

Barefoot Bowls under the lights Celebrating new lighting and a new era for Winchelsea Bowls Club

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Bright new era at Winchelsea Bowls Club

Surf Coast Shire

Winchelsea Bowls Club has entered a bright new era with formal unveiling of new lighting for night competition and training.

The club's green can now be illuminated by 100 lux LED lighting from four new 13.5-metre towers.

The lighting meets Bowls Australia night competition standards and can be dimmed for non-competition activities such as training and social bowls.

Club leaders approached Council with the project concept in November 2022 via Council's online community project proposal portal.

Council's Community Project Development Program led a project working group including club board members and a representative from Bowls Australia through a detailed project planning and scoping phase.

Community members attended the evening opening ceremony on Friday 11 April and later joined members for barefoot bowls under the lights.

Winchelsea community initiated the installation project and Winchelsea Bowls Club contributed \$37,539.

The Victorian Government contributed \$112,618 via the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund and Surf Coast Shire Council managed project delivery.

Winchelsea Bowls Club President Andrew Doyle

"The club's success off the green with this project complements the success we have had on the green winning six premierships in different divisions in the past four years."

"To receive grant funding of this size is fantastic and we would like to acknowledge the support of the Victorian Government, Sport and Recreation Victoria and Surf Coast Shire Council."

"We look forward to further improvements as we continue growing the game in Winchelsea."

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Mike Bodsworth

"We congratulate Winchelsea Bowls Club and Winchelsea community for having initiated and realised this project, which will help light the way for the club for decades to come."

"Expansion of playing and training options under lights is sure to appeal to existing and new members in the growing community and help keep people across a wide range of ages active and involved."

"We appreciate the Victorian Government's support through the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund."



ANZAC DAY 2025

Friday 25 April 2025



The President of the Winchelsea RSL
Mr Graham Kenafacke and the
Committee, extends an invitation to the
commemoration ceremony for



ANZAC Day Friday 25th of April 2025
The service will start at 10.30, at the Winchelsea
Reserve, RSL Club rooms.

All Welcome

After the service there will be morning tea served in the
Hub by the Winchelsea Football and Netball Ladies.
During the service wreaths will be laid, all are welcome
to lay flowers, rosemary, or wreaths.

Please note that during the service there will be
live firing and it is advisable for children
to be aware of the noise.

The Winchelsea RSL are committed to making this event
unique, something to be a part of.



All are welcome to Australia's special day.

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Winchelsea Projects Update

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Adventure Play Space



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Kids can now go for a zip on the flying fox, with wheelchair access and accessible seat, explore the elevated pods, take a ride on the slide and more.

The cubby house remains off limits for the moment awaiting some final adjustments.

Landscaping of the site has included addition of hundreds of plants and guards are protecting some garden beds to help ensure that they flourish.

Council contributed \$600,000 to the play space project and appreciates \$250,000 funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Gathering Space Shelter cob wall



Images: Nogueira Photography /
Alison Dean

Congratulations to Growing Winchelsea, community members and the many school and kindergarten children who contributed to the construction of a cob wall feature at the Winchelsea gathering space shelter.

Many willing hands helped make, cure, carry, stack and lay mud and straw bricks to create the cob wall, which was then rendered, and now provides a reflection of the mud hut which formerly stood on the site.

Growing Winchelsea and passionate members of the community including Alison Dean, led the seven-day construction event, which was overseen by Mud Fun Australia, and was rich in community spirit.

Eastern Reserve netball courts

Winchelsea Blues and visiting netballers are enjoying the new playing surfaces at Eastern Reserve following full reconstruction of two courts.

Concrete courts with acrylic surfaces have replaced the former asphalt courts.

Works included stabilising soil beneath the courts, installing new power conduits and fencing.



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2025 federal election

How the order of names on the ballot paper for the House of Representatives is determined

A public draw to determine the order of names on the House of Representatives ballot paper takes place in the AEC office in each electorate..



The first draw assigns a number to each candidate and the second draw determines the order in which each candidate appears on the ballot paper.

How to Vote

Judy Cameron

Federal Election 2025

The candidates are announced, the draw for positions on the ballot paper is done and early voting starts the Tuesday after Easter, April 22, if you can't get to a polling place on Saturday, May 3.

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- Colac: Scout Hall, 100 Dennis St
- Torquay: 20 Cylinders Dr

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To vote for a Member of the House of Representatives, you are required to write the number '1' in the box next to the candidate who is your first choice, and the numbers '2', '3' and so on against all the other candidates until all the boxes have been numbered, in order of your preference on the Green ballot paper.

