

WINCHELSEA GOLF CLUB OPEN WEEK MAY 24 - 31 2026

**Congratulations
Lyndal Mc Lean
*Hole in One***

WOMEN'S OPEN

Winner Gross

Fiona Scott (9) 85 Colac

Winner Nett

Tara Steward (15) 71 Winchelsea

Stableford Winner

Sue Pearce (28) 36 pts

R/Up: Lyndal Mc Lean (27) 35 pts

NTP 2/11 Lyndal Mc Lean

NTP 6/15 Fiona Scott, Colac

NTP 8/17 Vicki Hannah, Apollo Bay

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Letters to the Editor

Hello,

You can now take out our casual ad please as we have filled most of the places available. We may again advertise in the future as it certainly did attract attention.

Kind Regards

Wendy Greaves, Winchelsea Community House



Hot News

20% rego discount and half-price public transport start now

Vic Government

Eligible Victorians can now access a 20% discount on vehicle registration and half-price public transport fares.

20% off vehicle registration

A 20% rebate on registration is now available for eligible light vehicles used for personal purposes.

A single vehicle owner may receive up to \$186

A household with two eligible vehicles may receive up to \$372

Claims are open until 31 July 2026

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Eligible payments include both annual and instalment rego payments

Each person can claim for up to two vehicles

Applications can be made via the Service Victoria app or at service.vic.gov.au/regio-rebate.

Half-price public transport

Half-price fares on trains, trams and buses also begin today and run until the end of the year.

A full daily fare will now cost \$5.70, down from \$11.40

Regular commuters may save more than \$850 over the period Free travel continues for under-18s and other eligible pass holders

The tap-and-go payment trial will also resume as part of the rollout.

These changes are intended to reduce everyday transport costs for Victorians.



Community Blooms at Winchelsea Dinner

Jess Boccia



There are so many wonderful contributions made by community members that enable our Winchelsea Community Dinner to be a warm and welcoming space for people to connect and share food each month.

Our organising group generously give their time behind the scenes to keep the dinners going and by showing up each month to set up the hall, make sure everything runs smoothly and pack up at the end.

Then we have our local groups and businesses who's contributions keep our dinners going. From the Winchelsea Star who provided us all important funding to get started (which is still covering hall costs) to Kentys Bakery who without fail every month provides beautiful dinner rolls which are a much-appreciated addition to our meals.

We have our community members who show up with smiles on their faces, a willingness to connect with others and often the added bonus of amazing food.

It takes courage to step into a new space and connect with people who may come from different backgrounds, have lived in the area for varying amounts of time and be of varying ages.

The way everyone is included has been a great thing to witness, which means even if you come alone, you'll have plenty of people to talk and connect with.

Those who come are greatly rewarded with new connections, sharing of ideas, skills and recipes and friendships that often extend beyond the community dinners.

And then there are the flowers! What a delight to be greeted each month by bunches of beautiful local blooms that decorate our tables. Behind the scenes these too take passion and commitment from our local community. Each month we have community members who thoughtfully select seasonal flowers and foliage from their gardens and beyond, donating these so the joy can be shared at our dinners.

Local woman Alison Dean and her daughters Eva and Billie take these flowers and use their creative talents to turn them into the floral arrangements that form the centrepiece of our tables. These flowers are often a talking point during the dinner.

We are lucky to be part of a community where people are so willing to donate their time, energy and resources for the benefit of us all.

We'd love you to join us, whether you're keen to help out or just to come along to our monthly dinners. All are welcome, bring food to share if you can, but if not just come along with an openness to build community connection.

Our next dinner is Saturday 27th June 6.30pm at the hall on the corner of Mercer and Harding Streets.



Water safety is just as important in winter



Kidsafe Victoria

With winter arriving this week and families spending more time indoors, water safety remains just as important, with many drowning hazards found in and around the home.

"It only takes a few centimetres of water and as little as 20 seconds for a child to drown," said Kidsafe Vic CEO Sarah Sexton. "As we head into the colder months, many families stop thinking about water safety, but hazards around the home."

From bathtubs and buckets to pet water bowls, fish ponds and eskies with melted ice, everyday household items can pose a serious risk to curious young children.

Kidsafe Victoria's top home water safety tips:

- Actively supervise children around water: Keep young children within arm's reach, with no distractions. Never leave children unattended, even for a moment.
- Check your home for hidden water hazards: Buckets, baths, eskies, fish ponds, pet water bowls and other containers holding water can all pose a risk to young children.
- Empty water containers immediately after use - baths, buckets and paddling pools - and store them out of reach.
- Have everything you need ready before bath time or water play so you don't need to leave children unattended.
- Learn CPR and first aid and refresh skills regularly.

For more information and home water safety resources, visit Kidsafe Victoria at kidsafevic.com.au.

Winter in Winchelsea Kids art competition!

Create a piece of art that represents life in winchelsea in winter. All artworks will be displayed in a mini exhibition in the Shire Hall.

\$5 Entry Ages 5 - 15 years, all mediums welcome. Register and submit your art before June 26th.

Contact shirehall@winchhouse.org.au



*Prizes to be announced.



Home Days

Hayley Bennett

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Having young children at home is such a wonderful time of life, and it can also sometimes feel overwhelming. We all have days where our nervous systems feel frayed, and our relationships strained. I'm offering a crafted invitation for young families to slow down, reconnect with nature, themselves, and each other. I hope it provides a grounding moment to anyone who needs it.

The River in Early June — Winchelsea

A home day held by what's near the water.

Early June along the Barwon. The grandmother oaks beside the river have dropped most of their leaves. Warm breaths are visible in the day's early air. Two small activities for a home day.

Outside — A walk by the water

Stopping at the river's edge beside your child to watch the water move — your stillness supports their slow looking.

The mornings are cold, but today is an invitation to find some water and watch it for a while.

Bring: warm clothes. Something warm to drink. A small bag if anyone wants to bring a stone or a leaf home.

Find a spot by the river or any creek or pond near you.

Somewhere comfortable to stand or sit. Watch the water for as long as the smallest one will hold. Notice what's moving on the surface, what's drifting past, what the wind is doing to the water.

0–2: against you, watching the light shift on the water.

2–4: pointing at things that float past, throwing small stones in if it's safe.

4–6: finding a stone of their own, watching how the ripples spread when it lands.

A pause for you: at the river's edge, feet still, your child near you. Notice the temperature of the air and the temperature of your hands. Three breaths watching the water move past — your slowness while it keeps going.

Inside — A small river on the table

Building a small river beside your child on the table — your steadiness supports their growing imagination.

Back inside, somewhere warm. Make a small river of your own — a long curving shape on the table, with stones along its edges, leaves carried by its imagined current, small things finding their way down it.

Bring: a tray or a tea towel laid out long. Stones from the walk. Leaves. A small piece of blue paper or fabric for the water, or a strip of foil scrunched flat. Anything else found outside.

Lay the blue strip down the middle of the tray. Place stones along its edges. Drop leaves on the water, one at a time. Let your child arrange the river the way they want. The river stays where it is for as long as the day asks for it.

