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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

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

The Grandparents Raising a Generation — The Hidden Pressure of Childcare Shortages

Across Winchelsea, many grandparents are quietly stepping into a role they never expected to take on full-time: regular childcare providers.

For countless families, grandparents have become the only reliable solution in the face of limited childcare availability. They are doing school drop-offs, caring for toddlers several days a week, and filling the gaps wherever they can so parents are able to work.

While many grandparents value time with their grandchildren, the growing reliance on them is creating new pressures.

Retirement plans are being reshaped.

Travel is postponed. Health and wellbeing can be affected by the physical and emotional demands of regular caring responsibilities. Some older residents are now balancing part-time work, their own caring responsibilities, and child minding all at once.

The shortage of childcare is no longer simply a parenting issue — it is affecting entire family networks and the broader community as well.

Communities like Winchelsea have always been built on people helping one another, but there is growing recognition that families cannot continue carrying this burden alone.

Could community-based solutions help ease the pressure? Ideas such as Community Exchange Programs, volunteer-supported family networks, or intergenerational support initiatives may be worth exploring alongside traditional

childcare services.

The upcoming childcare centre in Winchelsea will certainly help, but it is unlikely to completely solve the problem. More flexible options, including before-school, after-school, and vacation care, are also urgently needed.

Perhaps now is the time for a broader community conversation across the Surf Coast Shire — not just about childcare places, but about how we support families and carers in a growing region.

Because behind every childcare shortage is often a grandparent quietly holding the system together.

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



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New Operator Brings Exciting Future For Winchelsea Pool, And Season Passes Return

To get ready for the opening of the new Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre in Torquay, Surf Coast Shire Council has approved entering into a contract with Belgravia Health and Leisure Group to manage the facility, subject to contract finalisation and execution.

Season passes are back and Winchelsea Pool is set for an exciting future in the hands of new operator Belgravia Health and Leisure.

Surf Coast Shire Council awarded the contract of management to Belgravia at its June meeting following a tender process.

The organisation, which manages more than 160 pools on behalf of clients across Australia and New Zealand, will also manage the new Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre in Torquay.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps: "We are excited that Belgravia will be bringing its experience and expertise to Winchelsea and supporting community enjoyment of this much-loved facility.

"We are sure they will bring some great ideas, and they will be off to a running

start following an immensely successful first full summer season at the new pool which saw record attendance of more than 8,000.

"While Belgravia will be managing operations, Council will continue to set all fees and charges as part of annual budget processes. We are reintroducing season passes for adults, children, families and concession users in response to community feedback, and hope they will enable people to make even more use of this sparkling new asset."

The operating contract has been awarded based on the pool's existing season arrangements,

Council resolved at a previous meeting to have an external contractor for its aquatic facilities as the management model was shown to result in the best services for the community and the lowest cost.

Many other councils across Victoria and Australia outsource the management of aquatic, sport and recreation centres to external operators to enlist specialist expertise while retaining ownership and control.

Find the pool's 2026-27 summer season fees via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WinchelseaPool



Updated Wurdale Fire Truck

by Anne Mulvey, Captain

Wurdale Fire Brigade is pleased to welcome a new tanker to its fleet, further strengthening the brigade's ability to protect the local community.

While the tanker has previously been in service elsewhere, it represents a significant upgrade for the Gherang/Wensleydale/Wurdiboluc areas, particularly in terms of crew safety.

Equipped with modern safety features and improved firefighting capabilities, the tanker will help brigade members respond more effectively to a range of emergencies, including grassfires, structure fires and road rescue incidents.

The addition of the tanker is a valuable investment in ensuring the community continues to receive a high standard of emergency response for years to come.

Over the coming weeks, brigade members will be busy familiarising themselves with the tanker's equipment and capabilities to ensure they are ready to make the most of it when called upon.

Wurdale Brigade would love some more volunteers.

Anyone living within the areas listed above who may be interested in supporting their community, learning new skills and being part of a great team is encouraged to get in touch via the CFA website.



THE MISTY BIT

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Community Invited to Explore Re Establishing a Globe Theatre Community Asset Committee

Following a productive meeting on Friday between Surf Coast Shire Councillors, Rural Arts Victoria, and Winchelsea Major Events, discussions have begun on the potential re establishment of a Community Asset Committee to support the future management and activation of the Globe Theatre.

A Community Asset Committee previously operated a few years ago, with strong leadership from an active committee. At that time, the committee played a vital role in caring for the theatre, but when the floor required major replacement works and regular dances were relocated, community involvement gradually declined and the committee eventually folded.

Today, the Globe Theatre is experiencing a resurgence. With the growth of the Winchelsea Music Season, increased performances, and renewed cultural activity, the theatre is

once again becoming a focal point for local arts and heritage. This new momentum has already sparked interest from community members who see the value of returning the Globe to a community led stewardship model.

A re-established Community Asset Committee would provide community led stewardship of the Globe Theatre, guiding venue use, supporting the expanding Winchelsea Music Season, assisting with maintenance planning, strengthening volunteer involvement, and managing community bookings to ensure fair, transparent and efficient use of the space. Working alongside Council, the committee would help protect the theatre's heritage while shaping its future as a safe, vibrant and well managed cultural asset for Winchelsea.

If you care about the arts, heritage, and the future of the Globe Theatre, now is the time to get involved.

Expressions of interest are invited from community members who would like to explore this opportunity and help shape the next chapter of the Globe.

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Art for Curious Humans

by Penelope Hall

Having moved to the Winchelsea area earlier this year, local artist and art teacher Penny Drop has decided that, after spending years teaching art to teenagers, it is only fair to invite the adults to the table as well.

A trained secondary art teacher currently on maternity leave, Penny is using the opportunity to explore different ways of teaching, making and sharing creativity. While schools do many wonderful things, she has long been interested in what happens when people come together to make art without assessment, expectations, or the need to be particularly "good" at it.

The workshops are designed for curious humans rather than skilled artists. They offer participants a chance to experiment, follow interesting tangents, make unexpected discoveries, and perhaps remember that creativity is something people do, not something they're either born with or without.

The first workshop will focus on Gelli Plate Printing—a colourful, wonderfully forgiving printmaking process that produces layered prints full of texture,

pattern and surprise. Participants will make prints with plants, experiment with recycled odds and ends, and enjoy a little light rummaging in rubbish in the name of art. They will head home with original prints, handmade greeting cards, and a collection of new skills.

Following that will be a Shibori textile dyeing workshop. Shibori is a traditional Japanese resist-dyeing technique that creates striking patterns through folding, binding and shaping fabric before dyeing. It's tie-dye adjacent, but more refined and a little less rainbow. Like the Gelli printing workshop, it is suitable for complete beginners and requires no prior experience.



These days, opportunities to sit around a table making things with other people are surprisingly rare. The workshops offer a chance to slow down for a few hours, learn something new, and share a table with people who enjoy making things just for the sake of it.

As a newcomer to the area, Penny is looking forward to meeting more local people and contributing to the creative life of the community.

A small number of subsidised places are available. Anyone for whom cost would be a barrier to attending is encouraged to get in touch directly.

For workshop dates and bookings, visit penny-drop.square.site

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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

Climate Change Solutions

What can we do about climate change? Just the thought of such an enormous problem can be daunting. But we already have the solutions. There are technological, nature-based and community-based ways to help slow the progress of climate change and deal with its effects.

