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Aah . . . Spring is in the air

Churchill community garden



The gardeners are back at the community garden after a break for covid lockdown as there is plenty of open space for social distancing.

With the change of season there is always plenty to do in the garden. We have harvested the lettuce, cabbage and brussel sprouts and are now preparing the garden for tomato and cucumber crops.

Potato and pumpkin have

already been planted. The preschool children and their teachers have been to visit the garden and have enjoyed seeing the plants grow.

We have recommenced the monthly food swaps on the first Sunday of the month from 10.30 am.

This has been popular with excess fruit and veges being exchanged as well as jams, pickles, cakes, bread, flowers and crafts. We also

collect food waste from local shops for our compost and worm farm.

The garden is in Philip Parade behind the library. The gardeners work there Tuesdays from 10.00 am.

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See Yinnar Community Garden story – Back Page.



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Keep in Touch

By the time readers are perusing this edition of the Churchill & District News, CDCA will have held our 2020 Annual General Meeting, elected a new Committee and discussed our proposed activities and projects for the year ahead.

You can read the agenda and minutes, find out who's on the CDCA Committee, see when we next meet and read our Annual Report by having a look around our website - www.cdca.org.au.

You can also download our membership application form (membership of CDCA is free) from our website and join us - this will ensure you are included in our regular email reminders of meeting dates and other information.

We also have a 'Contact Us' facility via our website - you are very welcome to raise local issues with CDCA for our consideration/discussion.

Whilst we can't solve every issue raised with us, we can often respond with further information, referral to the relevant authorities or some publicity when it's

warranted.

For those who are on Facebook, CDCA also has a Facebook page - search for Churchill & District Community Association.

We re-post all sorts of community information from a range of organisations that you may find relevant and/or interesting. Of course, we also post meeting reminders and other items of CDCA news.

You can also contact CDCA by leaving a message via our Facebook page and a member of the CDCA Committee will respond within a day or two (or sooner!).

CDCA only knows what is important to our community from the feedback we receive from local residents.

Committee members raise issues for attention at our meetings because people speak up about local issues.

For instance, many people expressed dismay about the closure of Hazelwood House and voiced their concerns to CDCA, and continue to ask about the vacant building.

Whilst CDCA could not prevent the closure of this facility, we have been able to provide information to the community.

Sadly, there is nothing further to report about a new occupant as yet.

We know that potholes, faulty streetlights and safety hazards concern some residents as we often receive reports of faults requiring attention.

We can report these to relevant authorities, however we encourage residents to download the 'Snap, Send, Solve' App to your smartphone so you can simply take a photo of the fault and let the App report it to the relevant authority for you!

One matter that keeps us busy is the need to continue to link Churchill's network of paths and walking tracks and ensure they remain a feature of our town.

Over many years CDCA has undertaken or advocated for a variety of projects to add to this network.

As an example, we worked with Green Corps many years ago to have the path along Philip Parade

between Eel Hole Creek and Glendonald Park constructed; a path that is now well utilised by walkers and joggers alike.

We also worked with the developers of Gaskin Rise to ensure a network of paths from this development would eventually link to Gaskin Park and beyond.

This year we have had a project to build a seat that will be placed alongside the path between McDonald Way and Northways Rd overlooking the Eel Hole Creek wetlands.

We hope to have the seat in place in the near future. Next year we have a further project to have a picnic table placed in the same vicinity.

If you have ideas for small projects that CDCA might undertake or you want to alert CDCA to local issues that need addressing, contact us and let us know.

Even better, why not join CDCA and add your voice to our discussions!

You can still write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill if websites and Facebook are not 'your thing'. We look forward to hearing from you.

RAINFALL

Churchill Rainfall

The Churchill Rainfall for October was a wet, above average 98mm.

The 2020 total to October 30 is 759.5 mm

Rain at Hazelwood South

October rain was a little above average, with 92mm and 118% of the October average, keeping the tanks full.

The average for 2020 is now 130%, with a wet start to the year and six out of ten months above average.

Warm days with plenty of sunshine is good for the garden but makes it difficult to keep up with weeding and mowing.

The fire season is rapidly approaching, with more to do.



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With Christmas just around the corner, St Matt's is a great place for children to do their gift shopping at pocket-money prices.

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Al-Anon

The daughter of an alcoholic

I came to Al-Anon Family Groups looking for an answer to my mother's out of control drinking. I wanted a solution, the recipe for a cure!

I was told that by listening to the sharings of Al-Anon members and adopting the Al-Anon principles, my life would get better.

I learned that alcoholism is a family disease and that my mother had no control over her drinking.

Alcoholism was not a moral issue. She was not able to stop drinking once she started. She was not choosing to inflict hurt on myself and other family members.

Sometimes it is not actual drinking but the behaviour exhibited by the alcoholic and the reaction and interaction of the family members that caused the unhappiness.

At Al-Anon meetings I gained compassion for the alcoholic. I learnt to get on with my life and

make choices that were good for me. Al-Anon gave me strategies to cope with drinking and the ability to make positive choices for myself. My mum does not drink today, but I still find communication with her difficult.

Today I know that I am not alone. Many people suffer from the affects of someone who drinks too much. Al-Anon has given me courage to change what I can and live a happy, productive life whether the alcoholic is drinking or not.

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Church News



Co-Operating Churches Snippets

It has been difficult to hold services for our parishioners with only five and then ten and finally 20 people able to attend an outside service during this latest lockdown period.

Cathie Halliwell who is fulfilling the role very well as our part time supply minister, has organised the service under the western verandah of the church at Churchill, and under the magnificent tree in the grounds of Boolarra church.

There are very mixed feelings regarding going back to worship at church with some so very eager they can hardly wait and others erring very much on the cautious side.

We do miss seeing each other and chatting over a cuppa after the service. Catching up by Zoom and with phone calls, emails and texts is not nearly the same as face to face.

Through all this though we must remain positive and remember God is in charge

and God is with us.

Many good and positive things will eventuate from these past months.

Cathie Halliwell



Greetings, my name is Cathie. I have been providing supply ministry for the Co-operating Churches in Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra since May. I was asked to write a message of hope for this issue.

It has been a year like

no other and most of us are weary.

To put some perspective on it though, yes, we have had restrictions on our lives, but we have not been at war, subjected to a great depression or complete rationing of all supplies.

I think that we can learn from our elders who have experienced times of great hardship before.

We need to learn to sit at the feet of our older generations and listen to their wisdom.

We have truly experienced that technology is not a substitute for everything and that physical human contact is important for our well-being and our soul. Our connection with each other is what makes us all human.

Perhaps with the benefit of hindsight, this time in history will go down as a turning point where we as

Australians reorientated our priorities, refocused on the things of life that are truly important and learnt that there is more to life than economic prosperity at the expense of others.

Faith does not exclude us from challenges and struggles.

Faith gives us an extra reservoir of strength to get through tough times.

Bad stuff does happen to good people all the time. It is how we choose to respond to our circumstances that displays our character and relationship with God.

Even when we feel terrible, we can still make the choice to treat everyone with love and respect. We can choose how to relate to others beyond our personal pressures and challenges. Being a disciple of Jesus allows us to see beyond ourselves to the needs of others.

If you look carefully you can always find someone who is going through much

more than you and could do with a little support.

We need to get beyond the concept that asking for help is a weakness and see it as a way of connecting with others, being open enough to get support, knowing that in times to come you will be able to offer support to someone else in need.

Hope is a choice, it is an attitude, it is an expectation that we are always able to experience Jesus in the everyday moments of our lives.

Hope is a little bit of encouragement, a gentle reminder that we are not alone and that the greatest strength in the universe is open to us, to help us get through what we need to.

Being grounded and focused on God provides a refreshment for our soul. Hope can give us the energy and attitude to get through any situation.

I pray that in the coming days, weeks, and months ahead we can all find a little

more hope in our lives.

God, the one and only — I'll wait as long as the Lord says.

Everything I hope for comes from God, so why not?

God's solid rock under my feet, breathing room for my soul, ...

I'm set for life. (Psalm 62:5-6 MSG)

Reference: Bible passage adapted from The Message (MSG)

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Messages of hope We have so much to be thankful here in our towns of Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar with no COVID cases.

Faithfulness in little things is a great thing.

Helping others helps ourselves.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Proverbs 3:27



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Chaplain

T.S. Eliot (1888-1965) is famous, amongst other things, for creating the characters which appear in the musical 'Cats'.

On one occasion he commented, 'humankind cannot bear too much reality'...he was not referring to what we today call reality TV. He was referring to the idea that we often wear 'rose-tinted glasses' when viewing our faults.

A book in God's Word agrees with that, painting a picture of the negative aspects of life in detail.

That book is Ecclesiastes, which is part of what's called Wisdom Literature, and it speaks about that negativity with honesty and humour

at times, with only a glimpse of 'light at the end of the tunnel'. It portrays reality yet offers some hope too.

Francis Schaffer, in 1969, made the point about this saying that we humans really need to see the negative about ourselves before we can appreciate any need.

He said this in the context of sharing the Christian faith, adding that unless a person understood what was wrong, the negative, they would not see



anything positive in the Light of God's Word.

Few of us are comfortable with that honest approach. Which is what was behind what T.S. Eliot said ('humankind cannot bear too much reality').

Worth thinking about!

Strzelecki Bushwalking Club



With spring in the air members enjoyed another month of activities from the Club's extensive program. There were rides on the Gippsland Rail Trail and around the Yarragon flats and hills. Dining was enjoyed at Traralgon Vineyard and also at Smith and Albert in

Warragul. Lake Narracan was the destination for "Come and Try" kayaking, as well as a scenic midweek walk. There were caves to see at Labertouche, O'Shea's mill and Mormon Town at Walhalla, Lawson's Falls and Cape Woolamai to name some others. The famous

Great Ocean Walk is fully booked and programmed for a week in November.

Further information is available via the website, Facebook or email. sbwc.org.au facebook.com/strzeleckibushwalkingclub Jo at publicity@sbwc.org.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish
Species: *Acacia cyclops*.
Family: Fabaceae (syn. Mimosaceae)
Derivation: *Acacia*: This is a Greek word used by Dioscorides to name some prickly species in Egypt and is derived from *acis*, meaning 'a pointed instrument'.
cyclops: The Cyclops are a mythical race of one-eyed giants in Sicily. The plant name probably alludes to Homer's *Odyssey*, in which Odysseus gouges out the eye of Polyphemus (the king of the Cyclops) with a burnt stake. This species has black seeds encircled by bright red funicles, apparently resembling gouged eyes. Gruesome, eh!

leaves) are thick, straight or curved to 10cm long and 12mm wide and have 3-5 longitudinal veins, with the central one most prominent. Flower-heads are globular lemon-yellow balls to 7mm diameter, containing about 40 flowers and appearing in spring and summer. Pods are greyish-brown and leathery, curved and twisted to 12cm long and only slightly constricted between seeds. The seeds are dark brown to black and surrounded by a thick red or yellowish orange seed stalk (funicle).

surprising since its natural habitat is the deep, well-drained, limestone sands of the SA and WA coastlines. Still, other species of coastal wattles are pretty tough to



Opinion: The photo was taken in early February 2019, after my specimen had been in the ground since about 2017. Prior to that, it had lived in a tub since acquisition in September 2015. You can see how lush and healthy it looks. It was about 50cm tall, so imagine my surprise when it didn't survive the winter! You might remember that the summer and autumn of 2019 was very dry, but the drought broke in May while we were away in North America and it was very wet for the rest of the year. The plant was dead by the time we returned from overseas. Obviously it didn't like the Boolarra heavy soils and cooler climate, not really

the point that they become environmental weeds, so go figure. The plant was probably going to get too big for the position I had it in, so it's probably a good thing it didn't survive. That saves me the maintenance work and opens up a spot for something better.

