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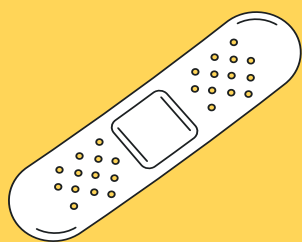


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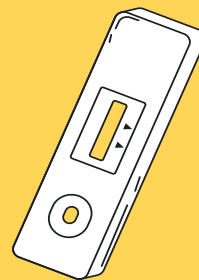
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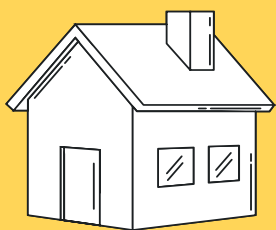
staying up to date with your booster vaccine.



talking to your doctor: if you are at risk of becoming unwell, you may be eligible for COVID medicines.



always testing with a RAT if you feel unwell.



staying home if you feel unwell.



catching up outdoors or in places with open doors and windows.



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coronavirus.vic.gov.au

STAY WELL THIS SUMMER



What's on in Winch

SINGING

Be at the Shire Hall at 4.45pm on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th December to sing your heart out.
All are welcome.

Nine enthusiastic people sang loudly and somewhat in harmony in the Shire Hall last Wednesday. There will be three more opportunities this year:

Wednesday 7th December at 5.00pm

Wednesday 14th December at 5.00pm

All welcome - gold coin donation.

WINCHELSEA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING

Monday 12th December at 3pm

Supper Room Globe Theatre

An afternoon tea will follow.

Auxiliary members
to bring a plate to share

DECLUTTER SALE

10th December 8-4pm

55A Barwon Terrace

DANCING AT THE GLOBE THEATRE

Saturday 10th December

8pm till 11.30pm

\$10.00

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Council is considering speed limit changes on the Surf Coast road networks this year.

A number of routes are being considered for speed limit review including:

- Atkins Road, Winchelsea
- Cape Otway Road, Moriac township
- Buckley Road South, Atkins Road to Cape Otway Road
- Horseshoe Bend Road, Torquay
- Cape Otway Road, Moriac to Salt Creek Lane
- Blackgate Road, Horseshoe Bend Road to Point Impossible Rd



For more information and to have your say on the proposed changes visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/speedlimit.



Winch Op Shop

CLOSED until further notice!

Due to recent water damage
the Op Shop has closed while
repair work is completed.

Shop stock was unaffected
but has been relocated.

**All proceeds to
Hesse Hospital.**

GARY JOHN WARNER

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Dearly loved eldest son of Eunice and Tyrell Warner (both dec.)

Much loved brother of Suzanne,
Jenny and Peter and families and
extended families.

His battle is over, finally at peace.



2022 Growing Winchelsea Photography competition winners

The 2022 Growing Winchelsea Photography competition came to a close this past Sunday with the announcement of the winners of the different competitive categories. A total of 151 photos were entered and the quality and diversity of the images was truly outstanding.

The winner of Best Photo and the \$500 first prize, was Brent Martin with his nightscape taken of "Dawn" the median strip sculpture at the Geelong-side entrance to Winchelsea.

This photograph, entitled "Night Sculptures" captured the beauty of Dawn at night under the starlight of the Milky Way. Night Sculpture was the only photograph amongst the 45 finalists that was short listed by all of the panel of 7 judges.



2022 Growing Winchelsea Photography Competition
Winning Image

Night Sculpture

by Brent Martin



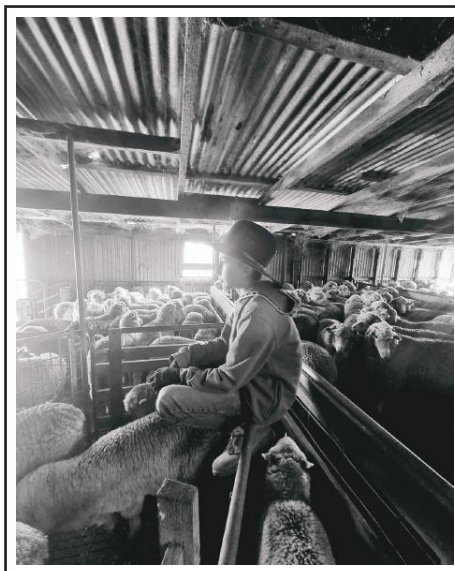
Brent Martin (center) was presented his award by Cr Adrian Schonfelder (left) with John Tebbutt, President of Growing Winchelsea (right)

