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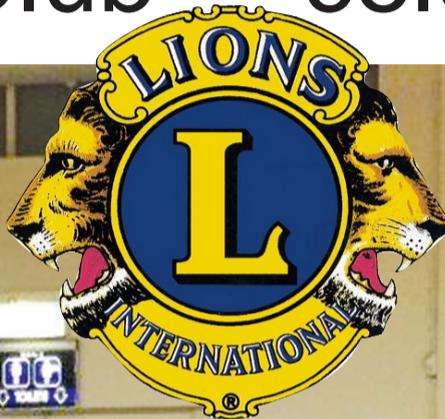
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Churchill Lions Club celebrates 40 years



Saturday was a big day for the Churchill Lions Club as it celebrated 40 years of service in the District. The Club celebrated its 40-year Charter Anniversary

with a dinner at the Italian Club in Morwell, with former Lions attending along with Lions from Morwell, Traralgon, Rosedale, Moe and Toongabbie.

Special guests on the night were the Member for Morwell Russell Northe, Latrobe City Councillor Darrell White and the Lions District Governor Anita Culpitt.

The highlight of the night was the District Governor Lion Anita Culpitt, presenting Life Membership to long serving Charter Members Wally Osuch and Ray

Medew. Lion Reg Grisotto took everyone on a nostalgic journey back in time, with plenty of laughs. Reg spoke of the projects that the Club has been

involved with over the years, and the different groups and charities that the Club has helped in the 40 years. A special cake was cut by Lion President Ross Norman.

Help is out there
For anyone impacted by the closure of Hazelwood, there is help out there.

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Closure of Hazelwood Power Station



Statement from Darren Chester, MP

The closure of Hazelwood Power Station marks the end of an era.

All Hazelwood workers and their families have played an important role in keeping our lights on and providing the reliable, baseload energy which has been critical to the development of our region, and our nation. I thank them for their hard work.

The entire Gippsland region was thinking of the workers as the final units came offline. It was their hard

work and dedication, at all hours of the day, that allowed Victoria to become one of Australia's greatest economic success stories.

We are proud in the Latrobe Valley to provide the majority of Victoria's energy needs. Even up until this summer, our region was powering not just Victoria, but also South Australia and New South Wales.

The recent closure of Hazelwood is a significant moment in time in our region's development.

The impacts will continue

to be felt in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

Both the State and Federal Governments have made significant funding announcements, primarily for local sporting and community infrastructure, to support local jobs and liveability in our region.

This is welcome. But more needs to be done to create more sustainable local jobs through investment in critical infrastructure, that will improve productivity and boost industries and small businesses.

For those Hazelwood workers seeking other employment, the Federal Government is committed to providing you with the support you need.

We will also continue to encourage investment in the Latrobe Valley, diversify the economy, and provide alternative sources of revenue for affected supply chain businesses.

By working together we can help secure a prosperous future for Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley.

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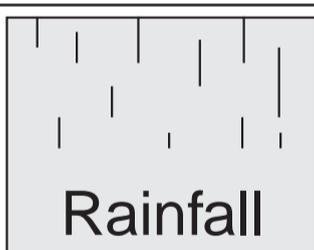
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Churchill Heart Walkers



Did you make a New Year's resolution to get fit? Perhaps you started well but have given up already.

A great way to get fit is to join a walking group. In Churchill we have a friendly group, comprising men and women of various ages and abilities, called Churchill Heart Walkers. We are sponsored by the Heart Foundation - membership is free and we can help you to register if you wish. The benefits are that you will

receive a regular newsletter with interesting information, and incentives when you reach milestone walks. However you can just join in and walk with us if you prefer.

We walk three times each week, and on Mondays and Fridays we meet at the Leisure Centre car park at 8.30am, on Wednesdays we meet at the car park at Lake Hyland at 8.30am.

The Monday walk takes us from the Leisure Centre around Lake Hyland and

back, and this is the longest walk. On Wednesdays we walk around Lake Hyland and on Fridays we walk from the Leisure Centre along Eel Hole Creek behind the university residences to the Northways Road roundabout.

At the end of the walks some of our members go into the Leisure Centre for a cup of tea or coffee (cost \$1.00)

Anyone wishing to join us should just meet us at the start of any of the walks - you would be most welcome.

Surplus Nappy Collection

From May 5-19 with the support of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Discount Chemist and Churchill Newsagency, Churchill & District News is once again collecting unused clean nappies to be donated to The Nappy Collective charity.

There will be collection boxes at these places in Churchill, plus Russell Northe's Office in Morwell for you to add any left over nappies you wish to donate to charity.

Do you have too many nappies?

We will accept unused disposable nappies from open packaging. The nappies however must be clean. Labelling the size is extremely helpful too!

We do not accept cloth nappies. On average a baby can use 50-70 nappies a week. The families we assist are already facing very stressful circumstances so we aim to provide them with the easiest

nappy options possible.

We also accept disposable nappy bags.

At the end of the collection time, Churchill & District News will collect and forward the numbers collected to the Nappy Collective.

Locally they will be sorted, packed and swiftly distributed to any local organisations that support families in crisis or need, such as women's crisis shelters, refuges, mothers facing homelessness, parenting support organisations and community organisations.

The Nappy Collective is a Community initiative run by volunteers. They are a group of mums who had a handful of unused nappies that their toddlers did not fit into anymore.

After considering the options of what to do with only six nappies - pass them onto a friend? keep them for the next child? throw them out - what a waste!

They began to wonder if there were other parents out there that also had a handful or even half a box of nappies they were unable to use.

What if they were able to collect all these left over nappies and distribute them to families in crisis or in need? Collectively these handfuls of nappies could make a big difference.

Since October 2013, when they launched their first Nappy Collective via Facebook, they have been overwhelmed with the response. Hundreds of thousands of nappies have been collected and distributed to those in need.

In Churchill we too have been overwhelmed by the number collected so far, and hope the generous public will again help us to fulfil our aim of over 1000 for this collection time.

See their website at www.thenappycollective.com



By Linda Reid

Exciting times ahead for the Churchill District Community Association and hopefully good outcomes for our residents. We reported last month that we were in the process of engaging a consultant to assist in ensuring our viability into the future. Some of you may have met Celeste at the Churchill Festival and completed a survey. This will assist us in understanding how visible we are in the community as well as how accessible we are to you and if the issues we deal with are seen as important to you. If you are asked to give some feedback

whilst you are out and about in Churchill, your opinion is very important.

The Churchill District Community Association has begun a process of examining how viable and sustainable we are. We have obtained funding to engage someone to assist us with this so if you receive a survey or are asked about your thoughts, they are valuable in helping us to create a strategy to ensure that we will be sustainable in the future.

An update on the empty Acacia Way service station.

The EPA did a fantastic job of following concerns about the piles of dirt. They

have stated that it was safe with no pollutants like lead, but as it was causing dust pollution it was removed by the owners. The fence was fixed at the same time. The owners stated that the site will be put up for sale shortly. We will watch for developments.

Our next meeting is on May 16 at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly Green Inc.) at 5.30pm and you are very welcome to attend. Although we are only meeting quarterly we are operational between our meetings so please check our website <http://cdca.org.au>. We really would like to hear from you.

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Q: What is your favourite city or destination and why?
a: AFRICA - I LOVE SEEING THE ANIMALS IN THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT.

Q: What's your best travel tip?
a: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Q: What's the best food you have eaten on your travels?
a: A DANISH PASTRY WHILE IN DENMARK, OR I SHOULD SAY PASTRIES.

Q: Where is the most unusual destination city or thing you have seen/visited?
a: THE COMMUNITY OF CHICKEN IN ALASKA - WHEN I VISITED IT HAD A POPULATION OF 27 - IT CURRENTLY HAS A POPULATION OF 7 - IT HAS A GAS STATION AND A CAFE - THE MAIL PLANE FLIES IN ONCE A WEEK.

Q: What is one thing you cannot travel without?
a: MY CAMERA.

Q: How many countries have you visited?
a: 82

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I was pleased to recently attend the Lions Club of Churchill and District's 40th anniversary dinner. The Lions Club provides a wonderful service to our community and we are blessed to have so many quality clubs and individuals across our region! Congratulations to the Churchill Lions who celebrated 40 successful years and congratulations to all members past and present for

your service!

The Churchill Festival was held on Saturday March 18 with a great crowd in attendance on the day. There was a great array of stalls and entertainment on display throughout the day. Congratulations to the organisers on a successful event!

The 2017 Men's Shed funding round is now open. Grants of up to \$60,000 are

now available to construct a new men's shed, redevelop an existing shed or co-locate a shed.

Refurbishment grants of up to \$30,000 are also available.

Men's Sheds play a very important role in our rural communities and are one of the most powerful tools we have in helping men to remain valued and valuable members of our community.

Russell Northe

I encourage incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local councils to apply for this round of funding.

Applications for grants close on Friday June 16, 2017 and guidelines and application can be downloaded at <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-business-and-community/community-involvement/men-in-the-community/mens-sheds>

A reminder the Churchill

& District News short story and poetry competition is on again. There are five open categories and nine local categories. The closing date for entries is Thursday July 13, 2017. If you require further information, conditions of entry or entry forms please email cdeditorial@aussiebb.com.au or phone 5122 1961. Entry forms and conditions are also available online at cdnews.com.au



Latrobe City Council has made a submission to

Darrell White

the Victorian State Budget 2017/18 pressing home the need for further support for our community during the transition process.

Council's submission seeks to draw attention to our "Strength-Led Transition" document which outlines Council's desire to build a strong future through collaborative and collective engagement with our community. It was considered

vital to approach the requests for funding with this in mind.

Council's primary "ask" is for 700 public service jobs to relocate to Latrobe City through government department decentralisation. Council has specifically called for either the Earth Resources and Energy Agency, the Environmental Protection Authority or Consumer Affairs Victoria to be re-located.

In addition, a second demand is for improved rail services in Gippsland.

The Gippsland line is the slowest and most unreliable in the state and requires significant investment to bring it in line with the rest of Victoria.

Council's request is for funding for a technical study (\$1.5 million over two years), implementation of a capacity building project

(\$1.5 billion over five years) and regional infrastructure such as rolling stock, station upgrades and signalling at a cost of \$500 million.

Churchill Town Hall – Booking arrangements

Whilst I acknowledge I mentioned this last month, I want to again remind our community that Council has introduced modified arrangements which enable Churchill Town Hall Hire

bookings to now be made at Council's Service Centre at the Churchill Hub.

The community rate for bazaars, fetes, stalls, presentation nights, school concerts, weddings, social events and meetings is currently \$18.50 per hour.

All bookings and other enquiries should be made by speaking to staff at the Churchill Hub Service Centre. Telephone 1300 367 700.

Al-Anon

like this, he would say "It's your fault!"

After a time I came to believe this and I tried to be 'perfect'. My confidence fell because I was incapable of being as perfect as I was expected to be.

In 1987 we emigrated to Australia where my husband had secured a job as a psychiatric nurse! Life became worse; his drinking increased, he started having affairs; there was nowhere to turn for help.

Then I found Al-Anon, thank God! Here were people who understood what I was going through. I found my voice, after many months, and talked and listened and

learned about the disease of alcoholism. I got my daughter into Alateen.

My husband never found AA and eventually, as the drinking and abuse increased, I left him. Life was very hard but my daughter and I had the support of Al-Anon and Alateen and our lives began to improve.

Al-Anon has taught me tolerance and not to be judgemental. Occasionally I slip back to my old ways of behaving, but now know that if I continue to attend Al-Anon meetings and use the Al-Anon tools, I will be brought back to sanity.

Then I found Al Anon

I was born in the north of England when women looked after the house and men went to work. On Sundays the men would go to the pub and meet with their friends and expect the women to have dinner ready, and on the table, when they returned. All men seemed to be 'strong drinkers' - drinking pints of beer, some, many pints of beer!

So I grew up expecting this with the man I eventually married - and I wasn't disappointed! What I hadn't expected though, was the constant criticism and unpleasantness I had to endure.

When I asked why he was

Churchill Town Safety Group



Post Summer Period

As we come out of the summer period, there is still the chance that bushfires may occur around the area. In recent times, we have had bushfires in the Erica / Rawson area and the Dargo area in East Gippsland.

It is important to know when and where these bushfires occur and the best way to find out is via the "Vic

emergency" App which is available free on your mobile phone and the local radio media ie: - Gippsland FM 104.7, Gippslands 1242 and ABC radio 100.7 FM or 828 AM.

Also watch out for smoke in your area as there may be "burn offs" taking place.

Report any suspicious activity to 000.



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Australian Plant Society



Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Polyscias sambucifolia

Family: Araliaceae

Derivation:

Polyscias: From the Greek, polys, meaning many, and scias, meaning canopy or umbel, referring to the often large and many rayed umbels (which are flower clusters in which several flower stalks arise from the same point, usually at the end of a peduncle, the main flower stalk).

Sambucifolia; From sambucus, the Latin name for the European Elder, and the Latin folium, meaning leaf, thus the leaves are similar to the European Elder.

