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Winchelsea Community Bus



Community Bus

What's your opinion?

How amazing would it be for a small town like Winchelsea to buy its own small bus to drive our locals, especially oldies, go to the football, school trips, concerts at Mt Duneed, sports events, The Hub on Thursday nights, Bowling Club trips, Probus day trips, shopping in Waurm Ponds - and lots more.

If you have an opinion or ideas about the Community Bus, write a Letter to the Editor

Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au or
give a handwritten note to the IGA

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I believe we need a bus for the town.

Now the Council has stopped the bus, there's no bus for Probus, no bus to go shopping any more. With a bus, we could go everywhere - to the Hub, we could go to the concerts at Mt Duneed, to the football when they play in Geelong.

I was going to join Probus mainly for their trips, but now they can't do them. I can't join a club or go to any meetings because I have a bad back and I live too far from town to walk.

If it's too expensive for the Shire to run it, why did they get buses in the first place? What changed? We still need it.

And I believe that when we get it, it should be called the BLUES BUS like all the sports clubs, they're the Blues.

We need a BLUES BUS for the town.

Dianna Vesey



Winchelsea Lions Club Paper Recycling

Judy Cameron



Do you drop newspapers, magazines, old books (with covers removed) to the Lions Club shed so they can turn it into money?

Through this they have made many thousands of dollars over the years to support our community!

PAPER DROP OFF
In the open shed next to the
Senior Citizens Club,
36 Harding St, Winchelsea

NO CARDBOARD PLEASE They can't deal with that so pop it in your yellow top recycle bin or take it to the tip for recycling.



Some History of Lions Club Paper Recycling

Rob Knuckey

According to former Lion Kevin McDonald the paper recycling started in 1966 which means next year the paper business will be 60 years of progress for our club and the generation of funds for our town and Lions Club International.

Back in 1958 a group of men led by Jim McDonald formed the club and accepted the motto of WE SERVE, with a fair few willing persons who are known as Charter Members.

The newspaper people of the day were generous to offer papers not sold and the public dropped theirs in as well. Papers were stored at Schroeter's Garage and McDonald Transport and put into tied bundles and hand loaded about every month onto transport to go to Melbourne.

When my brother John and I joined Lions in 1980, Jack Schroeter had an International 55W Square baler powered by a Wisconsin Air Cooled Engine and wire-tied bales of paper were created. This then required an elevator to carry the bales onto McDonalds flat-top Semi Trailer and each load had to be covered with tarpaulins and tied down.

A little later with the co-operation of the Elderly Citizens Club a shed was built to handle the papers and then with an extension to what we have today. This can store a semi-load of paper and room for the paper handlers to organise the bundles. The first volunteers I remember were Hugh McCallum, Les Hampshire and Ron Forster. Retired farmer David Yandall become a very successful manager.

In between times a former super-spreading man Laurie Davies offered his telescopic 4 wheel drive loader with a large materials handling bucket to assist with loading. Also when asked to put paper on pallets Campbell Brumby has assisted with his Fork lift for loading. [Ed note: the power of community volunteers!]

An alcove on the side of the shed allows papers to be delivered 24/7 and the public have continued to deliver all this time for which the Lions are very grateful.

The Lions Club today gathers papers from Lion Ashwani Bedi's IGA Supermarket, Libby Leak's Foxes Den the two Service Stations, Colac, Beeac, Torquay, Bellbrae, Birregurra, Derrinallum and Moriac townships and from some farmers who store the paper for us to collect. [ED note: when my mother was alive she would 'dumpster dive' in the bins at her nursing home in Geelong for papers and save them for me to bring back to Winchelsea for the Lions Club!]

Thankfully, the Surf Coast Shire has assisted with bins to store paper out of the weather.

Lions Jim McDonald, Jack Schroeter, Bert *Rat of Tobruk* Bone, Leo O'Dwyer, Joe Earl and their fellow Lions of the Day who started this I am sure would be proud of the progress we have made and we have continued with the motto of WE SERVE.

Our thanks go to all who have been part of the journey.



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Look up. Swooping season is here again, stay alert and stay safe

DEECA

As the weather gets warmer and the days longer, we also start to see the occasional swooping bird. Native birds enter their breeding season in spring, and some may get protective of their young.

Lachlan Clarke, DEECA said: "Swooping is a normal, temporary behaviour for native birds like magpies, butcherbirds and masked lapwings to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are vulnerable."

"Think of it as a warning sign. They're telling you to keep your distance. While it can be a bit unsettling, it's rare for them to make contact."

