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## RIVERLEE WINCHELSEA ART SHOW

KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND



Winchelsea  
Shire Hall

June 10th - 12th  
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## RIVERLEE WINCHELSEA ARTISTS COLLECTIVE

Proud local artists at the opening of their  
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# RIVERLEE WINCHELSEA

## Art Exhibition

On Friday 9 June, the Riverlee Art Exhibition opened in the Winchelsea Shire Hall, to the delight of the community in attendance.

The paintings, mainly watercolours, covered a wide range of subjects from graceful gums to delicate, almost ethereal florals and even a beautiful Scottish Highland bull. Prices were varied but there was something for everyone, including \$5 postcards.

Everyone involved has worked very hard to bring this exhibition to the public.

Congratulations one and all!

What a history the Riverlee Winchelsea Artists have!

This collective group of artists originally founded by Sandra Jones has been a creative journey for many over the last 15 years.

We have exhibited far and wide in recent years encouraged by our watercolour teacher Ray Woods and now Dee Matheson.

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## In a first, the Surf Coast Shire engages traditional Aboriginal owners to care for country

### Surf Coast Shire

**W**adawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) has been engaged by Surf Coast Shire Council to provide traditional land management services on Country, an arrangement that is the first of its kind for Council.

This week WTOAC's Gobata Dja (Caring for Country) team carried out revegetation and erosion management works at Djarrak (Bells Beach), with plans for these services to be undertaken at other sites of cultural significance to Wadawurrung.

The works support delivery of WTOAC's Healthy Country Plan, Paleert Tjaara Dja, and its vision 'Wurrnggurwilwa gupma bengadak Wadawurrung': all people working together to make Wadawurrung Country and culture strong.

Partnership work like this strengthens the relationship between WTOAC and Surf Coast Shire Council to make Country good together.

**WTOAC CEO Liam Murphy** said: "I am proud of the achievements our Gobata Dja (Caring for Country) team have made over the last two years; particularly establishing a framework so that Traditional Owners are back on Country, protecting and healing places that have been cared for by Wadawurrung people for tens of thousands of years. We are grateful for the ongoing support of Surf Coast Shire Council and allowing for the opportunity for Wadawurrung Traditional Owners to once again care for Country."

**WTOAC Natural Resource Management Manager Chris Fagan** said: "Doing this land management out at this beautiful piece of Dja that in Wadawurrung language we call Djarrak otherwise known as Bells Beach, is a massive milestone for Wadawurrung. It is a special place for our Mob and building on an already great relationship with the Surf Coast Shire Council, this allows us to be back out on Dja looking after it, so in return it will then look after us and everyone that enjoys it."



**Surf Coast Shire Mayor Cr Liz Pattison** said: "Wadawurrung people have been caring for these lands and waterways and their creatures for tens of thousands of years. It's so important that sites of cultural and environmental significance like Djarrak are protected for generations to come. Engaging Gobata Dja to undertake land management work on Country supports Wadawurrung co-management of land and ultimately, self-determination: Traditional Owners managing their Country."

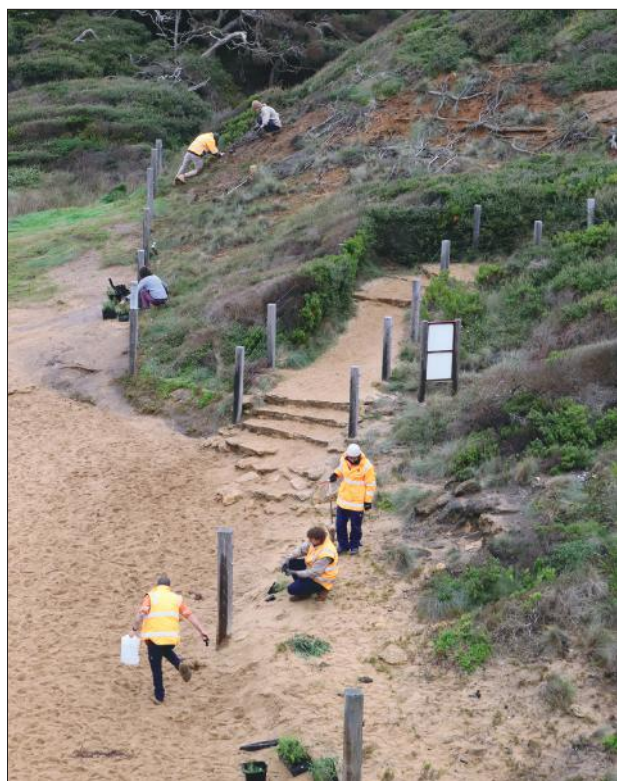
This project is supported by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the Australian Government's Bellarine and Great Ocean Road Dunecare Coastal Management Grants Program.



