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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 International Probus Day Shire Wide Probus Clubs Networking Morning Tea Council Chambers 10am-12pm	3 Deans Marsh Primary School History Group Event 10.30am	4 Shire Wide Wiser Driver Graduates Reunion Grant Pavilion 1.30pm-3.45pm	5 Anglesea/Aireys Inlet Seniors Community Lunch Anglesea Bowls Club 11.30am-3.30pm	6 Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller Course Day 1 Council Chambers 10am-2pm	7	8 8 days of free public transport for seniors ends
9 Angair Great Ocean Road Short Walk Jarosite Road entrance, Torquay 10am-11am	10 Torquay Community Luncheon Torquay Senior Citizens Centre 12pm-2.30pm	11 Have a Go at Bowls Lorne Bowls Club 10.30am-12.30pm	12 Marjorie Lawrence – The World at her Feet film & Bella Reynolds performance Deans Marsh Hall 2.15pm-4.30pm	13 Lorne Kinder Village Play Time St Cuthbert's Hall 10.30am-12.30pm	14	15
16 Get Online Week begins Help close the digital divide aus.getonlineweek.com	17 Men's Sheds and Women's Sharing Shed Open Days - PTO for details U3A Introduction Day Torquay Improvement Association 9.30am-11.30am	18	19 U3A Members Get Online – Travel Torquay Library 4.30pm-6.30pm	20 Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller Course Day 2 Council Chambers 10am-2pm		
23 Hinterland Movie Club Event – The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Winchelsea Shire Hall 1.30pm-4.30pm	24 Fun, Games & Scones Probus Club of Torquay 2.30-4pm 25 Anderson St	25	26	27 Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller Course Day 3 Outing		

Details

- **Shire Wide Men's Sheds and Women's Sharing Shed Open Day**

OCTOBER 17

Torquay Women's Sharing Shed and Men's Shed
8.30am-12.30pm

Anglesea & District Men's Shed
9am-3pm

Lorne Men's Shed
8.30am-12pm

OCTOBER 18

Anglesea & District Men's Shed
9am-3pm

Winchelsea Men's Shed
9.30am-3.30pm

OCTOBER 19

Anglesea & District Men's Shed
9am-3pm

How to book or register:

- **Shire Wide Probus Clubs Networking Morning Tea**
- **Shire Wide Wiser Driver Graduates Reunion**
- **Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller Course**
- **Torquay Community Luncheon**

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- **Angair Great Ocean Road Short Walk**
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- **Marjorie Lawrence – The World at her Feet film & Bella Reynolds performance**
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- **Hinterland Movie Club Event**
- Contact: Lyn Batson on 0419 500 353 or
lbato@bigpond.com or Jenny Mathison on 0409 672 054

- **Fun, Games & Creamy Scones**
- Contact: Jane Skelton 0400 190 580

Winchelsea Community House

Ladies Craft Group

The Winchelsea Community House Ladies Craft Group have been working hard making a special colourful quilt for the Winchelsea Occasional Care Service.

The finishing touches were completed and the ladies presented the lovely quilt to Tina Farmer, Occasional Care Coordinator and the children last Wednesday.

There was great excitement with the special visit and the children were very interested in looking and feeling the quilt.

It now has a lovely home in the story corner of the room.

Thank you to the Craft Ladies for your many hours of hard work in making this.



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We want the Star to inform, engage, inspire, and interest the residents of Winchelsea and surrounds. And we need your writings to get there.

The Star has no actual reporters or designated writers - we publish what you send us. If you have some news, an opinion, an interest or perspective, or a story - we'd love you to send it in for publication.

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

How much can I write?

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

Your article can spread over 1 or 2 pages (approx 850 words), or you can write longer pieces and split them across multiple editions.

Add a photo or two, an article title and author's name (preferably).

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Simply email editor@winchelseastar.org.au



An afternoon with ABC Gardening Australia's Hannah Moloney

Alison Dean

On Friday 15th September, Carla Clark and I were lucky to get tickets to see ABC Gardening Australia's TV host, Hannah Moloney, at Geelong Arts Centre.

Moloney was a part of the opening to the Geelong Nature Festival, which runs over the next two weeks. <https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/naturefestival/default.aspx>

Opening speaker was Torquay local Wadawurrung woman Corrina Eccles, who shared with us Wadawurrung language and stories of connection to country.

When Moloney came on everyone was delighted with her infectious smile and friendly demeanour. She has a positive energy. She shared with us a brief history of her life and how she got where she is.