The organizers of the competition, Growing Winchelsea committee members, Felicity Grzemeski, Aleisha Littler and Michelle Stocks, would like to sincerely thank the Surf Coast Shire, Jill Evans, Doroq Flowers, La Caseta, La Hoot Café, Foxes Den Café, Dr Candice LaFranchi of the Winchelsea Veterinary Hospital, IGA Winchelsea and the volunteers who helped with the exhibition. It was a fitting end to this Years event. We are hoping to have the competition next year with new categories and organization. Stay tuned for updates and in the meantime, keep your phone handy for capturing a bit of Winchelsea life as it happens so you can join in the fun next year.

The Spirit of Winchelsea award with a \$250 prize was won by Bob and Helen Hunt.

Their photo "Keeping Watch" of their son in their shearing shed with sheep, was judged as capturing an aspect of living in the town of Winchelsea.

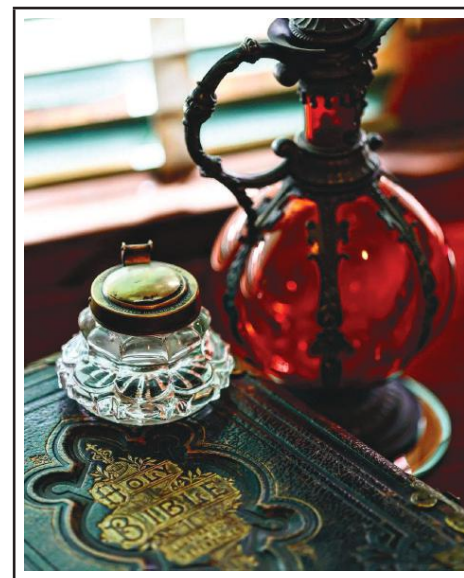
Taken in black and white, the image had you ponder what their son was dreaming of.



Another major category was "People's Choice" Award.

Everyone attending the weeklong exhibition was offered the opportunity to vote for up to 5 photos that caught their eye.

Winner of the People's Choice and a \$200 first prize was "Intricate Details", an image taken by Lauren Curtis taken at Barwon Park.





The winner of Best Pet Photo was Sam Coles, with the image "Quit Horsing Around".

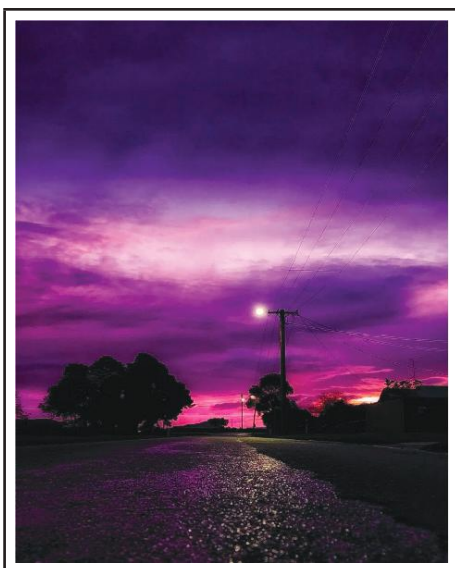
Sam won a gift certificate for an "Annual Wellness Check and Vaccination" for a dog or cat donated by The Winchelsea Veterinary Hospital and a \$50 cash prize.



Grade 5 and 6 students from the Winchelsea Primary School visited the exhibition during the week and voted for their favorite images.

