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Farewell to 'Vee' After 10 Years on Crossing Duty

Winchelsea Primary School School Captains Tom and Ivy recently presented Vee Anscombe with flowers and a Thank You card in recognition of her outstanding contribution as the School's Crossing Supervisor over the past 10 years.

Vee, pictured with her husband Peter and the School Captains, was thanked for her dedication and care in helping keep local students safe each day, while supporting the School community with a friendly smile and familiar presence.



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Letters to the Editor

My Mothers Day

Usually my family come up from Melbourne but because of fuel and reasons they couldn't come so we decided to go to our local Hotel Tavern at the Top Pub for lunch.

We were received so friendly, taken to our table and given a lovely Mothers Day card made from the children who were there and then out came a warm muffin, just lovely. We ordered our lunch and again had a great meal, the service great.

Thank you Joseph and staff for a lovely Mothers Day

Lyn Davis

Hi good folk.

Thanks again for your tremendous work!

Regards

Richard Butcher, Acting VP, Growing Winchelsea

Dear Winchelsea Star People,

Thank you once again for your willingness to include notices from the Winchelsea Combined Churches throughout the year.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Kind regards and very best wishes,

Lyn Redding, Winchelsea Combined Churches

Together We Made a Difference: Good Friday Appeal 2026 Thank You

Kerri Cropley



Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Kerri Cropley, and I recently commenced as the Good Friday Appeal Area Manager for Winchelsea.

I am delighted to announce that Winchelsea has contributed to the 2026 Good Friday Appeal by raising an incredible \$5,795.00.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped make this year's appeal such a wonderful success. Our town's generosity and community spirit are truly amazing.

In preparation for the 2027 (and beyond) Good Friday Appeal fundraising efforts, I hope to form a committee to bring ideas, enthusiasm, and fundraising experience to the table. Please keep an eye out in the near future for further details.

Thank you, Winchelsea, for your amazing support!



Fresh Leadership for 'Growing Winchelsea' as New President Steps In

Richard Butcher



A familiar face has stepped into the role of President of Growing Winchelsea Inc., with local resident Steve Wade warmly welcomed by committee members and the community.

Having called Winchelsea home since 2018, Steve brings a fresh perspective and a strong appreciation for the town's sense of community. Since moving to the area with his wife Margaret, he has become actively involved in local life and values the connections and support that living in Winchelsea fosters.

Steve says he is passionate about helping Winchelsea continue to thrive and believes the town grows strongest when people feel included, heard, and connected. "I'd like to support both long-term locals and newer residents and help contribute to Winchelsea's future in a positive way," he said.

The Growing Winchelsea committee and members warmly welcome Steve's leadership, practical outlook, and commitment to the town's future direction.



Steve Wade and his wife Margaret

Winchelsea Community Market Goes Indoors for Winter

Perlita Purcell



The upcoming Winter Community Markets, will be held from 9am – 1pm at the Leisure Time Centre, 15 Gosney Street, Winchelsea on:

- 7 June 2026
- 5 July 2026
- 2 August 2026

Following strong interest from stallholders in a recent Winter poll, the Winchelsea Community Market is pleased to announce a series of indoor market dates at the Winchelsea Leisure Time Centre.

These indoor events will provide an opportunity for many more stallholders—particularly those requiring sheltered

spaces—to continue trading throughout the colder months without the challenges of unpredictable weather.

This is a positive step for the Winchelsea community, highlighting the market's important role in fostering local connections and supporting small business. Visitors can look forward to a warm, welcoming environment with a diverse range of products on offer.

Extensive signage and promotion will be in place along the highway to encourage travellers to stop, explore the market, and experience what Winchelsea has to offer.

Stallholders interested in participating are encouraged to either get in touch personally or complete an online registration:

The Winchelsea Community Market looks forward to welcoming both stallholders and visitors to a vibrant and cosy winter market series.

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 Facebook: Winchelsea Community Market



Our Seniors



Community Lunch Smiles



Community Lunch



David at Community Lunch

Elaine Atkinson

WINCHELSEA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Have you visited the Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre yet! If you are over 55 you are very welcome to join our activities or tell us what activity you might like. Have a cuppa, share a laugh and a story - there is always something happening at the Centre.

Our special **Bridge morning on Tuesday 21 April** was well received, and we will offer another morning in Spring so think about it – great get your brain thinking card game played worldwide.

Our weekly program offers something for everyone:

- **Monday (1–3 pm): Craft** – a wonderful group of talented members who love all things craft – a great opportunity for a chat and to learn something new.
- **Tuesday (10:30 am – 12 noon): Bridge** – friendly games with plenty of support for beginners.
- **Wednesday (10–11 am): Exercises** – coordinated by Hesse Rural Health.
- **Wednesday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls**, followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.
- **Thursday: Mahjong (1–3 pm)**, with a **bring-your-own lunch at 12 noon**. It is starting on Thursday 21 May 2026 – we are all learners so why not come and learn with us.
- **Friday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls** again—always a lively afternoon!

Our members are always open to new ideas. The introduction of Mahjong has come about through new members expressing interest. Any other ideas we'd love to hear from you—the Centre is here for everyone.

Last Friday at our community lunch, members enjoyed fish and chips with salad and the traditional drumstick ice cream, before an afternoon of cards and bowls.

We now have a regular 500 card group – always up for more players – a game many families and friends played at work and home.

Plans are underway for **Echoes of Morning Melodies Past** happening **Friday 30 October 2026** at the Globe Theatre from **10 – 11 am** with morning tea to follow. If interested, let Jean know.

The Centre has been working hard with our other senior groups to ensure our community members have access to a bus service for social outings and shopping trips – more news shortly.

