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Letters to the Editor

Wonderful edition of the Star

Just a note to say this was such a wonderful edition this week! How great to see so many contributors and gorgeous photography.

Alice Cloake

No Zumba classes - On Maternity Leave

About my Wednesday evening classes for Zumba at the Shire Hall, I am nearly 8 months pregnant and am excited for our arrival. I will miss being a Dance Instructor but I look forward to picking it up when I am capable of doing so after our bundle is born.

Simone Dunmore

Psalms

I enjoy reading the psalms each week.

Frances

1st Modewarre Scout Group

I'm glad we can get the news about Scouts out there! Thanks for the opportunity.

Marie McPadden



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY BUS

To Wauron Ponds Shopping Centre

Trip Dates:

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 17th September

Wednesday 2nd December

10.30am departure from Senior citizens centre 36 Harding st.
Leaving from Wauron Ponds Shopping centre at **1.00pm.**







45 Main Street Winchelsea Surfcoast Shire Planning Permit 26/0026

Bob Jeffs

A number people representing residents in the area have met with Councillors and newspapers on Friday to bring their concerns to the public arena. Objections need to be made by 5th JUNE via the Planning hub on Surfcoast Shire website or in writing. From the time of the sign going up on the property that meant only two weeks to lodge an objection. Adjoining properties were not notified.

Rezoning on south side of Highway sets a precedent

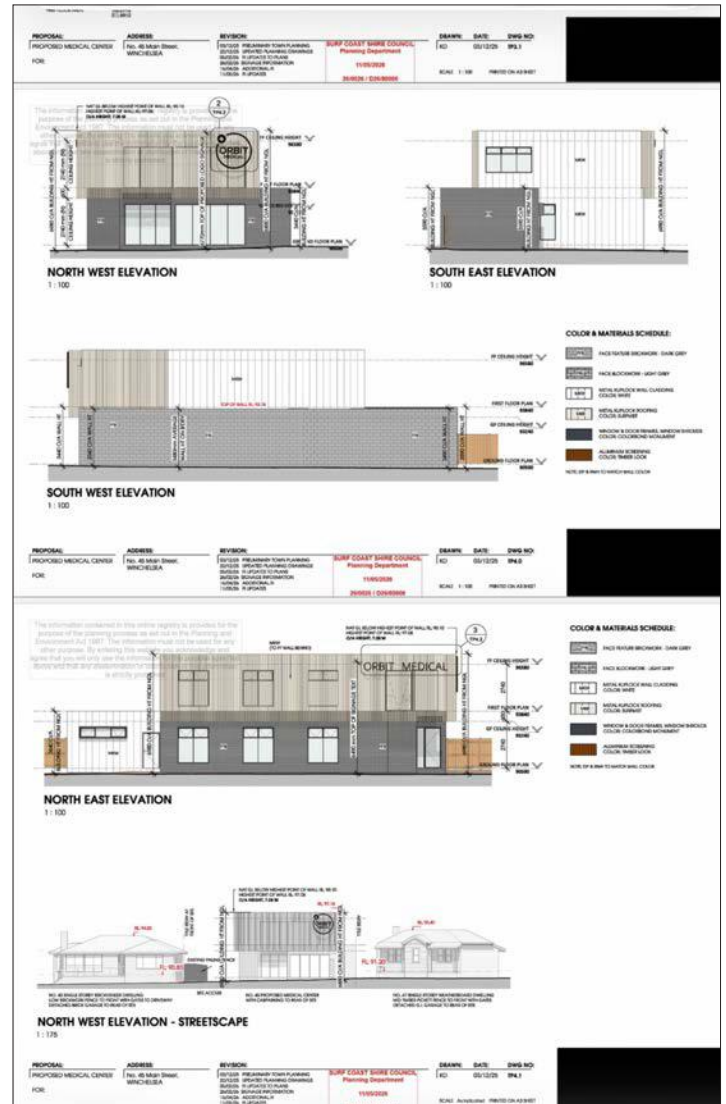
There is a current permit requesting the REZONING from residential to commercial. The service road was originally not designed to carry the additional traffic from the now adjoining estates at the rear, let alone a commercial precinct, unlike that for the other side of the highway.



Students leaving buses at Main Street stop

Safety is a main concern

45 Main Street is located on the narrow service road on the southside of the highway with already hazardous entry just beyond Hesse Street Intersection the exit has very poor visibility with most vehicles requiring access to U turn. The road is only 4.2 metres wide. A bus stop for school students is adjacent.



The permit is for a 2 storey building to be occupied by a medical centre with limited parking of 12 spaces at the rear. Four have vehicle's doubled, one directly behind the other. Concerning, as Winchelsea Medical, located on the opposite side of the highway has 25, with patients still choosing to park on the street.

PLEASE assist by placing an objection by 5th JUNE and protect our town from inappropriate zoning. We do not in any way suggest there should not be additional medical centre, allied or otherwise, JUST PLANNING BE APPROPRIATE.

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History of Winchelsea

44 Main Street – former Orchard's Bakery (The Fox's Den)

Photos credit Winchelsea and District Historical Society

In a world where food is shipped in from all over the world, and sold in packaging on supermarket shelves, Winchelsea is blessed today to have Kenty's Bakery on Main Street producing fresh breads, pies, savoury and slices daily. Widely described as the best coffee in town along with the freshest salad bar. Kenty's pies and other baked goods are highly rated by locals and by the many tourists who come through our town in the holiday seasons.

Winchelsea has always been home to fresh baked goods, and in the past, before preservatives, mass processing and refrigeration, colonial towns had to have their own bakeries. Before the twentieth century, most homes did not own an oven, and making bread would have been to labour intensive for every home to make their own, so along with the pub and the church, the bakery became the mainstay of any rural or regional town in the nineteenth and twentieth century.

The former Orchard bakery and dwelling at 44 Main Street is the only known surviving Late Victorian era shop and dwelling complex in Winchelsea. The dwelling was built in 1893-94 while the shop was constructed in 1895-6. It served as William Orchard's bakery from 1902-03, continuing this function until at least the 1950s, when it then became a milk bar.



William and Albertina Orchard

William Orchard and his wife, Albertina, were the original owners and bakers. Albertina came from Tasmania to Winchelsea to marry William, who worked at Murdeduke as a coachman. They commenced their bakery business at this location in 1902-03. The complex has a long association as a bakery in Winchelsea until at least mid 20th century. It appears that the former bakery building was altered in 1927, with construction of the stepped parapet, which remains intact and contributes to the significance of the building.