She was born into urban agriculture with her family running a small herb farm in Brisbane. She now lives in lutruwita, Tasmania with her family and runs Good Life Permaculture and works as a presenter for Gardening Australia. She has been involved in developing food co-ops, community farms and open garden programs.



Moloney talked about her change of thought from 'working with nature' (Bill Mollison) to 'we are nature, working' (Penny Livingstone Stark). This definition helped clarify to her that we are a part of nature, not separate to it. We are a part of the ecosystem. Everything we do in nature, and even our garden, has an effect to everything else.

This may help us make decisions within our own gardens and homes, considering the whole ecosystem that we may be affecting.

New Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Reserve – Feedback sought

Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Committee is delighted to announce recent success in receiving a grant to help develop a reserve for the Winchelsea Arboretum Trail, by the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Programme Round 8.

Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Committee is a sub-committee of Growing Winchelsea. The aim is to create an arboretum trail, a botanical collection of trees, through Winchelsea for the community to enjoy. These trees can provide beauty, conservation, science research, education, tourism and recreation. The reserve is a triangular piece of land, at the corner of Mercer and Barkly Streets, Winchelsea.

I will be working with the arboretum trail committee, Surf Coast Shire, and other interested community members to form the design which will include paths through it, gathering spaces, picnic table and seat, nature play space and of course trees. The trees will be chosen for criteria; climate suitability, biodiversity rich and ones that will provide rich ecosystem services for our community for many years to come.

Feedback is being sort from the community to how this may all be shaped. If you would like to share your ideas with me, please email alison.dean@greenshade.com.au.



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September 2 October 2023

Meet at Guye Reserve,
Barwon Terrace

Come and join us and help do some
weeding of this year's planting

Winchelsea Community Market



MARKET DATES

Sunday 1st October
Sunday 5th November
Sunday 3rd December

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in your local area with a member of
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have a chat, and meet other parents

with little ones!
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Third Tuesday of the month
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Tuesday, 17 October 2023 |
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

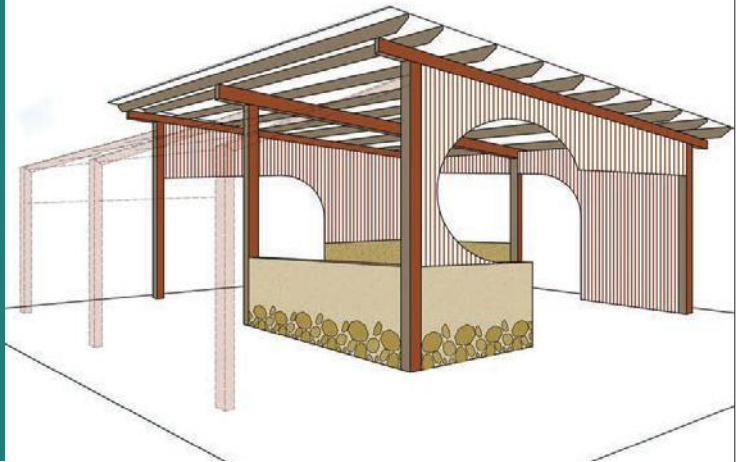
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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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Mud Hut Renewal Project progress

The Winchelsea Mud Hut Renewal Project is continuing with demolition of the original hut, and final engineering and fabrication of the new structure underway.

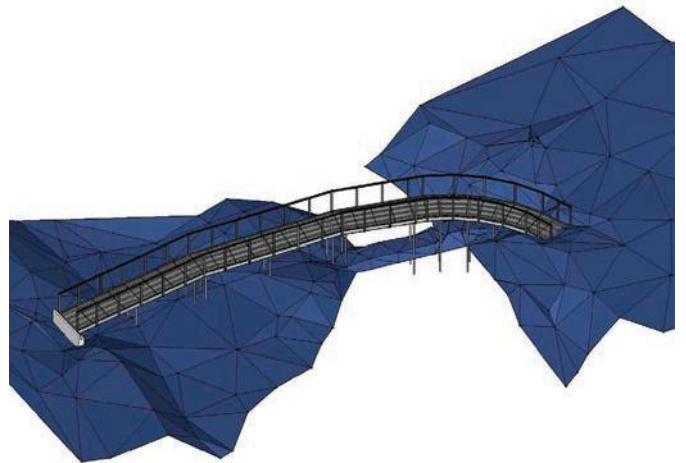


The new building, to occupy the existing footprint beside the Barwon River, will bring to life community-led designs for the enjoyment of local and visiting users for years to come.

Construction of the new hut is expected to start during late October, with completion estimated for the end of November. Contractors started final demolition of the former hut last week.

