

New Life Member WFNC



Life Member **Angie Mawson** presents new Life Member **Meg Royal** with her badge

On court Meg has played for the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club for 15 years, and has established herself as a cornerstone of our A grade side. Meg has played over 250 A grade games, 4 Grand Final appearances, 3 time Donny Parish Memorial Award Winner, GDFL Junior Interleague Representative, and named 6 times in the GDFL Team Of The Year. Meg has also won multiple Club and Team Awards over this time.

Off-court Meg has served as Coach, First Aider, Team Manager, Well-Being Officer, Social Club Member, General Committee Member and Club Vice-President. Meg is also a very important part of the Social Catering Committee who volunteers her time for the Club with external catering events such as Lions Club Dinners, Funerals and The Rep Society Plays each November.

Congratulations Meg on your amazing contribution to our Club and community

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Letters to the Editor

To Editor

The Winchelsea Star 22/9/2026 had a story by Michael the Historian about butcher shops in Winch.

He made a couple of errors. He said McCallums were at 36 Main St. According to Sandra Downard (Schroeter), that is correct, but 36 Main St is the doctor's surgery. It is not the Winchelsea Vets that is at 27/31 Willis St. The Colac Vet Clinic is at 40 Main St.

Here is a list of butchers. For the last 4 months I have been researching businesses in town at the Historical Centre. I have been through 16 years of Winchelsea Stars, 33 years to go.

Does anyone remember the produce and merchandise shop in Main St? It was run by Tom Caldwell, then Bill Hole, where the chemist and milk bar are now. Budge's Builders demolished in 1966 and built in shops that are still there.

1855 - Edward Tilly

1871-73 John Tilley

1884 - Jonas Challis

1898 - Peter McCullum - Palmer St

1917 - Herbert & John Mawson - Willis St

1927 - Timon Schroeter - built on the corner of Willis and Harding St - butcher, grocer & tea rooms

1946-47 - In the late 1940's Karl Schroeter built in Main St

Fred Decker started a butcher shop in 19 Main St (shopping centre late 50's) while Karl was still operating across the road in Main St, so we had two butcher shops. Gilbert Monkivitch bought it from Fred Decker.

1970 -73 -The Schroeter family bought from Gilbert David and Brian Schroeter ran it.

Daryl Leak then took it over "Porky's Meat". Daryl and Brett, Daryl and Trish, Daryl and David.

5/10/87 - Paul & Lyn Maguire

1987 - Steven Riley (5 months)

Five months later Paul & Lyn took it back over, and are still there.

Darryl Wilson

To Editor

In dealing with emotive issues, one must remain unemotional. A clear and concise mind is foremost in attaining solutions in often basic problems of living.

The matter of the fence at the primary school should be approached ASAP. No truly loving parent wants the fence to come off as a worst case scenario. Rather we roll up our combined community sleeves a bring a solution to bear. We have everything needed at a local level. Elders in an overseeing capacity, equipment and materials to be obtained locally through right minded business that seeks community approval and would benefit greatly by the positive attention their contributions would bring. We have a labour force in our youth and young parents. Allocate a weekend and let's go.

Real change must be from the ground up. Just recognise the problem then moving to a completed solution. As with most things, it's all those and we need to approach the issue with the solution firmly fixed. As would be our fence!

Craza



Remember the Winchelsea Telephone Exchange?

Jenny Mathison

I would like to thank Patsy Patten for coming to the Winchelsea Historical Society last Friday to talk of some of her memories as a telephonist.

Patsy said she loved her job connecting people with people via this amazing machine. We went along out of interest because we remember their use 'back in the day.'

We were also pleasantly surprised at all the records held at the Winchelsea Historical Society overseen by Margaret Reid.

We will look out for some of the other ideas Margaret is thinking up that might interest locals.

Thanks to all who go there regularly to keep these records in some order for us.



Front Patsy Patten, Back Stewart Mathison



Former Winchelsea Post Office and Telephone Exchange,
32-34 Main Street Winchelsea



Current - The Exchange, 32-34 Main Street Winchelsea

Early Telephony

In the early days of telephony, telephonists used manual telephone switchboards, and switchboard operators connected calls by inserting a pair of phone plugs into the appropriate jacks. These 'telephone exchanges' were in Post Offices.

A typical manual telephone switchboard has a vertical panel containing an array of jacks with a desk in front. The desk has a row of switches and two rows of plugs attached to cables that retract into the desk when not in use. Each pair of plugs was part of a cord circuit with a switch associated that let the operator participate in the call or ring the circuit for an incoming call. Each jack had a light above it that lit when the customer's telephone receiver was lifted.

The earliest systems required the customer to hand-crank a magneto to alert the switchboard operator.

From Wikipedia



The Winchelsea and District Historical Society was established in 1981, for the preservation of local history.

It is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers whose aim is to research and preserve the history of our area. The Society's rooms in the former Shire Office are open every Wednesday afternoon 1pm– 4 pm and Friday 10am-3pm, or by appointment through Margaret Reid 0417 104 627



Maggie's Bluff

A novel by local author Pom Mackenzie

Veronica McDonald

Pom MacKenzie is a member of the local Riverlee Art Group. She enjoys her journey of creativity by attending the watercolour classes on a regular basis. What a surprise it was to learn that she had another string to her bow. She is a writer as well. We are so proud of Pom and her talents.

At last, another story that is full of action and set in our own backyard of the Surf Coast.

This riveting story traces Maggie's life. It moves from a seaside tragedy, through remote rural farm life in the 1930's and 40's with her difficult brother, until she finds a soul mate and experiences much happier times.

There is a hidden mystery that comes to light and threatens Maggie's world towards the end of the storey.

Pom Mackenzie's impetus to write this storey was having time on her hands due to a broken ankle. Pom had long imagined there being buried human remains in the scrub behind Urquhart's Bluff, hence the setting.

Pom has drawn on her many life experiences in writing this story, including her medical knowledge gained as a nurse and her observations of nature gained from many beach and bush walks. Pom is also a keen horse rider and her experiences and passion with horses make frequent appearances throughout the book.

Family history has assisted with tales of old and Pom's father-in-law being involved in the Light Horse when it held a large, mounted camp at Mt Duneed pre WW11.



Pom Mackenzie, Local Author



Maggie's Bluff is a 272-page novel published by Balboa Press AU in September 2025. It is set in a coastal Victorian town and moves between 1938 and 1960, involving a mystery surrounding human remains and Maggie's past.

A thoroughly enjoyable read that is hard to put down
Copies of Maggie's Bluff will be available for purchase:

The Riverlea Winchelsea Annual Art Show

Melbourne Cup Weekend

Sat 31 Oct, Sun 1st, Mon 2nd Nov

Winchelsea Shire Hall

Cnr Hesse Street and Princes Highway

Barwon Water has closed the Wurdale Road channel crossing

Due to significant structural issues, Barwon Water has closed the Wurdale Road channel crossing bridge in Winchelsea South.

We've closed the bridge as a precautionary measure to protect public safety while we prepare for renewal works.

Surveying, geotechnical investigations and design are underway. We expect construction to begin in early January 2027 when the channel is empty, and be complete by late February (subject to weather and ground conditions). The crossing will remain closed until the bridge works are complete.

A detour is in place along **Wormbete Station Road and Wensleydale Station Road**. Together with Council, we're supporting additional maintenance of the detour route to help manage the increased traffic during the closure.



We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding, while we get these essential works done.

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Local News Spotlight

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

How Winchelsea Bowls Club is reinventing the game



Belle Anderson

The Winchelsea Bowls Club has a new and ambitious plan to expand and update, with the aim of becoming a place for the whole community.

The Club's five-year plan includes introducing fast-paced variations of the game to appeal to younger audiences, expanding greens, updating facilities, and engaging sponsors for long-term financial stability.

