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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

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

The Workforce Impact — When Child Care Limits Opportunity

One of the biggest barriers facing families in Winchelsea today is access to childcare — and the impact on workforce participation is becoming impossible to ignore.

For many parents, particularly women returning to work after having children, finding suitable care has become increasingly difficult. Long waiting lists and limited availability often mean parents are forced to reduce their working hours, delay returning to work, or leave employment altogether.

This isn't just a personal challenge for families — it is an economic issue for the entire region.

Local businesses are already struggling to attract and retain staff. At the same time, skilled and willing workers are sitting on the sidelines because they simply cannot access reliable childcare. In growing communities like Winchelsea, this creates a ripple effect that impacts productivity, household incomes, and local economic growth.

The challenge extends well beyond our town. Geelong and many regional growth areas around Australia are experiencing similar shortages as population growth outpaces childcare infrastructure.

While the new childcare centre being built in Winchelsea is very welcome, many families fear demand will still exceed supply.

This issue requires broader community discussion and innovative thinking.

Could we explore localised training pathways to encourage more Family Day Care providers? Are there opportunities for employers, council, schools, and community groups to work together on flexible care solutions?

Perhaps the time has come for a Surf Coast Shire-wide Child Care Forum — bringing together families, providers, employers, educators, and government to openly discuss the challenges and identify practical solutions for growing communities like ours.

If we want regional towns to thrive, access to childcare must become part of the conversation about economic development and workforce planning.

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



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Stormwater diversion system set to help restore health of Karaaf Wetlands

A new stormwater diversion system will contribute to restoring natural waterway ebb and flow in the environmentally significant Karaaf Wetlands, between Breamlea and Torquay.

Surf Coast Shire Council has completed detailed design of the system, called for project tenders, and installation is set to start later this year.

A new pump at Torquay's Esplanade Wetland will divert about 25 per cent of stormwater flows from Torquay residential areas away from the Karaaf and into an existing drainage network with outfall at the mouth of Torquay's Deep Creek.

Approval of the detailed design marks a significant milestone in Council's sustained work alongside Community Reference Group members and other key stakeholders to reduce water flows into the Karaaf to pre-development levels.

A new flow monitoring system will also be installed to monitor the volumes being diverted and the overall water flow into the Karaaf.

Council has increased maintenance of wetlands in the north Torquay catchment to help improve the quality of water entering the Karaaf, including using boats to access litter in water, and a new gross pollutant trap will be installed at Zeally Sands Wetland.

Council's commitment to reducing flows into the Karaaf is also influencing decision making on future residential growth within the area.

Deputy Mayor Tony Phelps: "We are so pleased to have reached this important point with the diversion project out to tender and look forward to the system making a significant difference helping to restore the health of the Karaaf."

"We greatly appreciate the funding support being provided by the Australian Government for the diversion system, and the support of the Community Reference Group and other



stakeholders as we continue working through this long-term revitalisation project.

"We have now completed three years of environmental monitoring in the Karaaf and that will provide great baseline understanding of its condition as we progress."

The Australian Government has allocated \$1.9 million through the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program to assist with improving the health of the Karaaf.

Member for Corangamite Libby Coker: "The Karaaf Wetlands are an environmentally significant part of our region, and this project will help restore healthier natural water flows and improve water quality over the long term."

"The Albanese Government is proud to be supporting the Surf Coast Shire with \$1.9 million through the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program to help protect and restore this important local environment."

Council's diversion project will involve installation of a small section of new pipe connecting the new Esplanade wetlands pump with an existing drainage line along The Esplanade.

A section of existing mains pipe between Sands Boulevard and Horseshoe Bend Road will be upgraded.

Diversion into the Deep Creek outfall will not generate higher volume or greater velocity flows from the outlet pipe, but will increase flow frequency.

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New Additions to Occasional Care

by Kelly Turner

There were plenty of smiles and excited little faces at Winchelsea Occasional Care recently as the children explored some wonderful new additions to their learning space.

Run by the amazing team at Winchelsea Community House, Winchelsea Occasional Care provides a welcoming, nurturing environment where local children can learn, play and grow. The Community House does a fantastic job creating opportunities and support for families across our community, and we are proud to support the important work they do.



Thanks to support from Community Bank Winchelsea, the room now features new tables, a new kitchen play area, fresh art supplies and funding for timber that will allow the Winchelsea Men's Shed to build new lockers for the children.

It was lovely to see carers Tina Farmer and Sandra Dixon, along with Community Bank Director Moira Thomson, celebrating the improvements with the children and families.

Projects like this might seem simple, but they make a real difference to the everyday experiences of local children. Seeing their excitement as they discover new ways to learn, create and play is exactly why we love supporting initiatives that strengthen our community. Thanks so much to the Winchelsea Community Bank for again investing in our Community.



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Letter to the Editor

Hi editors

I was on my way from Melbourne to our holiday spot in Apollo Bay last week and stopped off at the Sweet Thyme café for lunch.

In there I picked up a copy of your weekly newspaper and thought it was quite impressive.

Regards
Greg Ware

Hi Team,

Thanks so much for the great coverage leading up to our 150th celebration this week, the Club hoping for a great day with plenty of photos !