Sources: Sharr – *WA Plant Names and their Meanings*.

Elliot & Jones – *Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants, Volume 2*.

Simmons – *Acacias of Australia, Volume 2*.

Vale – Kevin Jackson

Sadly we acknowledge the death of long time resident of Churchill Kevin Jackson.

Born on October 7, 1929, Kevin passed away on October 8, 2020 at age 91.

He leaves behind his loving wife Olivia and his family Paul, Belinda and Mario with grandchildren Jaydine, Brooke, Jay, Marlo and Rian to whom he was Poppy.

Kevin was a Central Gippsland boy and spent a lot of his time growing up in Morwell.

He worked as a paymaster for the Railways for a few years, then worked in a private firm as General Manager and Estimator.

Kevin came to Churchill in September 1968.

On retirement Kevin was a regular at the Neighbourhood House in the Creative Writing group.

Many of his works won prizes in the Churchill & District Writing Competition.

Kevin also became much involved with U3A.

A few years ago Kevin and Olivia moved to Dalkeith Heights.

Kevin will be sadly missed by all who knew this gentle man.



Kevin Jackson

Latrobe Health Advocate

Jane Anderson, Latrobe Health Advocacy is wanting to engage with young people aged 12-25 years during the month of November.

She will be asking young people to complete a survey and/or get in touch with her to share their stories around their health and wellbeing

goals and challenges.

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Hazelwood – Hazelwood North – more historical snippets

By Leo Billington Former Sexton's hut at Hazelwood Cemetery

One definition of a Sexton's duties from an American cemetery outlines such a person is responsible for the day to day operation of the cemetery grounds, maintains both shop

buildings, maintains all equipment and vehicles. The Sexton reports directly to the Board of Trustees.

In this capacity, the Sexton directs preparation of burial site openings and closings, maintains the cemetery grounds and the condition of equipment

and structures, (i.e. trucks, tractors, mowers, buildings, and watering systems for instance).

In addition, he is responsible for the hiring and supervision of all cemetery support personnel excluding the Office Manager. He is to report directly to the Board

in a timely manner, any and all situations affecting the cemetery operations.

Historically, a Sexton looked after a church and churchyard, typically acting as bell-ringer and gravedigger.

These days, Sextons are often referred to as the caretakers of a cemetery. At the Hazelwood Cemetery, a contract gardener maintains the cemetery grounds.

The old green hut possibly dates back to the late 1930's although conjecture remains about a more definite date. It was originally sited at the main northern granite gate entrance.

Tanners Lane – Hazelwood North

Running north-south between Church Road and Firmins Lane, Tanners Lane takes its name from an original farm sited about half way along. Charles (Chas as he was better known) farmed here earning a local reputation as a successful dairy, sheep and cropping farmer.

In late 1929 for instance, Chas was admired for top dressing his pastures enabling 11 sheep to the acre

to be carried.

Chas was prominent in helping his local community – being called upon as a Master of Ceremonies at local functions held in the Hazelwood North Mechanics Hall.

He officiated at community card nights and was instrumental in lobbying with others to have the "rather shabby hall" painted and renovated by Morwell Shire Council.

He successfully agitated for repairs to Firmins Lane, sharing his lobbying strategies to Morwell Shire with another local resident, Mrs H M Plant.

Unfortunately, Chas lost his life in the February 1944 Fires. He perished as the fire raced across and through Hazelwood North; his name is memorialised on the granite gateposts at Hazelwood Cemetery together with 12 other names.

It is understood that his wife, Julia May Tanner and family, naturally moved away after the tragedy.

Old peppercorn tree at the former Northway homestead

Each week, thousands of vehicles speed past an old

peppercorn tree in Boldings Road totally oblivious to its past glory.

It is sited where a grand two-storied residence once stood – the home of Mr and Mrs William Northway. Their daughter Agnes, married Mr Hugh Murray Thompson at "the bride's home, in the presence of relatives only" (Morwell Advertiser April 13, 1923).

It was reported that "The wedding breakfast was richly provided for, at which the usual toasts were honoured. The happy couple left for their honeymoon amid cheers, good wishes and showers of confetti."

The newly married couple soon took up dairy farming on a neighbouring soldier settlement 100 acre property, a farm which, today, still remains in the Thompson family.

(Readers will immediately recognise the Northway name being attached to Northways Road. Other members of the Northway family played a prominent lobbying role during earlier years resulting in many infrastructure improvements in and about Hazelwood North.)



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Looking Back... 200 DIGITAL ISSUES

Memories are here again for your enjoyment this month. If you have access to the internet you will find all 196 digital copies at cdnews.com.au for you to read and enjoy.

Valley Voices choir. They had the opportunity to be part of Opera Australia's new Community Choirs project learning opera choruses.

Gippsland Acoustic Music Club was delighted

also football and netball presentations.

The front page of Issue 124 in February 2014 featured a photo of Churchill's Australia Day award winners.

Russell Northe welcomed extra funding for the local libraries from the Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Fund.

A very interesting article covering 100 years of the Red Cross in its centenary year was also featured.

West Place shopping centre displayed a wonderful collection of art work from Churchill Primary School students that was on show for two months.

In June 2014 the front pages celebrated Churchill's 50th birthday by recreating news from earlier editions. This front page was completed with photos from Churchill's 25th birthday.

Noelene Marchwicki, a 2013 Master Chef entrant, was cooking up a storm at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, with her down to earth attitude and

enthusiasm.

Works were progressing on the realignment of Georgina Place and reconstruction of the northern car park in Churchill town centre. Drainage was laid and a new water main and power cables installed.

Churchill Fire Brigade held their annual meeting. Morwell Group members had an opportunity to participate in training with the mobile industrial hot fire prop. This simulated real fire

shopping when six pounds of Self Raising flour cost only 3/-, a tin of sardines 2/-, a pound of sultanas 2/6d, and 3 cakes of soap priced at 3/9d.

Issue 136 told it all. WOW! What a day. The proclamation of the town of Churchill on March 15, 1965 was remembered and celebrated in March, 2015 on a most amazing, wonderful successful day, Churchill's 50th birthday.

Boolarra folk festival was a great success with many photos included this month.

July 2015 saw the Creative Writers class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre a huge success. All you needed was a pen and paper to write your story.

Dr Meredith Fletcher, who was director of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Monash Gippsland, had just completed a biography of the world famous Gippsland botanist and

writer, Jean Galbraith.

Miss Galbraith was a founding



member of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club.

The History of Policing in the Churchill Area written by Sergeant Howard Jones is a very informative story. Read it all in Issue 140, a copy of which is on our website with all other digital copies from 1-197 at cdnews.com.au

Meet you here again in December.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015
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50 Years — Let's Celebrate!

50th Celebration Events
ANZAC Day April 25, PSL service at 11am in the Town Hall Plaza, followed by refreshments in the Town Hall and the unveiling of the Hazelwood Honour Roll.
Churchill and District News Volume 4 Looking Back history book launch May 24 at 2pm at the Co-Operating Churches. All welcome.
Unveiling of Monash Way Underpass artwork April 1 - June. Date TBC.
Churchill Football Club Past Players Re-Union Day/Night event Saturday June 13. Match the game in the afternoon and get together at 7.30pm for fellowship and finger food catering.

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scenarios and was located at the Churchill station on the concrete verge.

Issue 132 told the news of how proud mum, Dianne

Marriott was of her four sons at a Queen Scout badge presentation. The boys, Kieran and Ryan were the youngest to complete this remarkable challenge, an amazing feat for this scouting family.

Page 10 gave us a trip down memory lane to go

Issue 121 in October 2013 was full of music events for the locals to enjoy.

The Monash Academy symphony orchestra, with students from Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music, played a concert at Monash Churchill.

Singers from the Latrobe Valley participated in the formation of the Latrobe

to host the annual Gippsland Ukulele Muster at Tyers Hall.

The Brunswick Women's Choir came to Churchill Town Hall to enjoy an afternoon of song with other visitors.

Plenty of sport was also played in Churchill that month with results from tennis, junior golf, United soccer club, Braves baseball,

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Music Afternoon at Monash

A delightful afternoon orchestral concert was enjoyed by a full house at Monash Churchill auditorium on Sunday September 29. The 75 musician strong Monash

Gottterdammerung Funeral Music. Second half of the programme was played by the full Monash Academy Orchestra with conductor Fabia Russell

Fine food from simple produce

By Jean Baudendistel Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Noelene Marchwicki, 2013 Master Chef entrant, is cooking up a storm at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, with her down to earth attitude and enthusiasm. "Back to the Basics" is the theme for the classes, where you can learn to make fine wholesome food from simple produce. Noelene's effervescent personality and passion for good food is evident from the response of her students and dishes they produce. Anybody wishing to join in the classes is most welcome, young, elderly, male, female it doesn't matter, Noelene can cater for everyone. Classes run on Tuesdays 10.00am-12.00noon and 4.00pm-6.00pm. Thursday evening 7.00pm-9.00pm. For more information and bookings phone the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955

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A survey of 600 Australians with disability and their carers has found half don't feel included in their community. The research – commissioned by not-for-profit Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) – reveals it's the most basic things that remain the biggest barriers for Australians living with disability.

LCHS has published a discussion paper, describing the firsthand experiences of Australians living with disability based on the survey findings.

The paper explains despite decades of campaigns, government policy change and nationwide reform such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the inaccessibility of our public places and poor community attitudes continue to prevent

people with disability from living the life they want to.

"We hear from people with disability every day as part of our role delivering the NDIS in Sydney, Melbourne and throughout regional Victoria," LCHS Executive Director NDIS Services Vince Massaro said.

"We know they want – and deserve – the same opportunities as everyone else, but the way our towns are built and the attitudes of the broader community remain significant barriers for people with disability. It falls on all of us to redouble our efforts."

"Too often our towns, business offerings and activities are designed without considering the practical needs of people with disability.

Too often solutions are implemented without actually asking people with

disability what matters to them," Mr Massaro said.

"This paper acts as a practical guide for governments, small business owners and community groups who want to better include people with disability through simple, achievable changes," he said.

"Changing the layout of your shop floor, introducing sensory-friendly hours or experiences, or updating your business information so people with disability know whether participation is a real option – these aren't ground-breaking solutions, and there are actions all of us can take to be more inclusive and accessible."

One in five survey respondents also have a chronic medical condition in addition to their disability.

Download the full report: <http://bit.ly/accessandinclusion>



We were able to have one working bee with the lifting of restrictions making sure we were following strict COVID -19 guidelines. Ten people turned up and it was good to welcome Lorraine and have Pascal come back. Thank you all for being there.

We achieved a lot of clearing up of the piles left by the Bush Crew. There are more to do and we wait for the next dry enough day to proceed. Some of our piles from the tree crew work have been able to be burnt. Wally planted two new trees, did some mowing and some weed control.

It was an exceptionally warm day and we were glad to go and have a drink in

the picnic shelter, socially distancing of course.

The shade sail over the play equipment has been replaced. We now have two black shade sails to protect the participants from the hot sun.

Gippsland Interchange crews are now able to come and help in the park. They have spread some mulch for us. They love to help. Thanks to Reg, Andy and Max for being there to guide them.

Fisheries have again stocked Lake Hyland in Mathison Park with 800 trout.

The pelicans and cormorants know already, so go fishing soon before they have all been caught by the birds.

