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## Community Bus

What's your opinion?

Should Winchelsea have a community bus for our locals, especially oldies, to go to the football, school trips, The Hub on Thursday nights, Bowling Club trips, Probus, shopping in Waurin Ponds ?

**What's your opinion? Write a Letter to the Editor**

Email [editor@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:editor@winchelseastar.org.au) or  
give a handwritten note to the IGA

## Have your say on Council's draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

### Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire residents and visitors now have the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's draft Domestic Animal Management Plan.

There are more than 5,500 dogs and 700 cats registered in the Surf Coast. The draft plan outlines how people, dogs and cats can live together safely.

Councillor Adrian Schonfelder thanked the 485 people, both pet owners and non-pet owners, who participated in an initial survey. "Community input shaped the draft plan, which is now ready for people to access and let us know their thoughts on it," he said. "We'll use this next round of feedback to produce the final plan, which will then guide what we do around animal management over the next four years."

The draft plan is themed 'Take the Lead', which is a call for Council, residents and visitors to all play their role to foster friendly relationships between pets and people.

"The survey told us that dog-related issues continue to be the biggest concern, particularly dogs off leash and people not picking up the poo. Roaming cats was the top cat concern," Cr Schonfelder said.

"The draft plan outlines a bigger focus on education, enforcement and using data to guide our services. We also need to help visitors from neighbouring municipalities and beyond to understand our rules."

Feedback on the draft plan closes on 16 October. Access the plan and have your say at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DAMP](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DAMP).



# Toddlers favourite day of the week is Playgroup Day

Winchelsea Playgroup, 27 Barwon Terrace Winchelsea [winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:winchelseaplaygroup@gmail.com)

Playgroup Victoria has written about Winchelsea playgroup, this is 2 of 3 instalment in the Winchelsea Star.

Link to full article: [playgroupblog.org/winchelsea-playgroup](http://playgroupblog.org/winchelsea-playgroup)



There is another component often unacknowledged during the early chapters of a premature birth- the challenge for the other siblings. "It impacted our whole family," said Danni. "The playgroup has also helped so much."

Danni's daughters come and help her set up every fortnight.

"Which she thinks is great because they are also contributing to the community too and it is just like a second home for lots of families and a good place where I can check in with other people and see how they are going because sometimes they may not have that so I am super passionate about that connection."

Another mother Charlie smiles wide when it is mentioned that Danni has been announced as a local Playgroup Champion, as part of the Playgroup Victoria initiative.

"Danni is incredible in doing this and everything she has been through with Evie. It's not easy and she still shows up, still got a smile of her face, still makes sure that all the kids are well looked after and have these sorts of opportunities, so it's amazing."

For Danni, she feels that the playgroup gives back to her, twice over. She talks about how passionate she is about playgroup.

Danni has played a big part in two organisations supporting families with premature and sick babies: one is called Miracle Babies, they are based in Sydney, and one is Life's Little Treasures Foundation and they are based in Melbourne. She also started a playgroup in Geelong for families who have experienced premature birth or sick babies.

The organisations and playgroups help the mums to better process the challenges they are going through- and feel connected to others who understand that experience. Danni said that is a vital part of coping.

"As Charlie probably said, it's a shared trauma," said Danni.

"Once you know someone who has been in it, they understand. I suppose it is like, I shouldn't compare, but if you have been sick, it is a journey that you would never wish on anybody, but you can at least talk about it and know that someone else has been through it and understands the grief."



"We are lucky. There are a lot of families that didn't get to bring their babies home. That could have been us."

Danni has been advocating to government for parents to receive further funding support if they have a child before 37 weeks. By the time Danni brought Evelyn home from hospital, her maternity leave was already over. It was hard for the whole family. Danni couldn't possibly drop Evelyn off at a childcare with oxygen and a feeding tube. Not that she wanted to.

Danni and her family's life revolves around therapy: two, three, sometimes four appointments a week. That is why playgroup is so important to Danni.

When Danni speaks about the good that has come from her experience, you can see what she means while spending a morning at the playgroup.

"People just want connection, they come for connection, they come not to feel judged. We had a bit of a frazzled morning and I just spoke to two of the parents and that just defused my bad mood because I was out, I forgot about it."

Charlie has felt that soothing nature of playgroup too and enjoys the relaxed time with other families.

"The benefit is, it's not just for your kids to play, mums get a bit of a break", laughs Charlie, "but I also think that you get to know others in the community and to hear their stories and feel supported by everyone else is huge and just do it- just put yourself out there."

"I know it was hard for me because it was just me and Aria and then it was like- coming into something like this on my own is nerve wracking, but the support everyone shows you is incredible so it is definitely worth it because I was never able to be part of a mothers group or anything like that so this has kind of made it all worthwhile. I think, it's okay I didn't get a mothers group but this has become that for me so it's nice."

The children have been through the hard parts of their early days but here, all of that fades into the background and their job is to enjoy themselves, to have fun and play.

"It's been Aria's favourite day. She looks forward to coming here because of everything that Danni puts together. She does such a great job."








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# Winchelsea Guides visit Scienceworks

Yvonne Orchard, Guide leader



Olive Sostheim & Taylah Hamilton using the sound shell

On Monday we all travelled by cars to Spotswood to visit Scienceworks as part of our Space Badge.

We explored and tried out as much as we could, especially in the Sportsworks area. After lunch we headed to the 1pm Starlight presentation where we reclined in chairs and discovered a lot about stars and our Sun, and the night sky.

Next term we will be working on our Tent & Water badge and going to camp in Nov at Tallawalla Guide camp at Moggs Creek.

We welcome girls 5-15yrs to join us. We meet on Mondays 4.30-6pm at the Catholic hall, Harding St Winchelsea.

Inquiries contact Yvonne 0449 672 630 or Lily 0428 936 441



On recliners in the Starlight theatre



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We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Senior Citizens rooms at 36 Harding Street Winchelsea.

Come and join us at a meeting for a cuppa and friendship and learn how we support local groups.

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# the arts



## Riverlee



## Spring Art Show

**NOV** Winchelsea Shire Hall  
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Sunday - 10am till 4pm  
Monday - 10am till 2pm

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### GROWING WINCHELSEA INC

A meeting at Main Street Cafe at 2 pm Thursday 2/10/25 with Bridget Rasmussen Ats Development Officer SCS, about expanding the annual SCS Arts Trail here in Winchelsea. Opportunities to include music, nature, food & history. If interested email me [secretary@growingwinchelsea.com](mailto:secretary@growingwinchelsea.com)

## Arts Trail sets creative economy abuzz

### Surf Coast Shire

Surf Coast Shire Council's 2025 Surf Coast Arts Trail generated \$210,293 in sales in a winter turbocharge for the region's creative economy. More than 15,000 patrons set 56 studios, galleries and community spaces buzzing on the first weekend in August as they admired the work of more than 200 artists and heard about their inspirations and techniques. The sales total included \$30,550 in commissions. Surf Coast Shire Council has collated sales figures and feedback from artists, venues and patrons.