THE SENATE

On the white Senate ballot paper, you need to either:

- number at least six boxes above the line for the parties or groups of your choice, or
- number at least 12 boxes below the line for individual candidates of your choice.

Above the line

If you vote above the line, you need to number at least six boxes from 1 to 6.

Place a 1 in the box above the party or group that is your first choice, the number 2 in the box above the party or group that

is your second choice and so on until you have numbered at least six boxes above the line. You can continue to place numbers in the order of your choice in as many boxes above the line as you like.

Your preferences will first be distributed to the candidates in the party or group of your first choice, then to candidates in the party or group of your second choice and so on, until all your preferences have been distributed.

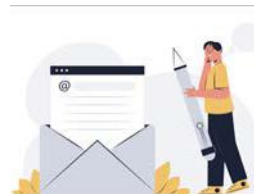
Below the line

If you vote below the line, you need to number at least 12 boxes from 1 to 12. Place a 1 in the box beside the candidate that is your first choice, and the numbers 2, 3, 4 and so on to at least the number 12. You can continue to place numbers in the order of your choice in as many boxes below the line as you like.

Polling officials at the polling place are available to help you. If you make a mistake on a ballot paper, you may return it to the polling official who issued it and receive a fresh one.



Letter to the Editor



'Who's really in Power?'

Another election is upon us and the two major parties are bombarding us with so-called policies-on-the-run and promises which we all doubt will be honoured.

Who do you believe? My scam alert senses are working overtime.

But we're told we must elect a government into power. We're also told that some politicians may end up holding the "balance of power".

But is this also a con job? Apparently, for every federal politician in Parliament on any given day, there are at least 15 highly paid lobbyists bending their ear in favour of a string of major corporations. They're simply there to control each politician's decisions.

Check out www.youtube.com/user/thejuicemedia, scroll to Honest Government Ads – Season 3 and select "Environment Act".

So, is it really the government that is in power? Or corporations?

Independent Senator David Pocock tried hard to have corporate power regulated in favour of public interest. But, of course, he couldn't get the backing of the two major parties. I wonder why.

What I want to know is: What happened to "Power of the People".

It's time power was returned to ordinary Australians. It's time to get more David Pococks into parliament.

This election, put the two major parties last on your ballot and vote for an Independent.

Peter Koster, Ombersley 3241

Footnote: Views expressed by readers in 'Letter to the Editor' are not necessarily those of the Winchelsea Star.





2025 federal election

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Voting places

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Voting starts on Tuesday 22nd at early voting booths. Closest to Winchelsea are

- Colac: Scout Hall, 100 Dennis St
- Torquay: 20 Cylinders Dr

and these local booths on the big day Saturday, May 3 where you can get your democracy sausage!

- **Winchelsea Primary School Gymnasium**, 60 Main St
- **Winchelsea Senior Citizens Hall**, 36-40 Harding St
- **Deans Marsh Public Hall**, 10 Pennyroyal Valley Rd
- **Inverleigh Primary School**, 54 High St
- **Moriac Primary School**, 785 Hendy Main Rd

NOTE: There is no Winchelsea South booth at the Wurdale Hall in Wensleydale this year but two Winchelsea booths instead.

Your candidates

Judy Cameron

This is green ballot paper you will receive for this electorate:

1. **Alex Dyson**, Independent
2. **Lee-Ann Elmes**, Family First
3. **Kate Gazzard**, Greens
4. **Julie Ann Mccamish** Trumpet of Patriots
5. **Robbie Swan** Legalise Cannabis Party
6. **Leo Curtain** Pauline Hanson's One Nation
7. **Dan Tehan**, Liberal
8. **Fiona Mackenzie**, Labor
9. **Bernadine Atkinson**, Independent

You choose!

Preferential voting gives people the chance to say who they want to win the election and who they don't. You do this by numbering the candidates on the ballot paper in order from your first choice (1) to your last (9).

Before you vote this election, build your own how-to-vote card to make sure your vote actually reflects YOUR values.

More information on the candidates can be found on the ABC website: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2025/guide/wann>



Wannon Federal Election Candidates Forum online

The forum will be held at Deakin University in Warrnambool on Wed, 23 Apr, 6pm - 8:30pm.

Tickets are sold out but the forum will be livestreamed through local council Facebook pages and via the Warrnambool Standard.

This event is being organised by the SouthWest Victoria Alliance, which advocates on behalf of communities across a vast region that includes the shires of Colac-Otway, Corangamite, Glenelg, Moyne, Southern Grampians and the City of Warrnambool.