Common Name: Elderberry Panax.

Distribution: Along the Great Dividing Range, eastwards from Melbourne,

extending to the coast eastwards from Lakes Entrance and north through NSW and Queensland, also in Tasmania.

Description: A tall shrub or small tree to 10m tall, with very variable compound leaves to 40cm long. They can be pinnate or bipinnate, with entire or toothed margins, but they always have a terminal leaflet and are dull, glossy or glaucous (without hairs) dark green above and smooth whitish-green underneath. Umbels of flowers occur in late spring and early summer, which are small and yellow-green in colour. These develop into blue-grey, succulent, edible fruits about 6mm in diameter.

Opinion: The specimen in my garden is the small-leaved form (leaflets 2cm x 2mm) and originated from cuttings. In my garden they

sucker like mad and I'm forever thinning them out, though I've left three or four to grow together and they are now about 3m tall. I presume the local form (leaflets 15cm x 4cm) also suckers, as it seems to grow in groups. The flowers are insignificant, but the fruits are more visible and are quite tasty when fully ripe, sweet with a touch of aniseed bitterness, though you do end up with a mouthful of tiny seeds that are best spat out and may well be the method by which the species propagates itself. Birds and insects also enjoy the fruits, as the rosellas are often seen extracting the pulp and seeds, and I assume the Jewel Beetles weren't there just for show.

Sources: Costermans - Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia. Corrick and Fuhrer - Wildflowers of Victoria.



Cooking with Noelene

Seafood Stew

Cook 2 chopped onions with 2 tbs of ghee in a pan over a low heat until softened.

Add 3 tbs of minced garlic.

Chop and de-seed 1 yellow, 1 green and 1 red capsicum and add to the pan.

Peel and chop 500gm of ripe tomatoes and add these to the pan along with 1x 170gm tin of tomato paste.

Finally add 1 tsp of chopped chilli.

Stirring constantly, continue to cook for 5 minutes.

Now stir in the juice and grated rind of 1 lime.

Add 2 tbs of freshly chopped coriander and 1 bay leaf.

Pour in 500 ml of fish stock, slowly bring to the boil, stirring occasionally.

Place the mixture in the bowl of your slow cooker, cover and cook on a low heat for 6 hours.

Prepare your seafood -

Place cubed 500 gm of skinned salmon fillets and add 500 gm of raw and deveined



prawns along with 250 gm of sliced squid bodies into a bowl, season with salt and pepper, cover and refrigerate till the stew is ready.

Add the seafood to the stew, replace the lid and place the slow cooker on high for 30 minutes, or until tender and cooked through.

Remove the bay leaf and serve immediately.

Melon and Pineapple

Tabbouleh

Melon and Pineapple
Tabbouleh with Lemon

Sesame Dressing

In a bowl, soak 1 cup of burghal in plenty of cold water for 30 minutes.

Then drain and squeeze out any excess moisture.

Peel and de-seed a small cantaloupe and a small honeydew melon, cut into cubes.

Add 300 gm of cubed watermelon.

Place the melon cubes in a salad bowl.

Now add 1 cup of fresh pineapple cubes, 1/2 cup of chopped parsley, 1/2 cup of

chopped mint, 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts.

Toss well to combine, just before serving pour over.

Lemon sesame dressing

3 tbs of lemon juice
2 tbs of pineapple juice
1/4 cup of green ginger wine

2 tbs of sesame seeds
1 tsp of Dijon mustard
2 tbs of honey
3 tbs of peanut oil
Salt and pepper to taste.

Place all the ingredients in a screw top jar to combine, shake well.



The message of the Al-Anon Family Groups, Al-Anon and Alateen, is one of hope. It is the story of people who once felt helpless, lost and lonely because of another's alcoholism. Although Al-Anon grew from a need expressed by family members of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Alateen offer help and hope to friends and families of alcoholics whether the person is still drinking or not. While many of our members no longer maintain daily contact with an alcoholic, they seek the mutual support Al-Anon and Alateen groups offer.

Al-Anon is a unique fellowship that unites members of different backgrounds, races and walks of life in an inspiring endeavour: helping themselves and others to lead purposeful, useful lives by overcoming the frustration and helplessness caused by close association with an alcoholic. Alateen (for younger members) is a vital part of Al-Anon family Groups. Young people seeking help with problems that arise when alcoholism

afflicts a parent, another close relative, or a friend meet to exchange experiences and to gain an understanding of themselves and the alcoholic. This helps their own personal development and can help stabilise troubled thinking resulting from close association with an alcoholic.

"Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work" explains how to start a group, help it grow and discover how other members have solved problems common to groups. The harmony and success of each group depends on shared responsibility, a warm spirit of fellowship and individual self-improvement.

Today these people have courage and confidence, have found understanding and learned what to do to help themselves - this can indirectly help their alcoholic relatives, loved ones and friends, whether sober or not. Al-Anon will always be what its members make it. Al-Anon believes that our benefits are measured by our willingness to share them with others. For we know we can never give as much as we receive.

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Co-Operating Church Snippets

Our church members enjoy being involved in many community activities.

The Lions Markets are held on the third Saturday morning of each month, despite the occasional wind gust or dampness, our folk from the Church have a gazebo there and are enjoying meeting friends old and new. Each month we raffle a trailer load of wood, plus sell jams, chutneys, plants, bric a brac and delicious home cooking.

Still other members of the church work tirelessly at the Lions Stall, providing a warming BBQ lunch for the attendees. Take time to visit them.

Churchill & District News

Some of our parishioners are part of the volunteer team that help to compile The Churchill & District News each month. They have for sale the set of four history books that celebrate the lives of some of our early residents.

They also sell postcards of Churchill showing both the old and the new street scenes of the town. Copies of the paper are available and

of course, we always enjoy a chat with both young and old.

Mathison Park

Initiating and coordinating the improvements to give the Churchill Community the delightful Mathison Park we have today, was a dream. Some members are involved in helping the small team of volunteers that have various projects on the go to maintain our hidden gem of a park.

Easter Club

Parishioners from Churchill and Boolarra are enjoying running the Easter Club program with one of our local schools. Over two sessions the children follow the simplified story of Jesus Christ from the events leading to the cross, to the reason to celebrate His resurrection.

The significance of the Easter eggs and Hot Cross buns are also explained and enjoyed.

Snippets

World day of Prayer was held on March 3 at 7.30pm at the Co-Operating churches. This is a service we share with Lumen Christi. It was our turn to host it this year.

The Theme was "Am I being fair to you?" and was written by women in the Philippines.

Thelma Davies was the guest speaker. She is from the Philippines, but is now an Australian citizen. Thelma spoke of the life and the struggles of the people in the Philippines. One of their struggles is with their vulnerability to natural disasters like Typhoon Haiyan which devastated the land. Some are still recovering from its impacts. One lady shared her situation saying she was still living in a makeshift hut at her neighbours.

Women in the Philippines suffer many injustices with one in five being subject to violence and other abuse. The government and Christian organisations like the Bible Society are working to address the issues and empower the women to stand together and support each other.

To add colour to the occasion two ladies (Trecy Dunelon and Tess Jordan) dressed in traditional costume and performed some

traditional dances to the delight of those present.

Sunday Evening, Journey of Faith: Russell has enjoyed running a series on the book "Hinds Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. He referred to Scripture, music and prayer to help the people on their spiritual journey, learning more about God.

Saturday Breakfast

At the end of March, Ron Camier from Mountain Top Experiences gave a fascinating talk about how a professional researcher in Brown Coal would venture into a new job four wheel driving visitors to Walhalla and to Mount Baw Baw. Then expanding the business to accommodate particularly overseas tourists and ferry them to and from the snow fields.

He set out to leave a legacy, trusting God to guide him and his family into their new ventures and he has achieved just that.

His children are now married and have family of their own, yet still find time to take on voluntary positions in their own churches.

Coffee Connections

We had a lovely time, first of all, chatting about what we couldn't possibly give away. Discussed were special letters from children, to special items of jewellery, or special gifts. Then mention was made about Marion and Don's set of textbooks that were written to help the poorer reader.

Then, after a cuppa and a chat, Joan Cox from Birmingham spoke about



her involvement with the Chaplaincy program run at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

Lenten Study Groups

During Lent a number of us have been studying a book based on the Gospel of Matthew. It is called, "With you always" written by Robert Bos.

Two groups are studying the book. One group meets in Churchill led by Reverend Brenda, and Russell Hadley and the other group meet at the Boolarra Catholic church.

Jesus Christ taught about the need for compassion, where we need to think of others, rather than ourselves. Jesus Christ's Father (God), is Loving and provides Peace for those who believe in HIM. Jesus Christ empathised with those who were poor or outcast due to illness or social rejection. He also tried to correct political or religious bigotry by using spiritual stories to highlight errors of thinking or actions.

Each study takes us on the journey Jesus Christ took towards the cross.

Then we learn more about His resurrection and the commissioning of His disciples and His followers.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Luke McCord and his friend spoke about their ministry in Fulham Prison, near Sale.

We watched a short film clip taken in an American prison about a thug who was a "stand over man", suddenly changing his attitudes and life's habits after hearing, then believing in the life Jesus Christ offers.

A series of prayer and short teaching sessions are given each month at Fulham. As the prisoners leave, they are encouraged to give the biscuits they have just been given to someone they need to forgive. The prison warden attending these sessions, sometimes gets a lot of biscuits!

The Church's Junior and Senior Youth Group enjoyed their hiking climb to Billys Creek.

Student Connect

By Frank Lees

If someone says 'get your thinking cap on' it usually refers to the need to take time for consideration of a question. Let's do just that!

Does knowledge require absolute certainty?

Historical events, for instance, can be known, without proof.

Beauty can also be known without proof, without being able to be reproduced in a lab.

It follows that 100% certainty is not really required to know a thing; and, that if something cannot be proven it doesn't mean that it cannot be known.

If 'proof' is sought...then

mathematical, or repeatable experiments can limit our knowledge.

If science was the only source of real knowledge, we wouldn't be able to 'prove' science.

Think about it!

We can, therefore, have good reasons for believing something that is felt to be true.

What has been said is that the 'habit forming beliefs about the biggest questions



of life which help us to make sense of all experiences' is one definition of what we call our 'worldview'.

I would say, then, that by definition Atheism is a belief system.

Worth thinking about!

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

Williams 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

by Keith Enders

Dr Ron Camier of Mountain Top Experience was the guest speaker for the Breakfast.

Mountain Top Experience is a company that offers four wheel drive driver training, 4WD tours for passengers and 4WD tag along tours, mini bus hire, Latrobe Valley Power Industry tours and a Mt Baw Baw transport service in winter.

Some of the tours include visits to ghost towns, mines and the mountains. It also runs the Mountain Rivers Tourist Park at Rawson. The company also carries out 4WD recoveries when people get into trouble.

Ron began his talk by telling us of his early experiences, which included graduating with three degrees, one was a PhD in chemical engineering, from the University of Melbourne.

He worked as a Chemical Engineer in the Herman Laboratory of the SEC, with the Victorian Brown Coal Council, Brown Coal Liquefaction Victoria, the Coal Corporation of Victoria

and Herman Research P/L and finally at HRL Technology P/L where he was made redundant when the company closed.

Ron had experience in four wheel driving from an early age and he came to the conclusion that it was something he could profit from and so Mountain Top Experience was started.

An activity that the company used to carry out were one day tours for passengers from cruise ships that visited Melbourne.

The tours covered visiting Walhalla and surrounding places of interest including mines and an old copper mine.

The tours received high praise from the passengers, mainly Americans but unfortunately due to the GFC the numbers of Americans visiting dropped off.

Ron completed his talk by explaining what effect renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, were having on the local coal fired power stations.

The brown coal power stations need to be run at full power to be at their most



efficient and to minimise wear and damage to the boilers.

The peak load for electricity, which occurs in the evening, was supplemented by gas powered stations and hydro power.

Now, with renewable energy supplying most of their energy during the day, the power stations have to vary their power outputs in a way they never had to.

This varying of outputs puts extra stress on the boilers and equipment and can lead to premature failure.

Vale Jack Robson



George John Robson, known to all as Jack, was born in Coburg on December 28, 1927 to George and Mary Robson. He was the only son having three older sisters, Mollie, Jean and Betty.

Growing up in Coburg, Jack went to West Coburg Primary School where he joined the school choir, winning a Talent Quest show. The Choir proceeded to travel to Sydney to compete.

Leaving Brunswick Technical College, at age 14, Jack began an electrical apprenticeship working for Hudson Brothers Electrical Contractors, where he was employed for approximately 15 years.

As a teenager, Jack enjoyed riding his pushbike and could often be found riding around the velodrome

at Coburg.

Singing at different events Jack was often asked to sing at weddings. While singing at one wedding, he was approached, and asked if he would sing at a wedding the next week. Not really wanting to do it Jack asked an outrageous price. Much to his disgust, they actually agreed to pay it, and Jack found himself spending the next week having to learn music and songs.