People all around the world are quickly embracing and adopting clean energy technologies such as more efficient and affordable solar panels and batteries. There are also solar farms and arrays, wind turbines on land and off-shore, micro-wind turbines, wave and tidal-driven turbines, hydro power, pumped hydro, hydrogen power and electric cars. More than 100 cities already have renewable energy as their main source of power.

In Australia the City of Sydney council now runs on 100% renewable electricity, including for street lights, swimming pools and public buildings such as Town Hall.

Source: *The Australian Museum*

Household Solar Electricity Generation

The Australian electricity industry has transformed over the past two decades, driven by the rise of household solar and other renewable energy sources. Since 2010, supported by government incentives and improving technology, rooftop solar installations have surged. Australia now leads the world in per capita household solar, with more than 4 million homes - approximately one in three - equipped with solar panels

Source: *The Australian Bureau of Statistics 3/12/2025*

Will The World Prioritize Scaling Innovations That Improve Equality?

Some problems require doing far more than just letting market incentives take their course.

The first critical area is climate change. Without a large global carbon tax (which is, unfortunately, politically unachievable), market forces do not properly incentivize the creation of technologies to reduce climate-related emissions.

Yet only by replacing all emitting activities with cheaper alternatives will we stop the temperature increase.

The world's emissions can be divided into five sectors.

We must get to zero emissions in each one to meet our climate goals.

Electric vehicles and power plants get the most attention, but emissions come from lots of different human activities - - Electricity generation 29%; Manufacturing 29%; Agriculture 20%; Transport 15% and Buildings 7%. The good news is that we are making progress across all five sectors.

The world has made meaningful progress in the last decade. But we still have a lot of innovation and scaling up to do in tough areas like industrial emissions and aviation. Government policies in rich countries are still critical because unless innovations reach scale, the costs won't come down and we won't achieve the impact we need.

If we don't limit climate change, it will join poverty and infectious disease in causing enormous suffering, especially for the world's poorest people. Since even in the best case the temperature will continue to go up, we also need to innovate to minimize the negative impacts.

Source: *Bill Gates* <https://www.gatesnotes.com/work/accelerate-energy-innovation/reader/the-year-ahead-2026>

Abuse Isn't an Argument

Anyone who raises climate change on social media will be familiar with the endless stream of "Yeah but..."

"Yeah but ... you're not a climate scientist ... the climate has always changed" etc. Some of these claims are based on misunderstandings. Most are based on mischief and misinformation. Some raise legitimate questions that can be answered with evidence and data.

But then there's another category altogether. The people who skip the argument entirely and go straight to abuse. One of their favourites is to call me a "climatetard".

What strikes me about these comments is not that they're offensive. After years in public life, I've got thick skin. What strikes me is that they contain no argument at all. They don't explain why climate change isn't happening. They don't explain why atmospheric physics and decades of observations are wrong. They don't provide an alternative explanation for rising temperatures, melting glaciers, rising sea levels or more frequent and intense extreme weather events. They don't engage with the evidence in any way. They simply attack the person calling for climate action.

There's a reason for that. When people have evidence, they present it. When people have facts, they share them. When people have a coherent argument, they make it. Personal abuse is what remains when trolls can't rebut the point being made but still want to score points or signal loyalty to their tribe.

Source *Gregory Andrews*, *Lyrebird Dreaming Pty Ltd*

Full article: <https://www.lyrebirddreaming.com/post/yeah-but-calling-me-a-climatetard-with-low-testosterone-isn-t-an-argument>



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Alice Cloake



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JULY

Pumpkin

As we enter our second month of winter there's just one ingredient on my mind - pumpkin. To kick us off I'm starting with my favourite pumpkin soup recipe. Pumpkin soup I've found is a bit like spaghetti bolognese, every family has a different recipe or uses slightly different ingredients. A good family friend of ours roasts pumpkin and garlic and blitzes it together with coconut milk. This recipe I'm sharing is from the Moroccan Soup Bar cookbook and it includes almond meal. Join me this month as we celebrate this versatile ingredient, and if you've got a family recipe you'd like to share for pumpkin soup, send it through.

Pumpkin And Spicy Almond Soup

- 120 g butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 inch piece of fresh ginger, grated
- 1 butternut pumpkin, diced
- ¼ bunch coriander, chopped, plus extra to garnish
- ¼ bunch parsley, chopped
- 1 L water or stock galmonmeal
- 50 ml argan oil
- 50ml honey
- flaked toasted almonds, to garnish
- lime (zest and juice), to garnish

Spices

- 1 red chilli, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- ½ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp ras al hanout



1. Sauté the onion in butter and allow to soften. Add the garlic and chilli, stirring through. Add the ginger and the diced pumpkin, and cook for 5 minutes, coating all the ingredients.
2. Add the coriander, parsley, salt and pepper. Stir through. Add the remaining spices.
3. Add the water or stock and bring to the boil. Allow to cook until the pumpkin is soft enough to mash with the back of a spoon, about 20 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, combine the almond meal, argan oil and honey to form a paste.
5. When the pumpkin is ready, purée the soup in a blender. Return it to the stove.
6. Add the argan and almond paste, stirring continuously until it dissolves into the soup. Cook for a further 5-10 minutes.
7. Garnish with almonds, coriander leaves, and lime zest and juice.
8. Enjoy hot with some crusty bread.

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1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
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Memories from our Big Adventures.

Part 1.

As I head off on a big adventure in the NT with friends made through Scouting, I reflect on other big adventures made possible through belonging to Scouts.

I remember our snake adventures whilst hiking with a group of 14 year old Scouts along the Glenelg river section of the Great South-West walk.

Covid restrictions had lifted for rural areas and we were off. The track along the river drops sharply to the water, and the scrub on the up side is thick. We caught up to the Scouts who had stopped on the track – two on the far side of a red bellied black snake, and 3 on our side.

The two had stepped over it before realising. It took some thumping of walking poles on the path to encourage it to move away so we could pass. Our second snake appeared just as we settled onto a bed of casuarina needles for a break.

Looking up, a Scout pointed and said there was a snake in a tree, and sure enough, there was. It disappeared pretty quickly but we decided to find another place to rest.

One night we had a little wallaby visitor into camp. It had a deformed front leg, and was very friendly which was lovely until he decided he should be in the tents. The mornings waking up beside the river were glorious, as were the

evenings sitting with a well earned cuppa watching the sun shine on the water.

Two years ago, we took a bus load of Scouts and Venturers to explore Broken Hill and Silverton. It's an amazing area with such a varied history. We immersed ourselves in a bit of it all – making woomeras (bush telegraph) with Clinton and using them out at Mundi Mundi lookout, the Afghan cameleers, the Jewish immigrants, the mining history, Pro Hart gallery (with the messy carpet ad video), the RFDS, touring the Day Dream Mine and visiting the famous Bell's milk bar for their legendary milk shakes.

We explored Silverton, rode camels and went to the Mad Max Museum. Our Starview desert campsite, surrounded by red dirt and scrub, was amazing.