Kind Regards,
Janet Fletcher. WFNC

Dear Editor

The Barrabool Hills Uniting Church sausage sizzle, jumble sale and art showing in the Manse on Saturday went really well to raise funds for our church restoration fund. Thanks to the Winchelsea Star - we much appreciated the article to support the event in last week's edition of the paper.

Thank you, your paper really supports local activities and I personally look forward to reading it each week.

Maureen Lange



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Zinaida Campion

To share your stories and inspire the community, please contact Zinaida. 0428 403 784 zinaidacampion@gmail.com

Zinaida Campion is a classical soprano, vocal coach, artist and model raised in Winchelsea. She is an alumna of VOYCE Victorian Opera, a Windfire Vocal Scholar, Co founder of Cecilia's Daughters, Vice President of Geelong Opera, Artistic Director of the Winchelsea Music Season, and founder of Rural Arts Victoria. A keen arts writer, she has a strong background in languages and a love of local history. She is dedicated to working with the local community, and has an all-consuming passion for promoting the arts in rural areas.

More Than the Ivories: Bringing a Community Together

Before I wrote my previous ArtsRural column, I wondered whether the idea of restoring a grand piano to the Globe Theatre would resonate with the community. I was optimistic because I knew how much affection people have for the Globe, but I could never have anticipated the response. Messages have come from musicians, artists, community leaders, councillors and local residents. Each has reinforced that this is about far more than a piano. It is about restoring music to the Globe and reimagining what this remarkable building can become.

One of the most moving responses came from Graham Ford, brother of the late John Bumford, whose vision and dedication helped shape the Globe's musical life. "Terrific. When I tried to donate one owned by my brother John Bumford the Globe said they didn't want it."

His words are a reminder that vision often comes long before the time is right. Graham recognised the need to restore a grand piano to the Globe years ago, following in John's footsteps as someone who understood what the theatre needed to fulfil its purpose. Today, that vision is finally finding wider community support. Winchelsea artist Veronica McDonald perhaps summed up the spirit of the project best. "If you don't reach for the stars you will never get over the trees."

That willingness to dream is only the beginning. It must be matched with planning, collaboration and persistence. Over recent weeks we have been speaking with piano owners, technicians, performers, community groups, potential donors and Council. The proposal now before Surf Coast Shire is not asking Council to buy a piano. The community is committed to securing one through fundraising or donation. We are simply asking Council to partner with us by providing a permanent home for it at the

Globe.

Many people have also raised thoughtful practical questions. Razzel Mac asked: "How would you care for a grand piano which involves controlling the room's temperature and humidity? Where would it be stored while not in use to protect it from 'people just having a play'?"

These are exactly the questions we want people to ask. The proposal submitted to Council addresses security, insurance, storage, environmental conditions, access and governance because a quality instrument deserves quality stewardship. When I sought advice before approaching Council, conductor Alan Cook immediately recognised the broader opportunity.

"Tell them there are beautiful historic pianos from the period of the hall available that would complement the hall's historicity and attract more concerts and users of the hall. It would be an asset they could make money from by renting the piano to hall users who require it." That is precisely the point. A grand piano is not simply an instrument. It is cultural infrastructure. It makes the Globe more attractive to touring artists, local performers, schools, festivals and audiences while strengthening Winchelsea's identity as a cultural destination.

The encouragement has continued to arrive.

Country singer Laura Baxter, who has moved to Winch from Melbourne, wrote:

"Grand piano is an excellent idea, loved reading about it in the Star."

Sheryl Biddle reminded us why the arts matter: "I think it's wonderful. Community & the arts are how you bring everyone together. Love what you're doing."

Councillor Joel Grist recognised the broader vision: "This is an exciting community-led project that could grow to become a real point of difference for the town of Winchelsea at the Globe Theatre. Happy to get behind it."

Perhaps the comment that touched me most came from local arts patron Cr Adrian Schonfelder, who has visited

some of the world's greatest performance venues. "I have been to the Bolshoi Ballet and the Metropolitan Opera... but the Globe is my favourite theatre. It's closest to me."

That simple observation reminds us that great theatres are not measured only by international reputation. They are measured by the place they hold in the hearts of their communities.

The Globe Theatre has always belonged to the people of Winchelsea. Together we have the opportunity to restore not only a grand piano, but the music, community and collaborations that have always made this remarkable theatre so special.

If you have questions about the project, would like to share your memories of the Globe Theatre, or would like to join our growing supporters' database, please email Elaine Atkinson at eatkinson048@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you. Every message, memory and expression of support helps demonstrate just how much the Globe means to our community.

Ciao!



Inaugural artists of the Winchelsea Music Season in the Globe, eagerly awaiting the day it will be graced with a piano. L-R David Stewart, Zinaida Campion, Helen Ling



Diy Flue Cleaning

by Julia Holohan

We soon learnt the need to be as self sufficient as possible when we moved from Melbourne to our small farm back in the 80s. This included cleaning our own flue.

We bought a flue cleaning brush which, much to our dismay, lost it's ability to clean the flue after it's first use. This brought about a series of different methods to tackle our cleaning of the flue.

Our first method: using a length of timber to scrape down the flue. It worked OK but we felt we could do better.

Second method: this worked well and we used it for many years. A big Explorer sock stuffed firmly with blocks of foam, weighted with a plumb bob at the toe of the sock, and a long length of old electric fence tape tied at the other end, the sock was put down the flue, pulling up & down with the tape, the sock cleaning the gunk from the flue.