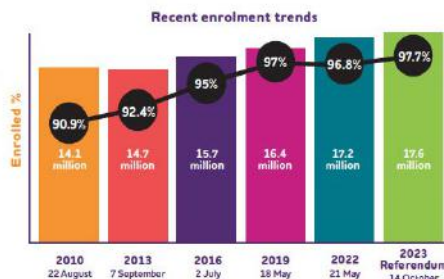
Hosted by journalist Kirsten Diprose, this forum will feature contributions from:

- Federal MP Dan Tehan (Lib.)
- Independent challenger Alex Dyson (Ind.)
- Labor candidate Fiona Mackenzie
- Greens candidate Kate Gazzard
- Dr Bernadine Atkinson (Independent)

The voters

This federal election will likely have the most complete electoral roll for any Australian federal election since federation, with around 18 million people enrolled at approximately 98%.

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Surf Coast Shire



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Anthea Riskas

Anthea Riskas is the founder of Full Tilt Creative and since 2015 has taught hundreds of artists, makers, creatives and retailers how to effectively communicate and sell their work and embrace self-promotion as a way of increasing opportunities for their practice and growth of their income.

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A crisis we can't ignore

Simon Keyte and Gareth Bellchambers

The Surf Coast Shire is a place of unique beauty, tight-knit communities, and an active lifestyle. Yet, like many regions across Australia, we face a growing challenge – ensuring everyone who lives and works here can continue to find a place to call home.

Twenty-five percent of our region's population is aged under 19 and without immediate action these 9,524 young people, including our own children, risk being priced out of their own communities.

This crisis impacts us all. Local employers are struggling to find staff to operate their businesses, essential workers often commute for hours, and families face impossible choices.

Our region now has eight townships that are no longer able to accommodate growth, leaving Winchelsea as our shire's single long-term growth front.

In 2021, the Surf Coast Shire Council declared an accommodation crisis and promised solutions. Council is now finalising its Urban Futures Strategy, intended to "provide adequate land supply for housing and employment through to 2051".

This Strategy affirms Winchelsea as the region's only long-term growth front and sets an aspirational target for Winchelsea to grow to a population of 10,000 by 2051, approximately quadrupling the current number of dwellings in Winchelsea. Council's own consultants, Spatial Economics, have suggested that Winchelsea may need to grow to as much as 18,000 by 2051 to accommodate our region's population needs.

The draft UFS states that:

Appropriate planning will need to be undertaken to consider whether Winchelsea can cater for this potential growth in a sustainable manner. The implications of not planning for a bigger population and much higher levels of demand may include the following:

- Impacts on service infrastructure
- Loss of economic investment to adjoining towns
- Decreased affordability

We support the sustainable growth of Winchelsea, and whatever Winchelsea ends up being is a matter for the Winchelsea community. We cannot overstate the importance that the Urban Futures Strategy has on the coming three decades for Winchelsea and our region. There is growing concern that the Strategy may fail to address the scale and urgency of our housing emergency or preserve the character of our regional towns.

As Council finalises its Urban Futures Strategy, we ask: What does Winchelsea want?

This is why Buckley Village matters

Buckley Village is being put forward as a complementary solution to the UFS, to address our accommodation crisis, and ease the growth burden on Winchelsea as our region's only long-term growth front.

We put forward Buckley Village as a community-centred, not-for-profit project on the banks of Lake Modewarre, in the Surf Coast hinterland, 20 minutes west of Geelong. Its purpose is to deliver truly affordable housing, with mandatory design guidelines on all homes to preserve the distinctive hinterland character that we know and love.

Buckley Village leverages existing transport links and natural assets to create accessible homes for families and workers - now and into the future. It will restore Lake Modewarre as a biodiversity and recreation hub and create jobs that benefit the entire region.

Buckley Village only happens with community support. The finalisation of the Surf Coast Shire Council Urban Futures Strategy is imminent, and its implications will ripple through generations.

We cannot afford to contemplate short-sighted measures that don't create a resilient future.

Directly or indirectly, this impacts you, and now is the time to take transformative action and prove what's possible when communities lead.

We invite the community to attend one of our town hall information sessions to understand the challenge and ensure the solution reflects our shared values, to:

- preserve the Surf Coast Shire's unique character.
- deliver affordable homes to retain our youth and key workers.
- create jobs and opportunities that benefit the entire Shire.
- protect our regional towns.
- Please join the conversation. Connect with the team, find out more and share your ideas:
- MODEWARRE – Moriac Community Centre, Tuesday 20 May @ 7pm
- WINCHELSEA WARD – Eastern Reserve, Community Bank Room, Wednesday 21 May @ 7pm
- OTWAY WARD – Anglesea Memorial Hall, Thursday 22 May @ 10am
- TORQUAY WARD – Torquay Surf Life Saving Club, Sunday 25 May 2025 @ 2pm

For more information visit our website: www.buckleyvillage.com.au and please register your interest to stay informed.