0–2: holding stones one at a time. Feeling the weight, the cold, the smoothness.

2–4: placing stones and pulling them back. Naming what each thing is, true or invented.

4–6: making the river into a story — who lives here, who's travelling down it, what's around the bend.

A pause for you: while they place stones, your hands might be free. Cup them around something warm — a mug, your own breath, the back of your child's head. Three breaths in that warmth.

If you would like to see more, or have a custom plan created for your children or family please get in touch. hajjbee@gmail.com



1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
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More Girls Joining Scouts



Savannah & Willow putting up their tent at camp

We are lucky in our wider Winchelsea/Moriac area to have both Guides and Scouts for our children. There has been a Guide Unit in Winchelsea for a very long time; there are also Modewarre Guide Unit and 1st Modewarre Scout Group.



Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Lord Robert Baden-Powell began Boy Scouts in 1907 in the UK, with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island for boys from different backgrounds.

Following on from this beginning, Scouting officially began in Australia in 1908.

Today there are 68 million Scouts in over 200 countries world-wide, and 23,000 in Australia.

Not to be left out, girls asked to be included in the program, and BP's sister Agnes started Girl Guides in 1910. Younger boys then also asked for inclusion, and in 1916 Wolf Cubs was started for them.

Like everything in life, there have been developments and changes with Scouts along the way. Here in Australia, we have introduced Joey Scouts for 5-8 year olds, renamed Senior Scouts to Venturers, modernised the program, changed our uniform from

khaki to navy blue and, surprisingly for many people, have not been BOY Scouts for over 50 years.

Scouts Australia opened up Scouting to girls in Venturers and Rovers in 1973, then to Cubs and Scouts in 1980. Initially, there was resistance from some Leaders – 'we're not changing our program to suit girls' – but there was no need to.

The girls joining Scouts were doing so because they wanted what the existing program offered – opportunities to get out and camp, hike, explore the world and try new activities such as abseiling, caving, biking, campfire cooking – with their brothers, classmates and friends.

And yet, so many members of the public missed that change. Many people still don't realise that girls can join Scouts and are quite amazed when told it's been happening for 50 years!

This year, the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria is a woman, and when recently interviewed on 774, was asked by Brian Nankervis as to when she first joined Guides. She soon corrected his assumption.

Our local girls are spoilt for choice with 2 Guide Units and a Scout Group in the District. Winchelsea Guides meet on Mondays, Modewarre Guides meet on Thursdays, while Modewarre Joey Scouts meet on Tuesdays, Cub Scouts on Mondays and Scouts on Wednesdays. Our girls can choose how to be involved in a world-wide program!



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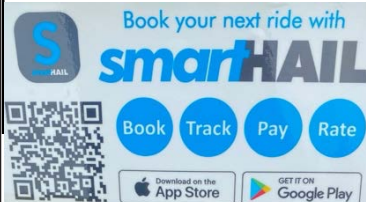


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Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre

Elaine Atkinson

- **Monday (1–3 pm): Craft** – a wonderful group of talented members who love all things craft – a great opportunity for a chat and to learn something new.
- **Tuesday (10:30 am – 12 noon): Bridge** – friendly games with plenty of support for beginners.
- **Wednesday (10–11 am): Exercises** – coordinated by Hesse Rural Health.
- **Wednesday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls**, followed by afternoon tea and a raffle.
- **Thursday: Mahjong (1–3 pm)**, with a **bring-your-own lunch at 12 noon**. It is starting on Thursday 21 May 2026 – we are all learners so why not come and learn with us.
- **Friday (1–3 pm): Cards, games and carpet bowls** again—always a lively afternoon!

For more information, please contact:

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Upcoming Community Trips



Waurm Ponds Shopping & Social Trip Wednesday 24 June 2026

Elaine Atkinson

Hosted by Jill Evans and Winchelsea Community House, this community outing, leaving from Senior Citizens Centre Harding Street Winchelsea, will provide residents with the opportunity to:

- Shop independently
- Attend appointments
- Enjoy coffee or lunch
- Spend time with others and socialise

Departure from Winchelsea: 10.30am

Leave Waurm Ponds: 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Residents who have difficulty getting to the Senior Citizens Centre are encouraged to discuss transport assistance with Winchelsea Community House.

Gold coin donation

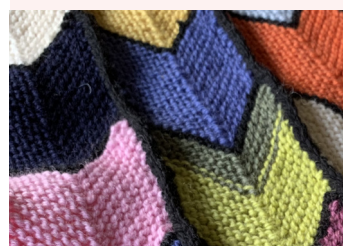
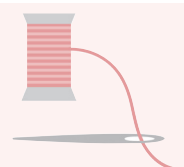
To register interest: Winchelsea Community House 5267 2028

Additional shopping trips are planned for:

- Thursday 17 September 2026
- Wednesday 2 December 2026

Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group



This stain glass blanket is fun to knit, the colour changes make it interesting and quick to grow. It's knitted in strips which are then crocheted together, it can be made any size you want.

We have a varied selection of craft going on in any given week, bring along an unfinished project or a new one you want to start, you could also check if we have anything in the cupboard you would like to try. There are a variety of patterns and materials for use.

Keep in mind we also have a sewing machine and overlocker for community use.

9.30-2pm Wednesdays

Winch Community House, Hesse St
SEWING MACHINE and OVERLOCKER AVAILABLE
Gold Coin donation



Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Small Grants 2026

ACCIONA Energía

Sporting clubs, events and schools in the Colac Otway region are among local grant recipients from ACCIONA Energía's 2026 Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Small Grants Program. The annual grants program supports local not-for-profit organisations with grants of up to \$10,000.

In total, more than \$78,000 was awarded to 33 local and community groups in 2026 including:

- Birregurra Community Group - support for the Birregurra Sunday Markets
- Birregurra Mechanics Hall - upgrade of music technical equipment
- Birregurra Men's Shed - purchase of battery-powered lifting walker
- Beeac Primary School - community garden
- Beeac Group Country Fire Authority - support to replace a forward command vehicle
- Colac Imperials Football Netball Club - outdoor sport shade upgrade
- Colac Otway Rovers AFC - first aid medical assistance
- RoadSafe Otway - equipment upgrades
- Colac Kana Festival
- Colac Uniting Church - purchase of a defibrillator
- Colac Secondary College - support to attend the Victorian State School Spectacular
- St Brendan's Primary School - school garden enhancement and maintenance
- Carlisle River Primary School - funding to support outdoor learning and sustainability hub



Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Small Grants Recipients

Not-for-profit organisations that receive grants must align with the ACCIONA Social Action Plan and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Enhance education, healthcare or cultural development
- Promote sustainability, the environment and conservation
- Promote, provide or support the provision of basic energy and water services
- Actively contribute to driving and improving the socio-economic system of the communities where ACCIONA Energía operates.



PLANTING TIME AGAIN

SATURDAY JUNE 6 9.00 -11am

Meet at river end of Dwyer St

We have 2000 plants for the river supplied by Barwon

Water and Surf Coast shire.