Cr Leon Walker said the findings magnify the value and importance of the much-loved Trail. "Aside from being such a warm, welcoming and inspiring community event the Trail brings significant economic benefits to our creative and wider business sectors, on what would otherwise likely be a pretty quiet winter weekend," Cr Walker said.

"Forty-three per cent of patrons this year came from outside Surf Coast Shire, including New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and the ACT, and 61 per cent of visitors stayed overnight in the shire. "And while the economic benefits are important, what can't be measured is the joy, connection, satisfaction and motivation people took home from meeting and talking with so many of our talented artists."



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November 20th  
Anatomy of a Fall

December 11th  
A Street Cat Named Bob

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Living in rural areas should not be a barrier to high quality dental care. Jayne has been passionate about providing care for those living rurally since she was a child growing up in Ararat.

Jayne moved to Colac in 2003 and has practiced in Colac, and now also Winchelsea, ever since. Bringing a practice back to Winchelsea was a challenge for years.



The right location and size building was needed to make sure the practice could grow and provide care for many years to come.

The business has evolved over the years with Dr Alicia Barrett and Dr Carmine Camerlengo joining the team.

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## Helping farmers cope with hotter, drier conditions

As a part-time vet and part-time beef farmer, Panmure's Stephen Warth is seeing the animal health benefits that flow from a diverse multispecies feed offering. This year the farm's multispecies pastures have been a "blessing in disguise" as the traditional ryegrass paddocks have failed to take hold.

Mr Warth has benefited from grants to fence off and revegetate 1.5km of his farm to create a wildlife corridor along the Mt Emu Creek and to direct seed the eastern and western boundaries of the family farm as part of a carbon offset project.

Now he's encouraging other farmers to consider applying for a new round of LandLife Southwest funding to increase vegetation cover and adopt regenerative agricultural practices to help repair the local environment.



LandLife Southwest, a revegetation and regenerative agriculture program developed by Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network (WCLN) to create a drought-resilient agricultural industry, is now inviting expressions of interest from local landholders.

Mr Warth and his wife Kate purchased the farm off her parents four years ago. Originally from Zimbabwe, he has come to the area with no pre-conceived ideas of what can or can't be done. He's found from experience over the past four years that revegetation and the shift to multispecies have been beneficial.

While he can't tie up every paddock with freshly-sown plants, this year the percentage of multispecies has skyrocketed to 30 per cent to spread the system across every paddock.

"It would be nice not to have to spend so much money to establish it, but diversity is always going to be the winner in the long-run."

"We need to help landholders to build resilience on the farm and ideally head towards drought-proofing their enterprise," Mr Rollinson said.

"Revegetation will provide shelter and shade for stock, multispecies pastures with deeper roots will help soil moisture retention at greater depth. Multispecies will also reduce the need for feed by doubling if not tripling pasture yields and volumes. Ryegrass is yielding at most 1.5 tonnes per hectare whereas multispecies is somewhere between 4 and 10 tonnes per hectare."

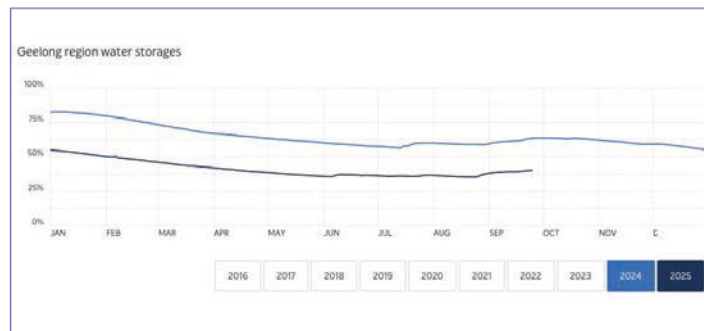
Landholders are invited to submit expressions by emailing Geoff Rollinson at [facilitator@wcln.org.au](mailto:facilitator@wcln.org.au) for an Expression of Interest form. EOIs close Tuesday September 30.

## Current water storage @ 40%

### Barwon Water

#### Geelong Region

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Overall storage level | 40.3%   |
| Weekly storage change | +0.9%   |
| This time last year   | 63.7%   |
| Weekly rainfall       | 22mm    |
| Weekly consumption    | 360.9ML |



The greater Geelong region's drinking water is sourced mainly from our forested catchments on the upper Barwon and Moorabool rivers.

Additional water can be drawn from the Victorian water grid via the Melbourne to Geelong Pipeline, and from an underground aquifer in Anglesea.

An increasing number of businesses and new residential subdivisions are also connected to recycled water.

### Barwon River system

Located near the township of Forrest in the Otway Ranges, the West Barwon Reservoir sits at the base of a 51 square kilometre catchment on the West Barwon River.

Water is fed via a 57-kilometre channel to the Wurdee Boluc storage reservoir, south of Winchelsea, collecting from smaller rivers and streams on the way.

This water is filtered, disinfected and fluoridated at the adjacent Wurdee Boluc Water Treatment Plant, before being delivered to customers in Winchelsea, Moriac, Anglesea, Airey's Inlet, Torquay, greater Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula via a network of pipes, tanks and covered storage basins.

### Moorabool River system

A number of reservoirs north of Geelong form the upper Moorabool river system. Korweinguboora, Bostock and Stony Creek reservoirs which make up the East Moorabool system; and Lal Lal Reservoir, near Ballarat, is the main storage on the West Moorabool River.

Water from the Moorabool catchments is filtered, disinfected and fluoridated at the Moorabool Water Treatment Plant at She Oaks. This water is then transferred to towns north of the Geelong city centre. Water from the Moorabool system can also be used to supply parts of Geelong when operationally required.





## Cromwell's Quirks

### Media support for regional concerns

Cromwell Forganssen

#### The Problem

If I understand the The Public Interest Journalism Initiative (PIJI) report figures correctly, then for decades now, a few regional newspapers have evaporated every month, leaving some local government jurisdictions with no local coverage whatsoever.

The growth of the “news deserts” these create form their own momentum, fewer journalists, less capacity, fewer resources, including reporting to regional council meetings and for local planning issues, so mainstream media becomes what the regional communities lean upon more and more heavily with each passing year.

#### But Wait! ...

(My attempts researching the raw data for this article surprised me, it seems there aren't already any comprehensive figures for this kind of thing. Hopefully some “higher” journalistic authorities stumble on to this and react appropriately.)

Being all that as it may, I have (arbitrarily) picked all the leading Friday stories over the last 3 month period reported by the “big 4”, (ABC, 7, 9 and 10).