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Visitors can wander through the gardens—first planted over 170 years ago—and admire heirloom vegetables, rare plantings, and the handiwork of the dedicated volunteers who lovingly care for the grounds. A pop-up plant sale from The Heights Volunteer Gardening Team will also be on offer, along with a National Trust gift shop featuring heritage-inspired treasures.

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The Heights Heritage Skills & Traditions Autumn Fair
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Vasey RSL Care Secures \$45,000 for Affordable Housing refurbishment

Vasey RSL Care

Vasey RSL Care has welcomed a \$45,000 funding boost from the State Refurbishment money to assist with Government's Veterans Capital Works 2024–25 grant program to assist with essential refurbishment works at its Geelong affordable housing site.

The grant will go towards completing essential works to a number of units at the site, which comprises 39 studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom single-storey homes. These units provide safe, affordable accommodation for veterans and their families in the Geelong region, which has the second-highest concentration of veterans in the state.

As one of Australia's leading providers of veteran-specific accommodation, care and support, Vasey RSL Care delivers services to around 1,000 ex-service people each year, with the support of more than 660 staff and volunteers. Its work includes an Ex-Service Accommodation program with almost 300 affordable housing units across ten locations in Victoria, residential aged care homes at four sites, and home care services for older Australians wishing to remain in their homes.

Chief Executive Officer of Vasey RSL Care, Janna Voloshin, said "the grant would help maintain high-quality, safe housing for veterans experiencing hardship."

"This funding will allow us to carry out essential works to ensure our units in Geelong remain safe, secure, and comfortable for veterans who are in need."

"We are committed to supporting the most vulnerable members of the veteran community, and this grant helps us continue that mission," said Ms Voloshin.

Vasey RSL Care has also identified a growing need for affordable housing for veterans in Melbourne's northern suburbs. In response, the organisation is progressing an affordable housing project in Bundoora that is seeing the construction of 20 single-storey units to meet the high demand for veteran housing in the area. Vasey RSL Care continues to actively lobby the Victorian Government for a co-contribution to support the delivery of this much-needed project.

"We deeply appreciate the support of the Victorian Government and hope to build on this partnership to further strengthen outcomes for veterans across the state."

The Veterans Capital Works Program provides grants to organisations that support veterans and their families, enabling them to improve or maintain buildings and facilities that are essential to their services.

Vasey RSL Care looks forward to continuing its work with government and community partners to support the wellbeing and dignity of Victoria's veteran community.

BACKGROUND:

As reported by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide, Australian veterans are almost three times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population and Australian veterans are over twice as likely to die by suicide than the general population.

Call for Education Excellence nominations

Victorian Government

The Victorian Education Excellence Awards recognise the inspirational teachers, principals, assistant principals, business managers and education support staff who support Victorian kids to get the skills they need to succeed.

Nominations are now being called for as part of the 2025 Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

The awards recognise individuals and school teams that have made a significant contribution to education across the state.

The awards also support the continued professional development of staff, with professional learning grants of \$20,000 available for each individual award winner, and \$25,000 for each team award. The winner of the Lindsay Thompson

Award for Excellence receives a further professional learning grant of \$20,000.

Last year's winners include Cranbourne West Secondary College who boosted student wellbeing and engagement through the production of a Pasifika cultural performance that featured in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Glen Eira College was recognised for its Japanese Immersion initiative empowering students to learn subjects through the lens of Japanese language and culture.

Churchill Primary School principal Jacque Burrows was awarded the coveted Lindsay Thompson Excellence in Education Award for 2024, for her leadership which produced significant

learning and wellbeing improvements and strong NAPLAN results.

Nominations are made at a school level and are open until Monday 31 May 2025, with winners to be announced on Friday 24 October.

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CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

ANZAC Day
25 April 2025

King's Birthday
9 June 2025

ANZAC Day Friday 25th of April 2025.
The service will start at 10.30, at the Winchelsea Reserve, RSL Club rooms.

All Welcome
After the service there will be morning tea served in the Hub by the Winchelsea Football and Netball Ladies. During the service wreaths will be laid, all are welcome to lay flowers, rosemary, or wreaths. Please note that during the service there will be live firing and it is advisable for children to be aware of the noise. The Winchelsea RSL are committed to making this event unique, something to be a part of. All are welcome to Australia's special day.

Look for the RSL members outside the IGA Winchelsea and buy a badge to support those who served, and those still serving.