Jack was a member of the Younger Set. This was a social group which raised funds for the Scouts. They would often have dances and this is where he met Olive. Each time Jack came to take Olive out, he would hand her a corsage. Liking each other, they became a couple, and after six years, on October

17, 1953 they married at Holy Trinity Church Coburg. They had four boys Peter, John, David and Steven.

Buying the High Street Newsagent in Malvern, they remained there for five years before deciding to move to country Morwell in 1969, for a better life for their family. The family agreed it was the best thing Mum and Dad ever did. Owing firstly the Rintoull Street Newsagency, they eventually moved to Churchill and took over the Newsagency there from the Jones.

Barbara Culph was their assistant but also a member of the Boolarra Co-Operating Church. She remains a friend as do others they met through customers and the businesses in town, like the Evendens in the butcher shop.

Christmas time was a time when community spirit was at its best, especially among the shopkeepers who would have a get together.

When Jack and Olive went on holidays, son Peter would step up and help out. The sons were also newspaper boys and would work at the shop in the holidays.

Jack was up at 4am, at the shop at 5am to have the newspapers ready for the paper boys at 6am. The papers had to be picked up from Morwell Railway Station in the morning and on the highway at 3pm for the Herald newspapers.

The shop opened at 7.30am.

The Robson's had the newsagency for eight years until they retired.

They had owned newsagencies for 20 years before Jack sold the business.

During their years in the Churchill Newsagency they had lived in their home in Morwell. On retirement they decided to move permanently down to the holiday house at Rosebud.

After retirement Jack and Olive became even busier. They travelled around Europe, twice for three months at a time.

They wandered along the Western Australian coast for 12 weeks, and each year, for 30 years, spent time in

Queensland. When Steven moved to Merimbula they would get an apartment and stay there for a two or three month visit in winter.

While the children were growing up, the family would holiday at Rosebud. Firstly camping and eventually having a holiday house there, for all of their school and Christmas break-ups.

The property was developed into a lovely place with an orchard and shady trees and a garden. They loved their time there.

Jack was involved in the boy's sports. He became the Secretary for the Morwell RSL Youth Football Club, ultimately becoming a life member. When the children were older, he and Olive would go on cruises to the Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

Jack was a family man, and as his family extended to include his daughters-in-law Carol and Tania, he couldn't have been prouder.

Peter and Carol were the first couple to be married in the new Churchill Co-Operating Church.

Of course the addition of the grandchildren Amanda, Jamie, Kate, Kayne and Joel thrilled him especially when their partners Dave, Trileen, Nick, Megan and Suzie arrived. Then he had the added pleasure of getting to

know his great grandchildren Jacob, Tayla, Lucas, Bailey, Isabella, Ava and Coen.

He was delighted when Joel became an electrical apprentice.

Lawn bowls was one of Jack's hobbies. He became President of the Rosebud RSL Lawn Bowls Club and Treasurer at the Yinnar Lawn Bowls Club. He was an avid Carlton Football fan, though he did enjoy watching all footy games.

Listening to Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Paul Robeson, gave Jack a lot of pleasure. He could always be found singing or whistling his way through each day. Reading was something he delighted in, and it didn't matter what the book was.

Having his 80th birthday at home surrounded by his family meant a great deal to Jack, however his most rewarding achievement was that he and Olive had been married for 63 years and been together for almost 70.

Jack had a terrific sense of humour, he was a loving family man and a 'silly (but lovable) old bugger'. Jack Robson passed away quietly at Maryvale Hospital on January 27, 2017 after a well fought battle with illness. Jack's ready smile and cheerful nature will be sadly missed.

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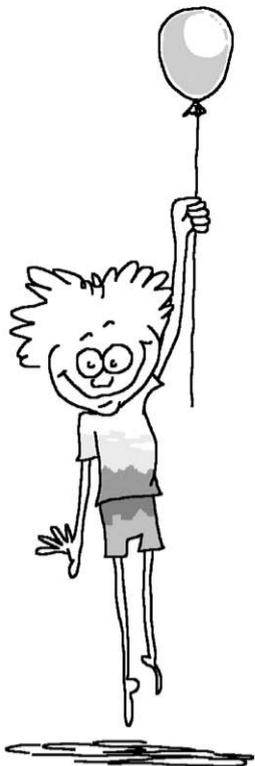
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Churchill Community Festival a success



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Get carried away

March 18 started early in Churchill with the Fun Run.

There are many participants, and this event runs each Saturday morning for all age groups. It is very well organised, Saturday was their 62nd run. The group meets at the Hub and begins their walk and or run, returning to the Hub. Des said he does it as a change from farm work. Wendy said she loves it. Everyone is very friendly and supporting. It is a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Sam said it doesn't matter how fast you go.

As the Fun Runners departed the crew of wonderful volunteers from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, which co-ordinated the festival, began the work of setting up around the Hub. Those at the Lions Market had already begun their day before 8.30am

Churchill Community Festival included the Lions Market, some shops in the shopping centre and activities around the Hub. There was a happy crowd of folks visiting each venue.



At the Lions Market

Tim Rose is a regular stall holder at our Markets. He enjoys visiting our area to display the products associated with firewood supplies. While chatting with Tim he mentioned that he really feels sad for the workers at Hazelwood. The repercussions are not short term.

'Nanny & Me' is Sue and Maree, a lovely mother and daughter team who enjoy making handcrafts for their stall. They embroider towels, personalised cabbage patch beanies and crochet topped hand towels. The joy they get from making a variety of nicely made goods is infectious.

The Latrobe Valley branch of Gippsland Historic Automobile Club Inc had a display of their beautifully restored vehicles.

The Cooperating Churches in Churchill ran their wood raffle and had jams, chutneys and plants etc for sale.

Sewbarello is run by Tracey Baggs who makes hand-made purses, handbags and gift items from scratch bags. It was her first time but she wants to come back.

The Churchill Lions run their BBQ and drinks van and were flat out all the time.

Strzelecki Stringbusters entertained the crowd. They play for fundraisers such as for a policeman who had a stroke, and Bring Matt Home charity.

Di's Kid Fashion is a local business for over 17 years. Di has lived in Churchill for 28 years and loves doing what she does. With 14 grandchildren she started a



business in order to create good quality, comfortable clothing for them.

Col + Di sell dresses and baby onesies, bibs and hooded towels.

CFA fire safety to community was present.

Two Nana's Crafts sell hand-crafted, knitted and crochet dolls and pot holders, microwave holders, children's toys, baby's toys and footy ties.

Carry On is a new shop for veterans which has recently opened. You can drop into the centre as well as drop-off goods, talk and have coffee with other veterans.

Horse rides were popular with the children.

At the Hub.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNHC) co-ordinator Abigail was very pleased with the way the Festival went. She noted people walking between the Lions Market, shops and the Hub area which made it the inclusive event it was meant to be. People are realising it is a regular event and are looking forward to it. Running an event such as this is a steep learning curve, but it has been good to build on the previous good work begun by former co-ordinator Julia Leonard.

Abigail described the event as a great way to meet people and to network. The organising committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the event, ENGIE, Latrobe City Council, Federation University, HVP Plantations, Latrobe Community Health Service, Woolworths Churchill, Tony Antonelli Tax Accountant Churchill, Leon Azlin Mortgage Choice, Gippsland Trade Printers (leaflets for leaflet drop), Lions Club of Churchill and District, Rotary Club of Hazelwood and District, 1st Churchill Scouts (for supply of tents), Headspace, Churchill & District News, and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

The CNHC volunteers, the Lions Club members and committee members all helped to make the day a success.

Without these wonderful community members so much would never be achieved.

Latrobe Community Health Service provided the blender bike and ingredients for their stall providing about 250 smoothies. The three volunteers included two international students who loved being part of the day. They heard lots of lovely comments from the children as they chose the ingredients for their smoothie.

The CNHC provided Devonshire teas, cooking 600 scones.

The teas were much appreciated by the people. The children attended Storytime in the Library with the FedUni students which was well received. They also did lots of colouring and drawing to make the patchwork flowers.

The Library ended up loaning 116 books to eager young readers and helped to grow the Bookworm. Normal Storytime at the Library will be changed to 10.30 am.

Green Cross Veterinary Group provided a prize for the raffle. The prize raised lots of interest. It was won by Lexi.

It was the generous sponsors who provided many free activities such as the jumping castle, bungee run, air brush tattoos, and popcorn which ran out (managed by the Anglicare team), marimba workshop, face painting, Jo Jo the Clown and Pirate Pete.

Marimba is a great way to introduce children to play music as absolutely anyone can get a tune and play it. This accessible music for everyone was heaps of fun and attracted people of all ages to enjoy it.

Jo Jo the Clown could be seen roaming around and with Pirate Pete, interacted with the crowd. At one stage Pirate Pete could be seen playing Connect 4, snakes and ladders and twister with the children on the lawn at the front of the Hub.

Later Beans the Clown came and made wonderful balloon sculptures for the children ending up with blistered fingers from the effort.



The United Muslim Sisters provided henna hand painting.

Plant sales at the Community Garden were very successful and it was chance to showcase the new rock wall embankment project.

Knitting and Crochet Group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre had Bronwyn demonstrate how to spin some lovely alpaca wool. The beautiful rug she had made showed the variety of colours that are available with this wool. The rug itself was made for a specific display.

The knitting and crochet group meet at CNHC on Wednesdays 10:00 to 12:30. Often their articles are made for certain charities.

Churchill Leisure Centre participated in the Churchill Community Festival with a stall in the Hub area.

Latrobe City Council was very happy with the number of people who visited and received information.

The children were given a free pass for a swim that afternoon and enjoyed the experience.

Latrobe City Council said it was a great way to help promote the Churchill Leisure Centre and it's health promoting programs and facilities.

Churchill & District News team had a lovely time meeting people and selling some of their new postcard collection and history books.

Mathison Park had a display board of photos of the park with a plea for more volunteers to come and help

at working bees.

Hazelwood Rotary Club provided the BBQ at the Hub site. They cooked up a storm and sold out. They were very pleased. The Rotary Club also arranged for the medieval re-enactment and the Wheelchairs for Kids display. Rotary members like doing nice things and meeting needs in the community and fulfilling an urge to help make a difference.

Hazelwood Rotary Club helps to support various needy projects.

Margaret Palmer from Hazelwood Rotary Club is promoting the work of Casey and Wandin Rotary Clubs. For \$200 they can make 340 wheelchairs for children who need them in the destitute countries both near and far from Australia.

Both Peter from Casey Rotary and Russell from Wandin Rotary Club, visit the Melbourne schools to help raise awareness of the program, and seek the much needed financial support to continue making these practical mobility movers.

Each wheelchair recipient is also given a brightly coloured metre square crocheted or hand - knitted rug and a knitted soft toy.

If anyone has a nice small hand - knitted rug to donate or if you are a skilled knitter and would like to make small soft toys to help support this worthy cause, please contact Hazelwood Rotary Club President Ian on 0409 937 222.



Swordcraft Gippsland and their medieval games

This club was set up in June 2016, and already has a large membership of males and females.

They meet fortnightly on a Saturday, at Agnes Brereton Park in Traralgon, between 3 and 6 pm. Visitors are welcome to watch their re-enactment of warrior type war games.

The participants dress in medieval type costumes and they wear specific tabards and sashes - coloured bands to signify which side they are on, or whether they are a visitor who is participating for the first time.

Detailed guidelines given on the day, dictate how the war game is to happen.

Keegan was dressed as a Bergkrieger, who wore a type of chain mail head-dress, plus a leather type outfit that had some rather heavily padded and studded areas on the front of the wrap-over vest. Others wore a variety of protective garments.

Despite the heat, the participants seemed happy to "suit up" to represent their team.

The Swordcraft Gippsland group is a live

action roleplay or LARP group which uses latex swords, arrows and other weapons in order to fight each other in battle games, whilst wearing real armour. The realistic combat requires actual skill in a realistic fight.

War band leaders At the Churchill Fair we saw three groups: the Ravens, the Vikings and the DC fight against each other. The Vikings were based upon a viking war band, the Ravens a militaristic knighthood and the DC was based upon a fantasy army with people wearing masks depicting fantasy races such as orcs and such.

Facebook - emails at Gippslandlarp@hotmail.com

Free fruit was provided from Woolworths at both the market and the Hub.

All the **fruit donated by Woolworths** was distributed at the market, and some remaining at the Hub was used on the following Monday for the Community Lunch.

Headspace arranged the **Battle of the Bands** in the Churchill Town Hall.

With over 100 people through the doors to support the festival and to help raise awareness of youth mental

health in the community, they considered the event a success.

Three local bands competed.

Local winner - Traralgon - Sleepless Push.

Competition semi finals later in the year.

Headlining act - The Avenue who recently released their debut EP.

Woolworths also supplied water for the Battle.

Medical Response provided the First aid coverage for the day.

Their objective was to make sure everyone was safe, looked after and put at ease, managing any emergencies.

The attendants thought it was a beautiful day, with a good sense of community with a good vibe.

Quantum Support Services were present to inform about its upcoming Protective behaviours workshop.