The Orchards, who owned the bakery through a large part of its history are one of the oldest families in Winchelsea and their descendants still live in the town. They are associated with commercial developments in Winchelsea during the Late Victorian era, when the town continued to make steady progress.

The dwelling (built in 1893-94) and the shop/former bakery (built in 1895-96). Although the former bakery building is currently vacant, its latest occupant was the Foxes Den, which still continues its business next to the medical centre serving delicious fresh fast food to the community with excellent customer service.

The former bakery shop is planned to become a new shop to raise funds for the local Winchelsea Hospital, Hesse Rural Health, which has prioritised a rebuild of the Op Shop and renovation of the former Orchards bakery shop and adjacent house to cater for the needs of the Hospital Auxiliary group and build a new shed area and community health offices.



The Winchelsea Hospital Auxiliary Op Shop volunteers raised tens of thousands of dollars each year for Hesse Rural Health until the previous Gosney Street store burned down in November 2020.



L-R A Hassell, L Worland, J Hassell, E Hassell c1930



Orchard's Horse Drawn Bakery Van

Former owners of Sweet Thyme Café owners Danny Ehmer and Nicola Wilkinson said their customers had generously supported the appeal to restore the important community facility. The café donated \$1,000 to a restoration fund and also forwarded all tips and proceeds from its flower bunch sales.

Winchelsea's collection of beautiful heritage buildings is an important part of the culture and character of our town, but even more important than those, is the imperative of our community to look after each other in trying times, and to band together to build, improve, and support each other to make our town a better place.

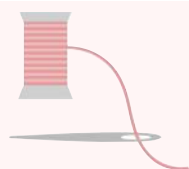


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Stitch It, Don't Ditch It

Winch House Craft Group



It's the right weather to be knitting or crocheting rugs at the moment, you not only get a gorgeous rug in the end but you are kept snug and warm with it being on your lap whilst being worked on. The Wednesday craft group has another rug nearly finished, this one is a corner to corner crocheted rug in the most gorgeous colours. There are lots of rug patterns in the craft cupboard if you'd like to give one a go, the knitting or crochet groups will be able to help too.

There is not a week goes by without several of our wonderful members bringing along something delicious to eat with a cuppa.

There was also an alteration done on a jacket this week, it's great to make alterations and repairs to your garments instead of throwing them to the back of the cupboard or 'ditching' them. Winch house craft group has plenty of resources for use for repairs or alterations.

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Winchelsea Community Op Shop

Madeline Pearce

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Zinaida Campion

Lilian Stott: a forgotten local soprano

My heartfelt thanks to Libby Cousins AM, whose generosity in sharing the Hart biography, family materials, and her great-aunt Lillian Stott's story has been invaluable to this work.

Lilian Stott's story begins not on the great stages of Melbourne or London, but in the familiar streets and church halls of Geelong. Born in 1897 to William Stott of Stott Jewellers and Emma Cox, she grew up in the Ashby district, shaped by parish life, family gatherings, and a close-knit community. Even as her gifts carried her far beyond the region, she remained unmistakably a daughter of Geelong.

Her musical promise emerged early. At eighteen she entered the Melba Conservatorium, where Dame Nellie Melba awarded her a four-year scholarship, a rare honour that placed her among the most promising singers of her generation. Melba's trusted teacher Mary Campbell counted Lilian among her finest pupils. As Tregear and Forbes record, Campbell taught "singers of such stature, success and influence as... Lilian Stott" (Fritz Hart: An English Musical Romantic at the Ends of Empire).



The cast on set of *Deirdre in Exile*, 22 June 1928.
L-R: Lilian Stott, Lillian Crisp, Fritz Hart, John Brownlee.

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Her studies took her to London under Harry Plunkett Greene and Ludwig Maria. Returning to Geelong in 1924, she was reportedly "besieged with requests" for a recital, reflecting local pride in her achievements abroad.



Lilian Stott

Yet she never abandoned her regional identity. While teaching for decades at the Melba Conservatorium, she also taught privately in Geelong and remained active in local musical and community organisations. Family members remembered her as warm, humorous, and deeply engaged in family life. One tribute described her life as "a multi-coloured tapestry".

Her performance career flourished. She became a leading interpreter of Fritz Hart's songs, presenting complete recitals of his work and appearing in his opera *Deirdre in Exile*. A production photograph places her alongside Hart and the renowned baritone John Brownlee, demonstrating the confidence Hart placed in her abilities.

For Winchelsea readers familiar with Marjorie Lawrence's story, Lilian's relationship with Hart offers an interesting contrast. In *Wotan's Daughter*, Richard Davis notes that Hart adjudicated the 1927 Ballarat competitions where Lawrence failed to place. Whether fair or not, Hart represented an obstacle in Lawrence's path, whereas he became an enduring mentor to Lilian. The contrast highlights the professionalism and reliability that earned Lilian his lasting respect.

Lilian's artistry reached national audiences. In 1934 she appeared as a featured soprano on ABC Radio with the ABC Chamber Orchestra, and in 1931 she was chosen to sing "O for the Wings of a Dove" at Dame Nellie Melba's memorial service. Melba's funeral was a national event, and Lilian's role places her firmly within Australia's musical history.

Her legacy continues through extensive scrapbooks, photographs, programmes and Melba-era materials now held by the State Library of Victoria. Together they document not only her own career but also the musical world of early twentieth-century Australia. Her influence also lives on through the Lilian Stott GAMA Centre, created from her family's bequest to support Geelong's artistic community.

Here in Winchelsea, her story finds new resonance. As we imagine the future historic music archive at the Globe Theatre, Lilian's life offers a model for the regional stories that deserve preservation. Her archive demonstrates that regional stories are not small stories. They are the threads that bind communities together and carry heritage across generations.

In honouring Lilian Stott, we honour not only a remarkable soprano but the enduring truth that great artistry can grow from regional soil — and that when it does, it belongs to all of us.

Ciao!

The Ripple Effect

Madame Butterfly

Why Town Signs Matter Part 4

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

So, what happens next?

Over the past few weeks, we've talked about something that most of us probably took for granted — how Winchelsea presents itself at the point of arrival.

We've looked at the role signage plays in shaping first impressions. We've acknowledged that we already have strong elements in place — the Gateway Sculptures, existing town signage, and community initiatives like the Twinkle Trees. And we've asked whether those pieces are working as well as they could be together.

None of that is hypothetical anymore.

The opportunity is real — and so is the gap.