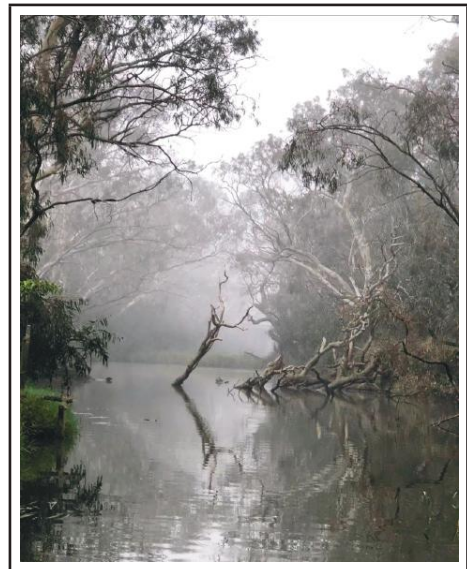
The students choose images that were cute and colorful, with one standout image capturing their interest, "Purple Daze" taken by Kaylene Stocks.

Kaylene won a Gift Certificate donated by Emeraude Hair Studio.



Lesley Christie donated a special award in honour of her late friend and Winchelsea photography artist and enthusiast, Kay Baker.

The Kay Bake Memorial award was won by Susie Jane.



The winner of the Junior Photographer Award, Bella Leak, was able to collect her award from Cr Adrian Schonfelder from Surf Coast Shire Council.

Bella's photo "Freshly Shown" of a young lamb surrounded by freshly shorn members of its flock, was featured on the cover of "The Winchelsea Star" two weeks ago.



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Good Turnout for the trees

By Tony PHelps

Friday afternoon, at 2pm under a blazing sun (for a change), around 50 people gathered at the corner of Mercer and Barkly streets to officially commemorate the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee with the planting of numerous new trees around the green.

On a large rock placed with the assistance of Charlie Earl, a plaque was unveiled by Andrew Laidlaw, a landscape architect who has worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne for over 20 years. You may have heard Andrew on ABC Melbourne's Saturday gardening segment.

After a brief ceremony and some encouraging words from Andrew, Winchelsea Primary School leaders Levi Coverdale and Eliza Wilson presented Andrew with thankyou gifts. The photo opportunity then began.

Although this particular planting was funded by a special grant to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Growing



Winchelsea's subcommittee for the arboretum project sees this as the first of many more similar plantings around the town. The vision is a network of interconnected green spaces where residents and visitors can enjoy a bit of nature under shady trees.

In attendance were Richard Riordan (recently-returned MP for Polwarth), Surf Coast Shire CEO Robyn Seymour, our newly-elected Mayor Liz Pattison, Winchelsea Ward councillors Adrian

Schonfelder and Heather Wellington.

The celebration continued after the unveiling with a fabulous afternoon tea at the Shire Hall.

If this sort of project or other community development projects are the sort of thing you might like to help with, take a look at the Growing Winchelsea website growingwinchelsea.com, or join in the conversation on Facebook at fb.com/growingwinch

Hewitt and Whitty, Winchelsea Primary School students thank you!

We were super excited to hear that Hewitt and Whitty want to help out our school's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program by sponsoring us in 2023.

Our Middle Learning Community students wrote to the local business and asked if they would like to help out. Chris and the team at Hewitt and Whitty Winchelsea were quick to jump on board!

The sponsorship next year will help us by supplying gardening materials and equipment to sustain this amazing program that has now been running at Winchelsea Primary School for over 10 years!

Each year, our 3-6 students learn about sustainable living and eating through the kitchen garden program run by one of our very own teachers, Ms Rochelle O'Mara.

Another group of students who were excited to hear this news were our current Grade 2 students. They will begin the program as part of their learning curriculum in 2023. We asked some of the students about what they were looking forward to.

"When we participate in the Kitchen Garden Program next year at Winchelsea Primary School we are looking forward to...."

Elsie – Cooking new things in the kitchen and helping the plants stay alive.

Raina – Trying new things and discovering new tastes in the garden. Looking after Mother Nature.

Zenarah – Cooking yummy things using what we grow in the garden and watering the plants.

Freddie – Checking the rain gauge, mulching, trying new foods and composting.

Avish – Making new recipes that I didn't know how to make before and looking after nature.

Tom – Helping out in the garden.

Milton – Checking the rain gauge and mulching the garden.

