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Beersheeba Re-enactment 100 years on



Honouring David Mullett - Aboriginal soldier

Doris Paton received an email from the Department of Veterans Affairs as her Great Grand Father David Mullett had served in the Sinai Palestinian Campaign in 1917, in Egypt and Beersheba in the Remount Unit from Healesville Victoria, under Commanding Officer A.B. (Banjo) Patterson.

Doris was invited to, and accepted the invitation, to go to Israel for the 100th anniversary re-enactment of the Liberation of Beersheba hosted by KKL Israel (Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael - Jewish National Fund)

and JNF (Jewish National Fund of Australia Inc (JNF) Australia.

Doris was one of thirteen Aboriginal descendants who accepted the invitation to attend.

She accepted because she saw it as an opportunity to honour her Great Grandfather's service and to use it to bring before the public the important contribution made by Aboriginal men to the war effort; one they received no thanks or recognition for, but without whose service the fighting forces could not have survived.

These men were gifted horsemen; attributes

needed in those difficult environments, with horses the main means of transportation. They served a long way from home and country.

His story needed to be told, which was motivation for Doris.

David was in charge of looking after the horses, breaking in new horses, and keeping them well so the soldiers could be on horseback and active.

They also secured wells for the essential water for men and horses.

David was also skilled at picking up languages and was able to do reconnaissance work.

Doris noted that it was so dry 'over there'! So different to where they had come from.

Part of the requirements of accepting the invitation to attend was the doing of a project.

Doris has chosen to write a book.

A film crew followed four of the group and recorded their reactions to seeing places where their ancestors lived and worked. There was the Memorial Museum dedicated to the Australian Lighthorse at Beersheba and the cemetery where it was the first time in 100 years the grave of one of the participants had been visited by a family member.

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RAINFALL

Churchill rainfall for December 2017

December rainfall for Churchill was to be the wettest month recorded for the year with 125 mil. Most of the rain fell at the beginning and the end of the month. A dry three week period in between saw only 5 mil fall with some very hot, above average days. The month was also the highest recorded in Churchill for December since we started recording in 1991.

The 2017 rainfall total was just below average at 673 mil or 27 inches.

With the December figures being the highest, the lowest monthly figures were shared with January and June with a low 19 mil each. Since 1991 the highest year's rainfall in Churchill was 1058 mil that fell in 2011, and the lowest was 476.5 mil in 1997.

I would like to thank both William and his family and also Ron and Fay for their assistance in providing the rainfall details, especially during our time away caravanning; and on their behalf extend our very best wishes to the Churchill Community for a very happy and healthy 2018.

January 2018

Happy New Year to all Churchill Residents.

What a contrast the month was; the first two weeks dry and hot, then three days with nearly 50 mil of rain, followed by nearly two weeks before we got a much needed 11 mil on the 30th.

Total rainfall for the month was 61.5 mil, an average start to the new year.

Hazelwood South rainfall summary 2017

We started December with a big 92.6 mm of rain in the first week, more than the December average and sufficient to replenish the ground water reserve for the trees through summer. December totalled 115 mm which is a welcome 182% of the December average.

The tanks filled for the first time since the previous summer for an early Christmas gift.

The year of 2017 started with low rainfalls from January to July and recovered with normal rain from August to December.

The total for 2017 was 692mm which is 85% of the annual rainfall for the year.

January rain was again a little below average. Hazelwood South had 54mm which is 83% of the average for January.

Most of this rain fell on only three days with long periods of no rain. There is little browning of the grass with plenty of green grass for the wallabies and wombats remaining.

The trees are in top condition with adequate moisture underground. The possums and koalas have a nice supply of young gum tips to feed on. Fire danger is ever present but if February is the same we should pass the season without catastrophe.

The Boolarra Folk Festival continues as one of Gippsland's most anticipated events of late summer. The festival of free entertainment takes place on Saturday March 3, 2018 and Boolarra has the perfect shady setting where patrons can hear eight hours of music and browse over 95 art, craft and food market stalls.

The festival opens on Friday night at ARC Yinnar at 7 pm, featuring Brasswind Circus, Dan Musil and Mollimor. This is the only ticketed event, at \$12 per head. Tickets are available at the door or from ARC Yinnar.

Music continues in Boolarra from 11am on Saturday, beginning with the school drumming spectacular. This will be followed by a Welcome to Country and a performance by the Dreamtime Dance Troupe. The 2018 festival will feature John Flanagan Trio, the Royal High Jinx, Shantytown, Dave Diprose and Two Celts. The Steaming Monzas, Boomulele, Coalville Road

and The Nigellas will be returning to the main stage.

The festival winds up around 8pm but the free music continues at the Boolarra Community Hotel, courtesy of the Cuban influenced Boolarra Social Club, from 8pm on Saturday night.

From 11.30 am on Sunday the hotel will feature more free music with Borderline and Wolf and Willow.

In 2018, the festival will host the Marveloo, which is a mobile, fully accessible restroom. It contains an adult sized change table and hoist which allows people with severe or profound disability the chance to enjoy public events in comfort. This is in line with the festival's ongoing commitment to providing an event that is accessible to all!

There is free camping at the Boolarra Recreation Reserve over the festival weekend, where toilets and showers are available. More information can be found on the website www.boolarrafolkfestival.com

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There was the sharing of personal stories.

For Doris this was an emotional time, thinking about the men away from their country but wanting to contribute. Some did the ANZAC sights while others in the group went with the Jewish National Fund following the ANZAC trails and projects they fund. Visits were made to Tel Aviv, Jaffa Old Port, the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem, the Syrian Border to Gaza with visits to the projects in the deserts, farming kibbutz and schools.

Doris said the experience was memorable with the added bonus of lovely people and delicious food.

Doris would like to return and do the trails at a slower pace to be able to have more time to take it all in and reflect on the conditions the men faced (heat, lice dust) in that situation.

Their efforts were what contributed to the important campaign which stopped the Turkish and saved the city of Beersheba among other battles.

As part of the documentary with the film crew, Doris went to Healesville to visit the Tarrawarra farm and the RSL in Healesville where her Great Grandfather's name is.

There was a postcard sent by David to the manager at Lake Tyers Mission and given to Doris' father, by Hilda Rule, whose husband was the Lake Tyers Mission manager at the time.

The words "This is David Mullett with his Tommy mate. David is not a bad chap" inspired Doris to do some research to find his war records in the archives in Canberra.

Further delving with her father Albert and Aunt Margaret brought to light that David had trained as a school teacher, but as an Aboriginal was not allowed to teach in white schools, as well as other information.

David Mullett was a Gunditjmarra man from the Lake Condah reserve in the Victorian Western District.

Intelligent, ambitious and resourceful, David attempted to carve out a career for himself as a school teacher and then a farm manager before he enlisted in the AIF in November 1915. He served overseas for four years in the Remount Unit of the Light Horse Brigade. Like other Aboriginal men serving their country, David returned from the war to find that this service did not protect his family from the impact of discriminatory racial legislation. The carrot

and was discharged on July 7, 1919. He was 47 years old.

They moved around a lot taking their six children with them as they sought work in various places.

In 1914, they were caretakers of a farm near Tarrawarra in the Yarra Valley. David was 'in charge of about 1000 - 1500 acres of land, stocked with sheep and cattle'. The farm was near the Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve, home to relatives and friends.

and was discharged on July 7, 1919. He was 47 years old.

Upon returning to Melbourne, David found out that his grandchildren had been removed from the care of his wife, Maud, (their grandmother) and 'boarded out'. It is unclear if he knew of these events whilst at war. The removal of Aboriginal children in Victoria was widespread at this time, and men's war-time absence made families more vulnerable to official intervention. Whilst



of land following service was denied as were other rights afforded to white men who enlisted, like pensions.

David Mullett was born to James Mullett and Ellen Dutton at Lake Condah Aboriginal reserve. As a boy, he excelled at the Lake Condah mission school and for a period taught at the school. Family recollect that he later attended the Napier Street Teacher College in Melbourne and passed his teaching exam with flying colours. He applied for a job at a school in the Melbourne suburbs but was rejected on the grounds that he was Aboriginal. This was a real blow to David and an end to his teaching aspirations.

However, this led him to use his skills as a farm manger.

In 1904 David Mullett married Maud Emily Stephens, the eldest daughter of Emily Milton Stephens and Harry Stephens. Their marriage took place at Ramahyuck Mission near Rosedale.

David and Maud sought

David was saving money to buy a house but his hopes ended when, in April 1915, he lost his job at Tarrawarra. The family moved to Melbourne and were living in a rented house in Carlton when David enlisted in November 1915.

At the age of 43, David was among the oldest AIF volunteers. His age and his experience with horses meant that he was placed in the Remount Unit of the Light Horse Brigade. The Remount Unit cared for the horses and accepted men up to 50 years old. David had six children under 16 and sent an 'allotment' of his pay fortnightly to his wife, as did all married soldiers.

A week after enlisting, David embarked on the 'Orsova' in Melbourne and landed several months later in Alexandria, Egypt. For the next four years he was stationed at the remount depot at Jaffa Moascar, Egypt. During this time he developed a heart condition and was judged unfit for continued service. In May 1919, David disembarked in Melbourne

he was away, the Board for the Protection of Aborigines (BPA) had also cancelled Maud's military allotment.

On May 22, 1919, Maud wrote to the Secretary to contest this decision. In her letter, she pointed out her family's history of independence from the Board: 'David never enlisted from the mission. We were out earning our own living like white people'

The BPA would not be swayed on its decision to deny Maud's allotment of military pay and as a result she suffered great hardship.

Once reunited, David and Maud moved into a house in the Victorian Western District with some assistance from the BPA and the Defence Department. Although they had set up a home, their children remained in institutions or white people's homes.

During the world-wide economic depression of the 1930s, David and Maud requested permission to move onto the Lake Tyers Aboriginal mission. Reliant

upon intermittent seasonal rural work, the depression deeply affected Aboriginal families.

Despite this hardship, the BPA denied the family's request as, according to Victorian legislation, 'half castes' were ineligible for government support.

In March 1938, David Mullett was living in the NSW South Coast town of Bega when he wrote to the military about several matters. He had lost his discharge certificate and wanted a duplicate in order to apply for an old-age pension, as he was only receiving £1-1-0 per fortnight as a military

pension. David also wished to attend the ANZAC Day march in Sydney. He wanted to 'wear the old uniform once more' and asked 'if there is any chance of being equipped with one ('an old one would do'). The officer in charge at the base records replied that he could not assist him with application for a pension, or provide him with a uniform. David died a few months later and is buried in Bega Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

His name appears on the Lake Condah Honour Roll.

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residents have raised their concerns over the years in regards to the disgusting state of the old United Petrol Station, and when this happened again recently I decided to commence a campaign titled "Enough is Enough".

A lot has been spoken about over the years but little done unfortunately. It angers me that such a beautiful community is represented at the gateway of its town with such a revolting image, so let us as a community do something about it.

I have already written a letter to the owners of this property demanding action be taken, and will continue to provide them with copies of my petitions so they are well aware of the strong community sentiment on this issue.

Whilst I am in the early stages of this campaign, I commit to doing all that I can in having this matter rectified with urgency. I accept that it has been this way for a

long period of time but I am passionate and committed in assisting the Churchill community to the best of my ability with such a matter.

I encourage all members of our community to sign my petition which is available in my office, from my website, on links to my Facebook page and also at a number of Churchill businesses within the town.

The more people we can get to sign the petition the stronger message we can send to the owners and ensure this mess is finally fixed!!!

On a much more positive note, my congratulations to all Australia Day award winners and also a massive "welcome" to all the people who officially made Australia home on January 26.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to surround themselves with friends, have a BBQ and celebrate all that makes us so lucky to call Australia home!

Of course to the Churchill Lions Club, along with



all those who supported and assisted the Churchill Australia Day celebrations, we say thank you.

Whilst I was out and about in other parts of the electorate on the day, the Churchill celebrations are always sensational and to all those who were recognised for their service in Churchill and district, I again extend my congratulations.

We are blessed to have so many individuals, volunteers, community groups, service clubs and businesses who contribute so much to Churchill and to our great country.

As the month of January ends, our younger members of the community will be entering or returning to school. Education has always been a strong focus of mine

and I fully understand the positive impact that education has within our communities.

Well done to all the parents who "survived" the school holidays and it has been great to see so many families visiting and supporting our local area with family visits. These memories will last forever and give each of our children a story to tell as they return to school in 2018!

Darrell White OAM



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Residents urged to have a say in VicRoads'

"Traralgon Bypass" consultation.

VicRoads is calling for community feedback on a proposed Traralgon Bypass and Council is urging residents and visitors to the region to have their say. Providing input to the process will ensure that the community's "voice" has been heard.

