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Last Saturday 28 October the Shire Hall was the venue for a High Tea fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation

Big Thanks to Colleen Trehwella and her team of helpers, Kat, Janet and Judy, Cazza's Best Buds, and Pauline and Teresa.

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Community Bank gifts toys to Winchelsea Playgroup



Kelly Turner

The 20th birthday of Community Bank Winchelsea offered an excellent occasion to strengthen these connections, particularly with the future of our community: our children. The bank recently made a substantial contribution to the Winchelsea Playgroup, an initiative that has been fostering social interaction and early childhood development for years.

The funds from the bank have allowed the Playgroup to purchase new toys designed to engage children across various age groups, with a focus on enriching the experiences of the youngest attendees. The contribution also facilitated the purchase of new storage units, ensuring that these educational tools remain in good condition for years to come.

The Winchelsea Playgroup meets every other Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm and invites not just parents but also grandparents, uncles, and aunts to join in. The small entry fee of \$5 per family is a nominal amount considering the lifetime of memories and learning opportunities provided at each meeting. Moreover, each gathering comes with a unique theme—ranging from seasonal

festivities like Easter and Christmas to educational days focused on alphabets or playful dress-ups—making every meet a unique, fun-filled experience.

In a heartwarming addition to their already impressive roster of activities, the Playgroup plans to visit Hesse Rural Health on the 30th of November. This event aims to connect the youngest and oldest members of our community, as they share morning tea and, undoubtedly, priceless moments.

Community banks like ours have the opportunity and the obligation to be more than just financial institutions. By supporting initiatives like the Winchelsea Playgroup, Community Bank Winchelsea reaffirms its commitment to creating a better future for all.

The joy and gratitude displayed by the parents and children of the Playgroup when the toys and storage were unveiled were genuinely overwhelming. This vividly illustrates the profound impact that community-focused actions can have.

As we turn the page on two decades of community service, let this act of giving serve as a reminder that when it comes to community well-being, every bit counts.

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McGrath Foundation Fund Raiser

It takes many hands to support special functions like this High Tea for the McGrath Foundation

Robyn Black

On Saturday 28th the Shire Hall was the venue for a High Tea fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation.

The Foundation supports individuals and families experiencing breast cancer by providing physical, psychological and emotional support for free.

There are currently 204 nurses across Australia in regional and rural areas. With the ever growing diagnosis of breast cancer, more nurses are needed.

A big Thank you to Colleen Trehwella and her team of helpers, Kat, Janet and Judy.

A fabulous assortment of food decorated the tables complemented by flowers supplied Cazza's Best Buds.

A mention also to Pauline and Teresa for your donations of sweet treats!

It's easy to think of ideas but it takes a special group of friends to help pull it off successfully.

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Surf Coast Shire Council has commenced two important placemaking projects to guide future land-use planning. Until 29 December 2023, Council will be seeking community feedback to guide development of the Urban Futures Strategy and Planning Scheme Review projects.

Urban Futures Strategy

The Urban Futures Strategy (UFS) will guide urban growth in Surf Coast Shire to meet the housing needs of future populations. The Strategy will identify where growth will be directed, and where it will be avoided in the future.

A Background Context Report, Strategic Bushfire Assessment and District Profiles have been prepared to inform discussions with our community.

Planning Scheme Review

The Planning Scheme Review is a 'health check' to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Surf Coast Planning Scheme in achieving the objectives of planning in Victoria.

We've released a consultation report which includes recommendations on further strategic work.

To find out more about both projects, and to share your views online, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PlacemakingProjects or drop-in to chat at one of the community information sessions.

Drop-in Information sessions:

WINCHELSEA

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023, 10AM TO 12PM
Winchelsea Hall, 28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

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Council Chambers, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

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FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023, 10AM TO 12PM
Airey's Inlet Community Centre, 6 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet

All reports and documents relating to these projects are available to view online at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PlacemakingProjects.

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VALE

Nancy Margaret Isobel Mawson (Primmer)

Born: September 14, 1931
to John & Christina Primmer

Died: October 19, 2023
at Highton Gardens Care Community,
surrounded by her loving family.

Age: 92 years

Nancy came to Winchelsea as a young
bride of 23 years and spent most of
her life living in the township with her
husband Mick Mawson.

She left Winchelsea in 2002, to be closer
to her daughter Christine and son Robin
in Geelong, when Mick passed away.
But she always felt close to the people
of Winchelsea and was still a member of
the local RSL.

Always happy to help at and be a part of
ANZAC Day, locally. Both Nancy and Mick
were well known around the area as mail
contractors. Nancy did one side of Winch
and Mick did the other. They did this from
1966 until 1998, Nancy was even sent out
during the Ash Wednesday fires.

A proud leader of Girl Guides and Cubs
at Winchelsea. A hard worker for and
a member of the congregation at St
Thomas church of England, Winchelsea,
for most of her life.

Nancy was particularly interested in
family history, and the military history
of those who served from Winchelsea,
writing seven books in all.

Nancy was overjoyed with her seven
grandchildren and spent as much time
as possible with them as she could, and
these were the times she was at her
happiest.