The plan was released in August and the Club says it is now awaiting approval from the Surf Coast Shire to begin the first stage.

Winchelsea Bowls Club Board Member, Julie Johnson, said the Club had already seen a significant increase in younger members and families since the addition of the new bowls variations and the introduction of professional Bowling Coach, Rhys Jeffs.



Winchelsea Bowls Club players are the Mighty Blues
Photo: Belle Anderson

The Club currently offers family-friendly, beginner, and intermediate games as well as a Division One competition team that trains weekly with Jeffs.

Club member Sean Logan said the Club caters for all types of players. "Depending on how competitive you want to be, the Club will fit you in at different levels," he said. "I fitted right in straight away, and so did my family."



Rhys Jeffs has been the Club's Head Coach for three years. He has won multiple state and national bowls competitions.

Photo supplied by
West Coast Bowls

To accommodate busier members, the Club has introduced shorter games, condensed competition seasons as well as introduced night tournaments, where teams must include a beginner bowler. Members are also able to choose from multiple afternoon games and competition sessions throughout the week.

To ensure a family-friendly space, the Club has introduced the Good Sports program, which advocates for a safe game for opponents, teammates, and patrons. Before a player begins a game, they must sign the Good Sports program form, agreeing to no drinking or vaping during a game and no aggressive behaviour towards opponents, spectators or teammates.

The 5-Year Plan

Year 1 Planning and Growth:

Plan second green, grant applications, approaching Surf Coast Shire and expand coaching and beginner programs

Year 2 Second Green Project:

Secure funding and approvals, commence second green construction, improve storage, signage and accessibility, expand coaching and junior pathways and introduce social leagues and programs

Year 3 Growth and Activation:

Open and activate second green, upgrade surrounds and spectator areas, host GBR tournaments and Winchelsea open, grow corporate and barefoot bowls and strengthen community partnerships

Year 4 Community Hub Development:

Develop plans for clubroom expansion, increase venue hire and sponsorship, strengthen volunteer base and club systems and improve parking, facilities and member experience

Year 5 Future Ready Club:

Secure funding for clubroom development, plan for replacement of original green, investigate enclosed rink / dome opportunities and become a recognised coaching and development club





Plans to expand and upgrade the Winchelsea Bowls Club are underway. Photo: Belle Anderson

The family friendly, all-ages focus has successfully attracted the wider community, with social events welcoming everyone, whether they play bowls or not.

Club member Sean Logan said the Clubhouse needed upgrading so they could adequately cater for the rising number of members and change in culture. "In terms of the kids having a space to enjoy the place, it is limited," he said. "So, I feel something does need to happen, especially with the Clubhouse, as it is very small."

Board Member Julie Johnston is hopeful the shire will approve the Club's plans.

"We want the shire to make sensible decisions," she said. "They are not just looking at what the Bowls Club wants but what all the different community hubs want, and we have to respect that."

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Zinaida Campion

FREE AT FIVE

Who thinks of the recorder as a serious instrument? Mention the recorder and many of us are transported straight back to primary school: plastic instruments (at my school wooden), squeaky notes and the earnest repetition of Hot Cross Buns. But the recorder has a rather more extraordinary life beyond the classroom — and this October, the Zephyr Recorder Consort is going to demonstrate just how extraordinary it can be.

As part of the 17th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Zephyr will perform a free half-hour recital at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels on Thursday 8 October from 5pm to 5.30pm.

The ensemble consists of six friends who began playing together in 2015 and have gradually developed from a fortnightly recorder group into a weekly ensemble exploring an astonishingly broad repertoire. Between them they play soprano, alto, tenor and bass recorders, creating a surprisingly rich and varied sound.

And this is recorder music as you have probably never heard it.

The programme ranges from the intricate polyrhythms of Elizabethan music to folk songs from China and Lancashire, lively Galician-Portuguese religious music and even swing jazz written especially for recorder ensembles. It is precisely the kind of repertoire that makes you stop and reconsider an instrument you thought you already knew.

The Zephyr Recorder Consort features Marie Goldsworthy, Sandra Kent, Jan Lavelle, Irene McGinnigle, Jo Pitts and Helen Seymour, who have been rehearsing this eclectic programme especially for Windfire. Their invitation is wonderfully simple: please make time to come and listen.

And that, in many ways, captures something special about Windfire.

Now in its 17th year, the festival runs from 2–11 October 2026, bringing musicians and audiences together across Geelong in a celebration of music in many forms. This year is particularly significant as Music at the Basilica also celebrates its 20th anniversary. Under Artistic Director Frank De Rosso, the organisation has built a remarkable tradition of presenting professional musicians in the Basilica and other venues throughout the region.

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

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harp

Wednesday October 7
ANGIE SMALES
zither

Thursday October 8
ZEPHYR RECORDER CONSORT

WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026

As the Windfire Vocal Scholar, I am particularly pleased to be part of this musical community — but one of the things I love about Windfire is that it extends far beyond any single instrument, style or performer.

The Free at Five series is a perfect example. Across five weekdays, audiences can simply walk into the Basilica and encounter something completely different each evening: Lucy Riddett on piano accordion on Monday, Olivier Bonnici on violin on Tuesday, Angie Smales on zither on Wednesday, Zephyr on Thursday, and Liz Monument on harp on Friday. Each recital lasts just half an hour, each is free, and refreshments follow.

So, if your only experience of the recorder dates from primary school, I particularly recommend giving Zephyr a chance to change your mind.

And while you're there, perhaps come back another evening and discover what else Windfire has to offer.

Ciao!

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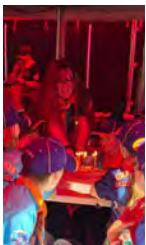
Cuboree Part 1



After 2 ½ hours on the bus, we reached our Cuboree destination – Gilwell Park just near Gembrook. The Leaders unloaded our luggage, then the Cubs were allowed off the bus to carry their gear up the hill to our camp in Sub-dcamp 2.

The Cubs found their tents and made up their beds – stretchers, mats, sleeping bags and pillows. Bags of clothes were stowed neatly under beds. This was close to the neatest the tents would be for the next 5 days. Daily tent inspections encouraged attempts at tidiness, and stickers were given out based on results but it's hard being 8, 9 or 10 years old and living in a tent with 3 others.

Our first day was about exploring. There was Cherry Lane – a roadway lined with games for the Cubs to try. This is good to settle the Cubs and Leaders into their Sixes, which were a mixture of Cubs from Modewarre, Highton and Torquay. Toilets also had to be located. Many of these were temporary, relocatable units, with foot pedals for flushing and hands washing, so a whole new experience for Cubs (and Leaders).



Afternoon tea was a birthday party for Alby! We had streamers, a birthday hat, whistles, cakes, chips and popcorn. The whistles were fun for us, but grew a bit tiresome for our neighbours, so they all went in the bin after tea.

Dinner on Monday night was hamburgers, coleslaw and salad. We had 3 Cooks who were exceptionally good, not only going down to the Sub-camp store each day to bring back a day's supplies, but cooking for 44, catering carefully for those with special dietary needs.

After dinner, the Wizard's Starlight Spectacle featuring the Cuboree opening ceremony was held. 3,600 Cubs all coming together, celebrating friendship, challenge and adventure.

After Tuesday morning's breakfast was demolished, the Cubs were off to their first activity base. This was Spy Lab, a STEM

base, with Computer programming, Computer Hacking, Morse Code bracelets and defusing bombs



Lunch was back at camp, then it was off to the Big Scout Adventure based for the afternoon. There were lots of fun activities, including the swirly swing made entirely from timber and ropes, the shooting range where the Cubs pinged each other with tiny balls whilst inside a jumping 'castle'. There was also the challenge of 5 Cubs tying their right legs onto a length of rope, and then walking as a team.