Because now, we are a gateway town in one of the busiest tourism corridors in the country... but we're not fully capitalising on it.

And here's the part that matters:

This is exactly the kind of project that attracts funding.

Not maintenance. Not business-as-usual.

But clear, community-supported ideas that strengthen identity and networks, improve visitor experience, grow business, and connect existing assets into a cohesive story.

The kind of project where you can say:

Here's what we have. Here's what's missing. And here's what we want to do about it.

But funding doesn't come from silence.

It comes from demonstrated interest and need.

From community backing.

From people being willing to say — this matters, and we want to be part of it.

Now, that voice isn't very loud.

And if it stays that way, the risk is simple: nothing changes.

The Sculptures remain under-explained. The signage remains minimal. The Twinkle Trees remain seasonal. And the thousands of people passing through each week continue to do just that — pass through.

Opportunity doesn't disappear dramatically. It just quietly moves on.

So, this is the point where the conversation needs to shift.

Not more observation — but intent.

If you think Winchelsea could do more with what it already has, say so.

If you think we should be telling a stronger story at our gateways, speak up.

If you think this is worth exploring — whether through Council, Growing Winchelsea, or a community-led group — now is the time to get involved.

Because the next step isn't complicated.

It starts with a small group of people willing to put their hand up, test ideas, and begin shaping a plan that could attract real support.

Or it doesn't happen at all.

Every ripple we've talked about in this issue has led to this point.

The question now isn't what could we do?

It's much simpler than that.

Will we?

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

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Alice Cloake



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JUNE

Mustardy Cheesy Cauliflower

This is a recipe inspired by Ottolenghi and altered out of necessity. I had an entirely different recipe in mind for this week, a Cauliflower Filo Pie, I was going to cook it and write about it for this week's entry. But the day got away from me and I found myself unable to commit to the one and a half hour cook time. So I pivoted to this Ottolenghi recipe and altered it based on what ingredients I had available. We had it on the side of herby chicken and it was delish.

Serves four

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large cauliflower, broken into roughly 4cm florets (700g)
- 30g butter
- 1 onion, finely diced (120g)
- 2 garlic clove sliced
- ½ tsp of chilli flakes
- 1½ tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp medium curry powder
- 3 tbs seeded mustard
- 200ml double cream
- 1.5 cups of cheese
- 15g panko crumbs
- 5g parsley, finely chopped
- Salt

METHOD

- Steam the cauliflower over boiling water for 5 minutes, until just softening. Remove and leave aside to cool slightly.
- Put the butter into a frying pan and sauté the onion and garlic until soft.
- Add the cumin seeds, curry powder, mustard, chilli flakes and cook for 4 minutes.
- Pour in the cream, add ½ teaspoon of salt, and simmer for 2-3 minutes, for the sauce to slightly thicken.
- Add the cauliflower, stir gently, and simmer for another minute before removing from the heat.
- Transfer into a baking dish, top with the remaining cheese and panko crumbs.
- Grill in the air fryer for 8 minutes until the top is golden and crisp. Keep an eye on it so that it does not burn.
- Remove from the grill and allow to cool a little - just for 5 minutes or so - before serving.





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Council grants for a wide range of events

Surf Coast Shire

From surfing, running, cycling and swimming, to singing, writing, and awareness-raising – Surf Coast Shire Council has announced its latest batch of event grants which cover a diverse range of activities.

Funding was awarded to 17 events, all of which will feature on the Surf Coast Events calendar in 2026-27.

Councillor Mike Bodsworth said the successful applicants demonstrated how their event would make a difference in the off-peak visitor season.

"The Surf Coast is one of Australia's top events destinations, and it's easy to see why," he said. "Our stunning natural environment offers the perfect backdrop for mass participation events such as Amy's Gran Fondo or The Great Ocean Road Running Festival.

"It's also great to have boutique and community events – including The Sound Doctor gigs in Anglesea, Run the Marsh in Deans Marsh, and the Women's Surf Fest in Lorne – which help showcase the unique character of our towns."

More than \$84,000 was awarded across the 17 events.

Eight events received three-year funding following Council's decision to make the overall event grants process easier for applicants with new guidelines

Applications for the next round of event grants will open in October 2026, for the Community Event category. It includes Christmas carols.

For grant guidelines and to stay up-to-date with events happening across the shire, visit surfcoastevents.com.au.



The Shifty Fifty is an event grant recipient

Winchelsea Community House getting New Co-Working Space

Rhani Bayon

Winchelsea Community House is delighted to announce that it has successfully secured funding through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to establish a modern, fully equipped co-working space in the Star Room building.

The new workspace will feature professional amenities including standing desks, portable monitors, and flexible workstations designed to support local business owners, sole traders, remote workers, and entrepreneurs.

This exciting initiative aims to provide more than just a place to work. By creating opportunities for connection and collaboration, the co-working space will help reduce the social isolation often experienced by people running businesses independently, while fostering professional networking and knowledge sharing within the local community.

To ensure the long-term success of the project, Winchelsea Community House is encouraging local business owners and professionals to actively support and use the space. Regular participation will help build a vibrant hub where ideas, skills, and opportunities can be shared, strengthening both local businesses and the wider community.

Further information about the co-working space, opening dates, and membership options will be announced in the coming weeks. Community members interested in becoming involved are encouraged to contact Winchelsea Community House.

Shape the future of Hesse Health

Hesse Health

To have your voice help shape the future of local health care provided by Hesse, community members can participate in the Strategic Planning consultation at the following sessions:

Hesse Winchelsea (53 Hesse St – rear entrance)

- Wed 10th June 2.30pm
- Thu 11th June 9am
- Tue 16th June 2pm

For more information about the consultation process, upcoming sessions or how to provide feedback, please contact:

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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
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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

You don't need to be a visual artist — if your venue is hosting a creative event, you can be included in the official Arts Trail After Hours guide and ALL the marketing.

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Rachael Mackley is packing up and heading north to live and work in the NT (Rach is an education support officer in 5/6 this year).

There are three jobs currently advertised:
PE for one day per week;
Arts for two days per week;
Education Support for five days per week.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know to head to eduPay or Schools Recruitment page.



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.



Friday 26th June - Soccer Day



**SOCCKER CELEBRATION
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Grades Five/Six



1st Modewarre Scout Group News

Marie McPadden OAM, Group Leader
mcpadden630@bigpond.com



Sew Much Fun: Cubs Make Their Own Camp Pillows



Grandma Kerrie helping the Cubs



Helping with the Sewing

With more camps planned for later in the year, including a BIG one – Cuboree 2026 – we decided to make camp pillows with the Cubs. Big pillows are too large – they fall off stretchers and they take up too much room in the luggage bag, so often travel to camp under the arm of their owner, resulting in a dusting of dirt and leaves before even landing on the Cub's bed.