For more information contact David Loone
0488 165 109, Secretary Winchelsea RSL



APRIL/MAY

This is a recurring calendar. Please confirm event details with the organiser/venue if you'd like to attend.
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Thought for the Week

The goal in Christian communication
is not just clarity.
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and building up others based
on what the needs
of the other person are."
Have a Blessed week

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Calls for compassionate asylum policy

St Vincent de Paul Society

As Christians across the world celebrate Easter, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) is calling on Australians to reflect deeply on the meaning of the season - and with a Federal Election less than three weeks away, for all political leaders to commit to a more compassionate and just response to people seeking protection in our country.

From the devastation in Gaza, to the forgotten suffering in Myanmar, to the harsh treatment of asylum seekers across borders including in our own backyard this Easter, CAPSA invites Australians to open their eyes and hearts.

We must not turn away from the stories of families fleeing unimaginable hardship. Our response to people seeking asylum must be one of welcome, not punishment, says Julie Edwards, CEO of Jesuit Social Services and Chair of CAPSA.

The marches, vigils and testimonies that were held around Australia on Palm Sunday are acts of hope and solidarity to resist despair and call each of us to action - by advocating for fair policies, supporting refugee families, or simply listening to the stories of those who have been forced to flee.

CAPSA continues to urge all politicians to support the following commitments:

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- End the uncertainty for people seeking asylum
- Ensure access to work, study and essential public services
- End to offshore detention processing
- Increase in Australia's humanitarian intake and expansion of community support

This Easter, let us remember despair is not the end of the story. Love and hospitality still have the power to triumph, says Ms Edwards.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 45,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through over 1,000 groups located in local communities across the country.

Taskforce crackdown on rental breaches

Victorian State Government

The State Government's renting taskforce is cracking down on offences with inspectors out this week across the state conducting property inspections.

The taskforce will be inspecting properties across the CBD and regional Victoria to ensure rentals are being advertised fairly and meet the mandatory minimum standards for safety and livability.

The taskforce has the power to conduct targeted inspections and take enforcement action, including issuing official warnings, fines, disciplinary proceedings against estate agents, and court actions for the most serious breaches.

If a property does not meet the minimum standards, the taskforce works with the property manager to ensure repairs are made before a renter moves in. If a property isn't fixed and a renter moves in, this is an offence and penalties may apply.

The taskforce has issued over 70 fines totaling more than \$620,000 for key rental offences since it was established in 2024.

In addition to minimum standards, the taskforce's priorities include ensuring bonds are being lodged with the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority and condition reports are provided.

The taskforce is also cracking down on rental bidding, which means rentals must be advertised with a fixed price.

To date, the taskforce has received more than 500 reports from the public via the online complaint form.

These reports have helped the taskforce engage with estate agents to request properties be upgraded and repaired to meet the minimum standards, prior to a rental agreement being signed.

Victorians who suspect rental properties are being falsely advertised or do not meet minimum standards can contact Consumer Affairs Victoria directly through forms.consumer.vic.gov.au/riarp

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

What is the true cost of renewables?’

Are people aware that many official sites when posting the kWh unit costs of energy simply ignore the manufacturing and installation costs?

The main driver for renewables is not saving the planet but money as companies seeing governments pumping tens of millions via subsidies and other nefarious means into it, are jumping on the gravy train. China is growing rich on renewables.

There are 21,000 turbines in Australia and each turbine costs around \$22 million to \$28 million to construct. If you correlate that over 21,000 turbines, we’re looking at over half a trillion dollars in capital costs, just for turbines. And another thing, thanks to government subsidies, energy costs have been kept artificially low.

When you do a proper assessment of energy costs, renewables are not the cheapest form of energy, they are the most expensive form of energy.

The obsession with renewables has seen widespread economic and environmental damage this country has never seen before.

Its time a stop was called to the Net Zero targets as they are pushing Australia towards the brink of economic disaster.

Alan Barron, Grovedale

Footnote: Views expressed by readers in ‘Letter to the Editor’ are not necessarily those of the Winchelsea Star.

Make sure you protect paddock trees during burning operations

DEECA

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is asking all landowners to take the necessary steps to protect paddock trees when burning stubble on their properties.

Landowners have several options when it comes to managing crop stubble. If landowners are managing particular issues in a paddock, burning may be the chosen option when fire restrictions lift in the coming weeks.

Native trees are protected by law and there are ways to avoid damaging them. This includes, establishing an adequate fire break around native trees

and ensuring there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively with adequate water and fire extinguishing equipment accessible.