RECIPE - Chicken & Vegetables

It's time to bring out the slow cooker, here's a simple favourite, :

Combine in the slow cooker

- 2 boneless chicken breasts or thighs (on top),
- 3 carrots, sliced,
- 3 potatoes, peeled and chopped,
- 2 celery stalks, sliced,
- 1 small onion, chopped,
- 3 cups salt reduced chicken broth,
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder,
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley,
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Cover and cook - Low: 6–8 hours; High: 3–4 hours.

Optional:

Frozen peas during the last 20 minutes; a spoonful of cream for a richer texture; cooked rice or noodles for extra fullness.

The Senior Citizens Centre in Harding Street truly belongs to the community. It's a place to connect, share stories, learn new skills, and enjoy good company.

“Come along, stay connected, and enjoy the friendship that makes our community so special.”

For more information, please contact:

Jean Shinnars (Secretary/Treasurer) 0427 672 263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com





Yvonne Davidson celebrates 80th birthday with Family and Friends

Linda Carter

Last week the Monday Craft Group helped our dear friend Yvonne Davidson celebrate her 80th birthday.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Sphinx Hotel.

Yvonne was surrounded by family and friends and had a lovely day.

Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group

There was only a small group at craft this week but still plenty of activity happening. One member was pinning the edging on a quilt which will hopefully be finished soon. There was a tree of life wall hanging getting the finishing touches to it and an ongoing appliqué quilt being worked on. The appliqué quilt has several blocks and is looking beautiful - we are looking forward to seeing it finished.



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Heather Wainewright
0439 822 292**





Teachers Get a Well-Deserved Pay Rise



Teacher and principal salaries will rise by at least 28.3 per cent over the next four years starting with an increase of 12 per cent by October 2026.

More than 90,000 full-time teachers will earn over \$1,000 more per month by October this year and almost \$3,000 more per month by 2030.

Our dedicated Education Support Staff will see similar pay rises to teachers over the next four years, including allowances.

Kindergarten teachers and educators will also receive a significant boost to wages and conditions following a new offer for kinder enterprise agreements to be funded by the Victorian Government.

Accepting Enrolments for Prep 2027



Principal Tours for Families

8:45am at the school - please RSVP by phone or email
Families encouraged to come to one tour listed below

Wednesday, May 27th
Friday, June 5th



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Monday, August 3rd

Contact Bron & Jen in our office - we look forward to hearing from you!

winchelsea.ps@education.vic.gov.au
(03) 5267 2134

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CLASSROOMS
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28TH MAY @
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1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Scouts make Mother's Week Special

The week after Mothers' Day is always special for our Scout Group. Each Section invites Mums, Grandmas, Aunties or even Dads to come and join their Joey, Cub or Scout for a night of fun, finishing with supper.

On Monday, the Cubs were joined by their Mums. The start of the night was extra special for Jagger, the newest Cub to be invested into our Group. Jagger was joined by the other Cubs in making his Scout Promise and received his Modewarre scarf, woggle and his membership badges.



Jagger being invested by Cub Leader Marie

Every Scout in the world wears a World Scout badge (Australia's is purple). We have the Australian Flag to denote we are Australian Scouts, the Geelong-Nauru badge as a Region badge due to Geelong's long association with assisting Scouting in Nauru, our Barwon District badge – there are 5 other Scouts Groups in our District – Highton, Belmont, Grovedale, Torquay and Apollo Bay – and our 1st Modewarre tape.

After Jagger's investiture, the night evolved into a boisterous, surprisingly competitive, very noisy night of games – Fruit Salad (we managed to name 15 different fruits), Hockey by Number, Who's Missing (an in-the-dark parachute game of guessing which 'missing' Cub or Mum is hiding underneath. This game finishes with the Cubs' shoes on the parachute being flicked upwards ever so high until they all bounce off). We also played Mums v Cubs Medic – dodge ball with a secret Medic to revive downed players.

This year the Joeys and their Mums played 'Farmer Sam', a rowdy, fast version of Dodge Ball with 'rock, paper, scissors' allowing continual re-entry into the game, the Bird's Nest game with a cat chasing birds in and out of chalk circle nests, and a circle ball game requiring lots of concentration. There was a hall full of laughter for the whole night!

The Scouts chose to have a nerf gun battle with their Mums, using tables as forts. It was played with great enthusiasm, with the Scouts' energy lasting far longer than their Mothers'. This night was a great opportunity for the Leaders to catch up with the Mums (and a brave Dad) to speak about the Badge Award scheme and the Australian Jamboree to be held in 2027/28. It's a long way off, but it's a huge camp of 12 days, and Scouts need to be camp ready through participation in activities over the next 18 months. It is also a financial expense on top of everyday living, but we have opportunities to fund-raise. A minute-to-win it game finished off the night of activity before the Scouts tackled supper with enthusiasm.

As Leaders and Scouts, we love to have parents involved and always look forward to Mothers' and Fathers' nights.



WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

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If the Walls Could Talk at the Globe Theatre!

Memories by Yvonne Orchard *Part 2*

Wow! What stories would the Globe theatre have to tell us, witnessing all the events that have happened within it's walls over the last 100 years.

The Horticultural shows were held in the Globe before being transferred to the larger Leisuretime Centre after it was built (1988). We would bring our garden produce, flowers, plants, baking efforts and handiwork etc. to be judged. The walls would be covered by displays of quilts, crocheted rugs, paintings etc and there would be long rows of trestle tables covered with white sheets and adorned with flowers, veggies & fruit, and baking efforts. The exhibitors would all attend in the evening to hopefully receive a prize, and collect their exhibits. The children who entered their school projects, baking, or miniature gardens etc were thrilled if they won a prize for their efforts. Lesley Hunter and Martin Bruno were always on the list of prize winners.

The flower shows were also held there by enthusiastic volunteers and we all brought our seasonal blooms to display and be judged.