Uncle Norm Eccles, Liam Murphy, Cr Liz Pattison, Corrina Eccles



Chris Fagan, Liam Murphy, Cr Liz Pattison



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## Thought for the Week

With the Lord as your Shepherd,  
you have all that you need,  
for if you follow in His footsteps  
wherever He may lead,  
when your heart is troubled,  
you'll find quiet peace and calm.  
If you open up the Bible and just read  
the treasured twenty-third Psalm.

**John Bader,**  
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# MEN'S HEALTH WEEK 2023 June 12-18 HEALTHY HABITS

## Hesse Rural Health

This week, 12th-18th June is Men's Health Week 2023. Men's Health Week is an opportunity to highlight the importance of men's health and to promote the health and wellbeing of the men and boys in our community.

The theme for Men's Health Week 2023 is Healthy Habits – focusing on encouraging men and boys to build healthy habits into their lives. These healthy habits can be small changes such as:

- Increasing the number of fruit and/or veg consumed each day
- Getting the recommended 8 hours of sleep each night
- Giving up or even cutting back on smoking and/or e-cigarettes
- Moving your body each day
- Seeing your GP for a regular health check up
- Chatting to your mates, and checking in with them

Australian men have a lower life expectancy and are more likely to be overweight and experience a range of chronic conditions in comparison to women. The suicide rate of men is also three times higher than it is of women. This Men's Health Week pick even one Healthy Habit to add into your day!

At Hesse Rural Health, we can help you add these Healthy Habits into your day. We have a dietitian who can help with you your food and nutrition. A diabetes educator who can provide advice on the management of diabetes. Our physio and occupational therapists can help get you moving, no matter where you are at. We also have a counsellor who is here for a chat and can provide strategies for coping with a range of emotions.

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## De-gendering toilets in the Surf Coast Shire

**Heather Wellington**  
0418 577 601

**L**ocal law changes - here we go again! The local law currently prohibits males using Council's toilets, showers and change rooms that are designated for females, and vice versa.

Council is proposing to remove this prohibition, which means there will be no law prohibiting men from entering women's facilities and vice versa.

I am unaware of any Shire policy or even analysis that supports the proposed change. The Mayor and former-Mayor say we are obliged to remove the prohibition to comply with sex discrimination legislation, however the CEO doesn't seem to agree with that. I've asked for access to the relevant legal advice.

The Mayor also raised the fact that she can't take her seven year old son into a female facility as justification for the change. I am all for unisex toilets, but most of our toilets across the Shire are not designed that way and I don't think we can convert them into functional unisex facilities simply by removing a prohibition on people of another gender using them.

I've not seen any analysis of the distribution of facilities across the Shire and the potential impacts of effectively de-gendering them. I am concerned that we label toilets and other facilities 'male', 'female' or 'unisex' but in fact people won't be able to rely on the 'male' and 'female' labels in the future.

People should at least be warned of the experience they may have if they need to use a toilet they wrongly think is designated for one gender only!

I have never received any representation from the community that they want the prohibition removed, however I am happy to hear other views.