The provision of a safer and more efficient road link through our regional city, for our growing communities and for the many visitors to the region is a priority. VicRoads is asking for your

thoughts and opinions to get a better understanding of the challenges affecting motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Please go to the link and leave your comments on your experiences on the Princes Highway in Traralgon, any concerns you have about specific locations along the

Princes Highway in Traralgon and suggestions to improve safety and traffic flow along this road. Record your thoughts about the route of the proposed Traralgon Bypass.

This is a key project for our municipality and the community is urged to have your say.

To participate and share

your views about the proposed Traralgon Bypass and the road network in Traralgon, visit engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traralgonbypass or write to Traralgon Bypass Engagement, VicRoads Eastern, PO Box 158, Traralgon, Vic 3844 or email traralgonbypass@roads.vic.gov.au

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The opening hours of the Churchill Hub Service Centre

Melina Bath



the forum included Principal of Kurnai College, Anthony Rodaughan, and teacher of 35 years' experience and Yinnar resident, John Hewat.

The group shared common concerns that impact on the achievements of Gippsland students and their options when they finish school. We were unanimous in the view that a student's postcode should not impact upon their ability to acquire a quality education.

One of the key findings from the forum was the need for a smooth student transition from secondary school to vocational education and training (TAFE or private providers) or university. The gap between metropolitan, regional and rural students was identified as being substantial in terms of financial disadvantage and course completion.

For many of our students, moving to Melbourne is a reality that comes with significant challenges. Parents and students have to cope with the financial and emotional burden of living away from home. We are very fortunate in Churchill to have Federation University on our doorstep, offering a wide variety of courses and tremendous student support.

In a local climate that is suffering by recent industry

closures, such as power and timber, we must instil confidence in our youth by providing courses that will lead to local jobs and careers. Assessing skill shortages and providing quality training must be priorities for the Latrobe Valley.

It is important to increase opportunities for those students who wish to pursue trade-based careers. This must encompass working with local industry organisations to strengthen apprentice and traineeships.

In December I had the pleasure of attending the 2017 Kurnai College award presentations and to present the Caltex 'All Rounder' Awards. Well done to students Sophia Patikisa and Chloe Radford for outstanding efforts across academic, service, sport and leadership areas. I congratulate all students who worked hard and achieved recognition for their endeavours.

As students return for the 2018 school year, I wish them every success and share my view that success is borne from achieving consistent small daily efforts and meeting small milestones on the way to achieving large goals. It's the minute steps just as much as the large strides that enable us to walk down the path of success.

Thank you to the Churchill & District News for giving me this opportunity to share some thoughts with you. This month I am writing about education.

As a former secondary school teacher and now Shadow Assistant Education Minister, I am passionate about improving educational outcomes for country students.

Country students are great students, however they have some significant barriers to overcome that their city counterparts do not have to contend with.

Exploring this theme, I recently hosted the Gippsland Education Forum in the Latrobe Valley, with representation from public and private school Principals and teachers from all three levels (primary, secondary and tertiary) of education.

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Carols by Candlelight in the District



After two years of bad weather which caused Carols by Candlelight to be held in the church, the weather enabled us to be outside to enjoy the balmy evening with carol singing and items for entertainment.

About 200 people of all ages attended. After eating the sausage sizzle provided by the wonderful hard-working Lions for a gold coin donation, people were able to sit and enjoy music played before the carols officially began. Musical accompaniment was provided by Destiny Band and the Latrobe Community Concert Band.

Items were given by

Tessa and Destiny, Latrobe Community Concert Band, Thessa Kuipjers, Joseph Dowling, Allan Halliwell and his children Shallimar and Keiron. The children were invited to participate with Sharon as she told the Christmas story. Santa paid a visit to the children at the end of proceedings.

The money collected by the Lions for the sausage sizzle and drinks, plus a collection during carols will be distributed to the Community Cafe at the Hub Neighbourhood House, and the churches for their welfare programs.

The organising committee

from the three Churchill churches would like to thank all for coming and supporting the event.

They would also like to thank the excellent musicians and item providers, the Lions Club of Churchill and District, The Rotary Club of Hazelwood for their assistance with traffic management etc, CDCA for provision of the glowsticks, Peter Townsend for being MC, Churchill CFA for supplying Santa and the fire truck, George and Barbara Cheetham for the gorgeous trinkets given to the children, and for the ministers of the churches for their parts in the program.



Boolarra Community Carols in the Park

Christmas is a time of celebration, joy and togetherness and what a better way to celebrate these values than for the Boolarra community to come together to celebrate the festive season with Christmas carols.

Christmas carolling is a beautiful way to get into the spirit and celebrate with family, friends and the community. It is for this reason that the people of Boolarra assembled on Friday December 15, for the festive Boolarra Community Carols in the Park event, which was

open to everyone.

The event was a rousing success with a variety of events and activities provided for families and offered much enjoyment for the community.

The music for the event was provided from 6pm by the Nigellas, a Gippsland based Irish/Celtic/Folk/Rock/Bluegrass band. The Nigellas performance was a hit with the audience and was then followed by the main event of Christmas carol singing, which was led by the talented Boolarra Ukelele Group (BUG), a Gippsland based

group which was formed by musicians Ariane Ramsay, Jeannie Kokshoorn, Steve Davies and Anthea Williams.

After the main event was concluded there were still various items for participants and community members to enjoy.

Highlights of the event included a free BBQ from 5.30 pm which was enjoyed by all, and a visit from Santa for the excited children to enjoy. The event included activities for residents of all ages.

Thank you to Latrobe City Council

The Churchill & District News would like to acknowledge the receipt of two grants for 2017 from Council.

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of the support of Council in the operation of the paper and the fishing day. It is extra support like this which helps us to continue to produce the paper, even though we do not always have sufficient funds from advertising to



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Alan Scarlett Retires



After nearly 27 years, Alan Scarlett has retired from Federation University at Churchill, as Executive Officer/Campus Manager.

The University arranged a farewell event and many colleagues, past and present as well as community members gladly accepted the invitation to attend on December 19 in the University bistro. It was a happy time with many positive things said about Alan by DVC Darren Holland and Vice Chancellor Helen Bartlett. Alan himself had a wonderful speech prepared which gave everyone a laugh as he handed over the responsibility of many important, historic and sentimental things to various staff members.

Alan has been the 'go to person' for anything and everything to do with the University and, is very well known in our community for his ever present attendance at community functions like Churchill Festival, ANZAC Day, Churchill and District Community Association member, Hub Board and numerous other committees and involvements as the University representative.

Alan began his time at Churchill in 1991 when it was the Monash University College Gippsland. He has seen the transition to a full campus of Monash and now Federation University.

His initial job was in the Audio Visual department which he counts as one of his highlights. During this period he and his team made live recordings of graduations, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War 2, as well as interesting productions of surgical operations and archaeology etc.

He also worked with many academics to produce material they could use in their courses.

He then moved to become

talent to be flexible and ability to adapt.

He feels privileged to have worked with so many talented people on campus - people with ideas and the drive to make them happen, implementing them with resourcefulness, and rising to the challenges presented.

One of the best things associated with Federation University, and Monash before that, was the ability of staff and students to get to know each other. Staff are approachable so students are able to ask questions and seek some extra help.

Lots of staff live nearby and engage in their own way with our community. Some staff and past students have put back into the community and University. The arts is a good example of this.

For the general public, the loss of Alan Scarlett always being present at events and always willing to be the hands-on person will be huge.

Alan, thank you for all you have done for our community over the past 27 years.

Churchill & District News has a particularly large thank you to say to Alan for his involvement during the time we were provided with a home at the University, paid for by the University and for the particular care he took of us in that situation. As we relocated to the Church office we were given computer desks and chairs which are still in use today.

After many years of solid work for others it is time to take some time for Alan. He will go skiing in Canada, continue with archery, travel with a mate and take care of some work around the house - things on wife Sue's list!

From Churchill & District News, the wider community and your colleagues at the University, Alan, we wish you a long, healthy, happy and satisfying retirement.

Executive Officer/Campus Manager to PVC Brian Mackenzie at Monash and finally Federation University.

Other highlights include helping to establish a scholarship program which ran between 2001 and 2012, helping to re-establish the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position, various building projects, notably the Community Hub, the Synthetic Sports Field, the Leisure Centre and new student residences.

Engagement of the University in the emergency crisis of the 2009 bushfires was stressful but gratifying that the University was able to be such a positive support to the community and the fire fighters stationed on site. It opened people's eyes to the resources the University had right on their door step. The University's contract catering service to the firefighters prompted the DSE and CFA to use contract caterers to supply meals at other bushfire sites during the Black Saturday fires campaign. In 2014 the University provided accommodation and meals to evacuees and recovery personnel during the Hazelwood Mine Fire.

Alan considers his job to have been unique describing every day as different not knowing what question might be asked, what might come out of left field or job needing to be carried out; what thing might prove frustrating, challenging or satisfying. All these have developed Alan's

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Churchill & District News has a Directory on its web site. Over the next months we will also publish sections of it for your knowledge.

Churches

Churchill Christian Fellowship -	Linda Whitney	0400 690 972.
Co-Operating Churches in Churchill,	1 Williams Ave Churchill	5122 1480.
Lumen Christi Catholic Parish Churchill	35 Williams Ave Churchill,	
Father Edwin Ogbuka and Father Siju Xavier.		
Catholic Presbytery Morwell 4 Wilson Street	5133 8132, Morwell Office 5134 2849.	

Community Organisations

1st Churchill Scout Group - Peta Whelan (Group Leader) P.O. Box 30 Churchill 3842, phone 03 5122 1832 tonywhelan@aussiebb.com.au
 Arc Yinnar Main Street Yinnar - 03 5163 1310.
 Break a Leg Theatre Group - 0417 142 606 www.breakalegtheatre.com.au
 Churchill & District Community Association P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842, Phone 5122 2977 or 0434 104 834 email info@cdca.org.au
 Churchill Community Café - Philip Parade Churchill, phone 5122 2955.
 Churchill Community Garden - The Hub Philip Parade Churchill 5122 2955.
 Churchill & District Community News - P.O. Box 234 Churchill
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 Churchill Community Festival - Philip Parade Churchill, phone 5122 2955.
 Churchill Gumleaf Quilters & Gatherers - Philip Parade Churchill, phone 5122 2955.
 Churchill Men's Shed - Philip Parade Churchill, phone 5122 2955.
 Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - The Hub Philip Pde Churchill, phone 5122 2955
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 Churchill Town & Safety Group - Peter Gray ampworks@bigpond.com
 Friends of Morwell National Park - PO Box 19 Churchill 3842 - Website: http://morwellnp.pangaeen.net Email: contactfmpnp@gmail.com
 Friends of Hazelwood Cemetery Group - Trust Secretary - Gayle phone 5133 9183
 Hazelwood Rotary Club - Leo Billington 0458 661 848.
 Club Address: P.O. Box 298 Churchill 3842 or email hazelwoodrotary@gmail.com
 Hooked On Rock - Anne Truex 5174 9727, truex.anne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
 Latrobe City Brass Band - Morwell, Judy McKenzie 5166 1412.
 Mathison Park Advisory Committee - Simon Clark 1300 367 700 or Ruth Place 5122 1961.
 Morwell Returned & Services League (R.S.L.) - Elgin Street Morwell 03 5134 2455.
 Neighbourhood Watch - www.nhw.com.au Peter Gray 5122 2341.
 Pistons Car Club - Catherine 0402 320 153.
 Wallaby Walkers - Philip Parade Churchill, phone 5122 2955.
 Yinnar & District Community Association - Kevin Young, Secretary 0417 131 816
 KevYoung@hotmail.com

Mathison Park



The Mathison Park committee has some wonderful supporters and this time we would like to thank Des Farley for a super job of mowing and baling the long grass in the park.

His efforts coupled with a couple of visits from community corrections teams to do further work, has returned the park to an

acceptable level of tidiness and safety. There have been several sightings of snakes in the park, near or crossing over the paths so please be careful. We advise people who have dogs to keep them on the lead. A dog can quickly die from a snake bite.

It has been lovely to visit the park and experience the cool breeze over the lake on

these very hot days. Please give us your feedback on how you would like the park to be developed. Call Ruth on 5122 1961.

Working bees are at 9am -12.30pm on the second Saturday of each month. We meet at Mackeys Road carpark and then go to the work site. For more information ring Ruth on 5122 1961.



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Co-Operating Churches Snippets



Very sadly we received the news prior to Christmas that our Reverend Brenda Burney would be finishing up with

us on March 4 and moving to take up the Anglican Parish of Bairnsdale. This was a real blow to us and to

many in the community as she announced her departure at events. Brenda has been a great example of community

involvement with membership of the Community Garden and helper at the Community Cafe both at the Hub; a participant as Beans the Clown at the Churchill Festival, church garage sales, and Australia Day; saying prayers at ANZAC Day; a dedicated participant in Community Carols by Candlelight and in providing and/or assisting in children's programs during term and at holiday periods. The community knows she has been there to support them in tough times of bereavement or need, including acknowledgment of the closure of Hazelwood Power Station, its contribution to power supply and community support

and the ongoing effects the closure would have.