Globe Theatre 1928



Lindsay & Yvonne Lawrence nee Batson wedding 1931
Decorated by Mrs Lil Knuckey

John Bumford and others, held many musical concerts there where his & other talented creations were performed by musicians and choirs of local people. The annual school concerts were performed there, with nervous & excited children being ushered up those steep, dark, stairs, in the wings to perform on stage, perhaps for the first time. Our local school bands also entertained us under the dedicated tutorship of teacher, Brian Blackett, who trained the students, and, who then graduated to perform in the Winchelsea Community band. A wonderful

opportunity for students at the time, to learn to play an instrument, and appreciate music as a whole.

In the 60s, the Repertory Society was formed and started performing plays and still entertains us with their popular annual theatre dinners which raise much needed funds for the different groups that host each night eg the bowling club or the fire brigades. They used to perform at least three plays during the year with a pantomime at the end of the year to the delight of the children. Local chemist Bob Keane, made a wonderful Dame Trott in one memorable scene, as did Harry Smith as a small boy, depicting Tiny Tim in 'A Christmas Carol', - "God Bless everyone"



Man of Steel (Winchelsea Repertory Society) 1995



Sailing South (Winchelsea Repertory Society) 1996



Three for the Price of One (Winchelsea Repertory Society) 1997



The hall was built to also host movies and Geoff, my husband, remembers the Sat night movies when 2 firemen stood protectively at the doors in case of fire in the old days, and Jack Schroeter ran the projector. The milk bar next door would be full at half time to buy a snack. When Barwon Park had the enchanting display of gowns from the film 'The Dressmaker', Geoff was approached to see if this film could be shown at the Globe during the display. So with a few repairs to the old movie screen and the loan of a data projector it was shown six times over a weekend. Since then it was decided to form a Film Club and with the help of a Shire grant, a new screen and equipment were purchased, and the popular club continues to show a monthly movie.

The Globe is also listed as a place of refuge in an emergency and was well used during the Ash Wednesday fires, as emergency accommodation and for making sandwiches etc for the fire crews.

Many sporting events have been held at the Globe including, Karate, Judo, Badminton, Dance classes and Zumba is still held there today. The Annual Sportsman's dinner was held there to acknowledge our talented sports people and hosted many famous sportsman including, Ron Barassi and Neil Roberts and even Olympic champions. It was run as a fund-raiser by the tennis club. The Footy club held their annual Presentation nights, and concerts and 'Red Faces'. The Polwarth Footy League Reunion was held at the Globe.

In the 1930s they held a Miss Winchelsea, who was nominated by different clubs, and the winner was the one who raised the most money, and was announced at a special presentation at the Globe. A Talent Quest was also held in the Globe in the '60s. So the Globe Theatre has seen so much of the life of our small town, reflected in its walls and sad to say it's even had the odd funeral as well. Happily, it is still with us and well looked after, with new floors, paintwork, kitchen and curtains and a special Marjorie Lawrence room to commemorate our talented opera singer. We

need to thank the Shire, the Lions Club and the voluntary Hall Committee of Management (for 22yrs) and many other volunteers who have cared for our Globe over the 100 years.

NOTE: If there are any mistakes or omissions in my article, or you have photos of events held there over the years, please send to editor@winchelseastar.org. Thanks, Yvonne Orchard

Letter to the Editor

Globe Theatre

I am responding to Yvonne Orchard's request for extra info re activities in The Globe Theatre.

Since I arrived to teach at Winchelsea Higher Elementary School in 1980 I remember booking and utilising the Globe Theatre each year for our rehearsals and performances of our annual school concerts and then later for the Primary School Talent Quests.

We also rehearsed and performed in The Globe for our school musical "Germes" in the early 80's.

With the formation of the "Winchelsea Primary School Concert Band" and then later the community "Winchelsea Concert Band" we performed concerts in "The Globe" and had a workshop and then a concert with members of a band with less privileged students from the Inner Suburbs of Melbourne.

I also remember playing in my dance band at many functions - especially the Winchelsea Football Club Cabarets and the New Year's Eve Cabarets (organised by Leslie Berg and Barb Holmes) in aid of the Swimming Pool for many years.

Regards,
Brian Blackett



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Zinaida Campion

What's next for Winchelsea?

Winchelsea has always had a way of catching the light in unexpected ways. Just when you think you've seen everything this town can offer, something new bubbles up - a spark, a story, a song - and suddenly the whole place feels alive with possibility again. And lately, that feeling has been everywhere.

After the joy and glow of Longing, I've been thinking a lot about our artistic past - and goodness, what a past it is. We are the hometown of Marjorie Lawrence, after all, the legendary soprano who carried Winchelsea's spirit all the way to the great opera houses of the world. And long before that, the Globe Theatre was the beating heart of community life: concerts, dances, gatherings, celebrations, all woven into the fabric of who we are. One thing is for sure; WMS is here to stay, so watch out for upcoming concert announcements.

The arts have never been an afterthought here. They've always been part of our story.

And what fills me with so much excitement is that this story is still unfolding. In the past few weeks, I've seen a wave of enthusiasm from every corner of the community - volunteers, musicians, heritage lovers, families, and long-time locals who simply adore this town. There's a sense of warmth and readiness, as though Winchelsea is stretching its arms after a long rest and saying, "Alright then ... what's next?"

Recently, a group gathered for a meeting about Winchelsea's future events - a chance to reflect on what's working, what's possible, and how we can bring people together in ways that feel meaningful and joyful. The purpose was simple: to imagine a coordinated, community-centred approach to arts and events in our town. And the outcome was even better than expected.

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

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.

There was energy. There was optimism. There was a shared belief that Winchelsea is ready for a new chapter - one that honours our heritage while embracing fresh ideas. People spoke about the Globe Theatre with affection and hope. They spoke about the appetite for more music, more storytelling, more moments that bring us together. They spoke about the importance of nurturing our cultural spaces and giving them the love they deserve.

And as I listened, I felt that familiar Winchelsea magic - the sense that this town is capable of extraordinary things when we come together.

So, what is next for Winchelsea?

