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Walk for Prems

Danni O'Connell

Hiya, my name is Danni. I live in Winchelsea with my partner Dave, daughter Elsie and pets. We moved here over two years ago and absolutely love it!

This year has thrown our little family some really big challenges and we are hoping to give back to a special charity that has helped us so much during this time.

You see, at 22 weeks of pregnancy we were told that our precious baby was incredibly unwell and potentially would not live to make it to birth. This was a huge shock and I was closely monitored by the Fetal Medicine Unit at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne for the next few weeks. In this time we were told that her survival rate would be low, and of she did make it that it would not be without a significant amount of time in the hospital to stabilise her.

Fast forward to Monday April 3rd, and our miracle Baby Evy was born. She was a tiny but mighty 602g and 29 weeks old. She was rushed straight to the NICU and that's where I have been with her for the last four months. She has endured a lot of obstacles but has taken them in her stride.

During this time, we have needed support and found solace in Life's Little Treasures whom are an organisation that support families with extremely sick and premature babies. I was hoping to give back to them through their Walk for Prems Fundraiser later this year.



Danni and Dave, with their daughter Elsie

We have made a team for Evy, and are collecting donations to help assist this incredible charity to support other families from all around Victoria. Our target is \$500.

On October 22, 2023 there will be a walk for premie babies held at Albert Park Lake. It is a 5KM walk to raise awareness and funds.

We would love anyone who would be interested in joining us; you can do so by registering your interest or giving a donation for this amazing cause here:

<https://www.walkforprems.org.au/my-fundraising/5293/tiny-but-mighty-evy-girl->

Evy is a fighter, and we are almost closer to home every day. She is breathing on her own and is growing every day. She now weighs a mighty 3.1kg. We are so thankful for the support our community has shown us during this time and thank you for the opportunity to share it with you!

NEPTUNE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

JUST LIVE ON STAGE

“Most kids my age (I'm 10 by the way) are very familiar with Andy Griffiths hilarious 'Just' series...”

Most of the kids in the audience were primary school age, and when I say that they loved it, I MEAN THEY LOVED IT!”

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Singing at the Shire Hall



Some of you will have heard that there's a community singing session in the Shire Hall on a Wednesday night at 5.00pm. Anyone can join in, it costs \$5, free for anyone under 16 years of age.

The sessions have been weekly, but winter time has taken its toll on many so for the remainder of term 3 the dates are as follows: Wednesday **9th August** - Wednesday **23rd August** - Wednesday **6th September**

If you think you might enjoy singing along with others then please drop in.

New Victorian homes to go all electric from 2024

New Victorian households will save up to \$1,000 off their annual energy bills while reducing household emissions, as part of the Victorian Government's landmark decision to phase out gas in new homes.

Across the world, the cost of gas is rising sharply, and so is uncertainty around supply. Victorians are at the mercy of private companies exporting gas overseas – which has a real impact on the cost to Victorians at home.

From 1 January 2024, planning permits for new homes and residential subdivisions will only connect to all electric networks, with houses taking advantage of more efficient, cheaper and cleaner electric appliances.

These changes will apply to all new homes requiring a planning permit, including new public and social housing delivered by Homes Victoria.

Going all-electric can be delivered at no extra cost to the buyer – and will slash around \$1,000 per year off household energy bills – or up to \$2,200 for households that also have solar installed.

Commencing immediately, all new public buildings that haven't reached design stage will also be all-electric. This includes new schools, hospitals, police stations and other government-owned buildings.

Victoria has the highest use of residential gas in Australia, with around 80 per cent of homes connected. The gas sector contributes about 17 per cent of the state's emissions, and the move to electric systems is a key element of meeting Victoria's nation leading emissions reduction targets of 75–80 per cent by 2035 and net zero by 2045.

Victorian plumbers and electricians will be the key to delivering this critical transition – that's why the Government is upskilling the plumbing and electrical workforce to ensure they have rights skills to take advantage of this growing industry.

To make it easier to go all-electric, eligible new home builders, as well as existing homeowners and renters, can access the nation leading Solar Homes program – offering \$1,400 solar panel rebates and interest free loans of \$8,800 for household batteries.

The Government is working to update the nation leading Gas Substitution Roadmap, which will be released later this year.



Sheree Fedke is excited for The Creek Gallery & Garden's Surf Coast Arts Trail debut

Surf Coast Arts Trail: 5-6 August 2023

Since its inception 12 years ago the Surf Coast Arts Trail has become a key feature on our events calendar, showcasing the creativity and talent of artists living and working in the Surf Coast Shire.

More than 200 artists and 58 venues will be offering a diverse range of art forms including painting, glassware, ceramics, jewellery, sculpture and textiles.

With Surf Coast Shire named as one of the top four creative hot spots in regional Australia, there's a huge amount to see and explore. Artists are ready and eager to meet you and share their work.

Locals on show are:

Laurel McLennan @ Shrek Gallery,
60 Karamarra Rd, Gherang - painting

Dee Matheson @ Wyuna Studio/Gallery,
75 Karamarra Rd, Gherang - painting, printmaking

Donna Loney @ Make'N'Break Mosaics,
350 Gherang Rd, Gherang - mosaics and ceramics

Lisa, Irma & Arielle @ Heidi & Co,
580 Wormbete Station Rd, Gherang - photography

Rivalee Winchelsea Artists Collective,
Shire Hall - painting, drawing

Gillian Farrow & Ian Westwood @ Shed 290,
290 Parkers Rd, Deans Marsh - Sculpture, drawing,
printmaking, textiles, collage

Sarah, Veronica, Miranda & Lee @ Spark 'Footy Shed'
Gallery, Deans Marsh Memorial Reserve, Pennyroyal
Road - painting, printmaking, ceramics.