Explaining the idea seemed simple – 2 Cubs share a big pillow, sew it and cut it in half, making 2 small pillows. The light hearted response to Gus's 'What, you mean I have to share it with Charlie?' was 'Yes, he has it on Monday and Tuesday, then you get it for Wednesday and Thursday!' helped to clarify the situation.

The idea seemed straightforward – buy some normal pillows, have the Cubs mark the halfway line, pin along either side of the line, sew 2 runs and have the Cubs cut it in half. However, a trial run had us realising the pillow wouldn't feed through the machine arm, so it was time for some flexibility in planning.

The Cubs, in pairs, measured, drew their lines, then cut the pillow in half along those lines. At this stage the stuffing wanted to explode everywhere, so enough excess was removed to allow the Cubs to pin the 2 sides for sewing the seam. Keeping their fingers away from the needle, the Cubs helped guide the pillow through the machine.

We had the expertise of 2 Mums and a Grandma on their sewing machines, plus another Mum and 2 Leaders helping with pinning and cutting. It was a great Cub Community effort!

For some, a sewing machine was a curiosity – 'what is that?'. Using sewing pins was a new skill, but we managed well – the only bandaid required was for a Leader!

Grandma had a delightful, cross stitched pin cushion – again, 'what is that?'. The Cubs all proudly hugged their camp pillows as they left the hall. They are now asking that we make pillow cases for them ... perhaps we will. Tie dying or screen printing sound like exciting possibilities.



YOUNG AT HEART

Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre

Elaine Atkinson

The Winchelsea Senior Citizens Centre continues to buzz with activity each week, with new programs, plenty of laughter, and a growing sense of community connection.

The Men's Shed has once again come to the rescue, supporting the Centre by crafting custom tile holders for our Mahjong sets. Two full sets have now been made to meet the needs of our enthusiastic new players. Mahjong sessions are held every Thursday from 1–3pm, and interest is growing quickly. A big thank you to the Men's Shed members for responding so promptly and generously to our request.

Last Thursday saw seven brave beginners gather around the table, eyebrows raised and tiles flying, as we attempted to learn the game with the patient guidance of Chris Gibbs. Only later did we discover we were playing the Hong Kong version — no wonder there were so many confused faces.

Our card players have also been in fine form. Bridge on Tuesday saw Zinaida Campion and Elaine Atkinson take out top honours. David Schroeter and Chris Gibbs struggled to win a trick early on, and although the cards eventually turned their way, it was all too late to catch the leaders.

Euchre today delivered its own drama. David's team — with Lynne and Elaine — managed to outplay Jean's team of Eric and Ken, despite David being euchred three times in a row. Who would have thought.

Weekly Activity Schedule

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| Monday | • Craft Social Afternoon 1:00pm - 3:00pm |
| Tuesday | • Bridge – 10.30 am – 12.00 noon |
| Wednesday | • Cards & carpet bowls – 1:00pm - 3:00pm with afternoon tea & raffle to follow |
| Thursday | • Mahjong – 1:00pm - 3:00pm (New players welcome — bring your lunch & join us at 12noon) |
| Friday | • Cards & carpet bowls – 1:00pm - 3:00pm |

The Centre aims to offer a wide range of activities that encourage social connection, learning, and fun. Mahjong is our newest addition, and we look forward to seeing it grow alongside our long-standing card groups.

For more information, please contact:
Jean Shinnars (Secretary/Treasurer) 0427 672 263
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Ken closer Mahjong



Mahjong tile holders - Men's Shed



Margie, Lynne, Ken, David, Eric





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Working Together on Transport

Elaine Atkinson

Planning is underway across the Surf Coast hinterland to develop a coordinated community transport model ahead of the current Bus Subsidy Program ending on 30 June 2027.

Recent discussions with the Moriac Community Network have confirmed interest from Moriac residents in joining the Winchelsea Community Connect Transport Initiative.

"This creates a valuable opportunity to broaden the initiative into a collaborative, hinterland wide transport program" organisers say.

Local groups have been quick to embrace shared transport opportunities:

- **Probus Winchelsea** recently completed a successful outing to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook, with community members joining the trip.
- **The Winchelsea Men's Shed** has organised a bus trip to Camperdown on Thursday 11 June 2026 for members, further demonstrating the value of coordinated transport for social connection.
- **Moriac residents** are keen to join future outings. The bus will stop in Moriac if there is enough community interest.

Upcoming Shopping Trip – Bookings Open

The next community shopping trip to Waurn Ponds will run on 24 June 2026. Bookings can be made through Winchelsea Community House on 03 5267 2028.

Building a Regional Transport Network

The emerging collaboration between Winchelsea, Moriac and other neighbouring townships is laying the groundwork for a sustainable, community led transport system.

"This collaborative approach ensures the program is not limited to Winchelsea alone, but instead becomes a shared resource for the wider district"

The model aims to support:

- Social and recreational outings
- Intercommunity activities (Men's Sheds, Probus, community houses)
- Access to shopping and essential services
- Inclusion of smaller townships such as Wurdiboluc, Modewarre, Bamba, Deans Marsh and Birregurra
- Long-term advocacy for improved public transport and a future community owned bus

A Shared Vision for the Hinterland

By working together, hinterland communities are taking proactive steps to build a resilient, inclusive and locally driven transport network that supports residents of all ages.

Further updates will be provided as planning progresses.

What's on

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WINCHELSEA TOY LIBRARY

9am-2pm (03) 5267 2028
Winch Community House,
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

MONDAY

CO-WORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

Mon and Thurs 9am-2pm \$10
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

MAINLY MUSIC

10-11am (school terms)
Interactive Music 0-4yrs
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WINCHELSEA GIRL GUIDES

4.30pm-6pm (School term)
St John's, Mercer /Harding St
Yvonne Orchard 0448 672 630

1ST MODAWARRE SCOUT GROUP

Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Mon-Cub Scouts 8-11yo 6:30-8pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
Torquay or Highton Units
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ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM UPPER BARWON

LANDCARE NETWORK

6pm Monday 15 June
0407 552 663 Birregurra Bowling Club
COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

TUESDAY



BRIDGE

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

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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Tues-Joeys 5-8yo 5-6pm (sch term)
Venturers 15-18yo hosted by
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MAT PILATES

6.30pm- \$25
Winchelsea Community House
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea 5267 2028

HESSE HEALTH WINCHELSEA

Strategic Planning Consultations

Hesse (53 Hesse St – rear entrance)
Tue 16th June 2pm
Jodie Cranham 0408 188 015

WEDNESDAY

WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

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

MOTHER GOOSE SONG AND RHYME

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

WINCHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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Modewarre Hall, Cape Otway Rd
Wed-Scouts 11-14yo 6:30-8:30pm (sch term)
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To Wauran Ponds Shopping Centre

Trip Dates:
Wednesday 24th June
Thursday 17th September
Wednesday 2nd December

10.30am departure from Senior citizens centre 36 Harding st.
Leaving from Wauran Ponds Shopping centre at **1.00pm**.