I created 9 broad categories and slotted each story accordingly. This is far from rocket science, just patient plodding along, and while I doubt you'll be surprised how badly it turned out, you might just wonder why such figures are being so effectively hidden. For the 287 stories I sifted through, here's what I got:

| CATEGORY            | PROPORTION     |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Politics            | 112 ( 39.02% ) |
| Crime-&-Courts      | 56 ( 19.51% )  |
| International-&-War | 42 ( 14.63% )  |
| Weather-&-Disaster  | 28 ( 9.76% )   |
| Sport               | 15 ( 5.23% )   |
| Rural-&-Agriculture | 13 ( 4.53% )   |
| Health              | 7 ( 2.44% )    |
| Business-&-Economy  | 7 ( 2.44% )    |
| Other               | 7 ( 2.44% )    |

#### Caveats

Now this accounts only for stories as discrete entities, i.e. not their duration as a proportion of a news hour, or their word-count per article-set, so try to bear this in mind.

Also unaccounted for here are that everyday rural concerns (local clinic closures, everyday farm economics, council disputes, etc) are very rarely promoted at the national lead level. That's your lot, this is about as comprehensive an analysis as this little brain can

provide at 15 minutes to finals kick-off, and even still, a relatively clear picture emerges of the story types attracting most prominent coverage across Australia's major television networks.

The dominance of Politics, Crime-&-Courts, and International-&-War categories underscores the national media's focus, whilst Weather-&-Disaster stories, often with rural implications, and the even less prominent Rural-&-Agriculture stories, highlight the (slim) overlap of national media coverage with rural issues.

#### Anecdotally Speaking (i.e. take my word for it ;-)

Weather-&-disaster is the main pathway for rural/regional issues to break through to national prominence. When storms, floods or fires occur in rural areas, networks promote those stories more heavily.

Even bearing these in mind, rural issues' small percentage of prominent headlines is relatively colossal when compared with lead-promoted-slots, which for rural stories amounted to 0%.

Politics and crime dominate lead-promoted coverage, with politics securing the largest single category, (almost 40% of headlines) occupying the lead slot most often, with crime and international stories close behind. This suggests to me a disproportionate editorial weighting of big broadcasters toward national politics, sensational incidents and geopolitics.

When severe weather events, bushfires or floods occur in rural areas, those stories spike and gain prominence; outside those spikes, agriculture and rural services score poorly for head-line attention.

The bitter pill to swallow is that some topics are rarely promoted at national level unless they intersect with politics or crises. Rural health, local council disputes, farm-level economics, small town infrastructure — these often stay within local/regional reporting and rarely break onto the big four's promoted list.

#### Obvious Conclusion

Free-to-air TV, radio and streaming remain crucial news sources for rural Australians, and their role increases as such with every lost regional news outlet, shrinking budget, centralisation of media operations and so forth, making it harder and harder for rural issues to get consistent attention.

May be we just need to frame our regional concerns in terms of politics, crime or war, just to make our Selves heard ;-).

Food for thought; every well wish and regard,  
Cromwell

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## This Week's Winchelsea Star

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## Winchelsea Star Production Coffee Meeting Saturday 27 September 2025

10 people came along

- Visitor said they're enjoying format of the Star lately, especially the Contents page, What's On and this week's netball write-up.
- Contents page well received by readers.
- Discussions around how we can find more local articles on an ongoing basis.
- Visitors from The Otway Light in Lavers Hill, discussed community newspapers and asked us to promote their local writers festival on 25 October.
- Community bus.
- Promotion of the Star on social media, especially Winchelsea Community Information Facebook page.
- Setting up a photo library
- Possibility of working with a student journalist from Deakin.
- Proposal for a regular Arts page in the Star, incorporating music, art exhibitions, concerts, writing, dance and the like.

Meeting finished 11.45am.

## Next Production Coffee Meeting

**Sat 25 Oct 9am @ La Hoot**

**All Welcome - come for a coffee!**

Winch locals are invited to come along to a coffee meeting on the last Saturday of each month. Your comments or suggestions, feedback, ideas for stories or coming events are welcome - or simply to say Hi!

## Advertising in the Star

The Winchelsea Star is a volunteer-run newspaper service, published and produced in Winchelsea by the Winchelsea Star Organisation Inc, a non-profit association.

It is a weekly publication; - 230 are printed and distributed on Tuesdays, 50 weeks of the year, throughout the Winchelsea region. 800+ are distributed as a digital/online version

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# Winchelsea Star COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## Notice of AGM Winchelsea Community House Inc. No. A6247K

Notice is hereby given of the  
Annual General Meeting  
to be held on Friday 17 October,  
2025, at 1.00pm in the  
Shire Hall Building,  
28 Hesse St. Winchelsea.

An invitation will be sent to all current  
2024 members. All other interested  
people are asked to email [manager@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:manager@winchhouse.org.au) so an invitation can  
be sent. Membership, which allows  
attendees to vote, is \$2.00 and payable  
at the AGM.

### AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. Annual reports from co-ordinators &  
Committee of Management including  
annual statement of income &  
expenditure.

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

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

*Monique Jacques, Chairperson*

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## **The 30-second health hack that could save your life**

**Heartsheart**



More than 110 Australians fall victim to stroke every day, with one-in-four attributed to atrial fibrillation (AF). Heartsheart's spokesperson for Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week, Dr Geoff Lester, is raising awareness about this condition, which results in debilitating strokes twice as likely to result in death.

With his personal experience of four open heart surgeries before 40, Dr Lester believes that equipping Australians with simple tools to detect early signs of AF is key.

"Atrial fibrillation should no longer be considered a heart condition that impacts people over the age of 65. The younger you are, the more you're likely to think atrial fibrillation won't impact you, and the more likely you are to ignore the early symptoms like a rapid heartbeat or palpitations, dizziness, tiredness or shortness of breath.

"I want all adults to learn to take their pulse. This can identify an irregular heartbeat in 30-seconds," said Dr Lester.

Atrial fibrillation is a heart condition in which the heart's upper chamber, the atria, beats erratically. It occurs when the heart's electrical system is disturbed. This means the heart is not pumping blood around the body as well as it should, leading to increased risk of stroke.

AF impacts more than 500,000 Australians, with 30% unaware they have the condition. AF-related mortality rates have doubled

over the last two decades, costing the health system more than \$1.4 billion dollars annually. It is a major public health issue.

Cardiologist Dr Warrick Bishop emphasises that early diagnosis of AF enables quick access to treatment, slows disease progression, reduces stroke risk and supports quality of life.

"Many people are unaware they have atrial fibrillation. We can empower them to monitor their heart through quick simple checks they can do at home or work or while commuting.

This Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week, experts across the country are helping raise awareness about prevention, symptoms, diagnosis and complications related to AF.