Dinner was spag bol - either pasta and sauce, pasta with cheese, plain pasta – lots of options.



Wednesday morning took the Cubs off to Dragons base. Rope challenges of all types. The Cubs' favourites were crate stacking and rock climbing. These were big challenges for some Cubs, while others were fearless.

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NOTICE OF AGM

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE
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Notice is given of the

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 15 October 2026, at 9.30am

Helen Verity Room at

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current 2025 members.

All other interested people are asked
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2. Nominations called from the floor for
Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary/
Public Officer as well as five (5)
Ordinary Members for the Committee.

The Chairperson will allow any business
relevant to the Annual General Meeting to
be brought forward.

Monique Jacques, Chairperson

BBQ OUTSIDE WINCHELSEA IGA

Every first Saturday, 9 - 12pm.

Winchelsea Lions Club

Come along - support your community.



DEFIBRILLATORS IN WINCHELSEA Accessible to the public 24 hours a day

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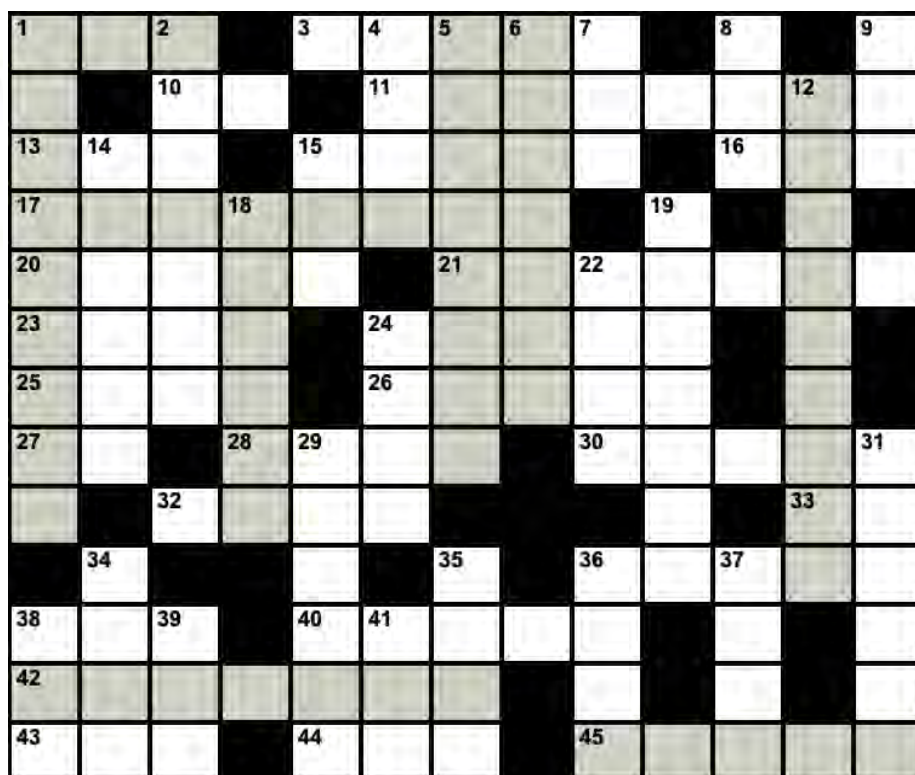
If you know others, please contact
Linda Carter 0439 817 263.

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

- Men's Shed 51 Hesse St
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- Winchelsea Bowls Club Hesse St
- Winchelsea Golf Club 13 Anderson St
- Winchelsea Primary School Main St
- Wurdale Memorial Hall 220 Wurdale Rd

Winchelsea Crossword No 14 Set by Greg Ware

Grey squares relate directly to Winchelsea. Solution page 26



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Volunteer group at 2996	1 See 45 across
Princes Hwy in Winch (inits)	2 Celestial
3 Specialised leadership group	4 Distantly
10 Home entertainment unit	5 Current member for 18
11 Equity	down (3,5)
13 High card	6 & 42 ac Current member
15 Spear	for 17 across
16 Young dog or seal	7 Before (poetic)
17 State electorate for Winch	8 Energy
20 Fragrant flower	9 Snake
21 Hearing protection	12 Local Government shire
23 Panache	for Winch (4,5)
24 Trio	14 Arranged in rings
25 Sea bird	15 Sticky substance from
26 Radiolocation	insects or prefix denoting milk
27 Overdose (abbrev)	18 Federal electorate for Winch
28 Portent	19 So called "Land of the Free"
30 Challenger	22 Back part
32 Body joint	24 Woody plant
33 Ordinal compass point	29 Tune
36 Dull surface finish	31 Latitude/Freedom
38 Creative skill	34 Group of three
40 US President #44	35 Financial institution
42 See 6 down	36 Shopping centre
43 Cleaning tool	37 Grave
44 Bovine animal	38 Provide with weapons
45 & 1 dn Mayor of 12 down	39 Peak
	41 Sheep's cry

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Do you want to help with the Star?

3 roles available ++ Editor - Facebook & Social Media - Design

Fancy being a Star Editor for a month?

The **Winchelsea Star** is looking for a volunteer editor to join our team
You'll share the editor's chair with two others, taking turns **one month at a time**,
about 8 hours a week during your month.

What does an editor do?

You'll help decide what makes it into the Star,
work with local contributors,
polish up stories, chase missing pieces of information and help
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Meet interesting people, hear what's happening around
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**No newspaper experience necessary —
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Are you always online?



The **Winchelsea Star** is looking for a volunteer to help
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It's a great little role for someone who **enjoys Facebook,**
local news and knowing what's happening around Winchelsea.

What would you do?

Share stories from the **Winchelsea Star**
Post local news, events and community happenings
Share interesting photos and updates
Help let people know when the latest Star is available
Keep an eye out for things our readers might enjoy

No social media expert required!

Just be comfortable using Facebook and have a good eye for interesting content.

Interested? Email us!

Please contact editor@winchelseastar.org.au

Are you an InDesign nerd?

The **Winchelsea Star** is looking for a designer
to join our small production team.

We're looking for someone comfortable using Adobe InDesign who
would enjoy helping put together our local community newspaper.

What would you do?

Design and lay out pages of The **Winchelsea Star**
Work with articles, photographs and advertising
Create clean, attractive and easy-to-read pages
Work with our existing InDesign templates and styles
Help bring local stories and community news to life

We can work around your availability and are happy to discuss
what level of involvement suits you.

You don't need to be a professional graphic designer — just good InDesign skills,
an eye for layout and an interest in our local community.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you.
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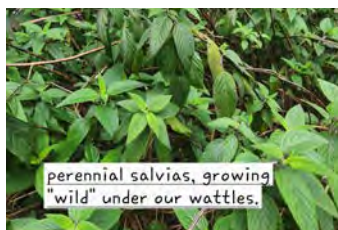
October Gardening

Julia Holohan

We are now in October, the middle month of spring. Time to prepare gardens for late spring & the heat of summer.

* Plant some perennials & annuals for extra colour.

- annuals will germinate, flower, set their seed & die in one season. Alyssum, marigolds, petunia, zinnia & sunflower are an example of annuals.
- perennials will return for more than one season. Primula, salvia, gaura, viola & hellebores are some examples.
- some vegetables are annuals: tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini & squash, lettuce & other leafy greens, capsicum & chilli, these last two may survive extra years in warmer areas.
- perennial vegies such as: globe artichoke, rhubarb may last 5 + years & 15 + years for asparagus. Potatoes & the onion family, although due to disease are often pulled out after one season.



perennial salvias, growing "wild" under our wattles.



Lettuce is an annual

* Divide the perennials, giving the extra divisions to friends, pop them elsewhere in your garden or in a pot.

* Dead head spring flowers to encourage more flowers.

* Improve garden beds with some compost.