She has given our congregation a good example to follow while providing worship that has been deep and meaningful, with challenging sermons.

We are now set with the task of finding a replacement.

The Co-Operating Churches grounds were the scene of Carols by Candlelight. We are so pleased to be able to host this event for the community.

Thank you to all who came and thank you to those who served on the committee from the three Churchill churches.

Our Christmas services were special. The Crib service

presented the Christmas story using two puppets and two people keen to share the special meaning of Christmas with those who came.

Thank you to those who contributed to that service in so many ways, with special thanks to our puppeteers (David and Brenda) and Sharon.

During January we have had only one service and shared it among the parish centres of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar.

It has been good to be able to visit each centre and share worship together. We have had Reverend Bruce Charles and Reverend Caro Field as our visiting clergy, and we thank them for being with us.



Church Times

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

1st and 2nd Sundays

11.00am

Christ Church Boolarra

3rd and 4th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar

5th Sundays

11.00am

Yinnar South



Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Rev. Brenda Burney

Willams Avenue,

Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill

Tel: 5134 2849

Fr Edwin Ogbuka/Fr Siju Xavier

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill

Sunday: 10.00am

Student Connect

By Frank Lees

Is it possible to know some of the main things about someone without having read the definitive book written about them?

Or is it possible to know something about Jesus without even opening what's called the Bible?

There are actually non-Christian (and even anti-Christian) sources which refer to Jesus.

These state that Jesus existed, was crucified, and was believed to be resurrected from the dead.

They also record Jesus'

miracle-working, the darkness accompanying the crucifixion, that Jesus had many Jewish and Gentile followers, and the persecution of Jesus' disciples.

These sources are, Josephus (a Jewish historian); Celsus (a Greek philosopher, and opponent of Christianity); Tacitus (a historian and senator who served under Emperor Vespasian); Thallus (a Samaritan historian); Lucian of Samosata (a Greek satirist); Seutonius (secretary to Emperor Hadrian); and



others (Phlegon; Julius Africanus; Pliny the Younger).

All this, from 1st and 2nd century writers...without opening what is the main source of what is written about Jesus.

Worth thinking about!



Cooking with Noelene

Quickly prepared cannelloni on a budget

One box of cannelloni - 24 tubes (dried instant) \$1.95. One tub of ricotta cheese - 1kg \$8.35. One bag of mixed lettuce leaves - 200gm \$3.00. Two soup ladles of condensed soup of your choice (1 small tin will suffice) \$1.00. One jar of chunky passata \$1.95. One packet of grated parmesan 95 cents.

I mixed the ricotta in a large bowl with the torn lettuce leaves along with 2 ladles of soup concentrate (I used 2 soup ladles of the cabbage soup I had prepared earlier, as it is thick and hearty).

Using your cleaned hands and fingers, fill the ricotta tubes. Place them in a prepared pan sprayed with cooking oil.

Spray the first layer of filled tubes with cooking spray and repeat till all tubes are filled.

Then pour over the jar of tomato passata, and sprinkle with grated parmesan.

Bake for 50 minutes in an oven that has been

preheated to 180 deg C. So what to serve it with? One pack of thick cut chips with skin on \$3.00.

Place them on a tray for the last 30 minutes of cooking, or just serve the cannelloni with a simple green leaf salad.

Either way your total for a filling home made meal for 4 to 6, with a side serve of salad, is \$17 50.

Beetroot Relish

Beetroot relish on toast is really delicious. I use the pre-cooked beetroots that are available in the vegetable sections of larger supermarkets. Coarsely break up 1 kg of cooked beetroot in a food processor along with 1 cup of marmalade, 1 tsp of ground ginger and 3 tbs of brown vinegar (1 dsp of sriracha - optional).

Transfer to a medium saucepan and cook gently for 10 minutes until thickened.

Remove and bottle while hot.



Darrell White received an OAM in the Australia Day Honours for his service to local government and sport.

Darrell has always lived locally and his family has been involved in local government for three generations now.

Darrell was initiated into the role of local government and its purpose as a child around the dinner table, listening to the conversations of his father and grandfather, both former local Councillors.

Darrell became a Shire Councillor in 1981 after he and his family had moved to Churchill in 1966 from Morwell.

The town was growing, and there were many challenges for the community as they fought to establish facilities and services.

Darrell had a reputation of being a person who was approachable, listened, advocated for, and was fair dinkum in following up and providing responses to any and all situations raised with him, through his involvement as an active member of the Churchill tennis club and through his work.

He was encouraged to

Australia Day Honours Darrell White OAM



ultimately receiving a life membership.

His wife and children were very actively involved with both sports in Churchill.

Darrell has always considered himself a Latrobe Valley person.

He sees the 1994 amalgamation of local Councils into one, as the opportunity to speak with one voice for the Latrobe Valley when talking to State and Federal governments, along with the broader community and business world.

Darrell says he has enjoyed his time serving on Council, even though it has had its ups and down, challenges and tough times with difficult decisions to be made.

He has a supportive family which is just as well as at times Council business would take precedence over family time.

take on the role of Councillor for the Riding (now Ward) of what was then the Shire of Morwell, which then became the City of Morwell.

He has served on the Morwell Council from 1981-1987, followed by a break; then 1991-1994, with another break due to the local Council amalgamations and then from 1997-to the present time, initially the Shire of La Trobe, before becoming the Latrobe City Council. In that time he

has been Mayor four times.

In the sporting arena, Darrell played tennis at Morwell Tennis Club and then Churchill Tennis Club and served as President for many years, being given a life membership of both clubs. While in Morwell he served as President of the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association.

He also had a long standing involvement with Churchill Football Netball Club, again serving as President,

Taking a Stand

The agony of indecisiveness tortured me before I entered AI-Anon.

I thought that the decision I needed to make was whether or not to stay in the relationship with an alcoholic.

But one morning I realised that, with all that had happened to me because of alcoholism, I needed help, so I called AI-Anon.

I had been battered several times, each time thinking

it would be the last. The alcoholic finally told me he could not guarantee that it would not happen again.

I understood and used what AI-Anon taught me: the knowledge that I have choices.

I came to believe that I was keeping a very sick secret with the alcoholic, so I revealed the violence at a meeting and also contacted an outside agency.

All my life I had solved my problems by running away from every major relationship in my life. The alcoholic said that if I left he would find me, and I believed him.

AI-Anon has helped me to focus my attention on what I could do about my situation, instead of concentrating all my attention on what I thought the alcoholic should do. I was the one who had to take a stand.

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Churchill launch a resounding success



Hundreds of community members toured through the new Latrobe Community Health Service site at Churchill just before Christmas, with many more enjoying the festival atmosphere on Philip

Parade.

Families and friends enjoyed face painting, balloon twisting, a jumping castle, petting zoo, henna tattoos and a free sausage sizzle as well as coffee. There were also free

messages for the grown-ups.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester together with State Regional Development Minister Jaala Pulford, formally launched the building on December 9.

In a nice touch, Don Flanigan – the inaugural chair of the Churchill & District Community Health Centre in 1974 – was also on hand to witness the re-launch of the building he originally opened in 1978.

The \$5.3m project provides a new dental prosthetics manufacturing capacity for Gippsland, as well as an expansion of primary healthcare services such as GPs, dental, physiotherapy and podiatry.

A special thanks goes to the wonderful community of Churchill, who came out in throngs to celebrate the launch of the state-of-the-

art facility.

If you haven't visited yet, stick your head in and one of our front office staff will be able to help you.

LCHS Churchill is open for business and offers GP, dental and a range of allied health services.

To book an appointment, phone 1800 242 696 or visit 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill between 8.15am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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What is the difference between custom-fitted mouthguards and those sold over-the-counter?

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for you. A custom-fitted mouthguard guarantees maximum protection. Also, they're comfortable, fit well, allow you to speak clearly, don't restrict your breathing and won't move or fall out.

The Australian Dental Association strongly recommends wearing a custom-fitted mouthguard.

How long will it last?

It is important to get your mouthguard checked at your regular dental check-up to ensure it still fits correctly and gives you maximum protection. You might need to replace your mouthguard once your adult teeth come through or if it has been damaged.

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Watch out for NBN scams

The ACCC is warning the community that scammers are pretending to be from NBN to con victims out of their money and personal information.

Scamwatch has received 316 complaints last year about scammers impersonating NBN with nearly \$28,000 reported lost.

“Scammers are increasingly using trusted government brands like NBN to trick people into falling for scams. Their goal is always to either get hold of your money or personal information”, ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

The three common scams reported to Scamwatch that involve

scammers impersonating NBN are:

Signing victims up to fake accounts – scammers will ring victims to ‘connect’ them to the NBN network for a low price. They will often demand payment be made through iTunes gift cards.

Gaining remote access to computers – scammers pretending to be from NBN will call a victim with claims there are problems with their computer. The scammer uses this ruse to gain remote access to the victim’s computer to steal valuable personal information, install malicious software or demand payment to fix ‘problems’ they have discovered.

Phishing – scammers impersonating NBN will call victims to steal valuable personal information like their name, address, Medicare number, licence number. The scammer may tell the victim they’re entitled to a new router, for example, and say they need these personal details to confirm the victim’s identity.

“Australians over 65 are particularly vulnerable to this scam with fraudsters using phone calls to target their victims”, Ms Rickard said.

“NBN will never phone you out of the blue to try



to sign you up to a service over its network. NBN is a wholesaler meaning they don't sell direct to the public. If you get an unsolicited call like this, it's a big red flag that you're dealing with a scammer”, Ms Rickard said.

“NBN will also never call you to remotely ‘fix’ a problem with your computer, or to request personal information like your Medicare number or your bank account numbers. Don't listen to the reasons they give you for needing this information.

Finally, if someone ever asks you to pay for a service using iTunes gift cards, it is 100 per cent a scam. Legitimate businesses, especially those like NBN, will never ask you to pay for anything in this way”, Ms Rickard said.

People can protect themselves by following some tips:

If you're ever in doubt about contact you've had from someone saying they're from NBN trying to sell you an internet or phone service, hang up the phone and call your retail service provider to check if the person calling is a fraud.



You can only connect to the NBN network by purchasing a plan through a phone and internet service provider. Go to NBN's website (link is external) to check if your home or business address is able to connect to the NBN network, and see which phone and internet providers are available in your area.

Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.

Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer.

If you think you have provided bank account or credit card details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

People can also follow @Scamwatch_gov (link is external) on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts to get up-to-date warnings.

Old Time Family Dance

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Road

Friday, February 23

Dancing from
8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Music: Ken and Alice

Admission: \$8.00
Door Prize
Supper supplied



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Centerella Christmas 2017

A marvellous pantomime was written and produced by members of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) for their end of year break-up.

A large crowd of members and others attended and were entertained with a production of Centerella, presented by the CNC Chaos and Nonsense Company.

The show began with a guitar playing, singing minstrel who participated throughout the event.

As on any 'live' TV production the audience was asked to join in to clap and cheer.

The first item began with Helluva Grudge and her three daughters, Holda, Sillee and Centerella, watching the local television news.

All items were of local news, recording the year in review at the Neighbourhood Centre.

The garden segment described some of the interesting things happening at the community garden, especially the contest between

gardeners Summer and Ros, as to how to control pests with either garlic spray or DDT.

In the Stitches and Unstitches segment, Jean and Lorraine showed how one should not construct and destroy clothing.

They had their own theme song, to the tune of "Raindrops on Roses."

'Start with a pattern and cut out a square

Should be a diamond and that makes you swear

Sew it and press it and stitch it some more

After ten hours this becomes quite a bore.

Buy the wrong fabric and knot up your cotton

Try to cut corners 'cause you've got a lot on

If you can't sew just buy one off the shelf

And tell everyone that you did it yourself!

When the dog bites

When the bee stings

When you're feeling mad

Just simply patchwork

everything you can see

And then you won't feel



so bad!

Some activities at the Centre were represented instead by advertisements. Cookery and the Community Café were celebrated to the tune of "All I want is a Room Somewhere".

'Gristle Rissole is all you need

When you're wanting a fast food feed

Good carbs are guaranteed Oh, isn't it just loverlee...

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It's food if you're in luck Oh, isn't it just loverlee...

Oh, so loverlee stains are dripping down your brand new blouse;

They will never move

although you scrub at them hours and hours!

Gristle Rissole will rot your gut

Make your hair and teeth fall out, but

We'll just say, Ooops, tut-tut!

Oh, isn't it just loverlee...'

While Holda, Sillee and Helluva all enjoyed watching television, poor Centerella

continued slaving away with the household chores.

A postie brought a brochure from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Centerella longed to enrol in a course, but Holda and Sillee just wanted to go along to meet the boys.

After interval, we were taken to the classroom, with teacher Pauline teaching the sometimes distracted students the mysteries of the Centre's computers. Centerella, unlike her sisters Holda and Sillee, took to computer classes like a duck to water.