"Because some people living with atrial fibrillation don't experience symptoms, it's really important all Australians – even those with excellent physical fitness – regularly check their heartbeat through a pulse check, a stethoscope check with their GP, or using a wearable device," said Ms Hall.

If you think your heartbeat may be irregular, talk to your GP about atrial fibrillation.

To access resources and information about atrial fibrillation, please visit [www.heartsheart.org.au](http://www.heartsheart.org.au).



# The Climate Report

compiled by Judy Cameron

## SA's algal bloom disaster: The brutal reality of the climate crisis

From The Saturday Paper

For the past four months, an ecological catastrophe has been playing out along South Australia's coast. A harmful algal bloom has been killing marine animals, spreading and growing with the currents and conditions. An overwhelming variety of species, including rays, sharks and cephalopods, are affected. The brutal reality of the climate crisis is washing ashore.

It has now spread from the northern coast of Kangaroo Island to the top of Gulf St Vincent. Its effects have reached from the Coorong to the Eyre Peninsula. It covers an area of about 4500 square kilometres – close to twice the size of the ACT.

The most significant factor is a persistent marine heatwave, says Professor Mehdi Doroudi, chief executive of South Australia's Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and co-chair of a new taskforce set up to address the bloom. Since September, the local waters have been up to about 2.5 degrees warmer.

Early indications are troubling. "There are fishers that are telling us that they haven't been able to catch because of the algal bloom..... They are saying that they can't find fish," Doroudi says. One Stansbury fisher told the ABC conditions on the sea floor are "like something you would see in a horror movie"

The world's oceans are absorbing about 90 per cent of anthropogenic heat in the Earth system. According to a 2023 UNSW Sydney study, the Southern Ocean has seen the largest rise in heat storage over the past two decades. As well as more frequent marine heatwaves, the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report predicted increases in the frequency and intensity of both flood events and drought.

"There's no question this phenomenon occurred because of climate change," SA Environment Minister Susan Close told ABC Stateline, describing the bloom as more prolonged and severe than anyone anticipated. "People ... need to appreciate that they can no longer rely on a stable and predictable marine environment," said Close.

On Monday, the federal environment minister, Murray Watt, visited the state to inspect the damage. He announced \$14 million to support fishers, "community awareness" and scientific research – an amount the state government pledges to match. Nevertheless, it is a drop in the ocean. Watt is the same environment minister who in May approved an extension of Woodside's gas processing plant in Western Australia to keep it operating until 2070. Analysis by The Australia Institute has shown that the greenhouse gas emissions from this single project would almost equal those of Australia's coal plants combined, helping to lock in future warming

## Why is Australia doubling down on fossil fuels?

**Woodside vs the Planet: How a Company Captured a Country**  
Marian Wilkinson - Quarterly Essay 99

The world may have committed at Paris to hold back dangerous climate change, but Australia's fossil-fuel giant Woodside is doubling down: it has bold plans to keep producing gas out to 2070. Support from the major parties is locked in, so something has to give.

This is a story of power and influence, pollution and protest. How does one company capture a country? How convincing is Woodside's argument that gas is a necessary transition fuel, as the world decarbonises?

In this engrossing essay, Marian Wilkinson reveals the ways of corporate power and investigates the new face of resistance and disruption. The stakes could not be higher.

*"Australia's huge fossil-fuel exports were always the elephant in the room in the years I reported on climate change and energy matters. Until recently the greenhouse pollution from these exports was seen by most Australian politicians and policy-makers as largely the responsibility of our Asian customers – not ours. That assumption is now unravelling at speed."*

*Australia's largest gas exporter, Woodside Energy, has become a prime target of the climate movement because it is one of our biggest greenhouse polluters, not only at home but also globally."*

Invitation to the fourth in our Friends of the Barwon Nature Positive Webinar Series for the Future of the Barwon River System

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## Webinar this Friday - Recycled Water Use-Let's Get On With It!

**Friends of the Barwon**

Please join Friends of the Barwon for the fourth in our Nature Positive webinar series – "Recycled Water Use – Let's Get On With It!" – 12:00 pm on Friday 3rd October, 2025.

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- Erin Toner will present on the NSW Government's recently released Recycled Water Roadmap.
- Emma James will discuss an innovative water treatment, recycling and reuse project at Picton that uses algae and river grass to treat and produce recycled water.
- Peter Morgan will outline a number of innovative integrated water management projects in our Barwon River Catchment area region.

Following the presentations be a Q&A session giving participants the opportunity to ask questions.

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# Winchelsea Star

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### WINCHELSEA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

What is it and what does it do?

In 1976 a "Winchelsea Community Self Study" was conducted to ascertain the needs, services and community structure of the Winchelsea district. This "Self Study" was presented to the people of the area at a public meeting held on Tuesday 15th. February and chaired by the President of the Shire of Winchelsea. At the meeting a Committee (Winchelsea Social Development Committee) was formed to continue to study the social needs of the area and to foster the social development of the district.

To date the committee has got "Meals on Wheels" (the equipment for which was donated by the Lions Club of Winchelsea) off the ground. The committee was also responsible for initiating the production of the local newspaper - "Winchelsea Star". Thanks also must be given to the sub-committee, who worked so hard on this project. A special word of praise must be given to Len Monk for his sterling work in organising the whole structure of the "Star" and without his energy and drive this newspaper would never have eventuated.

It is with regret that Mrs. Dianna Pappas has had to leave the Committee as she was of immense help in the early months especially in the setting up of "Meals on Wheels". We wish to thank Dianna on behalf of the Winchelsea Community and wish her every happiness in the future.

R. Keane. (Sec./Treas.)

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### THE WINCHELSEA STAR

HERE IT IS.

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We welcome your ideas and criticisms as this is YOUR newspaper.

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We thank the Winchelsea Social Development Committee, for without their hard work and enthusiasm this paper would not have come to fruition.

Owing to the valued response of the advertisers you are receiving this first edition free of charge and we thank them for their encouragement and hope that in turn you will support them.

I would also like to thank all members of the "Winchelsea Star" team without whose co-operation this newspaper could not have been produced.

With your continued support we trust the "Winchelsea Star" will enjoy a long and successful life.

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The LIONS CLUB of WINCHELSEA

would like to congratulate the community minded people who have shown endeavour and enthusiasm in getting the "Winchelsea Star" into production and wish the paper a long successful life.

The Lions would like to remind all residents about our continuing WASTE PAPER COLLECTION, proceeds of which are used for local charities and works in the district.

It would help us tremendously if all paper was folded to the same size as the "SUN", tied in bundles with string and left at the depot-shed next to Jack Schroeter's garage in Willis Street. If you cannot bring the paper in please contact Jack Schroeter (672098) and he will arrange to have the paper collected. Thanking you in anticipation.