She was also great nana to twelve, being
a special part of their lives.

She lived in her own flat for seven years
before moving into a flat at Christine and
Tony Alsop's house in Highton.

Her health began to decline, and she
required more care so late last year Nancy
moved to Highton Gardens. She was so
loved there that there were many tears
shed by the staff when she passed away.

Nancy was, hardworking, stoic, loving
and tough, she loved being needed and
useful. Welcoming to everyone, even
if they turned up at mealtimes. Always
much better at giving than receiving.

Great loved and sadly missed.

The funeral can be viewed at the
moment at Hepner's Funerals,
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to compliment the Surf Coast Shire council for funding the
Responsible Serving of Alcohol training session held at the Shire Hall
last Monday.

The certificate is required for anyone serving alcohol, whether it is
behind the counter at the supermarket, a sports club bar or public
function where alcohol is served.

The training can be taken online for around \$50 but over 20 participants,
aged 18 to 80, were able to get their certificate for no charge thanks to
Shire support and excellent organization by Wendy and Jill at
the Shire Hall.

The new large TV screen, funded by the Community Bank, is a bonus
for functions like this.

Jenny Mathison.

Winchelsea Community Market



Sunday 5th November
Sunday 3rd December

Winchelsea Star

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Winchelsea community volunteers go

Lesley Mathison

After returning from my recent trip overseas many people have asked about my experience, so thought I would take this opportunity to share this very rewarding and humbling experience through the Star.

It all started earlier this year, in April, when my good friend, Pam Rawson [nee Earl] invited me to a fundraiser for her volunteer building project in Cambodia. Pam and her husband, Trevor, had been involved with 3 building projects prior to COVID and had been working hard to raise the required \$5000 AUD to build the next house. I went along early on a Sunday morning to a Swing Dance lesson, where about 40 others joined in and heard Pam's story about the building project. I had nothing but admiration for Pam and her family and this inspired me so much, so when Pam said "Why don't you come with us?" I certainly didn't need any further invitation. I then chatted with my sister about this project and she also didn't take much convincing to join the team!

We arrived in Siem Riep, Cambodia on Saturday 9 September and had the day to acclimatize to the heat and humidity. On Sunday we gathered with our team, consisting of Pam and Trevor, their two daughters and husbands, along with their 2 year old and 3 year old granddaughters and 8 year old grandson, another good friend of Pam's, Melissa and her 15 year old daughter Molly. Our team leader from VBC [Volunteer Building Cambodia], Sela, went through all the details about our next 5 days, what to expect, what to wear etc. and a little about the lady we were building the house for – a young mother of 11 and 9 year old boys, who was living with her mother and sisters, since her husband had left her, and had been assessed and recognised by VBC as being in great need of assistance.

Day 1-Monday

An early rise. Breakfast at the hotel, then into our transport truck from our hotel at 7.00 a.m. It was about a 45 minute drive to the building site from Siem Riep. On arrival we met our builder in charge, the family and all the extended family living at this site. Sign language was very helpful as most had no English. First on the agenda for the day was the blessing of the site by the local monk. Cambodians are Buddhists and their religion and religious ceremonies are a very important and a focal part of their lives.

After the blessing it was worktime – painting many outside boards for the house [similar to weatherboards], measuring and cutting the floorboards, putting the scaffold together and erecting the steel frame walls, that were already put together off site. Whilst the adults completed the chores the many Cambodian kids of the extended family, along with the 3 Aussie kids, soon enjoyed playing soccer, throwing frisbees [which we think they had never used before] and played other games, language not posing any barriers! It was just all about the fun! It was very hot and humid, so the day's work was finished by 12.00 midday and a welcome return to the hotel for a well-deserved swim and afternoon siesta!

Day 2 – 7.00 a.m.

Pick up and our trek out to the site ready for another day! Today's tasks were putting the staircase together, putting scaffold in place for attaching the boards and completing the roof, installing the floor and carting buckets of sand in preparation for concreting the next day! Hot and



Our transport to site each day!



House build Day 3



House build Day 2



Blessing the site on Day 1

house building in Cambodia



Kids enjoying the frisbees



Lesley and sister Clare proud to be a part of house build!



The finished house!

steamy work and we were all pleased when 12.00 came around! Back to the hotel for lunch, swim etc. then a trip to a local lotus farm. This was very interesting and quite fascinating to learn how they grow and use every part of the lotus flower and their stems, even a boat ride through the large lotus farm!

Day 3 – 7.00 a.m.

Off we go again for the last day of actual house building! Today was installing the windows, door and staircase, concreting under the house, [as it is 2metres up off the ground because of high rainfall in wet season], second coat of paint on outside boards and any other finishing touches! 12.00 finish and return to hotel for a well earned rest before a night at the local Circus!

Day 4- 7.00 a.m.

Start again but as the house is now complete today was all about disassembling scaffold, removing casing on footings etc.