My first big hike was to Tassie, taking a group of Scouts to hike the Overland Track in 2014. The weather was hot, the skies were clear and I don't think, sitting on top of the world, I've ever been able to see so far. The streams were crystal clear and pure, the wildlife in the campsites was cheeky, the waterfalls stunning and the lakes wonderful to swim in.

Back to Tassie a few years later, tackling the Three Capes Hike with a different group of Scouts. Accommodation is provided on this one, but the scenery is no less dramatic. Wild cliffs, oceans a long way down and bush in between. Plus 700 odd steps to climb over the last mountain.



The story seats installed along the way were a great way to explore the history of the area, its peoples, plants and animals.

The practice hikes for the above were on the Great Ocean Walk – a world class hike right on our doorstep. It's amazing to be able to look back to where you were the day before and marvel at how far around the rugged cliffline you've walked.

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New After Hours Guide To Add To The Surf Coast Arts Trail Experience

Fancy some live music or a theatre performance after a rewarding Saturday cruising the Surf Coast Arts Trail?

A new guide is set to make finding the right gig much easier, shining spotlights on venues, artists and performances across the shire.

Surf Coast Shire Council is producing Arts Trail After Hours to add to the Arts Trail experience.

Cr Liz Pattison: "Maybe it's a band at a brewery, dance performances at a community hall, or a theatre performance by a local troupe – Arts Trail After Hours will provide a listing of what's happening across the creative sector on the Saturday night of the Trail weekend.

"Many of the 15,000 or so people who participate in the Trail come from outside our region.

"We want to ensure that they know what's on and that they get to see, hear and appreciate the best that we have to offer after all of the studios and galleries have closed for the night.



Renae Ranger,
Torquay Taphouse

"We hope the guide might encourage visitors to turn day trips into weekend trips, and inspire local performers to consider hitting the stage for the Saturday night audiences."

This year's 16th annual Trail will be on 1 and 2 August.

Arts Trail After Hours will be featured on surfcoastevents.com.au and circulated to more than 5000 Surf Coast Events newsletter subscribers. Events will also be promoted as part of the Surf Coast Arts Trail campaign, providing additional exposure to the thousands of visitors and locals engaging with the Trail weekend.

It will include creative experiences scheduled after 4pm on Saturday 1 August at venues including cafes, bars, breweries, restaurants, bookshops, community halls or theatres.

Torquay Taphouse owner and director Renae Ranger said the guide would provide welcome support for artists and venues.

"It will be great. The Arts Trail is fantastic for our community, especially given all of the creatives that live in the area, and we love the opportunity to be involved.

"We usually have solo performers on a Friday and Saturday night and it would be great to do something special for Arts Trail After Hours, showcasing what we can do to support local performing artists."

Renae hopes the guide will help attract more people to the region, alongside Arts Trail visitors.

"It's a whole new dimension for the Trail, and we've got some great venues in town, on the Great Ocean Road and in the region that offer great music."

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Local Businesses Supporting Our School

by Tony Phelps

This is a shout-out to all those local businesses that continually support causes and organisations around the Winchelsea region, providing products and services that allow fundraising efforts to be successful.

One recent example was the Winchelsea Primary School 'Trivia Night', at which I provided my own knowledge and expertise to the school's own table - sadly, it seems I'm a bit lacking in the trivia department, particularly sport, music, geography and all the other categories...

Anyway, a Dutch Auction was arranged at the back of the Globe Theatre where the evening was held. For those not familiar with this, items are displayed be they physical stuff or vouchers, and a sheet of paper is put in front of each item or collection of items. An estimated value is provided, and anyone can put down what they are prepared to pay for it/them.

As the evening progresses, people outbid each other if they are keen on something. The MC regularly encourages attendees to go over and see if there's anything of interest and to also check if they've been outbid and want to put in a higher bid.

On that evening, there were dozens of items up for auction. It shows the fabulous and direct support from our local businesses. (The same thing happened at the SES Open Day a couple of months ago too, with prizes provided for a raffle - the top prize was a \$500 voucher from RAK Davis Landscape & Garden Supplies. Many other causes see this level of support.)

As it happens, on the Trivia Night I was successful in placing the winning bid for 12 tons of crushed concrete from Digga Demolition. I wasn't ENTIRELY sure what I'd won, to be honest, but I had an inkling it would be useful for our pot-holed driveway and/or garden paths.

When I got round to claiming it, same-day delivery was arranged and the Digga crew even spread it along the driveway by tipping it out while driving along. Certainly made things easier than barrowing it from a pile. The result is great. It does surprise me how much is needed.

Anyway, a big Thankyou to Digga for their donation to the school, and likewise to all the other donors. This is the stuff that makes Winchelsea what it is.



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An Action-Packed 12 Months To Benefit Community

From supporting local businesses and community-led projects, to road upgrades and tree planting – Surf Coast Shire Council has outlined initiatives it will focus on for the next 12 months.

The community is at the heart of the diverse range of projects and programs, which align with the Council Plan 2025-29.

Council endorsed its Year 2 Action Plan at the June meeting, with Deputy Mayor Cr Tony Phelps pleased to see a variety of initiatives.

“The annual action plan ensures we’re continuing to chip away at delivering on our Council Plan, which was based on significant community input,” he said.

“Seeing it all mapped out for the year ahead really highlights the breadth of work that continues to happen, all for the benefit of the community.”

The opening of Wurdi Baierr Aquatic and Recreation Centre in early 2027 headlines the list of actions.

Other projects include progressing affordable housing in Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Lorne; Karaaf Stormwater Diversion; becoming a Business Friendly Council to support local small businesses; and planting more trees in the third year of the Branching Out program.

“Personally I’m looking forward to watching how the Winchelsea Structure Plan comes together, particularly after the way the community got behind the town’s place plan,” Cr Phelps said.

“Another priority in the coming months will be our advocacy efforts, doing all that we can to help achieve state election commitments.



“We’ll also keep empowering locals to tick off their own goals through the likes of our grants program and community projects program.”

The Year 2 Action Plan and the full Council Plan are available at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlan.

The Council Plan, which incorporates the Health and Wellbeing Plan, sets a strategic direction across five themes:

- Assets and Infrastructure
- Climate and Environmental Leadership
- Community Wellbeing
- High Performing Council
- Sustainable Communities



Plantings will continue as part of the Branching Out program. Pictured are Deans Marsh Primary School Green Team members Elliot Cleland, Finley Ashton, Jaylee Butler with school

Ev Charging Network Complete With Aireys Inlet Installation

Surf Coast Shire Council has completed the installation of four public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with the public EV charger in Aireys Inlet now operational.

The Aireys Inlet charger is the final installation delivered through the Victorian Government’s Destination Charging Across Victoria program. This program also funded new chargers in Anglesea and Winchelsea and an upgrade to existing infrastructure in Lorne.

Councillor Mike Bodsworth said completing the network marked an important milestone for the region.

“It’s fantastic to see the first public EV charger in Aireys Inlet now operating and to complete the roll out of public charging stations across the region,” he said.

“With more people choosing electric vehicles, these chargers support both our local community and the many visitors who travel through Surf Coast each year.”

The four charging stations are dual-port fast chargers connected to the Chargefox network, allowing two vehicles to charge simultaneously at each location.

Cr Bodsworth said this project helps deliver the Council Plan objective to support communities to reduce emissions.