Please let me know your views via facebook, email or phone (contact details on the Council website) or submit your feedback directly to the local law review via the Shire's website.

# Unisex Toilets

Register your comments and suggestions  
before 24 June 2023

## Surf Coast Shire public toilets to become unisex

**Michelle Stocks**  
**Growing Winchelsea**

**T**he Surf Coast Shire has proposed changes to its local laws including a very controversial change to which will affect all public toilets and change rooms across the SCS to become unisex. This change will allow men, women and any gender diverse community members to freely enter any public toilet, change room or sports locker room.

What does this mean for individual personal safety and privacy in what should be the most private of settings?

The proposed update:

- Allowing people over six years of age to enter a Council facility intended for use by persons of the opposite gender, improving accessibility for families and carers. This measure will also improve access and inclusion for gender-diverse community members.

Mayor Liz Pattison said the proposed updates help the Local Law meet legislative requirements at the same time as promoting inclusion and providing support for members of the community.

"The proposed update to allow people who identify as non-binary or gender diverse to use facilities that are appropriate for them, is part of Council's Gender and Equity Impact Assessment work, and can help foster more inclusive facilities," she said. "This change would allow a mother to take her seven-year-old son in to the female toilets with her or a father to take his daughter with him.

"While we wouldn't expect to see major changes to the way the majority of people use our public toilets, if people do have any concerns about the proposed update, I encourage them to provide feedback."

Mayor Pattison said the overall review aimed to ensure the Local Law remained timely and relevant.

The proposed changes to the Community Amenities Local Law will be available in full and feedback will be welcomed via [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CALL2023](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CALL2023). Feedback is open between 26 May and 24 June.

Feedback closes 24th June. Please be sure to forward your comments and suggestions to Council before this date.

**School Holidays at COPACC**

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## Snowy and the Seven Cool Dudes

**Alli Pope Jally Entertainment.**

We have a fantastic show, 'Snowy and the Seven Cool Dudes' coming to COPACC on June 28th 2023 at 10.30am. (Ph: 03 5232 9418 for information / ticketing)

This production just wrapped up a successful 5-week tour of WA and recently won a major award at the Adelaide Fringe Festival!

It's a family - friendly, interactive and fun show for ages 3+. Running time is 50 mins with a 'meet and greet' afterwards!

The show's messages include keeping fit, making healthy food choices and of course kindness!

SNOWY AND THE SEVEN COOL DUDES by A.J Bailey  
Snowy is becoming more beautiful every day and the Wicked Queen is not happy. She has decided to send Snowy away, to get rid of her once and for all. The Magic Mirror has warned The Wicked Queen she is making a big mistake. Snowy is beautiful on the inside and the outside and most of all... kind! The Queen isn't listening though. She orders The Hunter from her Palace to take Snowy into the forest and leave her there... forever! Meanwhile, The Cool Dudes have decided it's time they started making healthier food choices and doing some exercise!

\*This production was written to compliment the Children's Picture Book, by the same name. Delivered in rhyme by A.J Bailey, with stunning Illustrations by Ziggy Moskwa, featuring Australian animals and landscapes, the book is suitable for all young readers and available for purchase, after the show!

## COVID-19

### Chief Health Officer Update

The seven-day rolling average of patients with COVID in Victorian hospitals is 429, a decrease of 9% from last week. There are 356 COVID patients in Victorian hospitals. There are 17 COVID patients in intensive care. There are 3 cleared cases in ICU. There are 5 COVID patients on a ventilator. The seven-day rolling average of patients in intensive care in Victorian hospitals is 14. In the past three months, 3,484 COVID patients were hospitalised in Victoria.

The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 7,892.

### Steps to protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself from getting infected is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

These six steps can help you stay ahead of Covid:

- Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.
- Get your 2023 booster: new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy. To find out if you're eligible, visit the Coronavirus website. Flu vaccines are also now available.
- Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can – it reduces the spread of the virus.
- Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test.
- Stay at home: if you have Covid, you should stay at home for at least five days and until you have no symptoms.
- Talk to your doctor: if you are at risk of falling very sick, you may be eligible for Covid and influenza medicines – and early testing and diagnosis are important. With expanded criteria, more people are now eligible for COVID medicines.