Swooping can occur in both urban and rural areas, including parks, gardens, and along bike paths.

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

- Avoid known swooping hotspots.
- Move quickly, don't run if near a swooping bird.
- Wear head and eye coverings.
- Don't harass birds, as this can escalate swooping.
- Don't feed birds or destroy their nests.

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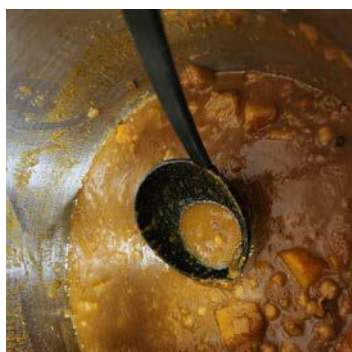
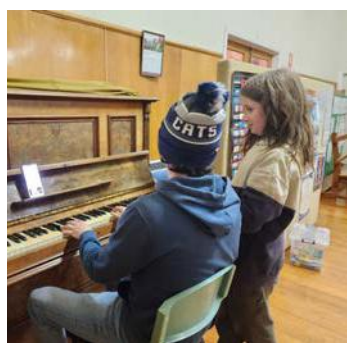
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Fun for all at Winchelsea Community Dinner

Jess Butler



Our monthly community dinners are really taking on a life of their own – it's wonderful to see our community stepping up to make this event their own.

This month was especially exciting for the children as local Artzzy Jazzy brought along her face painting and body art supplies and worked her magic with some delighted children. Jasmine (also known as Artzzy Jazzy) donates her time, resources and creativity each month to help keep the kids busy and entertained during our dinners. It's wonderful to have local small businesses such as Artzzy Jazzy so generously support these events as without this support the dinners wouldn't be anywhere near as much fun for our Winchelsea kids.

The food as per usual was plentiful, diverse and delicious. Some of the offerings included chicken chow mein, paella with chorizo, pumpkin and chickpea curry and beef and barley soup. Dessert included apple and rhubarb crumble, orange cake, sticky date pudding and choc chip muffins.

The piano has continued to get a work out, its lovely to see people of varying abilities having a go at sharing something they can play.

It's been a delight to get to chat with so many locals over the course of our dinners so far. Quite a few connections have been made between people who might not usually get an opportunity to chat. As well as enjoying the chance to meet new people and connect with regulars at each dinner, there have been many extra connections.

For our family who have only been in the community for a year, the dinners have been a wonderful chance to get to know people beyond the quick hello in the street. These connections have led to things like – my children being given the opportunity to learn to ride horses with a generous community member, being able to source local produce such as eggs and locally made gluten free bread, connecting with local families who have shared life experiences and values and being able to learn more about the context and history of the community, particularly the strong commitment to people helping each other out and working together to get things done.

We hope you will join us at a future dinner, they are held on the last Saturday of each month 6.30pm at the hall on the corner of Harding and Mercer street. Our next dinner will be Saturday 27th September. Everyone is welcome from Winchelsea and surrounds.

Please bring food to share if you are able, if not just come along anyway – there is always plenty to share. We start eating not long after 6.30pm in case you have little ones and need an earlier night.

These are community powered events – run for community by community, they rely on the support of our generous volunteers and community donations. This includes seed funding gratefully received from The Winchelsea Star to get us going and the ongoing support of Kentys Bakery who donate dinner rolls each month.

Probus goes to Elvis

Linda Carter

A couple of weeks ago Winchelsea Probus Club travelled to the Colac Bowling Club for lunch and a performance by Elvis impersonator Mike Cole.

Before lunch he came out in the leather "comeback special" outfit singing mostly his ballads and romantic songs.

Then after lunch it was the full on Las Vegas blue jumpsuit, full hair, sideburns and rock and roll. He had the room jumping and everyone dancing, some even with walkers !!

A really fun day but tinged with sadness as it was our last outing on the Bendigo Bus before all community buses cease to exist. A Victorian Government directive has tightened up on all community buses which now have to have a qualified driver accredited to carry passengers.

The Shire is offering some reimbursement to hire commercial bus companies for the next 2 years but it will drastically curtail our monthly trips as it will also affect other community groups.

Winchelsea Probus Club would like to extend an enormous thank you to our wonderful driver for the last couple of years Don Smith. He has made things so easy for us. Not to mention his "Magical Mystery Tours"

Thank you so much Don we will miss your smiling face and wonderful driving.



Elvis



Goodbye Bendigo bus



Probus members



Probus members getting in the groove



Many thanks Winchelsea Star



Men's Shed members assembling a new bandsaw

The Winchelsea Star Committee donated \$1000 to assist with the purchase of this very useful piece of equipment.