Clae – Hydrating and supporting the plants to grow and cooking cool and random stuff.

Ashlyn – Cooking new things and watering the plants.

Nina – Eating and making new food and helping out in the garden.

Ally – Making, tasting, sharing and helping with the garden.

Harper – Cooking new foods.

WINCHELSEA COMBINED CHURCHES CAROLS



SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER
Commencing 3.00pm
Everyone welcome

at
St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Harding St Winchelsea
(North side of the river)

At the conclusion of the Carols
refreshments will be served in the hall

Further details: Lyn 0400 649 652 or Marg 0418 983 005



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UNITING

Women's Workshop

Any ladies out there who are interested in learning some workshop and home maintenance skills?

The Winch Mens' Shed are running free workshops starting in August. Let us know what you would like to learn and what days and times are most suitable. We can tailor the workshop to cover what is most requested and on days that suit most.

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Bendigo Bank supports Winchelsea Primary School

By Charlie Earl

It was much more than a pleasure to hand over \$5000 to the Winchelsea primary school to assist with travel expenses in the New Year.

As some would know I am (Charlie Earl) very proud of my town and it partly stems from the time I spent in this school. The bond to your class mates is a special connection and the basis of our communities.

Education is a complex thing and the trips I did to Alcoa, Ford Motor Company, Ford Casting Plant, Pilkington class, woollen mills and the computer housed in Moorabool set (yes it took up a massive room and was used to do the pays at Fords) lead me to the conclusion that spell check was on its way and all I had to do was have the capacity to lift heavy things.

This \$5000.00 was part of the \$3,200,000.00 put back in to your community because you bank in your community.

Thank to the staff and teachers for giving our future community the best opportunity and your bank looks forward to working with all its schools.



My school photo of 1969.

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Water for our future

Back in 2018 many Winchelsea residents sent a letter to the Minister for Water concerned about the nil flow in the Barwon at Winchelsea. At the same time the Moorabool River had again stopped flowing.

The response from members of People for a Living Moorabool (PALM) was to self fund a documentary the River Moorabool, which spells out threats to flora, fauna and the river's very future due to excess human use and climate change. PALM, which includes farmers, scientists and concerned residents, says the government's annual environmental flow allocation into the Moorabool from Lal Lal Reservoir is woefully inadequate.

A similar situation is happening with the Barwon which supplies around 75% of

Geelong water through the West Barwon and Wurdie Boluc reservoirs. Barwon Water projections suggest that the water demand in a growing Geelong and Bellarine region will exceed current supply around 2030. Water for Our Future is a study of Geelong's future water needs, and one of the actions proposed by Barwon Water is to 'gradually reduce our reliance on rivers and groundwater as we transition to more climate resilient manufactured water sources such as fit-for-purpose recycled water, stormwater and desalinated sea water'

An opportunity to further understand these issues with our future water supply and the potential effect on our river is the showing of the 'River Moorabool' film on Friday December 9th at 7.30 pm at the Globe Theatre followed by a panel discussion.



Help reduce stress on our rivers.

Winchelsea Land & River Care are hosting a FREE screening of

RIVER MOORABOOL

followed by panel discussion, question time, supper

Friday December 9th 7.30pm
GLOBE THEATRE, WINCHELSEA

This compelling documentary made by People for a Living Moorabool (PALM) explores the consequences of water demands on the Moorabool river, recognized as the most flow stressed river in Victoria and a tributary of the Barwon.

The Barwon is also a stressed river as shown by the nil flow in the river in 2016 (4 months) and 2018 (3months). Over 200 Winchelsea people sent letters to the Water Minister in March 2018 expressing their concern about the state of the river.

While we have flood flows this year, the dry periods will return and water demand by Geelong is steadily increasing.

All welcome

Winchelsea Star

Articles are most welcome and must carry the name and address of the sender.

Weekly deadline is 5pm Friday.

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It's all gift

By Rev Lynne Clarke,
Acting Minister
St Thomas' Anglican Church,
Winchelsea.

I turned up at Mainly Music at St Thomas' Anglican Church on Monday to find Dan Trehwella working on the new ship for the playground.