If fire restrictions are in place a permit is required to burn grass, stubble and other vegetation on your property until the Fire Danger Period ends. Find out more at: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-bans-ratings-and-restrictions/can-i-or-cant-i or register a burn by calling 1800 668 511, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Find out more about native vegetation and farming at www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/farming-and-native-vegetation

Anyone wanting to report the destruction of paddock trees during stubble burning should contact their local council.

Locals, firefighters, bushfire survivors and Wannon candidates discuss future bushfire risk for region

Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action and Colac Otway Climate Action Team

On Wednesday 16 April community members involved in the Climate Action Team, Colac-Otway Region held a forum to discuss the increasing threat of bushfires. Around 100 local community members from the Colac Otway region attended the event.

“We’re thrilled to have emergency services leaders and bushfire survivors coming to Colac to share their knowledge and experiences,” said Philippa Bailey from the local Climate Action Team.

“Bushfire season is getting longer and riskier as global temperatures rise. Many people in our community, including myself, live in the beautiful bush areas that are becoming more vulnerable to this threat,” continued Ms. Bailey.

The forum featured keynote speaker Greg Mullins AO, founder of Emergency Leaders for Climate Action and former Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW. Jo Dodds of Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action and Cam Walker of Australian Firefighters Climate Alliance.

Speakers discussed the outlook for bushfire risk in the 21st century, reflected on their experiences of fighting and

defending their communities from bushfires, and their ideas for what governments can do to protect and prepare communities.

“As bushfire survivors, we know how long and deep the scars last when fire rips through a community. Without serious government action to limit dangerous climate change, more and more communities will be devastated by bushfires. It’s not ok to keep expecting communities to just become more and more resilient. Governments need to step up.” said Jo Dodds.

Philippa Bailey said she was worried about the threat of larger, more frequent bushfires on the local economy: “Many communities depend on income from tourism. Devastating fires, as have occurred in the Grampians this summer, can wipe out people’s livelihoods.”

All candidates contesting the seat of Wannon at the 2025 federal election have also been invited to participate in a panel discussion at the event and answer questions from community members.

“Everyone can get behind action on climate change that protects communities. We hope this will be an informative event that brings locals together to connect and learn,” said Jo Dodds.

The forum commenced at 6:30pm at the Colac Otway Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday, April 16.

What happens if you have to step away from your business?

Bec Lane, Business Operations Specialist

Imagine this: you're laid up with a broken leg. Or there's a family emergency and you suddenly have to drop everything. Could your business keep ticking over without you?

For many small, regional businesses, the answer is no.

Most small business owners start out doing everything themselves, and in many cases, still are. Whether you run a local trade business, a retail store or provide a professional service, there's a good chance a part of your business runs off memory, old habits and whatever systems you've pieced together over time.

But what happens when life throws a curveball? Who steps in? And would they even know where to start?

The reality for regional small businesses

In Australia, 98% of businesses are small businesses, many of them family-run. In regional areas, that number feels even higher. Partners pitch in where they can, and maybe there's a trusted team member who knows a few things. But usually, the real running of the business falls to one or two people.

Looking at our local area specifically, recent ABS data shows there are over 4,200 active businesses in the Surf Coast region. Of those, 2,666 are non-employing businesses, and a further 1,612 have fewer than 20 employees. Most report an annual turnover between \$200,000 and \$2 million.

These businesses are nimble and hardworking, but they're also vulnerable to disruption.



When something unexpected happens, it's not just your health or family that's affected. It's your income, your team, your clients and your ability to bounce back quickly.

And while insurance might help with financial losses, it doesn't solve the problem of who actually keeps things running. The doing still needs doing.

Where to start

You don't need to solve it all at once, but here are a few practical things to consider:

- Key Processes – Jot down the essentials of how the work gets done. If someone had to step in, how would they know what to do?
- Access and Info – Store client details, other key contacts and systems access info somewhere secure (and no, not on a sticky note!).
- Communication – Plan out who needs to be contacted (clients, suppliers, team, etc.) and how they'll be informed.

Sorting out just a few of these can make a big difference, because business continuity planning isn't just a box to tick, it's an investment in your business' long-term resilience.

And if you're not sure where to begin, you don't have to do it alone. With the right support, it's easier than you think to put a simple, practical plan in place, so things run more smoothly when life doesn't.

ePINs rolled out for traffic infringements

Victorian Government

Less paperwork means more cops on the beat

The State Government is freeing up frontline police from paperwork with a new infringement system – so they can get back on the beat and keep Victorians safe.

As part of a \$7.2 million upgrade, Electronic Penalty Infringements Notices (ePINs) will roll out statewide ensuring they spend less time doing paperwork.