The Barwon River

Elsie and Nina - Two Grade Five Legends

The grade 5's at Winchelsea Primary School have been exploring things they love about Winchelsea as well as learning how to write a newspaper article. We have written a series of articles. We hope you enjoy them.

Dive into the depths of the Barwon river.

Going for a walk, run or even just relaxing with the chirping birds and the rushing water. There are some great places to relax on the Barwon river, like below the Barwon Hotel, under the bluestone bridge and near the new Adventure Playground.

The Barwon River starts in the Great Otway National Park and it ends at Barwon Heads Bridge on the Bellarine Peninsula. It is 160 km long and goes through Forrest, Barwon Downs, Birregurra, Winchelsea, Inverleigh, Geelong, and finally Barwon Heads.

You can not jump off the bridge in Winchelsea but you can swim in it in other areas of the river. Just be careful and sometimes it can be dangerous. Never swim when it is flooded.

The Barwon River Winchelsea was flooded in June 1952 1995- really big floods. In 1952 the river got to 1.9 meters and in 1995 the flood did not get recorded in height but it was BIG.

The river at Winchelsea is around 4.7 metres deep and is home to fish, redfin, carp, eels and platypus.








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Winchelsea RSL Centenary Celebration Events

Graham Kenafacke, President Winchelsea RSL

The centenary of the Winchelsea Returned & Services League (RSL) marks one hundred years since its establishment. The 100th anniversary events are planned to recognise those who have served and to engage members of the regional community.

Origins and Heritage of Winchelsea RSL

Founded in 1919 after the First World War, the Winchelsea RSL was created to provide support, fellowship, and advocacy for returning servicemen. In 1923, a memorial grandstand was constructed by a local group using Burley Griffin's Knitlock system with locally sourced materials and ex-servicemen's expertise. The grandstand was officially opened on 3 October 1925 after building costs were repaid through fundraising by the RSL Ladies Auxiliary and the broader community.

Originally, the organisation served communities across Modewarre, Buckley, Bambra, Lorne, Beeac, and Inverleigh. Over the past century, the Winchelsea RSL has functioned as a meeting place for veterans and promoted remembrance and educational activities. Recent facility upgrades include new lighting, an entry ramp, expanded display area, and repainting.

Events

The Sub Branch will organise several commemorative events open to the public, to raise funds for veterans at Winchelsea Cemetery, for updating memorial displays and to acquire a projector for educational presentations.

Future Outlook

At the conclusion of the centenary, the Winchelsea RSL states its ongoing intention to recognise previous service and continue supporting veterans. The celebration is intended

to acknowledge the organisation's history and to encourage continued community participation and support for veterans.

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

Supper Dance at Globe Theatre

Commencing 7 pm featuring the Windbreakers Admission is \$10 per person; children under 16 enter free. Contact Graham Kenafacke 0448 339 003 or David Loone 0488 165 109

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025

9am - 3pm **Static displays inside and outside the Hub.**

10.00 am **Firing of 25 pounder.**

11.00 am **Small commemorative ceremony to remember those killed in war.**

1.00 pm **Demonstration of anti-tank drill by a 25-pounder gun crew. Encompassing destruction of an armoured vehicle and pyrotechnics.**

3.00 pm **Finish**

Lions BBQ, Coffee van, CWA cake stall during the day, as well as classic car/motorcycle groups. The Lions Club will provide sausages and drinks for purchase.

Additional static displays from the Birregurra Motorcycle Club, Geelong Motorcycle Club, and Western District Car Club will be available. Gold coin donation to the Winchelsea RSL welcome.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3 OCTOBER 2025, there will be a reopening of the RSL rooms with a short dedication ceremony,



Gardening Tips

Peter Groves

New Seedlings

With the coming of spring it's time to consider what seedlings to plant to enhance your cooking for summer.

- Chives and parsley are a must and excellent to add to scramble eggs and mashed potato.
- Cherry tomatoes will add colour and flavour to a salad.
- Snow peas to have either steamed or raw in a salad.
- Spring onions – and the chopped leaves make an excellent garnish.
- Ginger. Choose a warm place to plant. Grate the tuber over cooking for a mild ginger flavour.
- Red chillies (green are very hot!). Use without the seeds and wash hands after removing them as if you get them near your eyes it will be very painful.

If you are looking for seeds there is a lady who sells them under the oaks trees at the Drysdale Market, on the first Saturday of the month.