* Fertilise garden beds & pots if you haven't already.

* Check your watering system is working optimally for the coming hot weather. We water by hand so we'll need to keep ourselves fit!



annual / perennial potatoes



Marigold seedlings starting their 2nd season in the veg garden.



* Punnets with seedlings that have developed their second set of leaves can be planted up to tubes or pots which will allow for more growth before they go in the garden.



raspberries mulched & ready to survive the warmer months.



a veggie patch awaiting compost after weeding & light hoe.

* There's lots of veggie seeds to plant into punnets: celery, corn, cucumber, lettuce & salad greens, onion, pumpkin, tomatoes & zucchini.

* While your seeds germinate and grow prepare the soil with weeding, fertilising and composting. A gentle hoeing can aerate, mix the compost and help stop weeds.

* It maybe a bit early for capsicum, chilli, eggplant and basil unless you have somewhere warm to keep them.

* Plant seeds direct into the garden: Asian greens & salad greens (planting them close together can help stop insect attack), beans (provide a frame for the climbing varieties), beetroot, carrots, corn, radishes and herbs such as coriander & dill.

* Protect your germinating seeds from snails and slugs.

* Regular gentle watering as needed for your germinating, emerging & growing plants.

Now, sit back with a cuppa and enjoy your garden.



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You're invited to the Growing Winchelsea 2026 AGM

Secretary, Growing Winchelsea Inc

As Winchelsea looks back over the past year and toward the coming 2027, Growing Winchelsea Inc is inviting the community to be part of the next chapter. A lot has been happening, too much to encapsulate in this brief update.

For example, over fifty people turned up to the *Winchelsea Place Plan* community information session with the Surf Coast Shire. It was a vibrant meeting with many voices heard. That draft Place Plan reflects months of thoughtful input from 29 local community and business representatives and outlines a shared vision for Winchelsea as it grows toward an estimated population of 18,500 by 2050.

A Growing Town, An Emerging Discourse

This year saw Growing Winchelsea attract a solid group of talented locals, and see the coming year as an opportunity to consolidate the strength of the organisation. Those committee positions are up for nomination and renewal at the forthcoming November 2026 AGM. It was marked by a deliberate shift in how Growing Winchelsea operates. The committee has embraced a more relaxed, welcoming format focusing on these priorities:

1. Open conversation
2. Listening to diverse perspectives
3. Networking and connection
4. Sharing ideas in a supportive environment

Our aim is to create a space where everyone feels comfortable turning up to have a conversation.

Advocacy That Matters

We've been making quiet progress in a range of quite complex discussions, such as seeking a better understanding of the child care and kindergarten capacity within the town, specifically by engaging with the shire to explore our needs and wants. The thinking around local education facilities is also an important ongoing conversation, as is engagement with infrastructure and business needs and wants. On that note, we've been working to facilitate a proposed *Women's Business Network*, with some exciting news to come.

The *Winchelsea Community Market* continues to grow from strength to strength, now situated under cover at the Leisure Time Centre. The *Movie Club* has been attracting growing membership and attendance over the year, with significant upgrades to the AV system and heating. The *Winchelsea Arboretum Trail* has been seriously busy with the development of the trail with the shire, so we look forward to hearing first hand of their progress at the AGM.

The *Station Precinct* project this year delivered stunning garden beds and seating on the station platform, giving commuters a station to be proud of. We see this precinct as fertile ground for further upgrades to the travel experience through ongoing collaboration with V-line, Vic Track and the shire. We held our first general meeting this year on the platform, featuring an update from station masters Gerard & Lizzie. We hope to hold more such meetings out and around the township.



Jump on Board

If you would like to join the steady betterment of our town. Come along to

- *Become a member*
- *Join the committee*
- *Stay informed about what matters locally*
- *Share ideas and conversations*
- *Help shape Winchelsea's future*

We warmly invite you to join us for the 2026 AGM. Growing Winchelsea Inc will hold its AGM at the recently landscaped Bennett Reserve on:

**Thursday 12th November
at Sheoak Reserve**
Cnr Mercer St & Barkly St,
Winchelsea 3241
6.00pm – 7.00pm

You'll hear from the current project teams followed by a discussion around what a dedicated 'Winchelsea Planning & Design' committee might look like, and how it could work for the community. These informal discussions are what make these gatherings so relatable.

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Job Type: Permanent - Part Time

Job Category: Community Services & Development, Other

Winchelsea School Crossing – 10 hours per week

Mon to Fri: 8:00am - 9:00am, 2:45pm - 3:45pm

\$34.82 per hour (plus 12% super and annual increases)

JOB DESCRIPTION

About the role

We currently have one permanent part-time School Crossing Supervisor role available for our Winchelsea Primary School crossing and are looking for a road safety hero to ensure our kids, families and other community members are assisted with road crossings near the school establishment.

The role provides great opportunity for community connection and sense of achievement, where you will become a staple part of our young children's school routine.

Mandatory Requirements (Skills & Experience)

- Understanding of road rules and regulations
- You have the right to live and work in Australia
- Police Check results suitable for this position (will be arranged by Surf Coast Shire Council)
- A current WWCC.
- On the job training will be provided.

Working for us

Our employees play a vital role in creating an innovative, safe, respectful and supportive workplace, living our values and delivering exceptional services to our thriving community and it's why our Council is committed to providing a workplace culture of equity, inclusion and diversity that eliminates all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying. We value the uniqueness of individuals and provide an environment in which all employees can contribute to our success.

For More Information

You'll find further details about the role in the Position Description on our website Position Description PDF.

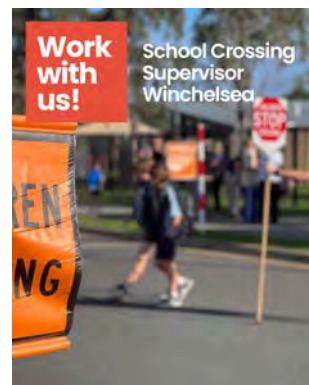
If you would like further information, please contact Paul Sarapuu, Team Leader Ranger Services on 5261 0600.

How to apply

Simply complete the application process by clicking the "Apply Now" button or drop off your cover letter and/or resume at our reception located at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

Applications close at 11.59pm Sunday 11 October 2026.

Surf Coast Shire Council is an equal opportunity and child safe employer.



Just got your Licence or learning to drive this summer?

Birregurra Motor Enthusiast Club

The Birregurra Motor Enthusiast Club, in conjunction with Senior Constable Josh Goonan, is hosting a Basic Car Maintenance and Safe Driving night for teens and new drivers @7PM December 10 at the Birregurra Mechanics Hall.

(Or anyone who wants a refresher on how to maintain their car).



Heading into summer, many teens will be legally able to drive, drink and have independence like never before. Owning and driving a car is not just about getting your L's and or P's, it's also about knowing what to do if you break down. Living regional means at some point you are likely to be driving on dark, isolated country roads. Knowing how to change a flat tyre, jump start a flat battery and do it safely is as important as learning to drive. Summer means parties. But driving safely, considering others on the road and understanding the effects of fatigue, alcohol and drugs is as important as getting your licence. Often our first car is older and may need more attention to maintenance.

The 1 hour+ session at the Birregurra Hall will be presented by a licensed mechanic from Colac Auto Care and Senior Constable Josh Goonan.