Barwon River loop concept designs

Concept designs for a new boardwalk pedestrian bridge and viewing platforms to become part of the Barwon River loop walk are now available for viewing.



The bridge will replace an existing culvert crossing near Mercer Street, and viewing platforms will be on both banks of the river between the new bridge and the Princes Highway bluestone bridge.

People can view the concept designs via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WinchProjects.

Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken at the bridge and platform sites during the next month and will help inform detailed design of the structures.

Stage two of the river loop north of the bluestone bridge will link with the previously completed stage one to the south, creating a two-kilometre path connecting the four quadrants of the town and better connecting the community to the river environment.

Stage one of the loop has proven popular with Winchelsea community and visitors, particularly with the addition of the pedestrian bridge at the bottom of Hesse Street.

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/winchprojects



Expressions of Interest sought: Winchelsea and District Artists



Winchelsea Childcare Centre and Station Precinct Mural Artwork

The Community Project Working Group (*led by Growing Winchelsea*) are seeking Expression of Interest from Winchelsea and district artists to design and deliver a mural.

Interested artists are referred to **surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mural** for a copy of the Expression of Interest document which outlines the process for submitting an application and also further details about the project.

Applications close at **5pm, Friday 6 October 2023.**



Artists sought for Winchelsea mural

Expressions of Interest close 6 October

Winchelsea community partners are seeking a mural artist to beautify and bring alive a 42-metre blank canvas facing the town's railway reserve.

A Community Project Working Group, led by Growing Winchelsea, is calling for expressions of interest in transforming the rear north-facing wall of the Winchelsea childcare centre at 63 Hesse Street, which faces onto the town's railway station reserve.

Project objectives include beautifying and adding interest to one of Winchelsea's gateways, capturing and celebrating what makes the town and district special, and promoting the natural beauty of the area.

Growing Winchelsea's Station Precinct Sub-Committee registered the proposal with Surf Coast Shire Council's Community Project Development Program and a project working group now includes the property owner and Winchelsea Lions Club. Council is helping progress the project.

The project working group aims to have children from the childcare centre and primary school provide input on mural design elements, and senior primary pupils help paint parts of the work.

The group hopes to see a design finalised by February 2024 and the work complete by April on a total budget of up to \$20,000. Some funding has been secured from the childcare centre property owner and the group is seeking support from other sources.

John Tebbutt, Growing Winchelsea president:

"We look forward to seeing this great partnership project come together as something special for Winchelsea, and we encourage artists from the district to express their interest in designing and delivering the work. This project is an exciting step in the progress of the station beautification project."

Councillor Heather Wellington:

"Public art can make such a difference in beautifying areas, reflecting local stories, impacting visitor impressions of a place and building civic pride. This wall, at 2.8m high and 42m long, provides an extraordinarily generous canvas for some great creativity and meaningful expression of place."

Ahmed Elzahbi, childcare centre building owner:

"We are pleased and proud to be supporting this initiative and its community partners, transforming this significant blank space and creating a striking new feature for one of our town gateways."

Interested artists can seek further information on the project and secure a copy of the Expression of Interest document via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mural

Expressions of Interest close 6 October.



Drop in to Makers' Create

Friday mornings 10 - 12

Louise Hall, Hinterland Art School

Where in Winch' can you ...? Mono print your very own Christmas cards? Design beautiful, felted Christmas table place mats and coasters? Paint? Draw and skill share? Plus slow down to play and create with up cycling? Or finish "those" repairs?

You've heard of Hinterland Art School Winchelsea! You might know the Star Room at the Neighbourhood House in one of its former lives; ie, Child and Infant Welfare, Computer Lab, and Volunteer space for collating the weekly Winchelsea Star publication.

Well ... in the most recent incarnation, the room is the site for Hinterland's painting classes on Thursday afternoons - and now soon to commence - Drop in Makers' Create Term 4, 2023 Friday mornings 10 - 12.

Cost \$25 per session.

*All materials provided

*All levels of ability welcome

Bookings and enquiries

e. hinterlandartschool@gmail.com

m. 0493 479 447



Hinterland Art School's Louise Hall
and student Jen Hill in the Star Room September 2023



Barwon Park Mansion

Community Open Day - Saturday 7 October

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is inviting the Winchelsea and surrounding community to a free community event on Saturday 7 October, at the historic Barwon Park Mansion to celebrate the launch of a new book 'Barwon Park: People and Place'

Taking place from 2pm to 5pm, visitors will be able to enjoy guided tours of the mansion's majestic rooms, including its iconic entry hallway and staircase, and browse 'My Barwon Park' a collection of community stories on display celebrating the history of property.