All welcome to help with getting the plants in the ground



Picture shows the planting near bluestone bridge in 2023 which has grown well despite dry conditions.

Enquiries to Stewart 0428 672054



Invitation to our sixth webinar in the series
A Nature Positive Future for the Barwon River System



IMPACTS OF HYPERSCALE DATA CENTRES ON VICTORIA'S WATER RESOURCES - WEBINAR

Friday 5th June 2026

1.00 - 2:00 pm



Cameron Steele is a member of the Concerned Waterways Alliance, and the coordinator of People for a Living Moorabool



Dr Nicole Kowalczyk is the Co-Executive Manager of the Maribyrnong River and Waterways Association and a member of the Concerned Waterways Alliance

Our presenters will give an overview of the pressure that hyperscale data centres are having, or likely to have, on our water resources including a summary of the findings of the Concerned Waterways Alliance in their recent [position paper](#) on this topic:

- Cameron will present the Alliance's work on the rapidly emerging issue of hyperscale data centres and their implications for water resources and waterways in Victoria. His presentation will outline how the issue emerged on the Alliance's agenda, the potential impacts on waterways and drinking water systems, and the broader challenges data centre growth may pose for water planning, pricing and environmental sustainability.

To join the webinar: you'll need to register via this [Humanitix link](#):

[Impacts of Hyperscale Data Centres](#)

The webinar will be recorded so you can watch it later if you can't join on the day. You can also watch the recordings of our five previous Nature Positive webinars on our FOTB YouTube Channel ([Friends of the Barwon - YouTube](#))

PLEASE share this flyer with your colleagues

For more information, please contact
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron



CONVERSATION GUIDE



TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Children are already hearing about climate change – at school, online and in everyday life. So, what's the best way to tackle this topic?

This guide will help you talk about climate change in ways that are honest, age-appropriate and hopeful.

BE CURIOUS!

- 1 Lead with curiosity. Find out what they've heard and what questions they have, and respond directly vs jumping into a detailed explanation:

.....
"What have you heard about climate change? Is there anything you are wondering about?"

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.

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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.

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

BUILD THEIR AGENCY

- 4 Pair every difficult truth with details on where and how we're making progress. Remind them that many people around the world are working on solutions, and find ways to give them agency.

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"We cut pollution when we walk or ride our bikes. Could we get others doing it?"

Outsmarting the Cockies: New Bin Defence

Surf Coast Shire

Cockatoos beware! 'Bin aprons' are the latest attempt to outsmart the town's notorious bin raiders.

Lorne Men's Shed founder Allan Walls, together with Gary Fenton and other Men's Shed members, have developed a simple solution - an oversized attachment fitted over the lid of a wheelie bin called a bin apron, making it difficult for cockatoos to grip and lift open.

Allan is well placed to know what works, having trialled many different contraptions to keep the cockies out. "I tried everything. One day, before I'd even made it back to the front door, they'd already emptied my bin," he said. "Everything mechanical broke down over time and cockies kept finding a way in."



Bin apron

Then came a light bulb moment. A simple solution with no moving parts that would not fail over time. "I thought what if we created something the cockies couldn't grip - a kind of apron attached to the lid? We tried rubber under the lids first, but the cockies quickly pulled it off. Then we realised we needed something stronger and more durable, so we moved to recycled plastic. We started with 10 prototypes four or five years ago - and it worked."

Then came a light bulb moment. A simple solution with no moving parts that would not fail over time. "I thought what if we created something the cockies couldn't grip - a kind of apron attached to the lid? We tried rubber under the lids first, but the cockies quickly pulled it off. Then we realised we needed something stronger and more durable, so we moved to recycled plastic. We started with 10 prototypes four or five years ago - and it worked."

Allan and Gary were initially told the aprons could only be manufactured viably in large production runs. That changed when

they found a Victorian manufacturer able to accommodate a smaller run. "After five years of effort, we found a willing partner in Danbar Plastics in Horsham, who could assist with mould production and manufacturing using recycled plastic," Allan said. "They're made locally from Australian recycled plastic - doesn't get much better than that."

The Men's Shed funded the project from the beginning, registered the design and stuck with it through years of testing and development.

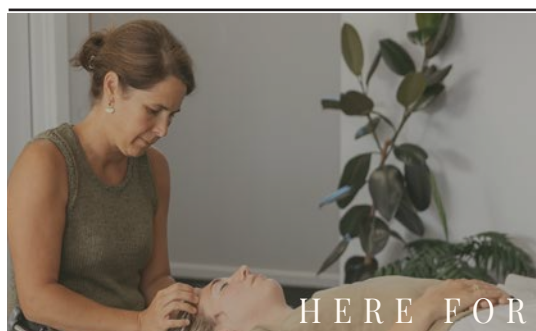


Lorne Men's Shed Alan Walls (L) and Gary Fenton (R) with Cr Leon Walker and the bin aprons

"What began as an idea became a complex and demanding project. It required hundreds of hours of research, numerous setbacks, and persistence from a dedicated group of volunteers," Allan said.

The shed is full of life and energy, with 120 members meeting three times a week, ages ranging from 26 to 103. "This shows what our local Men's Shed is capable of," Cr Walker said. "We saw the potential and have now ordered 500 bin aprons."

Find out more: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/OperationLockatoo.



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History of Winchelsea

01A Willis Street – Former Winchelsea Public Library



The original Winchelsea Public Library was in a round stone Tower at the Back of Stirling's Barwon Inn, (The Bottom Pub). On Thursday 24 Jan 1861, Dr Meyler was elected Secretary of the Library, a position which he held for many years.

In 1894 the library was upgraded to the beautiful heritage listed Late Victorian styled building which today greets visitors to our town outside Café La Hoot, Public Amenities on the Wadawurrung side of the river, and the electric car charging station.

The former Winchelsea Public Library has significance as a long-serving local landmark and as a physical legacy of the progress of public education in the town from the late 19th century. Built to a design by the Geelong architectural firm of Watts, Tombs and Durran. The building has further significance as a substantially intact and rare example of a Late Victorian styled public building in Winchelsea.

This interesting and attractive building is notable for its polychrome brick walls, gabled entrance porch supported by timber posts and featuring timber fretwork valances, panelled timber entrance doors, timber framed multi-paned double hung windows, timber infill gable trusses and the "Public Library" signage on the front gable end.

The erection of this attractive and useful little building was largely due to the financial and moral support of Cr. Montague Smith who resigned as President when he departed for England in 1901. He was succeeded by Cr. Murrell who owned Murrell's Store across the road from the Winchelsea Tavern (The Top Pub).

The building is in good condition and is architecturally significant at a local level. The iconic clock tower was added by the Winchelsea Lions Club and the Shire of Winchelsea in 1985 to mark the 150th anniversary of permanent European settlement in Victoria.

Monthly committee meetings were held in the library from its inception well into the twentieth century to discuss the use of membership funds and the purchase of new books etc. The minutes of meetings were published in local newspapers.