### 2023 boosters

Eligible Victorians who have not had a Covid vaccination or confirmed infection in the past six months can now receive their 2023 booster. This is irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against becoming severely unwell or dying from Covid.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:

- Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid
- Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs.

RATs available through local councils. All Victorians are eligible to pick up two free packets of rapid antigen tests (RATs) through their local council.

Contact details for participating councils can be found at the Coronavirus website.

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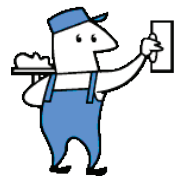
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### Sound Healing Session

When: Wednesday 14th June, 2023  
7.30pm-8.30pm  
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space  
\$40 per session  
Bookings now open  
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## WINCH HOUSE



### Big Ideas

When: Friday 16th June, 2023  
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space  
Donation  
Big and small ideas discussed over a bowl of soup in the Shire Hall kitchen.  
Contact Richard Butcher  
richard@studiobutcher.com

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When: Alternate Saturday afternoons  
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### Roaring Respite Disability Services

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Jaimes has been an educator for 14 years having his Bachelor of Education Prep-year 10 and his Diploma in Early childhood. He spent his time over the past 5 years learning and developing his skills in the disability sector to bring what he has learned over the years to families in Geelong!

He quit the class room to be an option for families to get optimal support instead of having their funds used inappropriately.

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## 2023 Duck Season compliance summary

**D**uring the 2023 duck season, Game Management Authority's (GMA) Authorised Officers undertook 469 patrols at 216 individual wetlands across Victoria.

Authorised Officers checked more than 1,212 game licences and 981 hunter bags.

Most hunters we spoke to were complying with the law and enjoying their time on the wetlands. However, some hunters and protestors were in breach of game hunting and public safety laws.

Breaches to hunting laws detected throughout the season included failure to comply with the season arrangements, hunting without a valid game licence, possession of toxic shot, two hunters were found to have exceeded the daily bag limit and one hunter failed to immediately dispatch a retrieved duck.

Breaches to public safety laws detected included entering a wetland without authorisation, hindering and harassing hunters and people littering and leaving campfires unattended,



As a result, the GMA will issue 19 infringement notices and is currently conducting 17 investigations. A total of 45 breaches were detected throughout the 2023 duck season.

GMA Director of Compliance and Intelligence, Paul Stevens said the GMA works in partnership with multiple government agencies to monitor and regulate the 2023 duck hunting season.

"While some people breached game hunting and public safety laws, most people Authorised Officers spoke to were compliant," Mr Stevens said.

"Thank you to everyone who acted safely and responsibly during the 2023 duck season."

Report illegal hunting and breaches to public safety laws to the GMA, visit Report Illegal Hunting or call 136 186.

## Ignore "closed" tracks and gate signs at your peril

### Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action

**V**ictorian public land authorities are warning off-road adventurers to obey all closed tracks and gates in forests and parks as seasonal road closures come into effect from this long weekend.

Conservation Regulator and Forest Fire Management Victoria Authorised Officers are targeting illegal vehicle use and gate breaches on public land during patrols over the wetter months of the year.

Seasonal closures are in force between June and November every year to protect sensitive environments and to preserve public access tracks when they are most vulnerable to damage.

Between June and November 2022, more than 400 breaches of closed gates and roads across Victoria were recorded, with hotspots in alpine areas, Mt Disappointment State Forest, and Lerderderg State Park.

Conservation Regulator Authorised Officers also fined more than 95 people

during the same period for vehicle offences, including illegally driving or riding off-road or on a closed road, and breaching a closed gate.