June/July 2026

This is a recurring calendar.
Please confirm event details with the organiser/venue.
To add an event to the calendar,
please email news@winchelseastar.org.au

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Hesse (53 Hesse St – rear entrance)
Wed 10th June 2.30pm
Jodie Cranham 0408 188 015

THURSDAY

CHAT WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR Cr Tony Phelps

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

COWORKING AND STUDYING SPACE

9am-2pm \$10 5267 2028
Winch Community House, 28 Hesse St

WINCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

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

WINCHELSEA PICKLEBALL

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

KNITTING GROUP

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WINCHELSEA MEN'S SHED BUS TRIP TO CAMPERDOWN

Thursday 11 June 2026
For members
Ray Atkinson 0407839139

VINYASA YOGA

6.30PM \$22 (for remainder of term 2)
Winchelsea Shire Hall 5267 2028
28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA MOVIE CLUB

7.30 (3rd Thurs each month)
Globe Theatre, Main St, Winchelsea
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Hesse (53 Hesse St – rear entrance)
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FRIDAY

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GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY

(MOBILE) 2-5pm
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SATURDAY

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8am Trebeck Reserve
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Senior Citizens Centre,
36 Harding Street Winchelsea
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9 -12pm first Sat of month outside IGA.
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SUNDAY

WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY MARKET

9-1pm, 1st Sunday monthly
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Hesse St, Winchelsea 3241

Services 9.30am Sundays

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Father Joseph Panackal

Harding St, Winchelsea 3241

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0448 687 588

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Thought of the Week

"To everything there is a reason,
and a time to every purpose under heaven.

Even in uncertainty,
God is shaping each moment with care.

Trust that your current reason,
whether joyful or heavy,
has meaning and will not last forever.
Let this truth bring you hope as you
move forward in Faith, knowing God's
timing is always perfect."
Have a Blessed week.

John Bader
(Christian Pastoral Carer)

Psalm 17 A Prayer of David

American Standard Version

- 17 Hear the right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned
lips.
- 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
[a] Let thine eyes look upon equity.
- 3 Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited me in
the night;
Thou hast tried me, and [b] findest nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
- 4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
- 7 Show thy marvellous lovingkindness,
O thou that savest [c] By thy right hand them that
take refuge in thee
From those that rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- 9 From the wicked that oppress me,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
- 10 [d] They are inclosed in their own fat:
With their mouth they speak proudly.
- 11 They have now compassed us in our steps;
They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
- 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
- 13 Arise, O Jehovah,
[e] Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from [f] the wicked by thy sword;
- 14 From [g] men by thy hand, O Jehovah,
From men [h] of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:
They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
- 15 As for me, [i] I shall behold thy face in righteousness;
[j] I shall be satisfied, when I awake,
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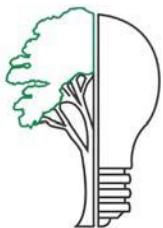
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Tony Phelps, Winchelsea Ward Councillor



Winter is now upon us, and while I am a firm fan of warm weather, it's been good to finally see some rain making a bit of mud around the place.

We need lots more to help agriculture across the region, not to mention keep up with potable water needs - not the best outlook, but fingers crossed all the same.

Interesting webinar by Friends of the Barwon about the truly enormous water usage by AI data centres, with a significant number of them coming to our region and west of Melbourne. Real challenges to come there.

A couple of weeks ago, I stepped into Mayor Libby Stapleton's place as she took a break. Let's say it was a busy time! The first week was National Volunteers' Week, and it was fascinating to see how passionate people and groups are about their chosen activity, and how much they achieve (and do for community).

It's worth pointing out that all the Legends recognised at the Shire events have to be nominated, and I know for a fact that there are plenty of people doing amazing things in Winchelsea, Moriac, Deans Marsh as well as the coastal towns. So please remember for next year - it's up to you to nominate, the Shire doesn't choose Legend recipients.

This year's Arts Trail was launched last week, in the Anglesea Art Space. Louise Hall, Veronica McDonald and Grant Finck were local names I recognised.

The Trail is going to be bigger than ever before, and the Shire is looking for around 100 volunteers to help during the event eg. at studios. Something you'd like to get involved with? More on the Shire website (search for "arts trail").

While away on my own holiday somewhere beautifully hot and humid, it struck me just how much difference a shady tree makes

when walking along a street - almost like someone had switched the aircon on.

The Shire is heading into year 3 of its "Branching Out" project, and is looking for your feedback - there's a short survey at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/branching-out, please add your thoughts. Note that if you happen to have a newly-planted tree in front of your property, you can help nurture it with a watering every now & then. In years to come, these trees will make a big difference to how our streets feel.

I'll end with a bit of a primer on Community Asset Committees (CACs), having learnt a bit more about them myself.

In Winchelsea, there's a CAC for the Eastern Reserve - 4 volunteers doing a sterling job of managing the precinct on behalf of the Shire. The idea is that a CAC is made up of locals who can make sure maintenance needs are met, can raise funds to improve the place, can put in place policies and procedures to ensure fair use between various groups and users.

It's a formal arrangement, and CAC members have to be endorsed at a Council Meeting - and here's an important bit, any member of the community may seek to join a CAC at any time. There are 6 around the Shire, and as always with volunteers, "the more the merrier" in my opinion - and so much better if a CAC has representation from a range of user groups.

See surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Get-involved/Community-Asset-Committees for more.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Neil noted another successful year, thanked all involved. 3 projects were funded - Community Dinner, Fitness Challenge, & Christmas in Winchelsea, plus some others.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations for Committee: Judy Cameron, Neil McInnes, Mick O'Mara, Alice Cloake, Susan Corby, Elaine Atkinson, Cathy Cheadle, Cromwell Hooper, Cerrie Forgan, Linda Carter, Sasha Gauntlett, Tony Phelps. All accepted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Election of Officer Bearers & Principal Roles - Stewart Mathison oversaw the nomination process;

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Elaine thanked Mick, Stewart & Tony for re-invigorating the Star back in 2014.

