving on country roads, you're five times more likely to lose your life than when driving in the city."

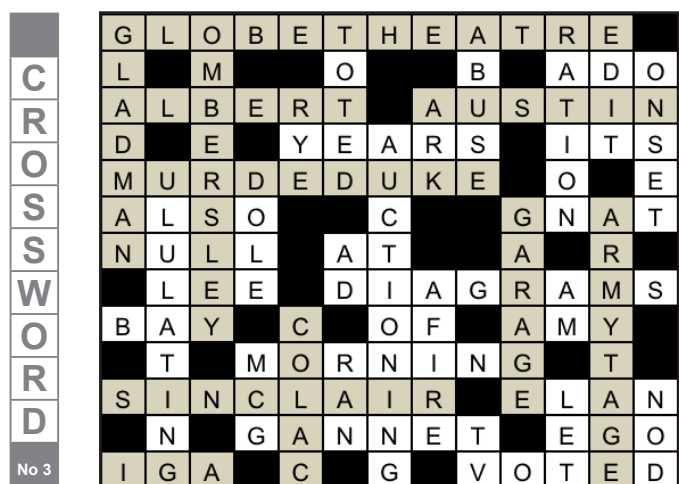
"Regional roads stakeholders met with the Roads Minister recently, and received a clear message that local reporting is critical to get repairs prioritised."

Victorian Budget figures reveal

- Planned road resurfacing and rehabilitation works in regional Victoria have been cut dramatically over the past five years;
- Targets for regional road resurfacing and rehabilitation have fallen from 11,800 thousand square metres in 2021–22 to just 2,859 thousand square metres in 2026–27, a reduction of more than 75 per cent.

"The government's own numbers show regional roads are being left behind. A more than 75 per cent reduction in planned resurfacing and rehabilitation works is unacceptable. Temporary patches are no substitute for rebuilding roads properly and drivers, farmers and all of our rural communities are paying the price," Mr Milgate said.

Drivers can use VicRoads' online road issue reporting system, call 13 11 70 or upload their shots to Snap, Send, Solve to report hazards including potholes, damaged road surfaces, faded line markings and damaged signs.



# PICKLEBALL

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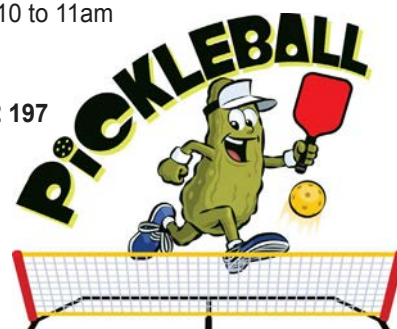
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# The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Prince Philip said, "It is an old cliché to say that the future is in the hands of the young. This is no longer true. The quality of life to be enjoyed or the existence to be survived by our children and future generations is in our hands now."

This quote by Prince Philip continues to inspire discussions about environmental conservation and human responsibility. Prince Philip believed that people living today should not expect future generations to solve the problems created by the present generation. His words encourage individuals, governments and communities to act now instead of waiting for others. The message was first delivered at the World Wildlife Fund Congress in London in 1970. More than five decades later, the quote remains relevant because the world continues to face issues related to climate change, pollution, natural resources and sustainable development. His message promotes accountability through present-day action.

Read more at: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/quote-of-the-day-by-prince-philip-it-is-an-old-cliche-to-say-that-the-future-is-in-the-hands-of-the-young-this-is-no-life-lessons-from-inspiring-quote-on-environment-conservation-global-sustainability-accountability-true-stewardship-and-timely-action/>

## 'We are waiting with bated breath'

Experts alarmed as The Bureau of Meteorology says gathering El Niño could be strongest on record.

Prof Sarah Perkins-Kirkpatrick, a climate scientist and expert in heat extremes at the Australian National University, said: "Every time I look at it, I have this sense of awe but deep concern. I think it will be one for the record books."

"But this doesn't mean the impacts here in Australia will be extreme. But we are waiting with bated breath."

Climatologists are watching the strengthening El Niño with increasing alarm, saying the forecasts from climate models in the coming months are "mind blowing" and "astounding".

Globally, experts have said a strong El Niño could work in tandem with global heating to deliver the hottest year on record either this year or, more likely, in 2027.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/jul/17/record-el-nino-forecast-2027-hottest-year-on-record-bom-says>

## Global food crisis: How El Nino and war could double grocery prices

A chain of crises is quietly converging and analysts warn it's going to get uglier than ever before.