But, could we do better? After discussing DIY flue cleaning methods with a neighbour we decided to adopt their method, our third method....

Third method: attaching a length of fencing wire to the electric drill, putting the wire down the flue, then, with the drill going, the wire would madly fling around in the flue quickly whipping the gunk away. This seemed perfect, but.....

All of these methods required climbing on the roof & a fair amount of flue gunk all over the place!

Fourth & current method: a couple of years ago, we lashed out and bought a flue cleaning kit. It works a treat! No more climbing on the roof, instead, it's used from inside the house. It's sent up from the fire box adding the extensions as they're needed, up the length of your flue. You attach your drill which will, like method three, whiz around your flue, swiping the gunk off quick smart.

No more climbing on the roof! And, it's quick & efficient, with minimal mess.

We keep it in PVC pipe with screw off ends, stores away neatly and we love it!



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Landcare Update

The Winchelsea Land and Rivercare group has been working at clearing and replanting sections of the river since 1995 with the well-used path below Barwon Terrace a reward for the group's efforts.

The current president Stewart Mathison says he has seen a lot of change across 30 years and is a wealth of knowledge about what is growing along the river – pointing out fledging plants that are regenerating so we didn't trample or pull them out. The river we love and enjoy today is in no small part due to years of work from a dedicated Landcare crew!

Landcare meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9am usually at Guye Reserve on Barwon Terrace but for the next 3 months it will meet at the river end of Dwyer St to continue planting below the golf course.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 4th July and all are welcome.

Bring your gardening gloves and come for a coffee afterwards!

Webinar Recording: Impacts of Hyperscale Data Centres on Victoria's Water Resources

Feedback from participants who joined our webinar on 5th June was excellent – our presenters really know their stuff!

For those of you who were unable to join our webinar, here is the link to our video of the presentations and Q&A via our Friends of the Barwon YouTube channel: youtube.com/@friendsofthebarwon8682

The video provides a summary of the extent of Hyperscale Data Centres that are in building and planning stages across Victoria Australia, the expected quality and quantity of water they will require to operate and the impacts they are likely to have on Victoria's already overallocated water resources.

The presenters, Cameron Steele and Nicole Kowalczyk outlined the position paper on Hyperscale Data Centres that they contributed to through Victoria's independent organisation, the Concerned Waterways Alliance; drawing on their extensive research in Victoria and other jurisdictions across Australia and overseas.



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Alice Cloake



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JUNE

Ingredient of the Month

Cauliflower



Filo Pie

Ingredients

- 1 large cauliflower, trimmed and cut into bite-size florets (700g)
- 2 tsp mild curry powder
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 100g unsalted butter, 50g cut into roughly 3cm cubes and 50g melted
- 75g plain flour
- 675ml whole milk
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1½ tbsp English mustard
- 150g mature cheddar, roughly grated
- 6 sheets of good-quality filo pastry
- salt and black pepper
- 1 tbsp roughly chopped parsley, to serve
- 1½ tsp lemon zest, to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C fan. Line the bottom and sides of a 23cm springform cake tin with baking parchment.
2. Put the cauliflower on a large, parchment-lined baking tray and toss with the curry powder, half the oil, ½ teaspoon of salt and a good grind of pepper. Roast for about 20 minutes, until cooked through and lightly coloured. Set aside, and turn the oven

- temperature down to 170°C fan.
3. Meanwhile, make the béchamel. Put the cubed butter into a medium saucepan on a medium-high heat and, once melted, whisk in the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes - it should start to smell nutty (like popcorn) Turn the heat down to medium and slowly add the milk a little at a time, whisking continuously to prevent any lumps, until incorporated and the sauce is smooth. Cook, whisking often, for about 7 minutes, until thickened slightly. Off the heat, stir in the garlic, mustard, cheese and ¼ teaspoon of salt until the cheese has melted.
 4. Keep your filo sheets under a damp tea towel to prevent them from drying out. In a bowl, combine the melted butter and the remaining 1/2 tablespoons of oil and keep to one side.
 5. Working one sheet at a time, brush the exposed side of the filo with the butter mixture and drape it into your prepared tin (buttered side up), pushing it down gently to fit. Continue in this way with the next filo sheet, brushing it with butter and then laying it over the bottom sheet, rotating it slightly so the overhang drapes over the sides at a different angle. Do this with all six sheets.
 6. Spoon half the béchamel into the base and top with the roasted cauliflower florets. Spoon over the remaining béchamel, then crimp up the overhang so that it creates a messy scrunched-up border around the edges, leaving the centre of the pie exposed.
 7. Brush the top of the filo border with the remaining butter mixture, then transfer the tin to a baking tray and bake for 30 minutes.
 8. Using a tea towel to help you, carefully release the outer circle of the springform tin and return the pie to the oven for another 20-25 minutes, or until the sides are nicely coloured and everything is golden and bubbling. Leave to settle for 15 minutes.
 9. Top the pie with the parsley and lemon zest and serve warm.



Drop in to a Surf Coast Youth session in the school holidays

Young people looking for a school holiday activity can hang out at Surf Coast Youth sessions in Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea.

Council's Surf Coast Youth team invites people aged between 10 and 17 to drop in for food, games, music and activities in the upcoming winter holidays. There is no cost to attend.