Well, that's the exciting part. There are ideas floating around - thoughtful, creative, community-minded ideas - about how we can elevate our cultural life in ways that feel true to who we are. Nothing grandiose, nothing out of reach, just the kind of gentle, meaningful steps that help a town grow into its own potential.

What I can say is this: the momentum is real. The conversations are hopeful. And the future feels bright - brighter than it has in a long time.

So stay connected, stay curious, and keep supporting the wonderful arts spirit that makes Winchelsea so special. Our next chapter is beginning to take shape, and I can't wait to see where it leads.

Ciao!

Wayngurrla – To Make Good

Mick O'Mara Courtesy National Trust

Visit Barwon Park and encounter an immersive installation across multiple rooms of this historic mansion.

Wayngurrla – To Make Good pays homage to the reciprocal relationships between Wadawrruung kin kin bil and the owners of the property, the Austin family.

This exhibition celebrates the lived experiences of first custodians' ancestors, and how they were interwoven with those of the Barwon Park Mansion. Thomas Austin was the original builder of the mansion, after his passing, he was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Austin and their children, who in their time were said to have fed many First Peoples as they passed through the mansion's surrounding land.

Explore this exhibition which showcases some of our best First Nations artists and their work and is something completely unique to the area.

Artists: Aunty Marlene Gilson OAM and her children Robert, Dr Deanne, Tammy and Barry, alongside her grandchildren, Blair, Indigo, Max, Arlo, Piper and Mia.



Thomas, King Billy and the Duke by Marlene Gilson

Saturday, 18 April 2026 – Sunday, 2 August 2026
Every Sunday and Wednesday 11am-4pm until end of May, then Sundays 11am-4pm. Guided Tours on the hour. 11am - 4pm
Barwon Park Mansion, 105 Inverleigh Road Winchelsea 3241 VIC



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**15TH
JUNE**

6 PM

When: Monday 15th June, 2026
Where: Birregurra Bowling Club, 60 Roadknight St, Birregurra

Program
6:00pm - Pre dinner drinks (drinks available at bar prices)
6:30pm - Dinner (catering by Birregurra Grocer) \$40/head
7:00pm - Annual General Meeting followed by guest speaker

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME



When Bee Foundation was founded by pioneering Australian beekeeper Gretchen When and established through her living bequest with the vision of protecting bees to secure Australia's food systems and ecosystem health. Today under the leadership of CEO Fiona Chambers the foundation has grown into Australia's leading charity for bees and pollinators.



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Any enquiries please contact
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GROUNDLED Festival Sparks Climate Action

More than 750 people gathered at Yan Yan Gurt West Farm for the GROUNDLED Festival, a two-day event focused on sustainable agriculture, climate resilience and community connection.

Set beneath towering eucalyptus trees, the site was transformed into a temporary village of marquees, tents, fire drums and shared spaces that encouraged conversation and collaboration. The festival opened with a community dinner and was formally welcomed the following morning by the Stewart family and GROUNDLED team, including a smoking ceremony.

Attendees travelled from across Victoria and interstate, including Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania. The diverse gathering included farmers, researchers, scientists, educators, chefs, community groups and families, all engaging in discussions about food systems, farming and sustainability.

A key highlight was the launch of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network's "Leading Farmer Adoption of Sustainable Agriculture for Climate Resilience" project. The session introduced a five-day Resilient Farming Course and educator training program to be delivered across four regional Landcare networks, attracting strong interest from local farm businesses.

Key themes included sustainable farming practices, succession planning, farmer wellbeing, ecological land management and strengthening connections between people and place. There was also a strong emphasis on Indigenous knowledge and collaboration across generations and sectors.

Sustainability was demonstrated through practical measures such as reusable tableware systems and reduced waste on site.

Organisers thanked the community, volunteers, Landcare networks, the Stewart family and the GROUNDLED team for creating an inspiring event that fostered learning, collaboration and momentum for climate resilience.

More information can be found at our website <https://upperbarwonlandcare.com/fasa-project/>



Project launch - inside the Blackwood Tent, GROUNDLED Festival 2026 Photo credit Ellen Whitten



A Montgomery (Upper Barwon Landcare Network), A Gray (Central Otway Landcare Network) K Stewart (Upper Barwon Landcare Network), G Rollinson (Warrnambool Coastcare and Landcare Network), M McLean, Photo credit Ellen Whitten



\$60k Tea Tree Fines

Victorian Government

Two men have been fined a total of \$60,000 after being found guilty of illegally harvesting native tea tree from protected areas in the Otways and selling it as fencing stakes.

A 74-year-old man from Colac and a 44-year-old man from Newcomb appeared in the Geelong Magistrates' Court after an 18-month Conservation Regulator investigation. They were convicted of offences involving the removal of protected native vegetation from the Otway Forest Park, Great Otway National Park and Jancourt Nature Conservation Reserve.

The court heard they sold more than 13,000 tea tree stakes between 2022 and 2023, earning about \$30,000.

Searches in Colac and Colac West in 2023 uncovered a vehicle, machetes, a chainsaw and more than 600 stakes prepared for sale.

Tea tree in the Otways provides vital habitat for wildlife, including the vulnerable rufous bristlebird.

The Magistrate described the offending as "serious environmental offending" and "not a victimless crime". Both men avoided convictions but were fined \$30,000 each.

Suspected illegal tree felling can be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or through an online report at crimestoppersvic.com.au.



Freight Goes Greener

Victorian Government

The Victorian Government is backing a global agreement to reduce freight fuel use and support the shift to zero-emission trucks and buses.

With fuel prices remaining high, the plan aims to reduce costs and emissions across the freight industry.

The Memorandum of Understanding brings together 43 countries and more than 295 governments, manufacturers, finance institutions, operators and infrastructure providers working to decarbonise freight transport.

Signatories are aiming for 100 per cent zero-emission new truck and bus sales by 2040, with an interim target of 30 per cent by 2030.