The Creek Gallery & Garden to bloom on Surf Coast Arts Trail

The original 1860s Freshwater Creek post office will deliver a memorable stop on this year's Surf Coast Arts Trail on 5 and 6 August. As well as the outdoor garden display, a new art gallery occupies the renovated cottage, with contemporary artworks by Gayle Seach and Andrew Strang.

The Arts Trail will feature more than 200 artists across 58 venues, including The Creek Gallery & Garden which offers locally-made quirky steel garden sculptures, metal art, and garden furniture. The Gallery building showcases paintings, prints, woodwork, pottery and more.

The Creek Manager Sheree Fedke — who refers to the venue as “a little rusty wonderland” — is excited for its Arts Trail debut.

“My favourite part of being involved in this creative community is opening the gates every morning,” she said. “No matter the weather, it's like you've stepped into another world.

“Everyone walks in and says “wow”, seeing the vastness of what we have. If you haven't been here before, be prepared to spend a bit of time here. It's a beautiful spot to engage with creative people.”

The Creek Gallery & Garden, with The Creek Art, is located 665 Anglesea Road, Freshwater Creek.

“We have a lot of people drive past and decide to stop in, mainly over the weekends and mostly people from Melbourne,” Sheree said.

“We're looking forward to opening up the space to welcome more people in as part of the Arts Trail. Sometimes arts can be quite exclusive, so I love that the trail is an invitation to come in and talk to the artists, find out about the work and about the story. It's an experience when you come here, with such a diverse range of work and skillsets, so it will be a nice opportunity for the community and creatives to come together.”

The Surf Coast Arts Trail has four zones: Aireys Inlet/Fairhaven/Lorne, Anglesea/Bellbrae, Torquay/Jan Juc and Winchelsea/hinterland. Councillor Libby Stapleton encouraged people to plan their Arts Trail weekend.

“This year's program is overflowing with local creative talent and a diverse range of mediums — from painting and ceramics, to textiles, glassware and jewellery,” Cr Stapleton said. “We're also fortunate to have more than a dozen workshops and demonstrations.

“It's such a rare treat to see inside an artist's process and studio, so I encourage locals and visitors to make the most of the opportunity.”

To plan your Surf Coast Arts Trail, pick-up a map from various venues in Torquay, Aireys Inlet, Winchelsea, Anglesea and Lorne. View the full list of participating artists, map locations, and find out more about the event via surfcoastartstrail.com.au. People can also register to receive a digital map via the website.



Surf Coast Arts Trail

5 - 6 August 2023 10-4 pm

Veronica McDonald

Six Winchelsea Artists who belong to the now well established Riverlee art group are looking forward to recreating their own studios in the beautiful Shire Hall for the weekend of the Surf Coast Arts Trail. Number 56 on the Map.

The concept of display will allow you to see the artist surrounded by her own work .

Stop for a chat and you will go away with a new determination to follow your own dream to fulfill your creativity.

Christine Smith, Heather Wainwright, June Rowe, Anne Hooley, Kate Kerkin and Veronica McDonald (VronxArt) have been working hard to make the exhibition an important venue on the Arts Trail.

Laurel McLennan will be exhibiting from her Shrek Gallery home studio and Dee Matheson will be opening her studio "Wyuna" for the first time.

The dream of a lifetime is finally being realized by Gherang artist Dee Matheson, with the opening of her home studio 'Wyuna', coinciding with the Surf Coast Arts Trail on August 5th and August 6th.

The studio is set in a beautiful garden which has taken months of preparation to bring it to perfection just as we are emerging from winter.

The Surf Coast Arts Trail is an ideal time for her to open her doors to the public and invite people to share in her vision.

The king parrots and other native birds have taken up residence providing her with ongoing inspiration for her watercolour paintings.

As an award-winning artist and a teacher of art, her works are sought after by collectors both here and around the world.

To describe her work, you would say that her oil paintings are bold and dramatic, her watercolours soft, expressive and tranquil, while her prints are clever with the results hinting of mastery.

'Wyuna' 75 Karamarra Rd Gherang



Kate Kerkin



Anne Hooley (left) with the buyer of her painting Deirdre Mutton is hoping for a successful Surf Cost Art Trail



Heather Wainwright, June Rowe and Christine Smith are part of the group of exhibiting artists for the Surf Coast Art Trail



Winchelsea Community Market



Next Sunday 6 August 2023

Don't forget the monthly Winchelsea Market is happening next Sunday 6 August!
Here are some of the stall holders you will encounter.



Mary-Ann (0458 709 905) from Colac.

Children's clothes and gifts, including a wonderful range of knitted hand puppets plus shower caps, pot holders, bowl covers, etc.

"I love an indoor market, especially in Winter! I have braved ones in the open by the seaside."



Anth, Bambra Native Plants

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Lots of variety in native plants and ornamentals for the garden.

Allison (0408 010 566) and **Lorna** (0408 481 402) from Geelong: Potadally.

Mother and daughter with their fun range of hand-painted pots and one can tell they have fun making them. July was their first Winchelsea Market "But we will be back. We love the country markets because the people are more friendly than the city. We feel at home!"



Sarah from Bellarine (0488 557 380)

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Textiles Exhibition

The Textiles Exhibition in the Shire Hall was a tremendous success, celebrating the work of the crafts people of Winchelsea.