All ages will be to enjoy lawn games on the sprawling grounds, and food trucks will be selling local food and hot and cold drinks.

The day is a celebration of both community and a new book that delves into the stories of this historic mansion, 'Barwon Park: People and Place' edited by Ursula De Jong and Jacqueline Healy. Ursula and Jacqueline will be leading a talk on the book during the event.

Drawing on new research, Barwon Park: People and Place tells the history of Barwon Park through diverse perspectives

acknowledging Traditional Owners of the land, the Batson and Austin families, the local community and its enduring architectural and philanthropic legacy.

Barwon Park Mansion is a signature property of The National Trust of Australia (Victoria), the leading heritage and conservation organisation in the state.

Embarrassed by having to entertain the visiting Duke of Edinburgh at an undistinguished

homestead, pioneering pastoralist Thomas Austin and his wife Elizabeth built this lavish 42 room mansion in 1871. At its completion, Barwon Park was the most celebrated mansion house in western Victoria and provides visitors with an authentic vision of Australia's past.

Barwon Park is open to the public each Wednesday and Sunday and is a popular venue for weddings and unique events.





Blues News

2023 FOOTBALL BEST & FAIREST RESULTS

RESERVES

Third with 55 votes

JOSH FREEMAN

Second with 59 votes

OLLIE MAHNCKE

Winner with 82 votes

BAILEY FORSSMAN.

SENIORS

Third with 90 votes

TAVAE SAUNI

Equal first with 122 votes apiece

FIN PARISH & LACHIE KENDALL

Welcome to Blue's News as the Football & Netball season for 2023 draws to a close. It is a time for reflection and issues of thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Winchelsea Blues this year.

COMMITTEE:

The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Committee have worked hard over the last 12 months to continue to create opportunities for the players and supporters of the Club. Ours is a small but dedicated Committee who are always welcoming of new members. Latest to join the group has been Ash Gemmill who has been such an asset to the Committee team over the last 12 months.

Anyone thinking of becoming a Committee member will have the chance to do so at the forthcoming AGM in early November. More details to follow.

LIFE MEMBERS:

The Winchelsea Blues are blessed to have Life Members who continue to put back in to their Club. Some are now in their 80's and they continue to be a relevant and very important part of the Club.

SPONSORS:

The Blues Sponsors have again supported the Club and there has been several new businesses come on board, we cannot thank you enough and we cannot continue to build the Club without you!

Please make sure you are supporting those who are supporting us

COMMUNITY:

To the other Community/ Sporting groups in Winchelsea who support the W.F.N.C. Inc. thank you for your ongoing support. The Bowls Club and the Golf Club have many who support the Club on game days, both home and away as well as being part of our Thursday night Blue's Bistro. The Winchelsea Lions have again been outstanding in their support, manning the gate on home day games rain hail, or shine, making their famous "Chuck Wagon" available at various times of the year, and generally being there when we need a hand.

FOOTBALL FINALS:

Congratulations to the winner of the G.D.F.N.L. Grand Final Inverleigh. The result of 15.5.95 to Thomson 4.8.32 was an emphatic win for the team that was clearly the best side during the covid era.

Inverleigh was also the winner of the

Reserves clash with East Geelong in a much closer battle 7.9.57 to East's 6.9.43. The win for the Inverleigh Reserve side broke a 49 year old drought since their last Premiership. Congratulations to everyone involved.

VOTE COUNT:

Last Sunday the W.F.N.C. Vote Count was held at major sponsor venue The Barwon Hotel (aka the Bottom Pub) there was a great number of players, coaches, committee and supporters to hear the 2023 season Football & Netball Votes tallied during the season.

Congratulations to all those who polled and to all those who present week in week out at training and represent so well for the Winchelsea Blues during the Football Season. The Vote Count was a great afternoon for the Club and birthday Congratulation to Callum Nankervis celebrating his 21st birthday

Netball Finals Report

- Happy Birthday Mate !!

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

The Blue's Bistro has had a terrific season of Thursday nights through the winter months of the Football season. Blue's Bistro Patrons are many and varied, from the Auskickers and their parents - and at times grandparents, to the Bus to the Hub patrons and of course the primary reason for being there - to provide a meal for our Footballers and Netballers after training on Thursday evenings. There has been a significant increase in the number of "take away" this season. and we are happy to oblige with those requests.

Thank you to the newcomers to the area who have ventured down to Eastern Reserve on Thursday evenings to support the Club!

With just 2 weeks to go we have a varied menu - Shepherd's Pie, Lasagne, Porcupine Meatballs, Seafood Baskets. Dessert will be Sticky Date Pudding, and Ice-cream with choice of strawberry, caramel or chocolate topping.