Ginger plant grown by Peter at his home in Clifton Springs. He bought the tuber from a Vietnamese stall owner at the Footscray Market. *Photo taken by Peter Groves*

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Winchelsea Lions Club, IGA BBQs

have resumed after the winter break. 9am till 12 on the first Saturday of the Month. Outside IGA. All proceeds go to the IGA community chest. Come along and help your local community.

WANTED

Chook Manure

The Winchelsea Men's Shed are seeking some chook manure for the community vegetable garden. Please contact Clyde Stephenson on 0407 436 083 if you can help out.

SMALL RUNNING GROUP

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ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE FUNDRAISER

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Sandy of Sandy's Pizza/Pasta/Desserts in Main St, Winchelsea is a competitive rower. This year, as part of her training, she and her team The Corio Bay Cruisers are rowing 75kms along the Murray & Darling Rivers raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The event takes place on Saturday, September 13th and they would love if you could support them via sponsoring them at this link <https://rowathon-2025.Raiselysite.Com/sandy-locke>

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New families welcome

Community Bank Funding Brings "Twinkle Trees on Main" to Life in Winchelsea



Winchelsea's Christmas celebrations will shine even brighter this year, thanks to the generous financial support of Community Bank Winchelsea & District. The funding has enabled the Winchelsea Men's Shed to create 50 handcrafted timber Christmas trees, which will be distributed to local families to decorate in the lead-up to Christmas.

The project, titled "Twinkle Trees on Main", forms part of the broader Christmas in Winchelsea festivities. Families will be encouraged to decorate their timber trees and display them proudly along Main Street, helping to light up Winchelsea with festive colour and creativity. The 50 timber trees will be available on a first-come basis, with details on collection and decorating workshops to be announced shortly.

President of Growing Winchelsea, John Tebbutt said the initiative captures the true spirit of the season. "This project brings together our community in a meaningful way. It's about creativity, family fun, and making our town look and feel festive. We are grateful to Community Bank Winchelsea & District for making this possible, and to Men's Shed volunteers for their hard work in crafting the trees."

Community Bank Winchelsea & District's contribution highlights the importance of local partnerships in creating vibrant community events. "Supporting projects like Twinkle Trees on Main is exactly what community banking is about – investing in local initiatives that bring people together," said Kelly Turner, Community Engagement Advisor, Community Bank Winchelsea & District."

Christmas in Winchelsea will include a Twilight market that coincides with Carols by the Barwon, the Lion's Club Christmas Lights competition and an Elf on the Shelf Christmas Trail for business.

Planning is already underway, and we welcome community involvement to make this Christmas a special celebration.

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Elaine Atkinson on mobile 0458009616 or email secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

For updates visit our website www.growingwinchelsea.com



The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

The ABC Radio 'Science Show' turns 50

Fifty years ago, the first episode of ABC's radio The Science Show went to air on August 30, 1975.

Some of the stories from that first episode hit even harder today. For example, Lord Ritchie Calder, head of energy policy at the House of Lords in the British Parliament gave startling figures on greenhouse gas being emitted from fossil fuels.

And he spoke about the likely disastrous effect on world climate emissions would have: "We've been saying this at the UN and elsewhere since 1963 and here we are in 1975 and people still have not acted!" (from the ABC Science Newsletter)

Conservative UK Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher during a speech to The Royal Society in September 1988, said: "For generations, we have assumed that the efforts of mankind would leave the fundamental equilibrium of the world's systems and atmosphere stable.

"But it is possible that with all these enormous changes (population, agricultural, use of fossil fuels) concentrated into such a short period of time, we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of this planet itself." (from the Independent UK)

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Community input needed for Winchelsea Swimming Pool to be at its best

Haidee Benning

Part 2 of 4 weekly parts: An opinion piece on community involvement in the Winchelsea Swimming Pool project

Winchelsea residents don't have a stretch of beach they can access as an alternative that is under a 30-40 min drive. Even then, parking is virtually impossible during peak summer periods. Further to crowds and no parking, accessing for families with babies, toddlers and young children or people with mobility issues become even more difficult due to the often long walking distances required.

If the facts that the Shire has just spent over 8 million dollars on building a new pool, and that local beaches may not be a viable option for many rural residents during peak summer periods are not good enough reason to open our pool for longer, at better times, then let's throw population growth into the mix.