Instead of being the only one whose foot fitted the glass slipper, the heroine ended up being the only one whose skills repaired a broken spreadsheet and saved the day!

It was a highly entertaining, enjoyable presentation for which all of the large cast should be very proud of their achievements.

Book Review

"The Dry" by Jane Harper

Written in 2016, this is a stunning first novel by Jane Harper, a Melbourne writer, who has been a print journalist in both Australia and the United Kingdom. She won the Victorian Premier's Award for an Unpublished Manuscript.

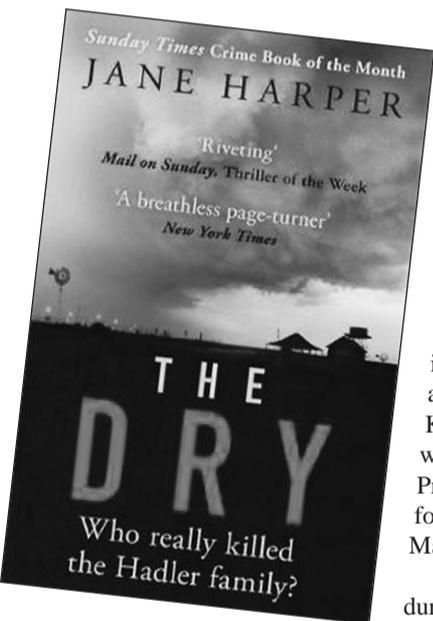
The story is set during the summer of a drought-stricken

farming community in north-western Victoria. Stress levels are high as farms and businesses struggle to stay afloat. The town is shocked by the news that Luke Hadler has shot his wife and one of his children, then committed suicide.

Aaron Falk, Luke's boyhood friend, and now a detective, returns after many years away, to attend the funeral. Luke's parents want answers as to why Luke has done this, suspecting it may be related to money owed, and ask Aaron to investigate.

There are many irregularities, such as why the baby daughter is spared, so with the local police officer they set about solving the mystery. Past grievances are brought to the surface and dark secrets uncovered as the story comes to a thrilling end.

Everyone in our book group enjoyed this exciting murder mystery. The writing was brilliant - you could imagine the heat, visualise the parched countryside, and feel the anxiety of the townsfolk. A real page-turner!



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JOEY SCOUTS - Every Thursday 5.30 to 6.30 pm
 If you are aged 5 to 7 years old, you can join Joey Scouts. At Joey Scouts you will play lots of games, learn how to make things, make new friends and lots more! Joey Scouts are very special scout, they meet once a week and do all sorts of fun and exciting things.

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 If you are aged 7 to 10 years, then it's Cubs for you. You will learn how to use a compass, go on hikes, go camping, play games and meet lots of new friends.

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 Aged between 14 to 18 years, then Venturers is the place for you. Create your own adventure and take your friends along. Camping, hiking and more with you in charge.

Want more information, feel free to come down to the hall and visit during a section meeting. The hall is situated on Manning Dr, Churchill, set back off the road among the natural bushland.
 Or send the Group Leader an email at gl.1stchurchill@scoutsvictoria.com.au and they will get back to you with all the details you need.



Hazelwood Rotary

By Leo Billington
Throughout 2017, Hazelwood Rotary Club hosted a diverse variety of interesting guests. A program is being compiled now for 2018.

Guest speakers have been arranged for February and March already, speaking on topics ranging from mountaineering in Kyrgyzstan, to working with school children in South Africa.

Well known club member, and popular Churchill resident, Brenda Burney, who co-ordinated the Rotary Junior Community Award involving students from Yinnar and Yinnar South Primary Schools, will be farewelled in February. Due to a new opportunity to extend her ministry, Brenda and husband, Rod will relocate to Bairnsdale. Let's all hope one of the three Rotary clubs in that town "recruits" a true and dedicated Rotarian.

Hazelwood Rotary's big Christmas effort running the Christmas Wrap (for customers) at Mid Valley Shopping Centre was a massive success. Funds raised are subsequently distributed within our community. Congratulations to Mac Wood for his efficiencies in co-ordinating this popular fundraiser.

Clean Up Australia 2018 is with us once more. This year, an area within Churchill's southern boundary has been identified. Hazelwood Rotary alongside the Churchill and District Community Association invites the public to participate in this exemplary and worthwhile project.

(During Clean



Up Australia 2017, over 566,000 volunteers joined together to clean up their local parks, waterways, beaches, sporting fields, bushland and roadways at over 6,200 locations across Australia in all weather conditions.)

For people interested to join Hazelwood Rotary, please do not hesitate to contact President, Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.



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GALLERY STUDIOS MUSIC CLASSES

The arc Resource Collective (Arc) in Yinnar has been successful in gaining funding from the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for the delivery of free after school art classes in 2018 in Yinnar and its surrounds.

These classes will run for eight weeks each, and will happen in three eight - week blocks for three different age groups throughout 2018.

There will also be an exhibition of the work at Arc in November 2018.

The first series of eight week classes will be

on Wednesdays and will commence on February 21 from 3:45pm to 5:00pm.

The first eight sessions will be for students aged 10 to 13 years with opportunities for other age groups to participate in the following terms.

There will be a limit of 15 students per class and it is expected that students will enrol for the whole eight weeks.

A broad range of art techniques will be covered and it will be a lot of fun. We are also asking that in order to offer the program to as many children as possible,

that at least two parents can volunteer some time each class to help with supervision. To register your interest please email Attention Yvette at arcynnar@speedweb.com.au or contact Arc Yinnar during the hours and on the number written below.

We look forward to after school art classes with you in 2018.



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One day at a time

I always knew from a very early age that something wasn't right in my homelife. In my teens I had the feeling of not belonging and being on the outside. I married a man at 22, the same age as me, who I had met at 15.

A year and a half into our marriage we had a house fire which badly hurt our new born baby. The slide began from there until eight years ago my husband lost his job from alcoholism.

That was what brought me

to Al-Anon. I discovered my home life was affected by the isms of alcoholism, my uncle was an alcoholic and there was a lot of drinking on both sides of the family. It was a revelation to discover what I couldn't put a name to for all these years.

My husband didn't drink when we met. We were married a few years before he did. I have grown up in Al-Anon. It has been hard but only for my friends meetings, and outside help, I don't know

where I would be today.

My husband is actively drinking, is in denial, even though he has been in treatment and AA. Alcoholism is a family disease.

I hope I can break the cycle and help my children from being too badly damaged. Al-Anon has given me courage and I am very grateful for my life today.

I have my life back and I have gone to college. A day at a time I try to keep the focus on myself.

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Twin City Archers host events

Twin City Archers Gippsland Inc has its biggest year of events coming their way in 2018, with three state events, six national events and one international event being hosted at the club.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the income generated for Latrobe City for each of these events was anticipated to be significant.

"We know that a similar event in 2016 - the Youth Nationals - brought in an estimated \$900,000, with a total of \$600,000 in direct spending. With the events scheduled for this year the spend should be more than tripled.

With competitors coming from all over Australia, New Zealand and an international team from Indonesia, it's a chance to put the Twin City Archers, and Latrobe City, on the map.

Tourism opportunities presented by these sorts of events are part of our commitment to raising the profile of our region as a regional venue of choice for elite sporting and leisure activities", Councillor White said.

Twin City Archers Gippsland president, Peter Bennett, said the club worked collaboratively with Latrobe City Council and other



local business to support the program of events.

"Successfully applying for events of this stature is a real boost for our club and our region. We have worked hard for many years to improve the amenity of the facility: extending the indoor range, planting thousands of indigenous trees, improving drainage and fire-proofing the venue.

The improvements our club has made over the past ten years have come from a lot of different paths. Much of our funding and labour force has come from Work for the Dole programs, but Latrobe City Council has been a huge supporter of our club with regular grants to supply funds for improvements.

We have also applied for state grants and all profits from tournaments have been ploughed back into the facility.

This has paid off now

and we're proud to be hosting so many elite events over the coming year. Archery Australia, the National Body recognised the work we have done, and offered us the Senior Nationals. This is a real boost for us, being recognised for our efforts, and we acknowledge the support of Council in enabling us to make the improvements necessary to expand our horizons", Mr Bennett concluded.

Mid-April 2018

Youth National Archery Championships, attracting 200 competitors.

Youth National Matchplay TransTasman, Australian Youth team against a New Zealand youth team.

July 2018

Victorian State Indoor Archery Championships and the Australian National Indoor Archery Championships, attracting more than 150 competitors.

Late July/early August 2018

3DAAA National Indoor championships and a component of the ABA National Indoor Championships.

September 2018

Twin City Archers Gippsland Field Grand Prix and the Victorian state 3DAAA championships.

October 2018

National Archery Championships.

Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field Pavilion



Latrobe City Mayor Councillor Darrell White, inspects the works at Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field Pavilion, Churchill with Latrobe City building projects officer Geoff Derham and contractor Rick Doultree from Rick Doultree Builders.

Construction works have begun on the \$1.7 million Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field Pavilion at Federation University, Churchill.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White welcomed the works, saying this long-awaited project would be a fantastic addition to the region's sporting infrastructure.

"Latrobe City has been building on its reputation as the go-to venue for regional sporting events in the state and this much-needed pavilion ensures a prosperous future for hockey in Latrobe City,"

Councillor White said.

"Works have started, with the site compound established and civil works underway to prepare the building's foundations. The two-storey pavilion will include change facilities, first aid room, universal accessible amenities, umpire change rooms, office and store rooms, multi-purpose meeting space, commercial kitchen and canteen, and spectator viewing area.

This project would not have been possible without the fantastic support of the State Government, Federation

University, the Federal Government and the Latrobe Valley Hockey Association - it is a true community-led collaborative project and I'd like to thank all of the partners for their commitment to the development of this facility."

The project is jointly funded by Latrobe City Council \$415,000, State Government \$650,000, Federation University \$415,000, Federal Government \$200,000 and Latrobe Valley Hockey Association \$20,000.

The pavilion is expected to be completed in August 2018.

UNDERSTAND THE RATINGS

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There's no questioning the facts. During summer, you should check Fire Danger Ratings daily via the VicEmergency website or app. The higher the rating, the more uncontrollable a fire would be if one started.

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Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park

Caravan Park to transition to day trip facility

Latrobe City Council will transition the Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park to a day trip facility from July 1, 2018. It will also offer a 72-hour permit zone for camping and recreational vehicle stopping.

Latrobe City Council Chief Executive Officer Gary Van Driel said following the closure of Hazelwood Power Station, Council had been unable to secure an extension of the existing lease arrangements for the caravan park.

“Council’s decision to transition the site to a

day facility followed a consultation process with a number of key stakeholders,” Mr Van Driel said.

“The Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park has been a popular place to stay for a long time and we understand that this decision will be difficult for our permanent site holders. Many of these site holders have a long history of holidaying at the park, and no doubt have many special memories of their visits.”

Mr Van Driel said the current site would be rehabilitated to include a maintained grassed area, picnic tables, car park, toilet block, jetty, barbecues and

playground facilities.

“The area will provide for short-stay camping through a 72-hour permit zone as well as recreational vehicle stopping. Both of these services will be at no charge to the community, and ensure that the site can continue to be utilised by day trippers, boat users and occasional campers,” he said.

“The site will also continue to cater for boating and fishing enthusiasts who wish to camp on a short-term.

For general enquiries, contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

Active club grants to get more Gippsland locals moving

Health promotion foundation VicHealth is aiming to get more Gippsland locals taking part in community sport with around \$400,000 in new Active Club Grants funding announced recently.

Community sports clubs in Gippsland are encouraged to apply for the grants to start up new social programs and womens’ and girls’ teams in a bid to make it easier and more attractive for less active locals to play sport.

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Harriet Shing, said VicHealth’s Active Club Grants program has enabled sports clubs in Gippsland to deliver new opportunities for locals to get active.

“Getting active is so important for our health, and Gippsland grassroots sports clubs play a vital role

in helping people in our community to keep fit and healthy,” Harriet Shing said.

“Active Club Grants is about making club sport more accessible, so everyone can get involved in the sports they love regardless of their age, gender or ability.”

VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter said Active Club Grants are an important part of VicHealth’s strategy to have 300,000 more Victorians taking part in regular physical activity by 2023.

“Our modern lifestyle is increasingly sedentary and less than a third of Australians are getting enough physical activity to be healthy,” Ms Rechter said.

“Our Active Club Grants program is about making sport fun, accessible and inclusive – we want everyone to have the opportunity to be active and healthy.

I encourage Gippsland sports clubs who want to get more people in the community involved in their sport to apply for a grant today.”

Active Club Grants provide funding of up to \$3,000 or up to \$10,000 to community sport clubs to start up new social and modified sport programs, or to deliver new opportunities for women and girls to play sport.

Applications for VicHealth Active Club Grants are open and Gippsland clubs are encouraged to apply through the VicHealth website before applications close at 4pm Friday March 2, 2018.