If the driver consents to receiving an ePin they will immediately receive it via email or text. This replaces existing paper-based infringements which take weeks arriving in the mail.

ePINs will operate through a secure central system and include a driver's offence history, penalty amounts, demerit points and due date calculations – giving police greater visibility on an offender.

Upon receiving an ePIN people will have 28 days to either pay their fine, seek a payment plan or lodge an objection as per the current process.

Police began issuing ePINs from February across Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs as a trial. During the first six weeks, police issued more than 5,000 electronic infringements.

Victoria Police currently issues 500,000 infringements each year.

The poster for 'Cancer Connection' has a dark blue background with yellow leaf-like graphics. At the top, the title 'Cancer Connection' is in large yellow letters. Below it, the Cancer Council logo is shown with the text 'Partnering with'. The main text, in white, reads: 'Weekly group sessions connecting those impacted by cancer through promoting wellbeing, education, exercise and social support.' Two circular photos show people in a group setting. At the bottom, there is a section for 'YOURCAREPATH' (Regional Care Partnerships - Chronic Conditions) and contact information for an introductory session on Feb 27th & ongoing Thursdays 10am-12pm at Hesse Rural Health Community Building, 8 Gosney St, Winchelsea. A registration contact email and phone number are also provided.

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Victorians urged to contact local MPs to scrap unfair emergency services tax

Victorian Farmers Federation

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is encouraging community members to contact their local Members of Parliament to demand they vote to scrap the Victorian Government's proposed new emergency services tax.

VFF President Brett Hosking said the unfair proposed tax hike has sparked unity among farmers, firefighters, regional councils, and Victoria's business community who are all campaigning against the tax and calling for it to be dumped.

"It's time for the community to let politicians know they won't stand for yet another hit to the household and business bottom line," Mr Hosking said.

With the legislation yet to pass the Upper House and set to be revisited in the coming weeks, the VFF is calling on concerned Victorians to contact their local members and crossbench representatives to voice their opposition and demand a vote against the bill.

"This tax has no support, not from the fire services, not from local councils, and not from the people who'll be forced to pay it."

"The Upper House has the chance to stop it in its tracks, but they need to hear loud and clear from the people they represent," Mr Hosking said.

Rather than introducing a new layer of tax, the VFF is urging the Victorian Government to focus on fixing the current Fire Services Property Levy system by introducing CPI caps, protecting households from levy shock due to inflated land values, and ensuring regional communities aren't overcharged for the services they provide as volunteers.

"This is a moment for the Victorian community to stand up and say 'enough is enough'."

"We encourage everyone to contact their MPs this week and make their voice heard," Mr Hosking concluded.

More information, including a letter template how to contact your local MP can be found on the VFF website.


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Victorian Chief Health Officer Dr Tarun Weeramanthri is encouraging more Victorians to get their annual flu vaccine, with reported cases of flu and other respiratory viruses already on the rise.

Dr Weeramanthri said babies and toddlers need special protection from the flu, as they are more likely to get severe illness and need treatment in hospital.

"The flu can be serious, especially for children which is why the vaccine is free for children under five," Dr Weeramanthri said.

"For vulnerable groups in the community the flu can be deadly and for others it can result in severe health effects and long recovery periods."

"It's important to stay up to date with your vaccines – the influenza virus changes and new vaccines are developed each season."

Flu vaccination is recommended for anyone six months and older and is free for at risk groups including children aged six months to five years, people over 65 years, pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people with medical conditions that put them at increased risk of severe flu.

Victoria unites for the kids this Good Friday

Victorian State Government

The State Government is donating \$1 million on behalf of Victorians to kick off this year's Good Friday Appeal – supporting young Victorians to get care at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH).

The Good Friday Appeal is now in its 94th year, raising \$468 million to deliver the best care to patients and families.

Each year, donations from Victorians contribute towards the latest equipment and technology, patient and family-centred care, and staff excellence through education programs, scholarships and fellowships to attract the brightest minds. It helps RCH attract local and international

clinicians and supports research at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics.

Providing care for over 150 years, the RCH is Victoria's major paediatric hospital and cares for children from Tasmania, southern NSW and other states, as well as children overseas.

In 2024, the Appeal broke records, raising \$23 million – a powerful demonstration of the community coming together to support a hospital that means so much to Victorians.

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We need a fundamental rethink in our approach to health care

Australian College of Nursing

It's time to put people, not medicine at the centre of health care

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is calling for a fundamental rethink of Australia's approach to health care in the next term of government, with the current system failing to address key factors that affect health and wellbeing, like poor nutrition, housing and poverty.