“As electric vehicle ownership continues to grow, it is important that our regional

communities have the infrastructure people need,” he said.

“These charging stations make it easier for residents and visitors to choose lower emission transport options.”

The Aireys Inlet EV charger can be found in the car park of the Aireys Inlet Community Hall at 6 Great Ocean Road, Aireys Inlet.

The EV charging stations in Aireys Inlet, Anglesea, Winchelsea and Lorne and are all available for public use.



Winchelsea Star

Have Your Say:

Winchelsea Star plans for its 50 Year Celebration

Alice Cloake

As the Winchelsea Star approaches its 50year anniversary in 2027, we are inviting our community to help shape the next chapter of your local newspaper.

For five decades, the Star has been a trusted voice for Winchelsea — sharing local stories, celebrating achievements, documenting change, and keeping our community connected.

As we prepare to mark this significant milestone, we want to ensure the Star continues to reflect the people, places, and priorities that make Winchelsea unique.

We're asking our readers: What would you like to see in your Winchelsea Star as we head into our 50th year?

Whether it's:

- More local stories and profiles
- Youth voices
- Archival pieces from past Stars
- More arts, sport, business, or community updates
- Practical information and local insights
- Or something entirely new

—We want to hear it.

Community members are warmly encouraged to share their ideas, reflections, and suggestions.

A Letter to the Editor is especially welcome — whether you want to tell us what the Star means to you, what you'd like to see more of, or how we can continue to serve the community in our 50th year and beyond.

Feedback can be sent to editor@winchelseastar.org.au

Your input will help guide our editorial planning for 2026–27 and ensure the Winchelsea Star remains a strong, relevant, and community driven publication as we celebrate this important milestone.

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Mushrooms - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

by Julia Holohan

I've been a forager of mushrooms for 45 odd years. I love this time of the year, the crisp weather, rugged up in jacket, scarf & beanie, sturdy boots with basket and knife at the ready.

It's head down bottom up and away I go. Gently, gently, slice the stem, then with even more gentleness lay them in my basket.

I love their earthy smell, redolent in the damp air, the tramping on the soft earth, the excitement of finding what you're after and the thought of the mouth-watering meal to follow.

My first mushroom "apprenticeship" was our first farm job, 1982, milking cows. Our boss's mother took me to their paddocks to learn the art of "field" mushroom collection. Where they grow, where they won't be growing & discerning the subtle differences between the good and the bad field mushrooms.

My next "apprenticeship" was with a Latvian friend who took me to the pine trees to forage for the saffron milkcaps. Such a beautiful mushroom with it's saffron coloured heads pushing up through the floor of pine needles and grass around the tree's drip line.

Again I was versed in the good and the bad and their subtle differences. She also pointed out the ugly - Slippery Jacks!

Next, to the preparation & cooking, I use the same recipes I use for store bought mushrooms. It can be just as fun foraging the shelves for the multitude of strange and interesting looking varieties in your local store and, you know you'll be safe eating them.

Preparation: No need to peel unless the skins are particularly hard to wipe clean with a moist soft cloth. Cut off the dirt end of stalk, the stalk can be sliced and used too. It's ok to use water to clean the mushrooms but don't soak them as this makes them mushie and take a tad longer to cook the water off them.

- Fry up some onions in a little oil, add garlic
- Then some ginger & chopped cashews if you're after an Asian flavour or, pancetta or bacon if you're after a European flavour.
- Then chilli if you like heat!
- In go the sliced, cubed & quartered mushrooms - the variety of cut will give variety of textures.
- Add salt & pepper to taste.

Once the bottom of the pan is nicely browned add a generous dollop or 2 of cream & reduce a little, scraping the bottom of the pan to include the nice browned bits.

Serve with whatever you desire: rice, pasta, potato, toast. Delicious for breakfast, lunch or dinner!

This pie recipe is from my first cookbook ("Earth, Water, Fire, Air" by Barbara Friedlander) back in 1972 when living in Melbourne. I only used store bought mushrooms. I still use this recipe today, substituting olive oil to sauté the first 6 ingredients and, maybe a little less celery.

Mushroom Pie:

CRUST:

- 2 cups pastry flour
- 4oz / 125 gm butter
- pinch of salt
- 2oz/ 75ml milk

FILLING:

- 500gm mushrooms, sliced
- 5 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 125gm unsalted cashews, chopped
- Pinch of thyme, or more to taste
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 4 tablespoons of butter
- Cream sauce

1. Sift pastry flour with salt.
2. Prepare pie crust by rubbing butter into flour with fingers. Do not over mix; pastry dough should appear lumpy.
3. Add enough milk to hold dough together, blending mixture with a wooden spoon.
4. Divide dough into 2 balls for large pie or into 4 balls for 2 small pies. Chill for approximately half an hour.
5. While dough chills, preheat oven to 350° F / 175 C. and prepare pie filling. Sauté first six ingredients in butter, cover & cook over low heat until mushrooms are tender.
6. Prepare Cream Sauce;
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup milk or cream
2 tablespoons flour
Salt, pepper & nutmeg

Melt butter in small pan over low heat.
Add flour & stir constantly.
Gradually pour in milk / cream, stirring constantly until mixture thickens.
Sauce should be smooth - if lumpy, beat well with a beater.
Season with salt, pepper & nutmeg to taste.
7. Combine cooked mushrooms with cream sauce & blend well.
8. Roll out chilled dough balls on a floured board into circles about 16cm thick.
9. Grease pie plate/s and gently press 1 circle on bottom.
10. Pour in pie filling, then cover with another circle of dough. Fasten top layer of dough to bottom strip by pressing with fork tines. With a knife, make slit in top to allow steam to escape while baking.
11. Bake in oven for 30min.

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"Self-respect cannot be hunted.
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It comes to us when we are alone,
in quiet moments, in quiet places,
when we suddenly realize that,
knowing the good, we have done it;
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Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 18

World English Bible

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

19 The heavens declare the glory of God.

The expanse shows his handiwork.

2 Day after day they pour out speech,
and night after night they display knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language
where their voice is not heard.

4 Their voice has gone out through all the earth,
their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his room,
like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.

6 His going out is from the end of the heavens,
his circuit to its ends.

There is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 Yahweh's law is perfect, restoring the soul.

Yahweh's covenant is sure, making wise the simple.

8 Yahweh's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart.

Yahweh's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever.

Yahweh's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether.

10 They are more to be desired than gold, yes, than much fine
gold,

sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover your servant is warned by them.

In keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?

Forgive me from hidden errors.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins.

Let them not have dominion over me.

Then I will be upright.

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These grants are all about backing local projects that pop up throughout the year – things that are time-sensitive, practical, and make a real difference in the community. That could be a local event, a small piece of equipment, a pilot program, or a project that responds to a new or emerging need.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available, with no funding contribution from the applicant required in this grant stream.

Cr Mike Bodsworth urged local groups to get in quickly with their project ideas.

"Our shire is full of passionate, caring people with great ideas that will have a truly positive impact on our community and environment, and these grants help turn simple but powerful ideas into action."

"Because the grants are assessed as applications come in, there's no long wait for funding rounds, just a straightforward process until the budget is spent," he said.