The fish we hope have been biting. One person took his canoe down and fished from it in the middle of the lake. He looked very relaxed. Hope he caught a fish or two.

Also spotted were the students from Federation University in their canoes who are studying Outdoor Education. They looked happy with their efforts.

A second working bee was called several times before we were able to work due to the rain. The long grass around and inside the old house was whippersnipped, more branches were collected and burnt. It was very successful and our thanks go to all the volunteers who put in so much time.

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As restrictions change and we move towards our Covid Normal, please continue to look out for each other, and to do what you can to reduce the risk of transmission for yourself, and for those who are relying on us all to do the right thing.

Information about the many changes that are occurring across Victoria, and the support that's available for families, businesses and communities, is at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps

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Churchill CHATTER



Churchill Community Garden
Springtime has the Community garden looking remarkable.

Volunteers have been busy working and keeping everything in good shape. Check out the garden and rest awhile at the rear of the Neighbourhood Centre, Philip Parade Churchill.

Sadly we acknowledge the deaths of Kevin Jackson, Tonny Koedijk and Judy McKenzie, all of whom have made a significant contribution to our communities over the years.

Churchill Fire Brigade

Do you know that our local Fire Brigade has been called out 88 times this year?

Callouts do not happen only in the summer months as the brigade has

had three in the past couple of weeks. Members are on call twelve months of the year. What amazing volunteers we have here in Churchill.



Churchill Primary School.

Have you seen the demolition of the old Block A building and the construction of the new building? Quite something to see how quickly the new replaced the old using modules which swung into place on stumps by a huge crane.

The Oak Hill Estate
Did you get the brochure in your mail about the Oak Hill Estate opposite the Churchill Hotel being ready for sale in Stages 1 and 2?



Churchill Hotel is open for outdoor dining.

Churchill Heart Walkers

Covid restrictions are easing and the weather is improving, so now is a great time to join a walking group. We are a friendly group of men and women with a variety of abilities.

During the recent lockdown most of us continued to walk either singly or in pairs and many of us enjoyed longer walks.

As a result walkers now have the option of the regular walk, which takes about half an hour, or a longer one hour walk.

On Mondays and Fridays we meet at 8.30 at the Leisure Centre car park and on Mondays all walk to the

car park at Lake Hyland.

Those wishing to take the longer walk then walk around the lake and down to the Hub, up behind the university residences to the roundabout, down to the next roundabout and back to the car park.

The short walkers return to the Leisure Centre.

On Fridays we walk along Eel Hole Creek behind the university residences. Those doing the shorter walk then return to the car park.

Those doing the longer walk go up to Hazelwood House, around Glendonald Park and back to Hazelwood House, then down to the

roundabout in Northways Road, up the hill and past the university, down to the roundabout near the high school and back to the car park.

On Wednesdays walkers meet at the Lake Hyland car park and walk around the lake. Those wanting a longer walk continue to go around the lake for as many times as they wish.

We are so fortunate in Churchill to have such a lot of open space and good paths on which to walk so come and join us!

You just need to turn up at the meeting points and you will be made very welcome.

Churchill / Latrobe City Neighbourhood Watch and Churchill Town Safety Group

Spring Cleaning Safety

Many people may be still spring cleaning their houses in preparation for the summer period and possibly doing maintenance around the home while we still have "Pandemic" issues going on.

Now is a good time to work out what to do with your discarded things, and deciding what is rubbish, and what is recyclable.

It is wise to check out where and when to dispose of things safely. Simply look up Latrobe City on their web site and they have details on what to do with your rubbish.

https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Home/Waste/My_Waste/Transfer_Stations_Tips.

Do not dispose of paint or chemicals in the drains. The local waste transfer stations have ways of dealing with those kinds of waste. Also be careful what you leave out on your nature strip for collection, as they may be a risk to passing people including children on their way to school.

The local Churchill Hub also deals with some recyclable goods. Check them out on facebook. Always remember, think "safety first" and your community.

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Greenside Villas in Yinnar



Did you know there is a retirement village located in the heart of Yinnar?

The Yinnar & District Housing Development's Greenside Retirement Village was opened in 1993 after a group of concerned Yinnar residents decided it was time for the town to be able to provide retirement accommodation for its elderly residents.

Yinnar community resident, Ray Linton along with a dedicated group of locals came together as a working group to investigate the possibility of building a facility in Yinnar so elderly residents didn't have to move from the area.

The village consists of

seven two bedroom units and four one bedroom units.

The two bedroom units have a garage built under the roofline and the single bedroom units have carports.

Today, 27 years after the first residents moved into the village it is still a safe and friendly place to live with a real sense of community.

The units are very comfortable and maintained to the highest standard. The village is owned and run by the community.

A volunteer committee of management is responsible for the running and upkeep of the buildings and surrounds.

The on-going cost to live at the village is very

affordable and the monthly fee covers all maintenance (inside and out) of the buildings, council rates, water rates, building insurance, common area lawn mowing and gardening.

Residents are responsible for their own contents insurance, electricity and phone accounts and backyard gardening/mowing.

At present there are no vacancies at the village but if you are interested or would like to go onto the waiting list, please contact: The Secretary, Greenside Villas, PO Box 369, Yinnar 3869 or phone Sue on 0458 151 631 or you can email: ssjembry@gmail.com

Hello and a big welcome to our neighbourhood community.

Since our last column in the Churchill & District News we have been busy continuing our online lessons and communicating throughout this exceptional time with our members, students and clients.

It never surprises us here at the CNC how resilient and obliging our community has been in such a long and trying situation.

We are getting quite excited to know that in the near future we will once again be able to see you all in a personal capacity and look forward to catching up on all your news.

In the meantime we have decided to introduce, one at a time, the members from the



Board of Governance so you will have a better insight into who we are. This month it will be our President, hardworking Helen. Here we share answers to questions we asked her.

How long have you been involved at the Neighbourhood Centre?

Feels like since the dinosaurs roamed the earth, but maybe ten years or so.

What is your role there?

I have many hats. Recently it's sitting on the Board of Governance. Well, not sitting ON them!!

What should the readers of the Churchill & District News know about CNC?

It's a safe place to learn and grow.

What makes you volunteer in your community?

It keeps me connected with community. Working full time, sometimes this is hard.

Tell us a bit about how you spend your time when you are not volunteering.

I work A LOT. I also enjoy painting, sewing, crafts ...anything creative really.

What makes you proud of Churchill?

Small friendly country town. All the good stuff isn't too far away. Country gal at heart, Churchill gives me best of both worlds.

Tell us something we wouldn't know about you...

Classically trained in piano for many years. Also sang in choir for royal family.

More than 4000 Federation graduates have been invited to view a virtual graduation acknowledgement to celebrate their achievements.



Science student, Elizabeth Mullens, who was awarded a University Medal.

Ms Mullens said she had always been interested in science and animals and had jumped at the chance to enrol in the course.

"When I got the offer for it, I felt like I just had to take the opportunity," she said.

Ms Mullens attributes her success to hard work, her interest in the subjects, her faith and her supportive and encouraging group of friends.

Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) student Alex Walter received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence and thanked his teachers for their support.

"They always made time for one-on-one conversations to work through issues or for deeper explanations of topics of interest, were always very

helpful and made the course as enjoyable as it is," Mr Walter said. The graduation acknowledgement video 'Celebrating our Graduates 2020' can be viewed from October 15 at federation.edu.au

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "Recognising the hard work and achievements of our students through graduation ceremonies is a cherished tradition of the university and while we will not be able to come together in the halls of our communities this year, we are proud to be able to honour their efforts through the virtual space.

Our graduates have taken the challenges of 2020 head on and we invite them to pause and celebrate their success. We are proud to have provided our graduates with the skills employers need as the number one rated university in Victoria for graduate starting salaries and full-time employment."

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A message about

Recycling at the Churchill Hub

Recycle these items at the Hub:

- Bread tags
- Printer cartridges
- Clean used aluminium foil
- Household batteries
- X-rays
- Mobile phones and chargers
- Old bras
- All small e-waste items
- P5 plastics

PLEASE ensure you wash/clean your used aluminium foil before you bring it to the Hub for recycling – it gets very smelly if you don't!

“Don't forget you can recycle your “scrunchable plastics” too – put them in the bin provided outside Woolworths.”

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Fire Safety Outreach Program

The Country Fire Authority has developed the Fire Safety Outreach Program for residents of the Gippsland Community. The Fire Safety Outreach program is a free service for community members and professionals to access information and fire safety information from experienced CFA personnel.

Find out about:

- Bushfire planning for your household
- Property preparation for bushfire
- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Where to gain trusted information during emergencies
- Fire restrictions, what you can and cannot do
- Home fire safety information
- Support education sessions for your community groups and clubs

CFA community education officers will get in touch at a time that suits, via whatever communication method works for you.

To register your interest for the program please contact E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au or M: 0419 874 484 (BH).

Start Preparing Now

In preparation for the upcoming summer period, we are urging all in our communities to prepare themselves and their properties for this year's bushfire season.

Any bushfire season in Victoria has the potential to be a bad one and communities can't

be complacent. However, with above average rainfall forecast from now until December, this year's fire season has the potential to be a grassfire-dominated season with shorter-duration fires in grass and dry forests during hotter and windier days.

A big clean-up before the fire season can make a huge difference to the safety and survival of your home in a bushfire.

Make sure you're ready for the upcoming bushfire season, by:

- Moving furniture, woodpiles and mulch away from windows, decks and eaves
- Pruning tree branches so they are not overhanging on the roof or touching walls
- Keeping grass shorter than 10cm. Regularly remove leaves and twigs
- Not having plants higher than 10cm in front of windows or glass doors
- Making sure you remove all flammable items from around your home before you leave. Houses have been lost to embers landing on a doormat

Checking that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations.

Now is a good time for all of us to get a better understanding of our fire risk and what to do about it. Plan for all situations by talking to your family and friends about your triggers to leave, where you'll go and how you'll get there. Get into the habit of checking Fire Danger Ratings on the VicEmergency website or

app daily to understand the fire risk in your area.

It's up to all of us to stay informed by using more than one source of information, understanding the three levels of warnings, what they mean and what you should do. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/about/fire-action-week-2020 for more information about bushfire planning, preparation, and about leaving early.

Bushfire Survival Plans

Everyone needs to have a Bushfire Survival Plan, not just those who live out of town in the bush or grassland environments.

What to consider:

- Not everyone thinks clearly in an emergency. A well-practised plan will help you remember what steps to take during a crisis. Following are some of the items to consider, but your circumstances may require additional thought.

Your plan needs to outline:

- Property preparation before the summer fire season;
- Further preparation and maintenance during the fire season;
- Final preparation based on daily Fire Danger Ratings; Actions you take on days with Fire danger Ratings of Severe, Extreme and Code Red;

- A back up plan in case your original plan fails.

- Actions before the fire season.

In your plan think about you, your family, your business, your animals, and your property. Think too about what might happen if you are away on holiday



when a fire occurs.

Preparing your property:

- House and garden maintenance;
- Make sure gutters are clear of leaves and rubbish;
- Ensure under floor areas are enclosed or screened;
- Seal gaps, vent and roof spaces and around doors and windows to prevent embers entering the house;

- Store LPG gas cylinders appropriately- they should be vented away from the house;

- Firmly fix roofing; Vegetation management:

- Keeping grass areas watered and cut to be no more than 10cm in height;
- Clear dead leaves;
- Remove and or trim shrubs. No shrubs over one metre next to or below window line;

- Trim tree branches overhanging the house;

- Check local council for laws on clearing native vegetation;

Trigger to Leave:

Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there, when you will return and what you will do if you cannot leave.