Environmental Protection Authority EPA Victoria were there to inform folks about how to get to know what to do, and how to get into contact with them especially in regards to Hazelwood closure and air quality.

Sporting Clubs also attended.

Churchill Baseball Club

The Churchill Baseball Club was excited to once again be part of the Churchill Festival in 2017.

Promoting the Baseball Open Day they hosted the following day, the Churchill Braves ran a speed throwing competition.

The Churchill Baseball Club is always looking for new members of all ages. Under 10 and Under 13 play on Saturday and Under 16s and seniors play on Sunday.

Training is on Wednesday nights from 4:30 pm.

Churchill Hockey Club

They meet every Thursday at the Fed Uni hockey grounds for their practices

and competitions.

Juniors have a one hour session from 5 till 6pm, then, the seniors begin their sessions at 6pm.

The design of the hockey stick continues to be improved. Apparently hockey players have a range of sticks to choose from. I was shown a new one that allows for the "drag and flick" technique to be effectively used.

The members visit the schools to help promote the game of hockey.

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact kemps@speedweb.com.au or robin61@speedweb.com.au

Churchill United Soccer Club

The Soccer Club used the event as their registration day. It was very successful and helped to boost numbers for the festival.

Churchill Bowls Club

Competition starts in West Gippsland, 6th division and they are looking for more players.

They may have played before or have never played before, but all are welcome.

The new synthetic green is being used at the Manning Drive site.

Bare foot bowls is starting up at the beginning of August.

Music

Musical entertainment was provided by the Kurnai Music classes showing the talented young people we have in our secondary college.

The Strzelecki Stringbusters also drew a following both at the market and at the Hub.

These musicians all love what they do and you can tell.

The Line Dancers showed their talent too with a lengthy display of intricate footwork.

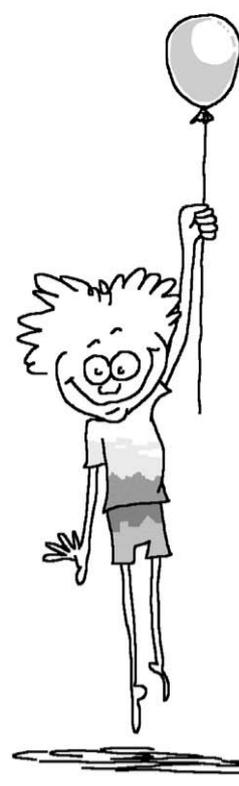
Over around the base of the Town Hall, the Men's Shed was open. They received some visitors, many women having a look so they might encourage their men folk to attend.

The Piston Car Club was on show with some of their wonderfully restored vehicles.

Churchill Fire Brigade said that piggy backing on the festival activities made for a useful day for promoting the Brigade and distributing fire safety information.

Captain Steve Barling reported that many families had visited, with the children enjoying seeing the trucks. The added attractions of the Stringbusters and the medieval re-enactment were sure crowd pleasers.

The community education trailer was also parked at the Lions Market and this drew children to receive a balloon or sticker, but also engaged the adults as well who were able to receive valuable advice.



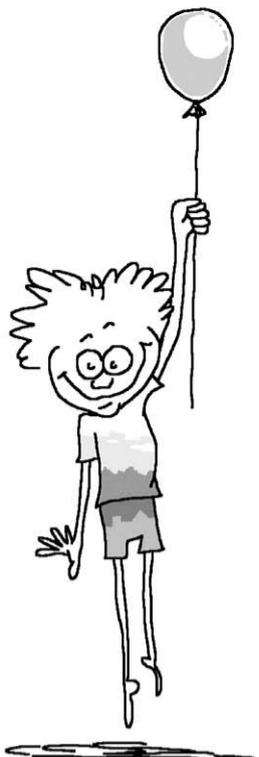
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Get carried away



Activities seen around the festival





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Churchill Festival - Around the Shops



Up in the Hazelwood Village Car park the Neighbourhood Watch team set up a tent to secure number plates and property engraving (mark of car licence etc. numbers) on things like bikes videos, and other precious items etc. They also had information about town safety and other projects the team has on the go.



Hazelwood Health Clinic offered heart shaped balloons and gave free blood pressure checks.



The Barber Shop free haircut winner was Mark



New Churchill Motors offered to show the public how to change a tyre



Discount Chemist offered a 10% discount



Smart Saver thought the idea went well for them.



The Newsagency reported it was pretty quiet around their way which was disappointing.



IGA provided two prizes for folks who went in to the draw for visiting the supermarket in the week before the festival. Winners were Helen Dyson and Jess Goodman.



Lifeline did some business- a day they are usually closed



Churchill Fish and Chip shop offered a \$20 meal voucher to the winner of those putting a ticket in a draw for visiting the shop the week before the festival. Paul was the winner



Vintage C'hill sold all their special Bushies Hot Cross Buns and made \$200 for the Royal Children's Hospital. James got up at 4.45am and travelled to Glengarry to line up before they opened.



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We need volunteers

Mathison Park working bee had only three people attend in March.

There is such a lot to do and although the three worked well much more could have been achieved.

There is weeding around lots of our new trees. There is mulch to spread and fallen branches to clear up. Our

trained chainsaw operator is away for a good part of the year so we are appealing to anyone in the community who has been trained to come forward and give us some help.

There is not a week goes by when we do not have a fallen tree or branch.

Thank you to Tim for

doing a great job of mowing and to Jim for spraying and tractor work.

You make a fantastic contribution to the park.

Working bees are held on the second Saturday of each month. We would be so grateful if you could give some time to helping.

Contact Ruth 5122 1961.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club



“Regeneration of Bogs in High Country” will be discussed at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, April 28.

Conor Wilson, is a Parks Victoria Ranger, who has been managing projects in the peat areas of the Alpine National Park. These projects tackle issues such as poorly situated

tracks, off road driving and invasive plants. He will talk about his experiences and what Parks Victoria is doing to combat the problems faced by alpine peat bogs.

A presentation at the meeting, from 7.30pm, is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road,

Newborough.

The following day's excursion is to the Morwell National Park

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 0428 422 461.

Photograph: An Alpine Bog by Conor Wilson

\$5 Million to strengthen Agricultural Leadership

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has welcomed an initiative to nurture strong leaders in agriculture.

The \$5 million Leadership in Agricultural Industries Fund was announced as a commitment in 2016 as part of the policy for a Stronger Agriculture Sector.

Mr Chester said the fund was created in recognition of the continued importance to the Australian economy of strong leadership in the \$51 billion sector. “There is a wealth of talented people in agriculture in Gippsland,” Mr Chester said.

“This is a great opportunity for us to develop the potential of our emerging leaders who are involved with representative industry bodies to become strong advocates, drive trade opportunities and support our farmers.

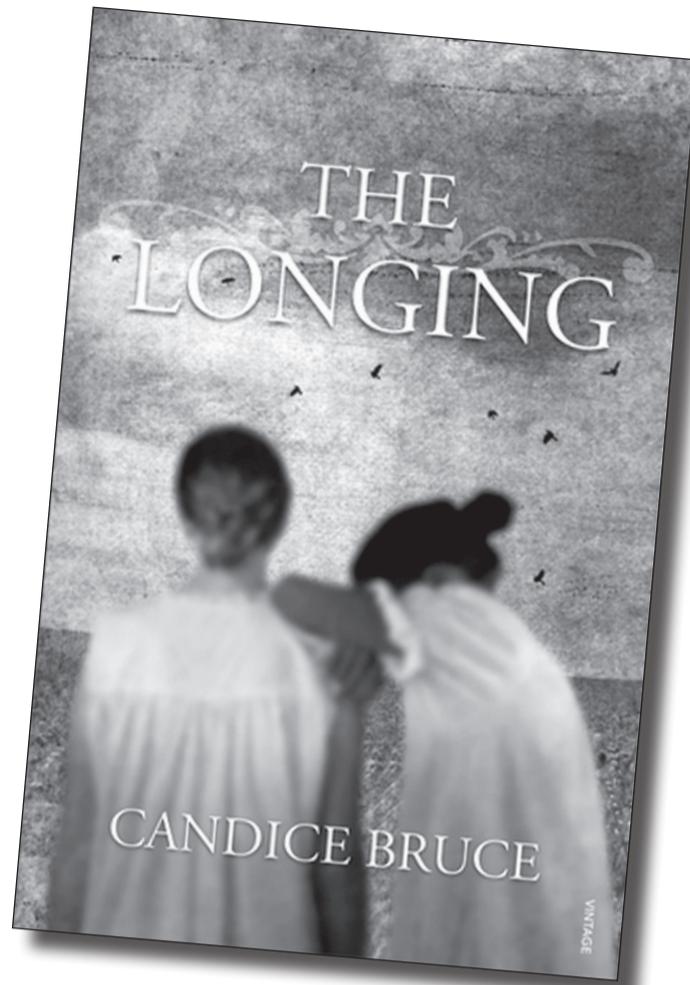
The fund will help people boost their skills, including how to better articulate their points of view and how to speak and act on behalf of industry bodies.”

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Barnaby Joyce announced that the fund opened for applications on April 5.

“A stronger agriculture sector will boost Australia's productivity, jobs and exports. To drive it, we need strong industry leaders to champion issues as well as identify opportunities for their sectors,” Mr Joyce said. “Through the Leadership in Agricultural Industries Fund, we are supporting our farming, forestry and fisheries leaders to gain the skills they need to effectively advocate agricultural commodity priorities with authenticity into urban communities, join international trade delegations, open new markets and run national corporate organisations and agribusiness companies.” The fund is open to national agricultural industry representative bodies. The grants can be used to fund professional development, training courses or strategic planning activities.

Applications close on Wednesday May 17, 2017. For more information, visit: www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/leadership-ag-fund.

Book Review



The Longing by Candice Bruce

This book has been described as one of the most extraordinary novels to come out of Australia in recent years.

Candice Bruce is based in Sydney and is a respected art historian and curator, this is her first novel.

This is really two parallel stories, one past and one present, cleverly intertwined, and whilst it does jump about in time, it does not detract from the book.

The present story tells of Cornelia, an assistant curator,

who is researching the art of a colonial artist and planning an exhibition of his work. This takes her to the home of a pastoralist who has one of his original paintings, which the gallery wants to display, and possibly purchase. The family which owns the painting has been on the property for many generations, have no money and are quite dysfunctional. However an important discovery is made about a hitherto unknown indigenous artist.

The past story tells of Ellis, a young Scottish woman, sent to Australia to

marry a much older man who is a business associate of her father, and whom she doesn't really love. She falls in love with the travelling artist whose work is that currently being researched by Cornelia. Ellis's servant is Louisa, a strong indigenous woman who has witnessed and been subjected to unspeakable violence, and they form a close bond. Ellis follows her heart, but with disastrous consequences, and the story has a tragic ending.

This book was really well written and everyone in our book group enjoyed it.



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Happy Birthday, Ruth



70th Birthday
 Saturday March 11 marked the 70th Birthday of one of Churchill's most well-known citizens, Ruth Place. A retired teacher from Churchill Primary School, Ruth works diligently in the Churchill community involved with groups including Churchill & District News, where she is the Team Leader, Mathison Park Committee, CFA Fire Safe Kids the Co-Operating Churches Parish Council and the church's Easter Club.

In 2005 Ruth received the inaugural Churchill Citizen of the Year award. Ruth enjoyed her birthday with her family and friends and a special afternoon tea was held at Churchill & District News office on Friday March 10.

Ruth would like to thank everyone for their wishes, cards, gifts and visits which made the day (and week) so special.



Boost to ABC coverage

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has welcomed the ABC's announcement it will spend an additional \$15 million annually to expand its coverage of events and issues in regional areas.

ABC managing director Michelle Guthrie this month announced the national broadcaster would create up to 80 new jobs to deliver regional news and information as part of its Connecting Communities package.

"This announcement is good news for people living in regional areas," Mr Chester said. "I am looking forward to seeing - and hearing - more content sourced from Gippsland and other parts of regional Australia. People in

regional areas want to hear, see and read stories about local people on issues that are important to them.

The Connecting Communities package includes boosting the ABC's digital and video reporting capability in the regions and working with regional communities to tell their stories.

I recognise the recent, positive changes that have been made by ABC management in recent years to retain experienced people in the regions, and promoting talent from within regional studios.

In addition, the ABC has adopted new technology in Gippsland, such as live streaming services, and more

video content. The recent episode of Heather Ewart's Backroads program featuring Mallacoota has also put our region in the national spotlight."

Mr Chester said the funding boost would also increase coverage of local events and breaking news, enable reporters to spend more time in remote areas, and train and equip regional teams to develop new content.

"Gippsland is a region rich in important news and interesting stories that need to be told. This investment will mean there will be more reporters on the ground telling stories from regional areas and covering the issues and events that are important to us," Mr Chester said

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The sorted letters go into large bins and are bagged for further delivery to other mail centres closer to the postcode. These are trucked out by road in large trucks and go on to the next mail centre for further sorting. The next sorting uses the last two numbers to divide up the mail into town groups. All 3840 letters go to Morwell mail sorting centre.



