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**Janet Fletcher receives award
for services to the Winchelsea
Football and Netball Club**



Whats on in Winchelsea

BBQ + Raffle + Cake stall

Saturday 13th August, 9am start
All proceeds to help send Imogen Grzemski to the World Field Championships in South Dakota USA, where she will represent Australia.
Huge Thank you to the Lions Club.

Yoga in Winchelsea with Monica

Term 3 starts July 12 - August 13.
Tuesdays, 7pm to 8:15pm

\$190 for the 10 weeks,
\$24 per casual session.

To proceed it needs a minimum of 6 persons paying for full term
Bookings to monicasfootsteps@bigpond.com

Winchelsea War Memorial Opening

Save the date. August 21st Sunday,
11 am at the Memorial

The Winchelsea RSL and the Surf Coast Shire have worked very hard to ensure the memorial is a very special part of the town.

So come along to the opening and commemorate those who served. This will be a day to get together, remember and enjoy the Geelong Military Re-enactments displays and vehicles.

Because of COVID the opening has been in the making for almost two years, so lets get it done with style.

Chris Alsop 0405449814 or email cmawson@iinet.net.au

Annual AGM

Globe Theatre Community Assets Committee

16th August at the Globe Theatre at 7pm, followed by a general meeting.

Interested parties welcome.

Acting Secretary,
MAUREEN KING

Wanted Part Time Cleaner

3hrs once a fortnight
Private home for busy family
Please Call - 0417390904
Must have reference

Winchelsea Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting

Eastern Reserve Community Rooms
on Sunday 21 st August, 2022
at 2.00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS are invited for all positions and must be lodged with the Secretary 2 days prior to the 21 st of August, 2022.

Please show your support for your Club and volunteer your services for the Executive and General Committee.

LISA CLIFTON
Secretary Winchelsea Cricket Club



Winchelsea Land and River Care

Annual General Meeting 2022

When: Thursday 25th August @ 7:30pm

Where: Anglican Church Hall
25 Barwon Tce

Our group will be holding our AGM please attend and help us plan for our next years of group activity.

Everyone Most Welcome

For more Information please contact Rod Stone on 0428549318 or Stewart Mathison on 0428672054.

"Support your Local Landcare Group"

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.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Men's Shed on 0407839139 (Ray) or email winchmenshed@gmail.com

Large Bags Firewood \$5

Winchelsea Mens Shed
Contact 0438083373

Meredith Festival

The Ballot for The 30th Meredith, December 9-11, 2022 is now open to all comers.

Enter via mmf.com.au before 10:30pm AEST, Monday 15 August, 2022.

Three days, two nights with friends old and new. A single stage, free range camping, BYO, and no commercial messages.

A weekend on Wadawurrung Country.

Dancing at the Globe

When.....Saturday 13th August
Time.....8pm.... 11.30pm
Cost.....\$10.00

Music provided by Charles Pedder
Supper provided, raffle and door prize.
Everyone welcome, heaters will be on.

Winchelsea Community Market

Winchelsea Community Market is back.

1st Sunday of the month -
with first market being Sunday 4th Sept
9am - 1pm In the Old Shire Hall and surrounding area.

A variety of stalls and food court.
Something for everyone.

Come and enjoy.



Winchelsea Primary School - Therapeutic martial arts program

In Term 2 and in the beginning of this term our Grade 6 students were involved in a program call MATLife funded by the Barwon Area Youth Taskforce team (BATForce).

MATLife is a therapeutic martial arts program designed to promote and complement our social and emotional curriculum by teaching students about social and self-awareness and management.

Our students have enjoy every minute of working with Evan, one of the trainers from TESSA Inc. Evan is also a local Winchelsea person having moved into the area with his wife a few years ago.

As a school we enjoy connecting with the community and having our students participate in important activities such as these. A big thank you goes out to TESSA Inc. and the team at BATForce Geelong.



Variety - the Children's Charity offers help for local kids in need

Variety - the Children's Charity - is all about supporting kids and communities in need and, after some of the toughest years on record for Victorian children, the charity is now taking applications from those looking for assistance.