The Catering Team on a Thursday night are a committed group who do their best in a Volunteer capacity to have the menu up and running by 6pm on Thursday evenings. This is of course after completing their "day jobs" that actually pay the bills etc.

The Catering Team for the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club are - Libby, Norm, Flo, Lynda, Mary, Flo, Sue, Brendan, Charlie, also Cheryl, Tilly, and Elaine who are a tremendous help with our Catering when they can.

Apart from Thursday nights from the 1 April through to 1 October the Catering Team work tirelessly through the full calendar year catering for other occasions. such as Birthday celebrations, Funeral and Memorial services, Graduations and Conferences, the Winchelsea Repertory Society Play Season etc. They are a committed group who keep the financial wheels turning at the Winchelsea Blues. Huge Thanks to you all!!!

A full account of the Netball vote polling will be presented in the next addition of the Star!

C grade pipped at the siren

Angie Mawson

C grade put up an amazing fight in the GDFNL C grade Grandfinal on Saturday at St Albans Reserve against Corio Devils.

We led from the first whistle and the game looked like it was going to be a real tussle of goalers. Goal for goal we went into quarter time level.

A defensive change by winch at quarter time to try and give us something different and some fresh legs kept us in the game in the 2nd quarter, but the Devils kicked away in the 3rd with accurate shooting and precision passing.

Haylee McCallum was amazing through the centre court leading her team by example with composure and direction.

Sandi Bowen got multiple turn overs in WD but we were unable to convert them to goals on the board.

Corio came out as premiers for 2024 but Winch put up a fabulous fight.

Corio 31 def Winch 29.

Thank you to all the supporters who have turned up over the last 4 weeks to support all the teams.

WFNC had 4 sides still alive at Prelim Finals time and that is a huge improvement for the Club overall.

Junior summer season begins early October, U11, U13, U15.

This competition is fully funded by our Club, so at no cost to families (other than netball vic insurance)

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C Grade team ahead of their grand-final.

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"Snow Drop" crocheted artwork

Jill Evans

Discovering the many treasures in Winchelsea leads you to some inspiring works of art.

Vee Anscomb comes from a Western Australian family of creatives and her latest project is mesmerizing.

Called "Snow Drop", this crocheted throw is intricate, delicate and complicated.

Some of us come to the Community House on a Saturday afternoon (fortnightly) to learn from this skilled artist.

Vee is a patient and encouraging teacher who can take the novice to being a competent crocheter.



END OF AN ERA

Old time dances at the Globe Theatre

It is with regret that we let everyone know that the Globe Dance group will not be holding any more Old Time Dances at the Globe Theatre.

We have been using the Wurdale hall due to the Globe Theatre being closed due to an infestation of termites in the floor.

Over time the numbers attending the dance have been dropping off and it has now reached a point where it is costing more to put the Dances on than what we take at the door so unfortunately they are no longer viable.

A big thank you to those who have supported us over the years. We have made some very long lasting friends during this time.

A very big thank you to Lyn and Paul Maguire, our local butchers, for their wonderful support over the years, supplying a special meat tray for our Raffle.

When the Globe floor has been replaced, you may see the dances reborn at the Globe in 2024. If anyone would like to step up to run them, watch this space.

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\$1,000 grants for sporting clubs

Apply by 12 October 2023

The latest round of the Victorian Government Sporting Club Grants Program will continue to break barriers for grassroots sport and recreation organisations, encouraging local communities to stay healthy and active.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced applications are open for the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program.

The grants program sees a strong focus on supporting, celebrating and building the capacity of sports volunteers in vital roles – from administration to coaching and umpiring.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for uniforms, equipment and resources that improve accessibility and engagement; up to \$2,000 for projects to strengthen volunteering and officiating; up to \$4,000 to deliver a new sport or recreation program and up to \$750 to support athlete travel.

By providing more opportunities for local clubs and organisations, the program goes a long way towards future-proofing grassroots sports, while ensuring those participating are equipped with the necessary skills to take their game to the next level.

Applications for this round close at 4pm on 12 October. For more information and to apply for Sporting Club Grants Program visit sport.vic.gov.au.



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There is considerable pre course online work to complete.

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Prepare for the upcoming fire season



The latest Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for spring suggests that Victorians can expect a drier and warmer spring, with a high chance of an earlier start to the fire season in the central, western and northern parts of the state.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes today joined the newly appointed Emergency Management Commissioner Rick Nugent at the State Control Centre to remind Victorians to prepare their properties now for the upcoming high-risk fire season.