Staffed by two youth workers, the sessions will be held in:

Lorne

Monday 29 June and Monday 6 July
Stribling Reserve Community Pavilion – 45 Otway St

Winchelsea

Wednesday 1 July and Wednesday 8 July
Winchelsea Shire Hall – 28 Hesse St

Anglesea

Friday 3 July and Friday 10 July
Anglesea Community House – 5 McMillan St

All programs will run from 12.30pm to 3.30pm, with young people able to stay for the whole session or come and go as they please. No sign-up is needed.

Councillor Leon Walker said the drop-in sessions were a great way for young

people to spend time with their friends and meet new people.

"We want to see increased social connections across the community, including for our youth," he said. "The drop in sessions offer an opportunity to get out of the house these school holidays and get together for some relaxed fun."

"Other ways to get out the house include utilising community, sport and recreation facilities across the shire. All the details are available on our website at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Council/Venues."

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These two lovely diamond dot pictures are an example of how wide the variety of the work and interests are of our members.

We are now taking a break and returning on the 15th July,

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**Prizes to be announced.*




1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Flameboree is an international Jamboree Around the Fire event held in June. Scouts and Guides around the world are encouraged to host their own campfire or join with other groups.

The first Flameboree had 250 campfires, 15,000 participants, 5,000+ songs sung and, maybe, 30,000 s'mores (based on an average of 2 per person)!

Last year, 1st Modewarre held a small campfire at the hall with Scouts and Venturers. This year, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Adult Helpers travelled down to Eumeralla Scout camp. The Scouts, Venturers and Leaders arrived early to put up camp, ready for the arrival of the Cubs and Joeys at 5pm.

The Barwon District camp site at Eumeralla has been refreshed with a new toilet/shower block, a fire pit area and loads of wood chips underfoot. It has some great climbing trees and is surrounded by bush which the Cubs and Joeys love to explore.

While our tea cooked, we made poi balls with glow sticks (a bit safer than fire twirlers) and practised using them. In the dark they were quite spectacular.

Tea was a bbq – sausages, burgers, onion, coleslaw – and everyone was hungry. Our Venturers did a great job of cooking.

After tea we followed a glow stick trail through the bush to the campfire site. We used the 'buddy system' to make sure no-one got lost. Arriving at the large open



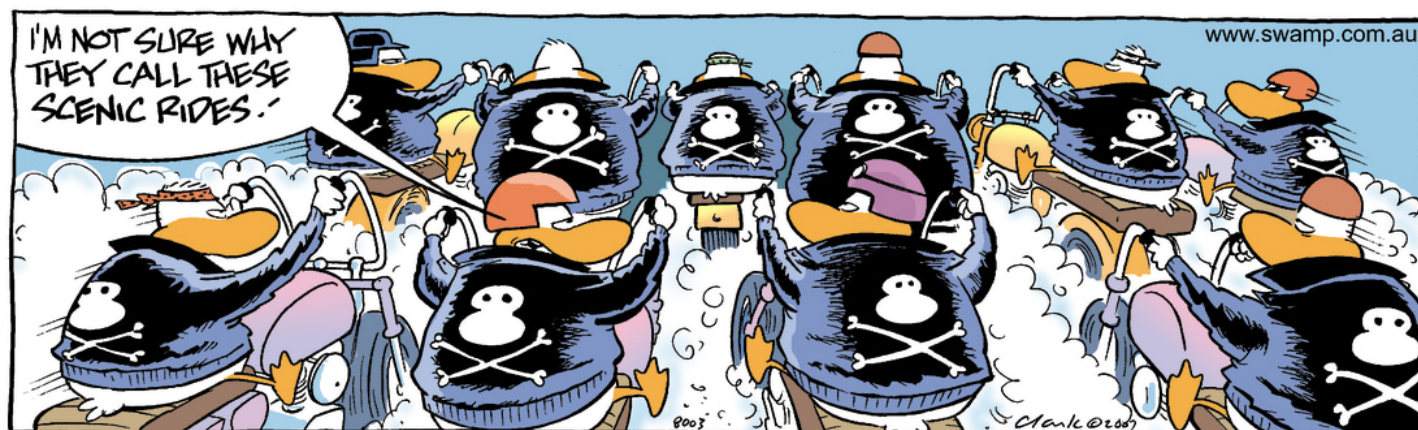
area where the Camp Rangers had built us a HUGE campfire, we quickly settled onto the seats. The campfire was lit and quickly roared to an amazing sight, with sparks spiralling up so very high.

Declaring the campfire OPEN, we began with the 'Pirate Song' which has noisy Cub participation and actions. We also sang 'The Paratrooper Song' aka 'He Jumped from 40,000 Feet', 'Black Crow's Spirit' and 'Singing In the Rain'. In between the Group songs, the Cubs performed some skits, the Scouts told some jokes and the Joeys taught us a song about unfortunate sausages.

To wrap up the campfire, we broke out the marshmallows and made S'mores. We added 36 Scouting members, 60 sausages and burgers, and most importantly, about 80 S'mores to this year's Flameboree tally!

The Cubs and Joeys were picked up by their families at 8pm, leaving just as the drizzle started. After watching the weather closely all day, with fingers crossed the rain would hold off, and making sure everyone wore a raincoat, we had a perfect 4 hours.