From 1 August until 25 September 2022, Variety will be accepting applications for assistance for children and organisations that support kids in need.

Variety – the Children's Charity CEO Mandy Burns shared “we are thrilled to open our Grant Round to support individuals and community groups to offer much-needed support. Our individual grants help kids and families facing challenges by providing them access to things like mobility equipment, communication devices, learning aids

and technology. We also offer grants to support schools and community groups for children living with disability or disadvantage. We know for so many it's been an incredibly challenging two years and providing much-needed assistance is something we're very proud of”.

The support does not stop with individual and community Grants. Applications are also open for Variety Heart Scholarships and are distributed up to \$5,000. Variety Heart Scholarships help enable kids to reach their full potential. There are two types of scholarships: Existing Talent and Education and Technology.

Existing Talent scholarships supports children with a demonstrated talent and living with disability or illness or experiencing disadvantage, to reach the next stage of development. Scholarships range from the arts (including visual and

performing arts), sport (including esports) and technology (including accessible technology). Recipients may be an up-and-coming sports star, a champion pianist, or a gifted coder.

Education and Technology scholarships support children who are experiencing disadvantage assistance to cover their basic educational needs. A new school uniform, a device to help with schooling and homework, books, and resources.

Applications for Variety Heart Scholarships close 5 October 2022.

Families, schools, and organisations can learn more and apply for help by following the below links or visiting variety.org.au/vic

Individual and community grant applications variety.org.au/vic/grants

Variety Heart Scholarship applications variety.org.au/vic/grants



CATtitude

Tell us about your Cattitude

In the spirit of keeping cats safe at home we are seeking your views on our current cat curfews and some proposed curfews.

The project aims to improve care for pet cats through responsible cat ownership and to protect wildlife from cat predation.

We hope to keep cats safe from harm, especially from car accidents, disease and attacks from other animals, as well as to prevent predation of native wildlife.

We have **924** registered cats

We only had 58 complaints about cats in 2021

Our cat owners are generally mindful of the environmental impacts

Here are some quick facts about cats in the Surf Coast Shire:

All registered cats are de sexed

A lot more of our pet owners are keeping their cats inside or in cat enclosures

Tell us more about your 'cattitude' and read more cat facts at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/YourSay

SURVEY CLOSES ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER





Winchelsea Lions Club

Wednesday night at the Hub saw the Winchelsea Lions Club hold their annual visit from this year's District Governor Lee Ann Anselmo and her granddaughter Dee Dee.

We were only a small group but a good night was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the night was Janet Fletcher being presented with the prestigious Alan J Holding award for her amazing services to the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club. She was completely taken by surprise but very happy to accept the award.

Photos:

District Governor Lee Ann Anselmo, Janet Fletcher and President Murray Aisbett

President Murray and DG Lee Ann Anselmo exchange bannerettes.



CHOOSE TO
**WEAR A
MASK**
IN INDOOR
SETTINGS

We can keep ourselves, our family and friends well this winter, by wearing a mask indoors and in crowded spaces.

Go to

coronavirus.vic.gov.au/winter

STAY
WELL
THIS
WINTER



Draft Road Safety Strategy

Surf Coast Shire Council is developing a new Road Safety Strategy 2022-2027 and Action Plan, in consultation with community and stakeholders.

You can view the Draft Road Safety Strategy and share your feedback at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/roadsafety.

Submissions close **Sunday 21 August 2022**.

The aim of the strategy is to support improved safety and connections for all road users on all roads within the Surf Coast Shire, by helping to prioritise the most effective infrastructure, education and engagement.

The Transport Accident Commission has co-funded the development of the strategy.

surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Introducing the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS

BE READY TO ACT
UPDATED 25/09/2022

Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start. They are important because they provide people with information so that they can take action to protect themselves and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires.

From September 1, Australians will have a simplified, action-oriented Fire Danger Rating System.