In Victoria, it is illegal to drive or ride on a closed road on public land. Anyone caught breaching road closure rules can be fined up to \$925, and the offence carries a maximum penalty of \$9,246 if prosecuted in court.

The public can find out more information about seasonal closures by visiting <https://ffm.vic.gov.au/forest-and-road-closures>. Local conditions and weather can affect the timing and locations of road closures, so before leaving home, drivers can check specific tracks via the MapshareVic tool: [mapshare.vic.gov.au/webmap/publicaccess/](https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/webmap/publicaccess/).

If you notice any illegal vehicle use on public land, you can report it anonymously to DEECA on 136 186.

For more information about rules on public land, visit: [www.vic.gov.au/rules-in-state-forests](https://www.vic.gov.au/rules-in-state-forests)

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## Property Identification Codes may save your horse

### Agriculture Victoria

Victorian horse owners are being asked to take a simple step for a special friend and register for a Property Identification Code (PIC).

Agriculture Victoria Manager Livestock Traceability Ben Fahy said PICs provided horse owners an extra level of protection during emergencies.

'Getting a PIC is quick, easy, and free via the Agriculture Victoria website – all that's required is your contact details, the number of horses and the parcels of land where they're kept.'

All Victorian properties with livestock, including horses, are required by law to have a PIC, an eight-character code

essential for contact and traceability purposes.

'PICs are required whether you keep a horse for recreational, agricultural or competitive purposes – even for your brood mare in the paddock,' Mr Fahy said. 'When horses are on agistment away from home, it's essential that those properties have PICs, which can be applied for by the horse owner or service provider.'

Based in Warrnambool, Katrina Routson is one of Australia's largest Friesian horse breeders and said that PICs provided peace of mind in case of emergency.

'If a bushfire comes through someone would know that we have animals,'

Ms Routson said. 'PICs also provide an excellent way to receive key updates from Agriculture Victoria to horse owners.'

Livestock owners should regularly review their PIC details, and update any changes that have occurred such as change in property address, species of livestock or changes to personal details.

When livestock are offered for sale, given away or bartered via online or print media, the PIC of the property at which the livestock are kept must be included in the advertisement.

*Register for a Property Identification Code today at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/horsepic](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/horsepic) or call 1800 678 779.*

## Plan ahead when hiking

### Victoria State Emergency Service

This winter, the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) and Parks Victoria is urging visitors to state parks to plan in advance for adverse conditions, and to remain vigilant when bushwalking or hiking.

As we mark the first day of winter, and the days grow shorter, hikers can be caught out by early nightfall.

Daylight hours are cut even shorter by the high ridges at Lerderderg or Werribee Gorge, which increases the risk of serious injury from slips and falls. Wet conditions and early dusk increase the risk of slips, falls, and hypothermia.

Parts of the Cathedral Range, Lerderderg, and Werribee Gorge, are well known to local VICSES and Parks Victoria crews for labour-intensive, time-consuming rescues.

Walking trails at Cathedral Range State Park, popular on social media for jagged peaks and sweeping vistas, have been the subject of a five year renovation by Parks Victoria rangers and local VICSES volunteers.

The installation of the new Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) markers is the biggest milestone for the PV/VICSES crew since 2019, when the improved trail header and destination signage were erected

throughout Cathedral Range State Park.

Furthermore, by implementing steep - and high angle - rope rescue capability at the local VICSES unit has been important addition to the unit and to the park as a visitor site.

In the three years prior to 2020 the local VICSES team assisted 70 people in the park, but since the signage upgrade less than 20 people have been seriously lost or injured.

Search and rescue operations require, on average, eight VICSES volunteers in three vehicles, for around four hours, amounting to thirty-two hours of volunteer time for each rescue. This does not including the work undertaken by Parks Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, and Victoria Police Search and Rescue personnel.

If you were out hiking, camping or bike-riding and you had to call triple zero in an emergency, would you know how to tell the operator exactly where you are?