Torquay College received a Quick Response Grant last year to get its Surf Coast Secrets Bush Blitz program off the ground. The funding supported equipment such as butterfly nets, magnifiers, binoculars and seedlings.

The school's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) coordinator Tracey Vaught came up with the idea based on an Earth Watch experience she took part in.

"I got together a group of year four students with a vested interest in our natural world – kids who are earthy, that

like to get outside and get dirty and who are fascinated by what's around them," she said.

"We headed out to Distillery Creek in Aireys Inlet, brought analysis equipment and 'bush blitzed' the space with environmental testing, including pollinator counts and pH testing of the water. We also went on a hunt and found all sorts of fungi, plants and insects."

The students learned about all the flora and fauna in the space, with some choosing to draw the plants and creatures they'd found.

"It's amazing how much stuff the children found right beneath their noses that they had no idea was there. They discovered so many itty-bitty creatures. It really fed their curiosity, with many of them going on to teach their families and friends about what they'd discovered," Tracey said.

"It's teaching through the eyes of a First Nations perspective, which encourages students to care for Country; the land they walk, learn and play upon.

"The grant opened the door for this. We wouldn't have been able to afford all the equipment otherwise. Now we have it, we can use it for future bush blitzes – all we need is just footsteps to the next spot," she said.

Other local projects supported last year include Surf Coast Secondary College's R U OK? Day merchandise to help promote student wellbeing and Aireys Inlet Community Garden's wicking beds project to support sustainable food growing.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations, community groups and local clubs delivering projects within the shire.

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History of Winchelsea

St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mercer Street

Thanks to Margaret and Joe Kelly for their book "St John the Baptist Winchelsea 1892 – 1992".

As early as 1842, Catholic pioneers living in the isolated and sparsely settled Western District of Victoria received occasional visits from Father Michael Stephens who was based in Geelong.

Dean Fitzpatrick V.G. applied for a grant of land for a Catholic Church in Winchelsea in 1855. The two-acre block faced Mercer and Harding Streets, but the church was not built on the property for another 37 years. Catholics from Winchelsea travelled by wagonette to Mass at Moriac, picking up fellow Catholics along the way. Fr Bleasdale stayed in Colac from 1852-1856 and ministered to all the Catholics west of Geelong. In 1856 Fr Birmingham replaced him, living at Mt Moriac, which was then called Duneed. For much of his time there he was joined by Fr McAloy. In 1857 Fr M Farrelly arrived in Duneed, a presbytery was built, and the foundation stone for St Patrick's Church Moriac was opened in 1860.

In 1864 Fr M Nelan came to the district. He moved to Colac in 1873. The next year the Diocese of Ballarat was formed, Colac became part of that diocese and the Winchelsea and Moriac areas remained in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. They were administered from Geelong, where Archdeacon Slattery was in charge of St Mary's parish. Notice the proliferation of Irish names in this space. The Catholic Church represented the heart and soul of the Irish Community in the Victorian Colony.

From the mid 1870's Winchelsea held Catholic Mass once a month at 50 Main St, the home of Patrick and Mary O'Connell. On these occasions, a priest travelled from Geelong on horseback on Saturday, heard Confessions that evening and celebrated Mass next morning, before returning to Geelong. The practice continued until St John's was built.

In 1891, Winchelsea folk called a meeting to discuss the possibility of erecting a Catholic church in Winchelsea. Fr T English presided at the meeting, and £100 was subscribed. In



1892 a contract for the erection and fitting out of a church had been let, for £550, to Dew Bros. Chilwell. The church was built to allow for future extensions. Craven, Brown and Co. were the architects and A. T. Moran was appointed clerk of the works. The bricks used in the construction of the church were carted from Geelong by local parishioner Thomas Kelly. To raise finance, locals were encouraged to buy a brick out of each week's wages. A small wooden sanctuary was originally attached to the main brick structure. Also, a tiny annexe which served as sacristy and confessional.

The church was dedicated and officially opened on 18th December 1892 with Archbishop Carr in attendance. The first Mass was celebrated by Fr English and Archdeacon Slattery. Mass was sung by a choir from Sts Peter and Pauls, Geelong West. The first child baptised in the new church was Dorothea Kelly, who was baptised on the opening day. The first marriage celebrated at St John's was Edmund Hole and Catherine McLoughlin. The perimeter of the grounds was lined with pine and cypress trees. A sizable orchard was planted by Henry Schroeter.

Twelve months after the opening, The Advocate reported that the ladies of St John's were arranging a sale of gifts to clear the debt remaining on the building. Trustees were appointed in 1914, when the Melbourne Roman Catholic Trust Corporation



was Set up by an Act of Parliament.

In the early 1920's, the wooden buildings were removed and the brick structure was extended to include the present sanctuary, sacristy and workroom. At that time the bell was installed in the grounds and Archbishop Mannix travelled by rail from Melbourne to bless both the extensions and the bell cast by O'Byrne's of Dublin. The bell tower was constructed by local blacksmith Mr Harry Schroeter. The blessing of a bell is a long and beautiful ceremony. The bell is christened and given a name. In Winchelsea, the bell is named John, after St John the Baptist.

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The first marriage celebrated in the remodelled church was between Maisie Hole and Cliff Batson in 1924. Their descendants still live in Winchelsea today. In 1972 parishioners repainted the interior of the church. Shortly after the Stations of the Cross were replaced by Fr John Saul, the choir stand and confessional removed, the baptismal font shifted, a nativity crib built in and new carpet fitted and heating was installed in the church hall. (This was much appreciated by the whole community). The Church Hall is today home to the Winchelsea Girl Guides.