We presented the family with all new kitchen/household items, sleeping mats and then singing/chanting to bless the new house! It was a day of great joy and emotion as we handed over the keys to the new owner. We were all very proud of our efforts and it was hard to believe we built this 4x4 house in just 3 days! But, the most rewarding and humbling was seeing the happiness and emotion from our recipient and her 2 boys – they could finally feel safe and have a waterproof place to sleep!

On our way back to Siem Riep we had a visit to VBC Community Centre, where they provide an opportunity for all ages to learn English, learn about writing a CV and applying for jobs and the interview process and basic life skills! This is extra to their normal schooling! We also had a tour of their reasonably new warehouse, where the steel frames are now constructed, along with the staircase frames and windows etc. This makes the housebuild much easier than past times, when the frames were all timber!

VBC has operated since 2017 and this has all been possible by sponsors and generous donations from all around the world, the majority being Australians!

Day 5

The plaque is attached to the house in recognition of our group – Australian Friends Building Together 2023 – House No. 397!

We say our goodbyes to the family and friends then head to the local temple for our Thankyou Blessings! A quick lesson in how to sit, bow to and address the monk, then we all receive our recognition and blessing! But it wasn't over! Now we had to get their water blessing! All sitting on the steps of the temple the water blessing starts with 3 barrels of water and the monk with a jug to complete the blessing! As you can imagine we were all soaked through to the skin and after the shrieks and laughter, we all felt very blessed [I think the locals enjoyed this as much as the monk did, as we had quite an audience!!] Luckily, it was very hot and we soon dried off in the ride back to the hotel!

This experience certainly makes one appreciate our own country and way of life, but also puts into perspective about material possessions and what makes one happy? Thanks to Pam, Tavor, family and friends for a very rewarding and humbling experience!

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Become a Citizen Scientist in Winchelsea

Stewart Mathison

Last week's Star has a picture (p5) of the citizen scientists who are monitoring the Curdies River and its estuary as part of the state wide WaterWatch program. Interested community members are invited to become part of the WaterWatch program on the river in our town.

Winchelsea Land and Rivercare group is holding a WaterWatch training session at Winchelsea on Saturday November 4th meeting at 9am in the Barwon Hotel carpark. Landcare members have been doing WaterWatch for some years on the river but, like many activities, it was suspended during COVID and the testers felt their skills needed to be refreshed.

The training will be conducted by Dr Deirdre Murphy who has worked with citizen scientists for 15 years at the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority supporting EstuaryWatch and WaterWatch volunteers to build their skills and knowledge. She wants to share knowledge, care for the environment and feed a curiosity to learn more about aquatic systems and their chemistry, biology and ecology with local community members.

From humble beginnings as a small water quality monitoring program in 1993 to a statewide community engagement program for Victorian waterways with a sister program for estuaries, Waterwatch has come a long way in its 30 years of monitoring.



WaterWatch Training 9am Saturday 4 November

Would you like to get involved with some citizen science?

WaterWatch is a state wide citizen science program for monitoring waterway health.

This training session is open to anyone interested. It involves taking water samples from the River and recording observations. It will be around 1 hour long.

Where: Meet at Barwon Hotel carpark

Enquiries: Rod 0428 549318,
Stewart 0428 672054

Everyone and anyone welcome

aRRRrr! m'hearties'.

Come to Playgroup dressed as a pirate on Thursday 2 November

Mel Oberin

- Come dressed as a Pirate.
- "Walk The Plank" play.
- Treasure sand sensory play.
- Pirate Ship water sensory play.
- Craft - Pirate Hat.
- Pirate Floor (tabletop) Puzzle.
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0-5yr olds

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Delilah & Willow Oberin from our Pirate Playgroup session on 30.01.20

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The Climate Report

Judy Cameron

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The Rays of the Sun They cut both ways, hard

Right now, thanks to our recklessness, the sun is overheating our planet. And by right now, I don't mean in this century. I mean, in this month. The global temperature readings for September should have been the top story on every newscast in the world, because they were bonkers. June, July, and August were historically hot—we saw the hottest days recorded on the planet in 125,000 years.

September wasn't quite as hot, of course, because it's autumn in the northern hemisphere. But in relative terms September was even more outrageous. It was, the scientists tell us, the most anomalous month we've ever seen, with temperatures so far beyond historical norms that the charts don't even seem to make sense.

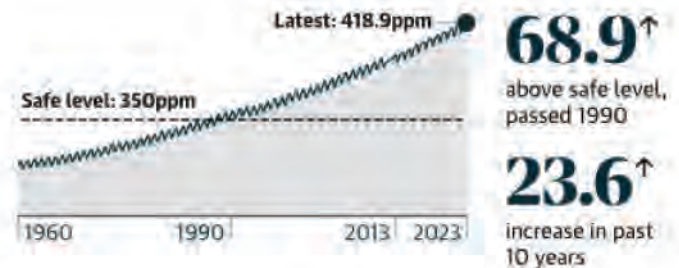
We have, in effect, turned September into July. That's not hyperbole, that's just data. And in so doing, September smashed through the 1.5 degree Celsius warming mark that the world set as a target in Paris just eight years ago. We've been talking about it ever since, and now we're there.