While the Leaders and Venturers sat undercover for a welcome cuppa, the Scouts rose to the challenge of starting a campfire, using wet wood, in the firepit. They were successful, celebrating with a few more S'mores before crawling into their tents for the night.



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Winchelsea Star

Have Your Say:

Winchelsea Star plans for its 50 Year Celebration

Alice Cloake

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

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

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

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

Whether it's:

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

—We want to hear it.

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

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

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

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

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Thought of the Week

"Self-respect cannot be hunted.
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It comes to us when we are alone,
in quiet moments, in quiet places,
when we suddenly realize that,
knowing the good, we have done it;
knowing the beautiful, we have served it;
knowing the truth, we have spoken it."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 18 World English Bible

- 25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man, you will show yourself perfect.
- 26 With the pure, you will show yourself pure. With the crooked, you will show yourself shrewd. But the arrogant eyes you will bring down.
- 27 For you will save the humble people, but the haughty eyes you will humble.
- 28 For you will light my lamp, LORD. My God will light up my darkness.
- 29 For by you, I advance through a troop. By my God, I leap over a wall.
- 30 As for God, his way is perfect. The LORD's word is tried. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.
- 31 For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?
- 32 The God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect.
- 33 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and sets me on my high places.
- 34 He teaches my hands to battle, so that my arms bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation. Your right hand sustains me. Your gentleness has made me great.
- 36 You enlarge my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped.
- 37 I pursue my enemies, and overtake them. I will not turn back until they are consumed.
- 38 I strike them through, so that they cannot rise. They fall under my feet.
- 39 For you have armed me with strength to the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
- 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs on me, so that I destroy those who hate me.
- 41 They cried, but there was no saviour. Even to the LORD, but he didn't answer them.
- 42 I beat them as fine dust before the wind. I cast them out like the dirt of the streets.
- 43 You deliver me from the strife of the people. You make me the head of the nations. A people I have not known serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear of me, they obey me. Foreigners submit to me.
- 45 Foreigners fade away, and come trembling out of their fortresses.
- 46 The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted!
- 47 God is the one who avenges me, and subdues peoples under me.
- 48 He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me above those who rise up against me. You rescue me from the violent man.
- 49 Therefore I will give thanks to you, LORD, among the nations, and I will sing praises to your name.
- 50 Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows loving devotion to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.
- This passage is a song of thanksgiving by David, celebrating God's justice, mercy, and protection. It emphasizes that God rewards the righteous, humbles the proud, strengthens the faithful, and grants victory over enemies, culminating in the enduring salvation and steadfast love shown to David and his descendants.*



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In 2003, Tim Jenkin started an internet-based LETS in Cape Town, South Africa, calling it the Community Exchange System (CES) and now there are many groups around the world using his system. It is simply a way of recording transactions in an online computer program. People within groups can exchange good and services between them, but they can also trade with other groups in their country and other countries. Some people have travelled around the world using the system for accommodation and offering their services in return. All without using any money or just a nominal amount.

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Here in Winchelsea we have the Barwon River Community Exchange – a small group started a few years ago. Our goal is to grow to at least 100 members, because the more people, the more skills and resources can be shared. Everyone is feeling the pinch of rising costs and this is one way to save money and, in the process, build a more cooperative community.

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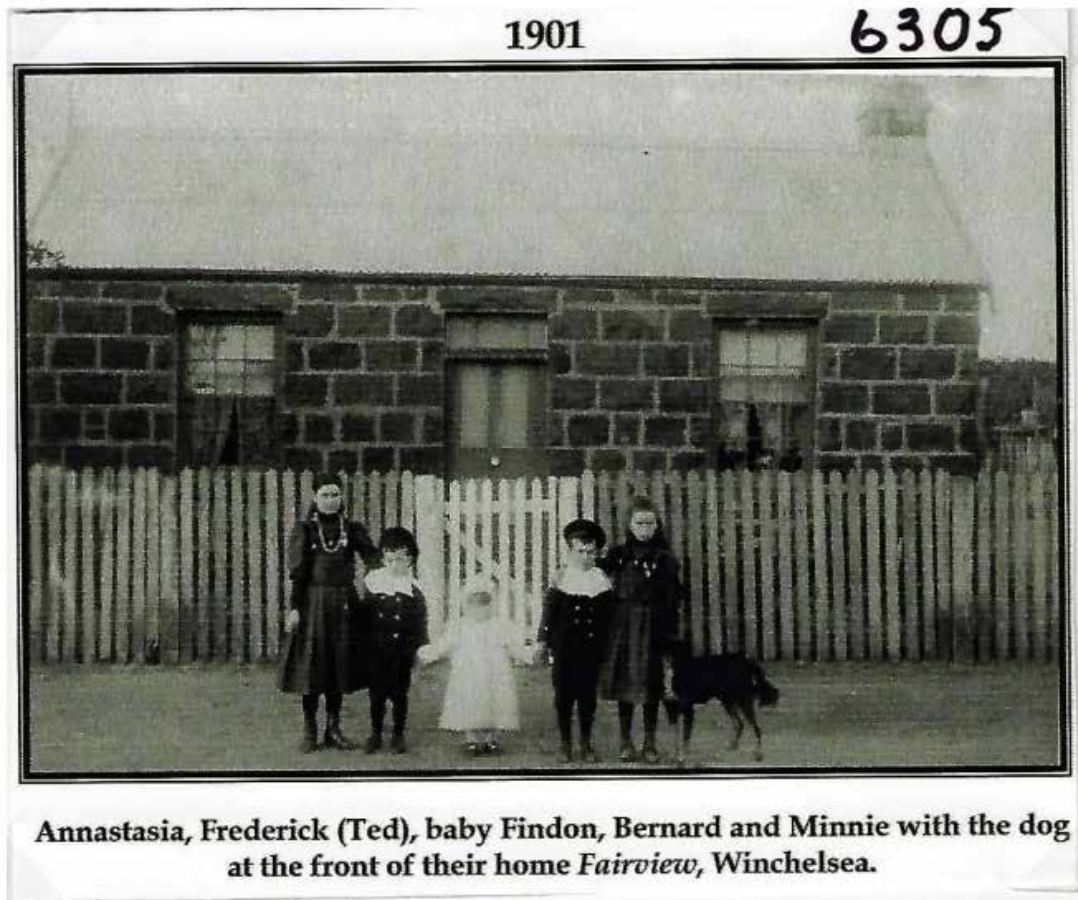