Ask these questions:

- What is my trigger to leave?

- Is the trigger the same for each household member (elderly, children, animals)?

- Where will you go? What is your planned destination?

Make arrangements with those you plan to visit or stay with beforehand so they know you are coming when you leave early.

- How will you get there? What to take:

Prepare a Relocation Kit and have it ready for the fire season.

It should include:

- Protective clothing for each member of the household - made of cotton or wool, long-sleeved, sturdy footwear preferably of leather, a wide-brimmed hat, goggles, gloves, scarf to wrap around your face.

Change of clothing;

- Food and water;
- Woollen blankets in the car for protection in case you get caught on the road;

- Medications, pharmacy scripts and toiletries/sanitary requirements;

- Mobile phone and charger. Keep the phone charged at all times. Download the Vic Emergency app if you have a smart phone;

- Battery powered radio

and spare batteries;

- Scanned copies of important documents, including driver's license and insurance policies and put them on a USB memory stick. Photo ID, passport, photos, jewellery, will, power of attorney;

- Have a map marked with your main routes and back up routes and location of petrol stations;

- Contact numbers for your family friends, doctor, dentist, local hospital, chemist, vet, council, gas, electricity, and water providers;

- First aid kit.

Pets:

Make sure pet containers and leashes are ready or packed in the car. If you have horses or other stock, make sure you can move them somewhere else if they won't be safe on your property. Take pet food, water, medications, dietary supplements and toys and bedding if needed.

Have a practice at packing your car with your relocation kit, pets and household members to judge how long it will take.

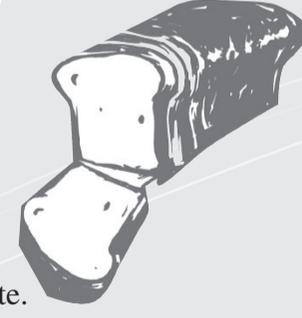
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Threat based scams targeting young people and Chinese community

Australians have lost over \$8.8 million to threat based scams so far this year, and young people are reporting the highest losses.

Threat based scammers often pretend to be from government departments and rely on fear, intimidation and people's instinct to comply with authority, to scam victims. These scams are mainly phone-based and impersonate various officials, such as police, ATO officers or government investigators.

People aged 24 and under reported losing more than \$4.1 million to threat based scams and women reported losses three times higher than men.

"It is extremely concerning that young people are being so severely emotionally and financially impacted by threat based scams," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"These losses can be devastating and they can also lead to a loss of trust in authority, meaning victims of threat based scams may be less likely to seek help or advice from legitimate agencies in the future."

So far this year Scamwatch has received over 18,000 reports of these scams, an increase of 40 per

cent compared to reports across all of 2019.

Chinese authority scams comprised 74 per cent of all losses to threat based scams, over \$6.5 million. These scams target Mandarin-speakers in Australian and impersonate authorities such as the Chinese embassy, police or other government officials.

"Threat based scams disproportionately impact people with English as a second language, including foreign students, who may not fully understand Australian law," Ms Rickard said.

"Victims will often provide personal information to scammers, as they believe they are dealing with a government agency, and this can lead to identity theft or falling victim to further scams."

Scamwatch has recorded an increase in robo-calls impersonating government agencies, such as the Department of Home Affairs or Services Australia, which claim the victim is under investigation and to 'Dial 1' to speak to an investigator.

"Government departments will never send pre-recorded messages to your phone or threaten you with immediate arrest," Ms Rickard said.

"If you're not sure

whether a call is legitimate, hang up and call the organisation directly by finding their details through an independent search.

Never send money or give credit card details or personal information to anyone you don't know or trust and never by email or over the phone."

More information on scams is also available on the Scamwatch website, including how to make a report and where to get help.

Consumers can also download the ACCC's Little Black Book of Scams, which has been translated into ten languages.

Background

If the scammer impersonated a government agency, contact the agency by sourcing the number from an independent search and report the scam to them.

If you have experienced fraud or theft or the scammer is impersonating the police, contact your local police or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

IDCARE is a free government-funded service which works with victims of identity theft to develop a specific response plan and support them throughout the process. You can phone them on 1300 IDCARE (432273) or visit their website www.idcare.org.

A Story in Three Stamps

The history of commercial flight began in 1903 with the successful flight by the Wright Brothers. The development of the aeroplane progressed quickly in the next ten years making it more and more reliable and profitable. Longer and longer flights were made and with the added range aviation companies were becoming more and more innovative in their ways to make money using aeroplanes.

The advent of World War I saw a continuation of development of the aeroplane, not only in an extension of range and reliability of aircraft, but also increased carrying capacity, better pilot training and better navigational capacity. It also led to the need for better landing grounds. Small open fields were not enough for larger aircraft although the use of grassed airfields for smaller planes persisted through until the late 1940s.

Led by the U.S., airfields with all-weather strips became more and more common. By 1919, inter-ocean crossings became possible and in November of that year the attempts to fly from England to Australia began. Before it could go ahead, a great number of preparations had to take place. Maps of the planned route had to be printed and fuel dumps established right across Europe and southern Asia. Outback Australia



STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



produced the greatest problems, as there were no facilities at all except in the few scattered towns. A ground team led by Hudson Fysh, a founder of QANTAS, set off to find and establish possible landing sites in the Northern Territory and Western Queensland. They all had to be charted and checked out.

The checking out fell to Captain Wrigley and Sergeant Murphy of the newly-fledged RAAF who flew from Point Cook to Darwin, checking all the landing fields en route. In doing so, they performed the first trans-continental flight of Australia. Brothers Captain Ross Smith and Lt. Keith Smith and two mechanics took off from Hounslow airfield in England on November 12, and set out on the epic flight. After a gruelling journey that lasted almost 28 days with a total of 135 flying hours and peppered with some amazing adventures, they landed at

Darwin. Their successful flight allowed them to claim the ten thousand pound prize put up by the Australian Government for such an achievement. The brothers also received a knighthood for their achievement. Sir Ross was killed in England in a flying accident in 1922, attempting to make the first round-the-world flight while Sir Keith died in 1955.

In 1969, a strip of three 5c stamps was issued by the Post Office to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the flight. One shows the Vickers Vimy aircraft which performed the feat, the second shows the ground party led by Fysh in a Ford truck and the third shows Wrigley and Murphy's BE2e aircraft taking off from an outback station. The stamps were arranged sequentially across and down so as well as a strip, collectors could save a block of nine showing all configurations.



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We can help you stay away from the pokies when they reopen.

Dredger felling success



The first of the dredger demolition works carried out on Thursday October 15, at the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project proved a success.

Dredger 11 came down a little after 10am with the key objectives of the demolition realised. The main outcome, a safe and successful fell, was achieved with Dredger 11 on the ground.

All of the blast cutting charges were fully expended with no misfires. A thermal imaging sweep conducted by drone after the controlled collapse showed no issues with hot spots. The

immediate geotechnical surveys also showed no issues and batter stability throughout the mine was not compromised.

A smoulder was identified later in the afternoon of the dredger 11 demolition but was quickly addressed.

Post-blast monitoring continued for a further 24 hours to ensure the overall area has not been impacted for batter stability.

The second of the dredger demolition works carried out on Thursday October 29 at the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project proved

another success.

Dredger 10 came down a little after 10am with all key objectives of the demolition realised.

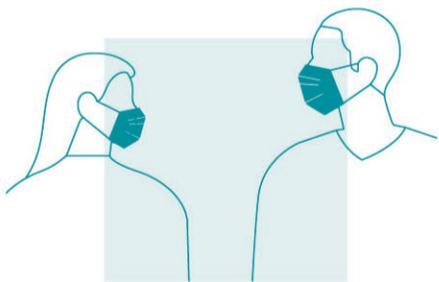
The dredger fell as planned onto a sand and clay dampening pad, which was set up to reduce any potential vibration impact.

The focus of ENGIE and the demolition contractor Delta Group now switches to Dredger 9, which is scheduled for demolition in the next few weeks.

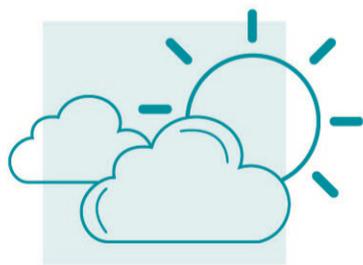
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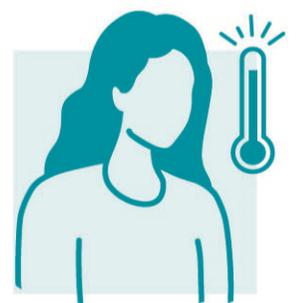
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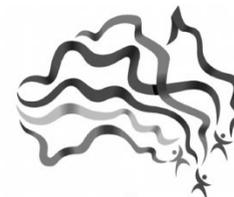
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LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Australia Day

2021 NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for: Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year School Student Citizen of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON/PERSONS/GROUP BEING NOMINATED

Full name of citizen/persons/organization/event: _____

Contact name (if nominating organization/event): _____

Residential address: _____ Town: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

Date of birth of nominee (if nominating Young Citizen & Young School Citizen of the Year): ____/____/____

Please note: The information provided below will only be used by the Lions Club of Churchill in the selection process, if the nomination is successful in winning an Australia day award all or part of this information may be released to the media

Reason for Nomination:

Contribution/s to the community for which the person is nominated: summarize (In 100-150 words) the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

If you require additional space, please write on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

Community / Professional bodies / Sporting or Service Groups your nominee has been involved with:

Background information about your nominee:

Referee in support of this application (this person may be contacted for further information)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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Nominator (To be completed by person submitting)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss): _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations can be lodged at any time; however nominations for the Lions Club of Churchill & District Australia Day 2021 awards close on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Nominations should be addressed to:

Carol Kavanagh
Lions Club Secretary
Australia Day Awards Nominations
PO Box 110 Churchill Vic 3842.
or email Churchill.lionsclub@gmail.com.

Privacy Statement: The 'personal' details provided for the nominee will only be used to enable the Lions Club of Churchill & District to determine Award winners and to contact the Award winners. The winners of Awards and details of their contribution to the community will be disclosed to the media.

Boy Swallows Universe

by Trent Dalton

Trent Dalton is a journalist, former assistant editor of the Courier Mail and staff editor for The Weekend Australian.

He has won two Walkley Awards for excellence in Journalism and has won The Kennedy Award for Excellence in Journalism four times. He has also won the national News Award Features Journalist of the Year four times. He is married to a fellow journalist and they have two daughters.

“Boy Swallows Universe”, published in 2018, is his debut novel and much of it is based on actual events in his younger life. He actually knew Arthur “Slim” Halliday, the Houdini of Boggo Road, who was a friend of his step-father, and he witnessed much violence as a boy.

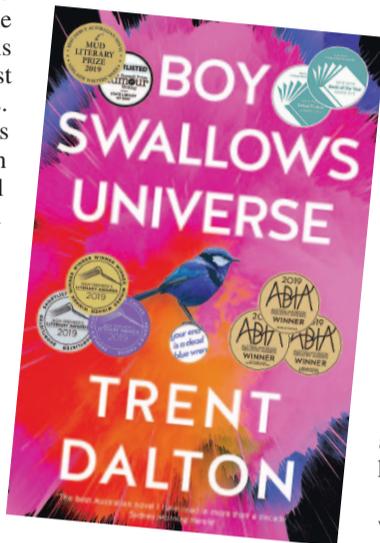
The character of Frankie Bell is based on his mother, Eli is the young Trent and August is an amalgamation of his three older brothers. “Boy Swallows Universe” has been translated into twelve languages and there is the possibility of film and television rights.