For further information or to apply online, visit www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club

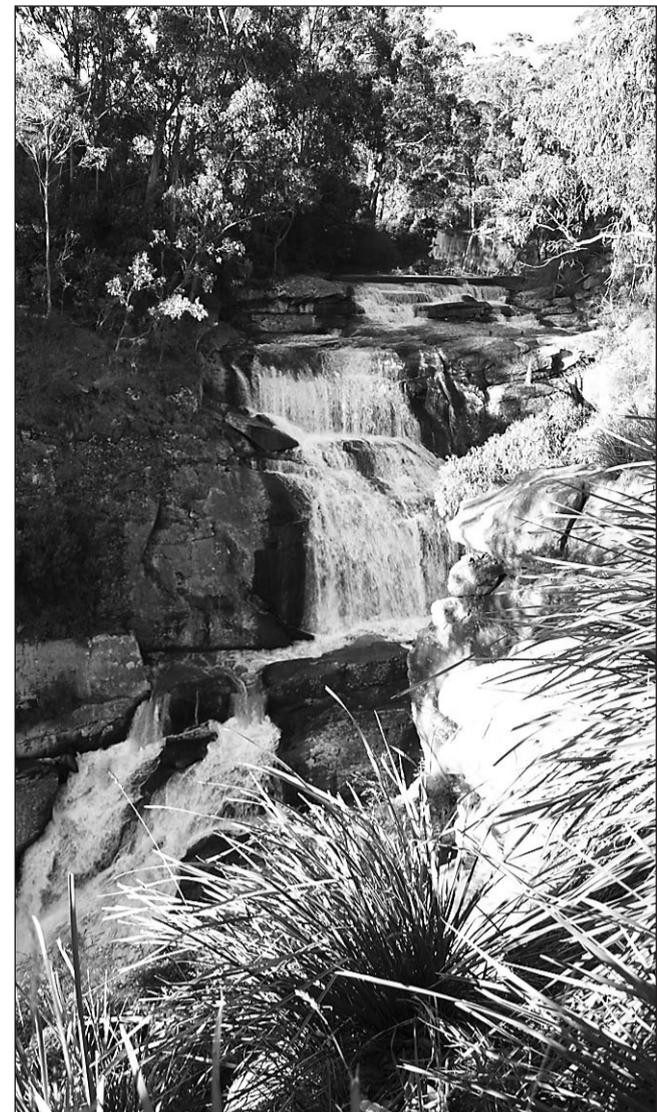
The topic for discussion at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists’ Club meeting on Friday, February 23 will be “Wetlands and Rivers in the Corner Inlet catchment”.

The meeting will be held at the Uniting Church Hall, Old Sale Road Newborough from 7.30 pm.

The speaker, Matt Bowler, manages the Project Delivery team of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

He will speak about the landscapes and natural assets of Corner Inlet and its catchment, and the on-ground works and environmental projects which have been implemented over the past decade or so through the Corner Inlet Connections project by WGCMA, Landcare and other partners.

The following day’s excursion is an associated excursion to Corner Inlet.



Right: Agnes Falls by Tamara Leitch

Below: Matt Bowler in a boat at Corner Inlet



Churchill Town Safety Group



Vehicle roadworthiness and condition

This month, we are looking at the start of another school year.

It is important to note that there will be a lot of school students making their way to school in the mornings and home in the afternoons.

Remember that the speed limits in the school zones are being enforced as per the times on the speed signs.

If you are not sure whether school

is back in or not, it is worth sticking to the limits on the signs as required just in case.

There will also be a lot of first time students walking to school and back, so be on the look out for them as they may cross the road without looking first.

Always remember, it’s better to be safe than sorry.

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Churchill & District Lions Club



Meet
1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each Month

Contact
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Open Studios Latrobe 2017 – a success

Twenty artists opened their studios to the public on the weekend of October 21 / 22. The artists thank the public for their interest and their willingness to learn about different art forms.

The weekend commenced with a formal opening on Friday October 20, at Power Works in Morwell, where Tim Leeson editor of "Gippslandia," officially opened the Open Studios

weekend along with local councillors, local dignitaries, the artists and friends.

The weather was cold and threatening rain, yet large numbers of people took the opportunity to learn from the

artists. Some artists reported higher numbers than previous years, while others were down in numbers. All artists reported that the people who attended their studio showed a real interest in their art and

wanted to learn about their medium.

Visitors came from far and wide, visitors from interstate, Melbourne suburbs, many country towns in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley. All

this could not have been possible without the support of Moartz Inc, Latrobe Valley Authority, the artists' commitment, but most of all the volunteers who gave their time.



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Businesses develop with Engie



Pictured are Mark Ure, James Taylor and Marty Doxey with the firefighting equipment donated to their not-for-profit organisation by Hazelwood.

On Monday December 18 2017, Racesolutions Motorsport benefited from a donation of redundant firefighting equipment from the ENGIE Hazelwood Power Station which will be put to good use on Australian racetracks.

Multiple large scale dry chemical fire extinguishers and mobile foam carts, once housed in the station, have been donated to Racesolutions Motorsport – a diverse group of volunteers committed to the provision of medical and trackside services at all levels of motorsport events.

The not-for-profit group

was established ten years ago by motorsport enthusiasts, Marty Doxey and James Taylor. Volunteers include doctors, paramedics and nurses experienced in trauma emergency as well as First Responders experienced in firefighting and vehicle recovery. The 150 volunteers also work as race control operators, compliance checkers, radio operators, flag marshals, pit lane marshals, scrutineers and even time keepers. Former Hazelwood employee, Mark Ure, has been a volunteer with the group for three years and was instrumental in facilitating

the donation. While Mark has an engineering background, he volunteers in a range of capacities as does his wife Sarah. Marty said the organisation was “over the moon” with the donation. “It would take us a long time to raise enough funds to buy this sort of equipment,” Marty said when he and James arrived at Hazelwood to collect the load. “We are proud that we can provide an exceptional level of service to competitors in the safest environment and this equipment helps us continue to do that. All Racesolutions Motorsport team members volunteer their

time, professional skills and expertise in the interest of motorsport. While our people have a range of specialist skills, they also need the specialist equipment to provide many of these medical and trackside services.”

Marty said the organisation regularly supported events across Gippsland including the Mt Media Release engie.com.au 2 Baw Baw Sprint, part of the Australian Tarmac Rally Championship and the Alpine Rally at Lakes Entrance. “This donation will help us continue supporting events like this,” he added.

Friends of Morwell National Park

Over the past month, Parks Victoria has run a range of Junior Ranger programs within Morwell National Park. Two Fauna Explorer tours travelled around Fosters Gully, to discover many species of birds, animals and common native plants. Two Minibeast Discovery tours investigated tiny critters, both insects and those found in the waters of Billys Creek. Junior Ranger school holiday programs were for children aged 6-12.

John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files.

“January, 1989.

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe New Year, with the hope that our group can go on to better things.

We start this year with some good and bad news! We congratulate Ian Roche on his appointment as Ranger-in-charge of Warrandyte State Park. A big achievement for Ian, but we will miss him and the friendships built up over the last three years, with Ian, Gail, Carly and Daniel - we wish them all the best for the future.

The December project day was very successful due not only to the enthusiasm of the Friends, but also

the knowledge, skill and assistance offered by Peter Leggett our relieving ranger. The pussy willows, big and small, were treated and cut out between the weir and the western boundary.

We welcome to the Billys Creek Development team, Debra Burke, who is in the process of compiling the Management Plan for the Park incorporating Billys Creek. She attended our December meeting, - good to meet you Debra.

January 22 saw Ken and a small band-of Friends scouring the trees in Billys for seed. This seed will be suitably treated and scattered in areas, after the dreaded blackberries have been removed. On the whole the day was very successful, although too late for a couple of species.”

“Yours Sincerely,
Yvonne APLIN.”

January Activity Report

At this activity we had Ken, Matt, Tamara, Wayne, Rose, Peter, Wendy Mc, Beryl, Chris, John and Darren. We had an apology from Grant who was ill.

We met in the car park and determined our plan for the day. Over the last month slashing has occurred along the main tracks and around the park boundaries. Two new rangers have also been appointed to this region. Parks have mentioned that



it may be possible to erect interpretive signage around Foster's Gully. It is hoped that this will complete the work we started on upgrading the signage of this track two years ago.

The JSA was read and signing in was completed. We decided to delay the nesting box maintenance until next month. The group split with Matt, Ken, Beryl, John and Tamara driving along the Grand Strzelecki Track to check that it is cleared to the park boundary. They found that it was cleared and spend some time investigating the animals of this area. They

were excited by the possible discovery of a new species of frog for the park.

The rest travelled along the Billys Creek track, clearing the track and removing weeds.

February Activity

Sunday February 18, 10am

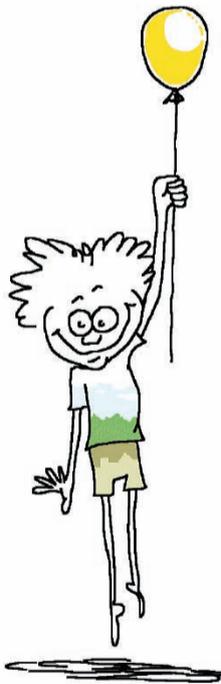
The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete track maintenance, weeding and repairs to the nesting boxes. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Get carried away

A sneek peek of what's in store...

- Jump in the castle jig your insides about
- Enter a maze then find the way out
- Make gran's eyeballs pop like they're on a spring
- Coz you got your face painted a spidery thing
- Will Dad strut his stuff as the Stringbusters play? He's got some good moves don't disown him today
- Pirate Pete looks ferocious as if his ship sank
- Be cautious, be friendly Or he'll bring out the plank
- Play fight with the knights Let battle begin
- How are your sword skills? Perhaps you can win!
- Fill up your tummy scones, sausage and drink
- Rest and re-do it all what do you think?



CHURCHILL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Saturday 17 March 2018
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Market from 8:30am
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Enquiries: Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
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Get carried away... AGAIN!



Stamp Matters



A Happy New Year to all. Speaking of New Year, how many different New Years are there? Well, there are many, usually one for each religion. However, the ones which are widely accepted are the ones we celebrate on January 1 and the Lunar New Year, celebrated by the Chinese. This year it is on February 16.

As with all of their festivals, the Chinese do it in style with symbolic gifts, fireworks and dancing. They also make it the start of a year when children born in that year take on the positive attributes of a particular animal. The coming year is the Year of the Earth Dog and children born this year will be seen as independent, sincere, loyal and decisive and able to get on with other people.

There are twelve animals. The dog, the pig, the rat, the ox, the tiger, the rabbit, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the sheep the monkey and the chicken.

Each animal has five types corresponding to the five basic elements of the world, earth, fire, water, metal and wood. With the five elements for each, it makes a cycle covering 60 years, which is about the average life span of a person. It is easy then for an astrologer to tell the fortune of anybody who pays them money.

In case you are wondering, the pig is lazy and clumsy but behaves himself, does no harm to others and brings affluence to others.

The rat is a person of spirit and wit, is alert and displays delicacy, flexibility and vitality.

The ox is slow, but industrious and cautious.

The tiger is brave, forceful, cruel, stately and can be terrifying.

The rabbit is not aggressive but is approachable, decent, noble and elegant in manner.

The dragon has authority, dignity, honour, has great

ability and will be lucky and successful.

The snake is nasty, catty, mysterious and very smart.

The horse shows independence and integrity and will improve himself with passion and diligence.

The sheep is gentle and calm.

The monkey is clever and can achieve high status.

The chicken is known for his fidelity and punctuality.

Stamp issues depicting the Lunar New Year animals have become a common theme over the past few years.

Christmas Island has issued sets each year since 1994 comprising stamps showing two of the animals and a miniature sheet.

Later issues incorporated the Chinese characters for each animal in the design. In 2002 the issue included a sheetlet with 12 values from 5c to 25c showing all the animals as well as the ordinary postage set and miniature sheet. Other countries issue Lunar New Year stamps as well and I will leave the finding of them to you.

Don't forget that the Latrobe Valley Stamp Club meets on the last Wednesday of every month except December in the Uniting Church Hall in Morwell, just down from the railway bridge.

You are always welcome to come along and join in.

Churchill community garden worm farm in full production!

by Garden Gnome
Volunteers have been collecting food scraps from businesses in Churchill to feed the worms. Thank you Churchill Bakery, Vintage C'hill, Noodle Shop and Churchill Chinese restaurant. The worms have devoured the scraps and produced lots of worm castings (poo). We can now offer some for sale. Worm castings contain millions of beneficial bacteria and other organisms which are essential to soil and plant health. When planting new seedlings dig a handful into the surrounding soil. This supplies nutrients and holds moisture around developing roots. It can also be used as a planting additive for trees, vegetables, shrubs and flowers. Rake the worm castings into the topsoil or garden bed. Castings do not smell and are the perfect fertilizer for indoor and outdoor pot plants. (Gardening Australia.)