From the local centre the letters are divided according to town, be it Morwell, Churchill, Hazelwood North and so on. Post office box mail is taken out and put into special post office box trays for distribution into their boxes at individual post offices. Personal mail is then sorted again by street addresses and placed in plastic trays.

The delivering postman then takes over and takes the trays for the streets in his delivery route, and sorts each tray into street number order to make his delivery easier. The postie then delivers your mail.

Simple - collection, sorting, delivery. But consider how many times a postcard from say Halls Creek in Western Australia or a letter from Aunty Gert in Canada is handled in its journey. To make it more astonishing, very, very, little mail goes missing in transit.

It has always been like

this from the first days of the mails, although often more exotic. Back in the 1800s when the mails were new and there were no cars, mail was collected at post offices and carried on by packhorse, mail coach or train to the large towns for distribution. If mail was dropped off at a post office in transit, all letters were cancelled on the reverse before their next step on their journey.

All sorting was done by hand and sorters became expert at throwing letters into small boxes from surprising distances. Accuracy was not always ensured. When a box was moved at Melbourne GPO in 1960, a letter from the 1930s was found and duly delivered. It was a late Christmas card. Mail trains had a sorting room attached so that mail could be delivered as soon as possible.

Technology has overtaken the humble letter but mail delivery has had an honourable history.

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Boolarra Folk Festival

by Brenda Cheetham
Saturday March 4, 2017,
what a great day for music
under the gums.

The day was perfect,
sunny, warm and long.
The market kicked off

proceedings with lots of
variety, food, clothing, bric-a-
brac and second hand goods.

In between the stalls,
groups of performers added
music and colour. The
Strzelecki Stringbusters

entertained a large crowd
under the tree in the middle of
the market, enjoyed by all.

Kids and adults alike were
entranced by Milo and Max,
two draught horses who gave
rides around Boolarra.

Over on the main stage,
music started at 11am, with
a great line-up of talent.
Michael Waugh kicked off
things followed by Bliss Point,
Alanna and Alicia, Rosie
Burgess Trio, Boomulele and

Neatly Folded Goat just to
name a few. A large crowd
made the most of the shady
gums and great music.

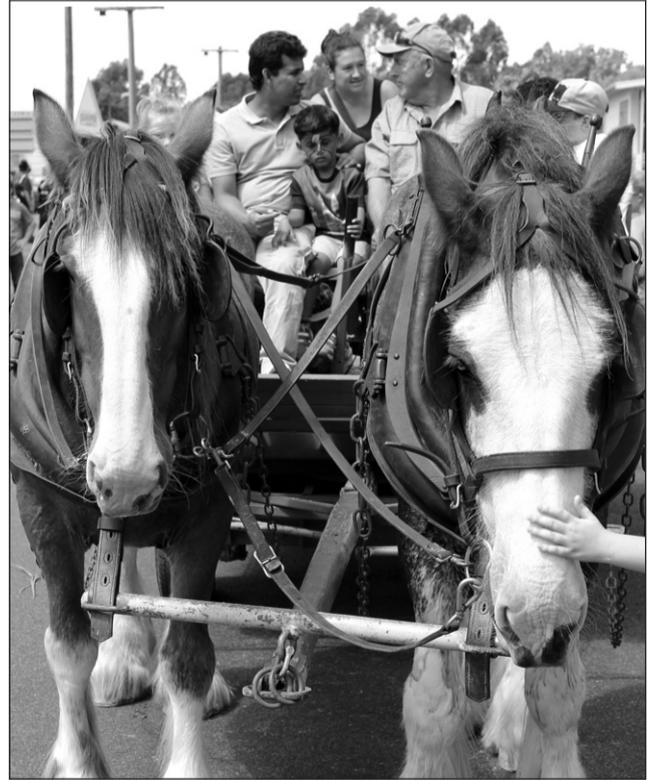
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Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

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

"April 25th 1988

Our wonderful summer finished with a somewhat dazzling display – perhaps it's the way of it in this bicentennial year!

The odds were high that there would be a fire,

everything being so very dry, although by Anzac Day we are usually relaxing our vigil. Whether it was good or bad depends on how the circumstances are viewed. The fire was contained to the Billys Creek section of the National Park and part of the adjoining reserve forest, no private homes or property were endangered.

Luckily the wind remained very slight so the area of the burn was contained to approximately 40ha and ceased to be of concern after 12 hours, although it continued to smoulder in underground roots for some days.

Fire is the natural way of things in our Australian bush, although as a regeneration burn it was too hot, while it was an excellent fuel reduction burn. All the same, there were some "exciting" moments for the fire fighters.

The fire started at approximately 5pm near the weir and very quickly advanced up the northern ridge. The combined difficulties of terrain, access, visibility and gusts of wind made for some unpredictable conditions, and we thank those people who tried to stem the fires advance. They

included 16 CFL staff, two bulldozers, six CFA units and an SES unit.

The sight was quite impressive and I hope that some photos Brian took will be able to show it as it was. Morning of the 26th brought rain and a quieter time for all, most people had worked through the night so it was left to relief crews to mop up."

March Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Grant, Wayne, Beryl, Rose, John, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Darren and Ranger Shane. We were lucky enough to have Shane with us, after Parks Victoria have reorganised the Rangers' work arrangements up until the end of the financial year. Graeme was also back after a break of a few months.

The group met in the Kerry Road car park and gathered the news from the last month.

In relation to when the Park started, the best that we can confirm at this stage was that it went to the Victorian Parliament in late 1966 and was passed between July and December 1967. We will have a dinner to celebrate Morwell National Park's 50 anniversary later this year with a dinner at Churchill Pub. The plan is for the dinner costs to be \$10 for members. More details will follow in the coming months.

The work for the first activity was to clear the Stringybark Track and the West Boundary Track. We all boarded our cars and drove around to the Kerry

Road carpark while Matt and Rose collected the chainsaw and other gear from the shed. With all the equipment organised along with the borrowed chaps returned by Shane, the group travelled to the west boundary. Shane remained in the car park while the group dealt with a few large trees that had come down across the tracks, along with a number wattles and sticks across the tracks. We zig-zagged between these tracks and the cross tracks removing the obstacles.

The group eventually met at the top of Stringybark Track and travelled back via the return track to the car park. Lunch was had in the picnic area where we viewed distant koalas. After lunch we returned home with the promise of a BBQ and a mothing activity later that evening.

Later that evening the second activity was had for the day. We had a BBQ in the Kerry Road picnic area. Matt supplied a BBQ (since the Kerry Road BBQ was out

of gas) while John supplied sausages, bread and salad for Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Tamara, Grant, Wayne and Darren.

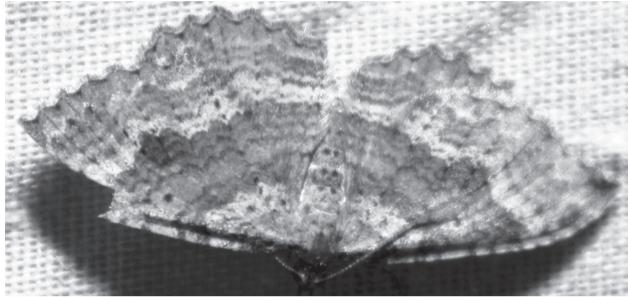
Matt had brought in his mothing sheet, light and battery and set these up adjacent to the information booth in the picnic area. On twilight, bats were seen overhead and the koalas moved around in the nearby gums. On dark the smaller moths came in first with a few bees and they were followed by the larger moth varieties. Over the next hour many different moths came to the light and the sheet. A few went on a spotlight walk to Linton's Landing.

April Activity

Sunday April 16 (Easter Sunday) 10.00am.

We will meet in the Junction Road carpark to decide upon either the track maintenance and/or weeding we will need to undertake.

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Vale Audrey Hall 15/06/1927- 23/01/2017



Audrey Campbell was born in Wonthaggi on June 15, 1927 to Andrew and Elizabeth Campbell.

She had two brothers Mervyn and Maurice and a step father, William Ramage, who are all deceased.

She grew up in Wonthaggi and Kilcunda and went to school in the local area.

As a child, Audrey spent a lot of her time working and helping her parents in their General Store.

If she wasn't in the store, she was hanging around with the local boys, not the girls!

Audrey was a strong person.

She always took care of herself and would tell it how it was, great with a shot gun and had a heart of gold.

She loved, and was most proud of her amazing garden which she always maintained herself!

She was always an animal lover.

Audrey married her sweetheart Ben at Wonthaggi on December 15, 1951.

Audrey never forgot her beloved husband and always spoke about him telling her young relatives how proud he would have been of them.

Ben worked on the rigs, and despite her mother's protest, Audrey went to join him with his work.

Whilst Ben worked as a driller, Audrey took care of the paper work, the cleaning, the food and most of all kept everyone in line.

Life on the rigs was not easy. Audrey and Ben started life together living onsite in a tent.

There was no power. Lighting was from lanterns and warmth came from a kerosene heater!

After a short time, they upgraded their home to a small caravan with an annex.

They moved their transportable home to many locations, following Ben's

work.

Ben moved on to managing a rig at Rosedale with around 30 workers.

It was here, he spent the rest of his working life until he passed away suddenly in 1977.

Once at Rosedale, they again upgraded their home to a larger caravan with two wooden annex's, with all the luxuries, including electricity!!!

Aud spent her weekends playing in Badminton Tournaments.

As she would be away for a few days, she would spend the Friday making Ben's meals for whilst she was away.

Following Ben's death, Audrey moved off the rig in 1978 and into her home on Switchback Road, Churchill where she spent the rest of her years.

Not only had she lost her husband, but six months later her mother passed away and she spoke of several other close family members passing in a short period of time.

Audrey was an animal lover, and a whisperer of wild animals.

She had a regular flock of ducks she fed warning the boys on the rigs that they must not be the gain from their hunting.

She also raised a joey whose mother had been run over, until she was reported and had to hand it over with a fight to a wild life officer.

She loved her dogs Cindy and Candy. Audrey's animals were her family. She treated them as they were her children and there wasn't a card you received that didn't have their name on it too.

She always had a bird or two ! They would hang out under the back verandah through the day and inside in the lounge room at night.

Audrey was a keen and skilled badminton player.

She was known as the "nanna" of badminton.

Audrey commenced playing badminton for Nowa Nowa when she was 30.

She followed Ben's career and wherever it took them she would play and make new friends. If there was no local team, she would simply start up a new club!

Audrey joined the Churchill club in 1978. She was the treasurer since 1984 and captain since 1988.

In 1980 Audrey and Myrna Stanlake formed the Morwell ladies Badminton Club at Gaskin Park.

She also played fortnightly at Warragul and represented the Region each year at Country Week.

Audrey was amongst the first of the players involved when Veterans badminton tournaments started in Victoria.

Trips away were an opportunity to catch up with players she had met and with whom she had become friends while playing in various clubs while with Ben.

The highlight of her badminton career is said to be playing in the first Atlantic Jamboree Ladies Tournament in Melbourne in 1984.

Audrey has even travelled to Queensland to play and run summer camps at the Churchill Leisure Centre during the 1990s.

As the player numbers started to drop, Audrey co-opted friends and family and eventually ventured down to Monash University to see if she could pick up a fill-in or two.

Her "Uni Kids" backgrounds, cultures and standards varied greatly, making it difficult for the Association Grading Committee.



Audrey was like a mum to some of these kids being away from their families, and some of them would occasionally drop in and visit her, often staying for a meal, and they all made comments about her beautiful garden.

Some even discussed their personal issues with her when they needed an older person to talk to.

Audrey said "Badminton is what I love, you just sort of live for it" and "While I can, I will". She really meant it!

She gave her heart and soul to badminton because it made her happy and she loved playing!

Audrey would also organise an occasional night out at a Restaurant for the Churchill team (including numerous "Uni" fill-ins), which always ended up with supper at her place and a "sing-a-long" at the pianola.

Among family and friends Audrey's melting moments covered in sprinkles were a favourite, as were her famous

apple slice, cream horns and decorated sponge cakes made for anybody's birthday.

Audrey welcomed her relatives and loved to spend time with them.

In approximately 2014 Audrey fell ill after a vibrant and active life and moved into Heritage Manor, where she settled and enjoyed the life.

She loved to lend a hand and continued her feisty characteristics!

Audrey Hall will be remembered as a welcoming, active, inclusive person who had time for people and animals, who made a great contribution to the sport of badminton and her community wherever she went, and despite losing the love of her life she lived positively for many years without him, continuing her activities, but missing him badly.

Audrey is gone from us now but happy to be reunited with her sweetheart Ben and loving family.