The plan includes developing high-capacity freight charging networks and key corridors such as the Sydney to Melbourne "Hume Zero" route. It also aims to support small and medium operators with policies that improve market certainty.

The initiative also encourages a shift from road to rail freight where possible, helping further reduce emissions.

Victoria joins more than 40 countries committed to net zero emissions by 2050, with the agreement seen as a major step in the future of freight transport.



The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron



Mauna Loa Observatory

In 2026, Climate Change Is No Longer A Theoretical Risk

In 2026, climate change is no longer a theoretical risk. It is a measurable, compounding stress on the systems that underpin economies, public health and energy security. Strip away the rhetoric and climate change looks less like a future threat and more like a systems failure already underway, one that is now visible in temperature records, storm damage, rising seas and widening economic losses.

Carbon Dioxide and Ocean Heat Are Locking In Risk

The driver is straightforward and according to the USA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Global Monitoring Laboratory (pictured), atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations at Mauna Loa averaged 427.49 parts per million in December 2025, up from 425.40 ppm a year earlier. Located high on Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano in the central Pacific, the observatory measures well-mixed background air, making it the global benchmark for tracking humanity's cumulative climate risk. According to the United Nations agency the World Meteorological Organization, the 2023–2024 increase was among the largest annual jumps since measurements began in 1958, committing the planet to additional warming even if emissions slow tomorrow.

Much of that excess heat is absorbed by the ocean. According to a 2025 study published in *Advances in Atmospheric Sciences*, global ocean heat content in the upper 2,000 meters reached a new all-time high, adding roughly 23 zettajoules of heat in a single year. It is essential to note that one zettajoule is equivalent to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 joules. Warmer oceans expand, drive sea level rise and intensify storms.

In 2026, the debate over whether climate change matters can be settled by evidence. The data shows a planet warming faster than policy response, storms intensifying alongside rising seas, and economic losses concentrating where resilience is weakest. Climate risk is now a planning variable, rather than a forecast uncertainty.

The countries, companies and institutions that endure the coming decade will be those that stop treating climate change as a long-term scenario and start managing it as a present-day operational reality.

Full story: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dianneplummer/2026/01/12/in-2026-climate-change-is-no-longer-a-theoretical-risk/>

Why Bees Matter

Wheen Bee Foundation

Ahead of World Bee Day, Australians are being encouraged to take simple local actions to help protect bees and support pollinators.



The Wheen Bee Foundation says bees contribute an estimated \$4.2 billion to Australian agriculture each year through pollination, playing a vital role in food production and healthy ecosystems. However, bees face increasing threats from climate change, habitat loss, pesticide use, and pests such as varroa mite.

Australia is home to more than 2,000 native bee species, many of which remain little known to the public. World Bee Day Australia Steering Committee Chair Cormac Farrell said bees are essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems and food security.

Communities are being encouraged to plant bee-friendly gardens, support local beekeepers by purchasing Australian honey, and take part in activities such as the Great Bee Morning Tea to help raise awareness about the importance of bees.

To learn more, register events or find ways to help visit worldbeeday.org.au.

What's on Weekly

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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

MONDAY

CO-WORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
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4.30pm-6pm (School term)
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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
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ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM UPPER BARWON LANDCARE NETWORK

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TUESDAY



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

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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Tues-Joeys 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term)
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MAT PILATES

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Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.
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VOLUNTEER WEEK SUSTAINABILITY AND COFFEE

10.30-11.30am, Wednesday 20 May 2026
Morning tea and a talk about increasing
sustainability in community programs.
Winchelsea Shire Hall.
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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MOTHER GOOSE SONG AND RHYME

2pm (School term) FREE
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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

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

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm (School term) \$5
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10-11.30am
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St
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28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

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

FRIDAY

TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10 5267 2028
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12-2pm
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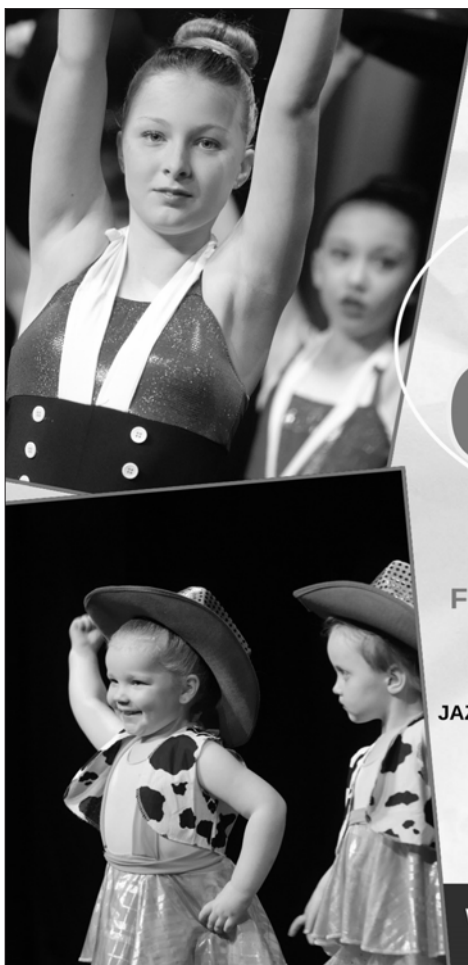
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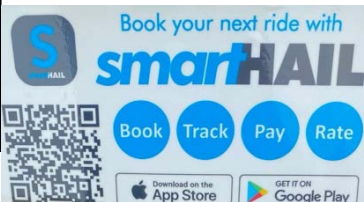
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Alice Cloake



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Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au.