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'Fairview' 13 Main Street Winchelsea



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Local knowledge has it that many houses such as this one in the colonies were built by the Orchard family, some by the Austins of Barwon Park for housing their shepherds and other farm labourers, and some by William Lauder, Stonemason of Winchelsea whose descendants are still living in the town today.

Fairview at 13 Austin Street is architecturally and historically significant at a local level and is listed on the Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 2B Statements of Significance. Fairview is just one example of a small number of surviving 19th century bluestone buildings in the central township area, the building demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, brick chimney with a corbelled top, central front door opening with transom, and the flanking twelve paned timber framed double hung windows. The remnant decorative timber bargeboards are also early. The dwelling is associated with building developments in the central township area after the mid-19th century, when the town became an early centre for commerce, education, postal services and social activities. It reminds us of when our modern town first started growing in the 1850s and 1860s.

Once Austin's ford was replaced by the old bluestone bridge, planning was implemented for the town to grow around the Barwon Inn, the general store, and the post office. Houses like these were the homes for the first townfolk who saw Winchelsea grow from a settlement of Pastoral Stations to the bustling town that we know and love today.

Here we see the Alsop children, dressed in their Sunday Best with their family dog, posing proudly outside their beautiful house. Their descendants still live in Winchelsea today.



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

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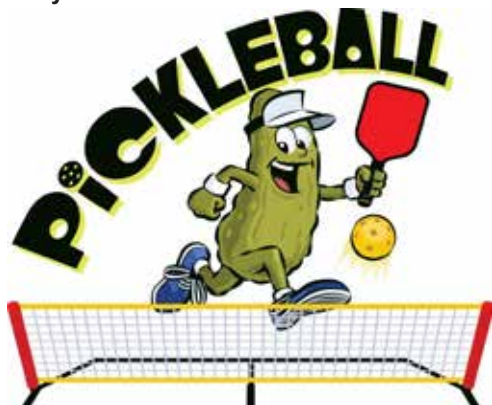
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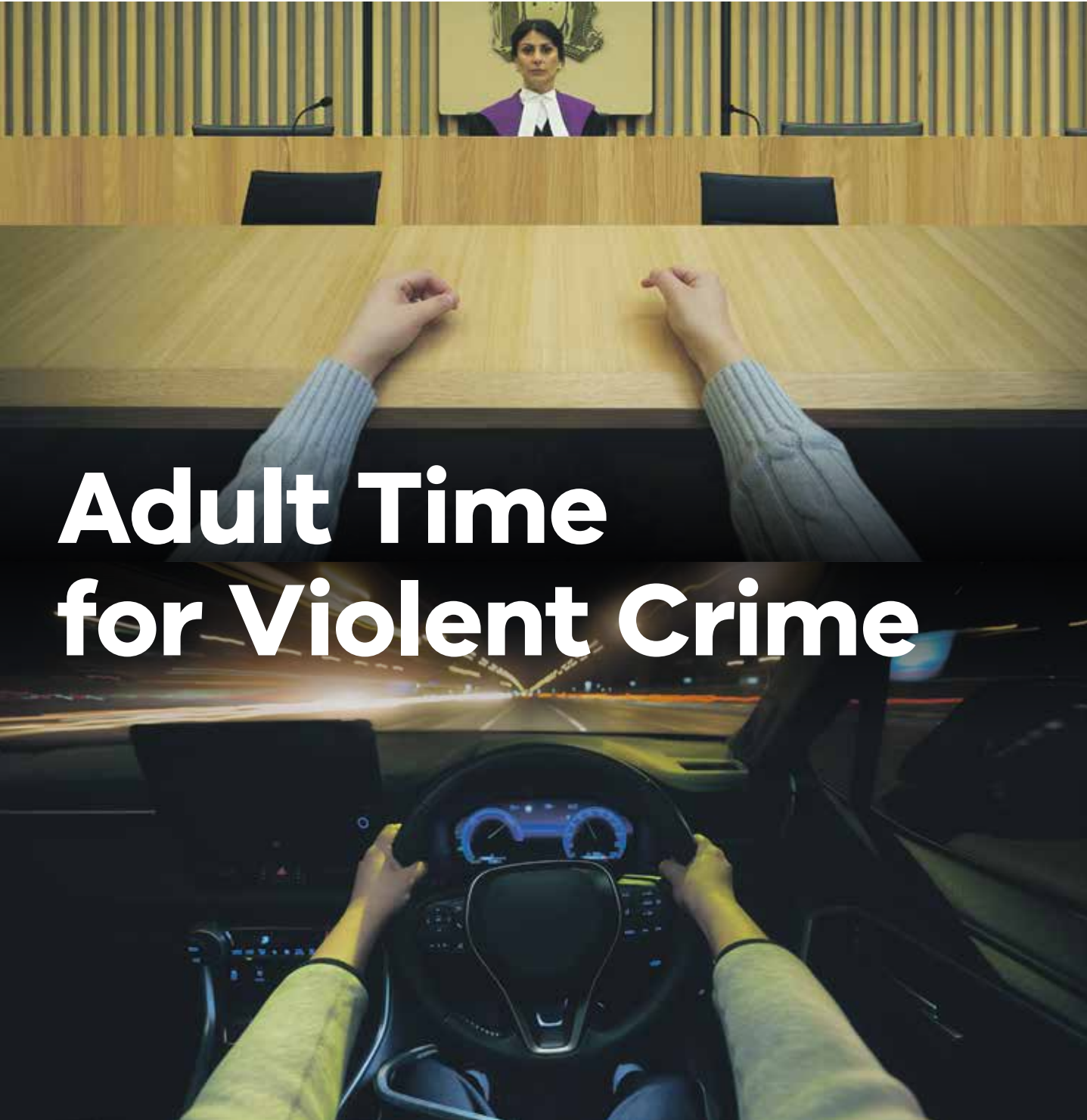
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13 Players.