The old one had rotted in the rain, and needed to be replaced. One had been found and Dan was putting it together. Later, as I left, he was painting it.

The paint had been donated by Hewitt & Whitty's Hardware Store at the end of Harding Street.

A gift, for love of the children and support of the community. Thank you! Much of Dan's work is gift too.

Naturally, we all love the idea of gifts. To receive something unexpected is such a joy, and it's so much fun to be the giver.

There is no shortage of opportunity at this time of the year!

Everywhere we turn at present we are being urged to buy – gifts, food, holidays etc, centred around Christmas, the next thing to take our money as soon as Melbourne Cup was over.

Many businesses depend on Christmas sales to remain viable, of course, so our money turning over can help.



Dan painting the ship

It was Saint Nicholas, a wonderful Christian of the fourth century, who secretly distributed gifts to poor children, who is the source of the idea of Santa Claus.

Saint Nicholas' inspiration was the love of God shown in the astonishing gift of his Son, Jesus, sent into the heart of humanity as a baby, to grow up as one of us, and to give his very life for us.

Grasping this love, this gift, is transformational. It transforms individuals, and in the end, societies.

Probably, we all agree that we should care for our neighbour, protect the



Chris and friends at Hewitt & Whitty who donated the paint.

vulnerable and make space for the views of others. I wonder if we have any idea how God in his love is the initiator of these ideas, and our gift giving.

We see so much emphasis on power and money, buying and selling, at Christmas, that we can forget the reason why.

The gift contained within the Christmas story is priceless, surpassing all that we might hope for or deserve, the gracious and costly gift of new life in Jesus.

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Goodbye Winchelsea

by Thanh Nguyen

By It feels me with great sadness to be writing this article. After 5 years of living and working in Winchelsea, I have decided the time has come to pursue my goal of starting my own business.

Unfortunately, I've come to realise that I am a mere mortal and I can not be a good mother, work and run a business on my own and therefore have opted to move back to Geelong for family support so I can focus on realising this dream.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the time spent here and will forever remember the wonderful memories of living in the country.

Although I will be back regularly there will be things I will definitely miss about living and working here.

I will miss the wide open roads with no traffic.

I will miss the chorus of birds chirping, frogs croaking, cows mooing outside my window.

I will miss chasing escaped cattle down the road or down the channel, luring them back only to have them escape again.

I will miss the yummy treats from Sweet

Thyme when we are craving a pick me up at 3pm.

I will miss stepping out of the surgery and being on the river within a minute and getting my steps up amongst the tranquil nature.

I will miss having the chicken schnitzel rolls from the Foxes Den for lunch when I don't have enough leftovers from dinner to bring into work.

I will miss knowing all my neighbours all up and down our road and our cheeky get togethers and quick commute home.

I will miss the 2nd hole, the Quarry, at the Winchelsea golf course, my favourite hole, second only to the mouth.

I will miss calling up Pardey's and getting help my the lovely ladies and Anand when I am unsure about a medication

There will be plenty that I will continue to cherish when I think back to my time here and will be eternally grateful that I had the opportunity to have this beautiful

experience.

All the best to Dr. Alicia Barrett who has been working closely with me for handover of patients.

I know she will do a fantastic job taking over from me as the local tooth doctor.

A big thank you to Jesse Kent of Kenty's Bakery, who without, I never would have had this incredible adventure and to Dr. Jayne McEwan for the opportunity to be able to work in the Winchelsea Dental Clinic.

Lastly but not least, a most heartfelt thank you to all the beautiful locals who welcomed me in with open arms and have made it hard to leave.

I'm very proud to have been able to build some gorgeous bonds and friends for life here.

Thanh was a dentist at Winchelsea Dental Clinic. The clinic is open Monday - Thursday. Call 5267 2071 for bookings.



LIFELINE 13 11 14

By Robyn Black

With the festive season 4 weeks away it can be a time of anguish and sadness for many in our community.

For anyone struggling, or needing help, please reach out and talk with someone. You are not alone and help is available.

I am sharing a letter written by a volunteer at Lifeline which highlights some info and statistics about the organization in our region.