War closed vital shipping channels through the narrow Strait of Hormuz in February. This choked global supplies of oil, fertiliser, helium and aluminium.

A "Super" El Niño has since formed over the eastern Pacific. This has already produced sizzling heatwaves across Europe and the United States, unusual weather across Africa, and severe floods in China.

This is all adding up to what strategic analysts term a "polycrisis".

Lots of problems. All at once. All over the place.

This affects everyone.

The cost of living is soaring worldwide.

That's because farmers are struggling to produce crops with high diesel and fertiliser costs. Not to mention weather extremes.

Source: <http://news.com.au/world/global-food-crisis-how-el-nino-and-war-could-double-grocery-prices/news-story/f77065e4ea39b941ab29943a9959a62a>

## El Niño: what it means for Australia's climate

Outlook for winter and spring 2026

Our long-range forecasts are most reliable up to 3 months ahead. For July to September the forecast issued on 11 June showed:

- rainfall is likely to be below average across parts of southern and eastern Australia
- temperatures are likely to be above average in most areas, except parts of the north.

Below average rainfall does not mean no rain – just less than usual.

These forecasts cannot predict specific events in advance. For example, an east coast low can bring heavy rain in winter.

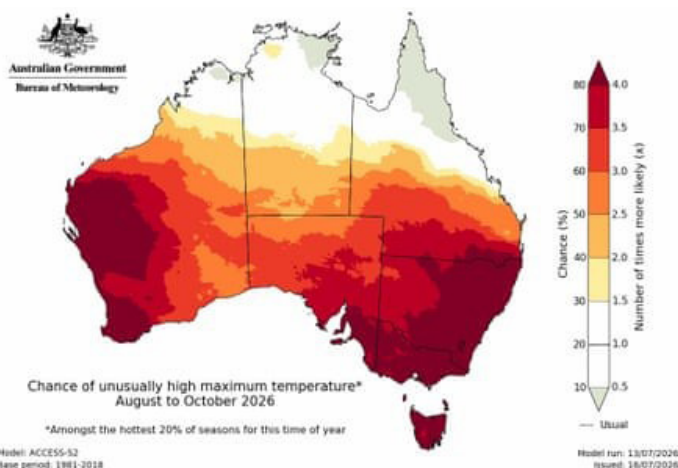
## Typical impacts

Past El Niño events have often coincided with:

- less rainfall in winter and spring, particularly in the eastern half of Australia
- higher daytime temperatures in southern areas
- increased frost risk due to clearer skies.

However, in a warming climate, past patterns are less reliable as a predictor of future impacts.

Read more at: <https://www.bom.gov.au/news-and-media/el-nino-what-it-means-for-australias-climate>



Map showing the areas with a chance of unusually high maximum temperatures for the August to October 2026 period. Deep red shows areas with an at 80% chance of seeing temperatures in the top 20% for that period. Illustration: Bureau of Meteorology

The El Niño climate phenomenon linked to record global temperatures and now locked in place in the Pacific Ocean could develop into the strongest on record, according to Australia's Bureau of Meteorology.

# The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

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

## Why a strong Visitor Information Centre matters for tourism and business development in Winchelsea

The future reopening of the Winchelsea Visitor Information Centre (VIC) presents an important opportunity to rebuild one of the town's key tourism and community assets after years of disruption caused by the dual lane highway works and subsequent closure of the historic former Public Library building.

Visitor Information Centres play a critical role in regional towns. They are often the first point of contact for travellers seeking information on local attractions, accommodation, dining, events, heritage sites, and services. Without an active VIC, many travellers simply continue driving through a town without stopping, resulting in lost economic opportunities for local businesses.

## Economic Benefits for Local Businesses

A well-functioning VIC encourages visitors to:

- Stay longer in town
- Spend money locally
- Explore attractions they may not otherwise discover
- Return for future visits
- Recommend the town to others

Research consistently shows that travellers who receive personal recommendations from VIC volunteers are more likely to visit cafes, retail stores, galleries, historical sites, and accommodation providers.

For Winchelsea, this is particularly important given its strategic location along a major tourist route. The highway has altered traffic movement patterns, making active tourism promotion even more essential to encourage travellers to stop and explore.

## Revitalising Town Identity

The VIC also serves as a “front window” for the community. It provides:

- A welcoming arrival point
- Local maps and itineraries
- Information about heritage and natural attractions
- Promotion of community events
- Opportunities for local producers and artists

Winchelsea has significant assets to showcase, including:

- The Barwon River precinct
- Barwon Park Mansion & other historic bluestone buildings
- Indigenous and colonial heritage
- The iconic bridge and railway history
- Natural landscapes and walking opportunities
- Arboretum Trail
- Community events and local markets

A revitalised VIC can reconnect the town with regional tourism networks and strengthen community pride.