APRIL Ingredient of the Month

Carrot



RECIPE:

CHICKEN LARB WITH GRATED CARROT

This and Mexican bowls have to be my two most cooked week night meals. The first time I cooked this it was from a Hello Fresh box, I held onto the recipe and made little tweaks each time. In honesty, this recipe looks different each time I make it. I've started adding zucchini to bump up the vege, I've added spinach before, sometimes I leave the ginger out if I don't have it, sometimes I'll add coriander if I do. Either way the basics never change, it's always with chicken mince, always with grated carrots, spring onions, soy sauce and fish sauce. Ridiculously simple and always delicious.



Zingy Pork Larb Courtesy HelloFresh

Ingredients

- Grated ginger
- 500g chicken mince (can easily increase with 15kg, substitute with pork mince if preferred)
- ½ teaspoon of Fish Sauce
- 2 tablespoons of Soy Sauce
- Spring Onion bunch chopped
- 1 - 2 carrots grated
- 1x sliced chilli (optional)
- Squeeze of lime juice (optional)

Additional ingredients

- 1x grated zucchini
- Crushed garlic
- Coriander to serve
- Mint to serve

Serve with rice or in lettuce cups.

Method

- Heat a little oil (olive oil or sesame oil) in a wok or deep fry pan, add the ginger for a couple of minutes.
- Add the chicken and stir until the colour has changed, it shouldn't brown too much.
- Add the sauces and mix through.
- Add the spring onions, carrots and adjust seasoning as needed (maybe a little more soy sauce here).
- Add the fresh chilli at the end, a squeeze of lime if you have it, a little coriander or mint, stir through and serve.



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- **Globe Theatre (Side entrance)** 17 Willis Street
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- **Men's Shed** 51 Hesse Street
- **Netball Courts** Eastern Reserve Hopkins St
- **Senior Citizens Club** 36 Harding Street
- **Uniting Church** 33 Hesse Street
- **Winchelsea Bowls Club** Hesse Street
- **Winchelsea Golf Club** 13 Anderson Street
- **Winchelsea Primary School** Main Street
- **Wurdale Memorial Hall** 220 Wurdale Road

Winchelsea Community Takes Transport Into Its Own Hands

Elaine Atkinson

Local seniors groups unite to fight isolation and build the case for permanent transport solutions

When Winchelsea lost its community bus service, local organisations refused to accept that older residents should simply go without transport and become increasingly isolated. Instead, community groups united to create practical local solutions while also building a strong case for long-term transport investment in the town.

The initiative is being led by Winchelsea Community House in partnership with Winchelsea Probus Club, Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre and Winchelsea Men's Shed. Together, the groups successfully applied for support through Surf Coast Shire's Bus Subsidy Program after community transport services were withdrawn, leaving a major gap for older residents and vulnerable community members.

Under the program, each participating organisation can access up to \$1,500 annually until June 2027 to provide affordable transport activities including shopping trips, social outings and community events. The initiative is already delivering practical benefits for residents who would otherwise struggle to access transport.

Organisers say the project is about much more than occasional bus trips. They see it as an important step in addressing social isolation, supporting healthy ageing and demonstrating the growing need for reliable transport services in rural communities like Winchelsea.

The groups argue that transport is essential for wellbeing, independence and social connection, particularly for older

residents who may no longer drive or have easy access to services and activities outside town.

Community participation in upcoming trips will play an important role in demonstrating ongoing demand for transport services and strengthening the case for future investment beyond the current funding period.



Maureen, Lorraine, Wendy, Ray. Front Margaret, Heather

Organisers say the pilot program is only the beginning and believe demand for accessible and affordable transport will continue to grow as Winchelsea expands. They hope the initiative will help show decision-makers that sustainable, long-term community transport solutions are urgently needed to keep rural residents connected and active within their community.

For more information or bookings, contact Winchelsea Community House on 03 52672028 or participating community groups.

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history of winchelsea

Schroeter Brothers Carriage Works

Schroeter Brothers Garage - least unattractive building or an important piece of local history? You choose. Editor

I recently spoke to a Winchelsea local who told me that they thought that the Schroeter Bro's Garage was one of the most unattractive buildings in the main street of Winchelsea.

'On the contrary!' replied I. This building is an important piece of our local industrial heritage and is one of the most interesting pieces in our historic urban landscape!



Schroeter's Blacksmith 1901

Starting its life as an Industrial Blacksmith, Wheelwright, and Carriage Works, it was converted into one of Winchelsea's first Motor Garages when the technology changed from Horse drawn carriages to motor cars.

As blacksmiths, Schroeters could have provided shoes for horses, metal wheels for carriages, and painting and detailing on both carriages and cars.

This building was owned and operated by the local Schroeter family who were one of Winchelsea's earliest families and are still here today. Schroeter Street in Winchelsea still bears their name.

Schroeter Brothers' Garage performed its original function and stayed in family hands for most of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

We are lucky for such a significant building to have survived in our Main Street

The advent of the motor car in the early 20th century had a major impact on the Shire's transport system. It meant upgrading district roads and bridges and signalled the end of the Cobb and Co horse-drawn coaching service.

The establishment of the Council Roads Board in 1914 was a direct response to these new methods of transport and travel. Horsepower was used for some road making activities until the mid-1920s but by the 1930s trucks had replaced horses.

Townships on important routes – including Winchelsea on the Geelong-Colac Road (Princes Highway) – and seaside tourist locations such as Lorne and Torquay, had motor garage businesses from the 1920s. The seaside garages greatly benefited from the opening of the Great Ocean Road from 1922.

The Motor Trade Directory of Australia for 1928 listed six motor garages in operation in the Surf Coast Shire at that time. There were three garages at Lorne: Fletcher's Motor Service Pty Ltd, Lorne Motors and Coaches, and the garage services of R.J. Sanderson.



At Torquay, there was Moyneux's Garage, while at Winchelsea were the garages of J.G. Downes and H. Schroeter. This latter business had formed out of Schroeter's 19th century Blacksmith's Shop, Wheelwright and Carriage works in c.1927, with the surviving garage building at 13 Willis Street built in c.1930

The long-time operator, Henry Schroeter, was the first to own a motor car in Winchelsea, with his 1919 Buick. In the early 1920's, the local Catholic Priest, Fr. Hehir also purchased a Buick.