The new Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:

MODERATE Plan and prepare	HIGH Be ready to act
EXTREME Take action now to protect life and property	CATASTROPHIC For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

- The AFDRS will also introduce 'off' for those days where no proactive action is required by the community. On these days, you will still need to abide by local seasonal laws and regulations, but there is little or no risk of a fire that starts spreading in a dangerous or life-threatening way.
- The AFDRS is informed by one of Australia's largest social research projects which found that most Australians do not understand the current system, and would prefer a simpler, action-oriented set of fire danger ratings.
- The AFDRS is being implemented consistently across Australia and will mean that wherever you are across the country, you will be able to understand the threat posed on any given day and make appropriate decisions to keep you and your family safe.

✉ afdrs@afac.com.au
🌐 www.afac.com.au/initiatives/AFDRS

Have your say on Council's draft Communication and Community Engagement Strategy

The community is invited to provide feedback on Surf Coast Shire Council's draft Communications and Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2025.

The draft strategy sets the organisation's communication and engagement priorities and will be supported by annual action plans.

Based on Council Plan priorities and extensive community engagement, the draft strategy focuses on six strategic directions:

- Working with First Nations People
- Accessibility and representation
- Building relationships and trust
- Influential and deliberative engagement
- Council wide focus and continuous improvement
- Innovation and use of technology

Consultation completed during March and April to help guide the strategy included telephone and online surveys as well as focus groups and meetings with Traditional Owners, advisory committees, young people and members of the People Place Future community panel.

Mayor Cr Libby Stapleton said feedback from the community had confirmed "While online communications options are growing in popularity, traditional print media and hard copy options are still preferred by many. And in terms of surveys, hard copy and phone surveys were considered almost equally as popular as online survey options."

"It's clear we need to keep offering a mix of options that meet the needs of our local communities," she said.

Anyone can view the draft strategy and provide feedback until 23 August at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/YourSay

You and your community

by Tony Phelps,
Chair of Oversight Committee

Here in Winchelsea, there are many ways to get involved with your local community - be that for recreation, to meet people, to learn new things for work or pleasure, or to contribute to the growth and health of our area. One such opportunity is coming up in October at the Winchelsea Community House AGM, and we'd love you to find out more and join us as a volunteer or better yet on the Committee.

As a rural town with a long history, in a country with a much longer human history, there is much to be happy with. Generally there's a good connection with people to place - friendly faces and neighbours looking out for each other.

There are businesses and facilities such as a medical centre, train station, antiques shops, real estate, accountant and bookkeeping, shopping strip with supermarket, butcher, cafes, hairdresser, bank, post office, local/organic food and drink. We have a primary school, a theatre, and hopefully soon again a sports hall.

There's a magnificent footy ground with netball courts, there are a number of event spaces for hire, a couple of pubs, a lovely riverside walk, residential aged care, and the list goes on...

A key character of our town is the extent that people get involved in directing and shaping its development.

Growing Winchelsea is a stand-out example, with a number of sub-committees driving projects like an arboretum trail, train station beautification, and township zoning advocacy for the future.

There's also the Winchelsea Lions Club, a traditional 'service club' doing much good and supporting a variety of causes near and far.

We have the Probus Club at one end of the age spectrum and Winchelsea Youth



Leisure and Drop-in (WYLD) at the other end, the Winchelsea Men's Shed, the Winchelsea Country Women's Association (CWA).

On the sports front, there's the Winchelsea Football Netball Club, Winchelsea Cricket Club, Winchelsea Golf Club, to name just the most obvious.

One common aspect is the need for and dependency on volunteers.

The last few years have seen a dramatic reduction in volunteers around Australia - for obvious reasons, there was a 66% drop in volunteer hours in early 2020.

We need to recover that volunteer contribution - and that is where YOU come in.

We are all still struggling with our winter Covid surge, but that is actually a light at the end of the tunnel and not an oncoming train. We're told we are at or just past the peak, so even more reason than usual to look forward to spring this year.

At Winch House, we need more volunteers.

Volunteers to help run the joint, such as sitting at reception, getting spaces ready for bookings, running child-care, marketing and promoting the centre,

organising and managing events and activities.