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Dear Children,

Each fortnight in this paper I am going to have one whole page just for you boys and girls to read, and this page will be known as "The Bunyip's Corner". Do you know why it will be called "Bunyip's Corner"? Well, I'll tell you! One day, while down by the Barwon River, one of the "Star" reporters was approached by a big friendly and colorful creature known as a bunyip. Now the bunyip told the reporter that he lived in a great big hole in the river-bank, so that's why we have called him the Barwon Bunyip. While talking to the reporter, the bunyip also said that he liked little boys and girls and that he would run a page in this paper just for them to read.

The Bunyip has asked that you children send your names and Birthdays into the paper so that he can write them in his Bunyip Birthday Book.

Being a jolly old creature, he wants all the boys and girls who read the paper to send him jokes and riddles, so that he can laugh and laugh and then print them in "Bunyip's Corner", for all of you to read. Furthermore, he is going to have pictures for you to color and return to him so that he may judge the best entry. The Bunyip said that he will place a colored mail-box in Mr. Keane's Pharmacy in which all the boys and girls can post their letters to him.

Your friend, The Barwon Bunyip

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I'd never find time to visit them all!"  
But the phone," she said, "is something else again!"  
MockEgo.

# history of winchelsea

## The Barwon Inn, Established in 1842: Known to locals as “The Bottom Pub”

Have you ever had a meal in the Bottom Pub (The Barwon Hotel)? Did you know it's the earliest surviving hotel in the Shire? Previous articles have explored the pastoralists who explored, colonised and settled the area as the founders of Winchelsea, but it could equally be argued that Charles Beal and Prosper Nicholas Trebeck are the true founders of the actual town, as the town developed around the Barwon Inn. Beal and Trebeck will each be the subject of an upcoming article for their contribution to the founding of Winchelsea.



Image Credit Winchelsea and District Historical Society

The Winchelsea (now Surfcoast) Shire's road system had its origins in the early bush tracks of the 1830s and 1840s between pastoral stations and infant settlements. Pastoral settlements tended to be built roughly a day's walk apart with roads connecting them to the ports at Geelong and Melbourne for foot and dray traffic to export meat, wool and grain. One of the earliest roads in the Western District, the Colac Road, (now part of the Princes Highway), began at the Barwon River and passed through Austins' Ford, which became the township of Winchelsea. The establishment of the Barwon Inn (Hotel) by Trebeck and Beal on the crossing of the Barwon by the Colac road at Austin's Ford in 1842 was the genesis of the Winchelsea township. A general store was built nearby shortly after, and in the same year Ingleby station near Winchelsea was established by Thomas Armytage. The township of Winchelsea was first surveyed and laid out by A.J. Skene (Namesake of Skene's Creek near Apollo Bay, later Surveyor-General of Victoria) on 4 December 1850. In 1851, Charles Latrobe, Superintendent, submitted the name of 'Winchelsea' for approval. It was named after the English port of Winchelsea. The township was on the western bank of the River, on Gulidjan Country with residential allotments on the Wadawurrung side.

Hotels were important in colonial times as before the construction of the Great Ocean Road in the early twentieth century, the only way to Warrnambool from Geelong was by sea or by Winchelsea. The bluestone portions of the Barwon Hotel (still visible today from the river side) represent the original Barwon Inn (1843). The



Image Credit: State Library of Victoria lithograph August 1884  
Note the Presbyterian church in the background.

previous building, constructed in 1842, was destroyed by fire. The hotel has had visits by notable dignitaries such as Governor Latrobe (1842) and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred (1867). Settlement soon developed, particularly after the construction of the timber bridge over the Barwon in c.1851 when the volume of bullock drays and other traffic increased. In 1867, this bridge was replaced by the existing bluestone bridge.



Image Credit: Ormond Butler

James Stirling purchased the Barwon Hotel, adding a store and Blacksmith shop in 1853. According to Historian James Bonwick, Mr Stirling improved the Barwon Hotel. By the early 1860s the Barwon inn was being referred to as 'Hardyman's hotel' and was the venue for the meetings of the Winchelsea District Road Board in the Board room up until 1867 when the original Winchelsea Shire Hall was constructed. These meetings were attended by Charles Beal along with Arthur Hopkins of Mount Hesse Station and others as members of the Board.



**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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# Optus Triple Zero outage Judy Cameron

**Optus Triple Zero outage has left multiple people dead. A telecommunications expert explains what went wrong – and how to fix it.**

**Mark A Gregory, Assoc Prof, School of Engineering, RMIT University**

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Multiple people have died after a botched Optus network upgrade on Thursday prevented around 600 emergency calls to Triple Zero across Australia.

The deaths currently linked to the outage – which Optus only revealed to the public, emergency services and state/territory leaders on Friday evening at a press conference – include two men, aged 49 and 74, in Western Australia, and a 68-year-old woman in Adelaide.

The outage – plus Optus's delayed response to it – has sparked fury and condemnation. "I have not witnessed such incompetence from an Australian corporation in respect to communications worse than this," South Australian premier Peter Malinauskas said.

This isn't the first time a blunder by Optus has meant people in crisis have been unable to call emergency services. So what exactly went wrong? And what could be done to prevent a similar tragedy occurring again?

## What happened?

Telecommunications companies routinely conduct network upgrades. Ideally, the upgrades should include a suite of tests performed beforehand as well as immediately afterwards. These tests can quickly identify any network or system problems. If a problem is identified, the upgrade can be reversed. Alternatively, what's known as a failover system can be used if the upgrade will take some time to implement. A failover system is one that has not been upgraded.

On Thursday, Optus conducted a network upgrade. In the process of doing so it failed to identify a technical failure, which impacted Triple Zero calls.

Normal calls were still connecting during this Triple Zero outage. That's because Triple Zero is a cooperative service that involves telecommunications companies, as well as the governments and emergency services in each state or territory. The Triple Zero core components are implemented separately, meaning any issue with them does not affect calls on the normal network.

## The Telecommunications (Emergency Call Service)

Determination 2019 sets out obligations on telecommunications companies to ensure they have arrangements in place for dealing with emergency calls. For example, they must provide access to the Triple Zero call service free of charge. They must also have what's known as a "camp-on" mechanism in place. This allows your mobile phone to connect to another network to make Triple Zero calls if your network has failed.

On Friday afternoon, Optus CEO Stephen Rue apologised to the families of the people who died, as well as the broader community, for the outage.

"You have my assurance that we are conducting a thorough investigation and once concluded we will share the facts of the incident publicly".

## Not the first time

That might sound familiar. That's because this isn't the first time a telecommunications blunder of this kind has happened.

On March 1 2024, a Telstra network disruption resulted in 127 calls to Triple Zero failing – thankfully without fatal consequences. In that case, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) fined Telstra A\$3 million.