There is no denying that over the past 20 years, population growth has had a huge impact in changing the dynamic of our region. Whilst most notable along our coastline, Winchelsea has also not escaped its own surge in growth. The once sleepy rural township has become a popular alternative for those families and folks who value the gold nuggets to be found in a more rural lifestyle. Perhaps it's the attraction of a little more space for the kids to play, room for a vegie patch, or a quieter retirement lifestyle that draws folks to the region. Winchelsea also boasts the advantage of still being within a 30-40 min drive to larger towns like Geelong and Colac, the coastal gateway townships of Torquay, Anglesea and Lorne, and is only a 1-1.5hr drive to Melbourne. Another obvious drawback is that property prices are still much more affordable than the now almost unattainable coastal prices (especially if you're a first home buyer without a trust fund or generous inheritance!) The rapid growth in new housing estates around town seems to indicate the cat is out of the bag on these reasons for choosing Winchelsea as a great place to live.

A variety of sources note Winchelsea to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the region. Most ratepayers here are also dwelling in their homes as principle places of residence, as opposed to the many holiday homes that sit empty for long periods of time in coastal regions. Winchelsea's population grew by about 26% from 1,944 in 2016 to 2,456 in 2021.

Surf Coast Shire's own projections suggests growth could reach 10,000 to 18,500 by 2050;

"For Winchelsea, the Spatial Economics projections expect to see strong dwelling and population growth, particularly from the early 2030s. Between 2021 and 2036 we project between 3,100 and 4,100 additional residents. Then from 2036 to 2051 our low



growth projection sees an additional 5,600 people while under the high projection there could be 12,600 more people."

This accelerating growth demands enhanced recreational infrastructure. This means not just upgrading and building new recreational, sport and leisure resources. It means ensuring that operational budgets allocated to Winchelsea for the running of such venues are increased to enhance accessibility and expand utilisation options. How else will the community actually access said resources and start using them to create cultures of support and higher participation along with a sense of connection, inclusion and ownership over the venue's and its programs success?

It would be interesting to see a comparison on budget allocations to 'operating costs' of sport, leisure and recreational facilities elsewhere within the shire and review how the decision makers ascertain what's worth doing and what's not. It may be difficult to compare a unique venue such as the Winchelsea Pool within the shire to other venue's. We most certainly cannot compare it to the soon to be completed Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre. No, I doubt there's much comparison at all, as news from the Shires website tells us that this is a \$46-53 million dollar project that features an indoor 25 m lap pool, warm-water pool, gym, allied health suites, café, and more. The Shire celebrates the substantial state and federal government contributions along with council borrowings of up to 6 million to see this project through. In fact, they even reviewed and amended their budget to find extra funds to ensure this project would be a success.

Sorry folks, if you live in Winchelsea or its surrounding hinterland, just remember as your rushing to pay your next rates instalment, or as your walking past that beautiful shiny new but closed pool and gazing at it longingly through the wire fence on your way to get your morning coffee, you should not compare, or wonder how the Council can justify not giving us a fair go, when this is all we are asking for. Looks like you'll still need to pack the kids into the car and heading to Torquay or Geelong for their learn to Swim programs for a while yet.



Haidee Benning grew up in Winchelsea during the 70s and 80s riding horses, playing netball and swimming at the local pool. At 18 the pull of the sea called her to the coastal townships of Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and Torquay where she worked for the next 6 years not only in education and childcare but also in healthcare as a Remedial and Sports massage therapist.

As a long term Yoga and Qi Gong practitioner she has also recently included the healing art of Zen Thai Shiatsu Therapy to her practice. In 2024 Haidee had another opportunity to travel and she currently divides her time between Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and Winchelsea. When she is back in town, she still works at the local Osteopathic clinic and enjoys re-connecting with the local community, both in Winchelsea, along the Surfcoast and in Port Fairy.

Look back to last week's Star for Haidee's full biography

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MONDAY

CO-WORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

MAINLY MUSIC

Interactive Music 0-4yrs
10-11am (school terms)
St Thomas' 25 Barwon Tce 0407838256

WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)
St John's, Mercer /Harding St
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
Lily Dell Rennie 0428 936 441



1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS

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

VINYASA YOGA

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

TUESDAY



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



1ST MODDA/ 1ST WINCH SCOUTS

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

WEDNESDAY

WINCH WALKERS

9:30-10.30am
Mud Hut (Opposite La Hoot Cafe)
Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea
ralexander@hesse.vic.gov.au

WINCHELSEA ZUMBA DANCE

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

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

9.30am 51 Hesse St, Winchelsea
Ray Atkinson 0407839139
winchmenshed@gmail.com

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Wednesdays 1- 3.00 pm
36 Harding St, Winchelsea
Jean Shinnars 52672263, 0427672263
jeanshinnars@gmail.com

MOTHER GOOSE SONG & RHYME

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday on the Month (except November)