Much effort was needed to put this together and we would like to recognise these people. Vee Anscombe was the key to the set up and the opening of the exhibition. Along with her partner Pete, they transformed the Shire Hall utilizing a range of props. Close on their heels was Veronica McDonald whose artistic skills gave shape to the 'look' of the exhibits. Cromwell and Harry assisted Jade to hang her 'pieces'. The Riverlee Arts Cooperative graciously lent their new stands to hold the larger pieces of work. The Anglesea Arts House also assisted by lending their plinths that showcased the smaller exhibits.

Finally but not least, thank you to the crafts people whose gorgeous work

was on show for us all to enjoy. In particular, the Wednesday craft group who meet at the Community House, such a talented group of people who have refined their work over many years. Their skills remind us of the patience it takes to create their work and the pleasure it gives us to admire the final product.

Winchelsea Community House

Sudden Horse Deaths

Agriculture Victoria would like to thank those involved for their ongoing assistance in our investigation.

Following the announcement of an unusual level of sudden multiple deaths in horses, Agriculture Victoria can confirm only normal causes of death have been identified to date.

Horse owners can be reassured there is no need for any restrictions on horse movements and horse events and gatherings can go ahead as planned.

Wingeeel Fire Brigade

Members of the Wingeeel Fire Brigade are thrilled to hear that DON SMITH of the Wurdale Fire Brigade has been awarded CFA LIFE MEMBERSHIP for his exceptional service to our local firefighting fraternity.

Congratulations Don, and many thanks.



Would you like to thank someone for their help, a kind deed, or good service in a business?

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Winchelsea Lions Club bbq day at Bunnings Torquay. Very successful!



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The Star loves to hear anything of direct interest to the Winchelsea community. The more local content we can put in, the better!

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You can write just one article. You can start a new column about something you're interested in. You can send us a series of articles following a theme. What would **you** write about?

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We look forward to hearing from you.
Simply email editor@winchelseastar.org.au

Winchelsea Probus celebrate Christmas in July

Linda Carter

On a crisp sunny Thursday morning 43 Winchelsea Probus members climbed aboard the bus to travel out to the Beeac Hotel to celebrate Christmas in July.

It was a wonderful meal and the place looked really Christmassy even to holly on the tables and a Christmas tree. A Christmas themed raffle was enjoyed along with a quiz from Ann. Margaret Cowie celebrated her birthday with a cupcake and candle and Happy Birthday enthusiastically sung. Some of us even snuck out to the lolly shop down the road to buy up big!!



Heather Wainewright with her raffle prize

Many thanks to Anne and Margaret for organising, the Beeac Hotel for their hospitality and to Hutchinsons for getting us there and back safely.

Our next trip in August will be to the Shrine. Anyone wanting to find out all about Probus, you are welcome to come along to our meetings on the first Monday of the month, 10am at the Seniors.



COVID - 19

Note: This is the last weekly update on COVID. Heard on the radio this morning, there are 25 deaths/day in Australia

A total of 43 COVID-related deaths were reported to the department in the past week. The total number of reported COVID-related deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began is 8,276.

Victoria's new Chief Health Officer

The Department of Health would like to note that today is Professor Brett Sutton's last day as Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

We once again thank him for his incredible contribution to Victoria since he started in the role in 2019 and wish him every success in his new position at the CSIRO.

Dr Clare Looker will be Victoria's Chief Health Officer for the next 12 months, beginning tomorrow.

COVID-19 communications

The weekly Chief Health Officer Update media release and social post for COVID-19 has been discontinued, with the last report and post issued on 28 July 2023.

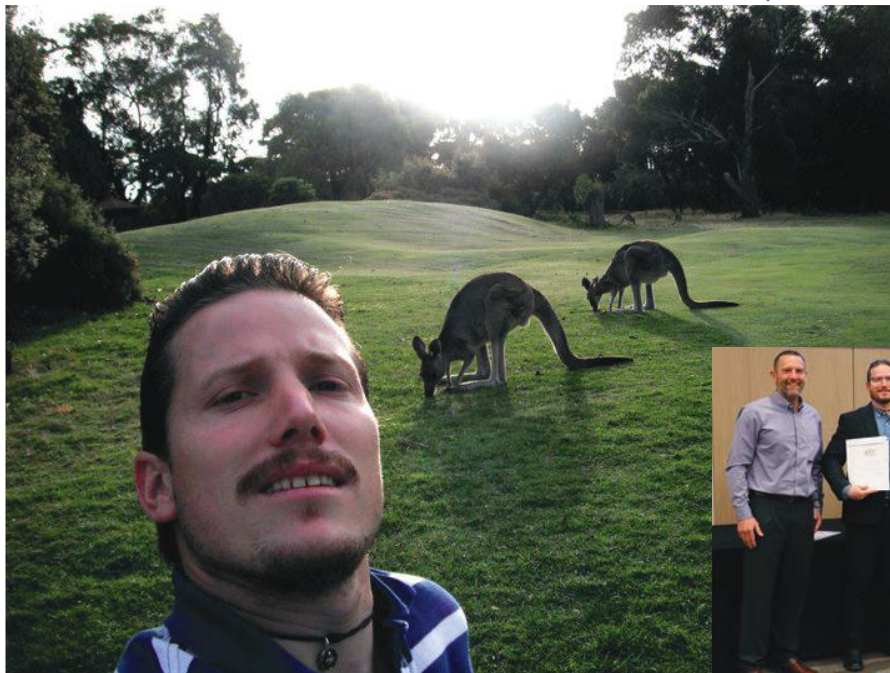
Steps to protect yourself and others

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 for your next booster, 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.