Liquid worm fertiliser:
Dilute worm juice in a watering can at a ratio of between 50:1 and 100:1 eg for every litre of water add between 10 and 20 mls worm juice. You can apply this mixture to foliage or soil. Applying the mixture directly to foliage speeds up the application. If your plants or soil need nutrients

desperately apply every week for the first month. If you already have good performing plants and soil apply once a month to enhance their long term health and vigour. (Flower Power Garden Centres).

Castings and juice are best when freshly harvested so place your order and we will have it ready for you. Castings are \$2:50 for 2 litres, juice is \$5 for 2 litres. We are at the Hub on Mondays 10 -12, call 0437 435 058 or find us on Facebook to arrange pickup and payment. The funds will be used to improve the garden.

Garden produce is shared



Churchill Community Garden

among the volunteers and supplies the community café and cooking class at the Hub. Sadly some produce is also stolen. Any excess is placed on the trolley near the Hub / library front door for a small donation. We are happy to have new members join the group. We meet every Monday at 10am to 12pm, cost \$2.50. If this time doesn't suit you can still help with small jobs on other days and weekends and stay in touch via email and Facebook. Enquiries can be directed to churchillcommunitygarden@gmail.com.

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Hazelwood Rotary

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ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING AND SOCIAL CLUB MORWELL

"Hazelwood Rotary Club raised over \$8000 from the 2017 Mid Valley Christmas Wrap. These funds will be distributed to a various local volunteer groups who assisted at the Wrap. As always, we continue to support the local community."

CHECK before you CHUCK



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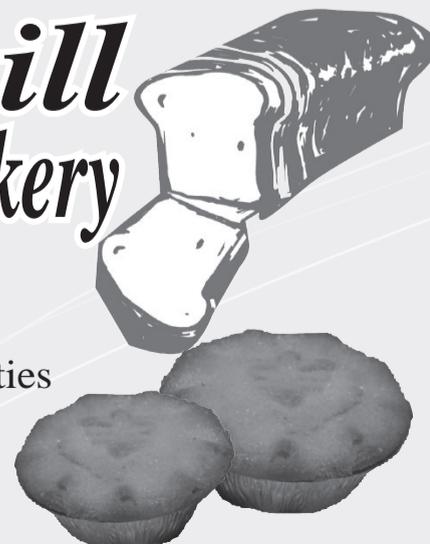
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Boer War Soldiers- The Boldings



Private John Bolding
1st Victorian Mounted Rifles
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Private John Bolding 1st Victorian Mounted Rifles

John was born on 26/4/1877 at Hazelwood North to parents George Bolding and Elizabeth Daffarn. John was known as Jack. Before enlisting for the Boer War, John had previously served in the militia as Private No.5119 Victorian Rangers.

John enlisted on 15/10/1899 as No.102 Private, 1st Victorian Mounted Rifles at Victoria Barracks and was sent to Flemington Racecourse. He embarked on 28/10/1899 from Melbourne on the ship Medic, and disembarked on 26/11/1899 at Cape Town via Adelaide and Albany. He was sent to Maitland Camp near Cape Town as part of the Australian Regiment. On 1/12/1899 John was deployed to De War and then to Belmont. On 10/2/1900 John saw major action at Bastards Nek followed by operations at Pink Hill and Bloemfontein. Then two months later on 3/4/1900 he was involved in major actions at Klip River, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill and Belfast.

After completing his service in South Africa, John embarked on 3/11/1900 from Cape Town on the Harlech Castle, disembarking on 4/12/1900 at Melbourne via Albany and Adelaide. He was discharged on 12/12/1900 and returned to Hazelwood to work as a farm labourer.

On 11/10/1905, John married Marion Bruce at Hazelwood North. They had 15 children - Vera Ethel, Herbert John, George, Ronald, Olive May, Mary Vaal, Harold Eddy, Harold Frank, Allan Claude, Arnold Murray, Hazel Joyce, Lily Lloyd, Norman Leslie, Elva Dorothy and Alfred Bolding.

John Bolding left Hazelwood to farm at Nambrok and from 1914 farmed at Glengarry West. In 1923 the Bolding family moved to farm at North Wonthaggi and later John purchased other farming properties in the Wonthaggi district. In later years, John Bolding moved to Inverloch.

John was a Councillor for the Shire of Bass for 15 years.

Bolding Place in Inverloch is named after the family of John and Marion Bolding.

On 19/5/1957, aged 80 years, he died at Wonthaggi and was buried on 21/5/1957 at Leongatha Cemetery.

For his service in the Boer War, John was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill and Belfast. These medals were presented by the Duke of York at Government House in Melbourne on 9/5/1901.

George William BOLDING (brother of John)

George was born on 20/4/1875 at Collingwood.

His education included Hazelwood North State School and the Morwell State School.

He was a farmer from Hazelwood North. At the time of enlistment George was single. He was a member of Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge.

George enlisted on 6/2/1900 as No.535 Private 3rd Victorian Bushmen and was sent to Langwarrin Military Camp. He departed Victoria embarking on 10/3/1900 from Melbourne on Euryalus. He disembarked on 11/4/1900 at Beira, Portuguese East Africa via Cape Town, where he joined the Rhodesia Field Force and from Marandellas was sent to Bulawayo and Mafeking. George saw major action in late July 1900 near Koster River and was present during the siege of Elands River from 4 - 16/8/1900.

George died on 24/10/1900 at No.2 General Hospital, Pretoria from enteric fever and was buried in grave 380, Military Plot, Church Street Cemetery, Pretoria.

For his service George was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Transvaal and Rhodesia.

Graeme Bolding of Hazelwood North is the great-nephew of George and John Bolding. Graeme and his wife Betty have reprinted letters



Private George William Bolding
3rd Victorian Bushman
Photo by Tom Humphrey Studio, Melbourne
The Leader (Melbourne) 10/3/1900, page 34. Photo 30

written by George to members of his family.

Betty has kindly collated and typed the letters. They give an insight into the conditions under which our soldiers served.

George William Bolding left Morwell Station on February 5, 1900 and spent his first day in camp at Langwarrin.

The following day - writing paper, pen, ink, envelopes and stamps were supplied for all to use - and the following is his first letter back to his Mother, Father and family (four brothers and a sister John, Mary, Joe, Fred and Frank).

"My Dear Mother and all,

My first day in camp. Bugle just gone (water horses) not many horses in camp yet so we have not all to go and look after them. We arrived in camp about 12 today, did a few hours drill this afternoon.

I am number 1 in our camp and I am the boss. I have to look after the men, be peace maker and report anything wrong and order the men to go and get our tucker etc. By the way I wish I had brought some honey or butter along. Alex McMillan in my tent. A very nice crowd I think of them so far. Our parting

at Morwell we shall never forget, even in the thickest of the fray, if we are fortunate enough to get there. Stayed at Mr. Murdock's last night, did not get a great amount of sleep on account of the noise. They wish to be remembered to you all.

Just come back from filling a few bran bags for the lads to sleep on.

I have had one meal (spuds and meat for dinner) and don't have too much to eat for that, and a pannikin of tea to drink. Country very poor around here, Carrum has an acre or so of good land. I wish you would send me along a razor and material, for as I have to have a shave every morning - expecting tea bugle to go every minute. Hope this finds you all in the best of health and spirits. I remain your affectionate son Geo. W. Bolding"

George spent a short time at Langwarrin, then boarded the "S.S. Euryalus" on March 10 and headed off to Africa. Sea sickness and headaches (spinning heads) were then experienced by a lot of the men as it would have been their first time on a ship - so quite a bit of time was spent on their bed or laying on the deck - horses standing it very

well though. It was a great crowd to see them off, "Never to be forgotten by us all.

If I shook hands with one, I shook hands with thousands". 15th March just sighted West Australian coast - "We are going to land a chap at Albany tonight, has gone off his head through sea sickness - worst luck, other men not allowed to land".

Some of the men had their vaccinations. Now just about 4000 miles off the Cape with still another fortnight's sailing to go - and always looking for a ship passing by to get their mail through. Still a few of the men suffering sea sickness. To pass the time of day there were sports of all kinds played - tug of war - boot jumbles, boxing and other.

1st April - Men can see land now - "just had dinner consisting of tin dog, boiled mutton, spuds, broth (no tea) and a plum-duff, which when eaten lays very heavy. The last bullock on board the ship was slaughtered so will be eating corned beef or tinned dog next. Seeing shore line and sighted a few other ships off land - as the days pass still on board ship and going up off the coast line,



Boer War Soldiers

sighting quite a few ships now anchored at different places off shore. Talk is may anchor off Beira, leave by train to Salisbury 150 miles inland, march to Bulawayo about 250 miles – that’s our orders at present. Then make for Pretoria or somewhere there about. Unloading of horses taking place over a few days.

April 18th first day on shore then back on ship that night, being driven mad by large and numerous mosquitoes – hot weather and saw lots of queer looking crabs all over the place. Still numerous letters being written to family members asking about the crops, milking etc, saying “bad boy me” for leaving farm, but also saying he was “just as eager to be with the Contingent as ever, would not have been contented until he had a slap at them.”

Nurses on board, one bandaged George’s arm where he had his vaccination near Albany – not sore just scab catching on his clothes.

Two Victorian Nurses are disembarking and going with the men to the front.

Now at a place called Bamboo Creek 60 miles from Beira inland. About half of the men stayed back at Beira to look after the horses.

“We have nearly all the N.S.W., Queenslanders, W.A., Tasmanians and their horses keeping us company. There is a disease among stock, horses and cattle die wholesale.

Next off to Marandellas, a 36 hours ride in the train then 300 miles on horseback - very slow transport and haven’t any rolling stock worth speaking of. Lots of wild animals seen - zebras, vultures, deer and lions come to within a couple of chains from the camping ground at night.

They say at this place it

cost at the rate of two lives a night with wild animals and fever. A chap offered them some venison to cook for their dinner, a luxury after having tinned meat and hard biscuits. If they want any luxuries they have to pay very dear for them - sugar 1/6d (15 cents) and bread 1/-d (10cents)

28th April - mail has been very slow to get to the men – just receiving letters written 3 or 4 days after they left Langwarrin, nearly 10 weeks ago. At Marandellas- 440 miles from Beira and 5000 ft above sea level, so have been climbing mountains all the way (that is the train has).

As soon as all our men arrive and the horses feet are seen to, we will start for Bulawayo, riding across from here it’s 280 miles – Australians formed into 3 regiments, 2 have already gone – 1st regiment N.S.W; – 2nd reg. Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia; 3rd Reg. Victorians and Western Australians still waiting for 30 or 40 of their chaps who were left behind at different places looking after the horses. About 500 bullock teams to convey the troops and paraphernalia across.

29th May – Now arriving at a place called Inkledoorn – very cold and misty mornings march – similar to Jeeralang - still have not any sight of enemy and am afraid not likely to.

Leading Officers ought to have embroidery on the end of their pants instead of helmets on their heads, they’re too slow to catch snails. Still have 3 weeks more riding before get anywhere near action. June 5th – jogging along alright and in the best of fettle – Arrived at Gwalo after a trek of 10 miles before breakfast. Those who liked, marched into town to buy few luxuries, but of course bank account is

small, only been paid a “quid” since left Victoria.

Still 110 miles to march to Bulawayo yet – progressing very slowly. Its not worth wasting paper to give you a description of our march for there is absolutely nothing worth mentioning, only crossing Veldts (plains) then Kopjies (small rocky hill) spruits (water course) etc, no game seen. Now at Bulawayo after a march of 24 days – very slow indeed only 280 miles. Fair “scram” food – biscuits and bully beef and sometimes Machonicies (tinned meat and vegies) it’s alright for a change.”

24th June letter - George in hospital with swollen face having a molar lugged – “got a cold in the jaw being on night duty or drilling on horseback first thing in the morning – temperature up to 103deg. Ward holds up to 20 and all full – temp now back to 98. Still in hospital as contingent leave for Mafeking. 3 other Victorians into hospital, one with fever and he passed away that day. I fancy you will see us Bushmen coming back with a placard on our back “The tinned Soldiers” Recovery took 11 or 12 days – best of attention. There have been a lot of our lads come down with fever.

It’s a rotten country we have travelled through for fevers, plagues and complaints of all sorts. On the move again and had a 40 hour train trip – Bulawayo to Mafeking- most enjoyable trip since leaving Victoria- travelled in open trucks.

10th August now at Elands River – This is the beginning of their fighting and the Boers opened fire on all directions with shells pompoms, explosives bullets etc.

George gives very

graphic insight into the battle which took place – bravery, death to men, horses and cattle all of which can be read in any of the history books about the Boer War. September 9 arrive at Pretoria - via Kroonstad. Another letter on the 27th Sept “yes I was with the bushmen that was besieged and I wasn’t included in the wounded. The nearest scar I had to carry about with me was a grazed jaw by a piece of shell and that “cap” what Mrs. Davis gave me, torn off my head by another piece of shell. That’s all old news Elands River so I’ll see if I can hunt up something fresh.”