Shire Hall
9am to 1pm

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July 6th	Nov 9th (2nd Sunday)
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September/October

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To add an event to the calendar, please email news@winchelseastar.org.au

CWA WINCHELSEA

7-8.30pm 2nd Wed monthly
Senior Citizens, Harding St
winchelsea.cwa@gmail.com



SES WINCHELSEA

7.30pm 132500
323 Mousley Dr, Winchelsea



THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

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

COWORKING & STUDYING SPACE

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

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

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

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP

10.30am-12pm FREE
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COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm
30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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MAT PILATES

6.30pm \$25
Winchelsea Shire Hall,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
17 September The Old Oak
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/

ZUMBA DANCE

Combined Zumba and Gold class
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FRIDAY

TAI CHI

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WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BIRREGURRA PLANTING DAY

Fri 26 Sept
9.30-11.00 Meet near River

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WINCHELSEA RSL

1.30 19 Sept, 17 Oct,
7.30 21 Nov, 12.00 19 Dec
Winchelsea Men's Shed,
Hesse St, Winchelsea
David Loone 0488 165 109

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY (MOBILE) 2-5pm

Old Shire Hall, 28 Hesse Street
0408384331 (During scheduled stops)

SATURDAY



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6.30pm (Last Sat each month)
Hall, Harding St Winchelsea
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SUNDAY

RUNNING GROUP

8am Meet at La Hoot



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly (except Nov)
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John Bader,
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New Vicar at St Thomas's Anglican Church

Helen Rolls

We warmly welcome our new Vicar
Rev Christopher Duff to St Thomas's in
Winchelsea, our 24th Minister.

Rev Chris Duff was commissioned
at a lovely service at St Thomas's on
Wednesday 3rd September by Bishop
Brad Billings.

There was a large attendance from the
community to welcome Chris and his wife
Naomi and their four adult children. The
service was followed by a country supper
in the hall.

Rev Chris Duff will introduce himself to
the community in the next Star.

We thank our previous locum Rev
Barbara Colliver for her 4 month caring
ministry at St Thomas's and we wish her
every blessing in the future.



Rev Christopher Duff

Green Links Birregurra Planting Day



**The Upper Barwon Landcare
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waterway in an urban/town setting.

This revegetation project is supported by
the Victorian Government through the
Green Links Program



What to bring

- Weather appropriate clothing and water bottle
- Hammer or mallet
- Gloves

What to expect

- Ground prep. already done !
- Option to plant on flat ground and/or spots on the riverbank for the adventurous
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Blues News

Janet Fletcher

1ST SEMI FINAL

Welcome to Blues News, to share in the last game report of the season for the Winchelsea Blues, after unfortunately after going down in the 1st Semi Final last Sunday at St. Albans Reserve.

After entering the Finals Campaign for the first time since becoming affiliated with the Geelong and District Football League, the week before last playing Belmont Lions and enjoying a tough but good win, the 1st Semi Final was played against North Geelong, again on a Sunday.

NORTH GEELONG MAGPIES 7.9.51 DEFEATED WINCHELSEA BLUES 6.5.41

1st quarter Winchelsea 3.1.19 to North Geelong 0.5.5
2nd quarter Winchelsea 3.1.19 to North Geelong 4.7.31
3rd quarter Winchelsea 4.5.29 to North Geelong 6.8.44
4th quarter Winchelsea 6.5.41 to North Geelong 7.9.51

The wind was a significant factor in the game last Sunday, the Blues did well kicking with the wind in the opening quarter but North Geelong did better using the wind advantage slightly more to their advantage to make things interesting after half time.

Early in the second quarter there was a considerable hold up in play due to a stretcher being called for a North player who unfortunately came under friendly fire from one of his teammates, the WFNC wish him well.

The 3rd quarter had the Blues kicking with the wind again but were not able to capitalise as well as what they might have. To the Magpies credit they did change up their game plan slightly which took the Blues off guard.

Going into the last quarter it could have easily been how far North Geelong, but the Blues dug deep and won the last

quarter against the wind gaining respect in a losing side. The Reserves were bitterly disappointed after the game going down by 10 points to a team who are a regular in Reserves Finals, all good experience for the Blues.

GOALS:

Noah Harvey 1, Sam Creighton 1, Aaron Cooke 1, Angus Leigh 1, Tom Kennedy 1, Luke Foot 1.

BEST:

Dustin Baker, Aaron Cooke, Luke Foot, Jack Milbourne, Tim Miles, Jackson Timms.