Excerpt from SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION/ COFFEE MEETING 21 May 2026

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Cerrie Forgan, Cromwell Forganssen, Susan Corby, Judy Cameron, Mick O'Mara, Elaine Atkinson, Cathy Cheadle, Stewart Mathison, Kim Rowe

Kim Rowe is the president of Moriac Community Network (MCN) – mcnorg.weebly.com. The MCN is very active in the community and it would be good for them to contribute articles for the Star. There are 400 people from Winchelsea who follow them on Facebook. We can cross promote each other and link to each other's pages on Facebook. It would be good to have an events page in the Star on the events in Moriac and to have links to each other's papers/websites.

While we have a church page in the Star, there are gaps, for example, nothing for Jehovah's Witnesses, though they have a presence in Colac. And other religious groups such as temples.

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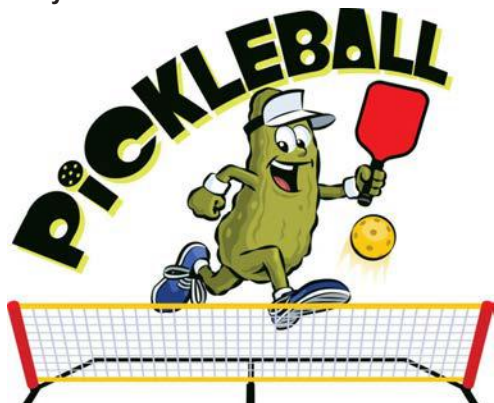
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Charges over illegal trails in Otway Ranges

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Five men have been charged after a network of illegal trail bike trails were constructed on protected public land in the Otway Ranges.

The charges relate to illegal trail bike riding and significant environmental damage across the Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park between May and August 2025.

A Conservation Regulator investigation identified evidence that chainsaws, machetes and other hand tools were used to construct illegal trails through native vegetation, creek beds and sensitive rainforest ecosystems.

In August 2025, Conservation Regulator Authorised Officers intercepted members of the group within the Great Otway National Park. Two of the men have been charged with allegedly assaulting an Authorised Officer during the incident while attempting to evade questioning.

As part of the investigation, search warrants were executed at properties in Belmont, leading to the seizure of two trail bikes, tools and equipment allegedly used to construct and ride the illegal trails.

The men charged are a 26-year-old and a 29-year-old from Belmont, a 36-year-old from Mount Duneed, a 35-year-old from Winchelsea and a 36-year-old from Narre Warren.

In Victoria, trail bike riding is only permitted on formed roads and tracks that are open to the public, and it is illegal to remove native trees or damage wildlife habitat on public land without authorisation.

Suspected illegal activity on public land can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Locust alert

Agriculture Victoria

Agriculture Victoria is asking landholders in Victoria to report any locust activity as numbers increase in the north-west of the state. Adult locusts are currently active after favourable conditions, with higher-than-normal numbers also seen in New South Wales and South Australia. Some of these locusts have moved into Victoria.

Plague Locust Commissioner Dr Kyla Finlay said early reporting helps track movements and reduce the risk of major infestations and crop damage in spring.

Adult locusts will lay eggs in May and June. These eggs will stay dormant over winter and may hatch in spring if conditions are suitable.

Agriculture Victoria says early monitoring and action is important, especially treating young locusts before they can fly and spread.

Landholders are encouraged to check their properties and report sightings using the online form or by calling the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

Twin Lamb Disease

DEECA

As winter continues, sheep producers should watch for cases of twin lamb disease (pregnancy toxaemia) in pregnant ewes. The condition occurs in the final 4–6 weeks of pregnancy when a ewe does not get enough energy to support both herself and her growing lambs. Ewes carrying twins are most at risk.

It is often triggered by stress or reduced feed intake, such as poor weather, yarding, or being held off feed. Affected ewes may look dull, blind, and unresponsive, and the condition can worsen over several days. Seeing cases in a flock can indicate that other ewes are also at risk.

Twin lamb disease happens when body fat is broken down faster than the liver can process it. Treatment may be possible in early cases using an energy drench, but prevention is most important. This includes providing good-quality supplementary feed, especially in the last eight weeks of pregnancy.

For advice, contact your local vet, Agriculture Victoria animal health staff, or the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

Fire Crews Prepare for Winter

Chris Hardman, FFMVic Chief Fire Officer

Winter is approaching, and it has already been one of the busiest years in recent memory.

In January, I was proud of our crews (FFMVic and partner agencies) and the community for their response to bushfires across Victoria. Sadly, there was one loss of life, but the outcome could have been much worse without strong preparedness and quick action.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Inquiry into the 2026 summer fires. These submissions will help us continue to learn and improve.

Over summer, we saw the benefits of fuel reduction work in real situations, including in the Otways, where fire behaviour was less intense in treated areas. This helped crews safely build control lines and gave communities time to activate their bushfire plans.

After the fire season, crews have moved straight into planned burning. Autumn is an important time for this work because conditions are more stable. We continue to review fire events using reconstructions based on data such as satellite images, weather information, fire mapping, and firefighter reports. These help us understand fire behaviour and improve training. Reports from western Victoria fires in 2024 also show the benefits of fuel management.

This autumn has been difficult, with fewer suitable days for burning. However, we are continuing planned burns where possible, and also using other fuel reduction methods such as slashing, mowing, mulching, and spraying.

The seasonal outlook suggests dry and warm conditions may continue through winter and into spring, with a possible early start to the next fire season. We will continue a flexible, year-round approach to reducing bushfire risk with our partners and communities. Where burning is not possible, we will use other methods to reduce fuel across public land.

Road Safety Upgrade East Street, Inverleigh

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Taster exhibition provides a tempting glimpse of the Surf Coast Arts Trail

Surf Coast Shire

The 16th annual Surf Coast Arts Trail is coming up on 1 and 2 August and fans can whet their creative appetites at a preview exhibition underway at Anglesea Art Space.

A Taste of the Trail features works from more than 50 participating Trail artists from across the shire, ranging from painting to sculpture, woodwork and ceramics.

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Libby Stapleton said A Taste of the Trail provides an enticing glimpse of some of the art, artists, studios and creative experiences that will be part of this year's Trail. "The exhibition shines a spotlight on the amazing breadth and depth of creative talent we are fortunate to have in our region, and of course serves to build anticipation and excitement ahead of the Trail," Cr Stapleton said.