MAINTENANCE

- Changing a flat - demonstration
- Where and how to do it safely
- Checking oil, why & when - demonstration
- Topping up Water - window washer, windscreen blades
- Overheating
- General maintenance - monthly pre start check - lights, walk around, windscreen cracks, tyres, oil leaks etc
- Check tyre tread
- When to get a service and why
- What Check engine light means
- Flat battery symptoms
- How to jump start - safely, jumper leads or options (Lithium jump box power pack). demonstration
- Vibrations - what to check and what to do.
- Buying a used car, requirements, title checks, Roadworthy, traps

Safe driving tips

- Managing Visibility and Glare
- Combating Fatigue and Personal Security
- Adjusting Driving Habits - Night country driving – roos, sheep & koalas, pot holes, fallen trees
- Speeding consequences
- Potholes - what happens when you hit one at speed
- Drink driving, drugs - consequences
- Red P and Green P – limits and requirements

This is likely to be popular so please TEXT CAR to 0418405189 so we can gauge how many will attend and can cater for seating and a free sausage sizzle and drink.

October 2026 Positive Ageing Month



SCAM AWARENESS & SAFE ONLINE BANKING

FREE COMMUNITY SESSIONS

Practical tips to help you recognise
scams and feel safer banking online.



SESSION 1 – LORNE

- Friday 2nd October
- 10.30am till 12pm
- Lorne Community House
- Morning tea provided

SESSION 2 – WINCHELSEA

- Friday 9th October
- 11am till 12.30
- Winchelsea Shire Hall
- Morning tea provided

SESSION 3 – ANGLESEA

- Friday 30th October
- 10am till 11.30am
- Anglesea Community House
- Morning tea provided



To register

Contact Rose Salvo

Positive Ageing Officer

rsalvo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

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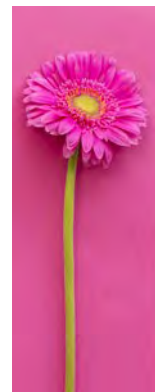
FREE SENIORS TRANSPORT THIS WEEK

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a month-long celebration offers thousands of free and low-cost events.

Jump on public transport to visit attractions in Melbourne and regional and rural locations.

YOU CAN TRAVEL FOR FREE ON ALL MELBOURNE TRAINS, TRAMS AND BUSES AND VICTORIAN REGIONAL TRAINS, COACHES AND BUSES FROM SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER.

For more details, visit: <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/nine-days-free...>



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

Some are in Melbourne central and accessible by train from Winchelsea. The full events calendar is here: historymonth.org.au/events-calendar/

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026

**CONNECT
CREATE
CELEBRATE**

1-31 October



Celebrate Positive Ageing Month in Winchelsea and Moriac

From dance and movement to trivia and information sessions, we're proud to support over 30 events and activities to celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival.

View Winchelsea-Moriac events via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PAMWinchelsea

Pick up your free guide to all of the events happening across Surf Coast Shire, from Moriac General Store, Moriac & District Men's Shed, Winchelsea Community House or Council's office, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

Check out the full calendar of events at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth or call **5261 0600**.



The Thrive 50+ Healthy Ageing Hub can support you with accessing health and community services, social groups and programs, navigating My Aged Care, and more.

Contact Hayley on 0458 865 733 or visit during our drop in times below
No appointment necessary

Tuesdays 10am-12pm
at Winchelsea Community House
Wednesdays 2pm-4pm
at 53 Hesse Street Winchelsea

The Thrive 50+ Healthy Ageing Hub is for people aged 50 years and over and First Nations people aged 45 years and over.

This service is free.



hesscommunityadmin@hesse.vic.gov.au



Thrive 50+ Coffee and Connection

All welcome to meet for a coffee and chat

Location: Cozy Crumb Cafe Main St

- Wednesday 30 September 10am-11am
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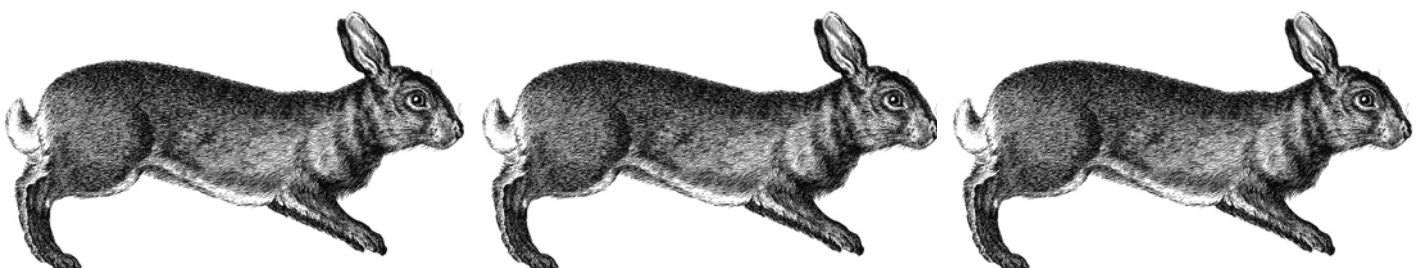
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Saturday 10 October



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

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

• **Saturday**
• **10 October**

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

All ages welcome!

The Barwon burst its banks

Sunday 4 October

Judy Cameron



The picnic tables are islands in the stream



The walking path has disappeared at this point

WINCHELSEA WALKERS



WEDNESDAYS 9:30am

meet at the Mud Hut,
opposite Cafe LaHoot

- All paces accommodated, approx 30min - 45min
- Stay for a cuppa at local cafe at own cost



For more information:

Email: hesscommunityadmin@hesse.vic.gov.au

Phone: 5267 1200

Please note: For quality improvement, participants will be asked to complete a short registration form and participation survey.



What's on

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Winch House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MONDAY

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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

1ST MODEWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
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MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
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St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

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

TUESDAY

THRIVE 50+ HEALTHY AGEING

Information Drop In Session
Tuesdays 10am-12pm at Winchelsea
Community House Hesse St

BRIDGE

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

MAT PILATES

6.30pm \$25
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WEDNESDAY

THRIVE 50+

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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

MOTHER GOOSE SONG AND RHYME

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

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

STITCH IT, DON'T DITCH IT!

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winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com

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Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.
Wed 6.30 - 7.30pm
Juniors and inexperienced adults
Wed 7.30 - 8.30pm.
Experienced players
Lesley 0438 672 197 Mary 0428 887 219

THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

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

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St.
Thurs 10 - 11.00 am.
Experienced players

Winchelsea Movie Club

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

**Includes the movie and
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October 15	Mr Burton
November 19	My Favourite Cake
December 10	Thelma

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Members can bring two guests a year	\$10

Enquiries
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COMMUNITY DINNERS**

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

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Oct/Nov 2026

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28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GROWING WINCHELSEA

6.00pm – 7.00pm Thursday 12 November
Sheoak Reserve Cnr Mercer St & Barkly St
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

FRIDAY

SCAM AWARENESS

11.00-12.30pm Friday 9 October
FREE COMMUNITY SESSION
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Rose Salvo 5261 0600

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Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

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GEELONG MOBILE LIBRARY

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0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

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36 Harding Street, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

Winchelsea Combined Churches ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

6pm Friday 9 October
St Thomas, Barwon Terrace Winchelsea
\$20 pp Incl Dinner Tea Coffee
Speaker John Knuckey
RSVP By 8 October
Lyn 0400649 652 - Marg 0418 983 005

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10.30am - 2.30pm Friday, 9 October
Buses from Geelong will stop at
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Bring plate and gold coin donation if you can

LIONS CLUB IGA BBQs

9 - 12pm First Sat of month outside IGA.
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GARAGE SALE WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9am Saturday 10 October
51 Hesse St Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA LAND RIVERCARE PLANTING ON THIS WEEK AS RAIN CANCELLED LAST WEEK

First Saturday of the month 9am
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Rod Atone 0428 549318
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10am (Last Sat monthly)
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Vee 0467 219 227

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SUNDAY

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Week 1 October 4th



Meeting Point – Bambra Hall



- Deans Marsh Road to Bambra-Airey's Inlet Road
- Coalmine Road, Wurdale Road

Week 2 October 11th



Meeting Point – Intersection of Wensleydale SR and Wormbete SR



- Western end of Wormbete station road
- Centre Road, Wests Road
- Wensleydale station Road
- North end of Clarkes Road