And so season 2025 comes to a close for the Winchelsea Blues Footballers & Coaches, and now already thoughts are turning to 2026. The Club welcomes many players resigning and new recruits keen to come and play for the Winchelsea Club and the Winchelsea Coach Ben Moloney. Thoughts will turn to pre-season and it will give a chance to rebuild for those who suffered long term injuries earlier in the year. Well done to everyone concerned getting the milestone event of the Winchelsea Blues Reserves playing in Finals.

GO BLUES!!!

The Blue's Bistro will be operating as usual this week – Cricket changeover is October the 1st.

CONDOLENCES:

Sincere Condolences to long time Blues supporter Heather McConachy, her family and friends with the passing of her husband and partner in life Lyle after a long battle with illness. Heather, we are all thinking of you at this time. *The Winchelsea Football & Netball Club.*

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Cricket News

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11AM - 12.30PM

The Winchelsea Cricket Club welcomes all new players and their families to our Junior Season Launch Day.



We are looking to recruit teams in the U11 & U13 competition.

Boys and Girls welcome!

For any questions, please contact Heather on 0434 021 064



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Ages 5-10
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Future Events 4 Winchelsea Forum Outcome Highlights

John Tebbutt,
President, Growing Winchelsea Inc

Introduction

The Future Event 4 Winchelsea Forum brought the community together to share creative ideas for a vibrant calendar of events.

Thank you to all participants, and to our sponsors — Community Bank Winchelsea & District and the Winchelsea Lions — for making this possible.

This snapshot highlights the key themes and ideas.

Highlights by Theme

- **Food & Wine**
Paddock-to-plate dining, food trucks, Longest Lunch on Bluestone Bridge, rabbit-inspired menus.
- **Agricultural Fair**
Shearing competitions, wool sports, scone bake-off, dog trials, vintage machinery, country music, bush dances.
- **Music & Arts**
Live music weekends, opera at Barwon Park, arts & culture biennale, outdoor cinema, art & photography exhibitions.



- **Heritage & History**
Vintage fashion & machinery, ghost tours, heritage walks, Victorian lunches, Marjorie Lawrence celebrations.
- **Family & Youth**
Trick or Treat Kidz Fest revival, children's festivals, Easter events, kite festivals, treasure hunts.
- **Markets & Makers**
Seasonal markets, artisan showcases, flower show reboot, Otway Harvest Trail event.
- **Nature & River**
Platypus themes, hiking festivals, river trails, Run Rabbit Run weekend, mountain biking "Coalmine to Coast."
- **Specialty Events**
Winchelsea Wedding Expo, masquerade ball, comedy nights, Gothic/Steampunk Festival, "Dunny Festival."

Closing Note

This is a snapshot of the community's vision. A full Forum Outcomes Summary and the upcoming Festival & Events Strategy will guide the next steps in bringing these ideas to life.

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Winchelsea Golf Club

Rachel Boddington

Results 16/8/25: Saturday - PAR 13 Players

1st - Zac Worland (19) +5
2nd - Neil Hickman (12) Square
BDL - Nick Stone (9) -1
BDL - Zac Dunkley (25) -3
NTP (2nd/11th) - Neil Hickman
Golden Hole 17th - Nick Stone

Results: Saturday 30/8/25 - Stableford 2 Person Multiplication

1st - Tara Steward (19) & Stephen Cole (13) - 54pts
2nd - Dave Harvey (16) & Stephen Cole (13) - 48pts
NTP (2nd/11th) - Rod Batson

Come along and have a great round of golf with a fantastic group of people, we pride ourselves on being welcoming and enjoying all aspects of golf, both the game and social.



Release of 20,000 home care packages a step in the right direction but more work to be done to protect older people

Older Persons Advocacy Network

The Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) welcomes the announcement by Minister Mark Butler that 20,000 home care packages will be released immediately.

OPAN's Samantha Edmonds said the announcement is a positive step, but more work must be done to protect and safeguard the interest of older people. "This is good news especially in advance of the new Aged Care Act commencing on 1 November," Ms Edmonds said.

"Inadequate in-home care support can push older people into hospital and prematurely into residential aged care, which is unfair and avoidable.

"Once an older person has been approved for the appropriate level of in-home support, they typically wait another 12 months to receive it. Untenable delays such as these put older people at significant risk of adverse outcomes. Older people should not have to wait more than 30 days for in home support

"These delays have an adverse impact on a person's dignity and wellbeing. We have a shared responsibility to alleviate this challenge.