Cars were still a novelty in the town, as there were then only three in the town. Many of the rural roads about Winchelsea were not suitable for motoring, particularly in winter, so horses were also used heavily alongside cars until later in the century.



Schroeter's Garage



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

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Thought of the Week

"Choosing peace does not mean
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Have a Blessed week.

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Psalm 14

*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;
There is none that doeth good
Jehovah looked down from heaven
upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand,
That did seek after God
They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon Jehovah?
There were they in great fear;
For God is in the generation of the righteous.
Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,
Because Jehovah is his refuge
Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When Jehovah bringeth back the captivity
of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.*

The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

What does a Town Entrance Sign actually do?

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

What does a town sign actually do?

At face value, not much. It tells you where you are. Maybe you glance at it, maybe you don't. Then you keep driving.

But done well, signage does something more subtle — and far more powerful.

It creates a sense of arrival.

For towns like Winchelsea, that matters. We're not just a destination in our own right — we're also a gateway. Thousands of people pass through on their way to the Great Ocean Road, and in many cases, their decision to stop (or not) is made in a matter of seconds.

That's where signage plays its role.

Clear, well-placed, and thoughtful signage can shift a town from being somewhere you pass through... to somewhere you notice. It can spark curiosity, signal identity, and quietly say: there's something here worth your time.

It also works on another level — for the people who already live here. Good signage reflects a shared sense of place. It tells a story about who we are, what we value, and how we see ourselves as a community.

And when that story is consistent, it becomes stronger.

Which brings us to an interesting position here in Winchelsea.

We already have elements of that story.

The Gateway Sculptures mark our entrances — sunrise and dusk — a symbolic nod to movement, to transition, to being a place people pass through. We have town signage that names us, even if it's modest. And at certain times of year, we have the Twinkle Trees — a distinctly local expression of creativity and community, built by the Men's Shed and brought to life by residents.

Each of these says something.

But like many towns, they don't always speak together.

And that's where the real value of signage starts to emerge — not just as individual markers, but as part of a broader sense of identity. When signage, public art, and community expression align, they reinforce each other. They turn small moments — arriving, stopping, looking — into something more memorable.

Without that connection, even good elements can be overlooked.

This isn't about adding more for the sake of it. It's about recognising what signage can do at its best — shaping perception, inviting engagement, and giving a town a clearer identity.

In a place like Winchelsea, where so many people are just passing through, that identity matters.

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

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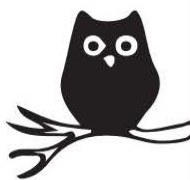
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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



Welcome to Blue's News where last Saturday the W.F.N.C. travelled to Bell Post Hill which has been a happy hunting ground for our Netballers over the years, but not so much for the Club's Footballers. Football wins have been few and far between, but they have happened. This week was interesting for both the Reserves and the Senior teams as they played out their games in warm conditions – the mild and last Saturday windy Autumn weather still holding for last Saturday's games.

RESERVES:

WINCHELSEA BLUES 5.9.39
were def by BELL POST HILL
PANTHERS 12.7.76

The Reserves started well in the windy conditions going in to quarter time with a 3 point lead but only added a solitary point to their score in the second quarter. while B.P.H. piled on 5 goals 3 points. The third quarter saw the Blues come back to life kicking 3 goals 3 points and allowing the Panthers only the one goal, but they would be kicking with the wind in the Final quarter. The Blues remained scoreless in the last and so Bell Post Hill easily ran out with the 4 points.

GOALS:

Harvey Gee 2, Tayne Hewson 1,
 Will McNeil 1, Jackson Smith 1.

BEST:

Zach Ross, Eamon Dempsey,
 Jackson Smith, Will McNeil, Harvy Gee,
 Josh Freeman

SENIORS:

WINCHELSEA BLUES 14.8.92
were def by BELL POST HILL
PANTHERS 21.9.135

It was another slow start to the game for the Blues, being out played and out muscled by the home side and at half time the score looked grim with the Blues 2.3 15 to the Panthers 11.4.70. After half time the Blues regrouped, toughed it out and out scored B.P.H. in the second half of football but apart from salvaging some

WINCHELSEA



150 YEARS CELEBRATION

pride were never going to be able to peg that huge lead back held by the Panthers at half time. There will be plenty of sore bodies after the bruising encounter and a couple of possible injuries as well.

GOALS:

Cameron Primmer 4, Indi Parish 2,
 Jordan Gould 2, Ryan Williams,
 Cassidy Parish, Jack Sampi,
 Samuel Adams, Ollie Mahncke,
 Lachlan Carver all 1 goal.

BEST:

Finlay Parish, Cassidy Parish, Indi Parish,
 Lachie Gemmill, Sam Adams,
 Lachlan Carver

Round 7 this week, and the W.F.N.C. will have their third game away in a row travelling to meet Geelong West Giants at their home ground West Oval. Games are at the usual times and it would be great to see a sea of navy blue in the crowd to support our Footballers and Netballers as they press on in their endeavours to play in Finals in 2026!

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our Club Sponsors – both big and small and to our Fabulous Volunteers. The Winchelsea Blues cannot operate without your huge input week in

week out, not just in "Volunteers Week" The Winchelsea Blues are always welcoming new Volunteers to our Club to join our existing team – quite a few of our Volunteers have not played for the Club or have ever had children playing for the Winchelsea Blues – they join in because of a love of Football/ Netball or just the desire/opportunity to help out in their Community – The Blue's Bistro is a classic example.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 6 June (King's Birthday Weekend) the W.F.N.C. will be hosting the **GDFNL & CFNL INTERLEAGUE MATCH** This is a huge day for the Volunteers and the Club who has several players representing the Winnie Blues in both Football & Netball.