Our Deans Marsh Neighbours



Dep Mayor Mike Bodsworth, David Rubin de Celis Leal, Cr Gary Allen

Would you like to be next week's Winchelsea Neighbour?

It's a simple thing you can do to grow our community.

Shoot us an email editor@winchelseastar.org.au and we'll send you a few quick questions to answer.

Seniors, children, busy mums and dads, long time resident or new to town - we are part of the the wonderful community that is Winchelsea.

For a moment during the ceremony which certified him as an Australian citizen, David Rubin de Celis Leal wondered if he was dreaming.

Surf Coast Shire Council's chambers in Torquay were a long journey from his home at the dry heart of Mexico.

"The decision to stay here was a good seven years ago, so it has taken a lot of patience," David said. It was like the cherry on the cake ... an official seal from the government to accept me as an Australian. Knowing that you have this place that is yours, that this country is now mine with everyone else - that is a great feeling."

As he stepped up to receive his certificate from Deputy Mayor Mike Bodsworth after having made his pledge David felt emotion he couldn't suppress and let loose a whoop.

"Finally when they called my name I didn't know what to do, so I made a bit of noise like good Mexicans do!" he said. It was very exciting, and very meaningful, and a dream come true."

David Rubin de Celis Leal has called Jan Juc, Anglesea and Bellbrae home during his years in Surf Coast Shire, and has now settled in Deans Marsh with partner Carly Merlo and children Venus, 7, and Marte, 4.

"I think it's heaven mate. The community where we live here is absolutely amazing," he said.

When he shifted from home city San Luis Potosi in 2011 to complete a PhD in advanced materials at Geelong's Deakin University, he figured three years in Australia might be a good experience.

"I'm not a believer, but there is a saying in Mexico that I quite like: If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans," he said. I had this plan to go back, and then I met Carly."

After having achieved his PhD, David worked in advanced materials at Deakin, then after pandemic lockdowns moved to industry as a laboratory technician with Bulla Dairy Foods in Colac.

He now works between the two, and in community life enthusiastically shares his Mexican culture through food, dance, song and stories.

Council hosts at least five citizenship ceremonies each year on behalf of the Australian Department of Home Affairs and during the past year 137 people - hailing from Peru to Poland, Namibia to Norway and countries in-between and beyond - have become citizens.

While each person pledges to embrace the ideals and expectations of Australian citizenship, none are expected to renounce anything of their cultural identities, customs or traditions.



Gulf stream on brink of collapse

As we watch with alarm at the high temperatures and the fires in the Northern Hemisphere - and the reported reduction in the Arctic Ice as a result - Schwartz Media have given permission for this to be reproduced.

The gulf stream, which helps regulate the northern hemisphere's climate, could collapse as soon as next year due to climate change, a new study warns.

What we know:

The study warns that the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, which includes the gulf stream, could suffer a total breakdown between 2025 and 2095 (Nature Communications);

This collapse would cause temperatures to plummet in Europe, ocean ecosystems to collapse and storms to proliferate around the world;

"The expected tipping point — given that we continue business as usual with greenhouse gas emissions — is much earlier than we expected ... we were actually bewildered," said co-author Susanne Ditlevsen, a professor of statistics at the University of Copenhagen (Live Science);

Warm ocean water is carried northwards towards the pole where it cools and sinks, driving the Atlantic's currents, but an influx of fresh water from the melting of Greenland's ice cap is increasingly smothering the currents;

A collapse would severely disrupt the rains that billions of people depend on for food in India, South America and west Africa. It would increase storms and drop temperatures in Europe, and lead to a rising sea level on the eastern coast of North America (The Guardian);

New analysis meanwhile concludes the extreme heatwaves currently gripping the northern hemisphere were "virtually impossible" without human-caused climate change as a factor (CNN);

It comes as legacy conservation groups in Australia abandon radical protests and collaborate with business groups and government for a seat at the table (The Saturday Paper).

Council adopts amended Community Amenity Local Law

Surf Coast Shire Council adopted its amended Community Amenity Local Law at Tuesday night's meeting.

The amended local law includes the following updates:

- Clause 2.1(j) has been removed to allow people over six years of age to enter a Council toilet or facility, which is signed for use by persons of a different gender. This change will improve access and inclusion and bring the local law into alignment with legislative requirements.
- Provisions for camping and temporary accommodation and keeping of animals have been extended to support people displaced by family violence.
- The definition of 'smoke' has been aligned with the Tobacco Act, which includes e-cigarettes and vapes.
- Council's Nature Strip Guidelines have been included as an incorporated document to facilitate enforcement of these guidelines.

Mayor Cr Liz Pattison said the changes would promote inclusion and provide support for those fleeing family violence situations.

She said the removal of clause 2.1(j) was required to ensure Council's local law aligned with federal legislation.

"Under the Sex Discrimination Act, those identifying as non-binary, gender diverse and transgender have the right to use the facilities that they wish. Council endorses that position."

"Removal of this clause means that non-binary, gender diverse and transgender community members can lawfully use the facility of their choice. Also, parents can take children over the age of six with them into toilets and change rooms."

During the community engagement period, the removal of clause 2.1(j) was the focus of most submissions.

Mayor Pattison said she understood people's concerns, but reassured those who provided feedback that the change would not impact the privacy or safety of individuals using facilities.