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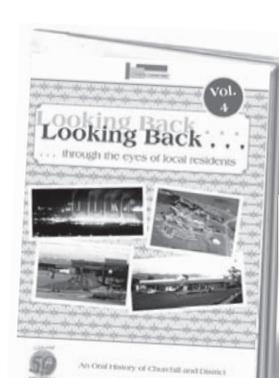
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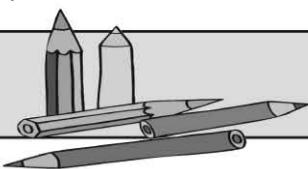
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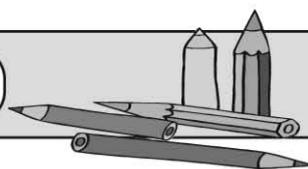
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Churchill North Primary



Athletics Clinic at Churchill North Primary School

At the beginning of March 5/6 X had an athletics clinic. Dennis ran the clinic. Dennis taught us how to sprint and jog.

Sprinting was hard for some of the children because they had to run on their toes, jogging was easier.

Some of the children also found it tricky sprinting because they had to have their arms bent in a 90 degree angle.

After the jogging we also practised long jump.

By Gabby 5/6 X

On March 2, 2017 the whole of Churchill North Primary School participated in an athletics clinic.

Dennis the coach specialises in running. He has trained many Olympians and came to our school to help teach athletics. During the day the 5/6 classes did long and short distance running. We learnt the correct technique and ways to run.

For short distances keep your arms in a 90 degree angle and keep your head forward and run on your toes. For long distance you jog and take slow breaths. We also

did triple jump known as a hop, skip and a jump. We are looking forward to our up and coming sports soon, where we can try out some of our new techniques.

Lizzy 5/6 S
Show and Shine

On Friday March 10, it was Churchill North Primary School's opportunity to shine. During the afternoon students opened up their classrooms and their learning to their parents, family members and special people in their lives. Students and their visitors could be seen sharing work, learning together

and discussing learning. It was wonderful to see so many children and special friends enjoying the chance to celebrate their learning. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event and especially those visitors who came along to allow their children to shine.

Welcome Churchill North Primary School's Captains

On Thursday February 9, Grade 6 students applied for the role of School Captain. Candidates had to write a speech and read it in front of two grades as well as parents and teachers. To make

School Captain you had to be a spectacular role model and follow all of the school rules. School Captains had to be willing to give up their lunch times and recess times. On Monday February 20, the successful School and Vice Captains were announced. The School Captains are William and Lizzy and the Vice Captains are Joel and Tyler.

These students will help our school raise funds for equipment and school camps. They will also try their best to help the other students and take on any feedback to try to

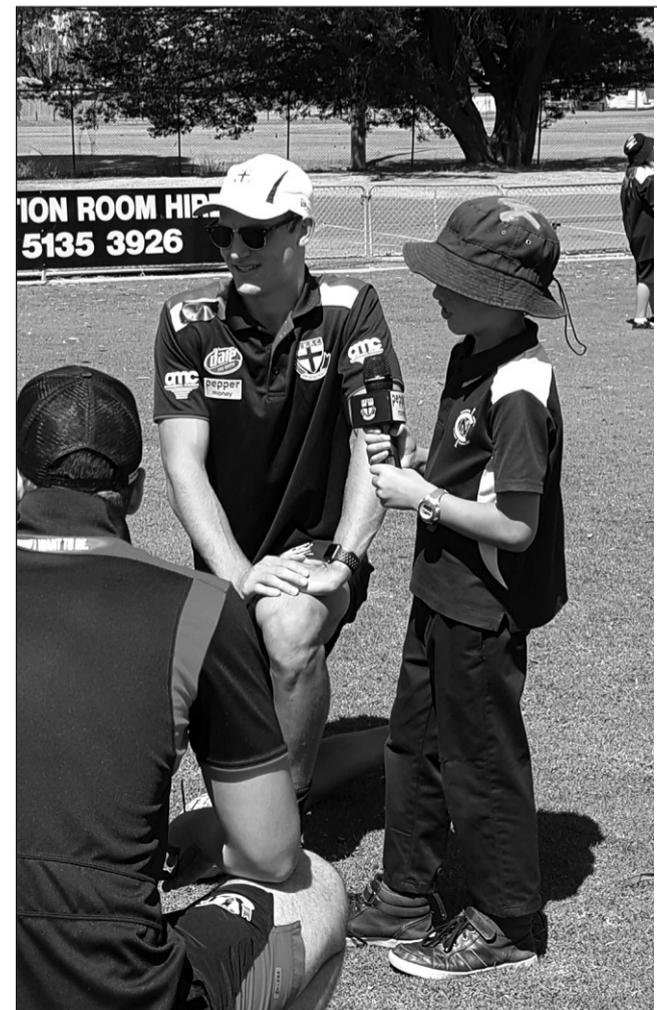
further improve our school.

Lizzy 5/6 S
St Kilda AFL Clinic

On February 27, 2017, the 3/4 and 2/3 grades from Churchill North Primary School were lucky enough to participate in an AFL clinic hosted by some of the St Kilda football team members. The children were involved in a range of activities including kicking footballs in a jumping castle, playing 'rob the nest', stealing footballs, kicking goals and marking on bags. By far the highlight of the day for Max was interviewing an AFL player.



Above left : Show and Shine with parents
Above right: Ashton with the football mascots
Left: School Captains
Above: Show and Shine poster
Right:: Max interviewing the AFL members
Below left: Practising long jump with Dennis



School News

Churchill Primary

Learning Club

Learning Club is a great opportunity for students to participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills, and aims to increase student engagement with learning by increasing students' self-confidence and confidence in their school work. Offered through the Smith Family and held after school each Tuesday, our students have the opportunity to participate in fun activities based on numeracy and literacy, delivered by teaching students from the local university.

There have been some great things happening in

Learning Club at CPS!

Science Show

On Tuesday March 21, students at CPS were treated to a visiting Science Show "All About Air". This is what some of the students had to say about the show:

Mr Eastwell came to Churchill Primary School on March 21, and put on an awesome show all about AIR! He showed us some cool experiments throughout the show and explained how air makes a lot of difference in the world.

In one experiment he put a feather and a squash ball in a tube then flipped it over. The squash ball beat the feather to



the bottom. Then he sucked all the air out of the tube and flipped the tube over again. This time the feather and the squash ball reached the bottom at the same time and

came a tie.

In another experiment Mr Eastwell had two semi circles which he put together and took the air away from the inside. He tied it to a rope

and asked some students to try and pull the circles apart but no one could get it open. Finally, one of our teachers pulled as hard as he could and it cracked open. Mr Eastwell then explained why the air bounces around and slowly comes out making it easier to separate them.

The whole of Churchill Primary School loved the show and we would like to say a special thank you to Mr Eastwell for putting on such a magnificent show!

By Hudson B, Will T and Blake B.

Students of the week

Every Monday teachers

from each grade select our Students of the Week who are celebrated at our school assembly by our school community.

These students are chosen because they have shown in their actions what the school values of Respectful Positive Learners really look like. They also strive to make progress in all aspects of their learning, including reading and maths, helping others and the important act of practising kindness.

Congratulations to the Students of the Week for the week starting March 20, 2017.



Students of the Week included Xiaden H, Maddy F, Blake B, Jordan G, Kyra H, Jarves W, Georgia H, Lilly O, Xavier D, Dani J, Neveah R, Ryleigh H and Molly M.



Shantelle E, Tyrone C, Jenny B, Zac B and Arabella A constructed newspaper bridges. The objective was to use as much newspaper and sticky tape as they required to build a bridge capable of holding three books!

School News

Lumen Christi

Athletics

Towards the end of the term we participated in our annual School Athletics Day held on the school grounds, and District Athletics which is held each year at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Our School Athletics were held in beautiful weather and we finished off the day with a well-attended family BBQ catered for by the generous members of the school's Parents and Friends. A highlight, apart from all the student events, was the Parent Tug-of-War. The final standings at the end of the

day were: **FIRST** -Bethlehem Stars [Gold] 448 points, **SECOND** - Jerusalem Kings [Red] 416 points and **THIRD** - Nazareth Angels [Green] 347 points.

This year we decided to name our House teams. The process to do so took plenty of thought and discussion involving the staff and the senior student leaders.

The team names needed to have a connection to our faith and the student leaders wanted to link them to the school name Lumen Christi - The Light of Christ. We decided to go with place names, following the pattern

of professional sporting teams, and we also added a mascot/logo. We look forward to further developing some logos around these teams over the course of the year. The explanation of each is as follows:

Nazareth Angels [Green]: Nazareth was the place where the Angel St Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. Jesus spent His childhood there.

Bethlehem Stars [Gold]: Bethlehem was the birthplace of Jesus, the place where a bright magnificent star led people to visit Him.

Jerusalem Kings [Red]: Jerusalem was a major holy city, the 'City of Peace', where Jesus visited. Upon his arrival, he was welcomed like a king with the crowds shouting his name, waving palms and placing their robes on the ground for him to walk across.

Prep Developmental Play

In Grade Prep/1 at Lumen Christi "Developmental Play" is a fun and very important part of our program. Through play the children are developing their oral language, social skills, fine motor and problem solving skills.

Pancake Tuesday

Having a big buddy to look out for us is always very reassuring. At Lumen Christi we have a "Buddy Program", to help our younger children feel welcome and safe at school.

The buddies do special activities together throughout the year. This term they had fun making and eating pancakes together on Pancake Tuesday. Yum!!!

Churchill History Excursion

This term Grade 3/4 is learning about the history of Churchill. We were lucky enough to have a guided tour of 'old' Churchill with local resident Ruth Place.



We visited the first primary school, toured the first streets of Churchill - Heesom Crescent, McInnes Crescent and Howard Avenue, and made our way to Mathison Park to tour the ruins of Hare House.

We learnt that Churchill was established in 1965 as Hazelwood but was renamed Churchill after the death of Sir Winston Churchill. The Ayers family was the first

to move into the town and Churchill Primary school was the first school built, followed by Watson Park Kindergarten and the Post Primary School, which was the local high school.

It was predicted that Churchill's population would reach about 40,000 people but at the moment there are around 6,000 people living here.



GRIP
(Generosity,
Responsibility,
Integrity,
People) Student Leadership
Conference 2017

On February 24, 2017 Ben, Jackson, Drew, Corey and Jasmine went to Melbourne on the train at 6:06 am for the GRIP leadership conference at the Convention Centre. It was all about how to be a good leader and how to make your school a better place. Not just your school but what you can do for the community.

First it was Session 1 which was about leading in the land of Zootopia. We learnt that responsibility in leadership means accepting the duty to contribute to others and follow through on expectations. Every leader has the ability to respond intentionally, leadership is not about using a position, but rather about using strengths. Leaders need to know their own strengths, own weaknesses, others strengths and character strengths. No person is strong at everything, but a team is strong at everything.

Next, we had Session 2, which had two big ideas, which were the four expectations of responsibility and generating ideas that are outside the box. We learnt that responsibility in leadership means accepting the duty to contribute to others and follow through on expectations.

We can display responsibility in four key ways: role-modelling values, upholding trust of others, responding to needs and developing own strengths. Ideas we discussed were using a brick as a doorstop or a paperweight. On wet days in the schoolyard, you can go

inside and play computers, board games, technology, finish off schoolwork, make gifts for our teachers, make teddy bears for sick children and help kids in sport.

Finally, we had Session 3, which was about turning ideas into action. We made an acrostic poem to help us remember what to do to turn an idea into action. A was agree on an idea, C was create a proposal, T was talk widely, I was identify tasks, O was organise roles and N was navigate challenges.

Our first proposal was to help the junior school in games. This was a good idea because it would make better relationships with classmates. This should take place every Wednesday all around the school depending what we decide on for sport. All Grade 6s will pair up and have a group of kids.

Soon we finished the leadership course at 2:30pm. We caught the train home at the Southern Cross Station to Morwell and had an early night sleep.

Jasmine Sanders

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Marlo Camp

On Monday the Grade 6s of H.N.P.S went on a three day camp to Marlo.

When all the Grade 6s got to school, we put all our gear in the trailer and started to head off.

It was a two and a half hour drive to Bairnsdale. At Bairnsdale we stopped for lunch at the all abilities playground.

Once we got to Marlo we set up camp; we slept in tents and swags. After we set up camp we went for a wander around Marlo. We went to the jetty, the General Store, the

park and much more. When we got back we went down to the beach for a little splash on the water's edge. While we were down on the beach everyone was playing with the soldier crabs.

For dinner we had sausages and kebabs/chicken sticks. After dinner we went to put the yabby nets out in a dam. After that we went prawning. It wasn't that successful, we only got five prawns.

The next day for breakfast we had egg and bacon as well as sausages. After that we went to Snowy River Campus which is a boarding school. At the school we did leadership activities. One of them was heading into the bush to a big bonfire called "grandma". At the fire we learnt what advantages the nature had for the Aboriginals. One of them was you would get a little bunch of leaves that you would put in some water, then rub really fast in between your hands. After you rubbed really fast it becomes into a sanitiser that the Aboriginals used to heal cuts and wounds.

Then when that finished we went to go for a walk on the beach. The walk is called Cape Conran walk. When we were walking around, all the Grade 6s were looking for crabs.

After that we went to Salmon Rocks which is where people put their boats in to go into the ocean. There is also a massive sand dune which is really hard to get up, but fun to roll or run down. Then we had a little splash in the water. For dinner we had sausages and kebabs again.