Before you head off on a hike, take a moment to plan ahead:

- Know your limitations – consider the degree of difficulty of any walks or hikes and ensure you don't overdo it.
- Pack a map and a compass, or know your route via GPS, and know any common location names.
- Become familiar with emergency markers located along bushwalking

tracks. They pinpoint your exact location during an emergency in public open spaces or a hard to define places. They display three letters and three numbers which gives an exact location of where the markers are.

- Keep away from hazardous trees in the wind.
- Take plenty of water and some food.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothes for the conditions.
- Have communications equipment that will work where you are going – a satellite phone if you're going for extended periods across low coverage areas. Consider if you'll need radio backup, a Personal Locator Beacon, important phone numbers, a phone charger, battery pack or other communications supplies.
- If visiting national parks or walking tracks, check with Parks Victoria via [parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au) for closures.
- When planning your walk, use trusted sources of information like the Parks Victoria website. Visitor Guides have maps and information about walking difficulty and estimated duration, based on the Australian Walking Track Grading System. There are also important and timely updates on park or track closures.





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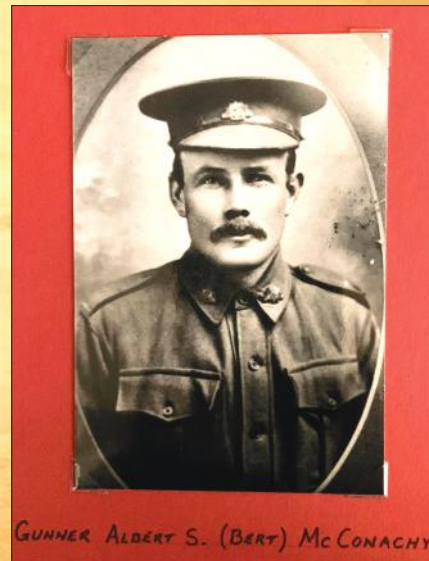


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## New planting guides help insect pollinators thrive

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The Powerful Pollinator Planting Guides are created by botanists to help gardeners, farmers and land managers choose plants that attract pollinators to their properties, increasing the abundance and diversity of insect pollinators in urban and rural landscapes.



Each planting guide includes information on ways to attract pollinators to the local area, with tips on creating pollination reservoirs, constructing insect real estate, improving habitat connectivity and reducing chemical use.

They contain a list of plants, including shrubs, trees, climbers, vines, forbs and grasses, as well as information on plant heights, colour, aspect and soil conditions.

Ms Hannah said "The Powerful Pollinator Planting Guides include a vast range of native plants indigenous to each bioregion, from tall trees to the smallest herbs. The species list also contains varying flowering times, so you

can potentially have something in flower anytime in the year to support pollinators."

The guides are managed by the When Bee Foundation with funding from sources including Smart Farms, NSW Government bushfire recovery funding, private organisations, local governments and service clubs such as Rotarians for Bees.

When Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers said further funding is required to develop guides for other regions across the country.

"This process works really well when councils join forces with land management organisations and service clubs such as Rotary and Lions to fund the creation of a guide.

"It results in a valuable community resource that is owned by everyone."

Guides are available to download or buy at [whenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/projects/powerful-pollinators](http://whenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/projects/powerful-pollinators).

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## Application to change a registered political party's name

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has received an application to change the name of a registered political party in accordance with the Electoral Act 2002 (Electoral Act).

- Current name of party: Liberal Democratic Party
- Current abbreviation: Liberal Democrats
- Proposed name: Libertarian Party
- Proposed abbreviation: Libertarian

The application is signed by the secretary of the party.

The application does not include the registration of a new logo and the party has requested to deregister the current logo from the register of political parties.

Objections to the proposed change must be submitted to the VEC in writing no later than Monday 10 July. Valid reasons for objection include the party's name not being allowed under section 47 of the Electoral Act.