"The vast majority of Victorian councils don't have this clause in their local law. In fact, 67 out of the other 78 Victorian councils (or 86%) do not have a clause prohibiting people of one gender from entering a facility designated for another gender. And there is no evidence to indicate a rise in safety and privacy violations in the many places that already comply with legislative requirements."

"We don't expect to see major changes to the way toilets and facilities are used. Toilet signage will remain the same and we will still provide a range of male, female and all-gender options across the shire," she said.

"We value the feedback we've received, which will help us in our future planning, including the design of toilet facilities for redevelopments or new buildings."

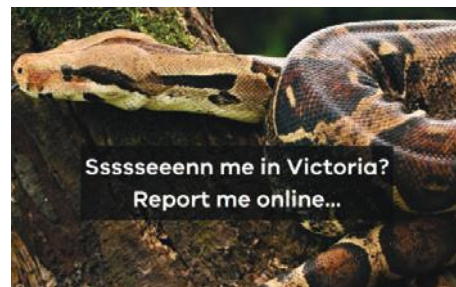




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ROUND 15

Welcome to Blue's News - last week saw the W.F.N.C. Inc. travel to Inverleigh to match it with our country cousins on the Netball Courts and the Football Field where conditions were fine but really windy, gusting at inopportune times, depending on what team you were barracking for.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

The Winchelsea Blues Under 10 football side had their first win for season 2023, Coach Lachie Kendall and Team Manager Byron Mathison were thrilled for their young under age side.

The Club song was sung for the first time, and with a little more practice will be loud and proud.

Life Member and Major Sponsor of the Winchelsea Blues (Oxley Garages) Phillip Wilson would be very pleased with the news of a Junior Win. Phillip has devoted his Sponsorship to the redevelopment of Junior Football at the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club.

Please remember to support those who are supporting us!

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week the Blue's Bistro Catering Team will have on offer

- CHICKEN CARBONARA
- ROAST BEEF
- FLATHEAD TAILS
- CHICKEN NUGGETS AND CHIPS FOR THE YOUNGER BLUES
- DESSERT TO BE ANNOUNCED.

COMMUNITY DAY:

Plans for the Community Day being held on August the 19th are coming together well. More of that in next week's Star.

This week the Winchelsea Blues will host the Corio Devils at Eastern Reserve and we look forward to seeing some great Football and Netball. Anyone who could help out on the deep fryer for a couple of hours on Saturday in the Canteen – please call 0400783408 .

Great to see so many supporters at Inverleigh last week!

RESERVES:

Winchelsea 3.12.30 defeated by Inverleigh 9.5.59

The depleted Reserves side didn't handle the very windy conditions well at all last week, and that showed on the score board with 15 scoring shots to 14 from Inverleigh.

GOALS:

Zedakai Copland 2, Josh Freeman 1.

BEST:

Zach Ross, Josh Freeman, Zedaki Copland, Harry Kelly Dustin Baker, Baxter Boddington.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea 10.11.71 defeated by Inverleigh 12.19.91

With 6 out of the Senior side it was always going to be a big ask to get the 4 points against Inverleigh at Inverleigh, however the Blues stuck with and at times had the lead against the Hawks, Jackson Timms kicking a great goal for the Blues. Tom Moloney did well in the ruck contests and received plenty of attention for his effort. Leigh Ellis also had his fair share of attention with 2, sometimes 3 opponents to deal with and to his credit still managed to kick 5 goals for the day. Inverleigh kicked 2 late goals to make the scoreboard look a better result for them, the Blues can come away with their heads up after this one.

GOALS:

Leigh Ellis 5, Tom Moloney 1, Jackson Timms 1, Tom Henry 1, Jonty Scott 1

BEST:

Tom Moloney, Fin Parish, Jordan Huff, Jonty Scott, Leigh Ellis, Michael Bourdouvalis.

GO BLUES!

Help Lifeline Geelong give hope to others

Local people are being asked to give to Lifeline Geelong during 4-10 September to help more local 13 11 14 crisis supporters be there for people in need.

Lifeline provides accessible crisis support, counselling, education, community capacity building and referral services in our local communities. Every 30 seconds Lifeline receives a call from a help seeker across Australia. From the Geelong region alone, approximately 6,071 crisis calls per year are received.

Following the community support of their inaugural Giving Day last year, Lifeline Geelong have partnered with a range of organisations and businesses to offer a full week of events activities which offer something for everyone.

Leading into the week, Lifeline are holding the Father's Day Golf Classic on the 1st of September at The Sands Torquay with both teams and single-entry options available. This is a wonderful way to support Lifeline and encourage positive mental health discussions.

The week will also include a Champagne & Shop night, Tracksuit Tuesday, Comedy Gala with Locally Grown Funnies, and a special afternoon of music and laughter at the inaugural Spring Soiree with thanks to Truffleduck.

Concluding the week Lifeline Geelong invite the community to join them in Torquay on Sunday 10th September for their World Suicide Prevention Day walk to create hope, raise awareness, and remember those lost to suicide. Registration for the walk is free.

General Manager Jason Doherty said the Giving Week allows Lifeline to recruit and train more crisis supporters locally,



which are urgently needed to meet increasing demand for support from people in all parts of the community.

"Calls are up more than 20 per cent as people continue to navigate mental health challenges and increasing cost of living pressures," Mr Doherty said.

"Many people don't realise that local Lifeline centres rely on community donations and fundraising to keep services running. It costs \$3,500 to train and support each crisis supporter. Each call to Lifeline costs around \$39.

"With 100 more crisis supporters we could answer 25,000 more calls a year from people who we don't want to feel alone when they're going through dark moments."