And there's no huge mystery about why. Yes, we're in an El Niño, though it's only now kicking in. Yes, reduced air pollution from ships and Asian cities means less sun reflected. But, basically, the gases we've poured into the atmosphere are turning the sun from our greatest friend into our most daunting problem.

And at the exact same time, the sun is our greatest hope for getting us out of our predicament. Again, there are lots of other things we could talk about: whether we'll eventually have small nuclear reactors, or deep geothermal power, or a dozen other possible wonders. But right now, in the same months that the planet is overheating, our cheap quick ways out of trouble rely on that same ball of burning gas orbiting 93 million miles above us. They are solar panels that catch the sun's rays directly, and wind turbines that take advantage of the fact that the sun differentially heats the earth, creating the breezes that make them turn.

So here's what good news I've got. At the same moment that the planet is starting to broil, the solar market is starting to cook. I was walking the streets of Manhattan during Climate Week when Danny Kennedy—legendary solar entrepreneur—pulled up on his City Bike. "We're at a gigawatt a day," he said with a grin.

"The planet is now adding a gigawatt a day of solar power. A nuclear plant's worth every day of solar power," he said. And what do you know, he was as usual correct. About half the total is being added in China, apparently even amidst their economic trials (and far outdistancing the increase



in their fossil fuel plants). The U.S. is second, followed by Brazil and India.

Is this enough? Nowhere near.

Is it stable? No—when I talked yesterday with Mary Powell, the CEO of Sunrun, she said rising interest rates and languishing government help may mean that American installations actually fall this year.

But is it remarkable? Yes. Think of the work that traditionally goes into building a new power plant: the years of work and planning and pouring concrete. We're building the equivalent of one of those every day now, and instead of burning coal or gas they're letting the sun handle the combustion.

Even without accounting for, you know, the destruction of the earth, the rapid buildout of renewables is cheaper than business as usual—it takes a little more capex (capital expenditure) to build all those solar panels than to keep replacing fossil fuel infrastructure, but the opex is far lower because...the sun delivers the power for free, while Saudi Arabia and Exxon charge.

We should go much faster—and we could.

But the race is on. And that's what it is, a flat-out race to build as much renewable energy—and to keep in the ground as much fossil energy—as we possibly can, in the hope that eventually that rising technological curve will bend that rising temperature curve. It's amazing that they've both gone somewhat vertical at precisely the same moment, but that's the story of our time on earth.

The sun keeps pumping out more or less the same amount of energy day in and day out. It's what we do down here on earth that will decide whether it cooks us or saves us.

** From Wikipedia: William Ernest McKibben is an American environmentalist, author, and journalist who has written extensively on the impact of global warming and is the leader of the climate campaign group 350.org. He has authored a dozen books about the environment, including his first, The End of Nature (1989), about climate change, and Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out? (2019), about the state of the environmental challenges facing humanity and future prospects. (See more on Bill's website: <https://www.billmckibben.com/>)*



Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc.

NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 November 2023

Winchelsea Football & Netball Club Inc: A0042798Y
70 Hopkins Street, Winchelsea 3241.
Post Office Box 56, Winchelsea 3241.
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Affiliated with the Geelong & District Football League

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER at 11am Members Room, Eastern
Reserve.

All positions have been declared vacant: President,
Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer and General
Committee. New nominations will be presented.

If you wish to nominate, please fill out a Nomination Form
(available from the Foxes Den Cafe, and /or Janet Fletcher
0400 783 408) and send to the Secretary, PO Box 56,
Winchelsea PO, or e-mail winchelseafnc@hotmail.com

Nomination forms must be received fourteen (14) days
prior to the A.G.M. ie: 29 October 2023. Nomination forms
must have the signature of the Nominee, a Nominator
and a Secunder.

Nominations will be displayed on the Club's website/facebook
page 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the W.F.N.C. and
help guide the Club throughout what will be an exciting 2024
Football and Netball season.

GO BLUES!

WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC. COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I _____ hereby nominate
for the incoming Committee of Management for W.F.N.C. Inc.
FOR THE SEASON OF 2023/24, as (please tick position)

Nominee's Signature: _____

PRESIDENT	☐	SECRETARY	☐
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	VICE PRESIDENT	☐
TREASURER	☐	COMMITTEE MEMBER	☐

NOMINATED BY _____

SIGNED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

SIGNED BY _____

2023 Annual General Meeting AGM 2 November 2023

The AGM will be held as per the below schedule

Date	Thursday 2 November 2023
Time	7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location	Winchelsea Shire Hall 28 Hesse Street Winchelsea VIC 3241

Members are encouraged to attend with light supper provided.