## Preparing for Reopening

The proposed 2026/2027 Surf Coast Shire budget allocation provides an opportunity to establish a modern, visitor-focused facility with:

- Updated promotional materials
- Contemporary displays
- Digital information systems
- Strong signage
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Partnerships with local businesses

Importantly, investment in the VIC should not simply restore what existed previously — it should position Winchelsea for the future of regional tourism and planned growth.

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

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# Blues News

Janet Fletcher



## ROUND 14

### WINCHELSEA BLUES vs BELL POST HILL PANTHERS

Welcome to all Blue's News readers as we have a look at the Round 14 results from last weekend. Cold, but clear sunny conditions prevailed last Saturday at Eastern Reserve as the Winchelsea Blues hosted the Bell Post Hill Panthers in yet another top of the table clash for the Blues as they attempted to have a crack at their 8th straight win in a row. Firstly, to the Reserves.

#### RESERVES:

**Winchelsea Blues 3.9.27 were defeated by Bell Post hill Panthers 10.8.68.**

The B.P.H. Panthers got off to a great start in the first quarter with accurate kicking – 3 goals 1 behind to the Blues 4 behinds. The second quarter far better for the Blues kicking 3 goals straight to the Panthers 2 goals. After half time the visiting team showed why they are on top of their League Ladder allowing the Blues a miserly 2 behinds for the entire second half. A valiant try by the Blues but were beaten on the day by a better side.

#### GOALS:

Jude Coverdale 1, Tom Kennedy 1, Lachlan Jenkins 1.

#### BEST:

Cooper Mumberson, Matthew Gillespie, Bailey Mumberson, Dustin Baker, Jude Coverdale, Will McNeil.

#### SENIORS:

**Winchelsea Blues 17.12.114 def Bell Post Hill Panthers 10.6.66**

After coming off another nailbiter at the tricky Winter Reserve in Round 13 the Blues had their sights set on Bell Post Hill – this was looked at as being a big game for the Blues as they continue in their finals quest.

Winchelsea stood up and took the game on right from the opening bounce, dominating the opening quarter with a haul of 5 goals 4 behinds to Bell Post's 2 goals 2 behinds. The second quarter saw the Panthers surge, but the Blues held to their plan and went into the half time break leading 2 goals straight – 8.5.53 to 6.5.41. The second half of football saw the Bell Post Hill players throw everything they had at the Blues but failed to make any real inroads in the Blues ability to continue to not only hold them at bay but attack and have positive outcomes as a result on the score board. The third quarter huddle showing nothing but positive outlook. The home crowd loving the Blues ability to keep coming and in the final term kick 6 goals 4 behinds to 3 goals 1.

This Winchelsea Blues are really starting to have that belief in each other, Coaching staff united in the belief the Blues are as good as anyone else in their League and as this was the 8th straight win against teams just below but also above them on the ladder it would be hard to argue that point. Finals are still some way off, but the Blues have put themselves in a good position at this stage of season 2026.

#### GOALS:

Indi Parish 4, Cameron Primmer 4, Jordan Gould 2, Jack Sampi 2, Rory Baulch 2, Fin Parish 1, Jack Terrill 1, Noah Harvey 1.

#### BEST:

Indi Parish, Fin Parish, Adam Walsh, Jack Sampi, David Isbister, Reuben James.

Great job Winnie Blues !! Keep going hard, keep going fair, keep going for one another !!

**This Saturday** will see the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club travel to East Geelong's home ground, Richmond Crescent Oval in yet another blockbuster in the G.D.F.N.L.'s 2026 season – East is sitting third on the ladder with 40 points and a huge percentage of 175. 82. The Blues are at present sharing top spot with Werribee sharing 44 points, Winchelsea oh so slightly ahead on percentage – 137.77 to Werribee at 137.58%. This 2026 season is very tight.

**The Ladder** sits as this for the top 5 ...

1. Winchelsea Blues
2. Werribee Centrals
3. East Geelong
4. North Geelong (Reigning Premiers)
5. Belmont Lions

Over the last 8 weeks the Blues have been tested again and again, Saturday will be another of those tests. All at the Club are right behind the boys and their Coaching Staff, anyone who can get to the game to support your navy blue, please do so! Times are as usual – Reserves at 12pm, Seniors at 2pm.

#### THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

Before we get to the Menu for this Thursday evening, the 100% volunteer Catering Team have risen to the challenge set for them this week magnificently. It was a privilege to cater for Life Member Shirley Leak's Funeral service, the Lion's Club Dinner for the Governors Changeover, and the Funeral wake of Eva Schroter, as well as the usual Thursday night teas and a home game on the Saturday. The Catering Team is Community based and we are always looking for anyone who would be interested in giving a few hours here and there.

The Blue's Bistro Menu for this week is ....

- Battered Fish, Chicken Satay, Porcupine Balls served with chips & salad, or vegetables.
- DESSERT: Golden Syrup Dumplings & ice cream
- Chicken Nuggets & Chips / Fish & Chips for our Junior Blues (2 pieces of fish \$8)
- Ice-cream with the choice of Caramel (G. F.) Chocolate or Strawberry Topping + "Sprinkles" an option for both Senior & Junior Blues!!

The Club looks forward to seeing our Footballers, Netballers, Junior families and our loyal community patrons this Thursday night from 6pm with the bar open and the heaters on.

## GO BLUES!!

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# Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

## RESULTS

### Weekly comp results 15/7. 15 players Stableford, NTP 5th/16th

Winner: Brent Kahle (5)36 pts  
R/up: Tara Steward (15) 31 pts

BDL : Al Renick 30 pts  
BDL: Peter Finch 29 CB from  
Brett Nash

NTP: Tara Steward

### Ladies results 15/7 - Stableford

Winner: Mary Parish 26 pts  
R/Up: Di Bartel 19 pts  
No NTP winners

### Saturday 18/7

#### Members cup, Stroke

NTP 8/17

Golden hole 11th

Winner: Aaron Wight 90-17-73

R/Up: David Harvey 91-17-74

BDL: Gary Reid 87-12-75

BDL: Andrew Ellery 105-28-77

NTP: Tom Shaw

Golden Hole: Gary Reid

Coming up:

**Next Saturday -2nd RD Members Cup Stableford**



Photo by Tara Steward of the approach to the 3rd green



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# Junior Netball

Shae Callahan



Well done to all of our players, coaches, volunteers and families on another fantastic week for Winchelsea Blues Junior Netball. The culture, commitment and club spirit on display this week has been something to be proud of. Go Blues!

What a HUGE week of netball at Winchelsea!



Thursday night training saw our junior players buddy up with our senior netballers for a fantastic evening of skill development, teamwork and plenty of fun. There was lots of laughter, encouragement and knowledge shared as players of all ages worked together.

One of the priorities for our club committee this season has been to build stronger connections between our junior and senior players, and this week proved just how successful that initiative has been. Buddies were encouraged to support each other by watching one another's games on Saturday, helping create a fantastic club atmosphere. It was wonderful to see our juniors forming a guard of honour for their senior buddies before their games.

Saturday was also Ladies Day, with everyone encouraged to wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Despite the cold, foggy morning, it was fantastic to see so much pink around the courts.

We finished off the week with our Junior Rock Up Netball session on Sunday morning. This non-compulsory skills and game play session for Under 10s to Under 15s continues to grow, with players working together to improve their confidence, decision-making and teamwork. We're certainly seeing the benefits of this extra commitment out on the court.

A huge thank you to Angie for giving up her Sunday morning to help develop our junior players, and thank you to all of our parents for their ongoing support and commitment each and every week.

*Photos thanks to Jason Nogueira.*



### Under 10s



Our Under 10 Minis kicked off their third season together in style with a fantastic 12-4 win on Monday night!

The girls worked seamlessly as a team, moving the ball confidently down the court, while our defensive unit held a strong line all game to keep the opposition under pressure. It was a terrific all-round team performance and a great way to start the season.

It has been great to see so many of the girls making the most of the extra Sunday training sessions, with their hard work already shining through on the court. As training sessions the season progresses, we're excited to see the whole team continue to develop and grow together.

Congratulations to the team on a brilliant start—we cannot wait to watch the girls build on this momentum and enjoy another fantastic season together!

### Under 11s



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



# Junior Netball



## Under 13s



The Under 13s went down 17–29 to Bell Post Hill. Helena and Ally were again strong in goals, making the most of the opportunities created through the hard work of our centre court and defensive players.

## Under 15s



Another tight, low-scoring contest saw the Under 15s go down 9–13. Ash again stood tall in goals, finishing with seven goals. The defensive pressure right across the court was outstanding, keeping the opposition's scoring to a minimum and showing the team's determination from start to finish.