An ACN White Paper, Achieving a Socialised Model of Health Care in Australia with Nurse Leadership proposes a shift away from the current model, which focuses on diagnosing and treating diseases rather than addressing social determinants of health.

A more holistic approach to health is critical amid growing inequities in health and soaring rates of chronic disease and lifestyle-related conditions, many of which are preventable.

"ACN wants to see a seismic shift to embrace a socialised model of health care, which identifies the role that the social determinants of health play in poor health outcomes and impeding equity-based health care.

Recommendations

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) urges federal, state, and territory governments to:

- Review health care funding models to include socialised models of health care and funding for nurse-led models of care.
- Develop national guidelines for health education providers to embed socialised models of health care into all aspects of the Nursing and Midwifery curriculum.
- Promote workplace environments that encourage awareness of social determinants of health.

The ACN White Paper – Achieving a Socialised Model of Health Care in Australia with Nurse Leadership – is available at: <https://www.acn.edu.au/advocacy-policy/white-paper-achieving-a-socialised-model-of-healthcare-in-australia-with-nurse-leadership>

Where does your candidate stand on Mental Health funding?

Australians for Mental Health

'Vote your mind' webtool reveals major health inequities in Australia

The Vote Your Mind webtool, launched by advocacy group Australians for Mental Health, allows people to see the out-of-pocket costs for mental health support in their electorate, as well as rates of mental distress.

"Australia's mental health system is broken. We pour billions into mental health, but our wellbeing is declining. The data from these electorates shows huge disparities in access, need and costs," Executive Director Chris Gambian said.

"If you live in Wentworth, you have access to services but the out of pocket costs are ridiculously high. If you live in Lalor, you have the similar levels of distress to the seat of Melbourne, but the data shows a significantly lower amount is spent on Medicare-rebates there for services. How well you cope may depend on where you live, and how wealthy you are," Chris Gambian said.

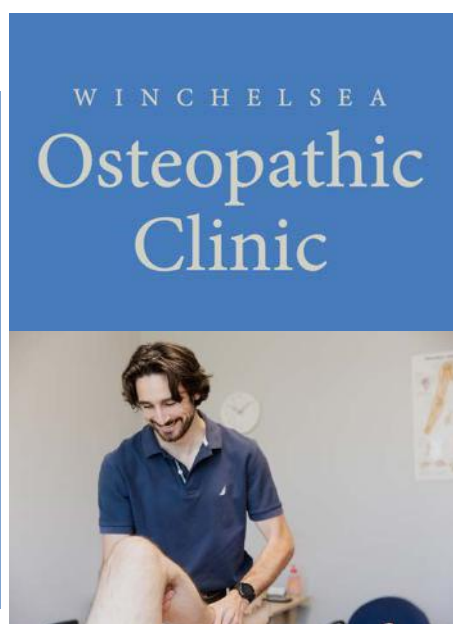
Professor Ian Hickie from the University of Sydney says access to care is not associated with levels of psychological distress. Mental ill-health is on the rise, and this is the underlying election issue that politicians need to be talking about." Professor Hickie said.

Key asks:

Australians for Mental Health is calling on local candidates to consider Australia's growing mental health crisis

- Listen to the needs of communities, because an approach to improve wellbeing in Calare might be different to Parramatta
- Guarantee access to quality mental health services regardless of where you live and your circumstances
- Tackle the causes of mental ill health, whether housing affordability or psychologically unsafe workplaces
- Pass a Wellbeing Act, a whole of government approach to mental health, and ensure government accountability

You can find the webtool here: <https://afmh.good.do/election25/pages/home-page/>



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A Focus on Chronic and Complex Pain

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Saturday 19 April 2025

Trebeck Reserve, Winchelsea



43 parkrunners completed the course through Trebeck Reserve this week. We had visitors from Melbourne, Balyang, Gold Coast, Brunswick and Altona.

Four people completed their personal best time for Trebeck Reserve parkrun. Congratulations to Sue Rawson, Connie Macaulay, Jack Steel and Jeff Butler. Two people completed their first ever parkrun.

This event was made possible by the following volunteers: David Woodall, Kate McInnes, Neil McInnes, Tony Keogh, Kris Czerkiewicz and Don Smith

It takes a minimum of six people each week to safely conduct an enjoyable event. Please email trebeckreserve@parkrun.com if you are able to volunteer some of your time. Tasks are simple, sociable, fun and very much appreciated.

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

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

You do not need to be a runner, wear fancy Lycra or the latest high-tech shoes. Around one third of participants walk the course.

parkrun was conducted at around 500 locations across Australia this week. Well behaved dogs on a short hand held leash are welcome (no waist harnesses please).



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