All queries are to be directed to
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com.au

Agenda

- Welcome.
- Apologies.
- Minutes of 2021-2022 AGM meeting,
- Correspondence nil
- Business Arising



Executive reports

President's report: John Tebbutt
Treasurer's report: Josie McDonald

Subcommittee reports

- Movie Club
- Arboretum Trail
- Planning
- Station Precinct Project
- Market

Nominations and elections for Growing Winchelsea
committee

Election of Office Bearers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Next Meeting

Committee meeting - Wednesday 8 November 2023
Public meeting - Wednesday 13 December 2023

NOMINATION FORM 2023-2024 Executive or Committee Member

I wish to nominate

For the position of

Nominated by

Signature of Nominator

Date

I am a current member of Growing Winchelsea Inc.
and agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signature of Nominee

Date

Nomination forms are to be forwarded to
the GW Secretary prior to the election of office bearers.
secretary@growingwinchelsea.com

Winchelsea Cricket Club



Father and sons that played for our B-Grade side this week
James Mangan and his sons Xavier Mangan, Darcy Dhillon
and Kaleb Dhillon

WCC Round 3 Results

A-Grade Winchelsea 8/161 def by Wellington 7/197
 B Caldicott 51 R Edwards 3/34
 A Korth 32 T Hardy 2/16
 M Partridge 24 C Watson 1/38

B-Grade Winchelsea 76 def by Wallington 7/218
 L Zampatti 23 D Phillips 3/30
 L Zampatti 2/37
 D Dhillon 2/53

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ROUND FIVE

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - 1PM START

A-GRADE
AT GRENVILLE OVAL

B-GRADE
AT EASTERN RESERVE

Winchelsea Cricket Club Dinners

When: Thursday 2nd November

Where: The Hub - Eastern Reserve

Time: Service starts at 6.30pm



Winchelsea Community House and Shire Hall

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www.winchhouse.org.au reception@winchhouse.org.au



Sound Healing Sessions

When: Mon 13th Nov, 2023 7.30pm-8.30pm
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
\$40 per session, Bookings now open
Please call Vicki on 0400 149 749

Chatty Cafe

When: Friday mornings 10.30am-12 noon
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
No bookings required
We will have our Chatty Café Volunteers present to welcome you.

Crochet Group

When: Alternate Saturday afternoons
1.30pm, Winchelsea Community House Space
\$5 per session
Next session Saturday 4 November 2023

Drop in - Makers' Create

Where in Winch' can you.....?
Mono print your very own Christmas cards?
Design beautiful, felted Christmas table place mats and coasters?
Paint? Draw and skill share?
Winchelsea Community House Star Room
Cost \$25 per session
All materials provided.

First Aid and CPR (Additional Date!)

Saturday 11 November, 2023
Please contact Winchelsea Community House for bookings.
Cost CPR Only \$70, Full First Aid \$170

Singing Group

When: Wednesday afternoons 4.45pm-6.00pm,
Winchelsea Shire Hall Space
8 sessions (4/10 to 22/11/23)
\$60, Con \$50 Under 16 Free.

Knitting Group

Come along and learn to knit or bring your knitting project and come and chat with others.
When: Thursday mornings 10.30-12noon
Next session: Thursday 26 October 2023
Winchelsea Community House



Winch House Chair's Annual Report 2022/3

Tony Phelps, Chair

2022-2023 has very much been in keeping with general trends – more money going out, less money coming in.

On the good news front, one of the major sources of funding that covers payroll has increased by a bit over 5%, helping to keep up with inflation. However, money is still tight and the pressure to reign in expenses is having a significant effect on what Winch House is able to do and also affecting our community and what they participate in.

We have done well with some grants recently, for which we're very grateful - \$1,000 for "Get Online Week", \$2,500 to put on free digital literacy sessions for Seniors, a big donation from our own Winchelsea Star plus more from the State Government to put into Shire Hall kitchen renovations and equipment. The Community Bank have as always been very supportive of our community and sponsored a presentation TV and Shire Hall blinds so we can better see what's on it!

Plus, the Winchelsea Star is once again being printed in Winchelsea, by Winch House - this means a valuable income stream and also makes a sophisticated colour printer locally available to the community.

Thankyou to our outgoing committee members Amanda Bettess and Simone Budd, who provided some excellent guidance and advice over the last couple of years. Thankyou too to Treasurer Maddy Pearce for keeping an eye on budgets and how we've been tracking financially. I'd like to ask for your recommendations for additional Committee members, we'd love your suggestions.

While Winch House is an independent non-profit, we do have critical partnerships. I'd like to highlight a really great relationship with Surf Coast Shire – which comes down to the professional, passionate and friendly people working there. My personal thanks to those staff that have helped us along the way.

Congratulations to our Manager, Wendy, who's been with us for a bit over a decade now and who is central to all that happens at the House. And a big 'well done' to our Committee for their ongoing contributions to various projects and discussions and decisions over the last 12 months.

Finally, an important word – Volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of an organisation like Winch House. We depend on the ones we have.. Please help spread the word that we need people for all sorts of things – running activities, admin, reception... a chat with our friendly manager is the best way to start.

Community Houses such as ours provide programs and activities to learn new skills, brush up on your existing skills and more than anything to connect with others in your community and reduce social isolation. New skills may help you with employment and build your confidence to in turn help others. Activities such as singing and sound healing help your mind and reduce any unwanted stresses. Have a think about doing something for yourself and join in our activities.