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Winchelsea Mud Hut replacement petition – The united voice is strong

By Alison Dean

In the last few years, during lockdown, we all saw the cyclone fencing go up around the beloved mud hut on Barwon Terrace. It became common knowledge that it was structurally unsafe and in need of repair or replacement. Surf Coast Shire Council (SCSC) engineers deemed it unrepairable, with rotted posts and mud bricks crumbling. Since then, a consultation process has taken place with the community. Some community representatives came forward and gave feedback to SCSC.

Last Monday I happened to walk past the mud hut and saw a sign, which read something along the lines of "this image represents the replacement shelter for the mud hut, which reflects community feedback". The picture of the proposed replacement shelter was quite different to our beloved hut, which surprised me. So, I called out to my local community, on the Facebook Winchelsea Community Information page, to ask the question 'Can anyone confirm that this

was what the community asked for?' Well for anyone who hasn't seen the discussion, with approximately 70 comments in the first day, the resounding answer was, 'No, that is not what we want, we think that is ugly' (in other words). It was actually amazing to see such a unified answer from the community.

In response, I created an online petition through change.org to gather support that this design was not what the community wanted. The current tally of supporters for the petition is up to 384 with the numbers still rising. If you have not signed the petition yet and wish to, see the link below. Or look out for paper versions to sign at Le Hoot Café and the Sunday market.

https://www.change.org/improve_the_mud_hut_replacement_design (note - underscore as spaces)

The SCSC Project Coordinator has reached out to myself to discuss the community's response to the proposed replacement design and what stage the project is at. A contractor has already been appointed to build the proposed design and they are set to build the structure starting January. Contracts have been signed and to not continue with the contract would void most of the cost to build it. As there is such a united voice on what the community want,

council are considering what we want and analysing whether it is possible to modify the design and at what cost. We will hear more next week as to what can and can't be done and why.

From the feedback on Facebook Community Information Page and the petition, a few common themes are:

1. Better wind and rain protection
2. More natural materials
3. Recognition of the historical mud hut structure, with a more beautiful design
4. More community involvement

It is of course impossible to obtain the whole of Winchelsea's approval on the new community gathering shelter. Although, when so many people across Winchelsea speak with a united voice, we are hoping to improve the existing design to include more of the above objectives. Council will be making their decisions based on how much support there is to reject the existing replacement design. If you would like to support the petition, please register via the link provided.

Oh, and one last thing to share, micro bats have been recently found living in the roof of the mud hut. Council will be assessing this and getting back to us on what they propose to do about this next week.

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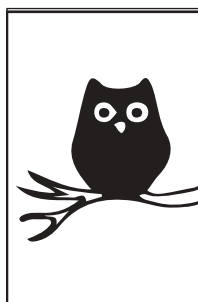
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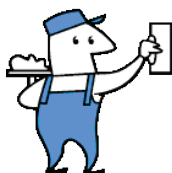
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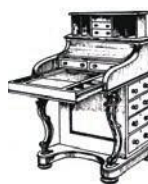


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Winchelsea Bowls Club

By Kitty 'n Jack

After another week of most matches played yet again in cold and wind affected conditions the weather is not conducive to great bowling. However we do the best we can with what we are getting and look forward to some better weather as we move into Summer.

PENNANT RESULTS

Saturday November 26th Winchelsea 1 def Lorne away winning 3 rinks, 108/83 shots.

Saturday November 26th Winchelsea 3 def Colac at home winning 3 rinks, 111/65 shots.

Saturday November 26th Winchelsea 4 were narrowly def at home by Birregurra 50/54 shots.

Tuesday November 29th Winchelsea 1 were def at home by Colac, winning 2 rinks 72/75 shots and



At Super Sunday Colac under the dome 27/11/2022
Julie Johnson, David Littler, Annie Walker, Jason Armstrong, Erin Baulch

yes that was a disappointing result. Ladder position 3rd.

Tuesday November 29th Winchelsea 3 had a bye. Ladder position 4th.

Saturday December 3rd Winchelsea 1 were def by Cobden at home, winning two rinks. 100 shots to 103 shots. All very disappointed with this result, ladder position 3rd.