1st - Peter Finch (29) 34 points C/B
2nd - Stephen Harvey (15) 34 points C/B
BDL - Bill Spencer (17) 32 points C/B
BDL - Doug McLennan (22) 32 points C/B

NTP (6th/15th) - No Winner

Results 17/6/26 - Ladies Stableford

Winner of the day: Di Bartel

NTP: Di Bartel

Results Saturday 20/6/26 - Winchelsea Pharmacy Trophy 2nd Round - Stableford

19 Players.

1st - Nick Trezise (6) 36 points
2nd - Cam Parke (9) 31 points C/B
BDL - Andrew Ellery (27) 31 points C/B
BDL - Denis Chappell (19) 29 points C/B
BDL - Lachie Murphy (13) 29 points C/B
BDL - Peter Finch (29) 28 points C/B

NTP (8th/17th) - Tom Shaw

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



ROUND 10

Bannockburn Tigers Vs Winchelsea Blues

Welcome to all those readers of Blue's News who will be happy indeed to hear this week's results from the Winchelsea Blues. Last Saturday the Blues travelled to Victoria Park to meet Bannockburn on their home turf, the area has had quite a bit of welcome rain occur in the couple of days before the match was due to take place, just to make things interesting.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 7.14. 56 def Bannockburn Tigers 6.4 40

While celebrating their last win over Thomson at Thomson, the Reserves quickly came back to reality with the prospect of facing up to the Bannockburn Reserve side who has only lost one match so far in the 2026 season. The Blues started well and went into the quarter time break 7 points up in a very even contest. 3 goals 2 points by the Blues to 3 goals 1 point by the Tigers had Winchelsea up at half time by 8 points. The third quarter was telling for the Blues, controlling the play and kicking 2 goals 7 points while holding Bannockburn scoreless for the quarter to increase their lead. The lead built up in the third quarter enabled the visitors to hold the lead at the final siren to take the 4 points for the game and move into 5th spot on the Reserves Ladder. This was a good solid win, and a very team oriented one. Coaches, players, waterboys - good job by everyone concerned. Ankle injury to one of our young Reserves was the only major injury, and on an up note it was great to see a familiar Number 10 having a run in the Reserves last week.

GOALS: Jack Todd 2, Tayne Hewson, Cooper Mumberson, Noah Harvey, Will McNeil & Joshua Freeman all 1 goal.
BEST: Caleb Brown, Tayne Hewson, Luke Henry, Josh Freeman, Ollie Mahncke, Tom Rouget

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 12.13.85 def Bannockburn Tigers 8.10.58.

A good start to the game was imperative and that's what the Blues were able to achieve, a goal in front after a tightly contested first quarter, and they continued to create play and hold team structures when needed to be up by 17 points at the half time break, 7.5.47 to the Tigers 4.6.30. It was Bannockburn's Past Players Day and the Blues were aware everything would be thrown at them after half time and it was! To the Blues credit they were able to withstand wave after wave of attack from Bannockburn who never dropped their heads in the game, but Winchelsea was never headed and ran out winners on the day pushing them into third spot on the GDFNL Ladder. A big win boys!!

GOALS: Cameron Primmer 4, David Isbister 2, Indi Parish 2, Adam Walsh, Jordan Gould, Jack Sampi, Samuel Adams all 1 goal.
BEST: Jack Terrill, Adam Walsh, Lachlan Carver, Cass Parish, Jack Sampi, Jordan Huff.

150 YEARS !!

Great stuff Blues as we head into next week's important clash against North Geelong in the Club's 150th year celebrations hosting North Geelong (who are also celebrating their 150th year).