Winch House Manager's Report 2022/3

Wendy Greaves, Manager

Another year has been completed and it is so pleasing to report that it finally feels like we are moving forward after several disruptive covid years.

We can now concentrate on new priorities for our community and addressing any gaps as well as trying new things and "having a go" at whatever opportunities come our way. We do ask for you the community to keep in touch with us and let us know what things you would like to see run by your community house and we will always try our best. We understand that financial pressures are with us all and keeping things low cost are a priority whilst not compromising on quality of services.

I would like to make mention of our hard working staff team as well as Committee of Management Volunteers and other house volunteers. Everyone gives so much and works so hard as a team to keep the place running smoothly. We do encounter rocky roads from time to time but I know that we are always ready to act quickly and sort out issues before they compound.

AUSPICE GROUPS

As at 30th June, 2023 Winchelsea Community House has six auspice groups being:

- Winchelsea Men's Shed/Community Garden
- Wensleydale Rural Community Group
- Winchelsea Youth Leisure Drop-In (WYLD)
- Wurdale & Surrounds Recovery Network
- Conquer the Corrugations
- Hesse Rural Health – Food Project

Each of the auspice groups have provided a report which will be published in The Star in coming weeks.

GROUPS OF THE HOUSE

Craft Group

We look forward to our weekly Wednesday catchups during school terms where we enjoy a variety of craft and sharing our skills with others. We love to exchange cooking recipes, patterns for sewing, patchwork, knitting and crochet. Recently we completed a beautiful quilt for Occasional Care and loved presenting it to the children and educators. The children love it and it has a lovely home in the story corner.

Crochet Group

The fortnightly Saturday afternoon Crochet Group is going well and has a core group of regulars plus others that join in when they can. The group enjoy sharing ideas, techniques,

patterns and helping each other along the way. Some amazing pieces of work have been created and many more projects are happening all the time. This is a welcoming group so feel free to come and see what goes on. First session is free and then \$5 per session.

Toy Library

Our Toy Library continues to operate during normal operating hours. The library has many beautiful toys available to borrow – 2 toys for 2 weeks for \$2. Membership is open to anyone – parents, guardians, carers and grandparents and there is no membership fee to join.

There are all types of educational and fun toys in our collection for babies up to school age so come and check it out.

SERVICES

Winch House offers a variety of services such as printing, photocopying, laminating, room hire, computer use, general advice and referral, toy library, book library hiring services and our wonderful Occasional Care Service. All of these are provided at either no or low cost. We pride ourselves on having current technology available and our room hire facilities have interactive white boards/TV's and can cater for both small and large groups. Access to our facilities out of normal working hours can also be arranged and many groups hire our rooms for meetings and functions in the evenings and on weekends. We also manage the Shire Hall space which is a much bigger space available to hire for all sorts of functions and events.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a key part of our community organisation and are very welcomed. We have a variety of volunteer roles at Winch House including Toy Library, Occasional Care, Front Desk Reception or being a member of our Committee of Management. We thank our current volunteers for all their hard work during the year.

OTHER

For the 2022/2023 year we are pleased to report a surplus of \$9834.76. This has not come about easily but through careful planning and budgeting we were able to return to a surplus this year following the previous year's deficit. Despite this we have again budgeted a deficit for the 2023/2024 financial year. The pressures on our funding each year are enormous and we are now trying several different things to expand our income streams.

We have recently commenced printing the weekly edition of the Star as one way to diversify our revenue stream and we have a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser booked for Occasional Care later this year.

We continue to apply for relevant grants to be able to run engaging and relevant training such as the "Be Connected" funding we have received. This is to provide IT support and training to the community and will be available over the coming 12 months.

Kitty 'n Jack

We have now completed 4 rounds of the 23/24 Pennant Season in our usual Victorian weather. However this week and weekend would be some of the windiest conditions in a long time.

Pennant Results Midweek

Round 3 Division 1

def Apollo Bay away,
2 rinks 87 shots to 49 shots.

Round 4 Division 1

def Simpson at home,
all rinks 87 shots to 63 shots.

Round 3 Division 3

def Derrinallum away
2 rinks 70 shots to 68 shots.

Round 4 Division 3

def Colac away,
2 rinks 70 shots to 64 shots.

Pennant Results Saturday

Round 3 Division 1

def Colac at home,
2 rinks 112 shots to 80 shots.

Round 4 Division 1

def Colac Central away,
2 rinks 95 shots to 85 shots.

Round 3 Division 2

def Apollo Bay away,
all rinks 106 shots to 59 shots.

Round 4 Division 2

def Cressy at home,
2 rinks 95 shots to 90 shots.

Round 3 Division 4

def by Birregurra away,
2 rinks 63 shots to 78 shots.

Round 4 Division 4

def Cressy at home,
all rinks 94 shots to 35 shots.

Division Ladders

After 4 Rounds

Midweek 1 3rd

Midweek 3 1st

Saturday 1 1st

Saturday 2 2nd

Saturday 4 3rd

Ladies Competition Results Congratulations

Pat Lowrey winner of 100 Up,
Runner Up Wendy Knuckey.