Saturday December 3rd Winchelsea 3 def Lorne away, winning all rinks. 92 shots to 57 shots, ladder position 1st.

Saturday December 3rd Winchelsea 4 Forfeit. We had several players out with illness or injury in other divisions so were unable to field a team.

AROUND THE GREEN

Ladies winner 100 Up
Julie Johnson R/UP Pat Lowrey.

Mens winner 100 Up
David Littler R/UP Andrew Doyle.
On Sunday 27th known in the CBD League as Super Sunday as many final matches were played under the brand new dome at Colac. It was fortunate that they were played at this new, not quite yet completed venue as the rain squalls would possibly have seen some unfinished matches. It was still very cold but we were spared the rain. Five Winchelsea players competed in this

event with David Littler and Annie Walker def Linda and Peter Ingles in the Mixed pairs semi final and Jason Armstrong and Erin Baulch def G. Hickey and S. Betts in the Mixed pairs semi final. Therefore, two Winchelsea teams played against each other in the Final Jason and Erin def David and Annie in a hard fought game. Congratulations to them all and Jason and Erin are CBD Champions and will go on in later February to play the Western and Far Western Division winners for a place at Bendigo.

Julie Johnson played and def Vicki Brebner from Camperdown in the Over 60's Singles Final. Julie will go on to play the Western and Far Western winners for a place at Bendigo against all the other region winners like Jason and Erin. These qualifying games take place in the middle of February 2023.

Meanwhile there are State Singles both Ladies and Men's today Sunday 4th and these will continue for a few weeks, will provide results when I get them.

Ladies Club Singles still being played, Men's 21 Up to be completed and Men's Club Singles about to commence. The windup to Christmas is well underway with 2 Midweek games to be completed and one Saturday game to be completed before the break.

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Winchelsea 6pm	Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31
Bannockburn 11am	Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Bannockburn 6pm	Dec. 24
Meredith 8pm	Dec. 24
Winchelsea 9am	Dec. 25
Anakie 9am	Dec. 25
Bannockburn 11am	Dec. 25

NEW YEAR MASSES

New Years Eve

Winchelsea 6pm	Dec. 31
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New Years Day

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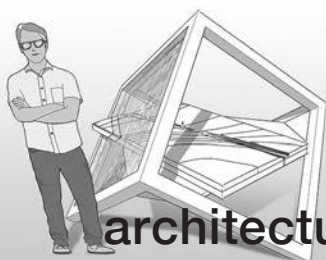
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Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network (auspice) report

by Frank Dean, Interim Chair, Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network

The ongoing COVID epidemic continued to hamper the activities of the W&SRN for the 2022 reporting period, but to a lesser degree than the previous year. Good progress has been made modifying and updating the Strategy Document, adding to the Starter Kit, and giving the community volunteers and residents an initial information flow.

A large SVC map of the area (as used by emergency services) has been produced and populated with information pertinent not only to the community, but also to State and Local volunteers not familiar with our area. Information added includes Community Assets such as communication towers, private and public holiday camps, the Barwon Water Treatment Plant, and the Peter's Hill Fire Tower amongst others. Main, Secondary and Access Roads have been added, with notes on their condition, accessibility and suitability to use during an emergency event. Of particular concern to the Network is that a number of roads marked as passable on some Sat Nav packages, are in fact impassable to most vehicles for most of the year.

The Starter Kit has been modified such that it is now easily and readily transportable. The main addition to the kit has been four handheld UHF radios for use both around the Community Support Centre and if volunteer support was required in the field. A VHF CFA Scanner has been made available to the Network, giving a wider appreciation of the situation from official information sources. The UHF handheld radios were funded from the SCS Small Grants Program.

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The Network has initiated its own internal training program to cover topics such as radio procedures, map reading, simple ropework and the handling of stressed people amongst others. It is the intention of the Network to continue this training to both committee, but also to volunteers and interested community members.