This is the last copied letter I have of George William Bolding – next letter is from - Department van Buitenlandsche Laken

Governments Kantoor, Pretoria dated October 25th 1900.

“To the relatives of the Late G.W.Bolding, Victorian Bushmen.

I regret to have to write about the death of Trooper Bolding but as you will probably wish to hear more details than are furnished in the official announcement I thought it well to write this. As there are none of the Victorian Officers here I cannot get the names of his friends and am sending this through the Victorian Military authorities. Trooper Bolding died at 8.40 am yesterday (Oct 24th) in No. 2 General Hospital Pretoria, of Enteric fever, contracted on active service.”

A following note from

Sister H.G.Dickie read “...I can only add that your Son was an excellent patient only too ill to talk much about himself and that he was always content and happy and his end was very quiet and peaceful. I was with him at the time and most of the night.”

George was born 20th April 1875 and died 24th October 1900 aged 25

His brother John was a member of the First Victorian Mounted Rifles Contingent and one of the first volunteers from Hazelwood for the front and saw active service during the Boer War.

On his return he married Marion and they had a large family.



SOUTHERN AFRICA
as at the commencement of the Boer War in 1899

Latrobe City Council Zero Tolerance for Child Abuse

The Victorian Government has introduced Child Safe Standards for all organisations that provide services to children, to ensure child safe environments. Latrobe City has nominated Child Safety Representatives to show its commitment to a best practice approach to implement these standards.

Latrobe City Council’s Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said whilst the standards were legislated, a zero tolerance approach was about ensuring the organisation led from the front in terms of community responsibility.

“As an organisation that provides services to children through our preschools, day

care and family day care services, we have a duty to protect those children. Staff members have been through training to enable them to be able to identify potential abuse, to understand reporting responsibilities and mechanisms and to improve our response to any allegations of child abuse.

Latrobe City Council is taking a zero tolerance approach towards child abuse and is committed to the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of children.

Our aim, through the provision of nominated Child Safety Representatives, is to maintain a child safe organisation where protecting children and preventing and

responding to child abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of all employees and volunteers,” Councillor White said.

“As the local authority, Latrobe City Council is seen as a leader in the community and setting the highest standard is paramount.

We look forward to seeing other organisations and groups adopting similar child safe standards to protect children in their environment from any harm.

Keeping our children safe can be achieved together; through education and awareness,” Councillor White concluded.



Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Lasiopetalum macrophyllum*

Family: Malvaceae

(Sterculiaceae)

Derivation:

Lasiopetalum: From Greek *lasios*, meaning shaggy or hairy, and *petalon*, meaning leaf, but used in the botanical context meaning petal. Thus, hairy petals!

macrophyllum: From

Greek *macros*, meaning large or long, and *phyllus*, meaning leaf. Thus, large leaves!

Common Name: Shrubby

Velvet Bush.

Distribution: Widespread from north-eastern NSW to western Victoria, and south to Tasmania, including the Bass Strait islands, in forests, woodlands and heathlands.

Description: An extremely variable shrub, sometimes prostrate by 4m broad, but can also be upright to 3.5m tall by 1.5m broad. Branches are densely hairy, branchlets and young growth are often reddish or rusty-hairy. Leaves are variable from oblong, lanceolate to cordate, grey-green to green and slightly rough above and a dense mass of creamy and rusty hairs below, with prominent venation.

Flowers occur from late winter to early summer, on short, compact cymes. The calyces are about 12mm across, densely hairy on the



exterior and cream coloured inside.

Opinion: We have seen this species growing in a number of locations around the State, namely in the Grampians (in the woodlands around Mt Zero and elsewhere), in the coastal heathlands around Cape Conran in East Gippsland and along the banks of the Genoa River in far East Gippsland. In the woodlands, it was growing as an upright, understory shrub in semi-shaded sites, but in the coastal heaths it was a much shorter and broader plant growing in full sun.

My specimen is more like the former and is planted in pretty heavy shade underneath the Omeo Gum on the north side of the house, below our bedroom window at the top of the northern driveway.

It is currently about 1.5m tall and maybe 2m broad and looks very happy in its

location, which is difficult for a lot of other species that don't like the shade and the moisture competition from the Gum. It has flowered quite well for the last few years, but the flowers aren't well displayed, being quite small and usually facing the ground so that you only see the rusty exteriors. As you can see from the photo, they are beautifully coloured and intricate if you take the time to look. I should see if any of the old capsules hold seed, as I suspect that cuttings might suffer from fungal problems due to the hairiness of the stems.

Sources: Sharr: WA Plant Names and their Meanings.

Elliot and Jones: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 6.

Corrick and Fuhrer: Wildflowers of Victoria.

Costermans: Trees and Shrubs of South Eastern Australia.



Churchill District Community Association would like to welcome everyone into 2018 and hope that you all had a wonderful festive season.

CDCA extends a big thank you to Alan Scarlett for all his contributions to CDCA over the years, first as the Monash University representative and then later Federation University representative. Alan retired from his position at Federation University at the end of last year and is set to enjoy his free time doing the list of jobs his wife has for him.

He will be sorely missed, and we wish Alan all the best in his retirement.

CDCA is excited for what we have planned for this year and beyond. Our first venture is organising a Clean Up Australia Day event which will be held at Glendonald Park Sunday March 4, from 10am, (meeting under picnic shelter), with a FREE!!! BBQ lunch for all participants provided by Hazelwood Rotary Club.

This national event is a great way for everyone to get involved and work together in grassroots action that will have long lasting positive effects for the environment,

as well make Churchill a beautiful clean place to live.

According to Clean Up Australia, in the past 27 years, Australians have devoted more than 32 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 344 thousand tonnes of rubbish.

The next step was to take the concept of Clean Up Australia Day to the rest of the world.

After gaining the support of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Clean Up the World was launched in 1993.

In its inaugural year, Clean Up the World involved approximately 30 million people in 80 countries.

The appeal of Clean Up

the World (an estimated 40 million people from 130 countries annually take part) has demonstrated that this simple Australian idea has universal appeal and the health of the environment is of concern to people and communities worldwide.

Clean Up Australia day demonstrates that people across the country are willing to do something themselves to help protect and care for their environment.

So, come and join the volunteers from CDCA, Hazelwood Rotary Club, Pick Up 6, and Churchill Scouts on March 4 to help do our bit for the environment. Contact Abbeithia Rene (President CDCA) - 0434 104 834 for more information.



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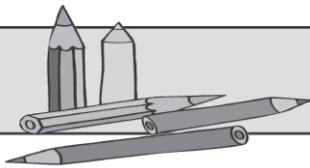
Barbecue lunch

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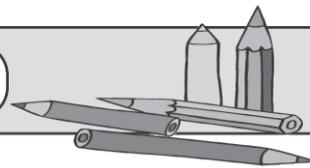
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Churchill, VIC 3842

When
Sunday, 18 March 2018
10:00am – 2:00pm





Churchill North Primary



2017 Graduating students
 It was with pride that the Grade 6 students from Churchill North Primary School graduated. The night celebrated the conclusion of seven years of learning at Churchill North Primary School. The students reflected on their achievements and demonstrated the attributes of the young adults into which they are developing. We look forward to hearing about their endeavours in the future and wish them all the best with the next stage of their lives.

Breakfast Club room makeover
 During the holidays the Breakfast Club room at Churchill North has had its floors redone. The room is used by Breakfast Club every day, as well as other groups within the school. In the past the floor has had carpet which has been difficult to maintain when there have been food spills. We are all looking forward to using the room, which will be easy to clean with the new vinyl floor.

New playground
 Churchill Norths'

students were surprised when they arrived on the first day of term. They were surprised to see the beginning of our new playground has taken place. Located behind the Breakfast Club room a new shade sail and fall area have been completed. It is with anticipation we await the play equipment.

Grade 1,2 dinner at school
 On Thursday November 30, the Grade 1 and 2 students from Churchill North Primary School participated in a dinner at school. The children arrived excitedly at 5:00pm

and set up their placemat on the table and played some games before dinner. During dinner the children sat with their friends and enjoyed barbeque chicken and salad. For dessert they delighted in jelly and ice cream. A big thank you to all of the staff who helped to set up and run the event. Everyone had a fantastic time!

Churchill North Primary School's STEM day
 The children and staff at Churchill North Primary School participated in a STEM (science, technology,

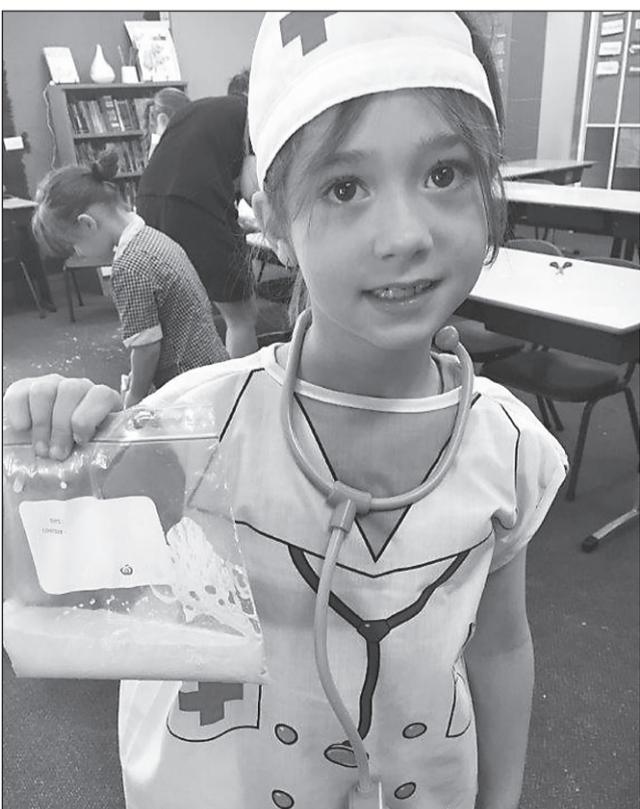
engineering and maths) morning on Friday November 24. The day began with a parade where students displayed the costumes they had worn for the day. The Junior School Council representatives judged the costumes with help from Miss Marino. Once the parade concluded the children participated in a range of STEM activities in multi-aged groups. Some of the activities involved making slime and building a replica of the Eiffel tower. Everyone who participated in the activities

looks forward to the next STEM day.

Tennis Clinic
 On November 24, local tennis coach, Glenn Kirstine, came to Churchill North to teach an effective forehand stroke to students. Students practised catching tennis balls on the full and on the bounce. They even tried to perfect their forehand racket grip while competing in a variety of games. Adam said the tennis clinic was good because he learnt some of the rules to play tennis.



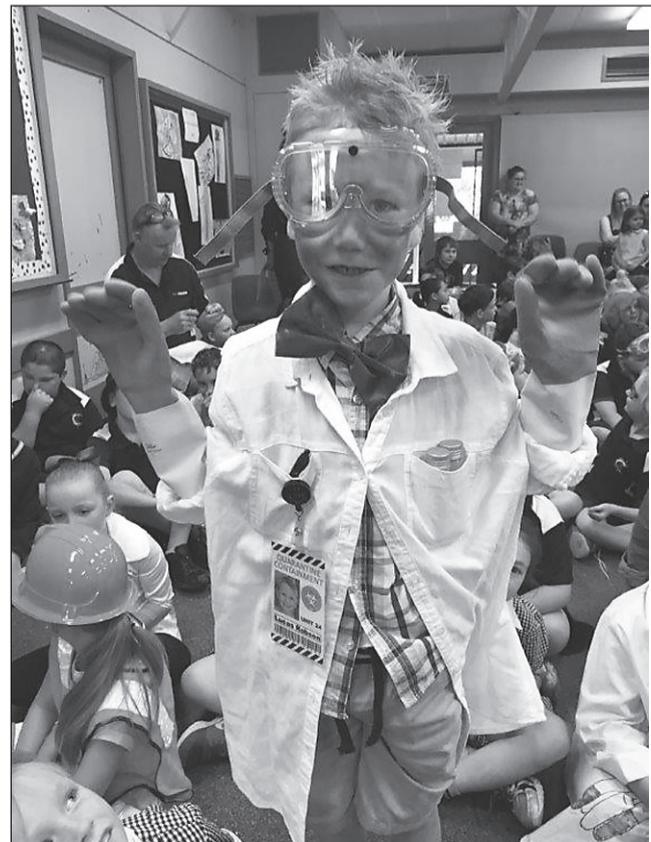
Children enjoying their meal at the Grade 1/2 dinner



Elizabeth with her slime



Eiffel Tower replica by Dylan



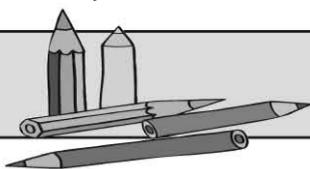
Lucas' STEM costume

Melina Bath MP Proudly servicing Churchill and district

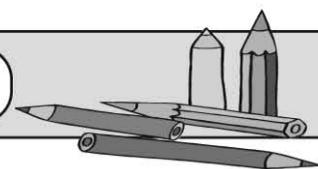
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School News



Churchill Preschools



The Hub Preschool

Staff members are looking forward to the new preschool year at the Churchill Hub. We provide an educational program for our children based on fun, exploration,

discovery and collaboration. We look forward to working with our families and the wider community for the benefit of the children. **Glendonald Preschool**
Glendonald Preschool

is located in Churinga Drive in Churchill. We offer children 15 hours per week of preschool with qualified teachers. We run a play based program. This means the

children are able to move around all areas of the room and yard, learning through play in a program dedicated to their interests, needs and emerging skills. We have a strong focus

on sustainability with a worm farm, growing vegetables (and picking them for families or cooking with them at preschool) and watering with rainwater from our tank. Our focus is to assist all

children in becoming strong, capable and resilient and feel safe, respected and loved. Once this occurs the learning follows and the children thrive.