## Under 19s



The Under 19s continued their impressive season with a dominant 46–15 win over Bell Post Hill. Their ball movement down the court was outstanding, with strong teamwork and accurate passing creating plenty of scoring opportunities throughout the game.



# Winchelsea Op Shop

Cheryl Mawson

YOU DONT HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR TO FIND

1. A fresh supply of winter clothing for adults and children.
2. Warm winter boots long or short
3. For a quick winter makeover check out our bedding, cushions and throws.

*CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY*



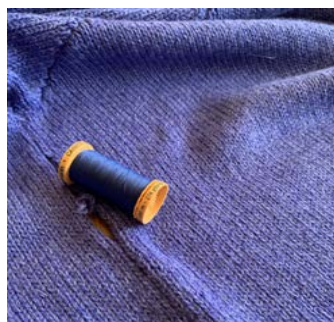
## Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group

It was great to catch up on everyone's news after having a break, a couple of our projects had progressed, so we had 'show and tell' which is always fun and interesting.

We had two of our sewing machines working last Wednesday, one being used to make alterations to a bag, this turned out really well and Julie was very happy with it. Our other machine was being used to make buttonholes to finish off a baby's smocked dress. This dress was donated to the group partially finished; it has now been finished and will be sold with the proceeds going to Winch House.

The seam on a hand knitted woollen jumper needs to be repaired, the wool has been knitted up a couple of times over the years so there is not a scrap of spare wool left for the repair but as we have a huge box of cottons it was not hard to find a suitable colour. We have a large amount of donated haberdashery for use by the community, instead of purchasing a new item come along to check out if we have something you can use.



## Quick Response Grants

# NOW OPEN

**Grants of up to \$3,000 for equipment and community led projects**

Grants are open until all available funding has been allocated

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**Saturday 18 July 2026**

**Neil McInnes**

Twenty six participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in very foggy conditions.

Five personal best times were recorded. Congratulations to Ash Hubbert, Jett Butler, James Hurren, Tahlia Barr and Janet Vickers who completed their personal best time at Trebeck Reserve.

Eight volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Murray Bennett, Brian Vagg, Ian Wakeman, Cherie Mordue, Ann Jones and Chloe Hrobarik.

Full details of this week's results can be found at [trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results](http://trebeckreserveparkrun.com.au/results) or check out our Facebook page for more photos.

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at [parkrun.com.au/register](http://parkrun.com.au/register), this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

To volunteer please send an email to [trebeckreserve@parkrun.com](mailto:trebeckreserve@parkrun.com)



# What's on at Winch House

28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Ph: 0352672028 Email:  
reception@winchhouse.org.au

## 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  
6:30PM - 7:30 PM  
THURSDAYS

YOGA FLOW WITH LISA  
6:30AM - 7:30 AM  
FRIDAYS

Please call: 03 52672028  
Email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

Unlimited: \$432 or \$12 per class

3 Classes per week: \$405 or \$15  
per class

2 Classes per week: \$306 or \$17  
per class

10 class Pass: \$180 \$18 per class

5 Class Pass: \$100 \$20 per  
class

Casual Class: \$25

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT ASAP TO  
CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION.  
DIRECT TRANSFER TO WINCHELSEA  
COMMUNITY HOUSE:

BSB: 633000  
ACC:122493943

### GET IN TOUCH

We're always here to hear about your ideas  
and feedback. Let us know what you'd like  
to see available at the community house  
and in the Shire Hall and we will do our best  
to make it happen!

## 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

2 x Toys for 2 weeks - \$2

No Subscription required.



Mon - Fri 9-2 at Winch House

*Mother Goose*  
**SONG  
& RHYME**  
2pm, Wednesdays  
during school term  
Winchelsea Shire Hall

## 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 to register. **\$10 Per Class**

## Adult Art Class 1



### GELLI PRINTING

Explore the playful world of Gelli printing in this  
hands-on workshop. Learn simple Gelli plate  
printing techniques using layers, texture and colour  
to create a collection of unique prints and greeting  
cards, while exploring sustainable artmaking  
practices using recycled and found materials.  
**No experience needed. Everyone is warmly  
encouraged to attend both sessions to build  
connection, creativity and community.**

Workshop  
10am-12:30pm  
August 8, 2026

Location  
28 Hesse St  
Winchelsea Shire Hall

Tickets  
Via QR code

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