Sheryl Laird winner of
Consistency Singles,
Runner Up Julie Johnson.

On 29 Oct the Jenny McConachy
Memorial Open Mixed Fours
Tournament will be held with
full rinks entered. Results and
pictures next issue.

We have a big week ahead in
all Divisions so let's hope for an
improvement in the weather.



Winchelsea Bowls Club

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

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Winchelsea Historical Society Winchelsea Street Names

These are names of some of the streets we can't provide a name or photo with. If anyone can help please let us know.

BARWON TERRACE - street adjoining the Barwon River.

BARKLY STREET.

DAINTREE DRIVE.

DICKSONS ROAD - Tom Dickson lived at "Yeronda Vale" in this street.

MERCER STREET - early settlers in this area.

OLNEY STREET - Early family in the area.

RICHERT COURT.

TUTEGONG ROAD - Parish of TUTEGONG, adjacent to the township of Winchelsea.

HISTORY OF THE WINCHELSEA SHIRE

PLACE NAMES

The following are the names of parishes and places in the Shire, with their meanings. The Barwon River was so named by the Wodouro who gave the name of magpie to the river at Geelong. This was due to the fact that these birds were numerous in that locality. The Parish of Barwon Downs was named after the downs near the source of the Barwon River. Buntingdale Mission took its name from Dr. Jabez Bunting, a prominent Wesleyan, who did much to establish the Methodist Church. Mushroom was the name given to the Parish of Bamba, and Mt. Richmond received Benwerrin, an aboriginal word meaning the long hill, from tourists travelling to Lorne in the coaching days. Birregurra was a Kangaroo Camp at the ti-tree springs on the Birregurra Creek in the vicinity of the original township of Birregurra which was named after the Parish. Ti-tree was the name given to the Parish of Boonah. The Parish of Carrung-e-Marnong has a native name meaning house of yams. The yam grew well in this parish and consequently yam refuse was plentiful in the ashes and ovens around which the natives built their camps. The Parishes of Gellibrand and Hesse, like Mt. Gellibrand and Mt. Hesse, perpetuate the names of Mr. G. T. Gellibrand and Mr. Hesse, who lost their way in 1837. Neither of them was seen again after their guide left them at Retreat Creek. Gherang-Gherang is situated on the edge of the Otway Forest and was once lightly timbered. It receives the name Gerang from a species of black cockatoos, better known as Gang Gang. The repetition of the word shows that their numbers were too great in this locality for the natives to count. A native word meaning snake was bestowed on the Parish of Kaanglang. Karngun, it is stated locally, is a Parish name perpetuating the memory of Karn Karn, a leading Colijan or chief at Buntingdale during Mr. Tuckfield's mission to the aborigines there. He was carried about by his fellow tribesmen after he became a cripple. Lake Lake Wollard Parish was named after a tract of land north east of the township which was once the Winchelsea

Common. This was at one time a lake known by the aborigines as Wollard or opossum. About fifty years ago, Daisy Bates, who has since lived and worked for so many years among the natives, took a party of school boys including Mr. McDonald, M.H.R. to a tree in this locality. She showed them where the natives had stripped a bark canoe from this red gum, still standing near Princess Highway. It is one of the remaining proofs that the lake once existed. The Marquis of Lorne gave his name to both township and parish of that name. The parish west of Winchelsea was named Sunset or Mirnee. Murdeduke, a word meaning small men, was applied to the lake by the aborigines, and it is from this lake that the parish takes its name. Murroon, now a parish, was the name given to the march fly by the Buntingdale aborigines. The native name of the wombat was given to the Parish of Tutegong, and the name War-rambine, a creek forming part of the shire boundary, is a word meaning grassy. Wensleydale, an English name was given to the place originally known as Grass Grounds. The Parish of Whoorel should be a place of sunshine; its name is a word which was used by the aborigines for sun or heat. Wormbete was originally a sheep run taken up by Henry Hopkins under a depasturing licence in 1837. The Parish of Wormbete was afterwards given the name of the run, and the meaning of the word, according to the late Mr. A. S. Kenyon, is a lake with a blackfellow's mound. Wurdiboluc was a natural lake before it was enlarged by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and used as a reservoir. It takes its name from Wurd, large, and Boluc, a lake, and was known as the large lake. Lake Gherang-Gherang, a near neighbour, was the small lake. Yan Yan Gurt is a parish named after a sheep run for which Wm. Roadknight took out a depasturing licence in 1838, and is claimed by old residents to mean ever flowing streams. The word Yan signified motion among the original Australians, and meant to walk or go.

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Thought for the Week

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"Am I really welcome
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Phil Jacobson

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The Winchelsea Community House has overseen some work at the Shire Hall to improve the building and improve community activity..

Thanks to the Bendigo Bank we now have a smart television with a sound bar. This means that now the Hall can be used for many more activities. We will work with any group to tailor the hall to suit the function.

The Surfcoast Shire has installed blinds and reverse cycle air conditioning. This makes the building suitable all year round, creating a comfortable accessible venue.