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

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



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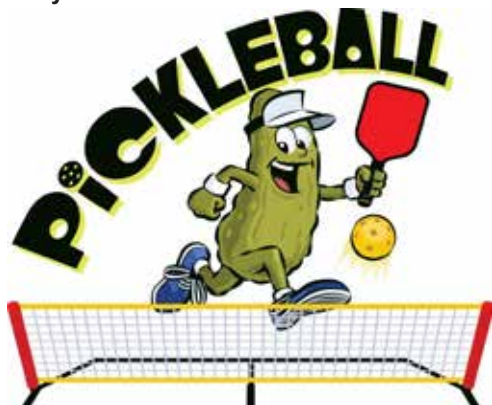
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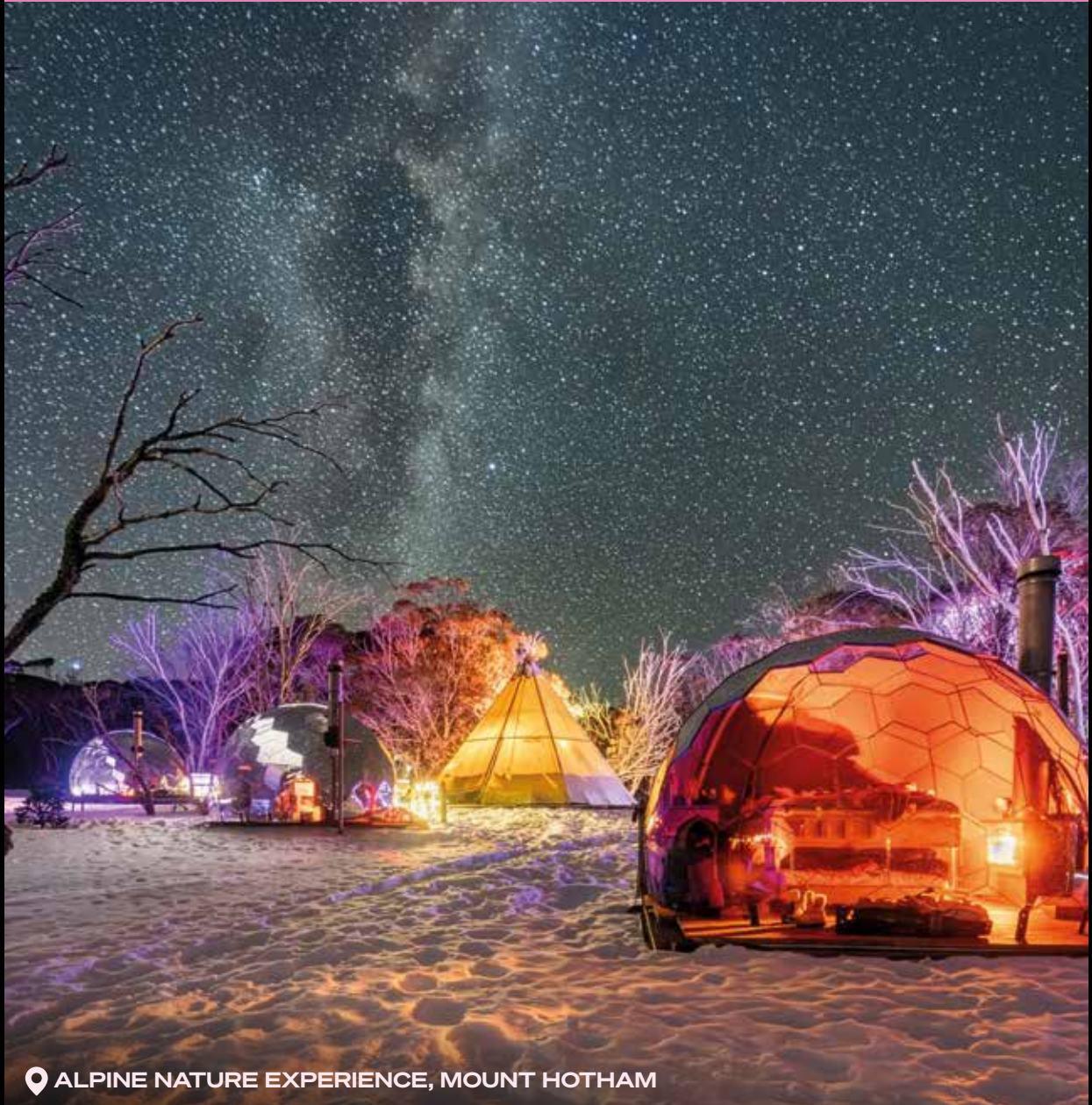
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MUM WASN'T THAT KEEN ON THE HOUSE WITH NO HOT WATER A WOOD OVEN AND A TOILET DOWN THE BACK YARD. WE PURCHASED THE BAKERY FROM SHIEFFLEY & JONES [NO RELATION] AND AT THAT TIME ALAN REYNOLDS WAS THE BAKER. DAD & HIS BUSINESS PARTNER IN MELBOURNE MADE BAKERY MACHINERY, DAD DECIDED TO HAVE A CHANGE.

ALAN REMAINED AS BAKER, WITH DAD ASSISTING AND AT THAT TIME JIM ROSS DID THE TOWN RUN WITH A HORSE & CART. AFTER WORKING ALL NIGHT, DAD DID THE WURDI BULOC RUN TWICE A WEEK & MR HAWES DID THE MT HESSE RUN. ALAN WENT ON TO A BAKERY OF HIS OWN IN GIPPSLAND SO JIM ROSS ASSISTED DAD IN THE BAKERY & JOE SPRONKINS WAS ON THE HORSE & CART. LATER ON, WE GOT A THREE WHEELER FOR THE TOWN RUN WITH DAVE WARNER AS THE DRIVER WHILE PHIL LLOYD DID WURDI BULOC & MR GARDNER MT HESSE. THIS CONTINUED UNTIL DAD SOLD OUT AROUND 1966.

DAD BAKED ON SUNDAYS FOR PASSING TRADE STARTED SLICED BREAD AND MADE THE BIG SANDWICH LOAF WHICH COULD BE CUT IN HALF. HE ALSO MADE HIGH TIN, TANK LOAVES, PIES, PASTIES, BUNS AND CAKES AND AS WELL SOLD LOLLIES, SOFT DRINK, CIGARETTES AND LUNCH ORDERS WERE DONE FOR THE SCHOOL.

DAD SOLD THE HOUSE AND BUSINESS TO JOE & MARJ EARL, WHO LIVED IN THE HOUSE WHILE THEIR HOUSE WAS BEING BUILT ON CRESSY ROAD, IT THEN BECAME A MILK BAR.

WE ALL LOVED WINCHELSEA AND BECAME INVOLVED IN BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER SPORTS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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Probus June Outing

Our Probus outing this month was to the Sphinx Hotel to a Neil Diamond cover show.

We got there at 10, in time for tea/ coffee and cake. The show started at 11. We all enjoyed singing along to the songs that were familiar back in our younger days. I'm sure the Hot August Night album was

in all our record collections .I know it was one of my very favourites.

Many people were celebrating special occasions including our own Helen and Lawrence Rolls' 54 th wedding anniversary on that day. Congratulations to you both.

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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

15th of June

A huge shout out to Mary Parish who took out the Beeac B Grade Nett, 65, and carried Tara and Robyn to win the Beeac Shield.

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BDL - Al Renick (15) 34 points

BDL - Neil Hickman (11) 33 points

NTP (2nd/11th) - Stuart Harrison

Results Saturday 27/6/26 - Winchelsea Pharmacy Trophy Final Round - Stableford

21 Players.

1st - Stephen Harvey (15) 36 points

2nd - Dean Graham (10) 35 points

3rd - Brent Kahle (5) 33 points C/B

BDL - Cam Parke (9) 33 points C/B

BDL - Al Renick (15) 33 points C/B

BDL - David Harvey (17) 32 points

NTP (6th/15th) - Brent Kahle

Golden Hole (17th) - Jackpot

F.I.S.H. - Tara Steward (12th)

F.I.S.H. - Robyn Vesey (12th)

Winner of the Pharmacy Trophy was Nick Trezise with 75 points Great scores of 39 points and 36 points

Next best was 68 points.



Coming up:

Wednesday 1st July - Weekly Stableford

Saturday 4th July - Birregurra vs Winchelsea at Birregurra.

Get to Birregurra at noon for a 12.30 tee off.

Please let Neil or Robyn know if you're available to help with catering.

There will be no competition at Winchelsea Golf Club this coming Saturday

The Golf Lab held the first day of their 'Get into Golf' program. We had 3 juniors and 5 ladies participate and all had a great time!

If you are interested to participate in the following 5 weeks, get in touch at: hello@thegolfclub.com.au

Note: The course is wet. Please try and limit your "footprint" on the course when playing. Buggies and carts to the high/dry sides of fairways. Be aware of the greens and surrounds. Our greens crew appreciate your help. Thank you.