"Australia has an ageing population, and it is crucial that our policies and laws are fit-for-purpose in 2025 and beyond. Living independently is a top priority for many older people and the government must deliver this." RACV ANNOUNCES NEW E-SCOOTER INJURY RESEARCH

Campaign to better understand e-scooter injuries

RACV

With the number of e-scooter injuries on the rise, RACV's James Williams said it was concerning that we don't have an understanding of why e-scooter injuries are occurring. The gap in knowledge prompted RACV to fund new Victoria-wide research, which will look at why injuries occur and the incidents which cause them.

Dr Elyssia Bourke will lead the research at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. "The aim is to understand the number of e-scooter injuries occurring and if there are predictive factors such as user behaviour, road conditions, or the type of e-scooter being ridden which led to these crashes occurring," she said.

The multi-centre project includes six sites including the RMH, Ambulance Victoria, the Alfred Hospital, the Royal Children's Hospital, Grampians Health Ballarat and St Vincent's Hospital.

How to ride e-scooters safely and legally in Victoria

You can legally ride an e-scooter in Victoria if you:

- Ride on shared-use paths (not on footpaths), or roads that have a speed limit up to 60km/h
- Are at least 16 years old
- Wear a helmet
- Do not travel more than 20km/h
- Do not use a hand-held mobile phone
- Do not carry a passenger or animal
- Do not ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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This event was made possible by the following volunteers: Neil McInnes, Liz Bennett, Ann Morsby, Tania McCarthy, Don Smith and Kate McInnes

Full details of this week's results can be found at

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Expressions of Interest

Summer Netball with Winchelsea!

As the winter season starts to wind down, we're already looking ahead to the AFL Barwon Midweek Summer Netball Competition – a fantastic opportunity for players to step up into new age groups, gain valuable experience, and continue developing their skills over the off-season.

We're excited to announce expressions of interest are now open for the competition, from October to March (with a break over the school holidays). By registering your interest now, we can begin planning teams early.

Games will be played at Kardinia Park and other venues across Geelong.

Game Nights & Age Groups

- Under 11s (born 2017–2015)
Tuesday evenings
- Under 13s (born 2014–2013)
Friday evenings
- Under 15s (born 2012–2011)
Friday evenings
- Under 17s (born 2010–2008)
Tuesday evenings

Whether your child is a current player, new to the game, or part of our Rising Stars program, summer netball is a great way to learn, grow, and enjoy time on the court with friends in a fun and supportive environment.

Register your interest now!

Please message your current team group chat or contact Shae 0409 641 550 to secure your spot.

Let's make it another exciting summer of netball for Winchelsea!

Winchelsea Rising Stars Prepare for Summer Netball

The Winchelsea Rising Stars program is buzzing with energy as children aged 8–12 prepare to step into teams for the upcoming summer season. These young players are learning the ropes, practicing game play, positions, and ball movement, all while having plenty of fun.

A warm welcome goes out to the new participants who have recently joined the program – it's fantastic to see fresh faces getting involved and building their skills. New participants are always welcome to join, so if you know a budding netballer keen to get started, now is the perfect time.

Winchelsea Under 10s



The Winchelsea Under 10s continue to impress as they edge closer to their first win.

Each week they show fantastic growth, with sharper passing, improved positioning, and a determination to match up against some much taller opponents.

Their hard work and enthusiasm are clear to see, and a win feels just around the corner.





Under 17s Dig Deep for Semi Final Victory



Winchelsea's Under 17s booked their spot in the Preliminary Final with a gutsy 19–14 win over Bannockburn in tough, windy conditions.

It was a very physical contest, and Winch had a sluggish start, trailing from the first centre pass until they drew level at three-quarter time.

Some strategic changes — bringing Monet into C, Lexi back to GK, Abi into WD, and Ash into WA — gave the team renewed drive through the centre and out of defence.

From there, a fierce final term saw the girls hit the lead and never look back.

The defenders were outstanding, keeping Winchelsea in the game when it mattered most, with Lulu, Lexi, and Monet named as standouts.

Now the team looks ahead to another crack at Werribee in the Preliminary Final.

Werribee have had the edge in each meeting this season, but there's a feeling the best is yet to come from this talented and developing WFNC Under 17 side.

A Grade Semi Final Inverleigh 38 def. Winchelsea 25



Winchelsea battled hard in a tough Semi Final clash against a defensively strong Inverleigh side. Unfortunately, unforced errors proved costly, with Inverleigh capitalising on every turnover to keep control of the game.

Meg Royal was a standout through the mid-court, fighting hard all day and providing drive under pressure.

Inverleigh fought hard and thoroughly deserve their place in next week's final.

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