"We don't want people to suffer in silence. Our crisis supporters are here to listen without judgement and to offer hope."

Nine Australians die every day by suicide and more than 65,000 Australians make a suicide attempt each year. Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians between the ages of 15 and 44.

To learn more about the Giving Week events or to give visit lifelinegeelong.org.au

If this story raises issues for you, phone Lifeline on 13 11 14 or 13 Yarn on 13 92 76.



Supporting women with disabilities into secure work

The Victorian Government is supporting women with disabilities to secure work in the health, social and disability service sectors, recognising the wealth of lived experience women with disabilities can bring to these industries.

Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins has announced an investment of \$400,000 in Women with Disabilities Victoria's Sharing Our Expertise - Building Employer Confidence to Employ Women with Disabilities program.

The program will be delivered over two years and allow WDV to engage with 40 health, social and disability sector employers across the state to address and resolve some of the barriers for women with disabilities entering their workforces.

The program was funded for its ability to identify structural barriers for the workforce participation and economic equity of women with disability and supports our response to the independent Inquiry into Economic Equity for Victorian Women, released in September 2022.

Putting women entrepreneurs on a fast track to startup

More than 130 women entrepreneurs will have their startup accelerated through programs funded by the Victorian Government's startup agency LaunchVic.

Minister for Industry and Innovation Ben Carroll announced grants for two new pre-accelerator programs at LaunchVic's Victorian Startup Gala.

Flying Fox Ventures and Jump Start Studio will each receive \$300,000 in funding to run programs that offer women startup founders advice, support and networks required to build a viable product and find their first customer. Flying Fox will roll out the Female Founders program to empower female founders with the knowledge and connections they need to start and grow a successful startup.

Jump Start Studio will launch Press Play, a pre-accelerator program supporting mid-to-senior level women in the corporate sector, startups and scaleups looking to transition into entrepreneurship.

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adjudicator, the students hard work
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paid off. Congratulations dancers! '

Learn about 24-hour cat curfew at drop-in sessions

Cat owners in Surf Coast Shire
are invited to drop-in sessions to
help transition to the new cat
curfew starting 30 September.

Council's cat curfew, requires all cats
within the municipality to be confined at
all times to the owner's premises unless
the cat is appropriately restrained.

To prepare for the updated cat curfew,
cat owners can attend a drop-in session
to chat with Council's Ranger Services
team on Saturday 19 August at:

- **Winchelsea Shire Hall -
28 Hesse Street (2pm to 3pm).**
- Torquay Farmer's Market -
1 Merrijig Drive (9.30am - 10.30am)
- Anglesea Community House -
5 McMillan Street (11.30- 12.30pm)

Councillor Rose Hodge says the drop-in
sessions are for cat owners to learn
more about how modifications can be
made to their property and to their cat's
behaviour, so that they can comply with
the 24-hour curfew.

More Victorian women opt for self-collect cervical screening

More Victorian women who have
never been screened for cervical
cancer are testing thanks to the
roll out of a new and less invasive
testing option.

Victorian Minister for Health Mary-Anne
Thomas today visited the Royal
Women's Hospital to mark one year
since the self-collection option was
introduced and remind all women, they
need to be tested every five years.

Self-collection is a simple process
which tests for human papillomavirus
(HPV) – a common infection that can
cause cervical cancer. It allows women
to collect their own sample and avoid a
pap smear which many women report
finding uncomfortable.

Since the self-collection option was
introduced nationally on July 1 2022,
Victoria has seen a rapid uptake in
reported self-tests with the number
rising from 180 in June 2022 to 2,413
in December 2022.

In further good news in 2022, 63 per
cent of the self-collected tests in Victoria
were from people who had either, never
screened at all or screened less than
the recommended amount of once
every five years.

Australia's world-leading screening
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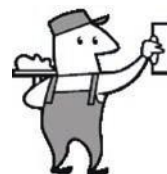
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New funding streams for Council's Community Grants Program

Surf Coast Shire Council will introduce two new funding streams to its Community Grants Program, focusing on health and wellbeing projects and minor capital works.

Applications for health and wellbeing and minor capital works projects have previously been submitted via the community initiatives category.

As part of a mid-program review Council also approved adjustments to existing funding streams, including:

- Increasing the upper limit of funding in the Quick Response Grant Program from \$2000 to \$3000.
- Increasing the upper limit of funding in the Natural Environment Grant Program from \$5000 to \$8000, and
- Allowing partnership project grants of up to \$10,000 in the Climate Emergency program, alongside individual grants of up to \$5000.

Inclusion of a specific minor capital works grants program will allow applications to be processed more effectively as they typically demand more detailed scoping than other categories.

Health and wellbeing grants are among the most sought-after in the grants program. Creation of a targeted grant stream will help Council enable community partnerships while working towards priorities outlined in its Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Grants for more information about Council grants programs.

New regional health infrastructure funding round opens



The Victorian Government has announced the latest round of the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF) now open.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas called for Victoria's regional and rural health services to enter their submissions for the latest round of funding.

RHIF has funded 630 projects - the largest investment ever dedicated to our rural and regional health services.

Successful projects include \$580,000 funding which ensured the continuation of vital scanning services in Colac with the purchase by Colac Area Health of a new CT scanner machine – replacing old and outdated equipment.

In Lakes Entrance, more than \$562,000 funding has enabled Gippsland Lakes Community Health to install a 220-panel solar power system to provide critical back-up power in the event of natural disaster or other emergencies.