Mr Nugent is no stranger to emergencies, having led police operations as State Police Commander for the 2022 October floods and the pandemic response during his distinguished 35-year career with Victoria Police.

Mr Nugent also played key leadership roles in the operational response to the 2019-20 Victorian bushfires, major sporting events and other critical incidents.

Victoria's drier-than-average conditions are expected to continue, following below average rainfall across much of the state during winter.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) is heavily focused on preparedness as the potential for grass fires is expected to be higher after three years of wet La Niña conditions.

Victorians should start to prepare their properties and continue to keep on top of fast-growing grass.

The CFA and its members are continuously working very closely with the community and emergency service partners to prepare for the high-risk weather season

Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) is working with agencies to ensure incident management teams and Level three control centres across the state are ready to go.

Having a bushfire survival plan with your family, reducing the vegetation around your home by mowing lawns and clearing gutters are some of the most important things you can do to prepare for the high-risk period for fires.

For more information on how to prepare for fires and other emergencies download the VicEmergency app or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.



Catchment Conversations Healthy Waterways on Farms Forum 2023 Friday 6 October 2023

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) proudly presents Catchment Conversations-Healthy Waterways on Farms Forum 2023. This two-part forum features a morning of presentations with Professor Ian Rutherford and an opportunity to visit a restoration site in the afternoon.

This year's theme, 'Healthy Waterways on Farms', aligns perfectly with our inspiring speaker, Professor Ian Rutherford, whose background includes over twenty-five years of working with governments and communities on in-stream and catchment management.

He is positioned perfectly to educate on the historical management of rivers in the Corangamite region, including how and why rivers change. In addition, forum attendees will also hear from Professor John Sherwood about nutrient runoff and stock management.

In the afternoon, forum attendees can visit a farm with a recently completed river restoration project and learn about the challenges and benefits of completing this work.

The forum is a free event with all ages welcome. It is in two parts; morning presentations 8:30am - 1:45pm (morning tea and lunch included). Afternoon field tour 1:45pm - 5pm (transportation provided). Attendees can register for both parts or choose to attend just one session.

For more information visit: Event: Catchment Conversations-Healthy Waterways on farms - Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (ccma.vic.gov.au).



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The Heights' historic garden is a plethora of plants with rambling paths to wander throughout. The garden was started almost 170 years ago and has been developed by three generations of the Ibbotson family and is now cared for by a team of dedicated National Trust volunteers.

Visitors to the Garden Fair will be able to tour the gardens and the house, see displays from local community gardening clubs, purchase plants and produce, tools and books and the Urban Nanna will be delivering two presentations on urban foraging.

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A brief history of the Winchelsea Post Office

The first Post Office in Winchelsea was in a general store originally owned by Elliot Brothers. This store was situated where the State Savings Bank was - now the Bendigo Bank.



Messages were relayed by Morse code. Mrs McEvitt operated the Post Office in the first official building erected in the township as a Post and Telegraph Office where the National Bank was - now the Vault. Mr Thomas Stirling was the first officially appointed Post Master in 1856. His annual salary was twenty pounds - (40 dollars).

Morse Code, now the exchange, was still the means of relaying messages at this time.



The Post Office - before the present Post Office - was built in 1916-17 by H.E. Warner, a local building contractor



Rare native broad-toothed rats found in the Otways

As part of the Australian Government's Wild Otways Initiative, ecologists from Barbara Wilson Pty Ltd and researchers from Zoos Victoria went searching for threatened Broad-toothed Rats in the Otways.

We can now confirm that Broad-toothed Rats are more widely distributed along the Great Ocean Road than previously thought with records greatly expanded.

Whilst house mice and black rats have given rodents a bad name, Broad-toothed Rats are a gentle, native rodent that lacks a 'ratty' smell. There are more than 50 species of native rodents in Australia.

Broad-toothed Rats have fluffy round ears, chubby-cheeks and chocolate-coloured fur. They are important for ecosystems because they chew through grasses and sedges creating protected tunnel systems that are used by snakes, lizards, and other native mammals.

Barbara Wilson Pty Ltd created an Otway-specific management plan for this species and five other native mammals that can be found on the Wild Otways Initiative's web portal via the CCMA website: Otways.ccma.vic.gov.au.

Corangamite CMA's Jessica Miller, Manager of Environmental Programs, said knowing where threatened species occur gives land managers the best chance of protecting their habitat. "This is an exciting find for our region."