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Blues News

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ROUND 11

Winchelsea Blues Vs Nth. Geelong Magpies

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS.

Last week saw the accumulation of many months work by the 150th celebration sub committee, the Club committee and the wonderful volunteers that support the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club. Last weekend was to be a huge celebration for the Club and everyone involved in it and the end result didn't disappoint. The Celebratory Luncheon was an early sellout as well over 200 people associated with the Club came together as part of this year's 150th year in the Bendigo Bank Room.

Robert (Snick) Cameron showed once again why he is in such great demand to M.C. such events – the fact that he played for Winchelsea and has maintained strong ties with the Club and community aided and abetted many of the stories, his ease and genuine affection for his guests to be interviewed. Congratulations to Rodd Budge and Damien Lowrey on becoming Life Members of the Winchelsea Blues.

The lunch was catered for by "Coast to Coast The Golden Roast" and all agreed the food served at the lunch was beautiful and plenty of it, thank you very much to all concerned at that Catering service, they can be contacted on 0424 155 683.

The Bar was manned all day by the Winchelsea Bowls Club who did such a great job of looking after the huge crowd! Huge Thanks to everyone!

There was some awesome prizes to be won on the day as well with the raffle prizes being drawn after the game was over, there was a huge throng of people cram into the Bendigo Bank Room – more about that in next week's Blue's News!

The Saturday games were highly anticipated with the Reserves and Senior sides coming off good wins accounting for Thomson and Bannockburn over the last 2 weeks with the Reserves sitting at fifth on their Ladder and the Seniors moving into third position on theirs.

Eastern Reserve looked in picture perfect condition, the weather was kind, clear, with little wind but very chilly – the fire pits kindly donated by the Harper family proving their popularity once again as a great place to gather round and watch the footy.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 16.16.112 def North Geelong Magpies 1.2.8

The Reserves completely dominated the whole 4 quarters against the undermanned Nth. Geelong side not allowing them to gain any foothold in playing their brand of football and had it not been for the inaccurate kicking of the Blues the outcome for the Magpies would have been even more woeful on the scoreboard that it was.

As against Thomson there was maybe a little empathy but certainly no sympathy from the Blues as they demolished the Magpie side. The Winnie Blues certainly shared the goal kicking around (sharing the points as well) This current Reserves side shows a great deal of maturity within the group under Jarred Messenger and while there's plenty of fun happening, they have sharpened their focus somewhat and look likely to play finals again this season.

GOALS: Jack Todd 3, Josh Freeman 2, Sean Thompson 2, Patrick Dench, Cooper Mumberson, Dustin Baker, Jude Coverdale, Bailey Mumberson, Tom Rouget, Will McNeil, Jasper James, Noah Harvey, all 1 goal.

BEST: Luke Henry, Jackson Smith, Tom Kennedy, Ollie Mahncke, Bailey Mumberson, Jack Todd.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 17.21.123 def North Geelong Magpies 10.4 64

Last Saturday's game sat up as this both Clubs celebrating their 150th years, both meet in the last half of the draw, both clubs in the "5" Winchelsea sitting third, missed Finals last year, last year's Premiers in second place. Game on!!

Winchelsea took the game on and went into the first break with a 3 goal lead – the

huge crowd certainly paying attention to the scoreboard – daring to hope of a fairytale win for the 150 celebrations?

2 goals 8 points to the Magpies 1 goal in the second quarter - Winch having all of the play, could, should have buried the opposition by half time, and letting North have a bit of a comeback in the third. The ¾ time address by the Senior Coach Ben Moloney was direct, calm, and inspired. The home side poured it on in that final quarter to come away convincing winners, one all concerned should be proud of. The quest continues!

GOALS: Cameron Primmer 4, Sam Adams 3, Fin Parish 2, Jordan Gould 2, Ryan Williams 2, Indi Parish, Cass Parish, Rueben James, all 1 goal and a sensational Captain's goal from Jordan Huff outside 50 metres.

BEST: Fin Parish, Jordan Huff, Jack Sampi, Ryan Williams, Indi Parish, Lachlan Carver.

Another solid win for the Winchelsea Blues on such an occasion, well done to all the coaching staff for both the Reserves and the Senior teams.

This week the W.F.N.C. head to play Werribee Centrals at Calvin Park for another face off in a huge test for the Blues. Werribee Centrals are sitting on top of the GDFNL ladder and with Winchelsea now sitting in second position it sets up another exciting challenge for the Senior side. The Reserves will also be wanting to keep their winning streak happening to cement their place in the final five, so there is a big weekend of football coming up. Bring it on.



GO BLUES!!

Front-page photos and on opposite page by several people. Special mention to Jason of Nogueira Photography



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THE BLUES BISTRO:

This week the Blue's Bistro has Roast Pork, Chicken Carbonara and Flathead Tails as the main menu for Thursday night. Dessert will be Apple Crumble

Junior Blues can enjoy Chicken Nuggets and Chips, Fish and Chips still only \$5 per serve. (2 pieces of Fish \$8) Ice cream with caramel, strawberry chocolate topping still only \$2 per serve.

The Club has enjoyed some very busy weeks at the Blue's Bistro and is grateful for the support from both Club Members, Players and the general public.

If you can make it to Werribee – get there and give the Blues lots of support....



Saturday 6 June 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve

Neil McInnes

30 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week.

Congratulations to Sullivan Hunter, Jack Steel, Alice Kennedy, Justin Wallis, Steve Menzel and Nessa Lewis who completed their personal best time at Treebeck Reserve.

We had visitors from Torquay and Melbourne.

8 volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Dianna Vesey, Murray Bennett, Maureen Gunson, Nessa Lewis, Liz Bennett and Don Smith.

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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Junior Football

Clare Harper



Weekly Wrap

Under 10s

It's been a fun and chilly few weeks for our U10s, heading out to Anarchy for the third time on a very fresh Friday night. Winter has well and truly arrived, but to their credit the young Blues handled the ball beautifully despite the cold fingers.

They moved the footy up and down the ground with real purpose and are making terrific progress as a team — improving every single week.

They didn't come home with the win this time, but the smiles told the real story. Plenty to be proud of.

Under 12s

Our U12 playing group travelled into Geelong West on Saturday to take on the Giants. The sun was shining, the ground was muddy, and it absolutely felt like classic country footy.

The kids started slowly but found their legs in the second quarter, taking ownership of the game and linking up play beautifully. Their kicking and overall skills continue to improve week after week, and they're becoming a stronger, more connected group every round. Fantastic to watch.

150-Year Celebration Weekend

This week was extra special as the Club celebrated 150 years — a huge milestone for Winchelsea FNC.

Saturday saw senior football and netball at home in front of a packed crowd. Past players, volunteers, life members and sponsors all came together to mark the occasion and celebrate the Club's long and proud history.

Sunday Family Day

Sunday was an absolute highlight, with the sun shining and egg-and-bacon rolls on the go.

Our Auskick kids received their participation certificates — over 40 children recognised for their efforts this season.

Then came the moment everyone waits for:



Kids vs Parents Friendly Match

The U10s and U12s took on the parents in what might be the most anticipated game of the year.