Local names on the committee included Dwyer, Caldwell, Cahill, Hardie, Lauder, McEvitt, Hauschildt McKininmonth, Smith, Grose and Schroeter.

Members of the local community would routinely donate large sums of money to the library for its improvements and upkeep, and dances, performances and other events were held in town as fundraisers for the library.

In September 1894, Mr C. E. Charity, of Malop street, Geelong, very generously donated a handsomely framed picture called "The Pride of the Park" to the Winchelsea Library. Meanwhile, the travelling Inspector for the Board of Health visited the Public Library, with which he was pleased.

The existing building served as the local public library until the early 1970s and in more recent times it has been the location of the Surf Coast Shire Tourist Information Centre.

It is recognised and valued by the local community for its role in the progress of public education during 19th and 20th centuries and for its landmark status of one of the town's important public



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

Michael completed a Bachelor in History and Anthropology and a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University, then went on to complete a PhD at Federation University, focusing on colonial and European collections of Indigenous Australian Cultural Heritage. Michael lectured at Federation and Monash Universities, lecturing in World History, Folklore Studies, Indigenous Studies and literary studies. Michael has worked in museums and cultural collections across Victoria, and can usually be seen in and about Winchelsea with his wolfhound.

Road Upgrade in Gladman Street

Surf Coast Shire

A major upgrade of Gladman Street in Winchelsea is taking shape.

Council's Civil Operations crew has been working to widen and seal the previously unsealed road, as well as improving roadside drainage.

The project is part of Council's Winchelsea Infrastructure Plan, which identified that Gladman Street would be a key link from the Princes Highway to future growth in the east of the town.

Councillor Adrian Schonfelder said Council is investing in Winchelsea's public assets such as roads, paths and drainage to meet the needs of a growing population.

"This is a big project that will improve the road significantly for all users," Cr Schonfelder said.

"Having Gladman Street as a sealed road will make it easier to access new residential areas, such as the estate being built at the moment on Austin Street.

"We appreciate the community's patience while the works are happening."

The upgraded road is expected to be open by the end of July.



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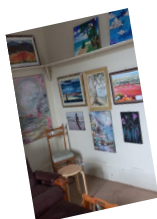
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Arts Trail After Hours - add your event to the gig guide

Surf Coast Shire

Local businesses and venues can take part in **Arts Trail After Hours** on Saturday 1 August from 4pm



With over 300 creatives participating in this year's Surf Coast Arts Trail, the weekend attracts strong visitor numbers across the region. In 2025, many of the busiest locations were those where businesses partnered with creatives to deliver events or experiences.

This is an opportunity to tap into that visitation by hosting:

- Live music or performances
- Artist talks or demonstrations
- Pop-up exhibitions or creative experiences

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Thought of the Week

"Don't be so naïve and self-confident.

You are not exempt.

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as easily as anyone else.

Forget about self-confident.

It is useless!!

cultivate God-confident."

Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 16 A Psalm by David

1. Preserve me, God, for I take refuge in you.
2. My soul, you have said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord. Apart from you I have no good thing."
3. As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.
4. Their sorrows shall be multiplied who give gifts to another god. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their names on my lips.
5. Yahweh assigned my portion and my cup. You made my lot secure.
6. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, I have a good inheritance.
7. I will bless Yahweh, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
8. I have set Yahweh always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9. Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. My body shall also dwell in safety.
10. For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption.
11. You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forever more.

Gateway Bible Psalm16
World English Bible translation



Zinaida Campion

Marjorie and the "37 suitcases"

No public figure is as strongly woven into the fabric of our area's history as Marjorie Lawrence. Every local's pride and joy, we never miss an opportunity trot out the "world's most famous singers ever, Marjorie Lawrence, came from our town" line to unsuspecting visitors! Even if others would contend she was not quite the most famous. And everything, from Facebook posts to news articles is sure to receive extra attention if Marjorie's name is in a prominent place. And as a performer myself, she's a constant inspiration.

But it wasn't until I began travelling regularly for performances that I realised just how deeply her fashion legacy had settled into my own life.

Marjorie travelled with over thirty suitcases. Thirty. For a woman who grew up in Winchelsea, that level of theatrical preparedness feels both outrageous and completely reasonable. And so, somewhere along the way, my own touring luggage earned a nickname among friends and family: "the 37 suitcases." A playful nod to the woman whose artistry — and packing habits — I admire more than I can say.

Her fashion story is not simply about glamour. It is about resilience, craft, and the fierce ingenuity of a rural woman who refused to let circumstance dictate the scale of her artistry.



As the Valkyrie Brünnhilde, Metropolitan Opera, 1934

The Wagnerian Warrior

When I look at photographs of Marjorie as Brünnhilde, clad in metallic armour with a spear in hand, I see a woman who carried her rural strength into the world's grandest opera houses. Riding a live horse into the Immolation Scene wasn't bravado — it was the confidence of someone who had grown up around animals, who knew how to sit, how to balance, how to trust her body. Her costume wasn't just costume. It was capability made visible.

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.

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



Salome, at the Metropolitan Opera 1938

The Avant-Garde Salome

Her Salome costume — that daring lattice bodice, the jewelled crown, the veils designed for movement — still feels shockingly modern. Marjorie insisted on dancing the Seven Veils herself, refusing a double. That choice shaped the costume: it had to move with her, breathe with her, reveal her strength rather than disguise it. It reminds me that fashion, at its best, is a negotiation between the body and the imagination.

The Grecian Statue

In Alceste, she wore draped white fabric that fell in long, clean lines — a silhouette that made her look carved from marble. There is something profoundly rural about that simplicity. No excess. No distraction. Just presence. It was her last great era before illness, and the photographs feel almost prophetic: a woman standing in stillness before her life changed forever.



Marjorie as Alceste, shortly before being struck down by polio in 1941



Her post-polio glamour, Sydney Town Hall 1944

The Engineered Glamour

After polio, Marjorie returned to the stage with gowns that were feats of engineering. Voluminous skirts concealed braces or a wheelchair; embroidered bodices drew the eye upward; lace and satin reframed her body with dignity and intention. These gowns were not about hiding disability. They were about reclaiming space — insisting that artistry does not diminish when the body changes.

As someone who works in regional arts, I find this part of her story the most moving. Rural people know how to adapt. How to rebuild. How to keep going. Marjorie's post-polio gowns are rural resilience in silk and tulle.

Why She Still Travels With Me

Every time I pack for a performance — every time I wrestle with garment bags, shoe boxes, hairpieces, and the inevitable last-minute "just in case" additions — I think of her. Of the thirty suitcases. Of the unapologetic scale of her life.

And so my luggage has become "the 37 suitcases." A private joke, yes, but also a reminder: That I stand in a lineage of rural women who dared to take up space, who travelled far from home carrying their craft with them, and who understood that beauty is not frivolous — it is a form of courage.

Marjorie's fashion legacy is not something I admire from a distance. It is something I carry with me, literally, every time I travel. Even if I'll need a semitrailer soon.