"This year's event promises to be another beauty, with 65 studios, galleries and creative spaces showcasing the works of more than 300 artists for an anticipated 15,000 or more visitors across the two days."

The A Taste of the Trail exhibition will run until 21 June, with the Art Space open 11am to 4pm Thursday to Sunday.



Liam and Mark Waters, LAMwood Creations

Torquay-based father and son timber artisans Mark and Liam Waters of LAMwood Creations are preparing to participate in the Trail for the fifth time, and excited to be part of the exhibition.

They specialise in milling timber reclaimed from urban land clearing, roadworks, storms and natural attrition and transforming it into fine furniture and items such as bowls and keepsake boxes.

"What's exciting is actually creating the pieces," Mark said. "I really enjoy the fact that there might be a piece that has just been lying around, unloved and silvery sitting in the corner, and I'm able to rejuvenate it, rebirth it and give back some enjoyment and useability to it. "And Liam just loves wood. He loves the grain, he loves the craziness – just the absurdity of where the grain doesn't go and does go."



LAMwood Fruit Bowl

Timber for LAMwood items like occasional tables is often combined with coloured resin, inspired by Torquay's surfboard manufacturing story.



LAMwood Red Claret Ash Table

Mark and Liam will be opening their workshop in Ocean Acres Drive, Torquay, for the Trail for the first time this year, after having previously exhibited from a gallery in Freshwater Creek.

People can visit surfcoastartstrail.com.au to read about artists participating in this year's Trail and start planning their adventures.

This year's event will include an exciting new dimension with volunteers supporting artists and venues across the two days, welcoming patrons and helping with administrative tasks.

People interested in volunteering can find more information and register by visiting surfcoast.vic.gov.au/volunteer, emailing artsteam@surfcoast.vic.gov.au, phoning 5261 0600 or visiting Council's civic office at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

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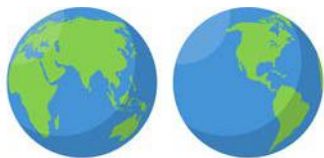
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The Climate Report

Compiled by Judy Cameron

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

Our planet is getting hotter. That heat is changing Australia's weather – making our summers hotter, big storms and floods worse, and lengthening bushfire seasons.

Scientists measure this, and we can feel it.

- "What changes have you noticed about the weather?"
- "Last summer felt really hot didn't it? Summers are getting hotter and more dangerous and that's part of what climate change means."

WHY IS IT HAPPENING?

Traditionally, we have made energy by burning coal, oil and gas, so we can switch our lights on, and power things like our cars and factories.

When we do that, it sends invisible pollution into the air which traps heat around the Earth.

- "It's like putting an extra blanket on the Earth – it traps heat and makes our planet too hot. The more pollution we add, the thicker the blanket gets and the hotter and more sick our planet gets."

HOW DO WE FIX IT?

By using the sun and wind to make energy, instead of using coal, oil or gas, we can switch on our lights and power our cars without polluting.

- "Australia has lots of sun and wind, and we are really good at using it to make electricity already."

IS IT HOPELESS?

We are making progress with more and more of our energy coming from the sun and wind. These are clean, never run out and cheaper, too, which helps families save money.

- "You may have already seen solar panels on rooftops – they turn sunlight into electricity. We're now a world leader in rooftop solar. That's something to be proud about!"

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What's on at Winch House

28 Hesse Street, Winchelsea Ph: 0352672028 Email:
reception@winchhouse.org.au



WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY BUS
To Waurin Ponds Shopping Centre

Trip Dates:
Wednesday 24th June
Thursday 17th September
Wednesday 2nd December

10.30am departure from Senior citizens centre 36 Harding st.
Leaving from Waurin Ponds Shopping centre at 1.00pm.

Please contact Winchelsea Community House to Book.
Call: 03 52672028
Email: manager@winchhouse.org.au

*Stitch it,
Don't ditch it!*

Wednesday's 9.30am - 2pm
During school terms*

Winchelsea Community House 'Star Room'
SEWING MACHINE & OVERLOCKER available.
Bring along a craft project you'd like help with,
learn to sew, knit, crochet or repair clothing and homewares yourself with the guidance of our knowledgeable community volunteers.
Gold Coin Donation

TAI CHI

Friday Mornings
9am - 10am
in the Winchelsea Shire Hall

Originating in China, Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) is the practice of slow meditative physical exercise designed for relaxation, balance and health. Suitable for all abilities & ages.

Find us on facebook at: winchelsea tai chi group
Please call 03 52672028 or email
reception@winchhouse.org.au to register. **\$10 Per Class**

WINCHELSEA KNITTING GROUP
Thursday Mornings 10.30 -12.00
Winchelsea community house.

All Welcome, Learn to knit or bring a project to work on while you enjoy a cuppa and a chat



Craft & Crochet Group

\$5 per person.

1pm, every second Saturday
in the Winchelsea community house.

Next session: Saturday June 20th
reception@winchhouse.org.au

The Chatty Cafe Scheme

**Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm
in the Shire Hall**

A warm, welcoming space where you can drop in, have a chat, and connect with others. Whether you're a young professional, a new parent, retired, or simply looking for friendly conversation, everyone is welcome!

Cheesemaking Workshop

Join Barry the Cheeseman to learn the art of making delicious cheese from scratch.
Ready to transform supermarket milk into cheese?

You'll learn how to make Danish Fetta, Camembert, Danish Blue, Halloumi, Farmhouse Cheddar, Cottage Cheese, Mozzarella, bocconcini, Burrata and Ricotta from Scratch and Take Home 1.5kg!

Friday July 17th from 1pm to 7pm or Saturday or July 18th from 10am to 4pm.
6 hour workshop, cheese platter and meal inc. **\$250 Per person.**



email: shirehall@winchhouse.org.au or Call: 0352672028

Get in touch!

Let us know what programs, events or workshops you'd like to see happening in the community house and Shire hall. We're here Mon-Fri 9am to 2pm. Give us a call on 0352672028 or pop in for a chat.

THE MISTY BIT

COME WINTER IN VICTORIA



📍 BEAUCHAMP FALLS, OTWAY RANGES

Have you heard about the misty bit of winter in Victoria?

That's the symphony of birdsong in the forest canopy, the spray of crystal-clear water on your skin and the thunderous crashing of waterfalls... kind of misty.