Set in the seedy working class suburbs of Brisbane, the story follows the lives of two boys, August, who has been an elective mute since he was six years old and Eli, his more outgoing younger brother. August communicates by writing often prophetic messages in the air. Their parents have been separated since the time their father drove the family into a dam – he said he had an anxiety attack, and the family has since lived with their mother’s new partner, Lyle.

Both their mother, Frankie Bell and Lyle are reformed heroin addicts who now deal drugs. Despite their lifestyle, Lyle is good to the boys. When their parents are out dealing drugs or socialising, they are cared for by Slim, the famous Houdini of Boggo Road who served 26 years for a murder he has never confessed to. Despite his background he

is a good influence on the boys and encourages Eli to write to a prisoner as an act of compassion.

Eli has a fascination with the question of what makes a good person and this theme comes up frequently in the story. Eli wants to move away to a nicer area and provide a better home for



his mother, with whom he is very close.

There is a point where it appears he is contemplating helping Lyle to do his drug deliveries as a way of earning more money, but this comes to a violent and terrifying end when Tytus Broz, the head man, and Iwan Krol, his henchman discover that Lyle has been double dealing.

Lyle is beaten and taken away, never to be seen again and their mother is jailed. August and Eli are interrogated by these thugs, Eli explaining that August doesn’t speak, which means they try to get information about hidden drugs from Eli.

During the course of this Eli has his finger chopped off so is eventually sent to hospital whilst August is put in the care of his estranged father, but not before he takes the drugs hidden under the house.

Eli escapes from hospital and joins August and his father, with a supportive relationship developing over time. The boys attend the local school and befriend a disabled girl who lives nearby. The community

is trying to raise funds to purchase equipment for her. Eli takes the drugs to a former school friend whose family deal drugs through their Vietnamese restaurant, and is lucky to escape with some money as a drug war erupts. He gives the money to August for safe keeping as Eli wants to buy a house for his mother. However August donates it to the family whose daughter has a disability and this leads him on a path of fundraising.

Meanwhile Eli breaks into jail to see his mother for Christmas and is driven home by one of the guards who wants to keep the episode quiet. Eli dreams of becoming a journalist and gets a job at a newspaper where he has a crush on one of the female journalists, a crime writer, who is very kind to him.

Life becomes interesting when August and Tytus Broz are going to receive an award for their charitable work and Eli is sent to interview all the awardees. His friend goes with him as the photographer as Eli has told her about Tytus Broz, and after Broz and his daughter have left for the award ceremony they make a startling discovery.

Eli gets back to the award ceremony in time to see August honoured and make startling revelations about Tytus Broz, at which point the story comes to a thrilling conclusion

This book made us laugh, it made us cry and it left us wondering. Everyone in our book group loved this book, although some found it slow to start.

However once we got into it we could not put it down. Some may find the language offensive. Many of the incidents in the story are shocking and the book gives an insight into the fear and trauma that some families live with, and the impact this has on their lives. It is also very optimistic in its’ outlook. The characters are quite believable and the brothers are especially likeable, but also extremely resilient.

Family Violence

What can you do for yourself and your family?

Children often feel responsible for family violence and they can respond in various ways.

For example, a child may try to make things easier for their mother by withholding how they feel, or the child may side with the abuser to protect their pets or because they feel safer ‘on his side’.

Children living with family violence are often in a permanent state of fear.

This can make them nervous, withdrawn, depressed and/or aggressive.

They may have difficulty relating to their peers and performing at school.

In the long term children are at risk in their later relationships- sons are more likely to be abusive; daughters are more likely to be abused.

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre: Children witnessing violence.

www.safesteps.org.au/children-and-youth/#ChildrenWitnessViolence

Will the Violence stop?

There are many reasons women stay in violent and abusive relationships, not least because they love their partner or other family member.

A woman may want to stay- she just needs the violence to stop.

Women often leave their relationship and return a number of times.

It is common for the abusive family member to tell them they love them and need them, and promise ‘this time’ they really will change.

We all want to believe the people we love.

Unfortunately, this honeymoon period is usually followed by a return to the abusive behaviours.

Once violence or other forms of abuse take root in a relationship, statistics show the situation will get worse, not better.

Violence and abuse stop only when the abuser takes responsibility for his behaviour and seeks help.

If you know a man who wants to change his violent behaviour, he can call The Men’s Referral Service 1300 766 491.

Should I Stay or leave?

Leaving a violent or abusive relationship can be an incredibly difficult decision.

You may not want to leave your home and you fear for your future wellbeing if you move your family to a new life.

You may also fear for your physical safety. There are many resources available to help you make the best possible decision to protect yourself and your family.

If you leave... The most dangerous time in a violent relationship is when a woman decides to leave the person who believes he owns her and is entitled to control her. It is critical that you plan for your safety should you decide to leave.

If you have time to plan your exit, make sure you take your personal documents with you- particularly three forms of identification. Have them ready in a safe place, along with a spare set of keys, money, medication and a change of clothes, plus anything the children will need, including a favourite doll or toy if possible.

For a comprehensive list of important documents - include passports, birth and marriage certificate, citizenship papers and visas, driver’s licence, Medicare card, bank books, ATM and credit cards, bank statements, last tax return and notice of assessment, titles of ownership and property deeds, partnership and company records, four details of joint and personal debts, guarantees, wills, car registration and engine number (VIN), mortgage and property details e.g. council rates, rental agreement, Centrelink/Austudy number, insurance policies e.g. home, contents, car and life, superannuation details, contact details for your accountant and lawyer, immunisation records of your children.

If you stay... For a whole lot of reasons, you may decide that staying is the best or safest option for you.

This does not mean you have to remain silent and alone.

It is important that you seek support from family violence services to increase your safety at home and improve your quality of life.

Refer to Churchill & District News October issue for a full list of services.

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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

More fascinating, unbelievable, historical snippets about the Hazelwood Cemetery.

In its Thursday, October 3, 1935 edition, the Morwell Advertiser highlighted an editorial which literally screamed at the local community.

“Our attention has been drawn to the conditions prevailing at the Hazelwood Cemetery and suggestions have been made that are worthy of consideration by the Trustees.

It must be admitted that the ground is just about the most unsuitable that could be found in the district for a cemetery, and whoever was responsible for its selection was surely blind, for when it was reserved, over 60 years ago, there was plenty of suitable land available. It, however, is now too late to change the site, so the best must be made of someone's blunder.

At the eastern end the ground slopes steeply towards the west and south, whilst at the western end there is a slope towards the east, a deep basin being thereby formed near the centre of the cemetery.

No attempt has been made to beautify the ground in any way by the planting of

trees and shrubs. Almost the whole of the area is covered by long grass that obscures many of the graves.

There is a winding carriage way (rather neglected), but no made paths between graves. All that can be seen are scores of small dangerous wooden pegs, almost covered by grass. Many of the graves present a sadly neglected appearance a feature which characterises the whole cemetery.

Many persons who have left the district, and others who have relations buried in the cemetery, would like to be able to arrange with some person to tend to graves and other things.

It is suggested that the cemetery trustees appoint a sexton at a small retaining fee. His duties would include the digging of graves for which the trustees, of course, would not have to pay. The sexton would also have the right to make arrangements with persons to tend the respective graves of relatives or friends at an annual fee agreed upon.

In his spare time he could be employed making paths and keeping them clean and tidy, planting trees, shrubs and flowers and doing other things that would tend to improve the whole

appearance of the cemetery. It is felt that it would not be long before a suitable man would earn a comfortable living from what he would realise from the digging of graves and tending to same, and employment that could be given him in his spare time.

It will, undoubtedly be gratifying to a great many if the Cemetery Trustees will favourably consider the suggestions made.”

There were other editorials before and after 1935 with similar messages. An occasional call to action was, at various times, necessary for our seemingly apathetic cemetery trusts along the way.

Even today, the current, proactive, dedicated and astute cemetery trust can be regaled with anecdotes about blackberries and ragwort covering graves.

Snakes and rabbits were free to find their respective havens. Toilet facilities were unheard of except for one “thunder box” at some stage.

One amazing story told to me concerned visitors to the cemetery being recommended to bring their own fern hook to slash a path. Snakes could also be dealt with en-route to a grave.

Truly unbelievable!



Cooking with Noelene

Fish Pie

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C. Peel, cook and mash 900 gm of potatoes with 30 gm of butter / marg and 140 ml of milk. Season with salt and pepper, a dsp of minced garlic, a tsp of ground sumac. Melt another 30 gm of butter /marg in a saucepan and 1 tbsp of plain flour gradually adding 100ml of milk and 1 tsp of dried dill. Stir over heat until mixture thickens and cook for 5 minutes. Add 1 dsp of chopped parsley, 2 hard boiled eggs chopped and 455 gm of flaked fish. Grease an ovenproof dish and line with some of the mashed potatoes. Now fill with the fish mixture and pile the remainder of the mashed potatoes on top, sprinkle with ground sumac. Place the dish in your preheated oven, heat through and lightly brown the potatoes on top. Alternatively you can substitute the flaked fish with shredded cooked chicken.

Spring Slice

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. Dice 3 bacon rashers and fry. Peel, chop and steam 1 large potato, 1 onion, 1 cup of cauliflower florets. In a separate bowl, beat 3 eggs and lightly stir in 1 cup of plain flour, 1 dsp of baking powder and 1/2 cup of rice bran oil until smooth.

Add 1 cup of milk, the steamed vegetables and 1 cup of tasty grated cheese, season with salt and pepper. Mix to combine. Pour into a greased oven proof dish and place in preheated oven for 30 minutes.

Three Ingredients Peanut Cookie

Preheat your oven to 180 deg C. All you need is 1 cup of castor sugar, 1 cup of peanut butter mixed together in a bowl with 1 lightly beaten egg.

Mix together thoroughly. Roll small amounts of the mix into small balls, place on a baking tray lined with baking paper.

Lightly flatten the balls



with the back of a fork. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely on the tray. Then store in an airtight container.

Baked Custard

Beat 2 eggs (room temp) lightly and add 2 cups of milk (500 ml)with 2 tbsp of castor sugar. Add a sprinkling of cinnamon and nutmeg. Now pour the contents into ovenproof

ramekin dishes. Place a few tiny pieces of butter / marg on top. Place the ramekins in a baking pan of cold water. Leave the pan with the ramekins and water in the fridge for 4 - 8 hours before baking. Preheat your oven to 180 deg c. Place the pan with the water and and ramekins in the well preheated oven for 35 minutes or until the custard is firm. (do not let the water boil).



Churchill
Neighbourhood
Centre

Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday November 23

Time: 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start

Venue: Online via Zoom

All members and local residents are welcome to attend but must register your attendance in order to be provided with the Zoom Meeting ID.

For further information or to RSVP send an email to: admin@churchill.org.au or call the office on (03) 5120 3850 no later than 10:00 am Monday, November 23, 2020.

There will **not** be a physical AGM at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

Contact: Ray Beebe, Secretary 0408 178 201

MEETINGS:
Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm

MORWELL BOWLING CLUB

ALL WELCOME

Since its beginning in 2002, the Rotary International Peace Centres have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries encouraging peace in troubled communities.

Friends of Morwell National Park



We needed to adapt our October plans to accommodate Covid gathering rules.

We planned to run an orchid walk and then later hold the koala count.

Since the orchid walk would have had the whole group walking together to discover the orchids in leaf and bloom, this was a risky activity since we were likely to have over ten people (outside the current rules).

This would have especially been difficult since the Ben Cruachan Walkers planned to join the orchid walk, so we adjusted the activities.