On November 8 2023, Optus was responsible for another network meltdown which prevented more than 2,100 people from accessing Triple Zero. Optus also failed to conduct 369 welfare checks on people who had attempted to make an emergency call during the outage.

Nobody died as a result of that failure either. Optus, however, was hit with a A\$12 million fine by the ACMA for breaching emergency call regulations. It was also subject to a formal review, commissioned by the Australian government and completed in April, which made 18 recommendations to prevent similar incidents occurring again.

These recommendations included establishing a "Triple Zero custodian" who would have oversight and overarching responsibility for the efficient functioning of the Triple Zero ecosystem. They also included more clearly and explicitly articulating precisely what is expected of network operators in regard to ensuring calls are delivered to Triple Zero, and requiring telecommunications companies to share real time network information detailing outages with emergency services and other relevant parties.

Following the most recent outage, federal Communications Minister Anika Wells said the Australian government has "accepted all recommendations from the previous Optus Outage Review and has fully implemented 12 of the 18 recommendations, with the remaining six underway".

But the fact three people are dead because they couldn't reach Triple Zero due to yet another network outage highlights the urgent need for more action.

## Encouraging all telcos to lift their game

The federal government should consider even stronger minimum performance standards for telecommunications companies that provide the foundation for enforcement. These standards could stipulate, for example, minimum download and upload speeds. They could also require telecommunications companies to make a public notification about an outage within a specified time period – ideally as soon as they themselves are aware of it.

There should also be a mandated requirement for telecommunications companies to establish reasonable engineering practices to help prevent updates taking out part or the whole network. These practices could include automated testing before and after updates are carried out.

And while the ACMA will soon launch an investigation into this recent outage, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission could also investigate it. Specifically, the commission could look at whether the actions of Optus amounts to unconscionable conduct, and issue more severe fines.

This may serve to encourage Optus and other telecommunications companies to lift their game and better protect public safety.



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# What's on Weekly

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### WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

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Winch Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

### WINCHELSEA HEALTH CLUB

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Eastern Reserve, 70 Hopkins St  
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## MONDAY

### CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

### MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)  
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### WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES



4.30pm-6pm (School term)  
St John's, Mercer /Harding St  
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Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441

### 1ST MODDA/1ST WINCH SCOUTS



**Cubs:** 6:30-8pm (School term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

### VINYASA YOGA

7pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

## TUESDAY



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

### 1ST MODDA/1ST WINCH SCOUTS



**Joeys:** 5-6pm (School term)  
**Scouts:** 6:30-8:30pm (School term)  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd  
Marie McPadden 0409 330147

## WEDNESDAY

### WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am  
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)  
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea  
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### WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba Fitness and Gold class.  
6:30-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.  
Simone Dunmore: 0468 375 036

### WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm  
36 Harding St, Winchelsea  
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### MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

### KIDS ART & CRAFT SESSIONS

4-4.45pm fortnightly Age 5+  
\$15 per session or \$60 term  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### MEL'S DANCE CENTRAL

Afternoons/evenings Pre-school - teens  
Winch Senior Citizens Club  
www.melsdancecentral.com.au

## Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday on the Month (except November)



Shire Hall  
9am to 1pm

#### Upcoming Dates:

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| July 6th   | Nov 9th      |
| August 3rd | (2nd Sunday) |
| Sept 7th   | Dec 7th      |
| Oct 5th    | Jan 4th      |
|            | Feb 1st      |

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# October/November

## What's On

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To add an event to the calendar, please email [news@winchelseastar.org.au](mailto:news@winchelseastar.org.au)

### CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly  
Senior Citizens, Harding St  
[winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com](mailto:winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com)



### SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500  
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



## THURSDAY

### CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

### COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

### WINCHELSEA

### PICKLEBALL

10-11.30am  
Leisure Time Centre, Gosney St  
Lesley Mathison 0438 672 197

### WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### MAT PILATES

6.45pm \$25 Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA

### MOVIE CLUB

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

### ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class  
6:30pm-7:30pm @The Globe Theatre.  
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## FRIDAY

### TAI CHI

9am-10am \$10  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm 30 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
0417 848 292

### PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

10.30am (1-3 yrs) 11.30am (3-5 yrs)  
(School terms)  
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### CHATTY CAFÉ



10.30am-12.30pm, Gold Coin Donation  
Winchelsea Shire Hall,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 10am-3pm  
Hesse St, Winchelsea

### WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 17th October, 2025 1.00pm  
Shire Hall Building, 28 Hesse St.  
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### WINCHELSEA RSL

1.30 17 Oct,  
7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec  
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Hesse St, Winchelsea  
David Loone 0488 165 109

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10am-12pm  
Winchelsea Shire Hall  
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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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|---------|---------------------|
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# What's on

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## WINCHELSEA COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY DINNER & DIALOGUE

6pm Friday 10 October \$20 incl dinner  
St John's Catholic Church Hall  
Harding St Winchelsea  
Lyn 0400 649 552  
Marg 0418 983 005  
Maureen 0409 484 229

## SATURDAY

### PARKRUN



8am Trebeck Reserve  
Sussex St, Winchelsea  
www.parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve/

## WINCHELSEA LIONS CLUB, IGA BBQs

9am -12pm first Saturday of month  
outside IGA.  
Proceeds to IGA Community Chest.

## RELOVED MARKET

9-1.30pm Sat 15 Nov  
Winchelsea Community House  
28 Hesse St Winchelsea

## WINCHELSEA LAND AND RIVERCARE WORKING BEE



9am End of Dwyer St.  
Rod Stone 0428 549318  
Stewart Mathison 0428 672054

## WINCHELSEA STAR PRODUCTION/COFFEE MEETING

9-10am (Last Sat monthly)  
La Hoot Cafe, Main Street  
www.winchelseastar.org.au

## DETOX YOUR HOME 2025

9am - 12pm Saturday 4 October  
Torquay Works Depot,  
130 Messmate Road, Torquay  
Register at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/

## WINCHELSEA CROCHET GROUP

1.30pm Every 2nd Saturday \$5  
Winchelsea Community House,  
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea  
Vee 0467 219 227

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 5pm each week (Winter season)  
Harding St, Winchelsea 0404598558

## MODEWARRE BUSH DANCE

Saturday 8 November 5.30pm  
Family \$25 Adult \$10 Child 5  
Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Road

## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNER

6.30pm (Last Sat each month)  
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea  
Bring plate & gold coin donation if you can

## DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL 150 BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bush band, student performances  
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## SUNDAY

### RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot,  
Main Street Winchelsea



## WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly (except Nov)  
Shire Hall car park, Main St  
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-  
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# Councillor Catch-Up

Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor

It's been quite a week... and a while since my last update! In the last couple of months, we've seen the official opening of the Winchelsea playspace on a freezing but bright day (Mayor Mike Bodsworth and Councillor Joel Grist had a play too), 2 electric vehicle chargers installed next to the old Library building, Winchelsea being declared one of Victoria's best lifestyle suburbs, and the first resident move into the Winchelsea Community Bank Village.