Week 3 October 18th



Meeting Point – Gum Flats road/Wensleydale Station Road intersection



- Gum Flats Road, Wensleydale Station Road
- Holloways road and Southern end of Clarkes Road

Week 4 October 25th



Meeting Point – Atkins Road/Mawsons Lane



- Atkins Road, Swaby's Lane, Stephenson's Rd
- Buckley Road South
- Cape Otway road from Deans Marsh Road to Gherang Road

Week 5 November 1st



Meeting Point – Crafters Road/Karamarra road x-road



- Crafters Road, Rochforts Road
- Northern end of Gherang Road to Prices Road corner

Week 6 November 1st



Meeting Point – School dropoff – corner of Prices/Wormbete SR intersection



- Prices Road, Noels Lane
- Wormbete station Road, Gherang Road
- Kelly's Lane

Week 7 November 15th



Meeting Point – Along Knights track – park beside bushtrack through to Tanners road



- Casboults road, Knights Trk, Tanners road
- Wormbete station road from Prices Road to Centre Road

Week 8 November 22nd



Meeting Point – Corner of Thielemann's and Lakeside drive



- Thielemann's, Dangers road and Lakeside Drive

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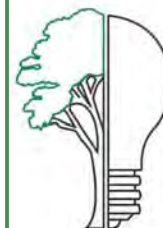


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Snake bites & your pets — know the signs!

Snake Catcher Colac

Snakes and pets can sometimes cross paths, especially around long grass, bushland and backyards. A snake bite can become a life-threatening emergency, so knowing what to look for and acting quickly can make a difference.

SIGNS TO WATCH FOR IN DOGS & CATS:

- Sudden weakness, wobbling or collapse
- Vomiting or excessive drooling
- Difficulty breathing
- Shaking or unusual behaviour
- Dilated pupils or trouble seeing
- Pale or abnormal-looking gums
- Swelling or pain around a bite
- Loss of coordination or inability to walk normally

IMPORTANT: Not every snake bite leaves obvious puncture marks, symptoms can develop over time. If you suspect your pet has been bitten, treat it as an emergency even if they appear OK.

WHAT TO DO:

- Keep your pet as calm and still as possible.
- Carry them if you can, rather than letting them walk or run.
- Contact your veterinarian and get to a vet immediately.
- Don't cut or suck the bite.
- Don't apply a tourniquet.
- Don't wait for symptoms to appear.

Prevention helps too: Keep pets away from long grass and areas where snakes may be hiding, particularly during periods of increased snake activity.

For all your snake removal needs:

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Term 4
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In the Shire Hall

Mat Pilates
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Vinyasa Yoga
Thursdays 6.30pm

Yoga Flow
Friday Mornings 6.30am

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Unlimited \$360

Please register before Thursday October 1st
email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au

HELP!

We want to keep Local Yoga & Pilates classes running, but we don't currently have enough registrations to make Term 4 viable.

This is a genuine call to our community: if you want these classes to continue, please join in and register!

Help us keep local and affordable Yoga and Pilates classes available in our community. Improve strength, flexibility and fitness as well as calming your nervous system and quieting your mind.

If you've been saying "I should give yoga a try" now is the time!

Your registration isn't just a booking. It's a show of support for keeping Yoga available in our community.

Classes Start - Tuesday October 13th
Winchelsea Shire Hall
AM and PM classes available

REGISTER NOW

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Saturday 7th November
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Thank you for supporting our local community and helping us keep these classes going.

Prepare for thunderstorm asthma as grass pollen season sets in

Victorian State Government

It is a decade since Victoria experienced the world's largest epidemic thunderstorm asthma event, that caused breathing difficulties for thousands and contributed to 10 deaths.

Victoria now has an Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma Risk Forecast System. Seven pollen counters across the state use advanced imaging to deliver faster and more accurate data collection.

This data is available daily on the VicEmergency website and app from 1 October until 31 December. A three-day forecast indicates low, moderate or high risk.

Anyone with asthma or hay fever is encouraged to follow the forecasts and be prepared by:

- taking any prescribed medication
- following their asthma action plan
- closing windows and avoiding outdoor exposure during wind gusts and storms.

By being prepared, Victorians can also help to reduce demand on Victoria's hard-working paramedics and hospitals.

Thunderstorm asthma occurs when high grass pollen levels combine with a certain type of thunderstorm.

It causes the grass pollen grains to burst into tiny particles, which can be inhaled deep into the lungs and trigger asthma symptoms.

To access forecasts and health advice, visit emergency.vic.gov.au or betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstorm-asthma.

Dust suppression to help unsealed roads

Surf Coast Shire

Council is preparing for its annual dust suppression program.

The list of roads has been developed by assessing unsealed roads against set criteria. This is a change from previous years where selection of roads was driven by resident applications.

Roads have been included in the program based on:

- Traffic volumes
- Heavy vehicle usage
- Road condition
- School bus routes
- Vehicle speeds
- Number of nearby dwellings
- Historical grading frequency

In December and January, 26 roads will be treated in Aireys Inlet, Anglesea, Bellbrae, Breamlea, Buckley, Deans Marsh, Gherang, Inverleigh, Moggs Creek, Mount Duneed, Pennyroyal, Torquay, Winchelsea, Winchelsea South and Wurdi Boluc.

Council's total budget allocation for dust suppression in 2026-27 is \$170,000.

Residents wishing to have unsealed roads treated that are not in this year's Council program can apply through a new property owner contribution. Applications close 9 October.

Information about the property owner contribution and a map of roads in this year's program are available on Council's website.

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Our Community, our Star

Winchelsea is home, but we're also part of something bigger — sharing with the towns around us, the roads (and potholes), the Barwon, schools, local sport, doctors, volunteer clubs, small and large businesses, Council - and not to forget, the weather.

Susan Corby

I've been thinking about how much closer the towns around Winchelsea seem these days.

Moriac isn't Winchelsea, and neither are Birregurra, Deans Marsh, Inverleigh or Wensleydale. They all have their own character.

But it's easy now to jump in the car and be in another town in a short time. We meet through sport, markets, music, art, schools, cafés and local events. We shop in other towns, use the same health services and small businesses, and know families outside Winchelsea.

I like that. I like finding out what is happening in towns around us, while still feeling proud of where I live.

Keeping up with the Star and working with other locals to keep it going is a small way to stay connected too. It gives us a chance to see what is happening here and, sometimes, what is happening down the road.

A lot has changed over the years since I came to Winchelsea. We are still our own town with our own character, but we are not as far apart as we once were — I enjoy the connection and for me, it's a really good thing.