The next day we had breakfast which was bacon and eggs and sausages. After

that we walked down to the General Store and stocked up on lollies. When we got back we packed up camp and chucked everything in the trailer, and headed off.

Everyone in Grade 6 loved this camp. This camp is my favourite camp ever.

By Alex

Parliament Regional Visit

On March 2, 2017, from 10.30 am H.N.P.S went to the Comfort Inn and learnt about Parliament.

When we arrived we were greeted by our host Baron. He talked about how Parliament started. Parliament started after too many people were coming to Ballarat for gold. After we learnt about laws and democracy, we learnt that laws are made after votes.

After we learnt some things, we did a role play on making laws. There was a Speaker, a Premier, an Opposition, a Clerk, a Sergeant at Arms, two Deputies and a few ministers. During the play we had lines to say. Throughout the play we learnt what it would be like when Parliament decides if the law should be made or not.

In the role play the Speaker, Clerk and Sergeant at Arms wore gowns and the Sergeant at Arms had to wear a bib. There was also a mace. It had a crown on top and the Sergeant at Arms uses it. Soon after, we left and joined the other grade outside and jumped on the bus. (Not literally)

We had a great day/ few hours and we learnt about Parliament. It was fun and educational!

By Melina

State Parliament Excursion

On Thursday March 2, we went on an educational excursion to the Latrobe Convention Centre to learn about State Parliament.

We learnt about Russell Northe [Morwell], Daniel Andrews [Melbourne], Malcolm Turnbull [Canberra], Queen Elizabeth 2 [London], Queen Victoria [Longest reigning queen], and Sir Edmund Barton [First Prime Minister].

Then we did a re-enactment of passing the Bill/Law/Act. There was the Speaker [keeps order in the house], the Clerk, the Sergeant of Arms [Speaker's escort], the Members for Gippsland East/Bendigo/Burwood, and the Honourable Supporter of the Bill.

From Hunter L.

Watermelon Frozen Yogurt Bites

by Evie and Olivia

This term we learnt about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. As part of our learning we made healthy snacks and wrote a report on them.

Goal: To successfully make a snack that can be taken to school.

Ingredients:
Watermelon
Yoghurt
Utensils:
Blender
Knife
Teaspoon
Ice mould
Tooth pick

WARNING: Be careful with the knife and ask for help from your parent or guardian. Make sure the blender lid is on properly, you may be cut or food will go everywhere.

Method:

1. Cut the watermelon into

12 small pieces.

2. Put the watermelon into the blender and screw the lid on tight.

3. Blend until the watermelon is a runny juice.

4. Using a teaspoon carefully pour the watermelon into the moulds until they are all half-full.

5. With another teaspoon, add the yogurt into the mould until the whole mould space is full.

6. Stick a tooth pick in each mould so you can easily get it out.

7. Freeze in the freezer for 3 hours.

8. When the watermelon is all hard, carefully pull the watermelon out of the mould.

9. EAT!!!!

A graph showed how people liked our Watermelon Frozen Yogurt Bites.

Health information:

Our snack is healthy because the yogurt has vitamin B2. The fruit has natural sugar in it, which is much healthier than added sugar. Vitamin B2 is good for you because it helps with memory loss and helps build red blood cells.

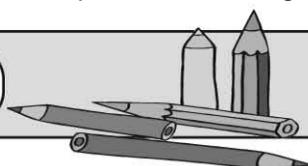
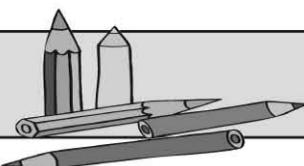
The watermelon has natural sugars in it. Natural sugar is good for you because it helps you to not get sick, it gives nutrients to all your body. It helps you have a healthy lifestyle. Combined with activity, you can be really healthy.

Discussion:

We believe our snack is extremely healthy (reasons above). But I don't agree that it is a 'bring to school' snack. It is similar to ice so it will melt easily.

If you were to bring it to school, bring an ice pack to keep it frozen.





The Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

Once again, a new group of outdoor ed students prepared over the term for the camp at Wilson's Promontory. The students are always engaged with the four to five weeks of training and basic water safety skills obtained from the Churchill Leisure Centre, and the work of Mr Leeson and Sheryl Mason.

The camp at Tidal River occurred in the third last week of Term 1. Part of the adventure is setting up camp. Students were told to ensure that they zipped up their tents – to keep the wombats out. However, there were still a couple of wombat attacks with one tent ripped open, another had a visitor and some of the

students' supplies were eaten.

The fun of the camp included swimming in Tidal River and jumping off the bridge. There was also a climb up Mt Oberon, where we had lunch after the long, long climb. The views from the peak were quite amazing.

The visit to Squeaky Beach was fun with playing beach cricket, with Jay McCormack starring. We clambered around the rocks and boulders at the end of the beach.

The main aim of the camp was learning to surf. After training drills and skills on the beach, everyone on the camp could stand up and ride a wave by the end of their time at the Prom.

Anti-bullying Day

On Friday, March 17, Kurnai College Churchill Campus held an awareness day for bullying. Each student was encouraged to wear black and orange for an anti-bullying day theme. A gold coin donation was asked to be brought in exchange for a wrist band. On the day the students had invited a speaker from Headspace to come along to the campus to talk to students about mental health and well-being. A fashion parade was held at lunchtime for the students who dared to come in black and orange costumes with a prize given to the best-dressed. There was also a sausage sizzle to assist with raising money



on the day. There was also an anti-bullying poster competition, again with the winner receiving a prize. Churchill Campus pledged to make 200 paper stars as part of the "One Million Stars to End Violence Project", to be part of the exhibit at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018. The four Year levels competed to make the largest number of stars. The Year 8 level produced the highest number and won the right to nominate the anti-bullying program to which to donate the money raised.

Everyone involved had a great time and it showed people that bullying needs to and can be stopped. The students raised \$600 on the

day, which will be donated to an anti-bullying program.

McKenzie Tingay and Breanna Ameerberg Driving Simulator

All Year 10 students have participated in the driving simulator thanks to the work of the Australian Road Safety Sense. Students experienced the dangers of impaired driving, fatigue, weather, distractions, concentration, lack of experience, peer pressure and mobile devices in a safe environment.

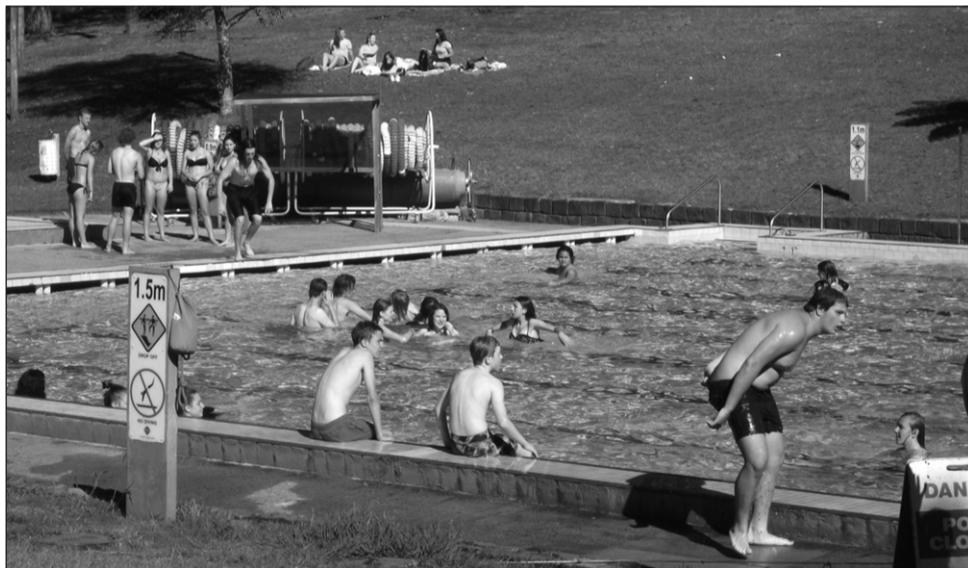
This is a fantastic opportunity for our students as we know that these distractions and weather conditions can result in accidents and death on our roads. This program allows

students to see first-hand what can occur if concentration is lost.

Mirboo North Swimming Pool

The Year 10 students who chose to attend the day out at the Mirboo North Swimming Pool had a great day of fun in the sun. The day also gave the students the opportunity to catch up with the Year 10 students from Morwell Campus.

This is part of the transition into the University Campus which students from both campuses will attend. All the students who attended impressed the staff with their whole demeanour on the day, the mutual friendliness and respect between the cohorts of students.



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Kurnai College University Campus

HPV Grand Prix at Wonthaggi
 Nine VCAL students of this year, plus three ex-students entered in the Open Community Class section with 87 other contestants. This meant they could be up against professional career bike riders.

Ex-students were asked to participate as there had

been little time to build up a new team.

Their vehicle was called '3842'. The team had practised before leaving.

The students left on the Friday and had their vehicle pass scrutineering.

On the Saturday they had practice runs and were given 43rd position on the grid.

The race started at 12 noon on Saturday and finished at 12 noon on the Sunday.

Three hundred and ninety-eight laps were driven on a 1.4km track which amounted to 578 km.

The team came in 43rd overall and eighth in their category.

Morwell Junior Campus

Year 9s also entered with their vehicle 'Black Hawk'.

Both teams will hopefully go to Maryborough in November for the RACV Energy Breakthrough.

The school would like to thank their sponsors ENGIE, Autobarn Traralgon, M & J Stewart Motors, Gippsland Fibreglass, Gippsland Mini

Hoe, S & J Cycles and Valicote.

The outcomes for the students were developing skills in commitment, being involved with community, parents and local industry, being responsible for obtaining their own sponsors, and leadership as the older students mentored and

showed a positive example to the Year 9s.

The students were also involved in general camp orderliness and courtesy to other campers and co-ordinating camp set up and clean up.



School News

Churchill Preschools

Glendonald Preschool

The children have a current interest in dressing up. This led us to realise that some skills for dressing up are quite tricky, like buttons, press-studs and zips. Miss Lauren made a wonderful fine motor skill blanket with all those tricky things attached to it. The children love clicking buckles, trying to do buttons, snapping press-studs and zipping up zips. The pride on their faces when they manage to do these things themselves or help a friend is just lovely to see.

The Hub Preschool

Over the last month the children have been involved in planting, then observing, the growth of their tomato and herb seedlings. Hopefully there will be a tasty treat to eat soon.

It is lovely to hear that the children have enjoyed their story time and writing activities. Reading in a group or individually can be very entertaining.

This term the children have been taking home some delightful art and craft work. Their most recent lessons have focused on Easter as they are to make something interesting to wear for their Easter parade.

Happy Easter everyone!



Above: Monica, Tom, Mason, Saxon, Tom
 Below right: Alice and Bella
 Below left: The garden



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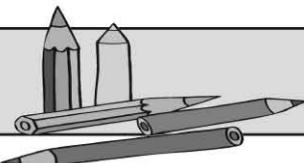
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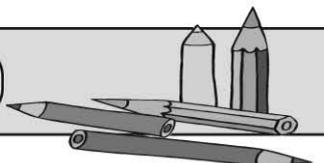
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School News



Yinnar Primary



Yinnar welcomed 25 new preps and six other families this year bringing our school enrolment to 211. We also welcomed new staff – Miss Twomey and Miss Langan, and Mrs Burslem and Mrs Coffin also returned from leave.

Our specialist areas received a boost this year with a Library makeover and the inclusion of a Performing

Term 1 is always an extremely busy one and this year has been no exception. The school held two information sessions and a BBQ for parents and families to give parents the chance to see just what we have in store this year. Pancake Day provided by the ever popular Mr and Mrs Lubawski and crew is always a hit.

Our swimming team

were held on a bright sunny and rather hot day in March. As usual the students met the challenge head on. Each age group was a sea of red, blue, green and yellow. They ran, jumped and threw many times cheered on by a great crowd of parents and extended family. Age group champions all received a certificate at the presentations and Mrs Peters

all won multiple times but Green House has not had the same success. When it was announced that Green House was the 2017 winner for the very first time, all the students let out a huge roar.

The school leadership teams – School Captains, Junior School Council and GRACE Team have already been meeting regularly



Arts area. Physical Education and Visual Arts round out the specialist areas offered in the school.

competed at the District Swimming in Churchill and at Regional level at Traralgon.

Our school House Sports

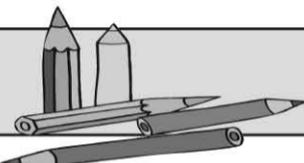
kept them in suspense by going through the previous House Sports winners dating back to 2005. Red, Blue and Yellow House have

planning their activities. The Easter Fair was held on the last day of the term and the Bush Hut is to get a makeover with a coat of paint and a new

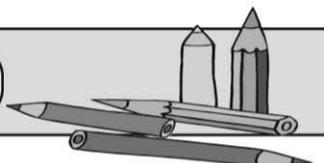


brick floor to be installed.