Aside from all that, you may have seen that Councillor Rebecca Bourke has resigned, for family wellbeing reasons I completely support. Rebecca made some great contributions over this important first year of our 4-year term, which are particularly evident in the Council Plan that has just been approved and now sets the Shire's themes and directions for the next 4 years. I'd like to personally congratulate Rebecca for her valuable inputs and insights, I'm sorry to see her leave – it was a hard decision to make given her integrity and values. I wish Rebecca and family all the best.

The Victorian Electoral Commission will now follow its processes to determine which of the Torquay Ward candidates are next in line to take Rebecca's place, and to see if they still wish to take up the opportunity. Rebecca's votes will need to be redistributed according to the VEC's rather complicated formula, so we'll have to wait and see what transpires.

It is important to acknowledge that one of our councillors has been suspended for 4 weeks. You can see the full report on the Surf Coast Shire website (About Us > Council > Meetings > Agenda/Minutes). In my opinion, Cr Paul Barker has every right (and in fact, responsibility) to query Council's activities and performance – but there are ways to do things and say things, and the independent arbiter felt expected standards had not been upheld. The State government has put a strong focus on "respect", and Councillors do need to set and uphold such community standards publicly.

The Winchelsea Place Plan is heading towards a result that everyone will soon be able to see and comment on. It will set the general desires and priorities for the town, and be used by Surf Coast Shire town planners to create a technical 'structure plan' that will guide future decisions and developments. It can't be set in stone as the State government sets a lot of the planning rules and can always override local government, but having a strong idea of what the town wants puts Winchelsea in a powerful position to influence how the town grows over the next decade or two. Keep an eye out for your chance to add your thoughts in a couple of weeks.

October is Positive Ageing Month. With my newly-minted Seniors Card, I'm now fully qualified to participate in the many events Shire-wide that have been scheduled – not that you need a card, mind you. Take a look at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PositiveAgeingMonth) for what's on that you (seniors) might like to join. There's all sorts and it's a great chance to keep active and involved.

A couple of notable anniversaries have occurred – both Wurdale Hall and the Winchelsea Memorial Stand (housing the Winchelsea RSL sub-branch) turned 100 years old. The community benefit of these buildings over the years has been immense. I can't wait to see the renovated RSL spaces which



should be completed over the next month or so. The RSL put on a day of activities and displays that Cr Schonfelder and I enjoyed. My thanks also to Cr Paul Barker (RSL Torquay President) for the invite to the Vietnam War memorial last month, a thoughtful and impactful commemoration.

#### Disclaimer:

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## Detox Your Home 2025 – safely dispose of household chemicals this Saturday

### Surf Coast Shire

The highly popular Detox your Home chemical drop-off is coming back, giving residents the chance to safely dispose of unwanted toxic household chemicals.

Chemicals should never be poured down your drain or put in kerbside bins where they can harm people, pets and the environment. This drop-off event provides a safe and simple way for householders to clear out their sheds, cupboards and garages, and drop off toxic chemicals at no cost.

This drop-off event is for household chemicals only.

The list of toxic chemicals that will be accepted has changed this year, so check what items are accepted before you register. Find the list of accepted items at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DetoxYourHome2025](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DetoxYourHome2025). Paint is not accepted at any Detox your Home event.

**9am to 12pm Saturday 4 October**  
**Torquay Works Depot, 130 Messmate Road, Torquay**  
**Limited capacity. Register at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/](http://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/)**

This will be the only Detox your Home event in our region in 2025 and registrations are essential. This event is hosted by Sustainability Victoria and supported by Surf Coast Shire Council.

## Rebecca Bourke Resignation

### Statement from Council CEO Robyn Seymour:

Rebecca Bourke has submitted her resignation as a councillor. This resignation will take effect immediately.

On behalf of Surf Coast Shire Council, I sincerely thank Mrs Bourke for her service. During her time on Council, Mrs Bourke has shown a genuine passion for representing her local community. We wish her and her family all the best.

The VEC will run a countback process from the 2024 local government election to determine a new councillor for the Torquay Ward. We will keep the community advised of the timing and outcome of this process.

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This year's program features an exciting mix of open homes, seminars and special events designed to showcase practical solutions for sustainable living.

### Open House Day Sat 11 October, 10am - 5pm

Step inside some of the region's most inspiring homes and gardens. From a certified Passivhaus and a modern hempcrete build to wildlife-friendly gardens and a thriving community village, this unique event offers visitors the chance to explore real-life examples of sustainable design and meet the people who brought them to life.

### The Faster and Fairer Tour with Dr Saul Griffith Thurs 16 October, 6 – 8.30pm, Geelong West Town Hall

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For more information and bookings, visit: <https://www.geelong sustainability.org.au/shd2025/>



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## Snake Safety

Benny McNamara, Snake Catcher Colac

### What to do if you're bitten by a Snake

- **SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION:**  
Call triple zero (000) (or 112 in a remote area) to request an ambulance.
- **FIRST AID STEPS (WHILE WAITING FOR AMBULANCE)**
  - Keep the person still: *Movement can spread the venom faster.*
  - Remove them from danger: *Get the person away from the snake to prevent further bites.*
  - Apply a pressure-immobilisation bandage: *If the bite is on a limb, apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible.*
  - Keep the person calm and reassured: *Anxiety can increase heart rate, potentially speeding up venom circulation.*
  - Monitor the casualty: *Watch for signs of unconsciousness or breathing difficulties. If the person stops breathing begin CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) if you are trained to do so.*

Follow instructions from emergency services personnel

### Eastern Tiger Snake

(Notechis scutatus)

*Dangerously Venomous*



**About:** Tiger snakes are a venomous species known for their distinctive banding and potent venom, but they also have some fascinating traits. While they are often banded with dark and pale colors (like tiger stripes), some lack these patterns entirely. They have a broad head, thick body, and can grow up to 1.5 meters long.

**Habitat:** Inhabit areas near water, including swamps, wetlands, and rivers, but also inhabit woodlands, grasslands, and even rocky, drier areas. Tiger snakes are frequently spotted near creeks, lagoons, and coastal areas.

**Behaviour:** Tiger snakes are generally shy and prefer to avoid confrontation, but will defend themselves if they feel threatened. They are not typically aggressive, and bites are relatively rare because they usually retreat or hide when encountering humans. When threatened, they may flatten their bodies and raise their heads in a defensive posture, hiss, and even strike.

**Food:** Tiger snakes primarily feed on frogs but they also feed on other reptiles, birds, small mammals, rodents and fish.