Know what to expect this swooping season

Spring has sprung and Victorians are reminded that some native birds such as magpies and plovers may swoop during their breeding season.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Senior Wildlife Projects Officer Abby Smith said, "Every spring, native birds swoop to defend their eggs and young for a short time while their young are most vulnerable."

"While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of birds. Swooping is a warning to people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact."

Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting.

"Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so don't be concerned simply because there are magpies or other common swooping birds in the area."

"Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last for a few weeks, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest."

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe:

- Know your local swooping hotspots and avoid the area
- Move quickly but do not run
- Wear protective head and eye coverings
- Don't harass birds – this can make swooping worse
- Don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests

You can also plan your route around known swooping hotspots and report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>



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YES23

Jane Bartie

This article supports the volunteer charity YES23 providing information for people in their conversations with friends, family and colleagues for the Referendum on October 14th. The contact links outline commonly asked questions to support your decision.

I have been volunteering for the YES23 campaign in Winchelsea on a couple of the stalls. Each time there are some people who get angry that there is a stall, but mostly people are eager to have a conversation and take the fact sheets to read. It has been positive that people are keen to understand the issues. If you would like to volunteer there is an excellent local group that you can contact. I am encouraged by the willingness to understand and think through this question that will shape our future community. Here are the details:

Local community group Surf Coast Votes Yes is a branch of the national charity Yes23, which is campaigning for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders through the establishment of a Voice to Parliament. We are taking up opportunities to raise awareness about the upcoming referendum and build support for the Yes vote in the local community to ensure everyone makes an informed vote. **We are seeking volunteers to both staff street stalls in the main street (Saturday 10am-12pm) as well as do phone calls or letterboxing at a time of their own choosing** – all opportunities can be viewed on our website; just scroll down and view our calendar as a list or month at time - <https://bit.ly/YES23SCVY> . Contact Jane Bartier via scvotesyes@gmail.com for more details.

Otways blitz keeps network safe ahead of summer

Powercor has completed one of the largest packages of works in the Otways region in years, as part of its year-round maintenance of the electricity network across western Victoria.

The works this week have strengthened the local network ahead of summer and will support the reliability and resilience of poles and wires in what is one of the most remote places in the entire network.

More than 30 crew members from Colac, Ballarat, and Warrnambool joined forces to complete the works, which included pole changes, transformer replacements, fuses and insulator upgrades, as well as cross arm replacements.

Colac Construction Project Leader Jack Horner said the Otways blitz was a critical part of how Powercor's teams were getting the network ready for the hotter months.

"This area has a lot of places that are really challenging to get equipment into, so we used tracked vehicles and a lot of ladder work because we were unable to get our normal work platform vehicles in," Mr Horner said. "I thank all the crews who made it possible to get this large scope of work done safely and quickly for Otways communities."

Powercor's ongoing works program includes asset maintenance across central, northern, and western Victoria, covering inspection and upgrade programs for around two thirds of the state.



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Bendigo Bank's 20th birthday gift to Probus

Earlier this year the Bendigo Bank celebrated their 20th birthday by donating \$20,000 worth of grants to the local community.

Winchelsea Probus was a lucky recipient of \$1,000 to purchase a laptop computer. Sally and Kelly from the Bendigo Bank presented this to Probus President Margaret Reid, Vice President Ann Moresby and Secretary Linda Carter. Many thanks to the bank who are wonderful supporters of our community. We look forward to seeing the new renovations very soon.

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Twenty-five community groups dig deep to plant trees for bees

The inaugural Carman's Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program provided a total of \$25,000 to community groups across six states, including schools, environmental groups, Landcare organisations, Rotary clubs, aged care centres, a childcare centre, a sports clubs, a Girl Guides group and a bee club.

Grant recipients have pledged to plant approximately 4,000 trees and shrubs with the involvement of nearly 1,500 community members.

The Carman's Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants program has been developed in collaboration between the Wheen Bee Foundation and Carman's and offers grants of \$500 to community organisations to plant pollinator-friendly trees and shrubs in their local area.



Wheen Bee Foundation CEO Fiona Chambers said it was exciting to see so many communities keen to support bees and other pollinators.

"We were overwhelmed by the number of applicants, from rural and urban communities across the country, groups who are keenly aware of the need to work together to create much-needed habitat for bees," Ms Chambers said.



"It's great to support small community groups that otherwise might not have access to grant funding."

Carman's Chief Marketing Officer Jed Simpfordorfer said, "From schools, Landcare groups and aged care centres to environmental organisations and sports clubs, we're really looking forward to seeing the program come to life."