Winchelsea Churches



Winchelsea Uniting Church

0475 777 301

uca.winchelsea@gmail.com
Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241
Services 9.30am Sundays

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Father Joseph Panackal
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241
Winchelsea @ 6pm Sat.
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Meredith – NO MASS
Bannockburn @ 11am Sun.
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Inverleigh @ 4pm Sun. Oct. 18

St Thomas' Anglican Church

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stthomaswac@gmail.com
Rev Christopher Duff
Barwon Tce, Winchelsea
Service 10am Sundays

Thought of the Week

"He who has faith also has humility. He has an inward reservoir of courage, hope, confidence, calmness, an assuring trust that all will come out well even though to the world it may appear to come out badly."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 31 by King David of Ancient Israel

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| <p>1 In you, Yahweh, I take refuge.
Let me never be disappointed.
Deliver me in your righteousness.</p> <p>2 Bow down your ear to me.
Deliver me speedily.
Be to me a strong rock,
a house of defense to save me.</p> <p>3 For you are my rock and my fortress,
therefore for your name's sake lead
me and guide me.</p> <p>4 Pluck me out of the net that they have
laid secretly for me, for you are my
stronghold.</p> <p>5 Into your hand I commend my spirit.
You redeem me, Yahweh, God of truth.</p> <p>6 I hate those who regard lying vanities,
but I trust in Yahweh.</p> <p>7 I will be glad and rejoice in your loving
kindness, for you have seen my
affliction.
You have known my soul in
adversities.</p> <p>8 You have not shut me up into the hand
of the enemy.</p> | <p>You have set my feet in a large place.</p> <p>9 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am
in distress.
My eye, my soul, and my body waste
away with grief.</p> <p>10 For my life is spent with sorrow,
my years with sighing.
My strength fails because of my
iniquity.
My bones are wasted away.</p> <p>11 Because of all my adversaries I have
become utterly contemptible to my
neighbours, a horror to my
acquaintances.
Those who saw me on the street fled
from me.</p> <p>12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a
dead man.
I am like broken pottery.</p> <p>13 For I have heard the slander of many,
terror on every side,
while they conspire together against
me, they plot to take away my life.</p> <p>14 But I trust in you, Yahweh.
I said, "You are my God."</p> |
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Winchelsea Combined Churches

(Anglican, Catholic & Uniting Congregations)

Annual Community Dinner & Dialogue

6.00pm - Friday 9th October

St Thomas' Anglican Church Hall
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea

**Nibbles, Two Course Buffet Meal
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- Speaker -

John Knuckey

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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

From The Guardian

This year's 'godzilla' climate phenomenon has already broken temperature records. We asked Prof Mat Collins, a climate scientist at the University of Exeter, the author of some of the world's most important climate reports and an expert on the dynamics of the El Niño southern oscillation what is happening.

What is El Niño?

It is a natural climate pattern that affects large parts of the world, often bringing higher temperatures, more droughts and floods. This occurs when the normally cool, dry east Pacific becomes warmer and wetter, shifting rainfall patterns in the tropical Pacific and with other impacts far beyond that. It usually occurs every three to seven years, but is very erratic. The last one was in 2023-24.

How strong is this year's El Niño? Some are calling it a 'godzilla' or 'super El Niño'

It has already broken records and could be on course to be the strongest in a thousand years. The sea surface temperature of the El Niño region of the Pacific has already reached the previous 2015 high of 3C above average, which is almost unthinkable. And it still hasn't peaked so we won't know how much higher it will get until the end of the year.

But measuring the size in comparison with previous El Niños is difficult because the baseline of sea surface temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific is steadily rising due to global warming.

Currently temperatures in the eastern Pacific are on course to be 4C above the average, which is far beyond anything seen before. If that trend continues, we could see an incredible El Niño event.

El Niño causes huge disruptions to agriculture and the global economy. This is very bad for people, particularly in poorer countries who are already suffering the consequences of climate change and now they get an El Niño event on top of that. Luckily,



we have good predictions now and it is important to maintain that capability, for example collecting real-time data from the Pacific Ocean. Then we can be forewarned.

CHEAPER INSULATION WILL BRING DOWN ENERGY BILLS

It is estimated that almost 60 per cent of Victorian homes have little or no ceiling insulation – leaving households paying more to stay warm in winter and cool in summer.

The Victorian Government is expanding the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program, giving households upfront discounts to insulate their ceilings and save more than \$400 a year on energy bills.

This could cover up to half the cost of installing ceiling insulation with access to discounts of up to \$2,100 in regional Victoria.

Every upgrade must be carried out by an accredited provider using installers certified by the Energy Efficiency Council, with mandatory electrical safety and installer assessments completed before work begins.



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

General Shed Events

- Men's Shed Open day – **Sat 24 October 9-12**. All welcome! (A SCS Positive Aging event)
- History group Afternoon Tea chat and memorabilia display - **Sun October 11** Modewarre Memorial Hall, 2-4pm, free event, for catering RSVP to Lyn 0419 500 353 (A SCS Positive Aging event)
- Defibrillator training – **Th Oct 22 11-12.30** light lunch included, free event, for catering RSVP to Lyn 0419 500 353 (A SCS Positive Aging event)
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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

Life Membership: Tanya Budge

Tanya started her long association with the Winchelsea Blues back in 1978 where she took part in the Netball Midgets (which is now Net Set Go) and went on to play Junior Netball in the BFNL & CDNFL

Tanya was part of the 1979 & 1980 Under 12's Runner Up sides in the Bellarine League, 1982 Under 14's Runners Up again in the Bellarine League and in 1983 tasted Premiership Glory in the Under 16's in the CDFNL & from 1985 played Senior Netball in the CDFNL as Wing Attack or Wing Defence & was part of a tough B grade Premiership side in 1985.

Tanya Budge was instrumental along with sister Donna in the introduction of providing meals for the players on Thursday nights after training. With Steven Worland behind the Bar they started with simple fare consisting of toasted sandwiches, hotdogs, roast beef rolls, and the usual deep fried chips, dim sims and potato cakes, which of course was the humble beginnings of what is now "The Blue's Bistro"

Tanya can be seen at front of house behind the Till which of course now has evolved to become the "SQUARE" on the very busy Thursday nights all these years later and whenever available, is there helping the Winchelsea Blues Catering Team with the many functions the Team is called upon to cater for.

Tanya was also Secretary of the Social Sub Committee from 1990 to 1996 and helped behind the Bar for many social events over many years and although it was before my time at the Club.

I have it on good authority that Tanya also has the added accolade of being Best on Ground at many of the social functions that were held.

She then went on to become the Secretary of the Senior Committee from 1996 until 2001 & continued to work in and around the Club, washing football jumpers quietly in the background which is Tanya's style.

After the debacle years of COVID, which saw sporting clubs of all descriptions struggle for volunteers Tanya again put her hand up to assist Donna to get the Blues Canteen up & running and until



Tanya Budge being congratulated by Janet Fletcher

you have been in the Canteen shoulder to shoulder with Tan manning the deep fryer with the lines running back to the boundary line fence in a hectic twilight game you can't appreciate the level of competence and the level head that is provided to just carry on and get the job done. She is for the most part unflappable!!

Note worthy also is the contribution Tanya has provided in major milestones of the Winchelsea Blues. In the year 2000 she played a huge part in compiling /writing the book that celebrated the first 125 years and again this year has contributed greatly in the updating of the 150th Year Celebrations. She is a huge asset to our Club, always available to help and advise.

Tanya continues her long family association with the Winchelsea Blues (Hannah is 5th generation ??) and it is my absolute privilege in its 150th year to award her the Club's Life Membership Medal,

Congratulations and Well Done

Shearwaters are arriving

Victorian State Government



Shearwaters are about to arrive in Victoria, migrating from the Northern hemisphere. They travel more than 15,000 km to Australia each year to breed in spring and summer, one of the world's longest bird migrations.

Some exhausted birds do not survive the journey and may be found on beaches. This does not automatically indicate H5 bird flu

DEECA reminds people if they see sick or dead Shearwaters to leave them in place and report them to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline.

On-ground and aerial surveillance continues, especially in at-risk areas, as we move into the breeding season for many waterbirds, including the arrival of migratory species.

As H5 bird flu becomes established in wild bird populations, our response continues to focus on surveillance, public safety and protecting high-risk species.

For the latest information about H5 bird flu, visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/birdflu

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.

The Heart of Small Communities: A History of Volunteering and Its Impact

Volunteering has always been the quiet force that keeps small communities alive. In towns like Winchelsea, volunteers have built, led, repaired, organised, cooked, coached, mentored, and cared for generations. Long before formal services existed, it was neighbours helping neighbours — and that spirit still defines us today.