Volunteers to put on activities and special-interest sessions. Volunteers to fundraise. Volunteers for the Committee to set the long-term strategic directions and short-term tactical plans.

Come along to the AGM in mid-October and you'll hear the reports from a number of groups under the Winch House umbrella. Do you know someone that has a skill, a motivation, or a need of mutual benefit? Then please be sure to pass on this article.

Of course, you don't need to wait for the AGM to see what opportunities Winch House has to offer you - call in to see our manager, Wendy, weekdays between 9am and 2pm (if you can arrange a day and time by emailing manager@winchhouse.org.au or phoning 5267 2028, that would be appreciated).

The pandemic has hammered our program of activities, and it's time to get on the recovery path.

Your ideas on what will bring people in, who can help with activities, where funding can come from, and our longer-term aims for this community centre in the middle of Winchelsea are all welcome.

Winchelsea Churches

Winchelsea Uniting Church

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uca.winchelsea@gmail.com
0475 777 301

Services 9.30am Sundays

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Thought for the Week

Trying, screaming,
and raging can be prayers.

Life has dealt
you a cruel blow.

Name your hurt to God.

John Bader (Lay Preacher)
Uniting Church.

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

CHANGING THE SCIENCE:

- The current Fire Danger Rating System is largely based on science that is more than 60 years old. New technology and research have greatly improved our ability to accurately predict fire behaviour and the potential threat to the community.
- The AFDRS uses the latest scientific understanding about weather, fuel and how fire behaves in different types of vegetation to improve the reliability of fire danger forecasts. This strengthens the ability of those working in emergency services to be better prepared, make improved decisions, and provide better advice to the community.
- The new fire danger rating system is designed to be continuously updatable so that the system can take advantage of improving science, data and information into the future.
- By better understanding fuel types and fire behaviour on any given day of fire risk, agencies will be in a stronger position to respond to fires, adopting specific firefighting suppression strategies.



BENEFITS:

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Program is redesigning the forecasting of fire by:

- Improving the scientific accuracy behind fire danger predictions.
- Providing government and industry with better decision-making tools.
- Improving the way that fire danger is communicated.
- Reducing the costs associated with bushfire impacts.

The key benefit is a more prepared and resilient community resulting in a reduction in loss of life, property, and human harm.

The AFDRS calculates fire danger at a finer geographic scale than ever before so more relevant and specific information can be provided.

Significant cost savings are expected due to improved fire danger information leading to better decisions and more appropriate and timely action. It will also improve cross-border operations and support sharing of firefighting resources.

This is a national program funded by the Commonwealth and all the States and Territories and delivered by local implementation teams. The AFDRS is being coordinated by NSW RFS and AFAC (the National Council for Fire and Emergency Services), with support from the Bureau of Meteorology. A National Program Board, with representation from each of the State and Territories' fire agencies, is overseeing the program.

afdrs@afac.com.au
www.afac.com.au/initiatives/AFDRS



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Services and Activities in Winchelsea



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Mon - Fri

9:29am, 2:56pm, (to Colac
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Sat and Sun

8:47am, 2:49pm, 8:37pm

Country Women's Association



7pm Second Wednesday of Month
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Facebook - Winchelsea Playgroup 2019
New families welcome

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Contact Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630
or Bonnie Stokes 0401 386 274

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6:30-8:30pm

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Contact Marie McPadden 0409 330147

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WINCH WALKERS.

WE would love to see you for a weekly walk.....anyone new to the area or would like to reconnect with our walking group- everyone is welcome.....



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The Walking Group follows the Heart Foundation COVID safe guidelines.

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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

Blues News

Janet Fletcher

WELCOME TO BLUE'S NEWS:
ROUND 17.

Last Saturday saw the Winchelsea Blues host Nth Geelong Magpies at Eastern Reserve in the Club's last home game for the season. The aim was to create a family day for members of the Club and our Community.

There was a lot happening last Saturday. Free entry into the ground, and a minimal canteen, the Winchelsea Lions Club had set up their Chuck Wagon selling their classic sausage in bread, and the very popular egg and bacon sandwiches and of course the Lion's hamburgers. The W.F.N.C. enjoys great support from the Lion's Club and we thank them for it. There was also a Mexican Food Truck which came across from Torquay – this was a huge hit with the locals and very well supported.