Submissions close 11 September 2023. All eligible health services and agencies are encouraged to participate by familiarising themselves with application requirements and attending an upcoming online information webinar.

Full details on grant program guidelines or how to apply can be found by visiting <https://www.vhba.vic.gov.au/health/regional-facilities/regional-health-infrastructure-fund>.



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Scheme extension opens for victims of collapsed builders

Applications have opened for an expanded Victorian Government support scheme to help Victorians whose builder collapsed without having taken out insurance on their behalf – as required by law.

The scheme covers clients of builders that have gone into liquidation in the 2022/23 financial year where the customers have made deposits but been left without DBI through no fault of their own. Payment up to \$50,000 is available.

Applications under the expanded scheme can be lodged at vic.gov.au/

liquidated-builders-customer-support-scheme. More information is available on the website or by calling 1300 579 089.

Domestic builders must by law take out DBI on behalf of customers when they accept a legal deposit.

The Government has announced plans to reform the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995, strengthen domestic building insurance requirements and introduce a new offence with tougher penalties for builders who request deposits without taking out the required insurance.



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Mens - Mid Week 26/7/23
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2nd - Stephen Cole (12) 30pts
NTP - Neil Hickman



Have your say on ways to boost renewable energy in the Deans Marsh area

Locals are invited to have their say on ways to achieve renewable energy in the Deans Marsh area, as part of the PowerMaD project.

Community engagement consultants Kismet Forward, and renewable energy consultants Enhar, will work closely with residents to review and refine the community's renewable energy objectives and develop a pathway to achieve them.

A workshop was held on Sunday 30 July at Deans Marsh Community Hall. There will also be a community survey, which will be open 1-16 August. Complete the survey at deansmarsh.org.au/activities-3/powermad-project.

The Chair of the PowerMaD Working Group, Deb Rohde, said the project

stemmed from the Marsh and District Community Action Plan (MaDCAP), developed by locals in 2019 to outline the community's vision, values and key actions.

"A central focus for our community is sustainability and the environment. The plan includes a number of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions."

The end product will be a renewable energy action plan that will identify in detail the steps Deans Marsh and District community members can take to achieve their objectives.

The PowerMaD project has been funded by the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund and the Surf Coast Shire Council, with in-kind support from Deans Marsh Community Cottage.

New First Peoples' Assembly elected to lead the way on treaty

Victoria's newly elected First Peoples' Assembly has taken its seat in the Parliament of Victoria for the first time, with new members who will negotiate the historic statewide Treaty – giving Victoria's First Peoples true self-determination in matters that affect their communities.

After First Nations Victorians voted in record numbers in the second Treaty Elections, Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Gabrielle Williams today attended the new Assembly's first meeting on Wurundjeri Country, congratulating members and newly-elected co-Chairs, Ngarra Murray and Rueben Berg.

Ngarra Murray is a Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung, Dhudhuroa and Wiradjuri woman with extensive experience in human rights and community development, having led Oxfam Australia's First Peoples' programs for a decade.

Rueben Berg is a proud Gunditjmara man with experience in government through his role as the Commissioner for the Victorian Environment Water Holder and a member of the Heritage Council of Victoria.

Ms Murray and Mr Berg will lead the Assembly members' work to represent Victoria's First Peoples as equal partners in negotiations towards the statewide Treaty, which will begin by the end of 2023 – giving First Nations Victorians the freedom and power to make the decisions that affect their communities, culture and Country.

Victoria is the first Australian jurisdiction to commit to and action all elements of the Uluru Statement from the Heart—Voice, Treaty and Truth.

The Premier thanked and paid respect to all outgoing Assembly members, and former Co-Chairs Aunty Geraldine Atkinson and Marcus Stewart for their leadership and work towards Treaty during their time in the Assembly from 2019-23.



Bellarine and Geelong Landcare begin land stewardship workshops

Bellarine Landcare Group and Geelong Landcare Network are kick-starting their Small Producers Workshop Series as part of the Small Blocks Big Dreams project to empower small landholders to become land stewards.

Bellarine Landcare Group Vice-President, Kate Lockhart, says these workshops will provide practical skills around biodiversity, water, soil and weed management for local landholders.

"With the help of local producers and the Landcare team working on this, the workshops are a great chance for people to get an understanding of natural resource management on small farms or agribusinesses," she said.



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Wildlife ward is a gamechanger in emergency care

Victoria's new multispecies wildlife hospital - the RSPCA Wildlife Ward at Melbourne Zoo - is now complete and equipped to treat all native animals for injuries or in the event of a major environmental emergency.

The RSPCA Wildlife Ward at Melbourne Zoo has been made possible thanks to donations to the RSPCA's Bushfire Appeal and Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund following the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires.

The purpose-built ward is the final piece of a \$3.3 million RSPCA and Zoos Victoria funding partnership, which includes funds from RSPCA's National Bushfire Appeal.

The recently completed Wildlife Ward is equipped to house many different Australian wildlife species, such as small mammals, reptiles and birds, with a particular focus on koalas and bat species during emergency events.

RSPCA Victoria CEO Dr Liz Walker said the facility at Melbourne Zoo will help futureproof Victoria to care for wildlife.



"Following the devastating 2019/2020 summer bushfires, the community showed an enormous outpouring of generosity and donated millions of dollars, and it became apparent our wildlife is so important to them," Dr Walker said.

"We've used this money to make sure Victoria is ready to care for wildlife when the next big disaster comes. From RSPCA Victoria, we thank everyone who donated from the bottom of our hearts. This money has been put to fabulous use."