Ciao!

1,000 Victorians with Disabilities waiting to Join Riding for the Disabled

Riding for the Disabled Association Victoria

Over 1,000 Victorians with disabilities are waiting to access Riding for the Disabled Association of Victoria (RDAV) programmes, prompting a fundraising campaign to raise \$300,000 by 30 June.



Youth volunteers with rider Piper and Pony Jackson

RDAV currently serves 600+ participants across 33 centres with support from 1,200+ volunteers and 200+ horses, but receives no ongoing government operational funding.

The organisation provides equine-assisted activities that improve participants' confidence, emotional wellbeing, balance, coordination and social connection.

\$120,000 has already been raised towards the target, with funds to be used for expanding participant access, horse welfare, volunteer training, improved accessibility and adaptive equipment. RDAV is seeking tax-deductible donations, corporate sponsorships and community support to help clear waiting lists and enable more Victorians to access their services.

Community members can support the campaign at <https://www.rdav.asn.au/>

Libraries Join Safe Cat Campaign

RSPCA Victoria

Public libraries will share resources from the Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife initiative, helping the community learn more about caring for their cats while also protecting local wildlife

Libraries will offer cat-themed story times, talks from expert speakers on cat behaviour and wildlife, and take-home items such as bookmarks, colouring sheets and catnip.

RSPCA Victoria CEO Dr Liz Walker said the partnership would help the campaign reach more pet owners. "To have Public Libraries Victoria help us share knowledge about providing a safe and enriching environment for cats at home is a wonderful opportunity.

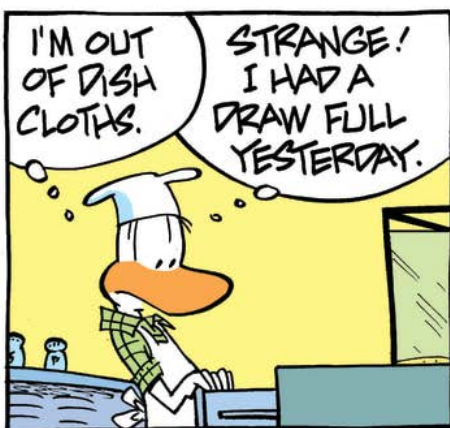
"We know how much love and happiness our pets bring to our lives, so it's important owners have access to information to provide the care their cats need."



Zoos Victoria Acting CEO Dr Mark Pilgrim OBE said the initiative would benefit both pets and native wildlife. "Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife is a simple, powerful way for every pet owner to keep their cat happy and safe while helping protect Australia's unique biodiversity," he said.

Public Libraries Victoria CEO Dr Angela Savage said libraries were pleased to support the campaign. "Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife is a wonderful opportunity for public libraries to help communities learn how to care for cats in ways that also keep wildlife safe."

More information about the campaign is available at safecat.org.au.



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The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

Why Town Signs Matter Part 3

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

If there's one thing that's become clear, it's this — Winchelsea doesn't need to reinvent itself.

But it might need to present itself more clearly.

We already have the foundations. The gateways are there. The name is there. The creativity is there. The community is there.

What's less clear is how those pieces come together — especially for the people experiencing the town for the first time.

And that's where small shifts can make a big difference.

Not necessarily projects or major spend — but thoughtful alignment.

Making sure that when someone arrives, they don't just see something... they understand it.

That when they stop, they're given a reason to stay just a little longer.

That when they leave, they remember and talk about where they've been.

It's also about timing.

The Twinkle Trees, for example, already create a strong sense of identity — but only for part of the year. Could that story start earlier? Could it be hinted at, built into the way the town presents itself in the lead-up to Christmas?

And more broadly — what do we want people to associate with Winchelsea?

Because whether we shape that perception or not... it's happening anyway.

The difference is whether we take an active role in it.

This isn't about having all the answers. It's about starting the conversation.

What do you notice when you arrive in town?

What do you think visitors see — or don't see?

And what story do you think Winchelsea should be telling?

Because the opportunity is already there.

The next step is deciding what to do with it.

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

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Get into the Garden

Judy Cameron

Hasn't the rain been wonderful. The soil is damp and ready for sowing some seeds for the vegetable garden. Buy a pack and share with others!



This is a best time to plant Garlic for harvesting in Summer. Garlic requires well drained soil in full, or near-full, sun. It needs the transition between short day lengths (winter) and long days (summer) in order to form bulbs.

When you are planting your garlic break apart the bulb into individual cloves and plant point up, approximately 7cms apart and cover with 1-2cms soil.

Water regularly during the growing season and fertilise with a well-balanced liquid fertiliser eg: the worm 'juice' from a worm farm. Once the foliage begins to brown off – around November - cut back on the water and fertiliser.

WARNING: Avoid planting garlic purchased at the greengrocers or supermarkets, as this is likely to be imported garlic with an associated risk of introducing serious virus diseases to your soil.

Here are some other suggestions to plant now:

Asparagus crowns	Endive***	Peas
Broad Beans	Globe artichoke,	Snow peas
Broccoli*	suckers	Potatoes
Cabbage	Leeks	Radishes
Carrots	Lettuce	Rhubarb, crowns
Cauliflower	Onions	Shallots, cloves
Cress**	Spring onions	Spinach

*Broccoli – avoid bugs by planting from May to July



** Cress is a group of fast-growing leafy herbs known for their peppery flavour and impressive health benefits. It's easy to grow from seed and perfect for windowsills.

*** Endive is a crisp, slightly bitter leafy vegetable.



Globe artichoke



91% skipping meals, 60% eating expired food and 1 in 5 eating from bins

The Salvation Army

New Salvos Report exposes Cost-of-Living Emergency for Australia's Poorest

The Salvation Army today issued an urgent warning that Australia's cost-of-living crisis is spiralling into an emergency for the nation's most marginalised people.

The new report surveyed 4,400 Australians seeking emergency relief support from The Salvation Army and revealed widespread food insecurity and severe financial distress, with 91% saying they skipped meals in the past 12 months and almost one third (32%) saying this happened daily.

The report also found one third (35%) said they survived on only one meal a day and 67% said they watered down food or drinks to make them last longer.

Children are increasingly bearing the brunt of the crisis, with 35% of parents saying their children had gone to school hungry

and almost 6 in 10 (59%) households with school-aged children saying kids had missed school because families could not afford transport costs in the past 12 months.

"It is deeply confronting to see so many people across our community pushed to such desperate levels of hardship, where parents are skipping meals, children are going to school hungry and people are eating spoiled food or even eating from bins simply to survive," says Major Bruce Harmer.

The report highlighted widespread "energy poverty", with 84% of respondents going to bed early to keep warm, 63% living in darkness, relying on candles and torches, and almost half (49%) using public places such as shopping centres or public bathrooms to avoid using electricity at home.

Medical care is also increasingly out of reach, with over half (51%) unable to afford to see a doctor, dentist or optometrist, 46% unable to afford prescription medication and one quarter (25%) relying on hospital emergency departments instead of visiting a GP.