The Ben Cruachan Walkers started early and did their walk (separate to us) around Stringybark and then Fosters Gully tracks.

We completed the koala count in staggered starts which meant that we weren't in any large groups.

The first group to leave was the Stringybark Track group of Beryl, Wayne and Darren.

At the top of this walk where the bushfire burnt, the undergrowth is growing strongly. Sadly the canopy is too thin to sustain koalas. Hopefully this will improve over the years to

come.

The Fosters Gully crew of Cathy, Mike and Joelle searched hard and found some koalas in difficult to locate crevices of trees. Determined searching was rewarded.

The Jumbuk Road group of Matt, Tamara, Graeme and David Mills were driven to their starting point by Ken and travelled the difficult route along the fire break.

On the Stringybark Track, it was good to see water flowing in the seasonal creek and we observed a few black wallabies, many rosellas, a wedge tail eagle (being harassed by another small bird), lyrebirds and a few koalas.

Ken remained in the picnic area to collect the results from each group. The counted koalas for the day were:

- Track
- Koalas counted
- Fosters Gully Nature walk
- 6 koalas
- Stringybark Track
- 3 koalas
- Jumbuk Road firebreak
- 5 koalas
- Kerry Road picnic area
- 1 koala

In other news, Wildlife Unlimited have been carrying out a fox-baiting scheme in the Morwell National Park for some time.

Back on May 18, they discovered some unusual footprints in a wheel rut beside the Grand Strzelecki Track, which they photographed.

The consensus of opinion at the time was that

they were probably bandicoot prints, but no way of telling whether they were the long-nosed bandicoot or the southern brown bandicoot.

As well as setting baits, they have automatic cameras set up at the bait stations and more recently they have obtained photographs of bandicoots, which prove to be the long-nosed bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*).

Bandicoots were photographed in each of the three weeks prior to September 29.

The species has been added to our park web site at: https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmorwellnp.pangean.net%2Fcgi-bin%2Fshow_species.cgi%3Ffind_this%3DPerameles%2520nasuta%26image_size%3D0&data=02%7C01%7CDarren.Hodgson%40education.vic.gov.au%7C3825ad287784b935a4208d86507edd2%7Cd96cb3371a8744cfb69b3cec334a4c1f%7C0%7C0%7C637370432454929789&sdata=OkT%2FapUZPcpmJstwuNF830%2BJXq30bRK5Z3wKIst6q%2FI%3D&reserved=0

It is great to know that this native mammal, which is listed as endangered is to be found in Morwell National Park.

The group Discovery Relief Australia unites the skills and experiences of Australian Defence Force veterans, emergency responders and civilians to rapidly deploy disaster relief teams domestically and around the globe. They work on community projects before, during and after natural disasters. They have expressed an interest in working on the clean-up of the Grand Strzelecki Track.



The Lions Club of Churchill & District
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Gus Koedyk,

Mum was born in Zwolle on December 21, 1926 to Antonius Johannes and Elizabeth Suzanna Witsenboer.

Mum always used to say she was a middle child of 11 because she had middle child syndrome, but when I checked she was the eighth of 11 children.

Mum's father was the Station Master in Zwolle, the town she grew up in and the whole family, 13 of them, always had free rail travel in the Netherlands which meant Mum saw a lot of the Netherlands as a child growing up.

We don't know much about Mum's younger and teenage years other than the stories Mum told us about the war and being invaded. Things like living for weeks on end on potatoes and sugar beet. If we think things are bad now with Covid19, can you imagine what it would have been like for five years during the war, with her town and the street where she lived being bombed, bomber war planes flying overhead to England to the point the sky was almost black with planes, blackout night curfews and occupation by foreign invaders from the German army who took all their food. The German soldiers told them they didn't know paradise was so close to Germany as the Dutch had built up three years supply of food that was all taken back to Germany.

Mum completed her secondary education because her father insisted all the children be

well educated. Completing secondary school for a female was almost unheard of back then. After finishing school Mum worked in an office at C&A, a clothing and fashion store in an administration role.

Mum and Dad met in the late 1940's and they were married twice, once on October 11, 1951 in the Town Hall registry office and again one week later on October 18, 1951 in St Joseph's Church in Zwolle. The 18th was always listed as their anniversary date, so I guess Mum and Dad didn't live together for the first week of their marriage.

Sometime in the early 1950's Mum's sisters Tante (Aunty) Truus and Tante Jo migrated to Australia. Dad, Mum and I also migrated and arrived at Station Pier on March 8, 1954 on a Dutch ship called the M.S. Sibijak.

We were met by a Catholic priest Father Maas, who arranged transport and for us to stay in Daylesford at a Dutch hostel called the Gables, where Mum's sisters were living with all their children.

We arrived with a wooden container with furniture and other household contents and from what our Dad told us, a 100 Guilder debt to his sister to assist with the migration.

Mum's second child Francesca was born and died the same day on July 2, 1955 when we lived in Heyfield. Mum was heavily sedated and never saw the baby as she was buried the same day.

It wasn't until about seven years ago that Dad and Mum finally arranged for a plaque to be placed on her grave.

We shifted from Heyfield to Deer Park where Dad had an administration job at Sunshine Harvester.

Then we moved to Traralgon as Dad worked at the APM as an accountant.

We lived in 3 Williams Court Traralgon and the next five children were born at the Traralgon hospital - Frank, Monica, Paul, Michelle and Caroline between November 1956 and December 1963.

In the early 1960's the Government was planning a new town south of Morwell at Hazelwood to essentially replace Yallourn, which was to be closed down to make way for coal to feed the Yallourn Power Station.

Dad was successful in obtaining a dairy licence



for Churchill and we shifted to Churchill in 1966 and were one of the early families to shift in when there were only two streets in Churchill, part of Howard Avenue and McInnes Crescent.

The nine of us lived at 15 Switchback Road in a four bedroom housing commission house.

Mum used to drive the panel van with a trailer loaded with milk while dad delivered milk from the back of the trailer. Mum and Dad also opened the first milk bar in Churchill at 3 West Place, and later another at the west end of Switchback Road where Dad had also built a dairy.

This was their life for the next 25 years. Working seven days a week from 5.00am until 9.00pm.

Never any holidays. Like a lot of migrants they both worked hard to support the family.

Not long after their youngest child Andrew was born in 1967.

In the Early 1970's Dad, Mum and the family shifted to 17 Rae Cres Churchill where they lived for more than 40 years until they both moved to Dalkeith Gardens Aged Care in Traralgon.

During this time the 21 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren all were born, and Mum's house was often full of kids, which she loved.

Mum loved having people around particularly children, probably because she came from a large family herself.

Migration is a big decision and even more so when you used to travel by boat for five weeks and Mum was very homesick in the first two decades.

Dad used to say Mum's not home sick, she's family sick! Despite having two sisters here out of ten siblings she missed her parents and the brothers and sisters.

In 1974 Mum went back home to the Netherlands on her own for three months and had a great time visiting her father, siblings as well as friends.

While overseas Mum travelled through Europe and England.

When in London Mum visited the Tower of London on July 17, 1974 and on exiting a 14lb bomb exploded near a cannon and carriage inside the mortar room.

Mum had rested her handbag on that cannon only 5-10 minutes beforehand. One person was killed and 41 injured.

The gun carriage was destroyed but fortunately Mum survived to live another 46 years.

Mum also went back home to the Netherlands in 1994, 1998 and again with Monica, Michelle and Caroline ten years ago where they attended her brother Koos' 90th birthday party.

Despite having a big family and babysitting many grandchildren Mum was heavily involved with the Catholic Dutch Australian Migration Association, and received a Certificate of Merit for her involvement. She also spent her time visiting people who lived on their own and were lonely.

During this time Mum also spent lots of time with her Dutch friends, there were many catch-ups at the Dutch Club for Klaverjassen (Dutch 500), and every Saturday night was a card playing event, either at Mum's house or reciprocating at friends.

The lasting thought we will have for Mum/Oma is the love and care that she had for her family.

For Mum, it was always about family, whether it was the longing to be with her own family in Holland or to her own large extended family in Australia

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Tonny Koedijk

Mum and Dad gave everything for us, by coming to Australia and working as hard as they did, bringing up her large family and then working in two businesses at the same time as raising her seven children to help provide the better life that we and our extended families now enjoy.

Family gatherings were also a favourite for mum, and with our large family there were no shortages of them.

As we look through our photos, they are full of family events, Mum always enjoyed the company of others, talking to people, or more often holding the latest grandchild or great grandchild.

She just loved children.

Mums favourite location was on her rocking chair with her sewing cabinet beside her piled high with books and newspapers which she used for her endless reading (often to early hours of the morning, accompanied by her favourite snacks (chocolate and biscuits)).

This reading gave her a great depth of the English language, and developed her legendary crossword skills.

It was also where she spent endless hours knitting and crocheting

I'd like to express thanks to Kevin and Robyn Foote, Mary Long and Nellie and Peter, Mum's neighbours who provided a lot of support and transport over the last few years for both Mum and Dad.

It was very much appreciated.

Also the family and relatives for their unsolicited support and help to Mum, particularly since going into Dalkeith gardens 4 1/2 years ago.

Although the last few years have been difficult, and conversation slowing down due to dementia, it was always reassuring to know that Mum was still with us, and that we could still be with her.

Although she did slip into speaking Dutch towards the end she could maintain her English through most of her final years.

However after such a long and enduring life it is time for Mum/Oma to rest in peace. Mum you will be missed.

Caroline

Although arriving in Australia with limited English, she mastered the language exceptionally well and by the time we were all teenagers Mum would routinely complete the Herald crossword every day and cryptic crosswords as well.

Mum loved to go for drives with her

children especially while they were on their learners, she was not nervous at all and had incredible trust in our driving ability, therefore gave us lots of confidence.

So much confidence that she would often be doing her book work.

Driving was about us practising not her guidance on the roads.

She loved people coming around and welcomed our friends, however many, especially on New Year's day where the Dutch tradition of Olliebollen (Doughnut balls) was being served and shared – it didn't matter how many people arrived – and they did all day, the door was always open and they streamed in at different times.

The oil would be reheated and the batter balls would be cooked to perfection and rolled in icing sugar.

We all ate till we could eat no more. This continued to only approximately seven years ago.

Seven children meant one child to ring every night of the week starting with Gus on the Sunday.

When you knew it was your night you had to make sure all your jobs were done because it was at least a two hour phone call at 8:45pm on a fixed line, so no walking around on your mobile or having ear pods in.

She would fill us in on what all the other siblings were up to, so much so that we never needed to ring each other.

As well as playing cards with her adult friends, Oma loved playing games with the grandchildren and really loved to win, even if it meant cheating.

As the children got older and wised up to her antics it made it harder for her as they would catch her out all the time.