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VICTORIA EVERY BIT DIFFERENT



parkrun 118

Sport and Exercise



Saturday 6 June 2026

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea
parkrun.com.au/trebeckreserve

Neil McInnes

25 participants completed the course through Trebeck reserve this week in chilly conditions.

Welcome to Kim Jarvis who completed her very first parkrun.

Congratulations to Justin Wallis, Shane Price, Dennis Sweetman and Robyn Orchard who all completed their personal best time at Treebeck Reserve.

We had one visitor from Singapore.

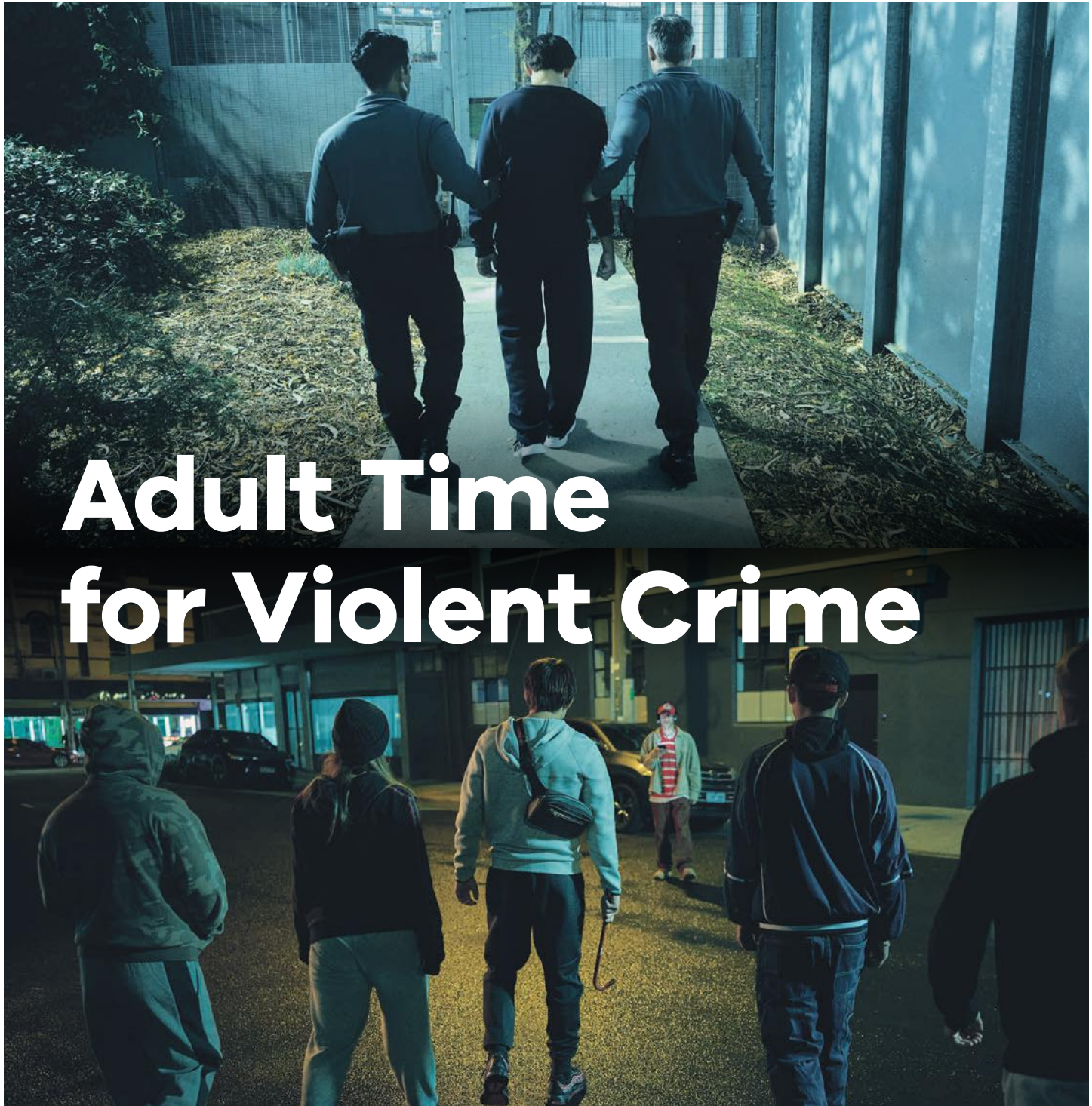
7 volunteers made this event possible. Thanks to Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Don Smith, Ann Jones, David Coote, Kristen Czerkiewicz and Murray Bennett.

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

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

To volunteer please send an email to trebeckreserve@parkrun.com





Adult Time for Violent Crime

Offenders aged over 14 who commit violent crimes now face more serious consequences. Crimes like aggravated carjacking, home invasion or serious assault with weapons will now be tried in adult court and face longer sentences.



[Learn more](#)



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Winchelsea Football Netball Club Inc

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Blues News

Janet Fletcher



WINCHELSEA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

INVITES YOU TO

150 YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

PAST & PRESENT PLAYERS, MEMBERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS ARE
WARMLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF THE WINCHELSEA
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

11.45AM - JUNE 27, 2026

EASTERN RESERVE WINCHELSEA
\$60 PER PERSON - TABLES OF 10 AVAILABLE

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A TWO COURSE MEAL

GUEST SPEAKERS REFLECTING ON THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB.
WATCH THE BLUES TAKE THE FIELD IN SPECIAL HERITAGE JUMPERS.
MONSTER RAFFLE DRAWN AT 5.30PM.

CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE AFTER THE GAME & INTO THE NIGHT.
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WFNC ROUND 8 Reserves 30 May 2026

Sonia Jenkins





BRANCHING OUT

Trees for today and tomorrow

GROWING GREENER STREETS, TOGETHER

Help shape the future of trees in our townships

Branching Out is a long-term plan to increase the number of trees across our townships - creating greener, cooler and more liveable places.

Our vision is a resilient, connected and diverse tree canopy that supports the health and wellbeing of our community.



Deans Marsh Primary School students helped water new trees outside their school, planted as part of a Branching Out project in partnership with the Deans Marsh Streetscapers.



Growing Winchelsea's Arboretum Trail sub committee also partnered with Council to help develop the draft plan.

Our draft Branching Out Implementation Plan outlines how and where trees will be planted on public land over the next 10 years.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We're inviting community feedback to help shape this long-term vision.



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

- Take our short survey by 15 June at yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/branching-out

Submit feedback by: 26 June 2026



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