To donate to The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal, or if you need support from the Salvos, visit salvationarmy.org.au or call 13 SALVOS. You can also donate at any Salvos Store.

This is a place for passionate foodies. Here we celebrate local produce, seasonal ingredients, simple yet remarkable recipes we've tried, tested and loved.

Alice Cloake



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, a local product to shout out or a suggestion for an upcoming ingredient of the month - we'd love to hear from you.

Email editor@winchelseastar.org.au.

JUNE

Ingredient of the Month

Cauliflower



It's officially the start of winter and we have a ways to go yet of dealing with short days and frosts and cold fingers. We also get the joy of wattle blooms and mulled wine and bringing out our hearty winter recipes.

Our ingredient of the month is Cauliflower and I've been waiting for this one.

My most favourite recipe ever is Roasted whole cauliflower from Ottolenghi's 'Simple'. This is a recipe that anyone who has this book, has tried and loved. It's such a wonderful way to bring life to a cauliflower. I hope if you try this, you please write in to tell us how you found it.



Whole Roasted Cauliflower

Author's Note: Keep all the leaves on the head of cauliflower: they are deliciously crisp and tasty when roasted.

Ingredients

1 large cauliflower, with all leaves intact (1.3kg)
45g unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
2 tbsp olive oil
1 lemon, cut into wedges, to serve
flaked sea salt

Method

- Using a pair of scissors, lightly trim the leaves at the top of the cauliflower, so that about 5cm of the actual cauliflower head is exposed.
- Fill a pan (which is large enough to fit the cauliflower in) three-quarters full of salted water. Bring to the boil, then carefully lower in the cauliflower, exposed head down:

don't worry if the base is sticking out a little. Return to a boil, cook for 6 minutes, then use a slotted spoon to transfer the cauliflower into a colander, exposed head down. Set aside for 10 minutes, to drain and cool.

- Preheat the oven to 170°C fan.
- Mix together the butter and oil. Place the cauliflower in a medium baking tray, exposed head now facing upwards, and spread the butter-oil mix all over the flower, followed by 1¼ teaspoons of flaked salt. Place in the oven and roast for 1½-2 hours, basting the cauliflower with the oil five or six times during cooking, until the cauliflower is really tender and dark golden-brown and the leaves are crisp and charred.
- Remove from the oven and set aside for 5 minutes, then cut into wedges (or pull it apart with your hands!) and serve with the lemon wedges and a little sprinkle of salt.

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THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

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

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

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Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

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winchelsea-movie-club/](http://growingwinchelsea.com/project/winchelsea-movie-club/)

FRIDAY

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Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

12-2pm
30 Hesse St, Winchelsea
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SEC to hire 2,000 electrical apprentices

The State Electricity Commission (SEC) plans to establish Victoria's first publicly-owned apprenticeship academy, with 2,000 electrical trade apprenticeships to be offered over the next four years.

The initiative aims to address growing workforce shortages in Victoria's energy sector as the state transitions toward renewable energy.

2,000 apprentices will be employed directly by the SEC while training.

Victoria is expected to require a 50 per cent increase in electricians working in the energy sector by 2040 to meet future demand.

The SEC is expected to become the largest employer of electrical apprentices in Victoria.

The academy will provide apprentices with paid training and opportunities to work across a range of energy projects through industry partnerships. Training facilities will be established in both Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The first full intake of apprentices is scheduled to begin in January 2027. Under the proposed model, apprentices will train and work together, with greater employment security and broader on-site experience throughout their apprenticeship.

Victoria's energy sector workforce is forecast to grow significantly over coming decades, with energy jobs expected to increase to around 68,000 by 2040.

Investment in training local workers is seen as important to ensuring future energy projects can proceed and to supporting reliable and affordable energy supply across the state.

Rebates for Volunteer Wildlife Rehabilitators

The Victorian Government announced \$150,000 of Wildlife Recovery Support Rebates that will help authorised wildlife rehabilitators cover the costs of providing care to wildlife impacted by recent emergency events.

These rebates recognise the important role of wildlife rehabilitators who often dedicate their own time and money to rehabilitate injured or displaced wildlife and release them back into the wild.

Rebates will be available to registered wildlife carers to recoup some of the costs associated with care, including veterinary supplies like x-rays, blood tests and medication, milk formula and food, fuel costs for travel and personal protective equipment.

This funding delivers on the Government's long-term plan to protect the environment – Biodiversity 2037.

Grants are open from today until 5pm 15 June 2026. For more information about the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants visit environment.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-recovery-support-rebate.



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What's going on with our River?

Mary Dracup, Gerangamete Forrest Landcare Group

In 2021, the West Barwon River flooded and cut off the main road just outside Forrest for six weeks. The river had been choked by Glyceria river weed and willows and could no longer carry away heavy rainfall.

At a river forum in Forrest the following year we learnt there were eight main clusters of willow and Glyceria choking river between Forrest and Birregurra. Each of these needed to be cleared to allow enough flow to maintain an ecologically healthy river.

The task seemed enormous, but after four years of concerted efforts by Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and local landowners, it's amazing to report that only two of these choke points remain!

On Saturday 13 June we will have a chance to find out more about this transformational project, named the Barwon Flagship Waterway Project, and visit two major rehabilitation sites near Forrest to witness the impacts for ourselves.

It's impressive to think that since 2013/14, Corangamite CMA contractors, local farmers and Barwon Water have removed willows and water weeds from approximately 19.5km of stream frontage. They have planted tens of thousands of native plants and installed approximately 45km of fencing, as well as dozens of water troughs and pumps to water stock while river banks recover.

We will start at the Grasstree building at 47-49 Grant St, where we will hear how the ecology of the river is changing and find out about the programs in place to manage these changes.

Removal of some choke points and climate change have resulted in different patterns of inundation and even re-emergence of some wetlands.

We will hear how the environmental water entitlement from the West Barwon Reservoir is managed and about the progress being made towards rehabilitating river vegetation and habitat.

The day will also include a presentation on how once endangered fish are being carefully nurtured back to a viable population in the Upper Barwon.

Corangamite CMA will co-host this event with the Gerangamete Forrest Landcare Group, Upper Barwon Landcare Network and Barwon Water.

It will start at 9:30am with a Welcome to Country, before an information and Q&A session presented by Corangamite CMA.

We will then travel to two riverside sites where the works will be explained, and we will learn how to monitor river health, wildlife

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR RIVER?

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LET'S COME TOGETHER AND LEARN ABOUT THE UPPER BARWON RIVER

SATURDAY 13 JUNE
9:30 AM - 01:30 PM

About Our Event!

This is your opportunity to learn about the health of the Upper Barwon River, what is being done to restore it, and what further can be done.

Bring your questions and walking boots!

Event Highlights

Information Session ◀
Welcome to Country from Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, followed by presentations from project managers from the Barwon Flagship Waterway Project.
- Includes a Q&A

Walk & Talk ◀
Walk and talk with experts, managers and advocates along the Upper Barwon River visiting past work sites.

