

Winchelsea ward



A natural fit: local people driving local projects

Exercise, social outings, playground fun and summer memories in the pool - the Barwon River provides a perfect natural backdrop to much loved activities in Winchelsea.

We're delighted to be delivering a suite of projects around the river precinct:

- replacement of the mud hut with a new gathering space shelter (opened February 2024),
- the second stage of the Barwon River Loop Walk (construction to start mid-2024),
- a new adventure play space (construction to start mid-2024), and
- redevelopment of the Winchelsea Pool which will feature 25-metre and leisure pools and a splash park (scheduled to re-open during the 2024-25 summer) \$8.5m.

Winchelsea's beauty can be admired at the revitalised former go-kart area at Winchelsea Common, where new paths provide access to viewing areas. Meanwhile, a vibrant new 42-metre mural facing the railway reserve has brightened the town.

Another success story of our Community Project Development Program, the mural has been brought to life thanks to a collective effort by numerous community members, funding partners and Council. Funding partners include Regional Development Victoria, Lions Club of Winchelsea and Corangamite Financial Services (community bank of Winchelsea).

Winchelsea Bowls Club has also utilised our Community Project Development Program, as we wait to learn if a

state government funding application was successful for a \$151,157 lighting system.

Our unsealed road review, which will be completed in June 2024, will provide options to understand how we best invest in our unsealed road network. The review has attracted over 600 submissions from the community, following an online survey and 250 conversations with residents during four drop in sessions.

Casting an eye forward, a new footpath in Willis Street (\$28,000) and our road renewal program will benefit Winchelsea residents, as will the re-opening of the Globe Theatre following repairs to the floor.

Both Winchelsea and Moriac communities have started on their three-year Community Action Plans, which each contain a shared vision and actions that locals feel motivated to act upon themselves.

The development of Council's Moriac Structure Plan was another key milestone for Moriac in 2023-24. Shaped by community feedback, the plan provides an overarching vision, guiding principles, strategies, and actions for managing the use and development of land in Moriac.

North of the town, Mount Moriac Reserve has welcomed improvements. It includes a drainage and irrigation upgrade on the main oval, a new electronic scoreboard delivered by Modewarre Football Netball Club via our Community Project Development Program and important renewal of the footings of part of the original section of the pavilion.