**Venom:** Tiger snake venom is a potent mix of neurotoxins, coagulants, and mycotoxins, can cause paralysis, internal bleeding, organ failure, and death in under an hour without treatment.

**Prevent:** Preventing Tiger snakes from entering your yard.

1. Remove shelter like piles of rubbish, building materials and rock walls.
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Email: [manager@winchhouse.org.au](mailto:manager@winchhouse.org.au)

ABN: 48 932 340 254

Winchelsea Community House and Occasional Care will be closed for the second week of the School holidays. See you on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.



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# Winchelsea Golf Club



Rachel Boddington

## RESULTS

### Men's 24/9/25: Mid Week - Weekly Stableford 15 Players.

1st - Greg Batson (29) 39 points  
2nd - Nick Stone (9) 37 points C/B  
BDL - Bill Spencer (17) 37 points C/B  
BDL - Stephen Cole (13) 32 points C/B  
NTP (8th/17th) - Cam Lumpy Parke

### Ladies 24/9/25: Stroke

Winner: Robyn Vesey  
9 hole Winner: Carol Stanesby

### 20/9/25 - Multiplication Stableford 8 Pairs

1st - Nick Stone (9) & Stephen Cole (13) - 62 points  
2nd - Cam Parke (9) & Tara Steward (20) - 57 points  
NTP (2nd/11th) - Toby Sauni  
Golden Hole (6th) - Stephen Cole

Wednesday 1st October - Stableford  
Saturday 4th October

Register on Bookatee

**We're taking on  
The Longest Day 2025!**



Winchelsea Golf Club has signed up to Cancer Council's The Longest Day where members will be taking on 72 holes on the golf course from dawn to dusk on Sunday 16 November.

The aim is to raise much-needed funds for Cancer Council's breakthrough cancer research, prevention programs and support for the thousands of Aussie families affected by cancer each year.

### What can you do to help?

We have the goal of raising \$15,000 as a club to help Cancer Council continue their amazing work. Any donation that can help us reach this goal would be greatly appreciated. You can donate via our QR code below or by searching [www.longest-day.org.au/fundraisers/WinchelseaGolfClub](http://www.longest-day.org.au/fundraisers/WinchelseaGolfClub)

We are also looking for local businesses who are willing to contribute to our raffle that will be drawn on the day once our players complete their challenge. If this is something you are able to do please get in touch via [secretary@winchelseagolf.com.au](mailto:secretary@winchelseagolf.com.au)

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 6-8PM

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**The Otway Light Writers Festival**  
Sat, 25 Oct, 9:15am - 4pm AEDT

Lavers Hill K-12 College, 10 College Dr, Lavers Hill

For the past 46 years, The Otway Light community news sheet has been published by a dedicated team of volunteers from our base at the Lavers Hill K-12 College—an institution at the heart of our community.

This year, we are thrilled to be launching our inaugural Otway Light Writers Festival, to be held on Saturday, October 25th, at the College. It will be an intimate, one-day event set among the rolling hills and tall forests of the Otways. Our aim is simple but ambitious: to offer our readers and broader community a rich and inspiring cultural experience that celebrates the power of storytelling, and encourages people—especially young people—to find their own voice through writing.

We hope the festival will bring together established and emerging voices, across journalism, fiction, and nonfiction, and ignite a deeper appreciation for the written word.. The theme of the festival is "New Beginnings."

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# Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Hopkins St, Winchelsea winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

# Blues News

Janet Fletcher

**WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.**

## 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc A0042789Y

70 Hopkins Street, Winchelsea 3241

PO Box 56 Winchelsea 3241

www.winchelseafnc.vcfl.com.au

Affiliated with Geelong & District Football & Netball League.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30pm**

**in the Members Room, Eastern Reserve**

All positions have been declared vacant: President, Vice President (2), Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee. New nominations will be presented.

If you wish to nominate, please fill out a nomination form (available from Janet Fletcher 0400 783 408) and send to The Secretary, PO Box 56, Winchelsea Post Office 3241, or e-mail winchelseafnc@hotmail.com.

Nomination forms must be received fourteen (14) days prior to the A.G.M. ie: 13th October 2025.

Nomination forms must have the signature of the nominee, a nominator and a seconder.

Nominations will be displayed on the Club's Website / Facebook page 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Winchelsea Blues and help guide the Club throughout what will be an exciting 2026 Football & Netball season.

**GO BLUES!!**

## WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.

### COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORMS:

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate for the incoming Committee of Management for the W.F.N.C. INC. for the season 2025/26 (please tick the position nominating for).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Father Joseph Panackal  
Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

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Barwon Tce, Winchelsea  
Service 10am Sundays

## Thought for the Week

"Many people reject Jesus,  
because of bad experiences with  
religious people. But here's the thing....  
Jesus had bad experiences with  
religious people too. In fact,  
they killed him!!!!  
People will let you down.  
Well guess what?  
Jesus won't."

Have a Blessed week.

**John Bader,**  
Christian Pastoral Carer

## Winchelsea Combined Churches

(Anglican, Catholic & Uniting Congregations)

### Annual Community Dinner & Dialogue

**6.00pm - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**St John's Catholic Church Hall**  
Harding Street, Winchelsea

**Nibbles, Two Course Buffet Meal**  
**plus, Tea & Coffee**  
**\$20.00 per person**



### - Speaker -

Local broadcaster, journalist, actor...

**Rob (Snick) Cameron**

**'The real sense of community  
in a changing society'**

*Everyone Welcome!*  
**RSVP essential - by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

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*Maureen:* 0409 484 229



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- ✓ Cling wrap/plastic film
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- ✓ Fresh fruit and veggie produce bags
- ✓ Frozen food bags
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# Winchelsea Tennis Club

Fletcher Allen

## Working Bee

We're rolling up our sleeves to give the club a tidy-up before the summer season! Come along and lend a hand – any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

As a thank you, volunteers can enjoy a free sausage sizzle

We're also looking for 1 volunteer to help cook the sausages – let us know if you're keen!

Once we're finished, stick around for a social hit of tennis – the perfect way to end the day!

Bring your energy, racquet, and community spirit.  
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If your interested please call or message  
 Fletcher Allen 0491 106 788

## Summer Team Announcement

We're thrilled to announce that for the first time in over a decade, Winchelsea Tennis Club is back in senior competition!

Good luck to all players – let's give it our best out on court!

Come down and support the teams – everyone welcome!  
 Information on week 1 will be out in the next couple of weeks.

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# Cricket News

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Neil McInnes



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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Liz Bennett, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Ann Jones, Ann Morsby, Stacey Heywood, Don Smith and Murray Bennett. Special thanks to Stacey who was visiting, ran the course and filled the role of Photographer.

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

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