Lunch provided ◀
BBQ lunch provided by Forrest Gerangamete Landcare Group.

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and feral animals for ourselves. There will be many opportunities to talk one-to-one with river experts and farmers participating in the project. We will then travel back to the Grasstree for a BBQ lunch provided by the Gerangamete Forrest Landcare Group.

NB: please register for this event by scanning the QR code on the flier above..



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Local People, Local Priorities, Local Health

Hesse Rural Health

Hesse Rural Health is commencing development of its next Strategic Plan, which will guide the organisation's direction and priorities from 2027 to 2030.

Cranham & Co has been engaged to facilitate the consultation process and support development of the plan. The process will include listening to the community, staff, volunteers, partners and key stakeholders, alongside analysis of population demographics, health data, community needs and current health policy directions.

The aim is to develop a Strategic Plan that reflects the needs, strengths and aspirations of the Hesse catchment, while supporting Hesse Rural Health to respond to future challenges and opportunities in health and community care.

Hesse Rural Health is keen to hear from people of all life stages and backgrounds, including families, young people, older residents, carers, local workers, community groups, service partners and people who may use Hesse services now or in the future.

Community members from across the broader Hesse catchment are encouraged to participate, including those living in and around Winchelsea.

The consultation will be led by Jodie Cranham, who has worked alongside rural and regional health services to support leadership and strategic planning. With a background in healthcare leadership and governance, Ms Cranham brings practical understanding of the realities services and communities navigate each day.

The consultation process provides an opportunity for community members to share their views on what is working well, what needs may emerge over the next three to five years, and what should be considered as Hesse Rural Health plans for the future.

Topics for discussion may include access to services, community health and wellbeing needs, support for people at different stages of life, opportunities for partnerships, and the role Hesse Rural Health can play in supporting local communities into the future. Community members can participate in the Strategic Planning consultation at the following sessions:

Hesse Winchelsea - 53 Hesse Street (rear entrance)

- **Wednesday, 10 June — 2.30pm**
- **Thursday, 11 June — 9am**
- **Tuesday, 16 June — 2pm**

Further opportunities to provide feedback will also be available through a community survey.

Hesse Rural Health encourages anyone with an interest in the future health and wellbeing of the local community to take part. For more information about the consultation process, upcoming sessions or how to provide feedback, contact:

Jodie Cranham
Phone: 0408 188 01 Email: info@cranhamco.au
More information is available at:
Hesse Strategic Plan Consultation

Winter Employment for Drought-affected Farm Communities

Catchment Management Authority

Farmers, farm workers and agricultural business impacted by ongoing drought conditions can apply for the Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Drought Employment Program

The \$1 million program, funded by the Victorian Government and delivered across Corangamite and Glenelg Hopkins, provides off-farm employment opportunities for people experiencing hardship due to dry seasonal conditions, including reduced work hours, lower farm profitability or loss of employment.

Participants will work with the CMA over the winter and spring on projects aimed at improving catchment and environmental health.

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Recent participant Patrick Hutchins, who lives on a farm at Cape Clear, said drought conditions had dramatically changed the property since it was purchased 18 months ago.



The farm's dam has nearly dried up, paddocks have browned off and stock numbers have had to be reduced.

In the program, Mr Hutchins works alongside CMA staff, Traditional Owners, landholders and stakeholders to assess sites and coordinate maintenance and improvement works across the catchment.

"The Corangamite CMA team is full of some of the nicest, most supportive people I have ever met," he said.

The program is available to farmers and farm-dependent workers across 11 local government areas in south west Victoria, including Colac, Warrnambool and the Geelong region.

Eligible farmers and farm workers can express interest through: Corangamite CMA. Expressions of interest close 12 June 2026.



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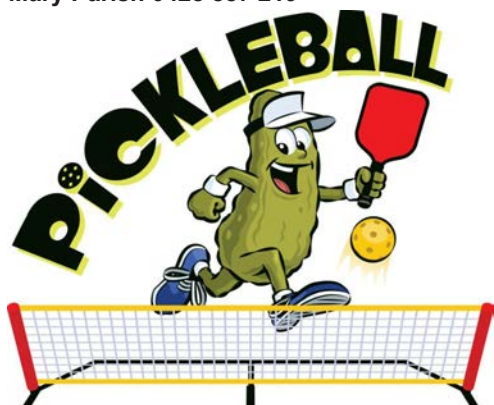
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Saturday 30 May 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
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Kristen Czerkiewicz

Twenty five parkrunners enjoyed the course this crisp but sunny morning. We have great group sharing the run from surf coast runners today. Great to see all the locals out and about also.

Thanks to Jeff Butler for filling in last minute to volunteer. As always the event was made possible made possible by Jeff and our other local volunteers: Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Kristen Czerkiewicz, Angela Hurran, Chris Hurran and Don Smith.

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event.

Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

We are seeking people interested in sharing the role of Run Director. It involves coordinating volunteers, setting up for the event and making sure things run smoothly. The role is easy to learn and there is plenty of support.

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

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.

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Winchelsea Junior Tournament Golf Australia - Order of Merit May 24th

Boys Stroke - 22 Players

- 1st - Peter O'Malley (+2) (Royal Melbourne GC) 68 gross
- 2nd - Sky Adirekchotikul (+1) (Victoria GC) 69 gross
- 3rd - Rehan Pervaiz (+2) (Peninsula-Kingswood GC) 70 gross

Girls Stroke - 8 Players

- 1st - Olivia Jin (1) (Eastern GC) 76 gross
- 2nd - Nyomi Ahmet (5) (Koorringal GC) 77 gross
- 3rd - Paige Moorfoot (3) (Commonwealth GC) 78 gross

Boys Stableford - 4 Players

- 1st - Aaron Jin (24) (Eastern GC) 28 points
- 2nd - Miles Liu (25) (Southern GC) 27 points
- Equal 3rd - Krivi Sudireddy (22) (Curlewis GC) 24 points
- Equal 3rd - Ryder Brunato (24) (Curlewis GC) 24 points

NTP - (2nd/11th) Alice Wang

NTP - (6th/15th) Nyomi Ahmet

NTP - (8th/17th) Peter O'Malley

Women's Open May 25th

Gross Event

Winner: Fiona Scott (9) 85 Colac

Nett Event

Winner: Tara Steward (15) 71 Winchelsea

Stableford

Winner: Sue Pearce (28) 36 pts

R/Up: Lyndal Mc Lean (27) 35 pts

NTP 2/11: Lyndal McLean with a HOLE in One!!

NTP 6/15 Fiona Scott, Colac

NTP 8/17 Vicki Hannah, Apollo Bay

Huge shout out to Lyndal on her first Hole in One

4BBB Wednesday May 27th

32 players (16 Pairs)

- 1st - David "Fly" Lewis (19) & Ed Body (16) 43 points
- 2nd - Tara Steward (15) & Cam Parke (9) 41 points

NTP (2nd/11th) - Stuart Beard

NTP (6th/15th) - Julian Shaw

NTP (8th/17th) - Neil Hickman

Big thanks to our ladies for afternoon tea, Riggers & Geoff for the bar, our captains, Neil Hickman & Robyn Vesey for their efforts putting the competition together, and all the members who have contributed in presenting the course in it's "best ever" condition.