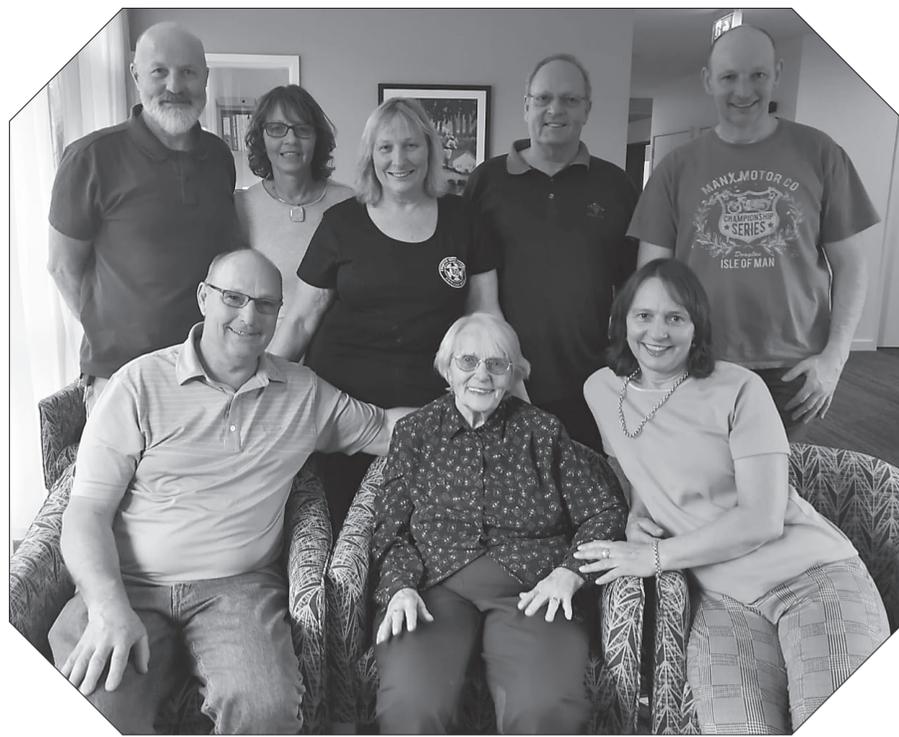
Mum adored having the children and grandchildren come over, happy to look after them whenever and as often as we asked.

Most grandparents spoil their grandchildren with lollies but Oma loved to spoil the grandchildren with sugar.

The grandchildren fondly remember that they couldn't wait to get to Oma's after school, knowing Oma would take them to the sugar bowl for a good old fashioned - sugar cube!

When finished it was hagelslag on beschuit (Dutch rusks with chocolate sprinkles) or pannenkoeken (pancakes) with brown sugar.

Rest in Peace Mum



Lions Club of Churchill and District

The Family Fishing & Fun Day which was to be held on Saturday November 28, has been postponed to Saturday February 27, 2021 due to the covid restrictions.

Churchill and district Australia Day

Don't forget, nominations for the 2021 Churchill and district Australia Day Awards are now open. If you know someone in the community who has made an outstanding contribution to the Churchill and district community why not nominate them to be recognised. Any individual, club or organisation and school can make a nomination of a person who they feel has demonstrated that they have made a significant contribution to the Churchill and district community.

Nominations are for :
Churchill and district Citizen of the Year
Churchill and district Young Citizen of the Year
School Student Citizen of the Year

During the Covid19 lockdown the club has not been able to meet and we have been unable to cater for events. During this time we have taken the opportunity to update our main cooking

van with the fitting of a new hot water system and a solar system, as well as fitting new stainless steel bench tops to bring it up to date and compliant with the Food Handling Health safety standards. We thank the Latrobe City for providing the club with a grant to allow us to complete this important project.

Members when able to travel, have done a few working bees, cleaning up and cleaning out at our base on Switchback Road.

Also, some members have travelled up to Lions Licola Wilderness Village where they continued valuable work doing repairs and maintenance. Licola has reopened for business so if



you haven't been there, add it to your list of 'places to go' and if you have been there, put it on your list of 'things to do again'!

Our dedicated Member Allen Kelly did the last of the runs up to Bruthen, delivering food and supplies to Blaze Aid who finished their share of the work in the fire affected areas of East Gippsland.

Aaron Pearce ◀

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Once again, I hope this finds you all well and with the recent easing of restrictions, hopefully we can get back to some sort of normal.

As of October 28, we have been granted permission to re open the front door to the station again, which is great news.

I am extremely grateful that we live in regional Victoria, and the restrictions have not been overly burdensome compared to those who reside in the metropolitan area.

Since my last report on September 23, the Churchill, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Jeeralang and Boolarra areas have had a total of 59 reports.

Half of this number involves family violence, which is a serious issue and has risen during the current travel and movement restrictions.

Unfortunately, we have had 19 reports of thefts from motor vehicles and associated burglaries on garages.

Fifteen of these occurred in Yinnar, and the other four in Jeeralang Junction.

It appears that these have all been committed by the same offenders in the early hours of Monday October 19.

I understand that these

areas are generally a peaceful and quiet environment, but a majority of these were where vehicles had been left unlocked.

Not all, but most. I would urge you to remain vigilant and make sure you lock your vehicles overnight, even those on larger and remote properties.

Investigations are ongoing in regard to this series of events.

Another area of concern, and this has been highlighted in other media both print and electronic, is online fraud. We have received three reports of online fraud in the last month.

If you receive an unsolicited call or email from a bank, the tax office, sheriff's office or other organisation saying that there is an issue with your account, or you need to pay a fine do not click on any links, or provide personal details, bank details or other such information to the caller.

There is a wealth of information out there on how to protect yourself from on line scams and frauds. Please do not become a victim.

Despite our current



weather conditions (as I write this it is 9 degrees and raining with a cold easterly wind), the fire season is fast approaching.

I would urge everyone to revisit their fire plans, be it leave early or stay and defend.

Please look at cleaning gutters and fence lines.

Clean up leaves and other loose garden litter from gardens and yard, and dispose of thoughtfully and start making your property fire season ready.

Again there is lots of information on preparedness for the fire season and bushfire safety, particularly on the Fire Rescue Victoria website.

Please remember that you can report crimes of a non urgent nature online, or by calling the Police Assistance line on 131444.

In cases of emergency or urgent police assistance call 000.

Stay safe.

Gippsland needs your help

Some Lifeline Gippsland Op Shops have been able to reopen during COVID 19 restrictions. CEO, Michelle Possingham said, "The 13 11 14 Crisis Telephone line has continued to receive more calls over the past few months than ever before in our 57 year history.

People are experiencing distress due to COVID-19, associated with isolation from friends and family, job insecurity and financial concerns and generally feeling overwhelmed.

Those in Churchill and the surrounding district know that Lifeline Gippsland is only partially funded, and that we rely on the income generated by shops like the Lifeline Churchill Op Shop, with its loyal following.

We have been very fortunate to have some

volunteers able to return to a number of stores to ensure we can continue to provide a great range of goods at affordable prices."

Ms Possingham continued, "Not every store has been able to reopen.

We continue to put the safety of our vulnerable volunteers first, those who are at high risk for COVID are staying home. As a result, we are experiencing low volunteer numbers however fortunately some volunteers have been able to return and now all of our stores are partly open. Our stores are desperate for more volunteer help. We are always in need of people to assist with sales, stock shelves, sort goods and keep our stores clean and tidy, helping us to raise vital funds for 13 11 14."



Opening times for the following stores are;
Churchill:
Wed, 10:00am-3:00pm

Donations of furniture, clothing, footwear, bags and books are gratefully accepted at the Morwell Warehouse located at 2-8 Fleming St Morwell on Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please call Lifeline Gippsland reception on (03) 5136 3500 for more information.

All proceeds from the op shop go towards running the 13 11 14 Telephone Crisis line and other vital programs aimed at equipping our community to respond when someone they care about is doing it tough.

Russell Northe

Member for Morwell Russell Northe has said that the recent announcement of an easing of COVID-19 restrictions by the State Government had been met with some optimism but also disappointment from regional Victorians.

The Premier's statement essentially bought metropolitan Melbourne in line with existing restrictions in regional Victoria. One of the biggest changes announced was the abolishment of the metropolitan/regional border which has been in place for many weeks.

Some of the changes that came into effect from 11:59pm on November 8, include:

Playcentres:

Open with pat+ron cap of 20 and group limits of 10, density quotient of 1 per 4m2. Spectators are limited to one parent, guardian or carer only, where child requires supervision.

Community venues:

Open for all purposes with up to 20 people maximum indoors and up to 10 people per space, subject to density quotient of 1 per 4m2. No more than five people per space singing or using wind instruments for amateur groups.

Live music:

Requirement of 5m distance from audience, and 2m between performers. Recommend live music performed outdoors where possible. Performance and rehearsal rules for professionals apply to all live music settings. Performers are excluded

from venue cap.

Indoor entertainment venues:

Open: Cinemas; music halls, concert halls and auditoriums; galleries and museums; and State Library of Victoria.

Hospitals:

Visitor restrictions: Allowed one household to visit a patient in hospital once per day for 2- hours. People aged 16 and under no longer considered excluded persons. Time limit on partner visiting maternity ward removed.

Churchill United Petrol Station

In recent visits to Churchill I have noted the state of the old United petrol station site which is of great disappointment given the lack of maintenance currently being undertaken. The Churchill community fought for years and years for the removal of the dilapidated buildings and we were absolutely over the moon when the long-standing town eyesore on Monash Way was finally knocked down. It is unacceptable to see overgrown grass and the untidy nature of the precinct and please know this matter has been taken up with United.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day on November 11, was held in a different way this year, due to the COVID pandemic. Remembrance Day recognises November 11, 1918, the day the guns on the Western Front fell silent after four long, gruelling years of continuous warfare. During



this time, more than 330,000 Australian service men and women served overseas. Tragically, in these four years 60,000 people died as a result of their heroic efforts. Many were young men, very far from home and from the comfort of their loved ones. This deep, unfathomable loss was felt across the country for the decades that followed.

Every year, we observe a minute of silence at 11am, to remember the enormous sacrifice these men and women made, and remember all those who have served, suffered and made the ultimate sacrifice for our Australian life and freedoms. The tradition of a minute's silence has continued since 1918 and remains a proud Australian ritual to this day.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.



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School News

Hazelwood North Primary

Footy Colours Day

Today at my school we dressed up in football clothes. I dressed up in Richmond and so did Bailey, Emersyn, Jack, Frankie, Flynn, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Jones. I played on the monkey bars in the morning. I love Richmond because they are my favourite animal by far.

By William

I started barracking for Collingwood because I heard them play when the footy was on the radio. That was two years ago. Today it was Footy Day at school and my favourite footy player is Darcy Moore but he wasn't in footy for that long because he broke his arm but he came back in the footy. Darcy Moore is the best!

By Darci

My footy club is Collingwood Football Club. My favourite player is Taylor Adams. What is your favourite player? I play football for Churchill Cougars.

By Hudson H

Today we dressed up in our football team colours. I barrack for North Melbourne. It is my family's favourite team. I say GO North Melbourne! My favourite football player is Ben Brown. He signed my football jersey and Mum took a photo of Ben Brown and me and Mum printed it out.

By Abbie

Why I barrack for St Kilda? It all started when I was eight weeks old. My mum and Nan took me to a St Kilda AFL football game. I loved it. My Mum barracks

for St Kilda because my Nan barracks for the same team. I also like St Kilda because my second favourite colour is red and our colours for Saints are red, black and white. I have been a supporter for seven years now. I will love Saints for the rest of my life.

By Milla

Poems by 456AJ Nature

Birds tweeting upon the soothing water.

Water rushing down the lakes.

The trees swaying in the wind, air is very fresh.

By Kydan.

Ecstatic

Ecstatic like a glorious sunrise on a hot summer's day.

Like a sour warhead but is still too good to give away.

The feeling is over the moon and like your heart has been rushed with joy.

It's like your favourite song has just been put on and is always going to play.

By Claire.

Fear

Fear is black like a dark alleyway.

It makes you scared, worried and sad, sometimes you feel lonely or lost.

I shiver when I am alone; scared the darkness will take me away.



Hiding in the trees hoping to stay safe.

When the sun rises I run home, my brain just repeating over and over what else could've happened that night.

By Eliza.