School News



Yinnar South Primary



Yinnar South Primary thoroughly enjoyed our recent District Sports Day. We came fourth overall, which was a great achievement for our little team.

More importantly, our students were great sports and had lots of fun. I am sure they

all slept extremely well that night.

We had nine new students start at the school this year (with another starting in May). We continue to grow steadily with many families travelling in to participate in our innovative program.

Investigations, (Play Based Learning) is balanced by explicit teaching and learning approaches. This ensures our students are developing as lifelong learners.

Our small class sizes allow us to tailor to individual students learning needs.

Students are able to work at higher levels while still retaining age appropriate social links.

Our students enjoy the reading spaces throughout the flexible spaces.

Why not visit us to see how we 'bring learning to

life.'

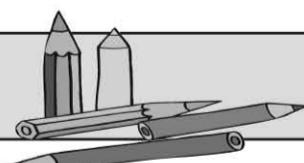
Our school is growing strongly and we welcome new enrolments.

Personal school tours

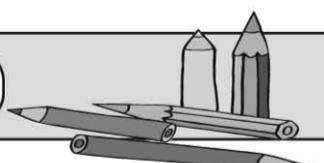
can be arranged by calling Principal Katy Grandin on (03) 5169 1540. Prep enrolments are now open for 2018.



School News



Yinnar South Playgroup



SPORT

Busy Braves host successful baseball Open Day



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition 2017



DARTS ASSOCIATION LADDER after Round 10

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	%	Pts
BULLSHOT	10	9	1	63	27	700.0	18
COYOTEZ	10	6	4	50	40	555.6	12
YINNAR TIGERS	10	5	5	49	41	544.4	10
JOKERS	10	5	5	44	46	488.9	10
MUSTANGS	10	3	7	36	54	400.0	6
REAPERS	10	2	8	28	62	311.1	4

Round 4: It was a torrid affair this round with Yinnar Tigers going down valiantly to Bullshot 5-4. Mark Taylor (YT) with a personal 140 and Sharon Taylor (YT) with ladies highest score of 114.

Round 5: Another well fought out night with Yinnar Tigers losing narrowly to Coyotez 5-4. Highlights were a 140 to Reno Borg and a 112 to Sharon Taylor.

Round 6: Yinnar Tigers had

a sound win over Reapers at home 7-2. Mark Taylor with two 140s and Sharon Taylor with ladies highest of 117 and scored 2 tons. Most pegs went to Mark Taylor with 5.

Round 7: Yinnar Tigers narrowly defeated Jokers 5-4. Mark Taylor with a 140 and Sharon Taylor with 117 and a highest finish of 44. Mark also had a run of tons with 10 scored on the night.

Round 8: Some fine darts saw Yinnar Tigers win the night

defeating Mustangs 6-3. Mark Taylor with a 140 and Sharon Taylor with 112.

Round 9: Yinnar Tigers again played Bullshot and found the going tough losing 6-3. Highlight of the night was a 180 scored by Reno Borg.

Round 10: Yinnar Tigers fought hard against a determined team in Coyotez. The Tigers going down 4-5. Reno Borg and Mark Taylor were the highlights with a personal high score of 140.

The Churchill Baseball Club hosted their Open Day on Sunday March 19 at their home field of Andrews Park. Seventeen children registered for the day and participated in the activities designed to teach them the fundamentals of baseball.

Three stations were set up to focus on hitting, fielding and pitching/catching.

At the conclusion of the event the children all played a couple of innings of t-ball to put together everything they had learnt and showed off their skills.

Following a barbeque lunch, the senior players and some of the older participants

on the day, participated in an intra-club practice match.

The Churchill Baseball Club also participated in further events prior to the season starting in April.

On March 25, the Braves hosted the Jeeralang-Boolarra Cricket Club in their fifth instalment of the Braves-Panther Cup.

The Braves were aiming to retain the trophy in a baseball match after winning it in late 2016 in a cricket match.

The pre-season tournament, the Gippsland Championships, was hosted by Sale on April 1 and 2. Churchill once again

sent away a large squad to compete with the aim of getting some game time into their new players and to shake some rust off in preparation of the 2017 campaign.

The Churchill Baseball Club season will be fielding all grades this year.

Under 10 T-ball and Under 13s will all be playing on Saturday afternoons in 2017, with Under 16 Colts and Seniors remaining on Sundays.

Training is on Wednesday nights at Andrews Park at 4:30pm.

For further information on Baseball please call Sam Gillett on 0429 393 418.

SPORT

A healthy lifestyle at Churchill Bowls Club

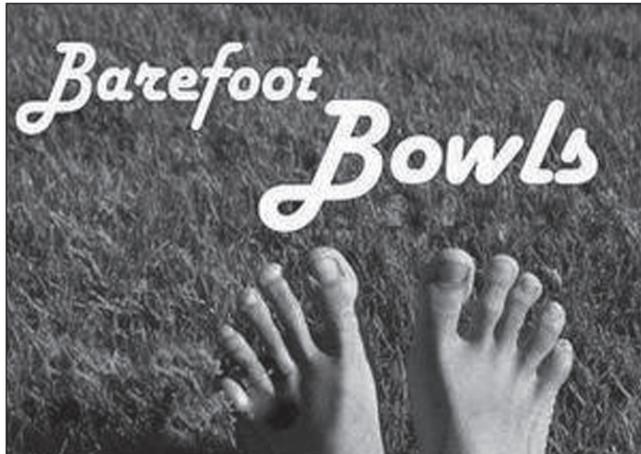
The Churchill Bowls Club's opening in September 2016 was a significant milestone in the history of Churchill and districts recreational and sporting development. Our club is proud to be associated with the Churchill sporting club fraternity, which strives to provide the various sporting and social needs that make for a better, more liveable and healthier community lifestyle.

Bowls, although not as vigorous as some of the other sporting codes, is a sport that requires a certain amount of skill, stirs the competitive juices and offers a high degree of social interaction during and after a game. Once

perceived as a game for the oldies, bowls is now being embraced by the younger generation, who are fast becoming leaders in the sport.

As part of our ongoing commitment in providing an alternative recreational and sporting activity for Churchill and district, our club is currently seeking new, past or current players interested in being part of our progressive and inclusive organisation.

As part of this commitment, the club will be conducting six weeks of Saturday Morning Triples Competition, beginning April 22, commencing at 9.30am and concluding at approximately 11am. An



open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to enter the competition. This competition offers people with diverse work commitments the opportunity

to participate in a recreational and sporting activity.

Cost is \$5.00 per player.

Anyone wishing to participate must have their teams registered no later than April 15, ring 5122 1860 for registration and enquiries.

The club has recently conducted two sessions of Barefoot Bowls with promising results, with further events planned.

Our Thursday night Indoor Bowls which is open to the public, is now into its 11th year and is still very popular with good attendances each week. Cost for the night is \$4.00 which includes tea/coffee and a light supper. To enable team selection, people must be there by 7pm for a 7.15 pm start.

The Churchill Bowls Club is an affiliated member of West Gippsland Bowls Division, Bowls Victoria and Bowls Australia, and will commence pennant competition in Division 6, in October 2017.

Our Executive committee is as follows - President W. Brown, Vice President H. Kennedy, Secretary S. Turner, Treasurer, V. Hargreaves, Committee members, K. Turpin, S. Burrows, A. Van Den Ham, G. Thompson, F. Harris, M. Murphy.

Any enquiries please ring 5122 1860.

Until next month good bowling.



Churchill & Monash Golf Club



Shirley Turner and Merryn Dear . Pairs aggregate champions Churchill and Monash Golf Club.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 11/3/17: Mens Para: A Grade 0-20, R. Dent +5 C/B: B Grade: 21-36 C. Barnes +5 C/B. Ladies: V. Verheyen -1. DTL: D. Taylor +5 - B. Mathieson +5 - J. Ambrosini +5 - R. Zomer +3 C/B. NTP: 3rd K. Hills 5th T. Sterrick 12th C. Porto 14th J. Sanders. Pro Pin: C. Porto. Target Hole: B. Mathieson. Birdies: 3rd. D. Taylor - J. Sanders - K. Hills - M. Bianconi.

Ladies Monthly Mary Mitchell Day.

Tuesday 14/3/17: Stableford: A Grade: 0-29 V. Verheyen (27) 43. B Grade 30-45 M. McQuillen (37) 40. DTL: M. Dear (15) 39 - V. Rowley (39) 38 C/B. NTP: 3rd. B. Beebe - 5th M. McQuillen - 12th J. Beck - 14th V. Verheyen.

Saturday 18/3/17: 2 Person Stableford Multiplication: Winners - L. Stein (15) and C. Doyle (15) 76 Points. Runners Up - P. Smart (10) and M. Soppe (22) 71 Points. DTL: B. Rowley and V. Verheyen 62 - V. Moinument and G. Blizzard 61. M. Brereton and L.Oates 59 - H. Martin and G. Spowart 55 C/B. NTP: 3rd T. Sterrick 12th D. Scurlock 14th D. Shields. Pro Pin: T. Sterrick. Target Hole: P. Williams. Birdies 12th K.

Hills.

Tuesday 21/3/17: Pairs Aggregate Championships Round 1: Winners: M. Dear (14) 31 and S. Turner (23) 34 65 Points. DTL: M. McConville (24) 36 and J. Blizzard (27) 28 64 Points. NTP: 3rd D. Judkins - 5th M. Dear - 12th M. Munckton - 14th M. Dear.

Saturday 25/3/17: Monthly Medal - Stroke: 0-17 P. Smart (10) 80 70 C/B, 18-23 P. Williams (20) 87 67, 24-36. B. Barnes (31) 103 72 C/B.

Ladies - S. Turner (24) 100 76. DTL - M. Brereton 70 C/B, L. Stein 70, J. McCafferty 71, A. Sharrock 72, T. Sterrick 72, I. Hepplestone 72. NTP - 3rd W. Sutton, 12th D. Byers, 14th J. Banfield. Pro Pin - D. Byers. Target Hole - D. Taylor. Birdies - 12th D. Byers. Scratch - Smart 80. Putts - T. Sterrick 21.

Tuesday 28/3/17: Pairs Aggregate Championships Round 2: Day Winners - M. Dear (15) 35 and S Turner (24) 37 - 72. DTL - V. Verheyen and D. Judkins - 59. Champions - M. Dear (14) 31 34 and S. Turner (23) 34 36 Total 135. Runners Up - V. Verheyen (25) 26 25 and D. Judkins (26) 35 34 Total 120. NTP - 3rd S. Turner (Birdie) - 5th M. Dear - 12th - 14th V. Verheyen.

Churchill Hockey Club

by Linda Reid
Hockey season is nearly upon us and we have vacancies for players in all age groups

Our season has begun with teams in all age groups U7s, U10s, U13s, U17s, Senior women and Senior men.

There are two extra U17 teams playing on Friday nights so the U13s will continue to

play on Saturday mornings with the U7s and U10s.

Training is on Thursday nights

Juniors from 4.30-5.30

U17s from 5.30-6.30

Seniors 6.30-7.30

There is room for experienced players, those who have only played a bit and for new players that we are happy to teach.



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Churchill Fire Brigade



Churchill North Primary School visit

Churchill North children in Grades P-2 received a visit from Captain Steve Barling and Ruth Place so they could learn about firefighters and their roles.

Steve was able to explain about firefighters uniforms and why they are worn, as well as drawing from the students what firefighters do. He showed the children his radio, an infra-red camera and breathing apparatus, explaining their functions.

Other messages spoken about were safety with fire in kitchens, including never leaving cooking unattended, crawl low in smoke because smoke is bad for you, and calling 000 to report a fire.

There were so many questions the children were encouraged to write them down and email them for answers.

Firefighters Memorial Service

The Firefighters memorial service will be held at Federation University Gippsland Campus auditorium on May 7 commencing at 2:00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend to remember those fire brigade members who have given their lives in the course of their duty. For Churchill it is especially significant as Darren McLean was one of those firefighters who gave his life at the age of 17. If attending, please RSVP to CFA on 03 9262 8513 by Friday April 21 to assist with numbers required for catering.

Smoke Detector Checks for Seniors

Smoke detector checks will be done for seniors in this month. If you usually have a visit for this reason, we will be in touch to arrange a timetable. If you haven't been involved previously ring Ruth

on 5122 1961 (you can leave a message if not home) so you can be included.

Churchill Festival

The fire brigade opened their doors and had their trucks on display while the Churchill Festival was under way. Captain Steve Barling said that piggy backing on the festival activities made for a useful day for promoting the brigade and distributing fire safety information.

Steve reported that many families had visited, with the children enjoying seeing the trucks. The added attractions of the Strzelecki Stringbusters and the medieval re-enactment helped to draw in the crowds.

The CFA community education trailer was also parked at the Lions Market and this drew children to receive a balloon or sticker, but also engaged the adults as well who were able to receive valuable advice.



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The team at Churchill & District News wishes all our readers a happy and safe Easter period.

Please take care on the roads.
Enjoy time with family and friends
Be alert and safe.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE WORKER TRANSITION SERVICE

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