Sponsors Day was also happening, great to see those who were able to attend enjoying themselves, thanks to Scott who arranged and drove the day.

Special mention must be made of our oh so talented face painter Julie (Julz from C Grade Netball)

Julie worked for the entire day, only taking the time out to hit the court and play her game for the Blues. The line to have the children's faces transformed into an impressive variety of themes was very long all day. Thanks so much Julie.

The Net, Set Go team cheered the A Grade team onto the court and were then presented their awards from the A Grade ladies which they then proceeded to proudly show to family and friends.

The Winchelsea Auskick group played a mini match at half time during the Senior's game and they too were presented with their Medallions in the football change rooms and afterwards enjoyed a hotdog and drink in the Bendigo Bank Room. Auskick is parental driven and an

independent body – the Winchelsea Auskickers are affiliated with the Winchelsea Football and Netball Club.

Many thanks to Mark, Colleen, Bianca and the other parents who came on board this year. Plans are already in place for Auskick to return next year with an emphasis on building numbers and having more fun!

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 12.6.78 defeated North Geelong 9.4.58.

In near perfect conditions for football the Reserves started strongly in the first quarter 3.4 to 1.3, but went awol in the second kicking a solitary point to the Magpies 5 goals. The Blues were on the receiving end of a red hot spray from coach Hayden at half time with the desired result happening in the third quarter, and continuing on into the fourth. Well done, a really good win for the Blues, the boys certainly shared the goal kicking around.

The win was a great way for President and 250 plus gamer Daniel Greskie to close his considerable football playing career. The W.F.N.C. says thank you to Daniel and wish him all the best in his playing retirement to begin after next weeks match against Werribee.

GOALS:

Dougall Robb 2, Dylan Spong 2, Callum Shaw, Beau Duthie, Kye Boulton, Ben Vawdrey, Jack Todd, Robbie Gleeson, Steve Demetriou, and Jack Harcoam all 1 goal.

BEST:

Jack Todd, Sam Jess, Steve Demetriou, Dougall Robb, Damian Tabakovic, Jack Harcoam.

SENIORS:

There was a great crowd at the ground by the time 2pm came around, and they were treated to a great first half of footy with a point the difference at half time in the Blue's favour. A very good third quarter by the Blues saw them surge



ahead on the score board only to fall away in the last. North Geelong took the 4 points by 4 points. Heartbreaking really, the Blues had their chances to seal the result their way but just couldn't capitalise on them. Already looking forward to having a crack at Werribee Centrals next week in the last of the home and away series for the G.D.F.L.

GOALS:

Dave Tucker 5, Leigh Ellis 5, Zedaki Copland 2, Jackson Smith 1 goal.

BEST:

Beau Fincham, Caleb Brown, Jackson Smith, Jared Dunkley, Josh Freeman, Leigh Ellis.

MAJOR RAFFLE:

To cap off a great day the Major Raffle for the Club was drawn at 5.30 pm. The first prize was won by Blue's player Jack Harcoam.

All results printed in next weeks Blue's News.

Thanks to those who came out for the day and thank you to the Club's Volunteers who made it all possible.

THE BLUE'S BISTRO:

This week on the Blue's Bistro menu is Meatloaf, yes it's back by popular demand!

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The Volunteers aim to have meals up and running by 6pm, however not always possible – mainly due to the inconvenience of having day jobs before we get to Eastern Reserve on a Thursday evening. We thank you for your patience!! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hub this Thursday as usual.

Netball News

Our community day brought a big crowd to the Eastern Reserve this week as we faced off against North Geelong, with finals on the line for some, whilst others looked to finish the season off well, we put out some pretty entertaining matches for the crowd.

We had wins in 13's, 15's, 19's, B Grade and A Grade. The win for the 13 and under side secures a finals birth with one week to go and the win for the 15 and under puts them in the top 5 on

percentage with next week's games finalising the top 5.