Big Swamp and Boundary Creek Remediation

Stewart Mathison

Winchelsea residents may remember the Barwon flow ceasing for 4 months in the summer of 2016-17 and again for 3 months in the summer of 2018-19. There was also the acid flow in the river causing extensive fish kill in the river below Boundary Creek which was very evident around Birregurra.

Community action with petitions, a letter to the Minister for Water and pressure from LAWROC landcare group brought action that closed down the Gerangamete borefield and required Barwon Water to carry out environmental remediation works on the Big Swamp which was the source of the acid flows.

Barwon Water is holding an information session on the progress of these works on Wednesday 20th at the community Hub, Eastern Reserve. It is important that we show interest in this project which is vital for our ongoing water supply from the river.

Boundary Creek and Big Swamp information sessions - September 2023

Barwon Water is holding community information sessions in Colac and Winchelsea for the Boundary Creek and Big Swamp remediation and Surrounding Environment Investigation and you're invited to drop in and speak with us.

We will provide an update on the Boundary Creek, Big Swamp and Surrounding Environment Remediation and Environmental Protection Plan (REPP), including the progress made since its implementation in February 2020, an overview of the revised REPP and outcomes of the Surrounding Environment Investigation.

Members of the project team will be available to respond to any questions you may have.

Drop in any time during the sessions:

- **Winchelsea information session: Wed 20 Sept 2023**
The Eastern Hub (Members Room), Eastern Reserve, Hopkins St, Winchelsea. Drop in anytime 4pm – 6pm.
- **Colac information session: Wed 27 Sept 2023**
Colac Bowling Club (function area), corner of Moore and Armstrong Streets, Colac. Drop in anytime 4 pm – 6 pm.

We hope to see you there!



Tea Time Talks with the Hesse Board of Directors

4.00pm Tuesday 3rd October

Winchelsea Shire Hall
28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea



Register your interest in attending before Wednesday 27th September by contacting Hesse Reception on 03 5267 1200 or emailing reception@hesse.vic.gov.au

Jessica Culhane

Hesse is hosting 'Tea Time Talks' with the Hesse Board of Directors at 4.00pm on Tuesday 3rd October at Winchelsea Shire Hall. All community members are encouraged to take up this opportunity to meet the Hesse Board of directors, have a cup of coffee and discuss Hesse services, community needs and anything else you wish to discuss with the Hesse Board of Directors.

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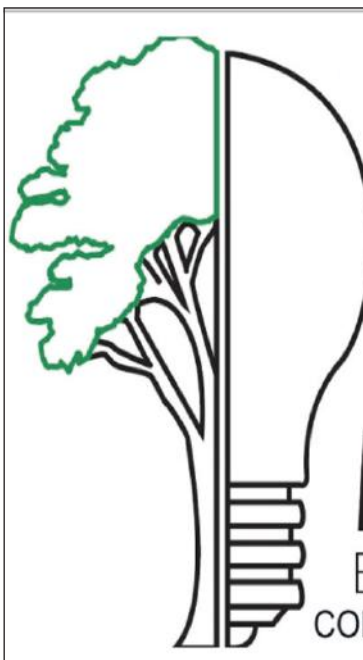
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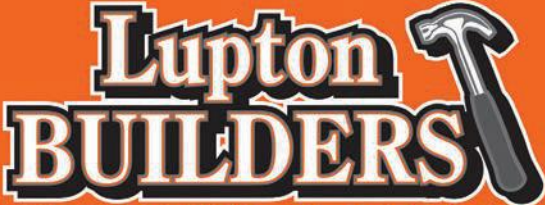
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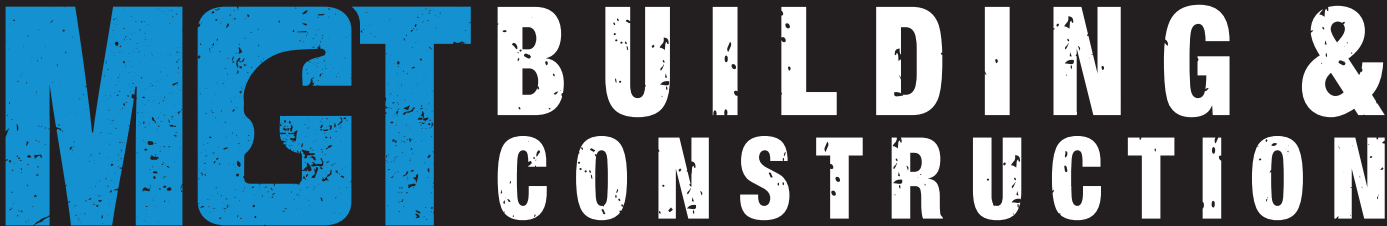
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