The Christmas/holiday season is upon us and bookings are increasing so you are welcome to come and discuss your ideas with Community Developer, Jill Evans, any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.



Applications open for Local History grants

Community groups across Victoria are invited to apply for the latest round of local history grants, celebrating and preserving the state's rich history for future generations.

Victorian community groups are encouraged to apply for a share of \$350,000 available in the latest round of support. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for individual projects.

Past recipients of the grants include Women's Legal Service Victoria, awarded \$12,320 for the preservation of archives that include biographical details of leaders who have advocated for Victoria's legal system to better recognise and support women.

Other successful projects include the LGBTIQ+ Switchboard Oral History Project which will see interviews from the founders of the Switchboard community organisation housed by the Australian Queer Archives at the Victorian Pride Centre.

Over the years, projects have included newspaper digitisation projects, exhibitions, anniversary projects and conservation of precious community collections by historical groups, museums, schools and sporting clubs.

The Local History Grants Program is administered by Public Record Office Victoria. Applications for grants close on Monday, 11 December. Visit prov.vic.gov.au for more details and to apply.

Pharmacists now able to deliver basic health care treatments

The State Government is delivering on its promise to improve access to health care for more Victorians, with community pharmacists able to provide treatment and advice for a range of common conditions from today.

This is the start of a 12-month pilot that will give Victorians more choice about where and how they access basic primary care, especially for people struggling to access an affordable or bulk billing GP close to home.

Services include advice or treatment for women with uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) or a resupply of their existing contraceptive pill without needing a prescription – with a broader public health vaccination offering, travel health consultations and treatment for mild skin conditions to roll out in coming weeks and months.

Part of a \$20 million investment in the Victorian Budget 2023/24, around 400 pharmacies across the state have signed up for the pilot, with another 200 set to join the program in coming weeks. Pharmacies who have not yet joined are encouraged to still sign up, even as the pilot gets underway.

Importantly, Victorians won't be charged for a pharmacy consultation for UTIs, mild skin conditions or a resupply of the contraceptive pill – pharmacies may charge a fee for a travel health consultation and vaccinations, while the cost of medication will remain the same as a prescription from a GP.

To be eligible to participate, all pharmacists are required to successfully complete mandatory training in the piloted services and demonstrate they are well equipped to know if someone should be referred to a GP or hospital. They must also prove they have the appropriate facilities within the pharmacy, like a private consulting room.

The pilot is being guided by expert advisory and clinical groups representing Victorians and the pharmacy and medical professions, including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, and Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

At its conclusion, the pilot will be evaluated, and any recommendations will help inform longer-term decision making around the role of community pharmacists.

Following a decade of inaction in primary care from successive Federal governments, it is harder than it has ever been to access a GP – let alone one who bulk bills.

That is why the state Government has stepped in, increasing primary care options for Victorians to free up GPs for people with more complex conditions and reduce non-urgent emergency department presentations – including 27 Priority Primary Care Centres and the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department.

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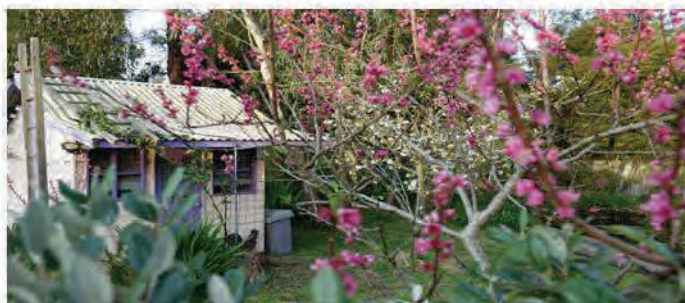
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Tips for a safe Halloween

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Consumer Affairs Victoria inspectors have seized dozens of items including spider necklaces, skulls, pumpkin lanterns, light up decorations, flashing monster badges and witches in a Halloween safety blitz.

Light-up toys and flashing objects such as pumpkin lanterns, cauldrons, fake candles, torches and wands are often powered by button batteries.

Every day in Australia, at least one child goes to hospital after ingesting one of these batteries.

When buying button battery-powered Halloween novelty toys, check the battery compartment is secured with a screw or similar fastener to prevent small children gaining access.

Costumes are a popular part of Halloween celebrations, but it's important to make sure they are clearly visible if you're wearing them outside.

If you're wearing black or dark costumes for Halloween, add glow sticks or a reflective strip to your costumes and carry a torch to ensure drivers and other trick-or-treaters can see you.

Take care around open heat sources such as jack-o-lanterns and heaters.

You should also check costume labels for their fire risk and choose those marked "flame resistant" or "fire resistant".

If you're completing your look with fake tattoos, face paint, makeup or fake blood, ensure they come with ingredients labels, and keep them handy throughout the night. If someone in your group has an allergic reaction to a product, having a list of ingredients available for doctors can save them vital time.

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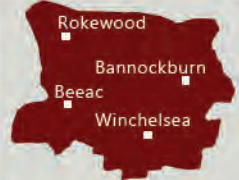
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