A small study of Community Demographics used information from an earlier Census to gain a better appreciation of our community. Results were both interested and alarming, in that only the residents of about 12 households remain who experienced the Ash Wednesday fires. Property turnover was estimated to be around 20% per

annum, meaning that there was a completely new demographic every 5 years. The challenge is therefore ongoing, not only to the W&SRN, but also to the SCS, CFA, SES and other State and Community organizations to keep a relevant and timely information flow to all residents. The W&SRN has already started to do this by having Community Connectors in specific areas to spread the SAFE, CALM and CONNECTED message as widely as possible.

The W&SRN looks forward to a challenging 2023, when we will aim to develop better Community Connections and Information Flow.

Winch House - Shire Hall Report

by Jill Evans, Community Developer

Background

The Winchelsea Community House (WCH) took over management of the Winchelsea Shire Hall (formally 'The Tearooms') following a process of exploration with community members. The critical point for WCH is the associated cost and time in managing such an important building when there are already pressures in managing existing programs. Surf Coast Council discussed a range of options for the Shire Hall and concluded that their preferred option was to lease the building to the WCH – this decision represented the best option to achieve the community's vision. The precinct is home to the WCH (including Occasional Child Care), the Winchelsea Historical Society, and the Maternal Child Health service. Council also decided to move the Visitor Information service to the Shire Hall. The Shire Hall presents opportunities to bring organizations and people together to create a 'heart' for the town and its surrounds. In January 2022 the WCH employed a Community Developer to begin the process. Surf Coast Council is providing funding to cover all associated costs for 3 years.

Approach

The approach is:

Year 1 (2022) – A foundation year to discover possibilities

Year 2 (2023) – Growth and embed, formalize arrangements with support

Year 3 (2024) – Evaluate, is this a sustainable good fit for the WCH?

So far, January – June 2022

The Community Developer is employed for 15 hours per week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There has been a significant interest in 'looking' at the upgrade (new carpets, painting), telling stories of the Shire Hall, making inquiries about usage, and putting forward ideas about what could happen in the space.

The first regular group, the Riverlee Artist Cooperative, brought their creative work to the hall in February and continues to meet every second Wednesday. From that connection the



first arts exhibition was held in June and received very positive feedback. The Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) has used the hall for regular story time activities and school holiday programs. Surf Coast Council youth staff have also used the hall for school holiday programs.

Two weddings, one reception and one service followed, both parties were very happy with the space. Barwon Health set up the hall as a vaccination hub and the Winchelsea Lions club used it for the skin checks service. The WCH was able to use the space when there was a shortage of space.

Over time the Shire Hall has been stocked with crockery and cutlery to enable more events to happen.

Unfortunately working in the time of COVID has been a complication that has made progress slow. Heading into winter and an increase in COVID transmission has an impact of people's desire to get things started.

Some aspects of the hall however don't fully meet comfortable standards. The main one is heating in winter when the only answer is to leave the heating system on. The set up in the kitchen area is not ideal and will be looked at in the coming months. Surfcoast Council staff have been very helpful in responding to

requests to check or fix problems.

The Visitors Information volunteers have found the space difficult at times and some events using the hall mean the volunteers cannot use the place. Council staff have altered things in order to make it easier but the number of volunteers available has decreased.

The pressure to find the income to support the employment of a staff member and cover the utility costs is an ever-present issue and at this stage is being canvassed widely.

Key Partners

- Surfcoast Council
- Winchelsea Historical Society
- Maternal and Health Nurse
- Winchelsea Visitor Information volunteers
- Winchelsea Community House Staff
- Winchelsea Primary School
- Riverlee Artists Collective
- Geelong Regional Library Corporation
- Winchelsea Lions Club
- Growing Winchelsea
- Globe Theatre
- Winchelsea Probus Club
- Surfcoast U3A

There are events, activities and displays scheduled which will form a clearer future for the Shire Hall.



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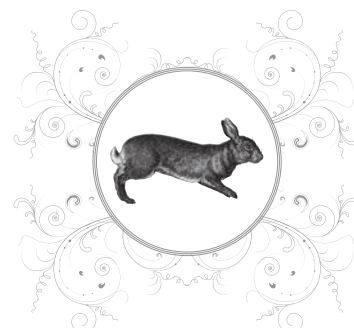
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