Karaaf wetlands estuary mouth assessment results released

The recently completed Karaaf Wetlands Estuary Mouth Assessment has found that opening the Thompson Creek estuary does not flush more stormwater out of the wetland, increase the salinity of the local groundwater system, nor alter the interaction between the stormwater inflows and the claypan areas at the westerly end of the wetland.

Overall, the review concluded that opening the estuary will not mitigate the effects of increased stormwater inflows on the Karaaf wetlands to the west of Point Impossible Road.

Corangamite CMA's Estuaries and Environmental Water Manager Jayden Wooley said: "Most estuaries in the Corangamite catchment are intermittently open/closed estuaries, which close from time to time as part of



a natural process. Maintaining this natural intermittence is vital to support the estuarine ecosystems, including the protection of the unique plants and animals that thrive in these systems."

"Because of this, artificial estuary openings are minimised in the Corangamite region as there is generally no environmental benefit, and artificial openings can put ecological values at risk. This approach has historically been strongly supported by research and the findings of this study further support this," Mr Woolley said.

"Artificially opening an estuary only occurs when water levels start to impact on built infrastructure, including roads and buildings, or inundation of agricultural and residential land," Mr Woolley concluded.

The focus questions for this investigation were:

1. Could opening the estuary allow more saline water mixing, thereby increasing salinity in the areas of saltmarsh impacted by freshwater from stormwater inflows?
2. Could opening the estuary allow stormwater to be more readily flushed out of the wetland and thereby increase the salinity in the saltmarsh most impacted by freshwater flows?

The full report can be found here: Corangamite CMA Knowledge Base - Karaaf Wetlands Estuary Mouth Assessment (2023) (ccmaknowledgebase.vic.gov.au)

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Wild Otways initiative delivers significant environmental outcomes for the Otways



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local community members, and Australian Government representatives, including a representative from the office of the Threatened Species Commissioner.

The key findings of the five-sub projects (Pig and Deer Program, Fox and Cat Management Program, Phytophthora Management Program, Small Mammal Conservation Project and a Rewilding Program) have been mapped and visualised on a web portal with information about the issues, what you can do and how the project has helped understand and manage the threatened species that call the Otways home.

Interested community members, conservationists and eager environmental stewards can view the portal here: <https://otways.ccma.vic.gov.au/home>.

Highlights of the program include mapping of small mammals occurrence using both historical data and three years of camera trapping and Elliott trapping to ascertain the current status and determine future management actions across the Otways.

This work has revealed that threatened species like the swamp antechinus live in fragmented refuges in coastal areas and are threatened by erosion, feral predators and the plant pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*.

The \$1M Community Environment Grants Program delivered, 11,197 meters of fencing (stock exclusion, formalising access, protecting habitat), 91,381 plants planted, 631 hectares of weed control and 215 community events with 3,344 participants.

The Australian Government's Wild Otways Initiative (WOI), managed by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, was a \$6M three-year collaborative research and land management program with multiple partner organisations and agencies in the Otways region.

The project area encompassed the entire Otways landscape – Bells Beach / Ironbark Basin west to Port Campbell – incorporating some private land, but primarily the 168,000 hectares of public estate under management by Parks Victoria and DEECA (formerly known as DELWP): the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park.

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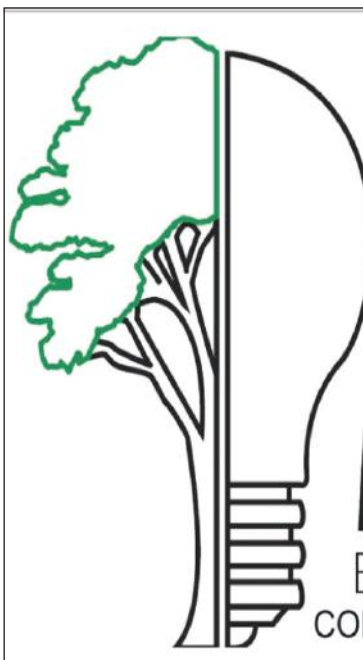
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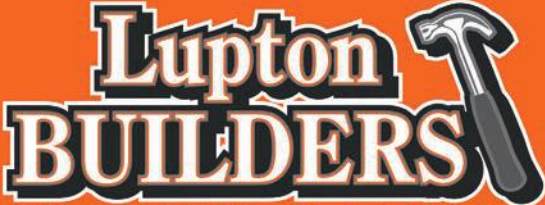
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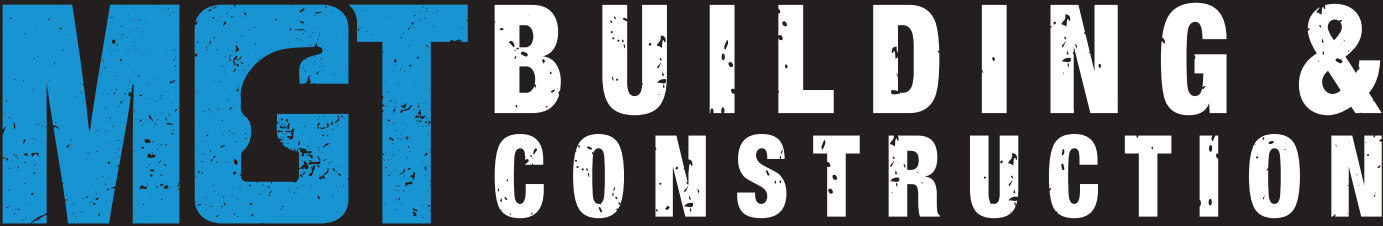
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