150 YEARS CELEBRATION

The Winchelsea Football Club is celebrating 150 years in 2026, being first established in 1876.

Come and be part of that Celebration on 27 & 28 June at Eastern Reserve, when the Club hosts North Geelong on 27th who are also celebrating their 150th year - followed by a Family Day open to all in the Winchelsea Community on Sunday 28th.

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Junior Football

Clare Harper



It was an early start for our under 10 group this week who travelled to Anakie to play the Roo's. The weather was mild, which made the early start slightly more bearable for players and parents. The team showed great enthusiasm as they continue to build on their skills each week and were able to secure another win together.

Our under 12's travelled to Modewarre to play the Warriors. This is the first time the Blues have played the Warriors, who are considered strong competition.

Modda played with great intensity around the ball, applying plenty of pressure and getting an early lead. Our group to their credit dug deep and lifted their efforts. The game felt much closer than the score board reflected, each team playing a strong brand of footy.

While the Blues didn't secure the win on the day they showed great sportsmanship and team work.

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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan



Under 10s.

The Under 10s had a tough game this week with injuries and illness impacting the side. A big thank you to little brother Lucas who stepped in again to help out the team. Juliette held her own beautifully in goals once again and earned Player of the Match honours in a very challenging game. Well done to all our Mini Blues for stepping up, playing out of position and giving their all for the team.

Under 11s.

The Under 11s had a fantastic game against Bell Post Hill, coming away strong winners 27 – 2. Junior player Grace was outstanding in goals, shooting 13 goals for the game. The ball movement across the court was exceptional and the defensive pressure was strong all day. Everyone can see how hard these players have been working with their coaches each week.



Under 13s - Harriet



Under 13s - Cleo

Under 15s.

The Under 15s also played in a closely matched contest against Bell Post Hill. It was a fantastic game to watch with both teams evenly skilled and competitive throughout. The girls are beginning to work together really well as a team. Unfortunately they went down 19 – 12, with Poppy shooting an impressive 10 of the team's 12 goals.

Under 19s.

The Under 19s had a dominant win against Bell Post Hill, finishing 46 – 6. It was the Millie and Reani show in goals, with both girls shooting strongly all game. The defence and mid court worked tirelessly to feed the ball into the goalers and create opportunities.

Buddy Training.

Last Thursday night saw our junior and senior players come together for Buddy Training. Juniors were paired up with their senior player buddies for a fun and engaging training session. The first half focused on skills led by our A Grade coach Maddie, with assistance from the senior players, before the buddies competed against each other in a range of fun, skills-based games. There were smiles everywhere - from both the juniors and the seniors! A massive thank you to the Junior Netball Committee for organising the evening, to Maddie for leading the session, and to all the senior players for taking the time to support the future of our club.



Under 11s - Alanah



Under 11s - Grace shooting one of her 13 goals

Under 13s.

The Under 13s had a great hit out against Bell Post Hill in a very even contest, eventually going down 22 – 15. This team continues to improve every week, particularly with their ball movement and teamwork, while gaining valuable experience on court.



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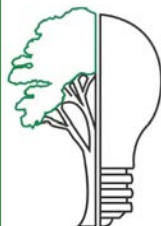


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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Wednesday May 13th - Weekly Stableford

Winner : Gary Reid (12) 41 pts
 R/Up: Al Renick (16) 39 pts
 BDL: Denis Chappell (18) 37 Pts
 BFL: Andrew MacDonald (25) 37 Pts
 BDL: Stephen Harvey (15) 37
 NTP (8/17): Neil Hickman

2nd Round Women's Quarterly Medal and Putting comp.

Winner: Tara Steward 87. 16. 71
 R/Up: Elizabeth Alston 96. 23. 73
 Puts: Tara Steward 27
 9 Hole comp Cheryl Mawson 17 pts
 Special mention to Di and Ann who were 75 Nett for the day!

16/5/26 - Par

28 Players

1st - Bill Spencer (17) +5
 2nd - Max Bubb (14) +3 C/B
 3rd - Daniel Hunter (16) +3 C/B
 4th - Tara Steward (16) +1 C/B
 BDL - Philip Crook (13) +1 C/B
 BDL - Stephen Cole (14) Square C/B
 BDL - Brent Kahle (5) Square C/B
 BDL - Zac Worland (17) Square C/B
 NTP (8th/17th) - Don Cuttler
 Golden Hole (2nd) - Jackpot (Hole/Marker Mix-up)

COMING UP:

Wednesday 20th May - Weekly Stableford

Next Saturday **23rd May - Working Bee** 8.30am, BBQ and a round of Stableford.

Winchelsea Golf Club Open Week May 24th - 31st

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Saturday 16 May 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve

Brian Vagg

42 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in foggy conditions. A warm welcome to Lisa Cameron, Steven Hall, Anthea Reinen and Peta Moore who all completed their very first parkrun.

7 volunteers made this event possible. A very important milestone and heartfelt thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Don Smith, Brian Vagg, Ken Loone, Melanie Moore and Peta Moore. First time run director, Brian, reiterated that all can volunteer any time to ease the burden on others and give everyone an opportunity to run or walk.

We had runners from Brisbane, Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Melbourne and also international from the Netherlands. Welcome all!

A very significant milestone and heartfelt thanks to Neil McInnes and Kate McInnes who both acquired their 100th volunteer credits at this Trebeck Reserve Park Run. This is by means no small measure and it is imperative that we acknowledge the significant input that both contribute each week, with no fuss and both are founding volunteers who were heavily involved in getting this event to fruition. Thanks so much Neil and Kate for all your effort and contribution.

Zac Barr had a new PB at this event and also came first. Jarrod Koch and Naomi Barr also had their PB's.

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

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

To volunteer please send an email to trebeckreserve@parkrun.com



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Thursdays Vinyasa Yoga 6.30pm

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Email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au
or call: 0352672028

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