The day also included a presentation to the Net-Set-Go group and a guard of honour for our A Grade side.

A Grade

Winchelsea 12 13 14 14 53

Defeated

North Geelong 15 15 8 10 48

In a battle of 1st versus 8th one would think the outcome would be somewhat predetermined but for us unfortunately North Geelong had other ideas! They came out from the first whistle like a side that should be playing finals take a 3 goal lead to the quarter time break. This quarter also resulted in an injury to the hand of star defender Gemma Steveniuter. North extended their lead in the 2nd by 2 more before our side decided that this could not happen! The pegged back to be a goal up at the last change but North kept coming and regained the lead late in the last quarter. I flying intercept from Connie Royal and some strong rebounds from Gemma (playing one handed!) gave us a late run to steal the game in the dying minutes. Gemma even one handed was the star of the day but the steadiness of Meg Royal for the whole game kept us in it. Coach Casey Carroll's dynamic play throughout the game created something out of nothing and also made a difference at pivotal moments. We will need to play better next week to knock off Werribee but it is a credit to North Geelong that this one was pretty hard won.

Best Players: Gemma Steveniuter, Meg Royal and Casey Carroll

Goals: Melody Philpott 39, Katrina Filice 4, Ebony Berg 10

B Grade

Winchelsea 6 13 12 7 38

Defeated

North Geelong 10 7 4 7 28

With finals out of the question for B Grade some players were moved to A Grade for finals qualification which took the side a little bit of time to settle in

with. North Geelong capitalised on this in the first quarter taking an early lead of 4 goals. The girls regrouped in the second and won the lead back, they extended in the third and held on for the last quarter to finish with a confident 10 goal win. Haylee McCallum was fantastic through the mid-court finding creative ways to work around the high hands of North Geelong's mid-court, whilst her fellow mid-courter Sarah Hampshire was strong and consistent both in wing defence and centre. In defence Nicole Beverage struggled with the strong and tall goal shooter initially until a change in her game saw her come off the body and attack the ball which created turnover after turnover.

Best: Haylee McCallum, Nicole Beverage and Sarah Hampshire

Goals: Steph Hicks 15, Hayley Castle 23

C Grade

North Geelong 11 11 7 10 39

Defeated

Winchelsea 7 5 10 6 28

In a match up we hope to see repeated (with a different outcome) in finals we knew that our injury laden side would be pushing their limits to get a win against the talented and experienced North Geelong C Grade side. North Geelong came out strong with strong first half taking a 10 goal lead into the half time break. We fought back hard in the third quarter after making some changes in attack that proved to be effective. However, North Geelong regrouped and extended their lead again the last quarter. Millie King returned to wing defence this week and really shut down the North wing attack. Her companion at the line Bronte Middleton had a tough job against the talented Kelly Parker but her efforts were rewarded with intercepts whenever North Geelong got complacent. Amanda Hillet came into the game at the half and was pivotal to our much improved second half.

Best Players: Millie King, Bronte Middleton and Amanda Hillet

Goals: Belinda Czerniawski 18, Julie Ciurich 3, Chelsea Howell 7

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D Grade

North Geelong 8 8 15 9 40

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Unfortunately the D Grade winning streak has come to an end after meeting 4th placed North Geelong. The girls really held it with North Geelong for three quarters and actually outplayed North Geelong in the last. Unfortunately a 15 to 6 third quarter secured the win for North Geelong and knocked out our very slight chance at making finals. The girls however continued to put out a great performance and play the game right through to the end. Amy Woods, back after a bout of Covid showed great strength and leadership with the young players through the mid-court with consistent great delivery into Chelsea Howell who was strong under the post. Makayla Nelson worked hard all game in defence putting pressure on her opponent and being pivotal to the transition into attack.