Love

Happy people watching the wave's crash. Sweet caring red hearts. Red roses flying everywhere. It feels like a red fluffy heart.

By Bella

Anger

Anger is red, and like a Raging bull.

Anger tastes like the fiery sun.

It smells like the black and grey smoke.

By Ethan.

Happy

Happy is pink like cotton candy.

It tastes like sweet fairy bread, It smells sweet.

It looks like a colourful lollipop.

It sounds like laughter.

It feels like being with family and friends.

By Katherine.

The grave man

Every year December 13

the grave man rises waiting for humans to terror.

Then suck their brains and all their blood.

By Katy.

Nervous

Nervous is butterflies in your tummy, it tastes bland and sour.

It smells like lots of people crowding around, it looks like a dark haunted street.

It sounds like a bunch of voices talking at once, it feels like starting at a new school.

By Elsa M.

Poem of anger

Anger is like you seeing a red beast inside of you, and tastes like your first time eating chilly.

It feels like your face is burning, you hear a tea pot going off like a whistle on a train.

By Xsara.

River

The river is swishing and the trees are bopping up and down.

It's so peaceful.

By Army



School News

Kurnai College Uni Campus

It is wonderful to be back on campus again. Our students and staff are adjusting well and everyone seems to be enjoying being back.

It is admirable to see how well everyone is adjusting to the wearing of masks too.

Year 12 students are working hard in preparation for their exams and our after school study sessions on Tuesday and Thursday have been well attended.

Study Hall supervisor Stacey Miller has gone the extra mile and decorated the study hall to welcome students back.

Walking through the tinsel on the doors has certainly brought a smile to staff and students' faces.

Many students and staff had expressed the fact that they had missed the Kurnai Kafé during remote learning.

The students and staff who work tirelessly

in the Kafé have certainly not disappointed anyone these last two weeks with the coffee flowing and the food tasting particularly good lately.

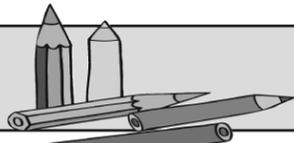
Year 12 VCAL students and non-ATAR students have just completed mock interviews. This year, due to COVID-19, they were held virtually. Students were interviewed by a variety of staff from a range of local organisations.

After the interview students were given feedback from the interview panel.

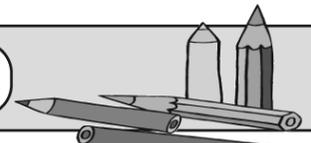
This included feedback on their resumes, responses and body language.

We are very grateful to staff from Latrobe City Council, TAFE Gippsland, Gippsland FM, Gippsland Technical School, AGA, Enjoy Church, Laser Plumbing, DHHS, Opal Australia Paper and The Smith Family for their participation in the mock interviews.

School News



Churchill North Primary



The students have all had a fantastic start to the final term of our school year!

The teachers were met with enthusiastic faces and students who are eager to get back into their classrooms.

Students are loving our new mural, created by Gunai artist, Ray Thomas, as it brings colour and life to our under cover area.

With the first week of school almost finished the students are straight back into their work and are loving it!

We are all very excited to see out the rest of this term in a positive and fun way after the craziness of the year!

During the school holidays Churchill North Primary School has been very lucky to have a Gunai artist, Ray Thomas, working on a mural for our school.

One part of the work shows Borun the Pelican and Tuk the Musk Duck from the Gunai/Kurnai creation story.

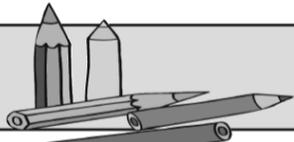
The other panel has a traditional fishing scene with a scar tree that shows from where the bark was taken to make the bark canoe.

It is a privilege to have this work in our school and we are proud to be able to share it with our school community.

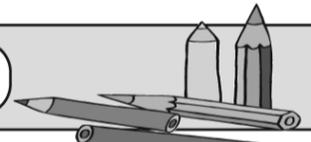
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School News



Boolarra Primary



Back to School

We are ecstatic to be back and attending school. Covid-19 really stopped the world but it didn't stop the Boolarra spirit.

We are looking forward to the 3/4/5/6 Licola wilderness camp, where we will be able to join in with adventurous activities. We are also starting an amazing music program with brand new instruments.

The school has also bought new math equipment for all grades to use. The

Grade 6's are extremely excited for the graduation even if it ends up being virtual!

We also hope that you are staying safe during this pandemic and are staying strong.

Claire

This has been tough for all of us but the students at B.P.S have stuck together through this crisis and will continue to persevere.

Now we are back at school and friends have reconnected to each other

and have had fun playing in the grounds of our peaceful and very lovely school.

We came back from the remote learning with a surprise piece of intriguing play equipment ... a fun spider net!

Gage and Brendan

In Term 3 during home learning, it was ok at first because I've been through this before, but then it was starting to get really hard.

As soon as I heard the announcement that school was going back I jumped

up and down because I was so happy! It felt really long to get back which I was sad about. When I got back to school I noticed a lot of changes. We had new painted seats and the new play equipment was waiting for us. It is a 'spider web'. I was especially happy to see my friends. I hope nothing goes wrong for Term 4!

Georgia

Music is fun and at Boolarra Primary School we have plenty of instruments to go around. So far, we

have played chime bars, xylophones, tambourines, bongo drums and claves. Claves are sticks that you hit together.

We also have ukuleles to learn as well. On Book Character Day all the students in Grade 5/6, 2/3/4 and, F/1/2 played sound effects to the story called "Crocodile Beat." We are learning about rhythm and other parts of music.

By Sebastian

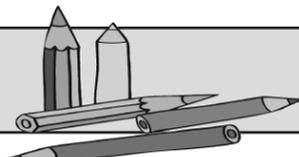
Book Week at Boolarra Primary School

On October 21, Boolarra Primary School had book week and all the students dressed up as their favourite book characters like 'Where's Wally', 'Hulk', 'Spider Man' and 'Iron man'.

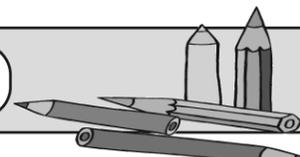
After everybody showed off their costumes we started doing some school work. After lunch, we did fun activities, which included colouring in a square for a big picture, putting musical sound effects to a story and making comic strips.

Jackson

School News



Kurnai College



The Churchill Campus Kurnai College Peer Support students attended a team building event at the Summit recently.

The students are building their skills in order to best support the new Year 7 students in 2021. Their aim was to build stronger relationships, gain some independence, as well as conquer some fears. Students attempted activities and stunts which were not only physically but also mentally challenging, and encouraged each other to have a go at everything and push themselves to their best.

Students reported feeling daunted by the tasks ahead of them, especially the Leap of Faith which involves a jump across thin air to hang far, far above the ground from a

bar. With the support from the rest of the group, they pushed through their barriers and surprised themselves with their courage.

“I have connected with many more kids who I didn’t really know that well before. I feel like I grew into a better person in a way.” Leah Hughes.

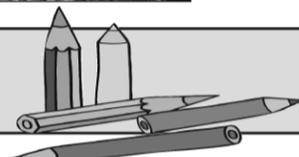
“It was great to hear encouragement from the other students.” Gemma Whykes.

“This experience will help us to help the younger kids coming through Kurnai.” Oakleigh Riley.

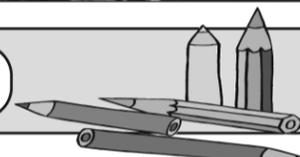
“Yeah, it will help us to help them because we met our fears and now we know what it might be like to come to a new school and be in a new experience.” Jenna McLauchlan.



School News



Lumen Christi Primary



at Lumen Christi. Almost every team was represented at their annual footy day. Classes logged onto Google Classroom and had a virtual parade and sang their favourite team songs.

Outdoor footy drills were also conducted and led by the Year 6 cohort of students.

A footy survey was conducted during the day and the data collected showed Bombers were the most popular team in the school, followed closely by Richmond.

Principal, Mr David Cooper, an avid Richmond supporter was hopeful his team would have been on top but he is still hopeful that if the Tigers win the final it might just sway a few students to jump on the bandwagon glory.

Reed, Year 4 student, also a Tiger supporter, was hopeful his team would win for sure.

“Tigers will beat the Cats for sure and Mr Cooper will be really happy” he said.

Mr Brad Watson, the teacher coordinator, along with the Year 6 students, were proud of all the enthusiasm shown by the whole school community and celebrated being outdoors and participating in physical activities rather than being indoors so much as they were during remote learning.

Mr Watson stated, “The personal health and wellbeing is vital to the overall health and mindset of the children, so days like this are wonderful for them to remember to be active and get outside when you can”.

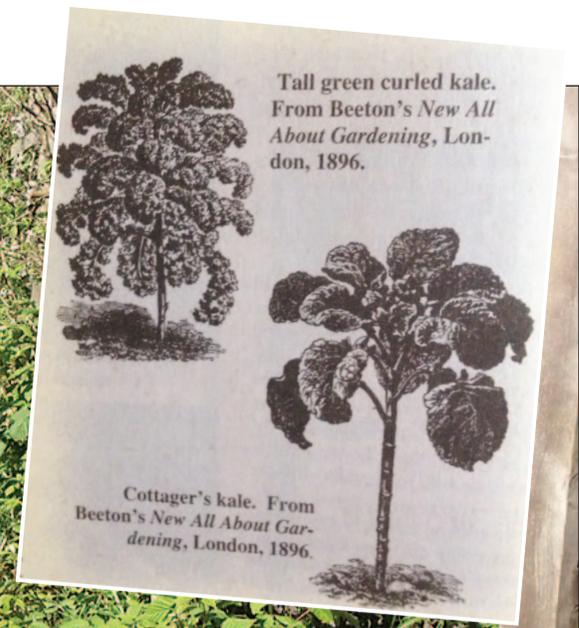


Footy Fever at Lumen Christi Primary

Footy fever certainly was the order of the day recently at Lumen Christi Primary School.

The AFL final not being in Victoria didn’t stop the buzz and excitement of the students

Yinnar Community Garden



Kale – the (not so new) Super Food.

With all the hype about kale being a new super food I was quite surprised to come across an Earth Garden Mag from May 2000 which tells us that “kales are among the oldest brassica plants and are closely related to the wild sea cabbage”.

Kale was commonly grown in Roman times and in the monastery gardens of Anglo Saxon England, and in Scotland a garden was called a ‘kail yard’.

Kales don’t usually form a head and have a variety of crinkly or curled leaves that can be purple or green or grey with pink. They are high in

vitamin A and C and rich in iron. Young leaves can be eaten raw in salads, while older leaves can be cooked like other leafy greens such as silverbeet. It’s great in stir-fry.

Kale is a hardy, strong growing and productive vegetable and often survives a cold winter in temperate climates thus providing green

food before the yields from spring crops. Modern cultivars can grow to 90cm but the dwarf types reach only about 30cm. They are a useful fodder for livestock following crops of potatoes or broad beans.

Sow seed in trays or pots in summer or autumn. Plants will continue to bear if the outer

leaves are cut first and the central leaves are left to grow.

According to ‘Fruit & Vegetable Gardening in Australia’ (Royal Horticultural Society) recommended cultivars include: Dwarf Green, Half Tall Scotch, Red Bor, Red Russian, Toscano, Tuscan Black and Winter Bor.

The Yinnar Community

Garden often sports kale – so check it out and try adding it to your stir-fry for a new super taste sensation that’s actually as old as the hills.

Cath Thompson, Membership Facilitator, Yinnar Community Garden.

Caption: Sari in the Yinnar Community Garden this spring, with kale in the foreground.



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