Letters of objection can be posted to the VEC, Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000 or emailed to the Party Registration team [rppregistration@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:rppregistration@vec.vic.gov.au)

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# Let's talk about Aged Care

**National Seniors**  
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**Ian Henschke**  
**Chief Advocate National Seniors**  
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From July 1 2023, at least one registered nurse must be on-site and on duty at all times at every residential aged care facility. This requirement prompted some providers to say they're closing, and since last September twenty-three homes have shut or announced they'll shut.

In April the Brightwater Care Group in WA said it was closing three nursing homes affecting 75 residents. But added in a press release that it recently opened a 128-bed facility. It makes you wonder what's really going on.

Sydney's Wesley Mission, said it was getting out of residential care citing "challenges to workforce and flow on impacts from the reforms to Aged Care." It shut one home last year and then announced it was closing the remaining three but said it would continue to provide home care and retirement living "to help people stay in their homes for longer."

These closures have become a political issue as well as an aged care welfare issue. The opposition says it's because of the Labor government's "reckless" push to speed up improvement in aged care. Labor's announcement to get nurses into nursing homes 24/7 was a year ahead of the previous government's schedule.

So, are homes closing because it's all got too hard to improve the workforce to provide better care? National Seniors always looks at the evidence and it's worth noting although 23 homes have closed in the last nine months, we know from government data 51 homes closed between 2020 and 2022.

A home closed on average almost every two weeks before Labor announced the July 1, 2023, commitment.

We also know from the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Australia has one of the highest rates of residential care for people over 80. Australia has 18.9% of its over 80 population in care compared with Germany's 10.7%, Canada's 12.0%, and Sweden's 12.6%.

But now that's changing as more and more people stay at home for as long as possible. The revelations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the tragic events of Covid have seen that trend grow. It's so strong the latest budget showed savings of \$2.2b in aged care costs over the forward estimates because home care is cheaper than residential care.

## Op-ed

The average occupancy rate in residential care homes in Australia was 95% in 2018, by 2020 it had fallen to 88% and the most recent figure from 30 June 2022 revealed an occupancy rate of 86%.

We know people are going into residential aged care with more frailty, more complex health issues, and more dementia. Aged care homes are becoming more like hospices. Perhaps we should see them as an integral part of the hospital system and fund them accordingly to provide more nursing care, dementia care, palliative care, and end of life care.

The royal commission outlined the urgent need for better paid and better trained workers and laid out a pathway for better care. The better pay is happening, now we need better care and better training. How to fund this is the big question. The royal commission recommended a levy. This was rejected by the government and the opposition. But seniors have made their view quite clear.

When we surveyed members an overwhelming 85% wanted aged care

funded from general revenue or through a levy, just like the rest of the health system. Remember, although the government pays most of residential aged care cost, non-pensioners pay almost \$32,000 per year because of means testing. Pensioners lose the bulk of their pension paying almost \$22,000 as part of their contribution. In addition, the provider can have separate charges.

And there's the payment of the RAD (Refundable Accommodation Deposit) or the DAP (Daily Accommodation Payment). It's complex but suffice to say there's user pay at play.

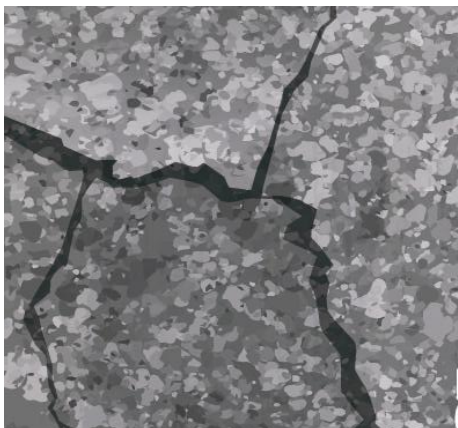
Our 2021 research paper "Planning for aged care costs" showed more than 90% of NSA members owned their home, so the idea of staying in your home is a reality for most. Using some of that equity to stay out of residential care and buy extra care to top up a home care package may be the way of the future.