Best: Amy Woods, Makayla Nelson and Chelsea Howell

Goals: Chelsea Howell 24, Brittany Fox 4

19 and Under

Winchelsea 12 5 13 15 45

Defeated

North Geelong 5 8 3 10 26

After a very tuff season it was great to see 19 and under side taking a strong win against North Geelong. We started the game off very strong with a 12 to 5 first quarter. North Geelong made some changes at the quarter time break which allowed them to peg back 3 goals. However, their run was short lived as we put the foot down again in the third quarter to extend our lead by another 10 goals. The last quarter was a high scoring affair that we once again won. Claire Gaffney was superb through the centre court all game, a high work ethic ensuring efficient delivery to our attackers. Grace Leeson put out one of her best games for the season with her strong holds and accurate shooting scoring her 39 goals. Down the other end of the court Hayley Atkinson was

pivotal in keeping North Geelong to 16 goals in the three quarters she was defending. Keep pushing the limits girls and I am sure next season will see your efforts rewarded.

Best: Claire Gaffney, Grace Leeson, Hayley Atkinson

Goals: Grace Leeson 39, Ella Wilson 3, Samantha Kuchenmeister 3

17 and Under

North Geelong 5 5 9 6 25

Defeated

Winchelsea 3 4 2 3 12

4th placed North Geelong proved too strong for our under 17 side in every quarter. With a few injuries we welcomed 3 under 15 players to the side this week, Bella Leak, Nia Finu and Keeley Smith. These girls put out a fantastic effort, especially after a big challenge in their own game previously. Our first half was our best only allow North Geelong a 3 goal lead at the half time break but a big third saw the result in little doubt. North Geelong's strong full court defence shut down our scoring opportunities and left little opportunity for the goalers to put up shots. Our own defence was strong all game to keep North Geelong to a fairly modest 25 goals which is a credit to the team. Like the 19 and under side we urge the girls to continue to develop and build up for a more successful 2023.

Goals: Chloe Partridge 3, Samantha Kuchenmeister 3, Keeley Smith 6

15 and Under

Winchelsea 7 7 12 6 32

Defeated

North Geelong 7 5 3 3 18

The last time these two sides met North Geelong came over us in the second half to take the win, this time we weren't willing to let that happen again. With 1 finals spot available and North Geelong 4 points ahead this was a must win for us and we left little doubt in North Geelong's mind that the spot was ours! The first half of the game was a goal for goal affair with us taking a narrow lead into the half time break. Some changes at half time this

week proved to be very effect and we stormed home in the second half to take the game by 14 goals. Keisha Davis is improving every week in her new found spot goal defence, taking intercepts and rebounds with ease. Down the other end Millie Partridge is going from strength to strength with strong holds and accurate shooting. Keeley Smith was strong in wing attack but this week it was her move to goal attack that proved to be the game changer. A competitive game next week against Werribee will be required to secure their spot in the finals and we will see how they can go from there.

Best: Kiesah Davis, Keeley Smith and Millie Partridge

Goals: Millie Partridge 17, Ashlee Bell 3, Keeley Smith 12

13 and Under

Winchelsea 6 11 11 10 38

Defeated

North Geelong 3 1 0 0 4

North Geelong put on plenty of pressure in the first quarter, however our girls were stronger and more consistent and managed to take a 3 goal lead into the first quarter break. In the second we found our groove and put the pedal down to take the 2nd quarter by 10 goals, keep North Geelong scoreless for the second half and add another 21 goals. Finishing with our second highest score for the season secures the girls a spot in the finals series in two weeks time and is a testament to how far the team has come this year. Reani Mawson carrying a pretty serious injury pushed through the pain to lead from the front with a 27 goal haul. She was well supported by fellow goaler and centre courter Lexi Czerniawski whose creative passes and strong drives set up the delivery to Reani and when needed her ability to score herself was no problem. Holly Leak drove well through the centre court and created space in the circle when she went back in to the circle for the last quarter. Let's keep this momentum into finals girls!

Best: Reani Mawson, Lexi Czerniawski and Holly Leak

Goals: Reani Mawson 27, Lexi Czerniawski 11

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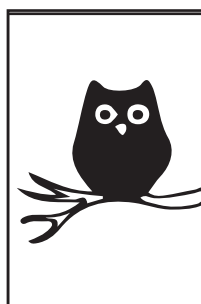
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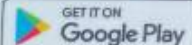
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