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



ROUND 8

Welcome to Blue's news where last Saturday the Winchelsea Blues hosted the Football & Netball Club of the Anakie Roos. There was a big home crowd at eastern Reserve to see if the Blues could continue on their winning ways after both the Reserves and the Senior team had solid wins out at the Geelong West Giants Scaada Stadium at West Oval. It was a great day weather wise for footy, the rain held off, definitely chilly but very little wind and the fire pits that are around the ground were a great hit with the spectators both during and after the games – thanks again to Liam Harper.

Anakie are much improved over the last couple of seasons, but word was they had quite a few injuries and a couple absent as well so it was up to the Blues to see how the day would unravel.

RESERVES:

Winchelsea Blues 15.11.101 Def Anakie Roos
4.6.36

The Blues swamped the Roos from the opening bounce and denied them a score in the first quarter to go in at quarter time 32 points up, and that was the way of the game until half time. To Anakie's credit they kept at it and managed to stem the onslaught in the third quarter but it was all Blues in the run home with Nic Martignago having a field day, one of his best games ever for the Blues, he had plenty of helpers with the game being a great team effort with the goal kicking being well and truly shared around.

GOALS:

William McNeil 2, Nicholas Martignago 2, Sean Thompson 2, Jackson Smith 2, David Ibbister, Patrick Dencg, Josh Freeman, Tayne Hewson, Jude Coverdale, Harvey Gee and Tom Kennedy all 1 goal.

BEST:

Nicholas Martignago, Jackson Smith, Tayne Hewson, Jude Coverdale, Patrick Dench, Jack Milbourne.

Enjoy the King's Birthday long weekend and gear up for Thomson at Thomson.

SENIORS:

Winchelsea Blues 23.13.151 Def Anakie Roos
4.9.33

Like the Reserves match the Winchelsea Seniors were too strong from the outset for Anakie beset with injuries and absences, although to be fair the Blues were also underdone with the likes of Fin and Cass Parish and others injured or unavailable.

It was a matter of how far the Blues as the game wore on, again as in the Reserves the Senior Roos kept at it but were no match for the Blues on the day as the Blues came out well on top with

a very nice percentage booster. Aaron Cooke was a highlight in the last half having not played a lot of footy in the front half of the field moved to the forward line where he kicked 2 goals including one from a great mark from a kickout and slotted it straight back in for a goal for the Blues, just to add insult to injury to Anakie on the day. Having missed playing Finals due to a draw and twice on percentage over recent years these games can play a significant part in the shaping of Finals teams.

GOALS:

Cameron Primmer 4, Jordan Gould 3, Samuel Adams 3, Indi Parish 2, Aaron Cooke 2, Ryan Williams 2, Joss Church 2, Reuben James, Bailey Mumberson, Jack Sampi, Lachlan Carver, and Rory Baulch all 1 goal.

BEST:

Aaron Cooke, Samuel Adams, Rory Baulch, Indi Parish, Jordan Gould, Lachie Gemmill.

INTERLEAGUE MATCH 6th JUNE 2PM.

After the success of last years return to playing Interleague Football and Netball after the Covid extended interruption, the G.D.F.N.L. and the C.F.N.L. will again meet at Eastern Reserve to be hosted by the Winchelsea Football & Netball Club on the King's Birthday long weekend this coming Saturday. It's a great chance to view the best players of both Leagues in Football & Netball. Winchelsea is well represented in both, and a large crowd is expected to watch the games on Saturday afternoon. Presentations will be conducted in the Bendigo Bank Room after the matches have been played.

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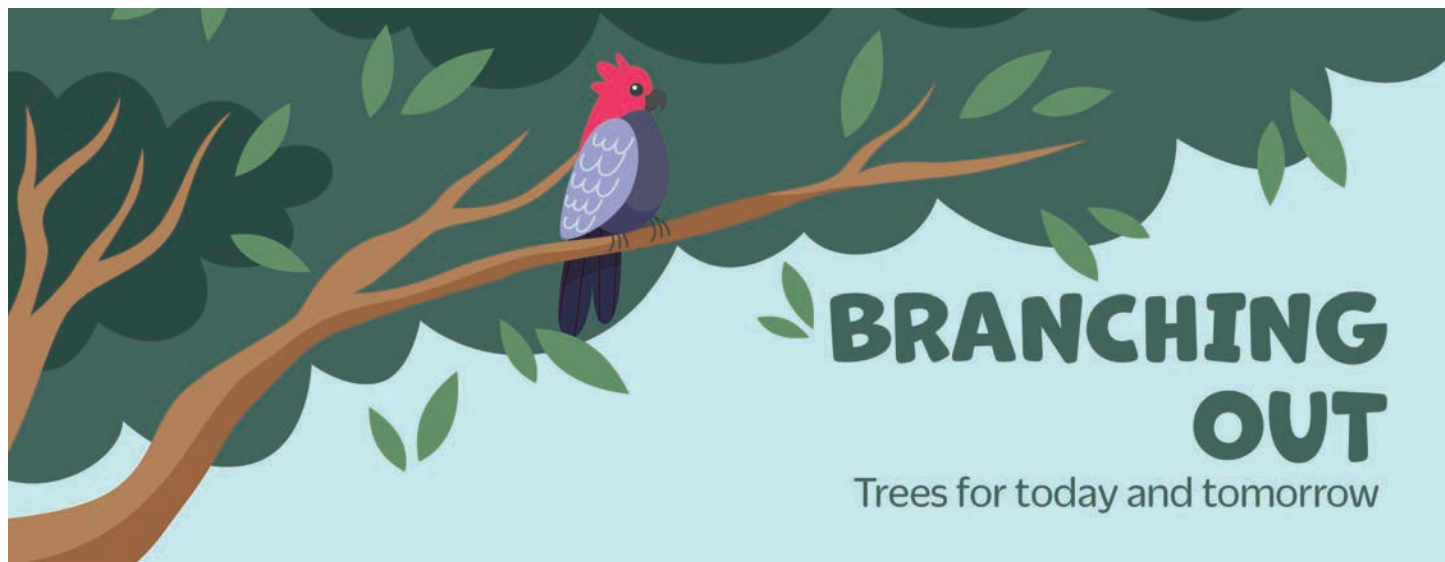


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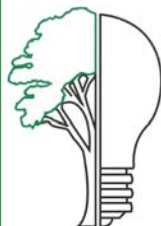
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20 MCN members enjoyed a lovely time together while raising \$432 for cancer research, prevention programs and support services.



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The Moriac Community Network support a Women's and Men's Shed, a book club, a sustainability 'swap and share' group, a craft group, an art group, a women's woodworking group, a history group and advocate for a range of community projects in line with our Community Action Plan. If you would like more information or would like to join MCN please email: moriaccommunitynetwork@gmail.com

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