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

SPORT

Cricket Masters in Traralgon in February

ACA Masters
Past and present cricket stars are set to hit the Latrobe Valley in February, and the ACA Masters will take on Traralgon and District Cricket Association representative eleven. A host of former and current domestic Australian cricketers will travel to the Latrobe Valley region from February 24 to 26 as part of the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) Masters tour.

The players will take on a representative team of local cricketers in an action-packed Twenty20 game on Sunday February 25 at Morwell Recreation Reserve, Morwell. The tour follows the success of last month's Big Bash game played in the region, which saw the Melbourne Stars host the Hobart Hurricanes in a pre-season exhibition match. Entering its tenth year, the Masters program has been developed by the ACA, the

official representative body of past and present players, with a focus on the promotion of cricket. The program helps local cricket associations raise funds and identify local talent. The tour program has been primarily funded by the current first-class and Australian players as part of their commitment to developing the game in regional Australia and engaging with local communities.

Players from this year's tour are set to be announced in the coming weeks. ACA CEO Alistair Nicholson spoke about the importance of the Masters program. "A number of elite Australian cricketers come from regional Australia so it's important to support the growth of the game in these areas. The Masters will bring a great deal of knowledge and experience and hopefully

we can help and develop a number of young and local cricketers." Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said it should be a great match between the elite players and our local cricketers. "We are looking forward to our community being inspired by the outstanding talents that will be on display," Councillor White said. "We have a growing reputation for hosting

exciting events that attract great crowds and this will be no exception. It is sure to be an exciting game." The tour will also include in2CRICKET coaching clinics, community visits from the players and a sportsman's function the night before the game. The tour is supported by the Latrobe City Council and the Traralgon and District Cricket Association.

Churchill & Monash Golf results

Saturday 16/12/17
Mens Monthly Medal
A Grade
C. Doyle (10) 68.
B Grade - G. Spowart (22) 67.
C Grade - P. Jordan (25) 70 C/B.
Medal Winner - G. Spowart.
DTL
P. Jordan 70, T. Collins 70, D. Taylor 72, B. Rowley 71, R. Welsh 72, G. Beyer 72, A. Sharock 72, J. Mc Cafferty 72.
NTP - 3rd M. Soppe, 5th G. Beyer, 12th D. Ellwood, 14th T. Sterrick.
Birdies - 3rd M. Soppe, 3rd W. Judkins.
Churchill Monash Ladies Championships Final Round - 28/11/17
Day Winner - M. Mc Conville (26) 74.
DTL - S. Turner (25) 77 C/B, J. Beck (33) 77.

NTP - 3rd J. Beck, 5th S. Turner, 12th M. Dear, 14th V. Verheyen
Ladies Championship Scratch Winner
M. Dear (15) 260.
Ladies Handicap Winner
M. Dear (15) 215.
Runner Up Handicap Winner
M. Mc Conville (25) 226.
Ladies Stroke - Star Medal - December 5, 2017
Ladies Star Medalist
D. Judkins (26) 98 72.
DTL
M. Mc Conville (26) 103 77, V. Verheyen (29) 110 81.
NTP
3rd M. Dear, 5th D. Judkins, 14th M. Dear.
Saturday 13/1/18
Mens Par.
A Grade
R. Madigan (13) +5.
B Grade
T. Sterrick (20) +4.
C Grade

T. Collins (28) +1.
Ladies
V. Verheyen (29) Square.
DTL
T. Gabbett +2, D. Caldwell +2, R. Timbs Sq, R. Thornby Sq, R. Walsh Sq, D. Ellwood Sq, J. Barnes -1, M. Soppe -1.
NTP
3rd G. Blizzard, 5th 12th A. Sharrock.
Birdies
3rd R. Madigan, 3rd G. Blizzard.
Tuesday 16/1/18 Stableford Ladies Winner
V. Verheyen (29) 37.
DTL
V. Rowley (38) 35, J. Beck (34) 33 C/B.
NTP
3rd L. Peake, 12th D. Judkins, 5th J. Blizzard, 14th B. Beebe.
Sunday 21/1/18
Captains and Presidents Day - President 874

Captain 825
A Grade
G. Beyer (10) 40 C/B.
B Grade
J. Mc Cafferty (22) 41. C
Grade - J. Tetmann (26) 37.
DTL
C. Gosling 40, P. Smart 40, P. Williams 39, G. Spowart 38, K. Hills 37, B. Mathieson 38, B. Barnes 36, P. Junker 36, G. Walsh 36, J. Soppe 36.
NTP
3rd M. Buhgiar, 5th D. Ellwood, 14th P. Williams.
Birdies
3rd D. Byers, 5th G. Walsh, F. Buzgwazt, P. Smart
Tuesday 23/1/18 Stableford Ladies Winner
L. Casey (38) 42.
DTL
D. Stait (35) 35, V. Verheyen (28) 33
NTP
5th C. Barnes, 14th V. Verheyen.



Left Merryn Dear scratch winner, right Maureen McConville handicap winner Churchill & Monash Ladies golf championships.

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Churchill Fire Brigade

Be pro-active – stay prepared

Churchill Fire Brigade warns...

The fire danger period is not over yet. Please maintain your properties in a fire ready condition.

With the high winds we have been having lately, a lot of bark and leaves have been blown off trees. Keep these raked up and lawns and grassed areas mown.

In town: The same applies. Bark and leaves are to be seen in gutters and on roof tops. This makes you liable to ember attack. Those living on the outskirts of town - Manning Drive, Canterbury Way, Cutler Crescent, Glendonald Road, Ikara Way, Acacia Way, Birch Drive, Winchester Way area - are certainly candidates for ember attack.

Please know what you are going to do if a grass or bush fire threatens your area.

Please be aware that the fire brigade cannot have a fire truck attend every residence in a fire. You have a responsibility to be fire ready and know what you will do in the event of a fire near you.

Help Prevent Arson

This year sees the ninth anniversary of the Black Saturday fires. Arson is a crime. If you see something unusual, say something.

If you don't it could be your life or your property at risk. Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This

is to help prevent fires from starting.

Who is affected - people living in country Victoria and the outer metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne. The Fire Danger Period takes effect by municipality.

When is it declared - CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each municipality (shire or council) at different times in the lead up to the fire season.

It depends on the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and other local conditions. For Latrobe City, fire restrictions started on 4/12/2017 and typically will remain in place until the fire danger lessens, which could be as late as May 2018.

Fire restrictions during the Fire Danger Period

Once the Fire Danger Period has been declared, fire restrictions come into force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements.

If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted.

Other types of fire restrictions

Latrobe City have their own local laws in relation to lighting fires. Contact Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 to find out what local laws may be in place. Note: the local laws may be in place 12 months of the year.

Burning off during the Fire Danger Period

You need a permit to burn-off during the Fire Danger Period. You must also notify

ESTA on 1800 668 511 of your burn-off as contained in your permit. Otherwise our fire brigades will be called out unnecessarily.

If you are unsure of the regulations, contact your local fire brigade (Churchill 5122 2121) or CFA District 27 Headquarters 5120 3700 between 9am-5pm to clarify information about what you can and cannot do.

Fire Danger Ratings

Stay aware of the fire danger ratings and know what to do. Fire Danger Ratings predict how a fire would behave if one started, including how difficult it would be to put the fire out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions.

The rating is your trigger to act, so to stay safe you need to stay aware of the ratings in

your weather district.

On high fire danger days, monitor radio, TV weather, CFA web site and the VicEmergency app to ascertain the fire danger ratings and your actions for the day.

During the fire season, the fire danger ratings will feature in weather forecasts, be broadcast on radio and TV and appear in some newspapers. It can also be found on web sites of the CFA, Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP) by calling the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. Recorded information on specific topics can be accessed 24 hours a day.



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	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CODE RED	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.	Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass. Know your trigger – make a decision about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – when you will leave – where you will go – how you will get there – when you will return – what you will do if you cannot leave
EXTREME	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts. • If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to cfa.vic.gov.au, emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
SEVERE	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan. • If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to cfa.vic.gov.au, emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
VERY HIGH	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your bushfire survival plan. • Monitor conditions. • Action may be needed. • Leave if necessary.
HIGH	Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk.	
LOW-MODERATE	Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.	

For more information contact the VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

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Awards for Helloworld Travel, Morwell

In November each year Helloworld Travel holds its Frontliners conference for consultants to learn and network with fellow agents in the group. As part of the weekend, there is a gala dinner in which recognition and awards are presented.

Irene submitted a power point presentation to the head office extolling the attributes of her staff.

About Kim she said, "I proudly submit my recommendation for Kimberlee Stoll for consultant of the year 2017. Kim

details from room preference, to location, to accessibility to transport.

Kim goes out of her way to give clients a reason to come back. Sales Reps also express pleasure in dealing with Kim, as do her fellow team members. Antoinette says she is very lucky to have Kim as her mentor and friend and she is always willing to help her and anyone."

Irene says the thing she loves the most about Kim is that she treats the business

give her ten out of ten for service to clients.

In December 2016 I employed Antoinette as a new consultant with no experience. Kim is training Antoinette and from what I see I have another customer focused travel consultant in the making. Taking the challenge of training Antoinette was never an issue and Kim's service and sales have continued despite the time out she makes to supervise Antoinette."

Kim received a Diamond

She is a very valuable part of the team at Helloworld Travel Morwell, with a loyal client following and an amazing list of destinations to which she has travelled.

Antoinette was a finalist for Travel Consultant Rookie of the year.

She began working with

SA category.

Irene was on top of Mt Titulus in Switzerland when she received a text with the wonderful news and couldn't have been more pleased on Kim's win. "I knew Kim had a good chance of winning, but was overwhelmed when the competition is so strong in the

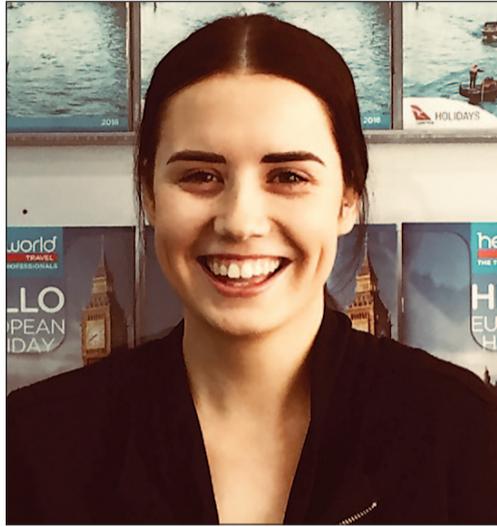


Kim

Hobart was the location and more than 600 delegates attended from 87 fully branded Helloworld Travel stores across South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria, including Kim Stoll and Antoinette Stokell from Helloworld Morwell.

Business owner Irene O'Donnell said "I am very proud to say that we were very successful".

started with me as a consultant with no experience in 2005. A few years after Kim began, we had a top seller leave our store and I asked the team to "step up" to fill the void. Kim took the challenge and has grown her sales each year. She has risen to be Front Office Manager. Her clients love her, for her diligence, warmth, compassion, attention to



Antoinette

as her own. She looks for betterment in every aspect of her work, improving efficiencies, working smarter as a team, improving customer experiences.

No matter how busy she is, Kim will always look up and smile and say hello. "I

Achievement Award AND won Consultant of the Year 2017 for VIC/TAS/SA.

Joy Martin received a Silver Achievement Award. Despite working part time, this is the second time Joy has won an Achievement Award.



Joy

Helloworld Travel Morwell in December 2016 and she was eligible to be nominated as Rookie of the Year.

This recognises first year consultants who show dedication and passion for the job and achievement of targets and goals in VIC/TAS/

Helloworld Travel network."

Irene said she was pleased with the efforts of her team, for their work ethic, welcoming smiles, and attention to details which has led the business to be so successful.

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