The government has just released the draft National Strategy for the Care and Support Economy. It talks about the need for a "national conversation" about the split in contributions between government and individuals. Should people pay more? Let's talk.

You can also have your say here: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/nationalstrategy-care-and-support-economy/have-your-say>

You can read our Aged Care research here: <https://nationalseniors.com.au/uploads/Planning-for-care-costs-24.8.21.pdf>

*As National Seniors Australia's Chief Advocate Ian Henschke works to raise the profile of older Australians and strengthens the collective voice of National Senior Australia members.*



## Broken regional roads are a risk to all

### Victorian Farmers Federation

**T**he Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on the Victorian Parliament to launch a public inquiry into the condition of regional roads.

VFF President Emma Germano said the condition of regional roads had reached crisis point with the cost to agriculture and country communities building.

“Any inquiry that can help to find solutions to the impasse over roads funding would be welcome by regional Victorians who are dodging potholes every time they get behind the wheel.”

“The failure to invest in regional road maintenance in this year’s state budget must be scrutinised and the parliament must hold the government to account.”

“The costs associated with our broken roads are not only mounting on government, but individuals, families and their businesses.”

“Worse still, our broken roads are a risk to people’s safety. 58 per cent of all road fatalities this year have occurred in regional Victoria, despite it being home to 24 per cent of the state’s population.”

“134 people have heartbreakingly lost their lives on the roads, compared to 96 at the same time last year. It rips communities apart and the worst thing is so many of these tragedies are avoidable.”

“Our political leaders have the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to regional Victoria by supporting the creation of an inquiry.”



## Be careful where you source your firewood

### Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

**I**llegal firewood operators are being put on notice, as the Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria urge Victorians to source winter firewood from reputable sellers and report dodgy dealers.

Firewood theft from public land is an issue which heavily impacts critical wildlife habitat and cultural heritage. The worst hit areas include the Murray and Goulburn River corridors, the far south-eastern corner of Victoria, and forests and parks around Ballarat and the Grampians. Sadly, much of the stolen timber is sold onto unsuspecting customers.

Firewood sellers can only sell timber sourced legally from a wholesale supplier, commercial wood lot or from private land with the permission of the landowner and in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.

It can be difficult for customers to recognise reputable firewood sellers,



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so buyers are encouraged to ask the following questions:

#### Where does your wood come from?

Firewood sellers should be able to provide the details of where the wood for sale is sourced from.

#### Can I get a receipt?

Firewood sellers should provide a tax receipt with a business name and ABN.

#### Why is the wood so cheap?

If the firewood seems cheaper than similar sales nearby, ask why.

Buyers should report details about suspicious sellers or firewood theft from public land by calling 136 186.

This year the Conservation Regulator is targeting firewood theft with Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria through Operation Hollows. Authorised Officers are patrolling forests, parks and reserves, and use concealed cameras and other methods to detect offences.

Anyone caught cutting or taking timber illegally from public land can face

on-the-spot-fines of \$740 under the Forests Act 1958 or a maximum penalty of \$9,246 and/or 1 year jail if the matter is taken to court. Chainsaws, trailers and vehicles can also be seized if they’re detected as being used for the offending.

For people looking to collect firewood, the autumn firewood collection season from public land is open until 30 June in designated areas. People can collect a maximum of two cubic metres of firewood per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres of firewood per household per financial year. Only fallen timber without hollows can be collected.

*Details of where firewood can be collected, can be found at: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region>.*

*For more information about buying firewood responsibly in Victoria visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/buying-firewood>.*



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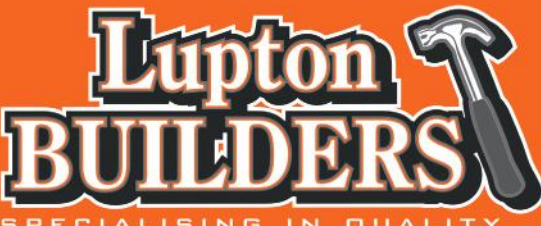
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