The Bendigo Bank Room will be closed due to the 150th Celebration Luncheon held between 12pm - 2pm. The President's Afternoon Tea will be held at half time as usual. There will be a huge crowd of past Players, past Committee members, Volunteers, life Members, Sponsors and our ever-growing supporter base to view the games and the Club welcomes everyone to come and participate in what is a real milestone in country football and the Winchelsea Football Netball Club's significant history both on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June 2026.

Win lose or draw the Winchelsea Football Netball Club will be alive and pumping after the games with raffle tickets to be drawn – food available – Bar open!

GO BLUES!!

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Photos from the WFNC Black Tie Annual Ball

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These are some of the photos from the WFNC Annual Social event - The Black Tie Ball. the QR code links to the full gallery on my website.

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MATCH CONTENT TO AGE

- 2 Be honest, but also age appropriate. Match the depth of your responses to what they're ready for – and follow their lead on when they want to know more.

.....
 It's okay to say:

"I'm not sure. Let's find out together."

ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FEELINGS

- 3 Worry, sadness and anger are all normal responses to a serious problem. Name any feelings and make space for them in the conversation. Let the children in your life know they're not alone.

.....
"I understand why you feel worried about that. What part feels hardest?"

BUILD THEIR AGENCY

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Australian Open Campaign Complete

Congratulations to all of our Winchelsea Blues members who took on the Australian Open over the past fortnight.

What an incredible effort. Taking time away from work, making the investment to travel, compete against the country's best, and proudly wearing the blues uniform every step of the way is something you should all be proud of.

There were plenty of great wins, some close calls, and a whole lot of memorable moments along the journey. Most importantly, you represented our club with class, determination, and pride. (Maybe a little close to the line here with a couple of the photos)

Thank you for letting us follow along and cheer you on from afar. It's been fantastic watching your results roll in and seeing the Winchelsea name feature throughout the tournament.

Now it's time to put the feet up, enjoy watching the finals, and reflect on what has been a huge couple of weeks.

Well done Blues



Winchelsea Bowls Club welcomes all visitors. Our Club has a beautiful garden setting in the heart of the town. For the complete newcomer to lawn bowls, looking for a sporting activity that promises much fun and enjoyment with a competitive element, then the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of our Bowling Club is the place to be.





WELCOME TO RED HATTING

It all began in 1997 Sue Ellen Cooper from California was inspired by a poem written by Jenny Joseph, the poem is 'WARNING'

"When I am an old woman I shall wear **purple**
With a **red** hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit."

The Red Hat Society was founded in 1998 by Sue Ellen Cooper in Fullerton, California, as a social club for women over 50 to embrace aging with fun and friendship. It began when Cooper gifted a red fedora and a copy of the poem "Warning" by Jenny Joseph to a friend.

On April 25, 1998, Cooper and five friends held a tea party wearing red hats and purple outfits, marking the birth of the society. The society was created as a "dis-organization" aimed at encouraging women to break out of their shells, enjoy life, and foster friendship.

Australian Red Hatters.

The first Australian group was started by Florence Slattery in Warwick Queensland, July 2001

Being a Red Hatter is a fun way to socialise, celebrate ageing, and enjoy life to the fullest, and definitely try not to act your age!!

Red Hats and **Purple** attire for ladies over 50, for ladies under 50 it is **Pink** hats and **Lavender** attire, until you turn 50, then you REDuate!! During your Birthday month you can reverse the colours, Purple Hat and Red Attire.

Groups are called Chapters, the lady who begins the chapter is known as the "Queen", sometimes there is a Vice Queen. You may choose a 'Royal Title' ie Dame, Lady, Baroness, Duchess and Diva, this is a fun thing.

Gatherings are ideas put forward by everyone in the Chapter, once a month there is usually a lunch or coffee date where ideas and plans are made. Meeting up with other chapters is also a great thing, many gatherings are posted on the Red Hats Victoria site....

**Come along to find out more,
We'll meet you at Sweet Thyme Café
10.30am
Tuesday 30th June**



parkrun 119



Saturday 20 June 2026

Neil McInnes

30 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week on a very wet track. Well done first finisher Hugo Weiershauser running in the J10 age group.

Congratulations to Sean Cannard, Mark Garlick, Justin Wallis and Harry Smith who completed their personal best time at Treebeck Reserve.

We had visitors from Torquay and Sunshine.

8 volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Ann Jones, Murray Bennett, Maureen Gunson, Chloe Hrobarik, Liam Hrobarik and Don Smith.

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

If you wish to join us any Saturday morning as a walker, runner or volunteer please complete the simple online registration at parkrun.com.au/register, this is free, only needs to be done once and can be used at any of the 5,000 plus parkrun events worldwide.

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve



Dinner this Saturday 27th June 6.30pm.

Hot food, great conversations and community connection.

Everyone is welcome to join us from Winchelsea and surrounds.

A monthly gathering for the Winchelsea community to socialise over dinner - bring a plate, make a donation or just come as you are.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY DINNERS

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

February 28th	July 25th
March 28th	August 29th
April 25th	September 26th
May 30th	October 24th
June 27th	November 28th

6.30PM HALL ON CORNER OF
MERCER & HARDING STREETS

PRODUCE SWAP TABLE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE
IF YOU ARE ABLE
GOLD COIN DONATION AT DOOR
MORE INFO- JESS 0409536752