Across Australia, a wide network of volunteer driven organisations forms the backbone of community life. Service clubs, emergency services, faith groups, senior and social organisations, sporting and recreation clubs, and community event committees all play a vital role. Together, groups such as Lions, Probus, the CWA,

Senior Citizens, Men's Sheds, CFA, SES, religious congregations, sporting clubs, and recreation groups create connection, provide support, and maintain traditions. They are the social fabric of a community, offering places to gather, celebrate, learn, and belong.

These organisations don't just run activities — they sustain the infrastructure that keeps communities functioning. Halls, clubrooms, sheds, meeting spaces, and event facilities exist because volunteers maintain them, fund raise for them, and use them to bring people together.

Winchelsea's history is rich with examples of volunteers stepping up to meet community needs. Our original swimming pool existed because volunteers fund raised, advocated, and worked tirelessly to make it happen and to manage it over the Summer. The Eastern Hub stands today because locals believed in the vision and

put in the hours to make it real. These achievements weren't just projects — they were acts of community identity.

But this proud history also highlights a growing challenge. Communities like Winchelsea have long relied on volunteers — and that reliance is now under pressure. Many of our most dedicated volunteers are ageing, and the next generation is not stepping into these roles at the same rate. The traditions built over decades now depend on our ability to rethink how volunteering works in a modern, fast paced world.

Volunteering is not just helpful. It is foundational. And its future depends on how we respond to this moment.

We've started the ripple — whether it leads to change, or disappears, is now up to us. And if you want your voice to be part of that ripple, a Letter to the Editor addressed to Madam Butterfly is the way to do it.



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Modewarre Cricket Club

Rob Cameron

The cricket season has had a delayed start again, after the much needed rain hit the Western District, but it did provide your correspondent with some more time to prepare a season opener for the Modewarre Cricket Club.

The off season supplied the sad news the Club had been demoted to Division 4 of the Geelong Cricket Association, but the response has been positive, with a new look committee determined to look forward rather than dwell on the disappointment. **New President Tom Christensen** has made strong steps already in the role and a bright bubbly feel has emerged across the Club.

Brandon Ross, who had relinquished his position as Coach of the Club, had second thoughts after his arm was twisted up his back and will again lead the charge for promotion.

English imports Ben Clarke and Jake Lister will return and a 4th Eleven is being organised to bolster the ranks.

We would love to see past players returning to the Club and there is a strong push to have father/son involvement at senior level. Even if the aging body is only capable of one game a month, we can accommodate that to help keep a fourth team functioning.

The **Women's Team** will continue and in very exciting news a youth girls team will start for the first time. The numbers are growing, but if there is interest from anyone we would love to hear from you.

Junior boys teams will be fielded in all age groups and interested players will be welcomed. Opportunity for juniors to double up in senior ranks is also available for youngster who are seeking to improve their game in more advanced environments.

Please join us at the Club for a meal on a Thursday night after senior training, or on a Saturday afternoon at the Reservoir Road Reserve at Mt Moriac.



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Winchelsea Cricket Club

Heather Edwards



Winchelsea Cricket Club kicks off the Season with a bang!

While Round 1 may have been a washout for our A and B Grade sides, the weather certainly didn't dampen spirits at the Winchelsea Cricket Club's Season Launch on Saturday night!

It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, with plenty of familiar faces, new faces and, of course, kids galore! The evening was a wonderful opportunity for our cricket community to come together, celebrate the start of another season and look forward to the months ahead.

With cricket washed out, we also took the opportunity to have a bit of fun and get to know our overseas players, Max Wladon and Joe Edwards, a little better. Turns out there's more to them than just their cricket ability and mysterious accents!

We look forward to having both boys as part of the club and wish them all the best for the season ahead.

There's plenty more excitement in store for the club, with Sunday 11th October marking a very special milestone as our inaugural Junior Girls team takes to the field for the very first time!

This is a huge achievement for our club, and we're incredibly excited to see our girls begin their cricket journey. We wish the team the very best of luck for their first game and look forward to watching them grow throughout the season. The fixture for the girls hasn't been released, so please follow our socials for this information later in the week.

Here's to a fantastic 2026/27 season for the Winchelsea Cricket Club!



MAX Wladon

AGE -22 MARITAL STATUS - SINGLE AND READY TO MINGLE

OCCUPATION- SKILLED GOLF CLUB BUILDER

FAVOURITE MEAL - SPANISH CHICKEN

FAVOURITE DRINK - PEPSI MAX

FAVOURITE TV SHOW/ MOVIE - THE INBETWEENERS

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SPORTING IDOL - RORY MCILROY

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MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OF YOUR CAREER - TAKING 6/38



JOE Edwards

AGE -19 MARITAL STATUS - TAKEN

OCCUPATION- STUDENT

FAVOURITE MEAL - SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE

FAVOURITE DRINK - ASAHI

FAVOURITE TV SHOW/ MOVIE - THE INBETWEENERS

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parkrun 122

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Winchelsea Tennis Club



Fletcher Allen

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Dan Tehan

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LADIES RESULTS - 30/9/26

As the quarterly medal is run over Wednesday and Saturday no results but clubhouse leader for Medal is Mary Parish and clubhouse leader for putting is Tara Steward, a great 23 puts.

Winner of the 9 hole comp is Lyn Batson with 18 pts on CB from Sue Cuthbert

RESULTS 30/9/26 - WEDNESDAY WEEKLY STABLEFORD

15 Players

1st - Stephen Harvey (15) 41 points

2nd - Evan Partridge (25) 37 points

BDL - Tim Parish (75) 35 points C/B

BDL - Andrew Ellery (26) 34 points

NTP (8th/17th) Neil Hickman

COMING UP:

Wednesday 7th October - Midweek Weekly Stableford

Saturday 10th October - Ladies Quarterly (Saturday Option) and The Alan Read Memorial Stroke final round

A New 4th Green at Winchelsea Golf Club

Winchelsea Golf Club has recently completed a major reconstruction of the 4th green, marking an exciting improvement to the course.

The project involved removing the existing green surface and rebuilding the green from the ground up, including a new drainage system, gravel base and approximately 300mm of specially prepared rootzone sand. The surrounds were also reshaped and extended to accommodate the new height and size of the green.

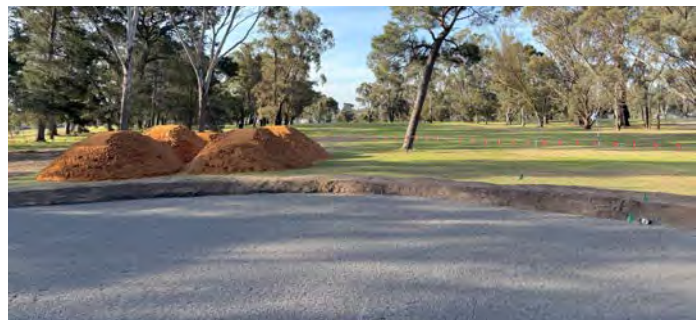
New turf was laid last week, with the crew working hard to have the green looking excellent from day one. The new surface will now be carefully rolled, mown and maintained while the turf establishes before the green is eventually returned to play.

The recent rainfall has already provided a great early test, with the new drainage system performing exactly as intended and allowing excess water to drain away while maintaining the ideal moisture level in the sand.

A project of this size takes a huge amount of work, and the club would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed along the way. In particular, a big thank you to Nick Trezise, Brent and the crew, the Gordon team, our excavator operator, volunteers, committee members and everyone else who has helped bring the project together.

The new 4th green is a fantastic addition to Winchelsea Golf Club, and we look forward to seeing it fully established and back in play in the coming weeks.

It's been a big job, but the result will be well worth the work.





Finn Parish, Senior B&F



Maddison McKiernan, A grade B&F



Angie Mawson Netball co-ordinator Award



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Life Members Tania Budge & Meg Royal



Reani, Angie, Scott and Claire Mawson

Winchelsea Football and Netball Club WFNC Presentation Night

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Finn and Indy Parish



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