The parents came out firing with a few early goals, but the kids rallied at quarter time — helped along by a few very suspect senior-player "subs" who somehow passed as juniors.

The kids levelled the scores in the second, and from there it was a tight, entertaining contest. Plenty of laughs, plenty of tackles, and probably plenty of sore bodies among the parents the next morning. A few baths were definitely run on Sunday night.

It was a glorious day and a perfect way to cap off a huge weekend for the Club



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Junior Netball

Shae Callahan

NetSetGo

Our NetSetGo program has wrapped up a fantastic first term, and we couldn't be prouder of the progress our young netballers have made. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and skills grow each week as they have embraced every activity with enthusiasm and big smiles.

Throughout the term, our players have been developing the fundamental skills of netball, including balance, throwing and catching, footwork, defending and shooting goals on the full-sized rings. The improvement across the group has been incredible, with each child growing in confidence while having plenty of fun along the way.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back after the school holidays for another exciting term of learning, teamwork and fun on the court. New players are always welcome, so if your child is interested in giving netball a try, we'd love to have them join our Winchelsea Blues NetSetGo family next term!

U10 Minis Winter Season Wrap-Up

The 2026 Winter Season has come to an end, and what a season it has been for our Winch Blues U10 Minis!

Finishing with 5 wins, the girls were set a huge challenge this season as they stepped up a grade. The game was faster, the ball movement was quicker, and the competition was stronger—but our girls took every challenge in their stride. Week after week, they adapted, improved, and showed they could match it with some of the best teams in the competition.

This season really highlighted the growth of our players. We saw individual strengths shine through, players becoming more confident in their positions, and the foundations of a fantastic team continue to build.

A huge welcome to our two new Blues, June and Lola, who fitted into the team as though they had been there from day one. We also loved welcoming back our shooting star, Juliette. It's always a pleasure having her join us each week and be part of our Blues family.

A special shout-out also goes to Lucas and Murphy for stepping in and filling spots when we were short on numbers throughout the season. Your willingness to help out and be part of the team was greatly appreciated, and the girls loved having you on court with them.

To our incredible parents—thank you. Your support on the sidelines, your encouragement, and the way you cheer on every single player helps make game day so special. You make our girls feel like real-life Vixens every week!

A special thank you to our coach, Rach, for the dedication, time and effort you continue to pour into our girls. And to Teagan, thank you for always lending a hand and helping our defenders develop at the other end of the court.

Well done, girls. You should be so proud of everything you achieved this season. Your teamwork, determination and growth have been amazing to watch, and the future is looking bright for this talented group.

Winter may be over, but we're only just getting started. Bring on the Summer Season—we can't wait to see you continue to grow, improve, and smash even more goals!



Under 11s

Our Under 11s went down to North Geelong 6–14 in a hard-fought match. Lilly was outstanding in goals, shooting 5 of our 6 goals and continuing to grow in confidence each week.

The team is gaining valuable experience playing in the big league, with every game helping them build their skills, confidence and understanding of the game. The girls never gave up, worked hard until the final whistle and continued to encourage one another throughout the match. Their determination and positive attitude are fantastic to see, and all their hard work is sure to pay off as the season continues.

Under 13s

Our Under 13s faced a strong North Geelong side, going down 11–56 in a tough contest. Helena shot a fantastic 8 goals, continuing to show confidence and composure in the goal ring.

While the scoreboard didn't fall our way, this young, junior-aged team continues to improve every week. Their skills, teamwork and confidence are growing with every game, and they should be incredibly proud of how far they have come this season. The girls never stop encouraging each other, keep working hard until the final whistle, and their determination and resilience are a credit to the team.

Under 15s

Our Under 15s went down 15–28 to North Geelong but put together a determined and encouraging performance. Poppy and Abby combined beautifully in the goal circle, working well together and converting some great opportunities.

There were some fantastic passages of play and excellent ball movement down the court, with the team showing



composure and teamwork throughout the game. It was great to see the structures and set plays they've been working on at training starting to come together on the court. The improvement in their connection and decision-making is clear, and the girls should be proud of the way they continue to develop each week.

Under 19s

Our Under 19s played out a hard-fought contest against North Geelong, going down by just three goals, 27–30. It was a fantastic team effort, with the girls showing determination and grit right until the final whistle.

Millie was outstanding at Goal Shooter, finishing with an impressive 23 goals and providing a strong target in the goal circle all game. As always, the defensive combination of Monet and Tallulah stood strong, applying relentless pressure and making North Geelong work hard for every possession. The centre court players worked tirelessly, linking the defence and attack with strong transition through the court and never giving up.

It was a competitive game filled with plenty of positives, and the team should be proud of the way they fought until the end.

Exciting Things Happening at Winchelsea Junior Netball!

There are plenty of exciting opportunities coming up for our young netballers at the Winchelsea Junior Netball Club!

Junior Rock Up Netball kicks off THIS Sunday and continues through the season. Open to all players already involved in one of our junior teams, these sessions are a fantastic way to enjoy extra game play, develop skills, build confidence, and have fun while keeping active with teammates and friends.

Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to launch Winch Rising Stars alongside our popular NetSetGO program.

Designed for children aged 7–10 years, Rising Stars is the perfect stepping stone for players looking to move into a team environment. Sessions will focus on ball skills, game training, match play, teamwork, and building confidence on the court.

Whether your child is new to netball or ready to take the next step, Winch Rising Stars is a fantastic opportunity to get game ready and fall in love with the sport.

For more information about either program, contact Junior Netball Coordinator Shae on 0409 641 550.

BLUES WINCHELSEA F.N.C.

WINCHELSEA BLUES

JUNIOR ROCK UP NETBALL

SUNDAY SESSIONS

GAME PLAY. LEARNING EXPERIENCES. FUN AND FITNESS!

GAME PLAY Enjoy fun, engaging games that build skills, teamwork and confidence on court.	LEARNING EXPERIENCES Develop your fundamentals, learn new skills and grow with every session.	FUN Make new friends, laugh, play and enjoy the game in a positive, supportive environment.	FITNESS Get active, build stamina and feel great while having a blast!
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WHEN: SUNDAYS (DURING THE SEASON) TIME: 10:00AM – 11:30AM
WHO: OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS – ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!
COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND BE PART OF THE BLUES FAMILY!

ROCK UP. PLAY HARD. GO BLUES!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: WINCHELSEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB
 MESSAGE SHAE ON 0409 641 550

WINCH RISING STARS

NETBALL PROGRAM

FOR AGES 7-10

Build skills. Build confidence. *Belong.*

- Ball skills & movement drills
- Teamwork & court play
- Game-like training & match play
- Get game ready

FREE PROGRAM FOR TERM 3!

LIMITED PLACES – REGISTER NOW!

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Find us on Facebook: Winchelsea FNC
 Message Shae on 0409 641 550 to register or for more information.

GET GAME READY!

BECAUSE EVERY CHAMPION STARTS AS A RISING STAR!

Stronger together. Better every day!





PLANTING TIME AGAIN

SATURDAY JULY 4 9.00 -11am

Meet at river end of Dwyer St

We have 2000 plants for the river supplied by
Barwon Water and Surf Coast shire.

All welcome to help with getting the plants in the
ground



**Picture shows the planting near bluestone bridge in 2023
which has grown well despite dry conditions.**

